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31st DIV. (P.A.)

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31ST DIVISION (RESERVE)
(1941-1942)

Commander: Brig Gen Clifford Blaseel (C-2642), AUS

Training Area: San Marcelino, Zamboales

Combat Service: Disposed to defend Zamboales Coast, under C.G., Harbor Defenses M & S Bays. Withdrawn to Bataan. Assigned to I Philippine Corps, 7 Jan 42 and disposed to protect left flank of Abucay-Moron position, with beach positions on China sea coast of Bataan. Moved about 20 Jan via Bagac-Pilar road to counter attack enemy troops penetrating in sector of 51st Div, II Philippine Corps, Philippines Army, not effective. Held sector on front II Philippine Corps on Pilar-Bagac line.

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Mobilized At</u>	<u>Mobilized On</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
31st Div Hq	San Fernando, Panganga . .	17 Nov 41	
31st Inf Regt	San Miguel, Bulacan	1 Sep 41	2d Bn (?) at Balanga, Bataan
Hq Bn			3d Bn (?) at Iba, Zamboales
Hq & Hq Serv Co			
Combat Co			
Medical Co			
1st Bn			
Hq & Hq Co			
Cos A, B, C & D (MG Co)			
2d Bn			
Hq & Hq Co			
Cos E, F, G & H (MG Co)			
3d Bn			
Hq & Hq Co			
Cos I, K, L & M (MG Co)			
32d Inf Regt	San Fernando, Panganga . .	2 Nov 41	
(Same components as those of 31st Inf)			
33d Inf Regt	San Fernando, Panganga . .	24 Nov 41	
(Same components as those of 31st Inf)			
31st FA Regt	Camp del Pilar, Panganga . .	15 Dec 41	
Hq & Hq Btry			
Serv Btry			
1st Bn 2.95 How			
Hq & Hq Btry			
Btry A & B			
2d Bn MORTAR (81mm)			
Hq & Hq Btry			
Btry C & D			
3d Bn (MG AA) Cal 30 & 50			
Hq & Hq Btry			
Btry E & F			
31st Sig Co	San Fernando, Panganga . .	1 Dec 41	
31st Engr Bn	San Miguel, Bulacan	1 Oct 41	
Hq & Serv Co			
Cos A, B & C			
31st Med Bn	San Fernando, Panganga . .	1 Dec 41	
Hq & Hq Co, 1st MD Co, 32 nd MD Co, 33 rd MD Co			
Collecting Co, A, B, & C			
Clearing Co			
Veterinary Co			
31st Hq Serv Tpe . .	San Fernando, Panganga . .	17 Nov 41	
31st Hq Co Serv . .	San Fernando, Panganga . .	17 Nov 41	
31st QM Serv Co . .	San Miguel, Bulacan	17 Nov 41	
31st MF Co	San Miguel, Bulacan	17 Nov 41	

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<u>UNIT & PLACE OF MOBILIZATION</u>	<u>DATE OF MOBILIZATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Pampanga (Camp del Pilar) 31st FA Regt	15 Dec '41	Zambales Coast Bataan, Abucay-Moreno Pilar-Bagac Line
San Fernando, Pampanga 31st Div Hq	17 Nov '41	"
32nd Inf Regt (Same components as those of 31st Inf)	2 Nov '41	"
33rd Inf Regt (Same components as those of 31st Inf)	24 Nov '41	"
31st Signal Co	1 Dec '41	"
31st Med Bn	1 Dec '41	"
31st Hq Sv Tps	17 Nov '41	"
31st Hq Co Serv	17 Nov '41	"
San Miguel, Bulacan 31st Inf Regt	1 Sep '41	"
Hq Bn, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bn.		
31st Engr Bn	1 Oct '41	"
31st Inf Company	17 Nov '41	"
31st QM Serv Co	17 Nov '41	"

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31ST DIVISION (PA)

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REFERENCE TO

31st DIVISION

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IN LEYTE"

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THE 91ST INFANTRY REGIMENT MOVES TO LUZON

The 91st Infantry Regiment had barely covered on third of its schedule of training when orders were received directing the regiment to move to Luzon. The different elements of the Regiment moved to Luzon from mid-October and immediately upon arrival in Manila were sent temporarily to the cantonment area of the 31st Division, PA, USAFFE at San Marcelino, where they went into training up to the first week of November 1941. The regiment then moved to Camp Pagatian, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija where the regiment resumed its schedule of training until 23 December 1941, when it was sent to Pozorrubio, Pangasinan to support the 71st Division.

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PERSONNEL ROSTER OF 31st Division (PA)
(Name of organization)

FOR THE PERIOD, 8 DECEMBER 1941 to 8 APRIL 1942

DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
Div CO	Clifford Blumel	Brie Gen	Washington, DC
Adjt General	Francisco H. Cuarema	Maj AGS	
Aide	Aurelio Lumanlan	2 nd Lt Inf	4 th Repl Bn
Asst Adjt General			Wounded
C/S	Pastor Martelino	Col CAC	by the Japs
G-1	Jose Andrada	Lt Col OJP	CO, Offshore Patrol
G-1 Up to 15 Mar	Francisco H. Cuarema	Maj AGS	HPA
G-2	Salvador Villa	Maj CE	
G-2 (Asst)	Isauro Malcano	1 st Lt-Inf 0-3393	
G-3	Pedro Deang	Maj Inf	Died in Capas
G-3 (Asst)	Desgracias Pagulo	2 nd Lt Inf 0-46458	
G-4	Napoleon D Valeriano	Maj Cav	Exd. G-2, MFO
G-4 (Asst)	Amado Jorge	1 st Lt Inf 0-33320	Asst. Cas. Div., HPA
	Romeo C. Espino	1 st Lt Inf 0-34041	G-2, HPA
Div QM	Leonido Martelino	Maj QMS	
Div Surg	Gabriel G Castillo	Lt Col MC	
Div Engr	Cirilo Mirasol	Maj CE	2 nd Engr Bn
Div Engr (Asst)	Ernesto Escobar		
Div SO	Ruben Galang	2 nd Lt Sig C	
Div Chap	Guese	1 st Lt Ch S	
Div IG	Jones	Maj IGS	
Div Ord O	Ricardo Almanson	2 nd Lt	
Div JAIS	Eugenio Morales	1 st Lt	PARPD, HPA
Div MP	Faustino Capati	Capt Inf	
Div Med Inspector	Leopoldo Enrique	Maj MC	
	Aurelio Lumanlan	2 nd Lt Inf 0-32959	RFD, HPA
Hq Comdt	Fabian Bugarin		11 th QM Co
Div Art O.	Harper	Maj FA	
Div FO	Jose O Padilla	Capt FS	
Div FO (Asst)			
Liaison O w/21 st Div	Federico Oboza	Col Inf 0-1023	

Division History:

Training Area: San Marcelino, Zambales (North of Subic Bay)
Combat Service: Disposed to defend Zambales coast, under Commanding General, Harbor Defense Mariveles and Subic Bays. Withdrawn to Bataan on 24 Dec 41 and assigned to the I Philippine Corps on 7 Jan 42. Disposed to protect the coast of Bataan. Moved about 20 Jan 42 via Bagac-Pilar road to counter-attack enemy troops which had penetrated in the sector of the 51st Div., II Corps. Held sector on front of II Philippine Corps on Pilar-Bagac line.

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EXTRACT FROM NOTEBOOK #1 - DIARY OF MAJOR Wm. J. PRIESTLEY

South Luzon Force - Batasan Force - II Philippine Corps

Brief Outline of Activities Prior to and During War

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities on about Sept 1 a SLF Hq in skeleton form was created and functioned briefly. This Hq consisted of Brig Gen. Geo Parker, Lt. Col. C O Wilson, Lt. Col. H. D. Johnston, Capt. Arthur Christensen and Capt. Homer Uglow. Units to be included under this command were not inducted until somewhat later and the troops thus received practically no training before the war started. Only two regiments the 42nd & 52d Inf. were inducted on Sept. 1 and no others immediately thereafter.

The elements of the command were drawn up as follows:
Nov 1 - 41st & 51st Inf. mobilized and started training, Nov. 24th - 43rd & 53rd Inf, 41st P. A. and 41st & 51st Engrs. On Dec. 1 the 41st and 51st Med. Bns. Signal Co, Hq & Hq Co, & QM Service Co, so that on Dec 8 the state of the SLF was: 41st Div. complete less 1 Anti Tank Bn 51st Div. complete less 1 Anti Tank Bn & 51st P. A. and 1st & 2d P. C. (inducted in Mid. Nov and assigned for training only) released at beginning of war.

The 41st & 51st Divs. were inducted and trained in S. Luzon what little training they did have and at the outbreak they were sent to their defensive positions on the beaches. The boundary between division running along a general line thru Lesery & Pansipit R. - Id. in Lake Teal - Tagaytay and Las Pinas inclusive to the 41st Div. The rest of the coastline was defended by the 51st Div. with Manila sector unoccupied due to location of the fortified Ids. On Dec 29th the 1st Reg Div. was assigned to the beaches between Infante & Suben inclusive and was given the road net in rear of it.

On about Dec. 12 the Japanese landed at Legaspi after previously bombing Davao, Legaspi, Nichols Field, Cavite and sections in the MP territory and started to move N towards the main part of Luzon by rail and by road. Units of the 52nd Inf were sent S to meet them - one Co. along the road and one Bn was split up - its elements being drawn and given different missions - to contact and delay the enemy as long as possible, destroy bridges and military equipment and impede the progress of the enemy as much as they were able.

The Second Phase of SLF activities began on Dec. 24 when the enemy landed in force at Atimonan and Suben. The units of the 52d sent S encountered many adventures of war not covered here, some being out off and breaking thru - others making their way N to join their

The 31st Div. Phil Div. Hq and other misc. units. Gen Jones took command of the SLF upon Gen Parker's departure (his Div. the 41st having reverted to the Bataan Force).

By the night of Dec 24th the "Js" had crossed the Sta. at Atimonan to Malibay and at Mauban had reached the sig-pdg at Sanpeles. The enemy from Atimonan advanced in successive stages and by nightfall of the 24th were at Luguan, Tayabas, 26th Candalaria, 27th Tignau and on the night of 27-28 contact was broken in that area as the troops were ordered to Bataan. At Mauban the 1st Inf less 1 Bn retreated to positions on the Luguan-Tayabas boundary night of Dec 25. Louisiana 26th broke contact on the 27th and withdrew to Bataan via Pagsanjan, Sta. Cruz, Los Baños and Manila. One Bn at Tignau remained there until the 28th with no contact and withdrew on the 28th. The regiments in the SLF were reshuffled on the night of the 27th and were shuttled into Bataan - no contact being made with the enemy. By Dec 31st Gen. Jones and his Hq. had arrived at Floralid & contacted Gen. Waldmichi. By order of USAFPC Gen Jones was put in command of remains of the 71st & 91st Divs, then at Baling and stayed there to cover the withdrawal of the SLF thru them Dec 31st - Jan 1. By morning of the 1st these units and Gen Jones arrived in Bataan and the SLF ceased to exist. (Notes Assg'd to SLF prior to this date and moved to Tagyatay pos. was the Prov. Constab. Brigade. Three days were absorbed moving in and thru were out - no contact being made with the enemy.)

As part of the 2d Phase of the SLF the Bataan Force existed from Dec. 24 - Jan 6 its function having been to organize the position in Bataan and assist in their occupancy.

By the night of Jan 5-6 the last elements of the SLF had withdrawn into Bataan leaving the covering force at Leyce Jct. exposed to the enemy. Organized from right to left in line the pos. contained the 71st Div., 31st Inf (US), and 26th Cav. At 8:00 & Jan 6 our art'y sighted the enemy and began to register on them and at 9:00 A.M. art'y appeared on the road to be reinforced by other art'y units soon thereafter and a fierce art'y dual ensued. The "Js" also bombarded portion of the 31st Inf with superior fire and by nightfall the right of the 31st and part of the 71st Div had pulled back. At about 10 P. the entire line was ordered withdrawal behind the Alucay position which movement was executed in great confusion. The 26th Cav., not receiving the order was cut off and withdrew through the Mts. One Bn of the (23d) F.A. was badly shot up and lost all but one gun. The 1st Bn of the 88th PA retreated in order saving all guns.

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The Main Battle Position previously organized, was occupied originally by the II Philippine units from right to left 57th Inf, 41st Division and 51st Div. the 57th turning its flank on the beach at Matabang and the 51st Div. tying in with the I Corps at Mr. Katib. This position was shelled almost constantly daily particularly on the left flank of the 41st Div. and the right of the 51st Div. The Js effected a penetration in that sector and between the 41st Div. and 57th Inf left and the 31st Inf (US) and 45th Inf (PS) were sent in to counter attack at Abucay hacienda, the 21st Div. being sent in to reinforce the MBR on the front of the 41st Div. The counter attack was successful, heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy and mopping up operation were in progress when the retreat in the I Corps Sector made a withdrawal from the Main Battle Position to the Reserve Orion-Bagac pos. necessary. Some Js had infiltrated thru the II Corps, however, and it is probable that they might have cut thru the reserve Orion-Bagac pos. had the withdrawal not been made.

The withdrawal was accomplished with a considerable confusion during which aggressive action by "J" art'y, air corps and ground troops might have ended the war before the end of January. The position was occupied and divided into subsectors as follows from the beach near Linau-North to Orion - to the Pantingans: SS-A under Col. Irwin - 31st Inf. PA, PA Air Corps Bn, and PA Training Cadre; SS-B - Col Doanes - Prov. Regt. U.S.A. Air Corps, SS-C - Gen Blumel - 41st Inf (to March 1), 31st Div. less 31st & 33rd Infs. 51st Combat Bn. SS-D - Gen Lough - 21st Div. on right - 41st Div. on left and 33rd Inf on extreme left flank prior to Mar. 1 after which it became Corps reserve and the 41st Inf went from SS-C to SS-D. The Philippine Division, part of which was to have occupied the front line was broken up as Corps and Army Reserve and was employed piecemeal wherever necessity dictated. Its Hq continued to exist under Gen. Lough but never until the final futile effort was it brought together in any attempt at concerted effort.

The Reserve Battle Position was further prepared and fortified after occupancy - lowlands flooded, trenches dug, camouflage created, barbed wire strung etc & patrol action was constant but not pressure was exerted until the first of April. Here as in the I Corps the "Js" entrenched and awaited reinforcements.

Toward the latter part of March enemy truck, tank and artillery columns were sighted on the roads and near areas and it was obvious that an offensive had been planned. This push came beginning April 3 at about 8 A with intensive shelling, dive bombing, high level bombing and a general attack in the 42d Inf areas and by nightfall these units had retreated in confusion down trails #6 and #29 to trail #8, the 42d Inf completely disintegrating and disappearing. The 43d Inf was contacted by Gen Lough and ordered to reorg. and moved back up #6 on April 4. However, it was again hit by mass artillery, broke up and disappeared. The 41st Inf. not so hard hit moved E along the road and was not attacked in force. On the night of April 4, the 33d Inf

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in Corps Res. Along Tr #44, about 1 Km N of #6 & 44, was order H to reinforce the line, but was not heard from thereafter. On April 4th "J" tanks appeared along the Pilar-Bagac road, some started down trail #28 and went back, and a number worked down the Pilar-Bagac Road behind the MIA of the 21st Div along the Talisay R. The 21st Div then withdrew under pressure to the RET on the slopes of Mt. Sanat. In the face of these attacks and withdrawal by the night of April 4 the line existed with a large salient in SS-D and units were located as follows: 41st Inf on extreme left astride trail #29, a large Jap on its right to the 21st Div on the forward slopes of Mt. Sanat, 31st CT, 32d Inf, Prov. AC Regt; 31st Inf PA AC Bn and the PATC. The 31st Inf US had been ordered from its bivouac area to Jet of trs #2 & 10 on April 4 and was in that area that night.

On April 5 the enemy moved down tr #6 and across the face of Sanat and by night they had control of trail #66 to the CP of the 21st Div. and were working up the E slope of Mt. Sanat. The extent of the penetration by the "Js" was not known exactly and a counter attack involving the 45th Inf (PS) up Trail #29 with tank support and the 31st Inf (US) up astride #44, thence up #64 to #44 - then up #4 to reinforce and establish the line. Before this could be accomplished in April 6 remnants of the 21st Div came thru the 31st Inf pos. and heavy fire was received from the enemy in Mt. Sanat. Heavy pressure on the front and left of the 31st Inf forced its withdrawal to the S. bank of the San Vicente by nightfall of the 6th. The enemy also forced his way up trails #6 & #44 in April 6, the 1st Bn 57th Inf having been ordered to Jet #8 & #46 to be at disposal of Gen. Lough. Before the 57th Bn could reach Gen Lough, however, his Hq was cut off by the enemy on Trail 8 and the Bn of the 57th was forced to take up a defensive position behind the San Vicente R. at the Jet #8 & #46. The tank support of the 45th Inf arrived late and that unit was forced S on trail #29 and into the I Corps sector.

Thus by nightfall of April 6th situation was almost hopeless. On the extreme left the 45th Inf counter offensive up Tr #29 was nipped and it, with Gen Lough's Hq. was cut off from II Corps. The "Js" had routed the 41st Div and followed it up trails #6 & #44 where the 1st Bn 57th encountered the enemy and held them N. of the San Vicente at Trail Jct #8 & #46. On the San Vicente a large gap existed and then the 31st Inf (US) had gone into pos. connecting with the 51st CP of Gen Blumel on its right flank. Our arty had been overwhelmed and silenced and the 41st FA guns had all been captured.

On April 7 an attempt was made to organize a defensive line along the Patoc trail (#46) with 201st and 202d Engrs filling the gap between the 57th (2d Bn.) in pos. with 1st Bn night of April 6) and 31st Inf (US) and SS-C units. The 25th Cav and 14th Engrs also moved up, the 26th at Jet #2 & #10 being turned over to Gen. Blumel & the Engrs. to Col Filly who was with the 57th Inf CP and its 3d Bn. attached to SS-C and Gen Blumel. The "Js" followed up their aggressive move of the

6th and not only cut trail #46 but staged a separate attack in the 32d Inf area in the right half of SS-C forcing the withdrawal of the 31st CT, along with the 31st (US) to the S bank of the San Vicente and extend a line with the 3d Bn 57th Inf, & 21st & 31st Engrs. The 301st & 301st Engrs, had failed to arrive at their position on the Patoc Trail before the enemy cut it and those units were scattered & disintegrated. ⁴hus Gen Blussel decided to continue the withdrawal to the S bank of the Masala R where, after consultation with commanders of the 26th Cav, 57th Inf, 31st Inf (US) and Engrs, he decided to withdraw all elements to the Alangan R. which long retreat was affected before dawn of the 8th.

April 8th found the line held behind the Alangan R. in a confused state due to hasty retreat and mistaken routes of withdrawal. It was obvious from the outset that this position was untenable. All 37 mm guns and automatic weapons had been lost, nearly all 155 mm were of ammunitions. In addition the men were almost completely exhausted by the long marches and days without food. The 26th Cav, which had moved from #2 & #10 to #2 & #46 covered the withdrawal of other units & then withdrew to the above pos. itself.

It was intended that new position would be occupied with the 26th Cav, 57th Inf and 31st Inf in line & the 14th Engrs in reserve, but due to a mistake in retiring between new and old trails #20 a scuffle ensued and the line was established with the 26th Cav and 14th Engrs astride Trail #20, 31st & 57th to E of old #20 - a big gap to the 303d Engrs, PAC, 31st Inf PA and the 4th FC, (the 4th FC and 803d Engrs having been brought up during the night).

During the morning of the 8th JA boomed the line heavily and the 4th FC and the 31st Inf PA pulled out. Enemy tanks & Inf followed up quickly down trail #20 and soon surrounded the position set that by the night of the 8th the entire line was untenable and further withdrawal became necessary. Orders were confused as were the troops who scattered badly. The bulk of them escaped down new #20 - others across country. Col Tilly, Col Bredy & Col Saint of the 57th Inf 31st Inf & 14th Engrs respectively managed to gather parts of their commands by the morning of the 9th. At 3 A, Maj. Christensen Ass't G-3 for II Corps met Gen. Blussel at Jet #12 & #20 received order to surrender. Gen. Blussel was ordered to take up a position behind the Lamo R but instead he left a screen and moved troops the rear where surrender came later that day.

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Captain WAC

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EXTRACT FROM DIARY OF MAJOR CALVIN F. CHUNN (1942)

RECOVERED FROM CABANAYUAN POW CAMP NO. 1 ON 29 APRIL 1946 BY ARCHIVES SECTION, RPD.

PROJECT "J" ARCHIVES, FILE 999-2-214 BK 1.

Dec. 26-7 mite moved to Abucay-Hacienda line via Manila city. 1 truck overturned & injured some enroute. Dec. 27-deployed from Hacienda eastward. Originally 51st div. on extreme left. 42d included Hacienda, then 43d, 41st on right. Few days later line from w to e was: 51st div., 43d, 42d, 41st, 57th (PS). Lewis wired in his OPLR & had 2 phones to it. 43d had 3d Bn on left, 1st on right, 2d in res. Jan. 8-Japs hit his OPLR in early morning. It held until ordered back after 42d OP w/d. 43d OPLR killed one Jap & 42d OPK Jap offer & got his saber.

Jan. 9-Japs attacked at night. Jan. 12-51st w/d during day. 43d w/d its OP. 51st got no bombing nor artillery - it all fell in 43d. Jan. 12-16 terrific art. bombardment. Late afternoon of 11th the 3d Bn. 23d Inf. arrived to go in 1st Bn. pos. 8 pm. while going in on Trail Jap 105's fired 4 rounds right on trail. 75 KIA-ag co. & part of rifle co. casualties just in front of RRL. g Jan. 14-1st Bn. w/d on false order "whole line is falling back" - came from left in the line. 4 spy or Jap sympathizers. 7 had been K in bn OP by art. Co. C on support line stayed. Sinook & Spears KIA. (Everyone promoted except Long (?)).

