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10 July 1945

SUBJECT: HISTORICAL REPORT

TO : C.O., Land Comm Serv Co,
14th Infantry, P. A.

1. Desire that you accomplish a complete detailed history of your command.
2. For your info and guidance, copy of instructions to accomplish same is herewith enclosed.
3. Accomplish this without delay and forward it to reach this Headquarter not later than 20 July 1945.

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1st Lt., Inf.
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2. If the history of Land Communication in your Organization is included in the history of your regiment, request that this Headquarter be informed of it. Should this be so, further request that copy of such pertinent paragraphs as concern Land Communication be furnished this Headquarter.

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History of Land Communications Service Battalion (Com'g) of

New Land Communications Service Battalion
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INTRODUCTION

Land communications - foot couriers - was the only means of tying together all units of the organizations that now compose USAFIP NORTH LUZON, even way back in the later part of 1942. To the foot messengers fell the sole responsibility of transmitting messages to different units. There was no radio, telephone or telegraph, or any kind of electrical device of communication. Foot messenger service was the only means of contact between units. However, it was not until the end of 1943 that a message center communication net was organized. By S.O. No. 1122 (HQ of the Commanding Officer, Col R W Volkmann, then Major) dated 1 December 1943 authorized creation of message center service of the First, Second and Third Districts, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON.

The First District became the center of communication. By S.O. No. 1, HQ - 1-66-113 (HQ of the First District Commander, Lt Col Parker Calvert, then Major), dated 24 December 1943, message center communication net in the First District, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON was organized. 1-66-113(3-144) (Major Bado Langwa, then 1st Lt and commanding a detachment of the 3rd Bn, 12th Infantry, PA, 1st District, USAFIP, NL) was appointed Communication Officer.

Trial run for the system was on 1 January 1944.

S.O. No. 4, HQ - 1122, dated 30 January 1944, authorized the 4th & 7th, 5th and 6th Districts to establish and maintain message center service.

By 1 March 1944, all orders regarding land communication went into effect. Daily schedules were established. Messengers "normally travel during daylight unless the situation dictates (for safety reason) that they travel at night". (S.O. No. 6, HQ - 1122 dated 8 February 1944). Urgent messages and Special Reports travelled continuously day and night, fair or adverse weather, until delivered. When routes became dangerous thru enemy patrols, messengers travelled by night and/or thru auxiliary routes.

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However, no definite unit was yet organized to take charge of the communication system. Personnel of message centers still remained part of organization establishing them.

Section I

1. Original Unit. It was not until 21 April 1944 that a definite unit was organized to handle the communication system. S.O. No. 15, HQ, 1st District, USFIP, NL, dated 21 April 1944 authorized the organization of Headquarters and Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, 12th Inf, PA, 1st District, USFIP, NL. 2nd Lt Tomas Cosalan was assigned Commanding Officer and Communication Officer. Station of headquarters for this unit was at Tuel, Tabay, Benguet, Mountain Province. Source of personnel was by voluntary enlistment, and transfers of men from the Headquarters Platoon of 1st District Headquarters; 3rd Bn, 12th Inf, PA, 1st District, USFIP, NL; 1st Bn, 43rd Inf (PS), 1st District, USFIP, NL; and later from the 2nd Bn, 11th Inf, PA, 1st District, USFIP, NORTH LUZON.

2. Changes in organization.

a. Headquarters and Service Company, Hq Bn, 12th Inf, PA, 1st District, USFIP, NL from 21 April 1944 to 18 November 1944. Personnel of message centers and relay stations in other Districts still remained part of the organizations or units which established them

b. Headquarters and Service Company, Hq Bn, GHQ, USAFIP NORTH LUZON from 19 November 1944 to 9 February 1945. (S.O. No. 122, GHQ, USAFIP NORTH LUZON dated 19 November 1944 redesignated Hq Bn, 12th Infantry, PA, 1st District USAFIP, NL into Hq Bn, GHQ, USAFIP, NL; and authorized the organization of Hq Bn, 66th Inf, PA (1st District), USAFIP, NL). However, the communication system of the 1st District, USAFIP, NL (66th Inf) was still under the Headquarters and Service Company, Hq Bn, GHQ, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON.

c. Land Communication Platoon, Signal Co, GHQ, USAFIP, NL, from 10 February 1945 to 4 March 1945. This change was made in conjunction with revision of T/O for Hq Bn, GHQ, USAFIP, NL.

d. Hq & Hq Co, Land Communication Service Battalion, GHQ, USAFIP, NL from 5 March 1945 to date. G.O. No. 10 GHQ, USAFIP, NL dated 5 March 1945 reorganized existing message center personnel of each District into the Land Communication Service Battalion; T/O No. 40 for Hq & Hq Co, and T/O No. 41 for Land Communications Service Com-



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pany for each of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 4th-7th Districts. Each of the Land Communication Service Companies are attached for duty and administration to the 66th, 121st, 15th, 14th and 11th Infantry regiments of USAFIP, NL.

3. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

31 April 1944	-----	Officers- 3
		EM ----- 45
30 April 1944	-----	Officers- 3
		EM ----- 52
		Net gain- 7 EM
31 May 1944	-----	Officers- 3
		EM ----- 66
		Net gain- 14 EM
30 June 1944	-----	Officers- 3
		EM ----- 77
		Net gain- 11 EM
		(EM: gain-21, loss-10)
31 July 1944	-----	Officers- 3
		EM ----- 86
		Net gain- 9 EM
31 August 1944	-----	Officers- 3
		EM ----- 139
		Net gain- 53 EM
30 September 1944	-----	Officers- 4
		EM ----- 183
		Net gain- 1 Off & 44 EM
		(EM: gain-45, loss-1)
31 October 1944	-----	Officers- 5
		EM ----- 264
		Net gain- 1 Off & 81 EM
		(EM: gain-85, loss-4)
30 November 1944	-----	Officers- 8
		EM ----- 321
		Net gain- 3 Off & 57 EM
		(EM: gain-62, loss-5)
31 December 1944	-----	Officers- 3
		EM ----- 283
		Net loss- 5 Off & 38 EM
		(EM: gain-42, loss-80)



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31 January 1945 -----	Officers- 2
	EM ----- 307
	Net loss- 1 Off
	Net gain- 24 EM
	(EM: gain-36, loss-12)
9 February 1945 -----	Officers- 2
	EM ----- 322
	Net gain- 15 EM
28 February 1945 -----	Officers- 1
	EM ----- 193
	Net loss- 1 Off & 129 EM
4 March 1945 -----	Officers- 2
	EM ----- 192
	Net gain- 1 Off
	Net loss- 1 EM
31 March 1945 -----	Officers- 3
	EM ----- 30
	Net gain- 1 Off
	Net loss- 168 EM
30 April 1945 -----	Officers- 3
	EM ----- 29
	Net loss- 1 EM
31 May 1945 -----	Officers- 3
	EM ----- 41
	Net gain- 12 EM
30 June 1945 -----	Officers- 5
	EM ----- 40
	Net gain- 2 Off
	Net loss- 1 EM

4. Stations.

- a. Tuel, Tublay, Benguet, Mountain Province - from 21 April 1944 to 15 May 1944.
- b. Bagong, Sablan, Benguet, Mountain Province - from 16 May 1944 to 19 May 1944.
- c. Pangablan, Tublay, Benguet, Mountain Province - from 20 May 1944 to 4 June 1944.
- d. Banengbeng, Sablan, Benguet, Mountain Province - from 5 June 1944 to 16 June 1944.



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- e. Bolway, Tublay, Benguet, Mountain Province -
17 June 1944.
- f. Cabaden, Tublay, Benguet, Mountain Province -
18 June 1944.
- g. Bimmolting, Kapangan, Benguet, Mountain Province -
19 June 1944 to 21 June 1944.
- h. CAMP UTOPIA, Liteng, Kapangan, Benguet, Mountain
Province - from 22 June 1944 to 18 January 1945.
- i. Alibangsay, Bagulin, La Union - 19 January 1945
to 1 February 1945.
- j. CAMP SERECER, Darigayos, Luna, La Union - 2 Feb-
ruary 1945 to date.

5. Casualties

- a. Killed or died
 - (1) Pvt Robert Jose
Lucban, Baguio, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Captured by the Japanese in Baguio on 10
June 1944. Reported killed by Japanese at
Kapangan, Benguet, Mountain Province when
they burned that town in December 1944.
 - (2) Sgt Canuto Diessen
Datakan, Kapangan, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Killed by the Japanese MP at Banayacao, Atok
Benguet, Mountain Province on 29 August 1944.
 - (3) Pvt Adiong Baniwas
Tuding, Itogon, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Captured by Japanese in Baguio on 5 October
1944 and reported killed in Mantinglupa con-
centration camp.
 - (4) Pvt Juan Tawas
Guissad, Baguio, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Captured by Japanese in Baguio on 5 October
1944 and reported killed in Mantinglupa con-
centration camp.
 - (5) Pvt Berto Folito
Boboc, Bokod, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Drowned on 1 November 1944 while crossing
Ambuelao River on mission to deliver RUSH
message. He was last seen swimming across
the river with his clothes held aloft. Only
his belt and clothes were found on the river



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(6) Cpl Joseph Taguison
Banao, Bako, Bontoc, Mountain Province.
Killed by the Japanese at Km Post 95, Suyoc
Bantayan, Mountain Province on 3 December 1944.