Jan. 13-terrific attack against 3d Bn. on left. Bn c.o. called & asked permission w/d because they were being blown out of their fox holes, & he was afraid soldiers would cave anyway. Lewis directed he stay 20 more min. till dark because Jap art, usually ceased then. It did. That night Japs penetrated the line. Jan. 14-w/d 3d Bn. 2d Bn. 23d attached & counter attacked but got no farther than center of res. line. Capt. Hunt on OP of 41st FA fought with Inf. & KIA out 12. Body not recovered. g Jan. 15-attacked with 2 bns. of 23d on right then 1 co. 3d Bn. 2d Bn, 3d Bn, 43d. Jan. 16 31st arrived & attacked on 17th with 1st Bn on left which socked river. 2d Bn just north of Lewis OP in center of line got nowhere & casualties fell down bank into GP. 2 Gas. 43d went farther on 2d Bn's art. & he w/d then short distance to tie in line with 2d Bn 31st & support line of 42d Inf. 3d Bn. 31st under Lewis night of 17th only. Jan. 18-45th 1st & 2d Bns. echeloned to right. attacked; 3d Bn on extreme left. 23d Inf. reld. from attachment to 43d. Jan. 19-3d Bn. 31st attacked on left of 1st Bn. 31st. 1st Bn. 43d counter attacked in 41st area. Mathews KIA, Dunn WIA. J 29-1 Bn. 23d again atchd. Jan. 24-43d assembled to move out. Original orders from Lough wanted 43d to hold & let Phil. Div. w/d. Lewis, where 43d was already forming a secondary line, requested & got the change. As started out after dark 4 Jap shells landed on trail. Jap small arms close to rear. Decided to plunge thru artillery, 4 more shells & no more. Co. E cut off but straggled in within 2 weeks. Lewis says he saw 31st Inf. on road when he reached it g 7:30 & they pulled out prematurely. (Saw them too & agree with him).

Jan. 25-Japs had entrenched a new MLR so 43d had to fight the way in for 5 days. 43d on left of 42d. 41st Inf. (less 1 bn) attached to Blunsel. MLR along maldica river. 1st Bn on left, 3d on right, 2d in res. Reserve furnished OPLR & nearly all of 2d was on OP. Last week it required a bn & half to man OP after 42d OP w/d.

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March 3-43d stayed in position & 42d moved over to left of 43d; 41st to left of 42d. 21st Inf. was on right of 43d. April 3-Japs hit 43d hardest. Began artillery 8:10 am till dark. Line held till 9:30 pm. Last definite word Lewis received was 1:30 & then phones went out. That night he w/d to western slope of Mt. Samat into bivouac. Between 400-600 casualties that day. April 4-moved 7:30-8 am east down T 429 to T6 & south into bivouac 1 1/2 km. north of TJ 648. Remained there the 5th. April 6-ordered to counter attack on T6 to Samat & to recover own artillery, try to relieve Homen' 33d Inf. Failing this-to delay on T6. Met heavy resistance in vicinity of the artillery position. Surrounded on east & west. w/d (routed) down T8, 18 to bank of Alangan river.

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EXTRACT FROM HISTORY OF 41ST INFANTRY REGIMENT (PA) (2nd BN)

.....encountering the enemy from 14 Jan. 42 to 24 Jan. 42.
Then the Bn moved to Mt. Samat. After three days it moved to Orion
Cut-off and occupied the RRE and was attached to 31st Div. where ex-
tensive patrolling was done.....

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EXTRACT FROM REGIMENTAL HISTORY OF 41ST INFANTRY REGIMENT (PA)

On 25 Jan. 42, the Regt. moved to Piler. Bagac Sector at Kn.
137.8. On 28 Jan. 42, the Regt. was attached to the 31st Div. under
General Blumell to clear enemy pocket in that sector and was detached
on 2 Mar.....

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But while December 7 meant "Pearl Harbor" to most of the world, it meant "Clark Field" to the Filipinos and the Americans in the Philippines — the date to them, halfway around the world and across the international date line, was December 8, 1941. At almost the same moment that the Japs hit Pearl Harbor, they made their attack on Clark Field in Central Luzon, only fifty miles from Manila. There they knocked out the American Far Eastern Air Force with almost the same devastating effect they dealt the U. S. Pacific Fleet 5,000 miles away.

 -Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 34

The North Luzon Force, dispersed throughout the central and northern Luzon area, was commanded by Major General Wainwright. It included two units of the Regular Army, the 31st Infantry Regiment and the 192d Tank Battalion, a former National Guard Organization, as well as six units of the Philippine Scouts. These were the 45th and the 57th Infantries, (PS); the 26th Cav. (PS) and the 23rd, 21th and 88th F.A. Regiments (PS). General Wainwright also had the following Philippine Army Divisions:

The 11th Reserve Division under Col. William A. Brougher, AUS

The 21st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen. Mateo N. Capinpin, PA
The 31st Reserve Division under Col Clifford Blumel, AUS
The 71st Reserve Division under Col Clyde A. Sellech, AUS
The 91st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen Luther Stevens, AUS
The South Luzon Force was under the command of Brig. General George Parker. It consisted of one Regular Army unit, the 194th Tank Battalion; one Philippine Scout unit, the 86th Field Artillery; the 1st and the 2nd Philippine Constabulary Regiments, and three Philippine Army Divisions:

The 1st Regular Division under Brig. Gen. Fidel Segundo, PA
The 41st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen. Vicente Lim,
The 51st Reserve Division under Col. Albert M. Jones, AUS
The Visayan-Mindanao force was commanded by Col. William F. Sharp, with headquarters in Mindanao, and it contained no Regular Army units. It had one Philippine Scout Regiment, the 43rd Infantry, the 3rd Philippine Constabulary Regiment, and three Philippine Army divisions:

The 61st Reserve Division, under Col. Bradford G. Glynoseth, USA.
The 81st Reserve Division, under Col. Guy B. Fort, PA
The 101st Reserve Division, under Col. Joseph P. Vachon, PA.

There were also elements of other divisions including the 2d Infantry, the 73rd Infantry and the 93rd Infantry. ^x

The Harbor Defense Command, consisting of Corregidor and its satellite islands, was commanded by Brig. Gen. George F. Moore and was composed of two Regular Army Regiments, the 59th and 60th Coast Artillery; two Philippine Scout units, the 91st and the 92nd Coast Artillery Regiments, and the 4th U. S. Marine Regiment, which had just been moved in from Subic Bay.

Command headquarters feared that the single blow at Clark Field had virtually decided the course of the war in the Philippines. The 26th Cavalry, bombed out of Fort Stotsenburg, moved into the nearby mountains, prepared to strike at the first enemy beach landing wherever it might come. On December 9, Nichols Field, another key army air base at Manila was bombed almost to destruction. The Japs apparently hoped to catch that part of the FEAF which had gone there for refuge. Group installation destruction, however, was all they accomplished -- but that was complete.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. h2, h3 & h4.

^x 7-8 Dec 41

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Nichols Field was bombed again on Dec 11. The ground force troops had been at defense stations for weeks. The 11th and 21st Divisions were on the Lingayen Gulf beaches, with the 11th covering from Dagupan to the north and the 21st on the beaches around Bolinao to Viga, on Dasol Bay. The 31st Division covered the coastal plain from Dasol Bay to Subic Bay. One battalion of the 45th Philippine Constabulary was rushed to Bagac, on Bataan; the 71st Division and the 91st Division were held in Camp O'Donnell and Cabanatuan as USAFFE reserve. The 1st Division, Philippine Army was disposed to delay advance of the enemy force coming towards Manila from Legaspi; the 41st Division was disposed to oppose landings on the Cavite and the Bataan Coast. The 51st Division was set to meet east coast landings at Lamon Bay. The 61st Division went into position in the Visayan-Mindanao area with the 101st Division.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 46 & 47.

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The Bataan Defense Force which was setting up the defense of Bataan,† consisted of the 31st and the 41st Divisions of the Philippine Army and the 2d Philippine Constabulary Regiment, all under Major General George Parker.

The headquarters of the Philippine Department was converted into the Service Command for Bataan, under Brigadier General Allen C. McBride.

The NLF under General Jonathan M. Wainwright, at this point, had the 31st Infantry, Regular Army; the 45th Infantry, 57th Infantry, 26th Cavalry, 23rd Field Artillery, 24th Field Artillery, and 88th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts; the 11th Division, 21st Division, 71st Division and 91st Division, Philippine Army.

Brigadier General Albert M. Jones, commanding the SLF, had the 86th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts, and the 1st and 51st Division of the Philippine Army, with artillery reinforcement.

• -Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 62 & 63.

* 24 Dec 41

Once the new line from Abucaay to Moron was occupied, the Northern and Southern Luzon Forces ceased to exist. In their place were created the 1st and 2nd Corps respectively, the 1st under General Wainwright, who had commanded NLF, and the 2nd under General Parker, who had for a short time commanded the SIF. The Corps areas were divided by a north-south line drawn generally through Mount Natib and Sanat. General Wainwright's corps took the left (West) half of the main line of resistance, its left flank anchored south of Moron on the China Sea, and its right on the slopes of Mount Natib. From Mount Natib eastward to a point below Abucaay, General Parker's 2nd Corps held the front. Wainwright located his command post near Nagao, on the China Sea; Parker had his headquarters below Orion, on Manila Bay.

General Wainwright established the units on his 1st Corps line as follows:

The 1st Regular Division, Philippine Army, occupied the main battle position.

The 31st Division, Philippine Army, guarded the beaches from Moron southward to the vicinity of Gaibobo Point.

The 45th Infantry Regiment, Philippine Scouts, was organizing a reserve battle position along the Pilar-Nagao Road, ten to twelve miles to the rear.

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The 91st Division, Philippine Army (to which were attached remnants of the 71st Division, Philippine Army, after it had been badly cut up at Laya Junction), was in Corps Reserve. It was reorganizing preparatory to relieving the 45th Infantry on the reserve battle position.

The 26th Cavalry, Philippine Scouts, (cut off at Laya) was still working its way through the mountains to rejoin the 1st Corps. General Wainwright's 11th and 21st Divisions, Philippine Army, were given to the 2nd Corps. (The 11th was later returned).

On the other side of the peninsula, General Parker placed the 51st and the 41st Divisions, Philippine Army, in the main battle position, from left to right, with the 57th Infantry Regiment, Philippine Scouts, on the right flank to protect the beaches along Manila Bay.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 85, 86, 87.

The first Division, Philippine Army (to which were attached two
units of the first Division, Philippine Army, after it had been badly
cut up at Laguna Station), was in Camp Navarre. It was reorganizing
preparatory to relieving the 24th Infantry on the reserve battle
position.
The 24th Cavalry, Philippine Scouts (out of 42 days) was still
working its way through the mountains to rejoin the 1st Cavalry. General
Wainwright's 11th and 12th Divisions, Philippine Army, were given to
the 2nd Corps. (The 11th was later returned).
On the other side of the peninsula, General Taylor placed the
1st and 2nd Divisions, Philippine Army, in the main battle posi-
tion, from left to right, with the 2nd Infantry Regiment, Philippine
Scouts, on the right flank to protect the beachhead along Manila Bay.
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The 51st Division was forced back from the Abucay line for the last time on January 25 by the Japanese who had infiltrated around its left flank and had completely disrupted communications and routes of supply. With some difficulty the division was later reformed into a combat team and employed on the Orion-Bagac Line. The Jap pressure by now was so great that it was deemed advisable to withdraw the whole II Corps line to the Pilar-Bagac Road.

General Hozma in the meantime had turned some of his attention to the west flank of the Bataan Line, where General Wainwright's 1st Corps was so thinly stretched. The Corps' fifteen kilometers of jungle front was defended by only two battered regiments, the 1st and 3rd Infantries of the 1st Regular Division, PA, and by a few attached units, all of them ill-equipped. Troops of the Kimura Detachment, which had been landed at Fort Binanga in the middle of January, coming down from Olongapo, had struck southward, crossing the Moron River, to hit the left flank of the 1st Regular Division. USAFFE artillery had shelled the Jap ships in Subic Bay but despite this fire the landing had been made.

When the 31st Division, Philippine Army, was taken from its beach defense position in the 1st Corps area on January 18 and moved across the peninsula to support the 2nd Corps against continuing Jap pressure, the 91st Division, PA, had to take over the defenses.

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At this effort was coming to a close on the night of January 23, a desperate Japanese battalion commander to their front ordered a berserk charge. The Japs attacked with fixed bayonets. They did not fire, but simply yelled as they ran. The automatic weapons of the 31st combined with the fire of the 88th Field Artillery almost completely wiped out this suicide force, but the cost of stopping the attack was great. The 31st Infantry, which engaged the bulk of the enemy, had to be withdrawn to rear areas to rest and its casualties replaced by Chemical Warfare troops. The 31st Infantry had suffered forty-five to fifty percent casualties, though they had killed an average of ten Japs for every one of their own losses.

While the 31st and the 41st were patching the line of the 51st Division, the Japanese were still infiltrating through the jungles on the eastern slopes of Mount Matib, where American artillery could not reach them. In a last desperate attempt to close the critical 5,000-yard Mount Matib gap between the Corps, the US "Provisional Air Corps Regiment" was ordered to cover the slope with rowing, combat patrols. This effort met with little success. The 31st Division, Philippine Army, was called from the 1st Corps area to help. Its effort to move through the thick jungle resulted in disorganization to the point where, when the time came, it could not stage an effective counterattack.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 100.

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The 45th Infantry, formerly with the I Corps, had been transferred to USAFFE as force reserve, and then employed in the II Corps Area. There was no longer any I Corps reserve except for the remnants of the 26th Cavalry in bivouac at Bagac. The 26th was a cavalry unit in name only, for after its gruelling experience at Layac Junction, its remaining horses were sent to the rear to be slaughtered for food. From January 16 it was organized and employed as infantry.

When it was learned that the Japs were advancing toward Moron a troop of the 26th Cavalry and one battalion of the 1st Infantry Regiment, PA, were moved forward from the main line of resistance, several thousand yards south of the Moron River, to hold the enemy. They cleared the advance enemy elements from Moron after a sharp battle and contained the main force.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 101 & 102.

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The 10th Infantry, formerly with the I Corps, had been trans-
ferred to WARTH as force reserve, and then assigned to the II Corps
area. There was no longer any I Corps reserve except for the re-
nants of the 10th Cavalry in bivouac at Nagan. The 10th was a
cavalry unit in name only, for after its preceding experience at
Lago Junction, its remaining horses were sent to the rear to be
slaughtered for food. From January 19 it was organized and equipped
as an infantry.

When it was learned that the Japs were advancing toward Hwon a
group of the 10th Cavalry and one battalion of the 1st Infantry Regi-
ment, 1st, were moved forward from the main line of resistance, covering
toward yards south of the Hwon River, to hold the enemy. They
cleared the advance enemy elements from Hwon after a sharp battle
and contained the main force.

-Vol I, through in the Philippines, pp. 101 & 102.

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Before dawn on April 7, the 26th Cavalry arrived on Trail 10 to help hold the enemy, only to find the entire Corps withdrawing from the San Vicente River line. The 26th Cavalry was attached to the 31st Division, which, by this time, consisted only of the commanding general, his staff and headquarters troops, and a few others who had moved back to the Namala River.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 175

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The only Fil-American units still occupying the original main line of resistance on April 7 were the Provisional Air Corps Regiment, AUS, on the extreme right of the line, and part of the 31st Infantry Division, PA, on the eastern beaches. The Provisional Air Corps Regiment had suffered least of all the original units on April 7 along the east road and was still well enough organized to be used in the last-ditch defense lines organized by General Blument along the Alangan River, the Lamac River and at Cabcaban Airfield.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 176

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The only VII-American units still occupying the original main
line of resistance on April 7 were the Provisional Air Corps Regi-
ment, 4th, on the extreme right of the line, and part of the first
Infantry Division, 1st, on the eastern beaches. The Provisional Air
Corps Regiment had suffered losses of all the original units on
April 7 along the east road and was still well enough organized to
be used in the last ditch between lines organized by General Humeau
along the Imandra River, the Imandra River and at Godeheu Airfield.
-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 116

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When news of the Forty-First Division's disintegration reached him, General King released the 31st Infantry, U.S. Regular Army, from force reserve to the desperate Second Corps. The 11th Engineer Regiment, Philippine Scouts, and the 803rd Engineers, Aviation, U.S. Regular Army replaced the 31st Infantry in force reserves.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 167

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When news of the Young-Park Division's disintegration reached
the General Staff, the 1st Infantry, U.S. Regular Army, from
force reserve to the separate Second Corps. The 1st Infantry
Regiment, Philippine Scouts, and the 80th Regiment, Detachment, U.S.
Regular Army replaced the 1st Infantry in force reserve.
-Vol I, Chapter in the Philippines, p. 101

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The 2nd Battalion of the 57th Infantry arrived on the morning of April 6 at the junction of trails 6 and 8, just in rear of what was left of the American lines south of Mount Samat. It was ordered to attack on the left of the 31st Infantry, AUS, along trail No. 2, but the 31st's attack had already been thrown back. Another battalion of the 57th Infantry was sent in to assist but eventually both battalions were forced to fall back Trail 8 to the San Vicente River where they were joined by their reserve battalion.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 173

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of April 6 to the location of Berlin 6 and 7, but in view of the
fact that the location of Berlin 6 and 7 was not
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The whole II Corps was ordered to withdraw that day^x and to form a new line along the San Vicente River, facing generally northwest.

All day long the enemy, now firmly on Mount Samat, laid down observed artillery fire on the withdrawing elements of the Fil-American forces. The Thirty-First Infantry Regiment, Regular Army, had withdrawn to the south bank of the San Vicente River for the proposed new line where it was joined by the Fifty-Seventh Infantry. But USAFIP artillery had been silenced and a large gap existed in the hastily occupied river line. The position was untenable.

At the same time, the right flank of the I Corps was withdrawing to the south bank of the Binauangan River, where it could adjoin a new II Corps position along the Alangan River. The I Corps was still carrying out this withdrawal to the Binauangan when the surrender occurred on April 9.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 174

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The whole II Corps was ordered to withdraw this day and to
take a new line along the San Vicente River, facing generally north-
west.

All day long the enemy, now firmly on Mount Serrat, laid down
observed artillery fire on the withdrawing elements of the 111-
American forces. The Thirty-first Infantry Regiment, Regular Army,
had withdrawn to the south bank of the San Vicente River for the re-
posed new line where it was joined by the Fifty-seventh Infantry.
The 50TH AFV artillery had been allowed and a large gap existed in
the hastily occupied river line. The position was untenable.

At the same time, the right flank of the I Corps was withdrawing
to the south bank of the Rinconada River, where it could utilize a
new II Corps position along the Rinconada River. The I Corps was still
occupying out this withdrawal to the Rinconada with the exception
occurred on April 8.

-The I Corps in the Philippines, p. 118

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General Bluenel had hoped to withdraw his delaying forces to the south bank of the Mamala River on April 7. He consulted there with the commanders of the 26th Cavalry, the 57th Infantry, the 31st Infantry, US, and the 14 Engineers -- the only forces that he was able to hold on to in those last hectic days -- but he came to the decision that no effective defense could be made at that point. He then ordered a withdrawal to the south bank of the Alangan River, farther south.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 178

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Generalissimo had hoped to withdraw his delaying forces to
the south bank of the Amazon River on April 7. He consulted first
with the commander of the 20th Cavalry, the 27th Infantry, the 1st
Infantry, 20, and the 11 Regiments -- the only forces that he was able
to find on or in these last twelve days -- but he came to the decision
that no effective defense could be made at that point. He then or-
dered a withdrawal to the south bank of the Amazon River, leaving
south.

Vol. I, Chapter in the Philippines, p. 115

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With the situation in the II Corps are somewhat worse than hopeless, General Clifford Blumel personally led a few ragged remnants of Philippine Scouts and Regular Army units in attempts to stem the Jap tide at the Namala, the Alangan and the Lamaso Rivers, and eventually at Cabacben Airfield. He employed the regimental staff of the 26th Cavalry as his command group.

Early on April 8, the Fourteenth Engineers, TS, the 26th Cavalry, TS, the 31st Infantry, US, Regular Army, a part of the 57th Infantry, TS; the 603rd Aviation Engineers Battalion, US Regular Army, and the Provisional Air Corps Regiment, US Regular Army, were able to establish a line along the south bank of the Alangan River in spite of almost continuous enemy action.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 182

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Wording desperately in an attempt to bring a semblance of order out of the chaos that last night, Colonel Tilly of 57th Infantry, Colonel Bradley of the 31st Infantry, and Colonel Saint of the 11th Engineers, managed to gather enough of their scattered commands by the morning of April 9 to establish them on a defense line near Cabacben air field, north of the town at kilometer Post 160. Here the remnants of the Provisional Air Corps Regiment, part of the 200th Coast Artillery, AA, and several miscellaneous units were also employed.

The casualties in the 200th Coast Artillery had been exceedingly heavy -- almost the whole unit was wiped out.

-Vol. I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 186, 187

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Working separately in an attempt to bring a compliance of
order out of the chaos that night, Colonel KING of 27th In-
fantry, Colonel HUGHES of the 31st Infantry, and Colonel GAIN of
the 13th Infantry, managed to gather enough of their scattered
command by the morning of April 9 to establish lines on a defense
line near Godeaux Air Field, north of the town of Bastogne. Two
100. Here the remnants of the Provisional Air Corps Regiment, part
of the 300th Coast Artillery, AA, and several miscellaneous units
were also employed.
The casualties in the 300th Coast Artillery had been exceedingly
heavy -- almost the whole unit was wiped out.
-Vol. 1, Triumph in the West, p. 100, 101-

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It was possible, however, to take the nurses from the two general hospitals on Bataan to the island fortress. During the night of April 8-9, some 2,00 men and women escaped to Corregidor from Bataan in barges and boats. These included a number of survivors of the 31st Infantry, AUS, some civilians, a few Philippine Army soldiers, some navy personnel, one-hundred American and Filipino nurses, and a few survivors of the 26th Cavalry.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 188

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The evacuation of personnel to Corregidor continued all during night of April 8. The last boats left Mariveles at 8 AM on the ninth, carrying some Americans of the 31st Infantry to Corregidor. On Corregidor such of these men who not too sick to fight were assigned to the 4th Marine Regiment to assist in beach defenses.

- Vol I, Truizph in the Philippines, p. 193

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EXTRACT FROM HISTORY OF 4TH INFANTRY REGIMENT (PA) (3RD BN)

.....On 24 Dec the Bn moved with the Division into Batsan where it was deployed in the front lines near Abucay. On 15 Jan. its patrols made contact with the enemy, and on the 17th, it was heavily bombed and strafed and subjected to intense artillery fire. When its left flank, held by elements of the 5TH Division, was penetrated by the enemy, the Bn, separating from the Regiment, pulled back to the Orion cut off and stayed there until it was relieved by elements of the 3RD Division.

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EXTRACT OF HISTORY OF 3RD BN., 41ST FA REGT

Bn History: Men & officers were inducted at Canlubang Laguna on 1 Sept 41. They trained at Camp Del Pilar from 2 Sept 41 to 22 Nov 41. On 23 Nov 41 Unit moved to Tagaytay. On 9 Dec 41 Unit was ordered to Calatagan, Batangas. Whole Bn. less Btry "F" occupied position at Calatagan in Beach defense mission. Btry "F" was attached to 1st Bn at Lobo until 23 Dec 41. On 20 Dec 41 the whole Bn was ordered to Bataan arriving there at 25 Dec 41. The Bn was assigned originally, mission to support the 41st Inf at the town of Abucay. The Bn was in Divisional Artillery support through the period of engagements - supporting the 43d Inf and 51st Inf at Abu-ray Hacienda from 2 Jan 42 to 23 Jan 42. On 24 Jan 42 the Bn withdrew to Orion with the mission of supporting the 41st, 21st & 31st Div. Btry "F" was detached on 31 Jan 42 and assigned the mission of supporting the 31st Div. at Copot Hill. On 31 Jan 42 the whole Bn less Btry "F" was ordered to Mt. Samat to support the 33d Inf, 41st, & 21st Div. The position at the Western side (Catman Valley) was occupied on 2 Feb 42 and the first round was delivered to the enemy. From this position on 4th Feb 42. On 6 Feb 42 Btry "F" was returned to Bn control. On 3 Apr 42, the area between the 41st & 21st Div. was pierced by the enemy which forced us to withdraw. The Bn was cut-off from the Regtl Hq on 6 Apr 42, and from this, the unit was attached to the Phil. Scout and on 8 Apr 42 it was attached to the 11th FA until the fall of Bataan.

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATUS
CO 31st Regt	: John W Irwin	: Col Inf	: Dead
Ex O	: Karl A Bauer	: Maj Inf	:
S-1	: Querubin Mabugat	: 1 st Lt Inf	: DE, 3 rd Repl Bn
S-2 (Asst)	: Simeon Luz	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
S-2	: Eudardo Ruyay	: 2 nd Lt Inf	: Ward 6H, 1st Gen Hosp
S-3	: Mariano Evangelista	: 2 nd Lt Inf	: Killed w/Grlas
S-3 (Asst)	: Antonio O Yatco	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: JAGE, HPA
S-4	: Leoncio Gonzales	: Capt QMS	: Calasiao, Pangasinan
CO, Hq Bn	: Laureano Labasay	: Capt Inf	:
CO, Combat Co	: Vicente Roxas	: 2 nd Lt Inf	: Hq, MFC
ExO	: Alejandro Medina	: 1 st Lt Inf	: MFC, Cebu
JO	: Primitivo Austria	: 1 st Lt Inf O-34473	:
JO	: Rodrigo Tesson	: 2 nd Lt Inf O-32733	:
Dental Off	: Luis Tompson	: 1 st Lt TC	:
CO, Hq & Hq Co	: Roberto S Serrano	: Capt Inf	: MFC, Luzon Zone
ExO	: Democrito Bonilla	: 2 nd Lt Inf O-34156	:
Attached Chap	: Bernardo Torres	: 1 st Lt Ch S	:
CO, Med Co	: Prospero Lacasana	: Capt MC	:
Veterinary Off	: Glicerio W Rubio	: 1 st Lt VC	:
Miscellaneous			
Attached Vet O	: Pablo M Eugenciano	: Capt VC	:
Sig O	: Felina Daco	: Capt Sig C	:
Hq & Hq ExO	: Aldaba	: 1 st Lt Inf	: KIA, Balanga, Mar '42
JO Comb. Co.	: Malinaw	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: Died, Capas

Regimental History:

Mobilized at Sibul Springs, Bulacan, on 28 Aug. 41 and inducted by Capt Charles Zurich on Sep 1. The Regiment moved to San Marcelino, Zambales, on 15 Oct, and on 8 Dec. it was disposed along the beaches from the junction at Subic Bay to Dasol Bay in Pangasinan. The Regiment, minus the 1st Bn, moved to Km 148 on the Pilar-Bagac road on 25 Dec. where it organized. It was at Saysayan Point when the 1st Bn rejoined it. The Regiment moved to Guitol, arriving 16 Jan 42 after being heavily bombed by the enemy at the Bani cross road along the way. Casualties were heavy. At Guitol, the 31st Inf relieved elements of the 21st and the Philippine divisions. It held the enemy there about one week after which it pulled back across the Pilar-Bagac road near the Oricon cut-off, where it dug in. After two days, on toward the end of January, the Regiment withdrew to the Daseolog trail (Trail 8), near Mt Samat, where it made a stand. On April 6, during the all-out enemy offensive which began on Mar 28, the Regiment's sector was overwhelmed by the intense enemy bombings and artillery fire and stubborn enemy assaults. The Regiment withdrew, making a brief stand near the Lanaw river during which the 2nd Bn was routed. The battered remnants of the 31st Infantry surrendered near Km 185 on the main highway along the east coast of Bataan on 9 Apr 42.

OFFICIAL: /s/ FRANCISCO H CUARESMA
/t/ FRANCISCO H CUARESMA
Maj., AGS
Asst Adjt General, HPA

Certified True Copy:

s/t/ RICHARD P. JOBLIN
1st Lt. INF. AGS

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31ST INFANTRY (PA)
Story by Maj. B. War & Lt Gregory

Lt. Col. John M. Irwin, c.o., Capt. Karol Faver, ~~capt~~ Lt. E. C. Williams, KIA. 1st Bn, Harold S. Dalness, 3d Bn, W. E. Nels, Co. M (Jan. 28 suicide). Marion Larston 1st Bn; Stolts & Stockey, 2d Bn; Cecil Forinash, 2d Bn; Scarborough, 1st Bn; Murphy, S-2; Fry, S-1; Skill, S-4; 2d Lt. Marta, 2d Bn; Cpl. J. Dice, Provisional Bn. (AC atchd)-Capt. Brooks (45th Inf) Lts. Doyle, King, Going, Klineell. 2d Lt Gregory Williams, Lawton, Dalness & Nels to Capt. Dice to 2d Lt. in Feb. & Mar.; Irving Raur, promoted Dec.; Stolts & Stockey to 1st Lt. in Dec. Sept. 1-inducted at Camp Julian Olivas, San Fernando, Pamp. Hq. Bn & 3d Bn less M Co. there; Co. M at Balanga; 1st & 2nd Bns at Sibul Springs. Oct. 15-regt. concentrated at division camp at San Marcelino, Zamb. Dec. 8-on beach defense from Iba to San Antonio. 1st Bn. at Iba; 2d & 3d on down coast. Dec. 1 had begun to go to beach positions. Dec. 25-left for west coast of Bataan along coast around Saysain. 1st Bn. left at zig-zag till end of year. Blinky suddenly burst in on Irwin & mess that evening at supper & spluttered. "The Japs are coming, down the road. Drop everything & get out of here!" Irwin left his cameras & most officers left their belongings & weren't allowed to finish chow. (We had received more phony reports from Blinky's blitser about ships at sea, Japs on land, etc. while we were at Olongapo.) East of Olongapo a 155 from Ft. Vint had trouble; Blumel ordered it thrown in ditch in his haste & didn't even remove breech block. (Later offers volunteered to return & destroy it & to obtain ammunition, supplies, (Property left in Zamboales but permission refused). I made movies of his hiking; ~~he~~ straggled soldiers noon of 26th when they passed us at Bagac. 31st div. occupied positions prepared by 45th Inf. Blumel insisted as often - for chow. Jan. 14 or 15-to Guitel div. bivouac. Patrol activity. Some casualties from Japs who list Co. B, 45th. Jan. 25-occupied sub-sector A on reserve battle positions where Provisional PA Air Corps Training Center bn. was attacked. Position from Pandan to Limay left to rt: 1st Bn. Prov. Bn., 3d, 2d. Patrol activities as far north as Balanga. Lost a few men each time. AC on left at Pandan. Trails 34 & 36 divided AC from 31st. Never any casualties from bombing, altho bombed 2 or more times. ~~70~~ 70 ineffective because of sickness. Once Japs shelled from barges 75 mm. but most projectiles fell in water. SPW's fired on Jap vessels laying smoke screen, ostensibly for landing. April 6-1st Bn/3rd to Danoleg trail; supposed to go into position there but orders changed to go to HPL18. April 7-in position at HPL18. From the road to the left for 1200 yds. 2d Bn on rt. Prov. Bn., 3d, 1st. No reserve. Japs

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hit PC on their rt. but not 31st; bombed, shelled, strafed. PA
ran off. 1st En. intact. AC on left of 1st disappeared. 1st
En. w/d & scattered in brush. Dalness & Gregory told at Lamao
to form a line of stragglers. Other officers left so Dalness
& Gregory followed. Irwin told them a line was to be formed at
168. They went to KP167, Irwin & others went farther south in
command car. No troops, no orders, no CP so Dalness & Gregory
went to Corregidor on the 9th. Irwin, etc. captured & Irwin
killed on march.

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But while December 7 meant "Pearl Harbor" to most of the world, it meant "Clark Field" to the Filipinos and the Americans in the Philippines -- the date to them, halfway around the world and across the international date line, was December 8, 1941. At almost the same moment that the Japs hit Pearl Harbor, they made their attack on Clark Field in Central Luzon, only fifty miles from Manila. There they knocked out the American Far Eastern Air Force with almost the same devastating effect they dealt the U.S. Pacific Fleet 5,000 miles away.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 34

The North Luzon Force, dispersed throughout the central and northern Luzon area, was commanded by Major General Wainwright. It included two units of the Regular Army, the 31st Infantry Regiment and the 192d Tank Battalion, a former National Guard Organization, as well as six units of the Philippine Scouts. These were the 45th and the 57th Infantries, (PS); the 26th Cav. (PS) and the 23rd, 24th and 88th P.A. Regiments (PS). General Wainwright also had the following Philippine Army Divisions: *

The 11th Reserve Division under Col. William E. Brougner, AUS

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The 21st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen. Mateo M. Capinpin, PA
The 31st Reserve Division under Col Clifford Bluemel, AUS
The 71st Reserve Division under Col Clyde A. Sellech, AUS
The 91 st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen Luther Stevens, AUS
The South Luzon Force was under the command of Brig. General
George Farker. It consisted of one Regular Army unit, the 194th
Tank Battalion; one Philippine Scout unit, the 86th Field Artillery;
the 1st and the 2nd Philippine Constabulary Regiments, and three
Philippine Army Divisions:

The 1st Regular Division under Brig. Gen. Fidel Segundo, PA
The 41st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen. Vicente Lim, PA
The 51st Reserve Division under Col. Albert M. Jones, AUS
The Visayan-Mindanao force was commanded by Col. William F.
Sharp, with headquarters in Mindanao, and it contained no Regular Army
units. It had one Philippine Scout Regiment, the 43rd Infantry;
the 3rd Philippine Constabulary Regiment, and three Philippine Army
divisions:

The 61st Reserve Division, under Col. Bradford G. Chynoweth, USA.
The 81st Reserve Division, under Col. Guy D. Fort, PA
The 101st Reserve Division, under Col. Joseph P. Vachon, PA.

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There were also elements of other divisions including the 2d Infantry, the 7th Infantry and the 3rd Infantry. The 1st Marine Division, consisting of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Marine Battalions, was commanded by Major General George F. Moore and was composed of two Regular Army regiments, the 20th and 24th Infantry; two Philippine Scout units, the 1st and 2nd Central Postal Directory, and the 1st U.S. Marine Regiment, which had just been moved in from Okinawa Bay. Command headquarters feared that the single blow at Clark Field had virtually decided the course of the war in the Philippines. The 20th Infantry, based out of Fort Stotsenburg, moved into the vicinity of Clark Field at the first enemy beach landing wherever it might occur. On December 9, Clark Field, another key air base, was bombed almost to destruction. The army apparently hoped to catch that part of the JAF which had come for refueling. Group installation destruction, however, was all they accomplished - but that was enough.

-101-1 through in the Philippines, pp. 101, 102, 103, 104.

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The Bataan Defense Force which was setting up the defense of Bataan, consisted of the 31st and the 41st Divisions of the Philippine Army and the 2d Philippine Constabulary Regiment, all under Major General George Parker.

The headquarters of the Philippine Department was converted into the Service Command for Bataan, under Brigadier General Allen C. McBride.

The HLF under General Jonathan M. Wainwright, at this point, had the 31st Infantry, Regular Army; the 45th Infantry, 57th Infantry, 26th Cavalry, 23rd Field Artillery, 24th Field Artillery, and 88th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts; the 11th Division, 21st Division, 71st Division and 91st Division, Philippine Army.

Brigadier General Albert M. Jones, commanding the SLF, had the 86th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts, and the 1st and 51st Division of the Philippine Army, with artillery reinforcement.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 62 & 63.

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The balance of the force which was retained up to the balance of
retained consisted of the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Philippine
Army and the 2d Philippine Constabulary Regiment, all under the
Command of General George Taylor.

The headquarters of the Philippine Department was converted
into the Service Command for Luzon, under the direction of General Allen
D. Smithey.

The 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Philippine Army, at this point,
had the 1st Infantry, 2nd Infantry, 3rd Infantry, 4th Infantry,
5th Infantry, 6th Infantry, 7th Infantry, 8th Infantry, and 9th
Infantry, Philippine Constabulary, the 1st Division, 2nd Division,
3rd Division and 4th Division, Philippine Army.
Brigadier General Albert M. Jones, commanding the 1st, had the
1st Infantry, 2nd Infantry, Philippine Constabulary, and the 1st and 2nd Divi-
sions of the Philippine Army, with various reinforcements.
Vol. I, Chapter 10, The Philippines, pp. 60 & 61.

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The Layac Force was organized on the line as follows:

The 71st Division, Philippine Army, consisting only of the 71st and 72nd Infantry Regiments.

The 31st Infantry Regiment, United States Army.

The 26th Cavalry Regiment, Philippine Scouts.

To the rear in support were the 23rd Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts, which had one battalion only: the 1st Battalion, 88th Field Artillery, Philippine Scouts, and the 71st Division's organic artillery.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 85.

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The 1st Cavalry Division was organized on the line as follows:
The 1st Cavalry Division, Philippine Army, consisting of:
The 1st and 2nd Infantry Regiments.
The 1st Infantry Regiment, United States Army.
The 20th Cavalry Regiment, Philippine Army.
To the rear in support were the 1st and 2nd Cavalry Regiments,
Philippine Army, which had one battalion only. The 1st and 2nd
Cavalry Regiments, Philippine Army, and the 1st
Division's organic artillery.
-Vol 1, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 88.

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The men of Laysac had worked on their positions all during the night of January 5-6. At 8:00 AM their artillery sighted the Japanese coming down highway 7 from Lubao. They laid down a murderous barrage. Within an hour, the Japanese artillery began replying. The artillery of both sides thundered throughout the day. The 23rd Field Artillery's lone battalion was badly shot up and lost all but one of its guns. The battalion from the 88th Field Artillery, however, saved all its weapons. The 31st Infantry, in the center of the Laysac line, took the bulk of the artillery punishment along with the left flank of the 71st Division. In the late afternoon, the Jap fire increased and infantry probed forward to test the American line. This was followed by a heavy infantry attack at the point where the 71st and the 31st were linked. The flank units of the two divisions began to deteriorate. The 3rd Battalion of the 31st, heretofore held in reserve, was moved up just before sunset to counterattack and fill the gap.

At 10:00 O'clock that night, however, an order was received for the three holding units to withdraw to the Abucoy line. The 71st Division began to fall back first, while part of the 31st acted as a covering force. The order to withdraw was relayed by radio from the commanding officer of the 31st Infantry to the 26th Cavalry on its left. But the message was in code and the radio code had been changed that day without the change reaching the 26th, so that cavalry commander could not understand it.

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After a while, however his patrols reported that the 31st Infantry was moving out. By the time it was definitely determined that withdrawal was taking place, the 26th had been cut off and was out of contact with all other friendly forces. The cavalymen withdrew to the mountains in the west, and worked their way back through the rugged jungle country to the Abucay line without assistance, an operation that took three days.

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was moving out. By the time it was definitely determined that with-
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fronted with all other friendly forces. The assignments within the
mountain in the west, and worked their way back through the rugged
terrain owing to the heavy line of communication, an operation that
took three days.

Vol. I, Chapter in the Philippines, pp. 20 & 21.

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When the attack at Abucay Hacienda had failed, the Japs again shifted their weight. On January 20 they smashed farther west at the Junction of the 51st and 41st Division, PA. The 51st, unable to withstand the devastating artillery fire and heavy infantry pressure, drew back half a mile, adding to the already existing gap on its left at Mt. Natib. Meanwhile, small Japanese elements had infiltrated across the western slopes of Mount Natib behind the 51st Division's main lines and were harassing rear area installations. The 31st Infantry, Regular Army, was thrown in and the 41st Division extended its lines to fill the whole caused by the withdrawal of the 51st.

The 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts, was moved from the I Corps Area, where it was in a defensive position near Moron, to reinforce the left flank of the 31st. In the dark the 45th took the wrong route and found itself on the right flank of the 31st instead of on its left. The 45th was withdrawn and moved up as initially planned. ²The situation was obscure; there was lack of contact between units. As a result, the adjacent flank elements of the two regiments became involved in a fire fight with each other. ³The fight lasted for more than an hour and a number of casualties were suffered. Once it was over, the two forces eventually succeeded in retaking the ground and reestablishing the II Corps lines. ⁴The reestablishment of this salient was one of the bloodiest fights of the campaign up to this time.

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-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 96 & 99.

When the attached at Ansony Heights had fallen, the day again
shifted their weight. On January 20 they marched further west at the
junction of the First and Third Divisions, VA. The First Division to with-
stand the devastating artillery fire and heavy infantry assaults,
drew back half a mile, adding to the already existing gap on its left
at Mt. Neble. Meanwhile, small Japanese elements had infiltrated
across the western slopes of Mount Neble behind the First Division's
main lines and were harassing rear installations. The First
Infantry, Regular Army, was thrown in and the First Division extended
its lines to fill the whole caused by the withdrawal of the First.
The Fifth Infantry, Philippine Scouts, was moved from the I Corps
area, where it was in a defensive position near Hovon, to reinforce
the left flank of the First. In the dark the Fifth took the wrong route and
found itself on the right flank of the First instead of on its left. The
Fifth was withdrawn and moved up an initially planned. The situation was
obscure; there was lack of contact between units. As a result, the
adjacent flank elements of the two regiments became involved in a fire
fight with each other. The Fifth lasted for more than an hour and a
number of casualties were suffered. Once it was over, the two losses
eventually succeeded in retaking the ground and reestablishing the II
Corps lines. The reestablishment of this unit was one of the bloodiest
lights of the campaign up to this time.

-Vol I, *Through in the Philippines*, pp. 98 & 99.

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At this effort was coming to a close on the night of January 23, a desperate Japanese battalion commander to their front ordered a banzai charge. The Japs attacked with fixed bayonets. They did not fire, but simply yelled as they ran. The automatic weapons of the 31st combined with the fire of the 68th Field Artillery almost completely wiped out this suicide force, but the cost of stopping the attack was great. The 31st Infantry, which engaged the bulk of the enemy, had to be withdrawn to rear areas to rest and its casualties replaced by Chemical Warfare troops. The 31st Infantry had suffered forty-five to fifty percent casualties, though they had killed an average of ten Japs for every one of their own losses.

While the 31st and the 41st were patching the line of the 51st Division, the Japanese were still infiltrating through the jungles on the eastern slopes of Mount Natib, where American artillery could not reach them. In a last desperate attempt to close the critical 5,000-yard Mount Natib gap between the Corps, the US "Provisional Air Corps Regiment" was ordered to cover the slope with roving, combat patrols. This effort met with little success. The 31st Division, Philippine Army, was called from the 1st Corps area to help. Its effort to move through the thick jungle resulted in disorganization to the point where, when the time came, it could not stage an effective counterattack.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 100.

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The general movement to the reserve battle position, the Orion-Bague line, was ordered by USAFFE to be effected by the morning of January 26.

The hasty withdrawal of the First Division in the First Corps area was completed on the evening of January 24. During the movement, twenty-four pieces of its divisional artillery were lost near Maron.

One battalion of the 31st Infantry, US Regular Army, patrolled the Abo-Abo River to cover the withdrawal of the Second Corps. Meanwhile, the other two battalions of the same regiment, still holding at Abucaay Hacienda, until the withdrawal should be completed, were having trouble. The Japs pounded them persistently. A "bansai" attack was launched against them early on the morning of the January 24 but it resulted only in heavy casualties for the Japs.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 106.

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In the Second Corps, the new line (from right to left) was as follows:*

The 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, on the beach at Orion, the right flank.

The Provisional Air Corps Regiment, U.S. Army.

The 32nd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army.

The Fifty-First Combat Team (formed from remnants of the Fifty-First Division), Philippine Army.

The 21st Division, Philippine Army.

The 11st Division, Philippine Army, on the extreme left.

The Philippine Army Air Corps Battalion, the Philippine Army Training Cadre Battalion, and the 14th Regiment of the Philippine Constabulary guarded the eastern beaches below Orion.

The 2nd Corps area was subdivided into sectors as follows:

Subsector A, under the command of Col. Constant L. Irwin, included the beach defenses from Orion southward to Manay. It was comprised of the 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; the Philippine Army Air Corps Battalion, and the Philippine Army Training Cadre Battalion.

Subsector B, under Colonel Irvin E. Doane, included the U. S. Provisional Air Corps Regiment near the right flank of the main battle position.

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Subsector C, under Brigadier General Clifford Blumel, included the 41st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; the 32nd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; and the 51st Combat Team, Philippine Army. It was in the center of the main battle position.

Subsector D, under General Lough, included the 21st Division, Philippine Army; the 41st Division, Philippine Army, less the 41st Infantry; and the 33rd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army. It was on the left flank of the main line of resistance.

Subsector E, under Brigadier General Guillermo Francisco, on the Manila Bay beaches below Limay, included the 2nd Regular Division, Philippine Army, which had been made up from the 41st Regiment of the Philippine Constabulary and other miscellaneous units after the withdrawal to Bataan.

After the withdrawal from Abucay, all Regular Army and Philippine Scouts units on Bataan were held in the rear as USAFFE reserve. The headquarters of the Philippines Department, originally composed of Philippine Scouts and Regular Army units, continued to exist under General Lough but these units were never again organized for any combined effort during the remainder of the fight on Bataan.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 112, 113, 114.

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ment, Philippine Army and the 3rd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army.
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("Dec." entries are 1941. Others are 1942)

Dec 26-7-nite moved to Abucay-Hacienda line via Manila city. 1 truck overturned & injured some enroute. Dec 27-deployed from Hacienda eastward. Originally 51st div. on extreme left. 42d included Hacienda), then 43d, 41st on rt. Few days later line from w to e was 51st div., 43d 42d, 41st, 57th (PS). Lewis wired in his OPLR & had 2 phones to it. 43d had 3d Bn on left, 1st on rt, 2d in res. Jan 8-Japs hit his OPLR in early morning. It held until ordered back after 42d OP w/d. 43d OPLR killed one Jap & 42d Jap offer & got his saber.

Jan. 9-Japs attacked at night. Jan. 12-51st w/d during day. 43d w/d its OP. 51st got no bombing nor artillery - it all fell in 43d. Jan. 12-16 terrific art, bombardment. Late aft of 11th the 3d Bn. 23d Inf. arrived to go in 1st Bn. pos. 8 PM. while going in on Trial Jap 105's fired 4 rounds right on trail. 75 KIA-mg co. & part of rifle co. casualties just in front of RRL. g Jan. 14-1st Bn. w/d on false order "whole line is falling back" came from left in the line. A spy or Jap sympathizers. 7 had been K in bn CP by art. Co. C on support line stayed. Sinock & Spears KIA. (Everyone promoted except Long (?)).

Jan 13-terrific attack against 3d Bn. on left. Bn c.o.called & asked permission w/d because they were being blown out of their fox holes, & he was afraid soldiers would Cave anyway. Lewis directed he stay 20 more min. till dark because Jap art. usually cessed them. It did. That night Japs penetrated the lines. Jan. 14-w/d 3d Bn. 2d Bn. 23 atchd & counter attacked but got no farther than center of res. line. Capt. Hunt on OP of 41st FA fought with Inf. & KIA out 12 Body not recovered. g Jan 15-attacked with 2 bns. of 23d on rt then 1 co. 3d Bn. 2d Bn, 3d Bn, 43d. Jan. 16-31st arrived & attacked on 17th with 1st Bn on left which sacked river. 2d Bn just north of Lewis CP in center of line got nowhere & casualties fell down back into CP. 2 Cas. 43d went farther on 2d Bn's art. & he w/d them short distance to tie in line with 2d Bn 31st & support line of 42d Inf. 3d Bn. 31st under Lewis nite of 17th only. Jan. 18-45th 1st & 2nd Bns. echeloned to rt. attacked; 3d Bn on extreme left. 23d Inf. reld. from stchment to 43d. Jan. 19-3d Bn. 31st attacked on left of 1st Bn. 31st. 1st Bn. 43d counter attacked in 41st area. Mathews KIA, Dunn WIA. J 23-1 Bn. 23d again stchd. Jan. 24-43d assembled to move out. Original orders from Lough wanted 43d to hold & let Phil. Div. w/d. Lewis, where 43d was already forming a secondary line, requested & got the change. As started out after dark 4 Japs shells landed on trail, Jap small arms close to rear.

EXTRACT FROM NOTEBOOK #1 - DIARY OF MAJOR Wm J. FRIESTLEY

South Luzon Force - Bataan Force - II Philippine Corps

Brief Outline of Activities Prior to and During War

(All activities reported to the Bataan Force).

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities on about Sept 1 a SLF Hq in skeleton form was created and functioned briefly. This Hq consisted of Brig Gen. Geo Parker, Lt. Col. C O Wilson, Lt. Col. H. D. Johnston, Capt. Arthur Christensen and Capt. Homer Uglow. Units to be included under this command were not inducted until somewhat later and the troops thus received practically no training before the war started. Only two regiments the 42nd & 52nd Inf. were inducted on Sept 1 and no others immediately thereafter.

The elements of the command were drawn up as follows:
 Nov 1 - 41st & 51st Inf. mobilized and started training, Nov. 24th - 43rd & 53rd Inf, 41st F. A. and 41st & 51st Engrs. On Dec. 1 the 41st and 51st Med. Bns, Signal Cos, Hq & Hq Cos, & QM Service Co, so that on Dec 8 the state of the SLF was: 41st Div. complete less 1 Anti Tank Bn 51st Div. complete less 1 Anti Tank Bn & 51st F. A. and 1st & 2d F. C. (inducted in Mid. Nov and assigned for training only) released at beginning of war.

The 41st & 51st Divs. were inducted and trained in S. Luzon what little training they did have and at the outbreak they were sent to their defensive positions on the beaches. The boundary between division running along a general line thru Lemaery & Pancipit R. - Id. in Lake Taal - Tagaytay and Las Pinas inclusive to the 41st Div. The rest of the coastline was defended by the 51st Div. with Manila sector unoccupied due to location of the fortified Ids. On Dec 29th the 1st Reg Div. was assigned to the beaches between Infanta & Mauban inclusive and was given the road net in rear of it.

On about Dec. 32 the Japanese landed at Legaspi after previously bombing Davao, Legaspi, Nichols Field, Cavite and sections in the SLF territory and started to move N towards the main part of Luzon by rail and by road. Units of the 52nd Inf were sent S to meet them - one Co. along the road and one Bn was split up - its elements being drawn and given different missions - to contact and delay the enemy as long as possible, destroy bridges and military equipment and impede the progress of the enemy as much as they were able.

The Second Phase of SLF activities began on Dec. 24 when the enemy landed in force at Atimonan and Mauban. The units of the 52nd sent S encountered many adventures of war not covered here, some being out off and breaking thru - others making their way N to join their

The 3rd Phase Operation previously organized, was completed organization later. On the afternoon of Dec. 24 Gen Parker's Hq. was moved to Bataan and the Bataan Force consisting of the 31st Div., 41st Div., parts of the Phil Div., Hq and other misc. units. Gen Jones took command of the SLF upon Gen Parker's departure (his Div. the 41st having reverted to the Bataan Force).

By the night of Dec 24th the "Ja" had crossed the Mts. at Atimanan to Malibay and at Naubun had reached the zig-zag at Sanabon. The enemy from Atimanan advanced in successive stages and by nightfall of the 25th were at Lucena, Tayabas, 26th Cavd-leria, 27th Tignon and on the night of 27-28 contact was broken in that area as the troops were ordered to Bataan. At Naubun the 1st Inf less 1 Bn retreated to positions on the Lucena-Tayabas boundary night of Dec. 25, Louisiana 26th broke contact on the 27th and withdrew to Bataan via Pagsanjan, Sta. Cruz, Los Baños and Manila. One Bn at Tignuan remained there until the 28th with no contact and withdrew on the 28th. The regiments in the SLF were reshuffled on the night of the 27th and were shuttled into Bataan - no contact being made with the enemy. By Dec 31st Gen. Jones and his Hq. had arrived at Flordel & contacted Gen. Hainsright. By order of USAFFE Gen Jones was put in command of remains of the 71st & 91st Divs, then at Balingay and stayed there to cover the withdrawal of the SLF thru then Dec 31st - Jan 1. By morning of the 1st these units and Gen Jones arrived in Bataan and the SLF ceased to exist. (Note: Aeng'd to SLF prior to this date and moved to Tagaytay pos. was the Prov. Constab. Brigade. Three days were absorbed moving in and thru more out - no contact being made with the enemy.)

As part of the 3d Phase of the SLF the Bataan Force existed from Dec. 24-Jan 6 its function having been to organize the position in Bataan and assist in their occupancy.

By the night of Jan 2-6 the last elements of the SLF had withdrawn into Bataan leaving the covering force at ayac Jct. exposed to the enemy. Organized from right to left in line the pos. contained the 71st Div., 31st Inf (US), and 26th Cav. At 8:00 A Jan 6 our arty sighted the enemy and began to register on them and at 9:00 A. J. arty appeared on the road to be reinforced by other arty units soon thereafter and a fierce arty dual ensued. The "Ja" also hoarded portion of the 31st Inf with superior fire and by nightfall the right of the 31st and part of the 71st Div had pulled back. At about 10 P. the entire line was ordered withdrawal behind the Abucay position which movement was executed in great confusion. The 26th Cav. not receiving the order was cut off and withdrew through the Mts. One Bn of the (23d) P.A. was badly shot up and lost all but one gun. The 1st Bn of the 88th FA retreated in order saving all guns.

The Main Battle Position previously organized, was occupied originally by the II Philippine units from right to left 57th Inf, 41st Division and 51st Div. the 57th turning its flank on the beach at Matsburg and the 51st Div. tying in with the I Corps at Mt. Matib. This position was shelled almost constantly daily particularly on the left flank of the 41st Div. and the right of the 51st Div. The J's effected a penetration in that sector and between the 41st Div. and 57th Inf left and the 31st Inf (US) and 45th Inf (NS) were sent in to counter attack at Abucay Hacienda, the 21st Div. being sent in to reinforce the 41st Div. The counter attack was successful, heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy and mopping up operation were in progress when the retreat in the I Corps Sector made a withdrawal from the Main Battle Position to the Reserve Orion-Bages pos. necessary. Some J's had infiltrated thru the II Corps, however, and it is probable that they might have cut thru the reserve Orion-Bages pos. had the withdrawal not been made.

The withdrawal was accomplished with a considerable confusion during which aggressive action by "J" art'y, air corps and ground troops might have ended the war before the end of January. The position was occupied and divided into subsectors as follows from the beach near Linsay-North to Orion - to the Pentagon SS-A under Col. Irwin - 31st Inf., PA, PA Air Corps Sq., and PA Training Cadre; SS-B - Col. Boones - Prov. Regt. U.S.A. Air Corps, SS-C - Gen. Blunsdel - 41st Inf (to March 1), 31st Div. less 31st & 33rd Infs., 51st Combat Team, SS-D - Gen. Lough - 21st Div. on right - 41st Div. on left and 33rd Inf on extreme left flank prior to Mar. 1 after which it became Corps reserve and the 41st Inf went from SS-C to SS-D. The Philippine Division, part of which was to have occupied the front line was broken up as Corps and Army Reserve and was employed piecemeal wherever necessity dictated. Its Hq continued to exist under Gen. Lough but never until the final futile effort was it brought together in any attempt at concerted effort.

The Reserve Battle Position was further prepared and fortified after occupancy - lowlands flooded, trenches dug, camouflage created, barbed wire strung etc & patrol action was constant but not pressure was exerted until the first of April. Here as in the I Corps the "J's" entrenched and awaited reinforcements.

Toward the latter part of March enemy truck, tank and artillery columns were sighted on the roads and near areas and it was obvious that an offensive had been planned. This push came beginning April 3 at about 0800 with intensive shelling, dive bombing, high level bombing and a general attack in the 42d Inf areas and by nightfall these units had retreated in confusion down trails #6 and #29 to trail #8, the 42d Inf completely disintegrating and disappearing. The 42d Inf was contacted by Gen. Lough and ordered to reorg. and moved back up #6 on April 4. However, it was again hit by mass artillery, broke up and disappeared. The 41st Inf, not so hard hit moved N along the road and was not attacked in force. On the night of April 4, the 33d Inf

in Corps Res. Along Tr #44, about 1 Km E of #6 & 44, was order N to reinforce the line, but was not heard from thereafter. On April 4th M4 tanks appeared along the Pilar-Bagac road, some started down trail #28 and went back, and a number worked down the Pilar-Bagac Road behind the M4 of the 21st Div along the Talisy R. The 21st Div then withdrew under pressure to the MRT on the slopes of Mt. Samat. In the face of these attacks and withdrawal by the night of April 4 the line existed with a large salient in SS-C and units were located as follows: 41st Inf on extreme left astride trail #29, a large Jap on its right to the 21st Div on the forward slopes of Mt. Samat, 51st CT, 3rd Inf, Prov. AG Regt; 31st Inf PA AC Bn and the PATC. The 31st Inf US had been ordered from its bivouac area to Jet of trs #2 & 10 on April 4 and was in that area that night.

On April 5 the enemy moved down tr #6 and across the face of Samat and by night they had control of trail #64 to the CP of the 21st Div and were working up the E slope of Mt. Samat. The extent of the penetration by the "Japs" was not known exactly and a counter attack involving the 45th Inf (PS) up Trail #29 with tank support and the 31st Inf (US) up astride #44, thence up #64 to #44 - then up #4 to reinforce and establish the line. Before this could be accomplished in April 6 remnants of the 21st Div came thru the 31st Inf pos. and heavy fire was received from the enemy in Mt. Samat. Heavy pressure on the front and left of the 31st Inf forced its withdrawal to the S. bank of the San Vicente by nightfall of the 6th. The enemy also forced his way up trails #6 & #44 in April 5, the 1st Bn 57th Inf having been ordered to Jet #8 & #46 to be at disposal of Gen. Lough. Before the 57th Bn could reach Gen Lough, however, his Bq was cut off by the enemy on Trail #8 and the Bn of the 57th was forced to take up a defensive position behind the San Vicente R. at the Jet #8 & #46. The tank support of the 45th Inf arrived late and that unit was forced S on trail #29 and into the I Corps sector.

Thus by nightfall of April 6th situation was almost hopeless. On the extreme left the 45th Inf counter offensive up Tr #29 was nipped and it, with Gen Lough's Bq. was cut off from II Corps. The "Japs" had routed the 41st Div and followed it up trails #6 & #44 where the 1st Bn 57th encountered the enemy and held them N. of the San Vicente at Trail Jets #8 & #46. On the San Vicente a large gap existed and then the 31st Inf (US) had gone into pos. connecting with the 51st CT of Gen Blussel on its right flank. Our art'y had been overwhelmed and silenced and the 41st PA guns had all been captured.

On April 7 an attempt was made to organize a defensive line along the Patoc trail (#46) with 201st and 202d Engrs filling the gap between the 57th (2d Bn. in pos. with 1st Bn night of April 6) and 31st Inf (US) and SS-C units. The 26th Coy and 14th Engrs also moved up, the 26th at Jets #2 & #10 being turned over to Gen. Blussel & the Engrs. to Col Tilly who was with the 57th Inf CP and its 3d Bn. attached to SS-C and Gen Blussel. The "Japs" followed up their aggressive move of the

6th and not only cut trail #46 but staged a separate attack in the 32d Inf area in the right half of SS-C forcing the withdrawal of the 31st CI, along with the 31st (US) to the S bank of the San Vicente and extend a line with the 3d Bn 57th Inf, & 21st & 31st Engrs. The 201st & 301st Engrs, had failed to arrive at their position on the Patoc Trail before the enemy cut it and these units were scattered & disintegrated. Thus Gen Blusnel decided to continue the withdrawal to the S bank of the Masala R where, after consultation with commanders of the 26th Cav, 57th Inf, 31st Inf (US) and Engrs, he decided to withdraw all elements to the Alangan R which long retreat was affected before dawn of the 8th.

April 8th found the line held behind the Alangan R. in a confused state due to hasty retreat and mistaken routes of withdrawal. It was obvious from the outset that this position was untenable. All 37 mm guns and automatic weapons had been lost, nearly all 155 mm were of ammunitions. In addition the men were almost completely exhausted by the long marches and days without food. The 26th Cav, which had moved from #2 & #10 to #2 & #46 covered the withdrawal of other units & then withdrew to the above pos. itself.

It was intended that new position would be occupied with the 26th Cav, 57th Inf and 31st Inf in line & the 14th Engrs in reserve, but due to a mistake in retifying between new and old trails #20 a scramble ensued and the line was established with the 26th Cav and 14th Engrs astride Trail #20, 31st & 57th to E of old #20 - a big gap to the 803d Engrs, PAC, 31st Inf PA and the 4th FC, (the 4th FC and 803d Engrs having been brought up during the night.)

During the morning of the 8th J's bombed the line heavily and the 4th FC and the 31st Inf PA pulled out. Enemy tanks & Inf followed up quickly down trail #20 and soon surrounded the position set that by the night of the 8th the entire line was untenable and further withdrawal became necessary. Orders were confused as were the troops who scattered badly. The bulk of them escaped down new #20 - others cross country. Col. Tilly, Col Brady & Col. Saint of the 57th Inf, 31st Inf & 14th Engrs respectively managed to gather parts of their commands by the morning of the 9th. At 3 A, Maj. Christenson Ass't G-3 for II Corps met Gen. Blusnel at Jet #12 & #20 received order to surrender. Gen Blusnel was ordered to take up a position behind the Lense R. but instead he left a screen and moved troops the rear where surrender came later that day.

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DESIGNATION	NAME	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESSENT STATION
CO, 1st Bn	: Roman Ibanez	: Lt Col Inf	: Cebu Zone Comdr.
2nd	: Alfredo C. Sese	: Maj Inf	: HPA, G-2
S-1	:	:	:
S-2	: Lorenzo Calderon	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
S-3	: Alfredo C. Sese	: Maj Inf	:
S-4	: Silvano P. Hernandez	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
Bn Surg	: Custodio Umibig	: 1 st Lt MC 0-46369	:
Hq & Hq Serv Co	: Lorenzo Calderon	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
CO, Co "A"	: Celestino Sabalo	: Capt Inf 6 Apr 42	: JAGS, HPA
2nd in Comd	: Paulo Lumarigan	: 1 st Lt CE 0-25828	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Basilio Reyes	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Guillermo Reyes	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Francisco Reyes	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	: Bernabe	:	:
History: 1st Pl	: Ramon Juliar	: 3 rd Lt Inf 0-42428	:
2nd Pl	: Jesus Carillo	: 3 rd Lt Inf 0-46016	:
2nd in Comd	: Jesus Carillo	: Flavio Gonzales	: 3 rd Lt Inf 0-46618
CO, Co "B"	: Luis Tiojanco	: 1 st Lt Inf	: Killed by Japs
2nd in Comd	: Felipe Patricio	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Luis Mentor Reyes	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Alfredo Clemente	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Jose Trajano	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: Killed by Japs
1st Sgt	: Fortunato Sevilla	:	:
History:			

CO, Co "C"	: Alejo S. Santos	: Capt Inf	: Bulacan Prov. Gov.
Leader, 1st Pl	: Hilario Santos	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Carlos Vergara	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Nicolas Rodrigo	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:
History: 2d in Comd	: Juan Aldaba	: 1 st Lt Inf	: KIA, Balanga, Bataan, 9 Feb 42

CO, Co "D"	: Cesario Farinas	: Capt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Pablo E. Delgado	: 1st Lt Inf 0-22982	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Vicente Ramos	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Flavio Gonzales	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:
History: 2d in Comd	: Cirilo R. Thompson	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
	: Mario Sulit	: 3 rd Lt Inf 0-42676	:

Bn History:

Mobilized at Sibul Springs, Bulacan on 28 Aug 41 and inducted on 1 Sep. Remained at the zig-sag road near Dinalupihan, Bataan as rear-guard when the Regiment moved into Bataan on 25 Dec. It rejoined the Regiment at Saysayan Point and was with the Regiment throughout the campaign, being mostly with the reserve.

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DESIGNATION	NAME	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 2nd Bn	: Basilio T. Ueno	: Capt	:
CO	: Juan Herrera	: 1 st Lt	:
B-1	: Menacio Molina	: 3 rd Lt	:
B-2	: Celso Alipala	: Capt Inf	:
B-3	: Menacio Molina	: 3 rd Lt Inf C-46326	:
B-4	: Rafael S. Lasam	: 2 nd Lt FS	:
Hq & Hq Serv Co	: Celso M. Alipala	: Capt	:
CO, Co "B"	: Conrado A. Llate	: Capt	:
2nd in Comd	: Florancio Abacan	: 1 st Lt	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Evaristo Escosa	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Leonardo Monterirren	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Pedro Yambao	: 3 rd Lt	:
1st Sgt SA	: Sorvillano Evangelista	:	:

History:

CO, Co "F"	: Teotimo O. Gonzales	: 2 nd Lt	:
2nd in Comd	: Serafin Garcia	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Dolfin Limbag	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Wilfredo Ubo	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Modesto Rotora	: 3 rd Lt Inf C-32398	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "G"	: Gregorio M. Dias	: 1 st Lt	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Alejandro Canon	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Juan M. Morano	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Arturo T. Mendona	: 3 rd Lt	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

2d in Comd	Jaine Mercado	2 nd Lt	:
CO, Co "H"	: Melanio Legaspi	: 1 st Lt	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Salvador Francisco	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Eufrazio Gutanbao	: 3 rd Lt	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Uloiano, Trillana	: 3 rd Lt	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

2d in Comd	Dionisio Espiritu	2 nd Lt	5 th Repl Bn
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Bn History:

Same as Regimental history except it was along the east coast of Bataan, guarding the beach approaches to the right flank of the Regiment.

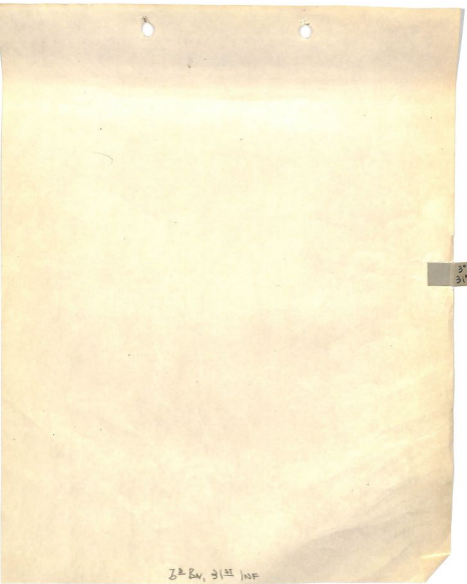
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DESIGNATION	NAME	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 3rd Bn	: Nicanor Jimenas	: Maj Inf 6 Apr 42	:
ExO	: Alejandro B. Lim	: Capt Inf 6 Apr 42	: G-2, HPA
S-1	: Alejandro B. Lim	:	:
S-2	: Andres Caranto	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
S-3	: Andres Caranto	: 1 st Lt Inf 6 Apr 42	:
S-4	:	:	:
Hq & Hq Serv Co	: Alejandro Simanango	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
CO, Co "I"	: Tomas J Manalo	: Capt Inf 6 Apr 42	:
2nd in Comd	: Camilo Vangelista	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Alejandro Chan	: 2 nd Lt Inf 6 Apr 42	: Killed w/cries prior to
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Pablo S Dimalanta	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: Died in Canas-Liberation
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Abelardo Yalons	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	: Doroteo Estralla	:	:
History:	: Roberto Serrano	:	:

CO, Co "J"	: Nicolas P Lasola	: Capt Inf 6 Apr 42	:
2nd in Comd	: Canon F Pacheco	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Tomas P Quawan	: 2 nd Lt 6 Apr 42	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Doegracias Mendoza	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Eliseo Venaco	: 2 nd Lt Inf 6 Apr 42	:
1st Sgt	: Antonio Francisco	:	:
History:	Pedro F Julian	2 nd Lt Inf	:

CO, Co "L"	: Pedro B Tiamhong	: Capt Inf 6 Apr 42	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Vicente Rivera	: 2 nd Lt Inf 6 Apr 42	: Killed w/cries M. Prov
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Henry Diastro	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: Killed w/lt Chan
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Sobero Morales	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	: Leoncio Cuartero	:	:
History:			
2d in Comd	Gregorio L Espinas	2 nd Lt Inf	
	Jesus Almirante	1 st Lt Inf	O-46576

CO, Co "M"	: Isidro Fuentes	: 3 rd Lt Inf O-4	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Anacleto Gallardo	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Asterio E. Tamoria	: 2 nd Lt Inf 6 Apr 42	: Died in Zamboales, 1944
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Edmundo E. Dixon	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	: Alarcon	:	:
History:	Remained at Balanga, Bataan, later on joined the Bn at San Marcelino Zamboales.		

Bn History:

Mobilized at Balanga, Bataan on 25 Aug 41, and inducted into the USAFFE by Lt W Nels on 1 Sep 41. Moved to Camp Olivas, 2 Sep 41, and then to San Marcelino, Zamboales on 15 Oct 41. It was disposed from San Antonio, San Felipe, Zamboales on 2 Dec 41 to guard the beaches. On 25 Dec 41 it moved over the Pilar-Bagac road and dug in at Saysayan Point below Bagac where it helped stem the beach defenses there. Was at Guitel about 21 Jan 41 in the Division reserve. After being surprised by some infiltrating enemy troops, it moved back over the Abo-Abo river where it was shelled by our own artillery. Was at Daang Pare below Orion on 25 Jan 42 where its patrols engaged the enemy in numerous skirmishes. It pulled out on 7 Apr 42 and reached Alagan, Linao the following morning. It was routed by intense bombing and strafing attacks of the enemy, and was able to reorganize only one company at Cabuban where it surrendered. Some of its men found their way to Little Bagio and Mariveles where they surrendered.

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G-2, HPA

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 32 nd Regt	Edwin Johnson	Col Inf	
ExO	Charles Zurick	Maj Inf	
G-1	Marcial Zamora	1 st Lt Inf	Killed during lib.
G-2	Estanislao Aragon	Capt Inf	Deceased
G-2 (Asst)	Nieva	2 nd Lt Inf	
G-3	Humberto T. Estanislao	Capt Inf	LSP #17
G-4	Mannel Romasanta	Capt USG O-32849	QM
G-4 (Asst)	Gemil Vilonen	1 st Lt Inf	Demobilized
CO, Hq Bn	MacCullon	Capt Inf	
CO, Combat Co	Carlos Tuano	1 st Lt Inf	
	Moises del Rosario	3 rd Lt Inf	
	Fabros	2 nd Lt Inf	
Battal Officer	Artemio Arsaga	1 st Lt Inf	
CO, Hq & Hq Co	Alfredo de la Cruz	1 st Lt Inf	CID
ExO	Tomas Harder	2 nd Lt Inf	
	Francisco Lacanara	3 rd Lt Inf	
Attached Chap	Teofilo Prutas	1 st Lt, Ch-S	CID
CO, Med Co	Vicente Henson	Capt, MC	
ExO	Galang	1 st Lt, MC	
Veterinary Off	Pantaleon Escobar	1 st Lt, MC	
Miscellaneous			
CO, Hq & Hq	Gregorio Javier	3 rd Lt Inf	
Hq & Bn	Alfonso Soriano	3 rd Lt Inf	
Sig O	Cesar Polintan	2 nd Lt Sig C	

Regimental History:

Mobilized at Camp Olivas on 28 Aug 41. Key officers were sent to Camp Dau for training. The Regiment was inducted at Camp Olivas on 1 Nov 41. The Regiment moved to San Marcelino, Zambales, on 5 Dec 41, with the Division, and was disposed on 18 Dec 41 on the beach defenses between San Felipe and Candelaria. The Regiment was sent to Moron via the Pilar-Bagac road arriving 25 Dec 41 where it laid beach defenses. The Division was relieved by the 1st Regular Division during the first week of Jan. The Regiment was placed in the reserve at Bagac until 16 Jan 42 when it moved to Guitol, staying there only one night, after which it was sent (minus the 3rd Bn) to Abucay. It withdrew about 20 Jan 42 to the Orion Cut-off, fighting mostly rearward actions. It was joined by the 3rd Bn there. It moves up to the San Agustin over at the foot of Mt. Samat and dug in. Fighting was sporadic here. On 6 Apr 42 the sector to its left, held by elements of the 51st Div (then attached to the 41st Div) was penetrated. The regiment attempted to close the gap, but was pushed back by the enemy the next day. The Regiment retreated to Linay and then, fighting rearward actions, withdrew further and reached Mariveles where it surrendered on 9 Apr 42.

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32nd Inf. (PA)
 Story by 1st Lt. Harold A. Morey

Lt. Col. Edwin H. Johnson, c.o. Capt. H. P. Houser, Jr, ex.,
 Capts George M. Hohl, 1st Bn., Charles J. Zurick, 3d Bn. & staff
 1st Lt. I. D. Corrigan, 1st Bn., 2nd Lts. Thomas M. Bodie, 3d;
 George W. McCollum, 3d; Morey, staff & 3d; Herbert W. Muir, 3d;
 H. B. Sherman, 3d., Cpl. Fisher, 3d. (2d Lt). Full strength-1400
 men.

Nov. 3-inducted at San Fernando, Pamp. at Camp Olivas. 1st & 2d
 Bns. trained at Sibul Springs; Co. M at Balanga; Hq & 3d Bn.
 at Olivas. g Dec. 2-Lt. Col. Johnson was assigned & became c.o.
 Houser had it before. Regt was 1400-full strength.

Dec. 5-moved to div. camp at San Marcelino, Zamb. No water,
 no lights, buildings incomplete. Dec. 7-to beach. 1st & 2d Bns
 bivouacked south side of river near Maloma. 3d Bn bivouacked
 east side of road in woods. Never occupied beach. Reconiterred.
 Had CP continuously. Operated a co. on patrol up to Sta. Cruz
 usually from 3d Bn. under Lt. Muir.

g Dec. 19-Houser went to MLF as G-1.

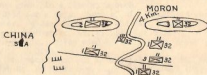
Dec. 24-night moved out suddenly for Bataan. Hiked & shuttled.

Morey went ahead to get location from Blusnel. Picked spot

g KPI76 south of Moron.

Dec. 25-troops began to arrive g 4 pm. 1st chow at 9 pm. for
 Morey-pork & beans & ham. That night a 2M convoy got lost & drove
 up to their bivouac. Had hard time turning then around on narrow
 road. Dec. 26-Johnson moved troops back 1 km.

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Night of 25th Morey ~~learned~~ that Johnson had so rushed out that his S-4 left 250,000 rounds of 30 cal., 3,000 rds. of 50 cal. & several drums of gasoline. 3 or 4 officers volunteered to go back for it but Johnson would not let them go. Blumel later learned of it & became angry at Johnson because of this.

Dec. 28-Blumel saw how Johnson had pulled back & ordered him to return to top of hill where Morey had 1st put them on Blumel's orders. 3d to fight, 1st to left; 2d Bn in res.

Jan. 2-moved north of Bagac to 45th position for 1 night only to show PA the approved field fortifications.

Jan. 3-moved south of Bagac from Bagac to Saysain pt. & east to ? 3d Bn. faced sea, 2d on MLR facing north, 1st Bn in bivouac c 2 km. south of Bagac east of road. c Jan 4-Zurick to Hq. Bn so Morey was left with 3d whose c.o. was 1st Lt. De Leon. Wired in double apron, in water. Field fort. 7 double aprons in depth in draws. Jan. 11-promoted everybody except Sherman (to QM), Corrigan & Hair (to hosp. never ~~returned~~)

c Jan. 17-72d Inf. relieved 32d which moved to Quitol during day. Strafed ~~en~~ route but no casualties. Sent 50 cal. ahead under Scouts who fired on planes from sides of road! Thinks they shot down 1 Jap plane.

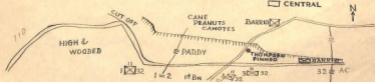
Jan. 18-night. 3d Bn. under Morey & 1st Lt. De Leon, PA, ordered to Hacienda line to replace a bn. of 42d Inf. on MLR & to replace the sagging OPLR. Because of straggling & scattering en route in dark without guides they arrived in place with only 180 men.

Jan. 19-started attack 6:30 am. with 43d Inf. on left, 42d on right. Went across open paddies. Made some progress but when Morey went to left flank he found 32 men had deserted their mg & rifles. 3d Lt. Bell, bn. ex., KIA with wound in belly. Several s.m. K & WIA. Some deserted too so that strength of bn. down to 50 at dark! Did not reach objective, but Lt. Col. Cruz, PA, in 41st div. called & congratulated Morey for reaching foxholes. "But we're not there yet, Col." "Oh, but the units on your rt. & left say you have arrived there." Cruz gave him a flowery speech.

Morey held for 2 days. Some of his stragglers were brought up. Food poor. c Jan. 22-a ~~bn~~ of 43d Inf. passed thru & tried restore line. An American Lt. killed, Cpl Dunn WIA - bullet hit canteen & saved him. Morey used mortar fire to cover so they could recover the Lt. & Dunn.

Jan. 24-w/d to Orion line. 48th Materiel Sq. on rt. then 3d Bn., 32d Inf., 1st Bn, 2d Bn in res., 42d Inf. on left (NB) in all campaign, Hq. was always splitting units & not following the principle of unity of command. This situation, ~~85's~~ (a) Hacienda, Agloloma & Tuol).

c Mar. 2-1st Bn. 33d Inf. occupied 42d area on left.



c Jan. 29-2d Lts. Goff-2d Bn Michad Ewanicki, 1st Bn Clyde White, 1st; Lt Hanes & 1 to, 2d Bn. 2d Lts. Thompson, MP, & Campbell, AC, (gi's) reported to 3d Bn. Bn. front 500-600 yds. 2 strands wire. Wired in well.

Jan. 31-Japs fired from barrie & surgar central. Thompson & 16 Fils. pinned down. Thompson, wounded 5 times in flesh. 2-3 men WIA seriously. 3 would not leave. 10 did at night after AC had tried to get them out by firing from east. Japs wounded an American Capt. who died en route to hospital. Next day 32d found Japs gone & all 6 Fils dead. Japs abandoned much equipment. Afterward bombing & shelling rest of war. Covered mgs. with rice stack. One corner hit & 2 men WIA. Good fox holes prevented many casualties. Holes connected by tunnels. Blinky wanted no trenches. Patrolled as far as Pilar & Balanga with usually a platoon from reserve bn. But Japs never sent patrol to hit 32d. They did not come south of Balanga.

c Mar. 15-1st Bn. was relieved by 2d. A scout agt. went to hospital. They asked him on dismissal what was his outfit. "Porty-Pipth Infantry." He went back to 45th.

c April 7-line had broken or left of 32d so they w/d to RRL. Japs began to come down. Cut-off into 1st Bn which scattered. "An increasing number of civilians appeared," declared Morey. Col. Johnson set up CP with Col Deane of AC & disappeared in command car. Was not seen till after surrender. Zurich & McCollon WIA.

April 8-w/d from RRL down Trail 38 to T 2 & 10. New line planned in vicinity of Limay but troops kept going back-scattering & deserting.

April 9-Morey went to hospital #2 then up to officer's casual camp at KP 169. Japs came in & started then marching north to Cabcaban that night. They were given a pass for food & a boat to Manila. Other units were pushed off road but they were allowed to continue. Getting wise, Americans began to fall in behind then-initially a group of 50. Tried to organize into units at Cabcaban.

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In the Second Corps, the new line (from right to left) was as follows:

The 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, on the beach at Orion, the right flank.

The Provisional Air Corps Regiment, U.S. Army.

The 32nd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army.

The Fifty-First Combat Team (formed from remnants of the Fifty-First Division), Philippine Army.

The 21st Division, Philippine Army.

The 41st Division, Philippine Army, on the extreme left.

The Philippine Army Air Corps Battalion, the Philippine Army Training Cadre Battalion, and the 4th Regiment of the Philippine Constabulary guarded the eastern beaches below Orion.

The 2nd Corps area was subdivided into sectors as follows:

Subsector A, under the command of Col. Constant L. Irwin, included the beach defenses from Orion southward to Linao. It was comprised of the 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; the Philippine Army Air Corps Battalion, and the Philippine Army Training Cadre Battalion.

Subsector B, under Colonel Irvin E. Doane, included the U. S. Provisional Air Corps Regiment near the right flank of the main battle position.

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Subsector C, under Brigadier General Clifford Binsell, included the 41st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; the 32nd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; and the 51st Combat Team, Philippine Army. It was in the center of the main battle position.

Subsector D, under General Lough, included the 21st Division, Philippine Army; the 41st Division, Philippine Army, less the 41st Infantry; and the 33rd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army. It was on the left flank of the main line of resistance.

Subsector E, under Brigadier General Guillermo Francisco, on the Manila Bay beaches below Limay, included the 2nd Regular Division, Philippine Army, which had been made up from the 41st Regiment of the Philippine Constabulary and other miscellaneous units after the withdrawal to Bataan.

After the withdrawal from Abucay, all Regular Army and Philippine Scouts units on Bataan were held in the rear as USAFFE reserve. The headquarters of the Philippines Department, originally composed of Philippine Scouts and Regular Army units, continued to exist under General Lough but these units were never again organized for any combined effort during the remainder of the fight on Bataan.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 112, 113, 114.

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South Luzon Force - Bataan Force - II Philippine Corps

Brief Outline of Activities Prior to and During War

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities on about Sept 1 a SLF Hq in skeleton form was created and functioned briefly. This Hq consisted of Brig Gen. Geo Parker, Lt. Col. C O Wilson, Lt. Col. H. D. Johnston, Capt. Arthur Christensen and Capt. Homer Uglov. Units to be included under this command were not inducted until somewhat later and the troops thus received practically no training before the war started. Only two regiments the 42nd & 52d Infs. were inducted on Sept 1 and no others immediately thereafter.

The elements of the command were drawn up as follows:
Nov 1 - 41st & 51st Infs. mobilized and started training, Nov. 24th - 43rd & 53rd Infs, 41st P. A and 41st & 51st Engrs. On Dec 1 the 41st and 51st Med. Bns, Signal Cos, Hq & Hq Cos, & QM Service Co, so that on Dec 8 the state of the SLF was: 41st Div complete less 1 Anti Tank Bn 51st Div complete less 1 Anti Tank Bn & 51st P. A. and 1st & 2d P. C. (inducted in Mid. Nov and assigned for training only) released at beginning of war.

The 41st & 51st Divs. were inducted and trained in S. Luzon with little training they did have and at the outbreak they were sent to their defensive positions on the beaches. The boundary between division running along a general line thru Lemery & Pandipit Ra.- Id. in Lake Taal - Tagaytay and Las Pinas inclusive to the 41st Div. The rest of the coastline was defended by the 51st Div with Manila sector unoccupied due to location of the fortified Ids. On Dec 29th the 1st Reg Div was assigned to the beaches between Infanta & Mauban inclusive and was given the road net in rear of it.

On about Dec 12 the Japanese landed at Legaspi after previously bombing Davao, Legaspi, Nichols Field, Cavite and sections in the BLP territory and started to move N towards the main part of Luzon by rail and by road. Units of the 52nd Inf were sent S to meet them - one Co. along the road and one Bn was split up - its elements being drawn and given different missions - to contact and delay the enemy as long as possible, destroy bridges and military equipment and impede the progress of the enemy as much as they were able.

The Second Phase of SIF activities began on Dec 24 when the enemy landed in force at Atimonan and Mauban. The units of the 52d sent S encountered many adventures of war not covered here, some being cut off and breaking thru - others making their way N to join their organization later. On the afternoon of Dec 24 Gen Parker's Hq. was moved to Bataan and the Bataan Force consisting of the 11st Div., 41st Div., parts of the Phil Div., Hq and other misc. units. Gen Jones took command of the SIF upon Gen Parker's departure (his Div. the 41st having reverted to the Bataan Force).

By the night of Dec 24th the "Js" had crossed the Mts. at Atimonan to Malibyer and at Mauban had reached the Eig-Sag at Sagsalec. The enemy from Atimonan advanced in successive stages and by nightfall of the 25th were at Lugana, Tayabas, 26th Candalaria, 27th Tignang and on the night of 27-28 contact was broken in that area as the troops were ordered to Bataan. At Mauban the 1st Inf less 1 Bn retreated to positions on the Laruna-Tayabas boundary night of Dec. 25, Louisiana 26th broke contact on the 27th and withdrew to Bataan via Pagasanjan, Sta. Cruz, Los Banos and Manila. One Bn at Tignauan remained there until the 28th with no contact and withdrew on the 28th. The regiments in the SIF were reshuffled on the night of the 27th and were shuttled into Bataan - no contact being made with the enemy. By Dec 31st Gen. Jones and his Hq. had arrived at Flaridel & contacted Gen. Wainwright. By order of USAFFE Gen Jones was put in command of remains of the 71st & 91st Divs. then at Baling and stayed there to cover the withdrawal of the SIF thru then Dec 31st - Jan 1. By morning of the 1st these units and Gen Jones arrived in Bataan and the SIF ceased to exist. (Note: Assg'd to SIF prior to this date and moved to Tagartay pos. was the Prov. Constab. Brigade. Three days were absorbed moving in and thru more out - no contact being made with the enemy).

As part of the 1d Phase of the SIF the Bataan Force existed from Dec. 24 - Jan 6 its function having been to organize the position in Bataan and assist in their occupancy.

By the night of Jan 5-6 the last elements of the SIF had withdrawn into Bataan leaving the covering force at Layac Jet, exposed to the enemy. Organized from right to left in line the pos. contained the 71st Div., 31st Inf (US), and 26th Cav. At 8:00 A Jan 6 our art'y sighted the enemy and began to register on them and at 9:00 A.J. art'y appeared on the road to be re-

inforced by other art'y units soon thereafter and a fierce art'y
duel ensued. The "Js" also bombarded portion of the 31st Inf
with superior fire and by nightfall the right of the 31st and part
of the 71st Div had pulled back. At about 10 P. the entire line
was ordered withdrawal behind the Abucoy position which movement
was executed in great confusion. The 28th Cav, not receiving
the order was cut off and withdrew through the Mts. One Bn of the
(23d) F.A. was badly shot up and lost all but one gun. The 1st
Bn of the 88th FA retreated in order saving all guns.

The Main Battle Position previously organized, was occupied
originally by the II Philippine units from right to left 57th Inf,
41st Division and 51st Div. the 57th turning its flank on the beach
at Natabang and the 51st Div tying in with the I Corps at Mt. Natib
This position was shelled almost constantly daily particularly on
the left flank of the 41st Div. and the right of the 51st Div. The
Js effected a penetration in that sector and between the 41st Div.
and 57th Inf left and the 31st Inf (US) and 45th Inf (PG) were sent in
to counter attack at Abucoy hacienda, the 21st Div being sent in
to reinforce the MBR on the front of the 41st Div. The counter
attack was successful, heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy
and mopping up operation were in progress when the retreat in the I
Corps Sector made a withdrawal from the Main Battle Position to the
Reserve Orion-Batang pos. necessary. Some Js had infiltrated thru the
reserve Orion-Batang pos. had the withdrawal not been made.

The withdrawal was accomplished with a considerable confusion
during which aggressive action by "J" art'y, air corps and ground
troops might have ended the war before the end of January. The position
was occupied and divided into subsector as follows from the
beach near Limay- North to, Orion - to the Pantangan. SS-A under
Col. Irwin- 31st Inf. PA, PA Air Corps Bn, and PA Training Cadre;
SS-B-Col Deanes - Prov. Regt. U.S.A. Air Corps, SS-C Gen Blumel
- 41st Inf (to March 1), 51st Div less 31st & 32nd Infs, 51st Combat
Team, SS-D Gen Lough - 21st Div on right - 41st Div. on left and
33rd Inf on extreme left flank prior to Mar. 1 after which it became
Corps reserve and the 41st Inf sent from SS-C to SS-D. The Philippine
Division, part of which was to have occupied the front line was broken
up as Corps and Army Reserve and was employed piecemeal wherever neces-
sity dictated. Its Hq continued to exist under Gen. Lough but never
until the final futile effort was it brought together in any attempt
at concerted effort.

The Reserve Battle Position was further prepared and fortified after occupancy - lowlands flooded, trenches dug, camouflage created, barbed wire strung etc & patrol action was constant but not pressure was exerted until the first of April. Here as in the I Corps the "J's" entrenched and awaited reinforcements.

Toward the latter part of March enemy truck, tank and artillery columns were sighted on the roads and near areas and it was obvious that an offensive had been planned. This push came beginning April 3 at about 8 A with intensive shelling, dive bombing, high level bombing and a general attack in the 42d Inf areas and by nightfall these units had retreated in confusion down trails #6 and #29 to trail #8, the 42d Inf completely disintegrating and disappearing. The 43d Inf was contacted by Gen Lough and ordered to reorg. and moved back up #6 on April 4. However, it was again hit by mass artillery, broke up and disappeared. The 1st Inf. not so hard hit moved N along the road and was not attached in force. On the night of April 4, the 33d Inf in Corps Res. Along Tr #44, about 1 Km N of #6 & 44, was ordered N to reinforce the line, but was not heard from thereafter. On April 4th "J" tanks appeared along the Pilar-Bagac road, some started down trail #28 and went back, and a number worked down the Pilar-Bagac Road behind the MIA of the 21st Div along the Talisey R. The 21st Div then withdrew under pressure to the ~~SE~~ on the slopes of Mt. Samat. In the face of these attacks and withdrawal by the night of April 4, the line existed with a large salient in ~~SE~~ and units were located as follows: 1st Inf on extreme left astride trail #29, a large Jap on its right to the 21st Div on the forward slopes of Mt. Samat, 31st ~~Inf~~, 32d Inf, Prov. AC Regt; 31st Inf PA AC Bn and the PATC. The 31st Inf US had been ordered from its bivouac area to Jct to trs #2 & #10 on April 4 and was in that area that night.

On April 5 the enemy moved down tr #6 and across the face of Samat and by night they had control of trail #64 to the CP of the 21st Div, and were working up the E slope of Mt. Samat. The extent of the penetration by the "J's" was not known exactly and a counter attack involving the 45th Inf (PS) up trail #29 with tank support and the 31st Inf (US) up astride #44, thence up #64 to #44- then up #4 to reinforce and establish the line. Before this could be accomplished in April 6 remnants of the 21st Div came thru the 31st Inf pos. and heavy fire was received from the enemy in Mt. Samat. Heavy pressure on the front and left of the 31st Inf forced its withdrawal to the S. bank of the San Vicente by nightfall of the 6th. The enemy also forced his way up trails #6 & #44 in April 6, the 1st Bn 47th Inf having been ordered to Jct #6 & #44 to be disposal of Gen. Lough.

Before the 57th Bn could reach Gen Lough, however, his Hq was cut off by the enemy on Trail 8 and the Bn of the 27th was forced to take up a defensive position behind the San Vicente R. at the Jct #2 & #46. The tank support of the 45th Inf arrived late and that unit was forced S on trail #29 and into the I Corps sector.

Thus by nightfall of April 6th situation was almost hopeless. On the extreme left the 45th Inf counter offensive up Tr #29 was nipped and it, with Gen Lough's Hq. was cut off from II Corps. The "J's" had routed the 41st Div and followed it up trails #6 & #44 where the 1st Bn 57th encountered the enemy and held them E. of the San Vicente at Trail Jct #8 & #45. On the San Vicente a large gap existed and then the 31st Inf (US) had gone into pos. connecting with the 51st GP of Gen Blusmel on its right flank. Our art'y had been overwhelmed and silenced and the 41st FA guns had all been captured.

On April 7 an attempt was made to organize a defensive line along the Patoc trail (#64) with 201st and 202d Engrs filling the gap between the 97th (2d Bn. in pos, with 1st Bn night of April 6) and 31st Inf (US) and SS-C units. The 26th Coy and 14th Engrs also moved up, the 26th at Jct. #2 & #10 being turned over to Gen. Blusmel & the Engrs. to Col. Tilly who was with the 57th Inf GP and its 3d Bn, attached to SS-C and Gen. Blusmel. The "J's" followed up their aggressive move of the 5th and not only cut trail #46 but staged a separate attack in the 32d Inf area in the right half of SS-C forcing the withdrawal of the 51st GP, along with the 31st (US) to the S bank of the San Vicente and extend a line with the 3d Bn 97th Inf, & 21st & 31st Engrs. The 201st & 202d Engrs had failed to arrive at their position on the Patoc Trail before the enemy cut it and those units were scattered & disintegrated. Thus Gen Blusmel decided to continue the withdrawal to the S bank of the Manala R where, after consultation with commanders of the 26th Coy, 57th Inf, 31st Inf (US) and Engrs, he decided to withdraw all elements to the Alangan R which long retreat was affected before dawn of the 8th.

April 8th found the line held behind the Alangan R. in a confused state due to hasty retreat and mistaken routes of withdrawal. It was obvious from the outset that this position was untenable. All 37 mm guns and automatic weapons had been lost, nearly all 155 mm. were of ammunition. In addition the men were almost completely exhausted by the long marches and days without food. The 26th Coy, which had moved from #2 & #10 to #2 & #46 covered the withdrawal of other units & then withdrew to the above pos. itself.

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It was intended that new position would be occupied with the 26th Cav, 57th Inf and 31st Inf in line & the 14th Engrs in reserve, but due to a mistake in retiring between new and old trails #20 a scramble ensued and the line was established with the 26th Cav and 14th Engrs astride Trail #20, 31st & 57th to E of old #20 - a big gap to the 803d Engrs, PAC, 31st Inf PA and the 4th PG, (the 4th PG and 803d Engrs having been brought up during the night)

During the morning of the 8th J's bombed the line heavily and the 4th PG and the 31st Inf PA pulled out. Enemy tanks & Inf followed up quickly down trail #20 and soon surrounded the position set that by the night of the 8th the entire line was untenable and further withdrawal became necessary. Orders were confused as were the troops who scattered badly. The bulk of them escaped down new #20 - others cross country. Col. Tilly, Col. Brady & Col. Saint of the 57th Inf, 31st Inf & 14th Engrs respectively managed to gather parts of their commands by the morning of the 9th. At 3 A, Maj. Christensen Ass't G-3 for II Corps met Gen. Blumel at Jet #12 & #20 received order to surrender. Gen. Blumel was ordered to take up a position behind the Lasso R. but instead he left a screen and moved troops the rear where surrender came later that day.

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESSENT STATION
CO, 1st Bn	: Hohl	: Maj Inf	:
ExO (Acting)	: Andras V. Ochotorena	: Capt Inf	: JAGS
S-1	:	:	:
S-2	:	:	: Manila
S-2 (Asst)	: Marcial Zamora	: 1 st Lt Inf	: Killed by Japs '44
S-3	: Cirilaco Orave	: 1 st Lt Inf	: Murdered by Japs
S-4	: Andras Ochotorena	: Capt Inf	: JAGS
Hq & Hq Serv Co	:	:	:
CO, Co "A"	: Juan Esquerria	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
2nd in Comd	: Golofredo Posadas	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Cesar Jayme	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Leonardo Espiritu	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "B"	: Guillermo Canlas	: Capt Inf	:
2nd in Comd	: Narciso de Garcia	: Lt Col Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Segundo Torres	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "C"	:	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Antonio David	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Marcial dela Cruz	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

2d in Comd : Alejandro Soriano 1st Lt Inf

CO, Co "D"	: Emilio Madrid	: Capt Inf	: MPC
Leader, 1st Pl	: Constanto Cruz	: 2 nd Lt Inf	: PARPD
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Amado Masangsons	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Gavino Oliveros	: Lt Col Inf	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

2d in Comd Gavino Oliveros Lt Col Inf 2nd Repl Bn

Bn History:

Mobilized at Sibal Spring, Bulacan on 1 Nov 41. Joined Regiment 1 Dec at Camp Olivas. Was with Regiment throughout the campaign.

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CO, 2d Bn	Juan Villasaeta	1st Lt Inf	4th Repl Bn
Co	Mamuel Madrigal	1st Lt Inf	G-2
S-1	Mamuel Madrigal	1st Lt Inf	G-2
S-2	Jose Lama	3rd Lt Inf	
	Gregorio, Jose	3rd Lt Inf	
S-3	Gregorio Nistrimundo	2nd Lt Inf	Col, Camp Ord
S-4			
JO	Eduardo Laurola	3rd Lt Inf	
Hq & Hq Serv Co	Ricardo G. San Pedro	Lt Inf	G-1
CO, Co "E"	Pedro Accata	Capt Inf	Local, LCB, Murphy
2nd in Comd	Pacipit	3rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 1st Pl	Federico Aquino	3rd Lt Inf	Murphy
Leader, 2nd Pl	Corpus	3rd Lt Inf	Dead
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

	Policarpio H. Amor	1st Lt Inf	
CO, Co "F"	Vicente Gracante Jr		
Leader, 1st Pl	Vitaliano Villavicencio	3rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Valentin Estralin	2nd Lt Inf	
Leader, 3rd Pl	Federico Aquino	3rd Lt CWS	
1st Sgt	Antonio Villa		
History:	Lois Samson	3rd Lt Inf	

CO, CO "G"			
Leader, 1st Pl	Jorge Santos	3rd Lt Inf	O-33158
Leader, 2nd Pl			
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

2d in Comd Pantaleón Aguas : 2nd Lt Inf O-42475

CO, Co "H"	Combalay	1st Lt Inf	
Leader, 1st Pl	Pedro Yunol	2nd Lt Inf	PARFD
Leader, 2nd Pl			
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

Bn History:

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CO, 3d Bn	Modesto de Leon	Maj	Deceased
ExO	Miguel Acierito		PARPD
S-1	Cincero Cruz	1 st Lt	Dead
S-2	Mariano Dixon	3 rd Lt	CMCGR
S-3			
S-4	Alvarez	2 nd Lt	Deceased
Hq & Hq Serv Co	Bolaong	1 st Lt	Deceased
CO, Co "I"	Mariano Dinglasan	1 st Lt	Camp Murphy
2nd in Comd	Jose Canlas	2 nd Lt	Camp Murphy
Leader, 1st Pl	Ricardo Romero	2 nd Lt	PARPD
Leader, 2nd Pl	Librado Santos	2 nd Lt	PARPD
Leader, 3rd Pl	Miaraes	3 rd Lt	
1st Sgt	Aquirre		

History:

Mariano Dinglasan

CO, Co "K"	Cesar Mason	Capt Inf	DE 3 rd Camp Compl
2nd in Comd	Cigarra	2 nd Lt	
Leader, 1st Pl	Ricardo Zablan	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Ricardo de Santos	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 3rd Pl	Cesar Mason	Capt Inf	
1st Sgt			

History:

Leader 1st Platoon Flaviano Pasitás 2nd Lt Inf O-33933

CO, Co "L"	Narciso Carasia	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 1st Pl	Jose Gonzalez	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Narciso Carasia	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

2d in Comd Emerenciano Singian 3rd Repl Bn

CO, Co "M"	Rizalino Dilag	1 st Lt Inf	3 rd Repl Bn
Leader, 1st Pl	Bruto Olivera	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 2nd Pl			
Leader, 3rd Pl	Zerba	3 rd Lt Inf	
1st Sgt			

History:

2d in Comd Polintan, Isidro 3rd Lt Inf Cas Div. HPA

En History:

Mobilized at Camp Olivas 1 Nov 41. Was with the Regiment until it was attached to the 41st Division at Abucay on 14 Jan 42. Rejoined the Regiment 20 Jan 42 at the Orion Cut-off. Was with the Regiment throughout the remaining campaign.

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF REGT	PRESENT STATION
CO, 33d Regt	: Louis Intson	: Col Inf	: KIA Jan 42
	: Stanley Jones	: Maj Inf	:
ExO	: Vicente Carbalosa	: Capt Inf	: 58 Repl Co C Murphy
S-1	: Solomon Orllino	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
S-2	: Federico Calma	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
	: Raymundo H Joya	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
S-2 (Asst)	: Bienvenido Jimenez	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
S-3	: Francisco Molina	: 2 nd Lt Inf	: Murdered by the Japs
S-3 (Asst)	: Lopez	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
S-4	: Juan D Reyes	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Attached	: Rason Paras	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
CO, Hq Bn	: Bulorico Cancio	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
CO, Combat Co	: Marcelino Amoroso	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: relieving Lt Tomacruz
JO	: Tolentino	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
JO 7	: Fulgencio Mosseswald	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: KIA Mt Samat 12Apr42
Battalion Officer	: Castro	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
CO, Hq & Hq Co	: Epitacio Sabajana	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
Ex O	: Francisco Achacosa	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Attached Chap	: Bernabe	: 1 st Lt Ch S	:
CO, Med Co	: Julio D Gamboa	: 1 st Lt MC	: Killed by Buks
ExO	: Felix D Romero	: 1 st Lt MC	:
JO	: Quasam	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Veterinary Off	: NONE	:	:
Miscellaneous	:	:	:
CO, Hq & Hq	: Escrito Guerra	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Sis O	: Honorato Pajardo	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: KIA Mt Samat 12Apr42
Gas & Mt O	: Ismael dela Cruz	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: Murdered by the Japs
JO	: Urbano Garcia	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:

Regimental History:

Mobilized at San Marcelino, Zamboanga on 24 Nov 41 and moved on Christmas Eve to the north of Bagac where it protected the Moron-Bagac road. It was sent to Guitol on 16 Jan 42 to relieve elements of the 41st Division. It was in bivouac when the enemy infiltrated through to the left of its sector. The enemy took positions along the Abu-Abu river making the regiment's flank untenable. On the 18th its patrols were skirmishing with the enemy when it pulled back and dug in along the northern slopes of Mt. Samat, protecting the sector between Km 140 on the Pilar-Bagac road and the Pantigan river. At this stage the regiment was detached from the Division and attached to the Philippine Division under the Command of Gen Maxon Lough. It stayed at this position until the end of Feb 42 when it was placed in the reserve near Tail 2, about 4 kms south-east of Mt Samat. On 3 Apr 42 the regiment (minus the 1st Bn) was ordered to the south-west slope of Mt Samat to close the gap made by retreating 21st and 41st Division elements. After two days of brisk fighting the regiment was disorganized. Some of the men surrendered, others escaped to Limay and Mariveles where they later on surrendered. Casualties in this last position was heavy.

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33rd INF. (PA)
Story by Maj. Holmes

Original instructors; Capt. Stanley Holmes, 2d Lt. Chapin, Hq Bn, 2d Lt Magill, 1st Bn; 1st Lt. Buechel, 2d Bn, Capt. Hultquist, 3d Bn. c.o.'s-Capt Carabajosa, 1st Lt Cabaldon, 1st Bn; 1st Lt. Micaro, 2d Bn, 1st Lt Fernandez, 3d Bn, 1st Lt Cancio, Hq. Bn.

g Dec. 1-Lt. Col. Lewis D. Hutson WIA, became sr. instructor; Holmes, ex & regtl staff instructor. Hq. Bn.-Maj. Theodore P. Crain; 1st Bn. Capt. Crawford; Lt. Magill; 2d Bn. Buechel & 1st Lt. Gallagher; 3d Bn-Capt. Hultquist & 2d Lt. Chapin.

Dec. 19- promoted

After war began Gen. Blumel said Americans would command. Oct. 20-Nov. 24-cadre training-88 PA ofers. & 88 non-coms; 32d & 33d trained together at Camp del Pilar, Pamp. Inducted Nov. 24 at Camp Olivas, San Fernando, Pamp. g 900 men arrived that day. They had mobilization assignment & ratings even to co. Plan to PA well-worked out. Last minute changes, however, made it confusing. Received & organized to Nov. 28 then began 2 day transfer to San Marcelino, Zam. g 1500 made TFFP & then daily a bus load of 50 new men came from SF. Reached 1700 in number. After Dec. 8 went over strength - to 1800 & with added medical collecting co. attached & regtl. & bn. med. sections brought it to g 2000. Authorized 1743 in inf. Full complement of weapons.-Each mg co. had 2 platoons-8 mgs. Combat Co. - 2 platoons, - 8 mgs. Combat Co. - 2 platoons, 1 with 2-50 cal., the other with 6 Stokes mortars.

91st Inf. had occupied camp at San Marcelino & had left it filthy & carried off furniture & gear.

33d Inf. in reserve; mission-protect air field; 1st bn. occupied area adjacent to field for this. Regt. less 1st Bn. in biv. south of San Marcelino, near road.

Dec. 8-moved bivouac. Field exercises, many marches, alerts, bn. movements. Rumors: a motorcycle courier said he saw Jap plane land in paddy-Holmes took out troops to find it. Parachute troops (induced from the dropping of auxiliary gas tanks in almost daily Jap flights over position). No bombing nor strafing, however. On a problem s. of San Antonio near Capores islands Blumel did all the work, didn't let staff operate, got buses jammed troops mixed up.

g Dec. 20-3d Bn atchd. to 45th Inf. for Bagac position.

Dec. 24 - waited for transportation till after dark, then marched. Some information of Japs in Subic Bay. Hutson & Holmes preceded. Shuttled all equipment out. Hauled troops to sawmill nr of Dinapuhitan. Crain was advance agent. Hq. bn. by-passed Olongapo- turned off east of Castillejos & came out west of saw mill. To bivouac KP 1478. ~~Bro~~ Movement completed late Xmas night.

Dec. 26-went to beach, extending rt. of 45th from Nabayo point just north of Bagac to Manbon pt. just south of Moron.

Pilar-Bagac rd

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3d Bn, 33d was right of 45th; 2d Bn, 33d next, then 1st Bn which joined 1st Reg. div. near Moron. Hq. Bn. e. of Moron rd. as rifle bn, in res. Combat co. on beach with mortars & rifles. Trained. Supply problem because few entrances over rugged terrain to beach. Wire & mines s. of Mauban pt. & obstructions. No depth defense because no place for RRL in rough country. Only 1 trail parallel to coast-its entrance KP159. 1 patrol lost in canyon 2 days.

Jan. 16-order came for move to Guitol. "Air protection will be furnished from 6 am to mid-aft." Understood planes of U. S. would fly. Saw only 1 flight of 3. Blinky tried to check with Parker who couldn't clear up order because it had come from Rock. Div. Hq. then n. of rd. e. of KP 142. 3d Bn reverted to 33d.

Jan. 17-3d Bn. left late afternoon 3-5 min. intervals. Div. column bombed & strafed but no cas. in 33d but some in div. Turned n. on back rd (a) KP 135. Hq. Bn. night of 17.

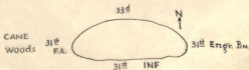
Jan. 18-2d Bn, Hq, det. & 1st Bn. 91st div. took over CP but Holmes saw no troops. Col. Keltner came in. Holmes left phone wire on order & was told by Blinky it would be replaced - never was but Holmes had extra wire he had commandeered while talking up school-house phones. Japs landed vic. of Moron that afternoon with nobody on beach in 33d sector.

(Jan. 19-2d Lts (former em) reported-Jesse Boake, Jolley, 3d Bn; Wyand MIA, 2d Bn. g Feb. 15-2d Lt. Massey (MIA), 1st Bn. 2d Lt. Keimer, 2d Bn, MIA's occurred April 8).

Jan 18-Col Keltner said, "2 transports sighted headed toward Mauban Pt."

2ps sighted. When Holmes reached KP 135 he saw several craters, some bodies & buses looking like sieves. Debussed & hiked up, harassed but never bombed. All 33d in barri:Guitol by dark.

Jan. 19-sent out recon parties to contact 45th. Took up barracks back & everything down to combat equipment on Blinky's order. When Holmes returned to Guitol in afternoon heard shooting on west side & saw truck blow up 20 yds from him. Panic. Several men shot by own fire. Irwin & Barer (Baver?) wouldn't leave fox holes because of wild bullets. Col. Htson shot in hip & Red Williams hit between eyes when they peered up to see what went on. Holmes got up to front & ~~searched~~ Japs in camp field outside barri mangoes. He moved troops to edge of woods by dark after quieting them down. Japs w/d at dark. Then he deployed any kind of troops, dug in; other officers wouldn't take charge. Found some men bayoneted when they were setting up mg. Surprised.



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(32d Inf. had gone to MLR - Holmes said). 60 casualties. Lts. Hilarie & Flores MIA 20 ft from Jap mg., 34 men MIA & buried in cemetery at Guitol. Japs took musette of Lt. Buckel with chow in it. Holmes hollered at 2 Fils. by switchboard. "Hey what are you doing lying down way back here?" Dead. Japs came in again that night but were repulsed.

Jan. 20-many civilians pouring from nw. Holmes talked to a dhobie-a Navy retired keeper of the reservation & his mestiza daughter who claimed Japs had raped her in Abo-abo river valley. CoIs Callahan & Wilson disbelieved reports of Japs in Abo-abo altho they were flanking & infiltrating to bother 51st & 31st.

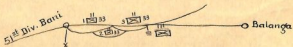
Jan. 21-Holmes got permission to go out & meet the harrassing Japs on their nightly approach. Saw lights behind hill crest. Asked for artillery when suddenly fire broke out from n. e, & w. Mortar duds. 75 crew set up then deserted. Drum & firecrackers. Lt. Garcia, 3d Bn. mg MIA by his own gun when he stopped over it to change sides Gunner let one off, hit him in groin, bled to death before medics evacuated him. Japs w/d.

Jan. 22-cleared fields of fire in earnest. Heard that civilians had been tied to trees & bayoneted.

Jan. 23-ordered meet Blusmel KPI35. Told of Sub Sector C-Filar river to vic. Orion. 33d on left, 32d middle, 31st at right.

Jan. 24-reconnoitered this position but Lough changed order he learned on returning to biv. 33d would be holding force from Bani derrick to jct. of rd joining back rd. 51st div. on left, 57th Inf (PG) on right. To hold for 24 hours till night of 25th. 51st div. on left, 59th Inf (PG) on it. To hold for 24 hours, till night of 25th. 51st didn't join flank. 1st Bn 33d on left, 3d on it. 2d in res.

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Jan. 25-"Troop cavalry & co. inf. on back rd. 4 pm Lough". Nothing in front of nor on flanks of this isolated shell. Left 1/3 of regt. as shell of shell under Magill to w/d 7 am 26th. Told S-4 to hand supplies already dumped in Blumensel's sector to new place. Holmes reported to Lough at KP138 for map & orders. At Jct. T29 P-Brd found S-4, 57th Inf who expecting 57th to go in there, knew nothing of change. (This screw-up in orders & lack of foresight of high command probably result of deciding again to use 57th as reserve-as provided by WFO-3). 57th ordered to leave, ammo & 3 days' chow for 33d ~~but~~ failed to have enough food. 33d arrived into bivouac near road c midnight.

Jan. 26-rained. Boundary Pantingan-KP139. 1st Bn. on left of T29, 2d on right on rd. 3d Bn in res. 3d Bn 2d PC on left of 33d; 43d Inf. on rt. Heard small arms to no. 2 Cas.-I & K-from res. for OPLR led out by Holmes halfway. To go to OPLR only 2 routes-by bridge at KP 141 or by trail KP139. 2 Co's MLR, 1 BRL. All mgs on MLR. Lt Chapin c.o. of OP, Lt. Jelley went with him. Engineers had already dug some fox holes. MLR along s. bank of Tiaser river. Front of OPLR 2500 yds. Held by occupying trail jets. Very rugged between MLR & OPLR. MLR 500 yds. s. PB rd. Hq. co. personnel food carriers. Res Bn & 50 cal. put on hill 1000 yds, s. PB rd. overlooking whole position.

Jan. 28-Japs attacked OPLR. PA killed 8 of them, 1 died later (prob. K instead of having obey order carry him back). Action almost daily thereafter on OPLR. Cemetery near T29 contained 30 PA when 33d left.

Sub-sector D telephone not laid from Hq. till 28th or 29th. Radio (PA) no good. Pack train supplies to 41 div & then carried up to 33d by hand. Got 37 mm. 2 pockets on right - 1 in Blumensel's sector T2 at MLR from 27th for 5 days. All Japs killed 300-400. Another in 42d area when OP driven in. A bn. had to restore it. Holmes had to reinforce OPLR with platoon mgs. 11th div. no OPLR. PC 3d Bn under Maj. De Leon weakly held so Holmes bent back his OPLR nearly to MLR. PC left line with weapons in it to go back to eat. Holmes OP hill was artillery target but no damage because of tunnels & holes. 2K & 2F there. One food carrier climbed hill to see what the shooting was all about & was killed. (Japs tunneled up to Blumensel's MLR because no OPLR had been put out. Holmes fired mgs & 37 against them & in front of 11th div. too) OP in tree on platform. In early days could get artillery but later he had to see the actual targets. Japs were evidently building road parallel to P-E rd. They had OPLR too & harassed PA at night. A group in a bamboo clump fired regularly so Buchel surprised them in daylight with a co. killed about 10. They were dozing in the weapons leaning against hole. Buchel's men, interested in looting, were in turn surprised but they got away with everything-2 auto rifles, mortars, diaries, etc.

During 1941 patrolled north to Illaan river between Waldica & Abo Abo. To Mt. Toeng just west of Abo-river Magill took patrol & surprised Japs digging. Don't know if any killed. Another patrol on left Lt. Juan de la Cruz killed-couldn't get body. Japs used him as bait-PA did too for some dead Japs.

Pilar Bagas rd.

Later each bn. CP'd its own sector.

Mar. 3-relieved & became corps reserve. 41st & 42d Inf. replaced 33. 51st CT took 41st & 42d place in line where 33rd was to have been in Blumel's line. 1st Bn. 33d attached to Blumel. Lough-SSD-had 21st, div. 41st div. & 33d Inf. at first. 33d to reserve on T64 on branch of San Vicente river. Reconiterated all over corps. Trained & fired on rage.

April 3-At 5 pm. reverted to Lough's control & ordered to block Catman river road T 429. Stragglers pouring back. Went to vicinity of Lin's old CP.

April 4-at 4 am he talked by phone to McDonald, 42d c. o., who said "We're fighting a delaying action." (sic-they were scattering for Mariveles). 33d OPLA established g old HUL. 2d Bn in front, 3d next, Hq. bn. on hill side overlooking both. Shelling over 33d into 41st div. trying to collect in hills. 33d in bottleneck of valley at bottom of a zigzag astride trail. Patrols went almost to P-B rd. before hitting Japs. No contact till mid afternoon of April 6, when a patrol of 1 Lt & 2 em. captured by Japs carrying only axes. Very friendly to PA & wanted to be led to companions. PA Lt. gave signal when approached his OPLA & PA fired into Japs.

April 4 night w/d 2d Bn to top of zig-sag.

April 5-Col. Lockwood, c. o. 41st artillery. Capt. Jones on guns fired on 25 tanks & column of foot on P-B rd & broke them up. Interdicted T429 & front of Samat. Ceased 4 pm. firing. At 5 pm. units of Japs crossed 429 & headed for artillery west of 6. Holmes talked with Lough who said, "We're going to counterattack tomorrow. You join in when troops reach you." Then Lough moved CP & Holmes heard from him no more. That night heard fire on T29. Stragglers from 21st div. came north into him. Japs on top Samat using lanterns left by Capinpin. Supplies ~~being~~ cut off, 33d subsisted on chow they found buried (Klin, cigarettes & other luxuries) in Capinpin's CP & 41st chow. Sent 41st Engrs., who had joined him to assist artillery being sniped. 1st Lt. Henry Harris & 2d Lt. Merle Shrock with 1 Co. 41st Engr. attached.

April 6-sent 3 patrols: 1 to P-Brd, 1 to T 29 & 1 to rear under Sgt. Donnelly, 41st div. & PA Sgt. (Never seen again-but Sgt. found Holmes in hide-out. Said they'd been cut off, he turned civilian & got job in Orani as policeman ' Japs tried to flank. Many casualties in 33d. Patrol's on 6 found Japs entrenched 300-400 yds. s. guarding captured art. Patrol reinforced.

April 7-firing in front intense. Detachment at Jet 6 & 429 fired on Japs who w/d. 3d Bn began to break up. 3 tanks came up. Under fire they removed trees; tanks, showed some out of the way. They reached bottom of zig-sag. Holmes planned w/d across country to Limay. Crain, Lt. Shrock, etc. took Hq. Bn. & reconiterated across country s. at noon. Some men deserted into Catman valley. Wounded gathered at Jet 6 & 429 under med. ofers. & told to surrender. Put 50's on 6 & 429 & started across country. Lt. Jimenez, ~~as~~ S-2, shot in left arm just as Buchel w/d when Japs opened with autos. to right. He made it around to Holmes who learned Buchel MIA. Spent night in woods. April 8-washed in Pilar river. Shared a few cans. Crossed 64 s. of old bivouac area. Saw tank & truck tracks. Suggested going down 64 because of better walking & shoot way out but

nobody would follow. Stopped at San Vicente river at noon & held pow-wow. PA ofers. wanted to disperse but Holmes insisted on remaining as a unit. Met civilian on ridge east who said 57th went s. yesterday. Sent civilian & soldier in civies to T8 to see if all clear. They reported no Japs. Near jct. Patig Trail & ridge 8 Japs were walking-apparently flank guard for big column. Americans-Crain, Harris, Jolley, Polk, Shrock, Holmes saw long column on T8 with pack mules about 400 yds. away. They waved to him. W/d to gully north, heard somebody whispering (maybe other Americans). W/d to valley east of San Vicente. Holmes told them he would not surrender, advised them to go home if they could. Disbanded. 6 Americans & 6 PS returned to San Vicente. Stayed 2 days. Little rice & some chow. Went to bivouac area; everything stacked neatly. Listened to Spanish program on car radio but learned nothing of surrender. Found 59-60 cans chow. Few days later place looted. g April 20-went to Bluemel's & Doane's CP. Saw Jap truck which saw them. Last of month moved north to Abo-abo valley. Scouts sent with money to Orion failed return.

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In the Second Corps, the new line (from right to left) was as follows:*

The 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army, on the beach at Orion, the right flank.

The Provisional Air Corps Regiment, U.S. Army.

The 32nd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army.

The Fifty-First Combat Team (formed from remnants of the Fifty-First Division), Philippine Army.

The 21st Division, Philippine Army.

The 11st Division, Philippine Army, on the extreme left.

The Philippine Army Air Corps Battalion, the Philippine Army Training Cadre Battalion, and the 14th Regiment of the Philippine Constabulary guarded the eastern beaches below Orion.

The 2nd Corps area was subdivided into sectors as follows:

Subsector A, under the command of Col. Constant L. Irwin, included the beach defenses from Orion southward to Linsay. It was comprised of the 31st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; the Philippine Army Air Corps Battalion, and the Philippine Army Training Cadre Battalion.

Subsector B, under Colonel Irvin E. Doane, included the U. S. Provisional Air Corps Regiment near the right flank of the main battle position.

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Subsector C, under Brigadier General Clifford Hunsel, included the 1st Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; the 32nd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army; and the 51st Combat Team, Philippine Army. It was in the center of the main battle position.

Subsector D, under General Lough, included the 21st Division, Philippine Army; the 1st Division, Philippine Army, less the 1st Infantry; and the 33rd Infantry Regiment, Philippine Army. It was on the left flank of the main line of resistance.

Subsector E, under Brigadier General Guillermo Francisco, on the Manila Bay beaches below Limay, included the 2nd Regular Division, Philippine Army, which had been made up from the 1st Regiment of the Philippine Constabulary and other miscellaneous units after the withdrawal to Bataan.

After the withdrawal from Abucoy, all Regular Army and Philippine Scouts units on Bataan were held in the rear as USAFFE reserve. The headquarters of the Philippines Department, originally composed of Philippine Scouts and Regular Army units, continued to exist under General Lough but these units were never again organized for any combined effort during the remainder of the fight on Bataan.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, pp. 112, 113, 114.

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The Thirty-Third Infantry, PA, in II Corps reserve, had been ordered to attack north along the Pantingan River Valley on the morning of April 5. The Thirty-Third moved out and was never heard of again.

-Vol I, Triumph in the Philippines, p. 172

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The "Hirpa-Third" (sic) in the "Hirpa-Third" (sic) had been
ordered to attack north along the Red River Valley on the
morning of April 2. The "Hirpa-Third" (sic) was not yet
of again.

Vol 1, Hirpa in the "Hirpa-Third" (sic) 125

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EXTRACT FROM NOTEBOOK #1 - DIARY OF MAJOR WA J. PRIESTLEY

South Luzon Force - Bataan Force - II Philippine Corps

Brief Outline of Activities Prior to and During War

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities on about Sept 1 a SIF Hq in skeleton form was created and functioned briefly. This Hq consisted of Brig Gen. Geo Parker, Lt. Col. C O Wilson, Lt. Col. H. D. Johnston, Capt. Arthur Christensen and Capt. Homer Uglow. Units to be included under this command were not inducted until somewhat later and the troops thus received practically no training before the war started. Only two regiments the 42nd & 52d Inf. were inducted on Sept 1 and no others immediately thereafter.

The elements of the command were drawn up as follows:
Nov 1 - 41st & 51st Inf. mobilized and started training, Nov. 24th - 43rd & 53rd Inf, 41st P. A and 41st & 51st Engrs. On Dec 1 the 41st and 51st Med. Bns. Signal Cos, Hq & Hq Cos, & QM Service Co, so that on Dec 8 the state of the SIF was: 41st Div complete less 1 Anti Tank Bn 51st Div complete less 1 Anti TankBn & 51st P. A. and 1st & 2d P. C. (inducted in Mid. Nov and assigned for training only) released at beginning of war.

The 41st & 51st Divs. were inducted and trained in S. Luzon what little training they did have and at the outbreak they were sent to their defensive positions on the beaches. The boundary between division running along a general line thru Lemery & Pancipit Rs.- Id. in Lake Taal - Tagaytay and Las Pinas inclusive to the 41st Div. The rest of the coastline was defended by the 51st Div with Manila sector unoccupied due to location of the fortified Ids. On Dec 29th the 1st Reg Div was assigned to the beaches between Infanta & Mauban inclusive and was given the road net in rear of it.

On about Dec 12 the Japanese landed at Legaspi after previously bombing Devaco, Legaspi, Nichols Field, Cavite and sections in the BLF territory and started to move N towards the main part of Luzon by rail and by road. Units of the 52nd Inf were sent S to meet them - one Co. along the road and one Bn was split up - its elements being drawn and given different missions - to contact and delay the enemy as long as possible, destroy bridges and military equipment and impede the progress of the enemy as much as they were able.

The Second Phase of SLF activities began on Dec 24 when the enemy landed in force at Atimonan and Mauban. The units of the 52d sent S encountered many adventures of war not covered here, some being out off and breaking thru - others making their way N to join their organization later. On the afternoon of Dec. 24 Gen Parker's Hq. was moved to Bataan and the Bataan Force consisting of the 31st Div, 41st Div, parts of the Phil Div., Hq and other misc. units. Gen Jones took command of the SLF upon Gen Parker's departure (his Div. the 41st having reverted to the Bataan Force).

By the night of Dec 24th the "Js" had crossed the Mts. at Atimonan to Malibay and at Mauban had reached the Zig-Zag at Sampaloc. The enemy from Atimonan advanced in successive states and by nightfall of the 25th were at Lucena, Tayabas, 26th Candelaria, 27th Ticao and on the night of 27-28 contact was broken in that area as the troops were ordered to Bataan. At Mauban the 1st Inf less 1 Bn retreated to positions on the Laguna-Tayabas boundary night of Dec. 25, Louisiana 26th broke contact on the 27th and withdrew to Bataan via Pagsanjan, Sta. Cruz, Los Bancos and Manila. One Bn at Tiguasan remained there until the 28th with no contact and withdrew on the 28th. The regiments in the SLF were reshuffled on the night of the 27th and were shuttled into Bataan - no contact being made with the enemy. By Dec 31st Gen. Jones and his Hq. had arrived at Flaridel & contacted Gen. Wainwright. By order of USAFFE Gen Jones was put in command of remains of the 71st & 91st Divs, then at Balingay and stayed there to cover the withdrawal of the SLF thru them Dec 31st - Jan 1. By morning of the 1st those units and Gen Jones arrived in Bataan and the SLF ceased to exist. (Note: Assg'd to SLF prior to this date and moved to Tagaytay pos. was the Prov. Constab. Brigade. Three days were absorbed moving in and thru more out - no contact being made with the enemy).

As part of the 3d Phase of the SLF the Bataan Force existed from Dec. 24 - Jan 6 its function having been to organize the position in Bataan and assist in their occupancy.

By the night of Jan 5-6 the last elements of the NLF had withdrawn into Bataan leaving the covering force at Layac Jet. exposed to the enemy. Organized from right to left in line the pos. contained the 71st Div, 31st Inf (US), and 26th Cav. At 8:00 A Jan 6 our art'y sighted the enemy and began to register on them and at 9:00 A.J. art'y appeared on the road to be re-

inforced by other art'y units soon thereafter and a fierce art'y dual ensued. The "Js" also bombarded portion of the 31st Inf with superior fire and by nightfall the right of the 31st and part of the 71st Div had pulled back. At about 10 P. the entire line was ordered withdrawal behind the Abucay position which movement was executed in great confusion. The 26th Cav, not receiving the order was cut off and withdrew through the Mts. One Bn of the (236) P.A. was badly shot up and lost all but one gun. The 1st Bn of the 28th PA retreated in order saving all guns.

The Main Battle Position previously organized, was occupied originally by the II Philippine units from right to left 57th Inf, 41st Division and 31st Div. the 57th turning its flank on the beach at Matabang and the 51st Div tying in with the I Corps at Mt. Natib. This position was shelled almost constantly daily particularly on the left flank of the 41st Div. and the right of the 51st Div. The Js effected a penetration in that sector and between the 41st Div. and 57th Inf left and the 31st Inf (US) and 45th Inf (PS) were sent in to counter attack at Abucay hacienda, the 21st Div being sent in to reinforce the MTR on the front of the 41st Div. The counter attack was successful, heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy and mopping up operation were in progress when the retreat in the I Corps Sector made a withdrawal from the Main Battle Position to the Reserve Orion-Bagac pos. necessary. Some Js had infiltrated thru the II Corps, however, and it is probable that they might have cut thru the reserve Orion-Bagac pos. had the withdrawal not been made.

The withdrawal was accomplished with a considerable confusion during which aggressive action by "J" art'y, air corps and ground troops might have ended the war before the end of January. The position was occupied and divided into subsectors as follows from the beach near Linsay-Worth to Orion - to the Pantingan. SS-A under Col. Irwin - 31st Inf. PA' PA Air Corps Bn, and PA Training Cadre; SS-B-Col Doanes - Prov. Regt. U.S.A. Air Corps, SS-C Gen Blumel - 41st Inf (to March 1), 31st Div less 31st & 33rd Infs, 51st Combat team, SS-D Gen Lough - 21st Div on Right - 41st Div. on left and 33rd Inf on extreme left flank prior to Mar. 1 after which it became Corps reserve and the 41st Inf went from SS-C to SS-D. The Philippine Division, part of which was to have occupied the front line was broken up as Corps and Army Reserve and was employed piecemeal wherever necessity dictated. Its Hq continued to exist under Gen. Lough but never until the final futile effort was it brought together in any attempt at concerted effort.

The Reserve Battle Position was further prepared and fortified after occupancy - lowlands flooded, trenches dug, camouflage created barbed wire strung etc & patrol action was constant but not pressure was exerted until the first of April. Here as in the I Corps the "Js" entrenched and awaited reinforcements.

Toward the latter part of March enemy truck, tank and artillery columns were sighted on the roads and near areas and it was obvious that an offensive had been planned. This push came beginning April 3 at about 8 A with intensive shelling, dive bombing, high level bombing and a general attack in the 42d Inf areas and by nightfall these units had retreated in confusion down trails #6 and #29 to trail #8, the 42d Inf completely disintegrating and disappearing. The 43d Inf was contacted by Gen Lough and ordered to reorg. and moved back up #6 on April 4. However, it was again hit by mass artillery, broke up and disappeared. The 41st Inf. not so hard hit moved N along the road and was not attached in force. On the night of April 4, the 33d Inf in Corps Res. Along Tr #44, about 1 Km N of #6 & 44, was ordered to reinforce the line, but was not heard from thereafter. On April 4th "J" tanks appeared along the Pilar-Bagac road, some started down trail #28 and went back, and a number worked down the Pilar-Bagac Road behind the MTR of the 21st Div along the Talisay R. The 21st Div then withdrew under pressure to the REGT on the slopes of Mt. Sanat. In the face of these attacks and withdrawal by the night of Apr 4 the line existed with a large salient in SS-D and units were located as follows: 41st Inf on extreme left astride trail #29, a large Jap on its right to the 21st Div on the forward slopes of Mt. Sanat, 51st CR, 32d Inf, Prov. AC Regt; 31st Inf PA AC Bn and the PATC. The 31st Inf US had been ordered from its bivouac area to Jet to trs #2 & #10 on April 4 and was in that area that night.

On April 5 the enemy moved down tr #6 and across the face of Sanat and by night they had control of trail #64 to the CP of the 21st Div, and were working up the E slope of Mt. Sanat. The extent of the penetration by the "Js" was not known exactly and a counter attack involving the 45th Inf (PS) up Trail #29 with tank support and the 31st Inf (US) up astride #44, thence up #64 to #44- then up #4 to reinforce and establish the line. Before this could be accomplished in April 6 remnants of the 21st Div came thru the 31st Inf pos. and heavy fire was received from the enemy in Mt. Sanat. Heavy pressure on the front and left of the 31st Inf forced its withdrawal to the S. bank of the San Vicente by nightfall of the 6th. The enemy also forced his way up trails #6 & #44 in April 6, the 1st Bn 57th Inf having been ordered to Jet #8 & #44 to be disposal of Gen. Lough.

Before the 57th Bn could reach Gen Lough, however, his Hq was cut off by the enemy on Trail 8 and the Bn of the 27th was forced to take up a defensive position behind the San Vicente R. at the Jct #8 & #46. The tank support of the 45th Inf arrived late and that unit was forced S on trail #29 and into the I Corps sector.

Thus by nightfall of April 6th situation was almost hopeless. On the extreme left the 45th Inf counter offensive up Tr #29 was nipped and it, with Gen Lough's Hq. was cut off from II Corps. The "Js" had routed the 1st Div and followed it up trails #6 & #44 where the 1st Bn 57th encountered the enemy and held them N. of the San Vicente at Trail Jct #8 & #46. On the San Vicente a large gap existed and then the 31st Inf (US) had gone into pos. connecting with the 51st CT of Gen Bluesel on its right flank. Our art'y had been overwhelmed and silenced and the 41st FA guns had all been captured.

On April 7 an attempt was made to organize a defensive line along the Patoc trail (#46) with 201st and 202d Engrs filling the gap between the 57th (2d Bn. in pos. with 1st Bn night of April 6) and 31st Inf (US) and SS-C units. The 26th Cav and 14th Engrs also moved up, the 26th at Jct. #2 & #10 being turned over to Gen. Bluesel & the Engrs. to Col. Tilly who was with the 57th Inf CP and its 3d Bn, attached to SS-C and Gen. Bluesel. The "Js" followed up their aggressive move of the 6th and not only cut trail #46 but staged a separate attack in the 32d Inf area in the right half of SS-C forcing the withdrawal of the 51st CT, along with the 31st (US) to the S bank of the San Vicente and extend a line with the 3d Bn 57th Inf, & 21st & 31st Engrs. The 201st & 301st Engrs, had failed to arrive at their position on the Patoc Trail before the enemy cut it and those units were scattered & disintegrated. Thus Gen Bluesel decided to continue the withdrawal to the S bank of the Manala R where, after consultation with commanders of the 26th Cav, 57th Inf, 31st Inf (US) and Engrs, he decided to withdraw all elements to the Alangan R which long retreat was affected before dawn of the 8th.

April 8th found the line held behind the Alangan R. in a confused state due to hasty retreat and mistaken routes of withdrawal. It was obvious from the outset that this position was untenable. All 37 mm guns and automatic weapons had been lost, nearly all 155 mm. were of ammunitions. In addition the men were almost completely exhausted by the long marches and days without food. The 26th Cav, which had moved from #2 & #10 to #2 & #46 covered the withdrawal of other units & then withdrew to the above pos. itself.

It was intended that new position would be occupied with the 26th Cav, 57th Inf and 31st Inf in line & the 14th Engrs in reserve, but due to a mistake in retiring between new and old trails #20 a scramble ensued and the line was established with the 26th Cav and 14th Engrs. astride Trail #20, 31st & 57th to E of old #20 - a big gap to the 803d Engrs, PAC, 31st Inf PA and the 4th PC. (the 4th PC and 803d Engrs having been brought up during the night).

During the morning of the 8th Ja bombed the line heavily and the 4th PC and the 31st Inf PA pulled out. Enemy tanks & Inf followed up quickly down trail #20 and soon surrounded the position set that by the night of the 8th the entire line was untenable and further withdrawal became necessary. Orders were confused as were the troops who scattered badly. The bulk of them escaped down new #20 - others cross country. Col. Tilly, Col Brady & Col. Saint of the 57th Inf 31st Inf & 14th Engrs respectively managed to gather parts of their commands by the morning of the 9th. At 3 A, Maj. Christensen Ass't G-3 for II Corps met Gen. Blumel at Jet #12 & #20 received order to surrender. Gen. Blumel was ordered to take up a position behind the Lanzo R. but instead he left a screen and moved troops the rear where surrender came later that day.

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t/ RUTH H. ESSERY
Captain MAC

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EXTRACT FROM DIARY OF MAJ. CALVIN F. CHUHN (PAGES 114-118)
RECOVERED AT CABANATUAN POW CAMP ON 29 APRIL 1946
PROJECT "J" ARCHIVE 999-2-214, BK 2
("Dec" entry is 1941. Others are 1942)

g Dec. 21-41st & 43d to Bataan. g Dec. 26-at night 42d to Bataan via Pateros, Pasig, Straggled into Abucaay aft. of 27th. Moved into line Mt. Natib to Hacienda. All 3 bus. on line. Stayed for a week. Then with left on Hacienda extended to rt. for 1700 yds. Initial line-they carried equipment into mountains for 3 days & out for 3 days. (Another example of a befuddled hight command). 43d at Hacienda, then 42d & 41st. 42d Line, 2d Bn on rt., 3d on left, 1st in res.

Jan. 11-Japs attacked at dusk & fought each night. Did not break although Co. B on OPLR melted because of artillery but was put back in time. 3 deserters from 1 Co. No others later. g Jan. 20-counter attacked. Jan. 24-2d Bn shell for w/d. Timmerman w/d 3 km. Supply slow to load on truck because of many quan cans & Japs hit them at 9 am. Sunday, 25th. Lost some mgs protecting loading but escaped safely. Went to KP 138 P-B rd & extended to MOg. 1st Bn on rt, 2d on left, 3d in res. 21st Inf. on rt. PC on left (sic-see Holmes story 33d Inf). OPLR from each bn. initially then later furnished by Bn. from 41st which was in res. (?) OP on Abo-Abo 1500 yds out.

A pocket developed between 42d & 43d. 75 Japs in bull cart trail. 3 companies of 42d cleaned it up. 8 graves of Japs there already. Japs learned the sign. -LILA- & countersign-LALUWEGAN-at Hacienda & used it at night but PA laughed at their methods of pronouncing L's. Japs harrassed each night from the short guava bushes. 1 PA ofcr. KIA on OP. Japs w/d once & 42d patrolled to within 600 yds of Hacienda. Mar. 3-Originally 43d on left, 42d on rt. & 41st in res. Then this date 42d moved on left of 43d. 21st replaced 42d. (?)

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EXTRACT FROM DIARY OF T.T. HARRIS

ORIGIN: PROPERTY OF MR. CALVIN F. GUNNY artillery shell
 of Japs caught while marching to job & killed 4 out of 10 Pils.
 RECOVERED FROM CABANATHAN POW CAMP NO. 1 ON 29 APRIL 1946.
 might be afraid to go out for duty but T. T. volunteered his
 PROJECT "J" ARCHIVE: 999-2-214 BK 1. evening. Ordered join Col.
 McConald. Then orders changed to construct delaying positions.
 Saw straggling 41st soldiers who would not turn back but started
 duty 1st Lt. Henry Harris, senior instructor; 1st Lt. Merle Shrock,
 Asst. Capt. Tinto, (PA) c.o. Organized & trained at Tagaytay. Dec.
 reformed combat Bn. In afternoon, moved to Batangas between Loooc
 cave & Lenary. 1 co. attached to 41st & 1 to 42d Inf. 1 co. pre-
 pared bridges for demolition, Nasugbu docks too, placed wire &
 anti-tank blocks. Dec. 25-7t. Dohin & 2 squads blew up docks &
 rest moved to Bataan. Then into line between 42d & 43d Infs. Dec.
 28-reverted to engineering duties when 51st came in.
 g Jan. 13-1st time committed to action to protect right flank
 of 41st div. Own artillery fell in their area & lost 6 men. 21st
 Inf. counter-attached behind barrage. At dark repelled a co. of
 Japs. g 15th pulled out. g Jan. 19-Japs broke thru 51st & so en-
 gineers had to protect left flank of 41st Div. Filipinos reported
 about 2,000 Japs went thru gap. Some of them had escaped Japs after
 being tied up.

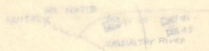


Jan. 24-w-d to new MFR area. Supply ofcr. got scared & left
 behind much equipment & supplies. Harris wanted to court-martial
 him for negligence. Gen. Lim told Harris he could not do it.
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 Harris he could not do it. Harris reminded Lim (West Pointer) of
 the AW. Then Lim requested him as a personal favor not to do it.
 Harris acquiesced. Then next day Harris was informed by Bn. c.o.
 that Harris no longer in cond. but only instr.

(Politics of Lim to save himself) But soon Engrs. attached
 to Gen. Lough-left Sub-Sec. & Harris again in cond. Engrs put in
 30,000 yds. of road - T6 & 29. Artillery positions - "loudspeakers",
 as Col. Hoffman called them. Anti tank blocks in front of 22d Inf &
 41st Inf on P. B. rd. 2 weeks before fell out in front of MFR but
 behind OFR.

Blew bridge at KP 136 Apr. 3. That day artillery shell
of Japs caught column marching to job & killed 4 out of 10 Pils.
The PA ofcr. was in tears when Harris arrived on scene. That
night PA afraid to go out for duty but Lt. volunteered his
platoon & Harris checked on them that evening. Ordered join Col.
McDonald. Then orders changed to construct delaying positions.
Saw straggling 41st soldiers who would not turn back but stared
dumbly at him as he ordered them. Deployed engr. on top of
sig-rags. Maj. Holmes & 33d Inf. arrived. Lough attached.
Harris to Holmes. Blew tress. (See 33d Inf story for rest of)

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Jan. 22-nd to new PA area. Supply ofcr. got second & left
behind each equipped & supplies. Harris wanted to see
the PA for supplies. The PA said Harris he could not do it.
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1ST BN, 33rd INF

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 1st Bn	: Senon Gabaldon	: 1st Lt Inf	: (Did not reach Bataan)
	: Cranford	: Capt USA	: Civ Status
B-0	:	:	:
B-1	:	:	:
B-2	:	:	:
B-3	:	:	:
B-4	: Norlito Alafria	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: GMS
Hq & Hq Serv Co	:	:	:
CO, Co "A"	:	:	:
2nd in Comd	: Jaime Torres	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "B"	:	:	:
2nd in Comd	: Francisco Enrique	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Amado Ramos	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Jose Tomacruz	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Jose Tomacruz	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "B"	: Florencio Ilagan	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: Signal Corps, HPA
Leader, 1st Pl	: Tomas Gomez	: 3 rd Lt Inf	: 3 rd Repl Bn
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "B"	:	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Rogue O. Cruz	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

Bn History:

Mobilized with the Regiment. With Regiment until the end of Jan 42 when it was attached to the Division on the II Corps. It remained with the Division until the surrender.

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 Major CE
 4th CIC Det., G-2, HPA

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2^d BN
33^d INF

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 2d Bn	Felipe Hicaro	1 st Lt Inf	KIA, Guitol Jan '42
	Buchal	Capt USA	
ExO			
S-1	Alfonso La aro	3 rd Lt Inf	
S-2	Antonio Valoria	3 rd Lt Inf	
S-3	Julian Arnas		
S-4			
Bn Surgeon	Mamerto M. Bautista	1 st Lt MC	
Hq & Hq Serv Co	Pedro Ricafranca	Capt Inf	
CO, Co "E"	Genete Genovevo	1 st Lt Inf	
2nd in Comd	Bascaso Bayani	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 1st Pl	Nicanor Quianbao	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Artenio Santiago		
Leader, 3rd Pl	Calleja		
1st Sgt			

History:

CO, Co "F"	Eliseo F. Alcare	2 nd Lt Inf	
2nd in Comd			
Leader, 1st Pl	Miguel Barribal	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Avelino Balingit	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

CO, Co "G"			
Leader, 1st Pl	Pablo Paz	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Horacio Geluz	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

CO, Co "H"	Ignacio Capili	1 st Lt Inf	
Leader, 1st Pl			
Leader, 2nd Pl	Ceferino Sibillo	3 rd Lt Inf	
Leader, 3rd Pl	Reynaldo Rillo	3 rd Lt Inf	
1st Sgt			

History:

2d in Comd : Virgilio Villareal 3rd Lt Inf

Bn History: Mobilized with the Regiment and stayed with it throughout the Campaign.

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3rd bn
33rd WY

3rd BN, 33rd WY

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 3d Bn	: Jose Fernandez (Rel)	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
	: John C Hultquist	:	:
	: (Rel)	: Maj CAC	:
	: Robert Chopin	: 1 st Lt AG	:
ExO	:	:	:
S-1	: Raymundo Yap	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
S-2	:	:	:
S-3	: Felizardo Romhona	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
S-4	: Javier Nepomuceno	: 3 rd Lt FS	:
Hq & Hq Serv Co	: Raymundo Yap Rivera	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
CO, Co "I"	: Generoso Mendoza	: 2 nd Lt Inf	: RPD Maj
2d in Comd	: Bernardo Flores	: 2 nd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Jose Pablo	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Domingo Garcia	: 1 st Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Armin Franco	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History: Covered withdrawal of Battalion from Mt Sanat, 1st week of Apr '42.

CO, Co "K"	: Juanito Alejandro	:	:
2nd in Comd	:	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Patrick E. Shea	:	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "L"	: Albania	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Pedro Morales	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Fernando Isaac	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

	Salazar Banaag	3 rd Lt Inf	
CO, Co "M"	: Benicio Anniversario	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Salazar Banaag	: 3 rd Lt Inf	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

2d in Comd : Yagi

Bn History:

Mobilized at San Marcelino, Zambales on 28 Nov 41, inducted 1 Sept 41 by Col Irwin. Attached on 20 Dec 41 to 45th FS Inf Regiment and helped lay defenses at Bagac. Rejoined the Regiment prior to moving out to Guitol. Stayed with the Regiment throughout the campaign.

OFFICIAL: /s/ GENEROSO L. MENDOZA
/t/ GENEROSO L. MENDOZA
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1st Lt Inf A. U. S.

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31st
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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 31st Regt FA	Harry J. Harper	Lt Col (USA)	
ExO	Miguel Velasco	Major FA O-485	G-4, MPC (PA)
S-1	Renato Tayag	1st Lt FA	
S-2	Benjamin Alejo	1st Lt FA	
S-3	"	"	
S-4	Estipona, Roque	1st Lt FA	
CO, Hq Bn	Henry Crust	2d Lt FA	NIA, Bataan
CO, Combat Co			
Note: (3 American Officers as Adviser were assigned to 1st, 2d and 3d Bn respectively) as follows:			
	1. Capt. Moore	2. Capt. Menaughton	3. Lieut. Cadmus
Dental Off	Daniel S. Fausto	Capt. DC O-23599	
CO, Hq & Hq Btry			
	Fernin Bondoc	3d Lt FA O-32795	
Attached Chap			
CO, Med Regt			
	Edward Normandy Jr	Capt. MC	Formerly with 31st FA
			2nd Bn. then transferred
			to the Regt. Capt. Corona
			do took his place who was
			formerly the CO, Med Regt
Veterinary Off			
Miscellaneous			
JP & JO Com Off			
Hq & Hq Btry	Francisco Bondad	3d Lt FA O-24224	

Regimental History:

Regimental Commander of the 31st FA Regt was Lt. Col. Harper. Processed and organized the reservists called to active duty for the 31st first at Camp del Pilar, Pampanga and later at San Antonio, Zambales after 12 Dec 1941. Organized and trained the officers and men of the 31st FA. The 31st FA was ordered to go to Bataan on 24 Dec 1941. Due to the lack of Artillery pieces the 2d and 3d Bns of this regt. were armed with rifles only and employed as Infantry units. The 2d Bn was attached to the 1st Regular Div under Brig Gen Fidel Segundo. The same unit was ordered to surrender the 10 April 1942 at Trail 10.

OFFICIAL: /s/ Miguel D. Velasco
/t/ MIGUEL D. VELASCO
Major FA
G-4, MPC (PA)

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31st FA Regt (PA)

31st PA (PA)

Maj. A. E. Smith, c.o., Maj. Harry J. Harper, ex. Capt. Paul E. Moore, 1st Lt. Roland C. McNaughton, 2d Lt. George Cadians. These went to Camp del Pilar, Pamp. Dec. 7, 1941 with 50 PA officers & 64 non-coms. Dec. 8-ordered to mobilize. Dec. 9-recruits began to arrive. Dec. 10-major part of cadre went to San Antonio, Zamb. Dec. 13-rest of them went there. Had 3 bns of 275 men each & Hq. Btry. 8 British 1917 model 75's manned by Btry's A & B. B put on beach, & ~~Btry~~ (mobile), in bivouac. Dec. 15-Smith became div. artillery officer; Harper made c.o. Moore trained Btry A; McNaughton S-3, Cadmus, Btry B. Dec. 24-ordered w/d Bataan immediately. Dec. 25-joined division at KP 148 P-B rd. Dec. 26-brought to strength by 322 infantry inductees. We made c.o. 2d Bn. Hq & Btrys C, E & F of 435 men & officers attached to 32d Inf & to extend right of 32d in mountains above Moron. Dec. 27-rest of regt. to beach from Bobo Pt. to Mauban Pt. CP KP 218. Took over naval 1-pounders, 3-pounders & 3" guns. Jan. 6-Mc relieved by Capt. Velasco. Jan. 10-everyone promoted except Moore. Jan 17-ordered to Gintol. Left men & 11 officers on beach guns & moved mobile batteries of 8 guns (4 of which were w/d from beach) to bivouac. Bombing killed 2 & wounded 4 or 5. Fired some into hills where left flank of inf. was engaged. Jan. 24-ordered w/d to Orion line. 33d Inf. & 31st PA remained behind. No contact. Position of Bani & w/d on Capanitan river. Jan 25-6 in support of sub-sector C. Jan 27-31st PA placed in groupment with 51st PA & c.o. was Col Searight, 51st PA. Fired almost constantly until Feb. 11 because of small unfilled gap in line. Lost PA communications officer. Few men KIA. Japs overran position April 7 & lost some guns, some destroyed. Moore, Mc, & Cadmus reached Corregidor.

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR	SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 1st Bn FA	: Zello Perez	: 1st Lt FA	:	
ExO	:	:	:	
S-1	:	:	:	
S-2	: Antonio Montano	: 2d Lt FA	:	
S-3	:	:	:	
S-4	: Benjamin Rosales	: 2d Lt FA	:	2d Concor Bn
Hq & Hq Serv Co	:	:	:	
CO, Co Hq Btry	: Henry Groot	: 2d Lt FA	:	KIA, Bataan
2nd in Comd	: Fermin Romdoc	: 2d Lt FA	:	
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:	
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:	
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:	
1st Sgt	:	:	:	

History:

CO, "A" Btry	: Florencio Perez	: 2d Lt FA	:	
2nd in Comd	: Dioscoro Gaitana	: 2d Lt FA	:	
Leader, 1st Pl	: Zerda	: 3d Lt FA	:	
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Jose Morales	: 3d Lt FA	:	
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:	
1st Sgt	:	:	:	

History:

CO, "B" Btry	: Patricio Buyson	: 2d Lt FA	:	
Leader, 1st Pl	: Emiliano Quintana	: 3d Lt FA	:	
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Jose Capati	: 3d Lt FA	:	
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Pedro Cristostomo	: 3d Lt FA	:	
1st Sgt	:	:	:	

History:

Angel Romero 1st Lt MC Btry Surgeon

CO, Co	:	:	:	
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:	
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:	
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:	
1st Sgt	:	:	:	

Bn History:

NOTE: The history of this Bn is identical to the Regimental history.

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 2d Lt., FA
 24th FA Bn, Camp Murphy

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DESTINATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 2nd Bn PA	: Jose Parado	: 1st Lt PA	: Killed by Gr1a
ExO	:	:	:
S-1	: Modesto Simpas	: 2d Lt PA	:
S-2	: " "	: " " "	: RFD Mandaluyong
S-3	:	:	: " "
S-4	:	:	:
Hq & Hq Serv Btry:	: Benjamin Rosales	: 2d Lt PA	: 2d Concor Bn
CO, "Hq Btry"	: Artemio de Gusman	: 2d Lt PA	:
2nd in Comd ExO	: Jose Balot	: 2d Lt PA	:
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:
History:			

CO, "C" Btry	: Basilio Genson	: 1st Lt PA	:
2nd in Comd ExO	:	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl JO:	Bulosan	: 2d Lt PA	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:
History:			

CO, "D" Btry	: Valente W. Flores	: 1st Lt PA	: S-1, 21st PA Bn, Murphy
Leader, 1st Pl ExO:	Federico Barrera	: 2d Lt PA	:
Leader, 2nd Pl JO:	Sibiado Palacio	: 2d Lt PA	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: U. Pinyay	: 2d Lt PA	:
1st Sgt	: U. Genidosa	: 2d Lt PA	:
History:	Francisco Bondad	2d Lt PA	:

Medical Off	Normandy	Capt MG	:
CO, Co	:	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:
History:			

Bn History:

On or about 12 Dec 41 2d Bn, 31st PA was organized at San Antonio, Zamboales with Lt. J. Parado as CO comprising of Hq & Hq Btry, C & D as firing bties. "D" Btry was assigned on beach defense at San Antonio and Hq & Hq Btry and "C" Btry continued organizing. On 25 Dec 41 the Bn moved to Bagac, Bataan and "D" Btry was detached and trfd to 1st Bn. The 2d Bn proceed to Moron and made an Infantry unit. Late in Feb 1942 due to attack of enemy, the 2d Bn was disbanded and officers and men were attached to the other units of the Regt.

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 3rd Bn	: Lauro Lauron	: 1 st Lt FA	:
ExO	:	:	:
S-1	:	:	:
S-2	: Nathaniel Delfin	: 2nd Lt FA	:
S-3	:	:	:
S-4	:	:	:
Hq & Hq Serv Co	:	:	:
CO, Co Hq Btry	: Jovencio Buado	: 1st Lt	: MPC
2nd in Comd	:	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Valera	: 2 nd Lt	: Dead
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Santiago Gabriel	: 2 nd Lt	: Reverted
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "F" Btry	: Fruto Olivera	: 3rd Lt FA	:
2nd in Comd	: Benjamin Asuncion	: 3rd Lt FA	:
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "E" Btry	: Alfonso David	: 1st Lt	: Dead
Leader, 1st Pl	: Barrera, Francisco	: 2 nd Lt	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Modesto Polintan	: 2 nd Lt	: 4th Regt
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

CO, Co "I" Btry	:	:	:
Leader, 1st Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	:	:	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	:	:	:
1st Sgt	:	:	:

History:

Bn History:

8 July 1945

31st FA Regt under Lt. Col. H. Harper on 15 Dec. 1941 left Camp del Pilar for San Marcelino, Zambales. On 31 Dec. 1941 the Regt went to Bataan in the vicinity of Bagac. There it was divided into units as when the Regt left Zambales. The Hq & Hq Sv Btry under Capt Houson was cut off by the enemy in Pampanga. Then the troop brought up by Lieut. M. Polintan was cut off also in Pampanga.

The 3rd Bn was attached to the 2nd Corps under Gen. Parker as Personnel Guards. By February the Bn. went to Corregidor and moved after escorting the General. On the same month the Bn was made a Firing Battery Unit. Most of its Officers were made Liaison Officers and some attached to Infantry units until the surrender.

Nathaniel D. Delfin
2nd Lieut. FA O-22329

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & NO OF SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 31 st Bn Engr	Ciriaco V. Mirasol	Maj CE 0-11497	TOPO - H # 24 Mandaluyong
	Washington Sagun	1 st Lt CE	
ExO		1 st Lt CE	Died - Capas Way 42
S-1	Emilio Francisco	2 nd Lt CE	Died - Fort Santiago 44
S-2	Avelino Mendoza	1 st Lt CE	
S-3	Wenceslao Del'Fin	Capt CE	
S-4	Ferrin Henson	Capt CE	
	Mercado	1 st Lt DC	NIA during Liberation
Bn Surgeon	Aurelio Zamora	Capt MC 0-32977	
Hq & Hq Serv Co	Vicente San Pedro	1 st Lt CE 0-42982	
CO, Co Hqs	Ferrin Henson	Capt CE	
2nd in Comd	Vicente San Pedro	1 st Lt CE	
Leader, 1st Pl	Conrado Mata	2 nd Lt CE	Died Fort Santiago 44
Leader, 2nd Pl	Francisco Manalac	1 st Lt CE	
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

CO, Co "A"	Eugenio Sotero	Capt CE 0-33958	
2nd in Comd	Eufemio Caparas	3 rd Lt CE 0-26081	
Leader, 1st Pl	Paulo Manangon	1 st Lt CE	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Ricardo Mendoza	2 nd Lt CE	
Leader, 3rd Pl	Guillermo Viacrucis	3 rd Lt CE	
1st Sgt			

History:

CO, Co "B"	Esteban Ramirez	Maj Inf 0-26458	CO, 28 Aug - 9 Apr 42
Leader, 1st Pl	Marino Mercado	1 st Lt CE 0-33757	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Fernando Punsalan	1 st Lt CE 0-22599	
Leader, 3rd Pl	Agtarap	3 rd Lt CE	
1st Sgt			

History:

2nd in Comd	Mercado Castro	1 st Lt CE 0-34560	
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CO, Co "C"	Eugenio Cunan	Capt CE 0-21260	
Leader, 1st Pl	Restituto Changco	1 st Lt CE	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Agapito Davino	2 nd Lt CE	KLD Subic Dec '41
Leader, 3rd Pl	Felix Levit	3 rd Lt CE	
1st Sgt	Tanghal		

History:

2nd in Comd	Mariano Ronquillo	2 nd Lt CE 0-	
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Bn History: Mobilized with the Division. Moved into San Marcelino, Zambales about 28 Sep 41, where they constructed roads, water system, and cleared the camp site for the division. They also strung barbed wires along the beaches. Moved to Moro with the Division and prepared beach defenses there until 29 Jan. It moved to Guitol, arriving the following day, where it was used as infantry troops disposed to protect the Division Hqs. On one occasion on about 2 Feb the Bn was used to counter-attack pocketed enemy troops at Capot, above Orion, near Trail 2. Later it prepared positions along the line of withdrawal of the Division, along Trail 2. It finally surrendered at Km 185 near the Marivales cut-off on 9 Apr 42.

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DESIGNATION	NAMES	RANK & BR SERV	PRESENT STATION
CO, 31st Bn Med			
Adjt	Tomas Cabigao	Capt MC	
ExO	Domingo Alarcon	Capt MC	
S-1			
S-2			
S-3	Simion Claridades	1 st Lt MC	
S-4	Conrado Aguila	Capt MC	
Hq & Hq Serv Co	Conrado Aguila	Capt MC	O-34650
Co. Co "A" Collecting	Marciano Santos	Capt MC	O-33299
2nd in Comd			
Leader, 1st Pl	Vitaliano Castillo	1 st Lt MC	O-33966
Leader, 2nd Pl	Fermin de Leon	1 st Lt MC	O-32866
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History: Was with the 31st Inf. Regt.

CO, Co "B" Collecting	Vicente Paz	Capt MC	O-34669
2nd in Comd	Benjamin Garcia	1 st Lt MC	
Leader, 1st Pl	Angel Laurel	1 st Lt MC	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Villanueva	1 st Lt MC	
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History: Was with the 32nd Inf Regt.

CO, Co "C" Collecting	Teodoro Castro	Capt MC	
Leader, 1st Pl	Evaristo Mendoza	1 st Lt MC	
Leader, 2nd Pl	Edralin	1 st Lt MC	
Leader, 3rd Pl			
1st Sgt			

History:

2nd in Comd	Marcelino Avevilla	1 st Lt MC	O-33136
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Was with the 33rd Inf. Regt.

CO, Co Clearing Co	Cesar Illagan	Capt MC	
Leader, 1st Pl	Lauro Cruz	1 st Lt MC	O-46030
Leader, 2nd Pl	Jose Lizing	1 st Lt MC	O-23402
Leader, 3rd Pl	Leonardo Mangahas	1 st Lt MC	O-33384
1st Sgt	Jose Sueto	1 st Lt MC	O-34479

History:

2d in Comd	Leovegildo Papa	Capt MC	O-22460	Supporting the three collecting companies.
	Asterio Belmonte	Capt MC	O-21452	

Bn History: Same as Division history.

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31st Med Bn (PA)

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CO. Bn			
ExO			
S-1			
S-2			
S-3			
S-4			
Hq & Hq Serv Co			
CO, Co 31 st Med Co	: Prospero Lacamana	: Capt MC	:
2nd in Comd	: Ignacio Nebrija	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Bautista	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Leader, 2nd Pl			:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Julio Abadilla	: 1 st Lt MC	:
1st Sgt	: Godofredo Felipe	: 1 st Lt MC	: (attached)

History: Was with the 31st Inf Regt.

CO, Co 32 nd Med Co	: Vicente Menson	: Maj MC	:
2nd in Comd	: Magbag	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Consorcio Cruz	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Carillo	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Leader, 3rd Pl	: Arzaga	: 1 st Lt MC	: Dent. Surg.
1st Sgt	: Fidel Brigino	: 1 st Lt MC	: Asst Pl. Leader

History: Was with the 32nd Inf Regt.

CO, Co 33 rd Med Co	: Julio D. Gamboa	: Capt MC	:
Leader, 1st Pl	: Felix D Romero	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Leader, 2nd Pl	: Guzman	: 1 st Lt MC	:
Leader, 3rd Pl			:
1st Sgt			:

History: Was with the 33rd Inf Regt.

CO, Co "D"	: Abelardo de Asis	: 1 st Lt DC	: 0-34591
Leader, 1st Pl	: Pantaleon Escobar	: 1 st Lt DC	: 0-42929
Leader, 2nd Pl			:
Leader, 3rd Pl			:
1st Sgt	: 31 st Medical Bn		:

History: Francisco Malit 3rd Lt Inf 0-33494

Bn History: See histories of Regiments.

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