(7) Pvt Dekin Agamas
Mnacoat, Baku, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Capture of Japanese at Km Post 95, Suyoc,
Bantayan, Mountain Province on 3 December
1944 and reported killed later while in prison.

(8) Pvt Alfredo Bayan
Banao, Bako, Bontoc, Mountain Province.
Captured by Japanese at Km Post 95, Suyoc,
Bantayan, Mountain Province on 3 December
1944 and reported killed later while in prison.

(9) Pvt Cas-ang Bugong
Asin, Itogon, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Killed by Japanese at Bagong, Itogon, Benguet,
Mountain Province on 24 January 1945.

(10) Pvt Wading Bacok
Lao-angan, Lapangan, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Died after suffering from acute stomach pains
while in charge of camp construction, alternate
camp, in Lao-angan, Lapangan, Benguet, Mountain
Province on 3 September 1944.

b. Wounded

(1) Pvt Patalion Tolero
Tablay, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Wounded at Alapang, Lapangan, Benguet, Mountain
Province on February 1945 during the Japanese
attacks on the town.

(2) Pvt Casoro Popat
Kamagtey, Baku, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Wounded at Alapang, Lapangan, Benguet, Mountain
Province on 1 February 1945 also during the Jap
attack on Lapangan.

(3) Pvt Calixto Ladaa
Itogon, Benguet, Mountain Province.
Wounded at Bagong, Itogon, Benguet, Mountain
Province on 24 January 1945.



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Section II

1. Land Communication Service was not only limited within the area of USAFIP NORTH LUZON. As early as 1943, contacts with other units as far as Zambales, Tayabas, and even in the Bicol regions have been made by the foot couriers.

2. With CAMP UTOPIA (Liteng, Kapangan, Benguet, Mountain Province) as the communication center, message center routes were established to the 121st Infantry, PA, USAFIP, PL thru La Union and as far south as Eastern Pangasinan, and then north thru Ilocos Sur, Abra and Ilocos Norte in the area of the 15th Infantry, PA, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON; another axis of communication goes southeast as far as Nueva Viscaya in the area of the 14th Infantry, PA, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON; and still another goes northeast thru Isabela, Cagayan and northern Mountain Province in the area of the 11th Infantry, PA, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON. In other words, hundreds of message centers and relay stations were spread all over North Luzon, maintaining contacts between all units.

3. Though delivery of messages is its prime mission, the Land Communication Service personnel performed such other duties like helping the Intelligence Agents - sometime acting as such, them selves - guides and carriers (cargadores) for transient friendly troops, observers and warning agencies for nearby camps and bivouacs on the movements of enemy patrols, and even to the extent of becoming a sort of a propaganda agency - distributing radio news to soldiers and loyal civilians.

4. On 7 August 1944, part of personnel began training in flag (wigwag) and blinker signals. This method helped in a speedier transmittal of messages, especially those which concern of enemy patrols.

5. On 26 August 1944, with a powerful telescope, part of personnel in Camp Utopia were detailed to observation posts thereat, to make reports on enemy shipping observed at Toro Point and San Fernando Bay, La Union. These observations helped in the Ge2 reports of USAFIP, NORTH LUZON to GHQ, SWPA.

Section III

1. 11th Infantry, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON. Land Communication Service Company of this regiment was organized on 5 March 1945. Prior to this date, their communication system was handled by the regiment itself.

2. 14th Infantry, PA, USAFIP NORTH LUZON. (Same as above).

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3. 66th Infantry, 4A, USAFIP NORTH LUZON. Land Communication Service Company of this regiment was organized on 5 March 1945. Prior to this date, their communication system was handled by Hq & Service Company, Hq Bn, 12th Infantry, 5A, 1st District, USAFIP NORTH LUZON, then Hq & Service Company, Hq Bn, USAFIP NORTH LUZON, and later, Land Communication Platoon, Signal Company, USAFIP NORTH LUZON. The Land Communication Service Company, 66th Infantry, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON assigned to Replacement and Casualty Battalion by Fragmentary Orders No. 11, GHO, USAFIP NORTH LUZON dated 24 May 1945.

4. 121st Infantry, 5A, USAFIP NORTH LUZON. Land Communication Service Company of this regiment was organized on 5 March 1945. Prior to this date, their communication system was handled by the regiment itself. It was transferred to Replacement and Casualty Battalion by S.O. No. 32, GHO, USAFIP NORTH LUZON dated 27 April 1945.

5. 15th Infantry, 5A, USAFIP NORTH LUZON. Land Communication Service Company of this regiment was never organized here due to lack of personnel to handle it. Communication System within the regiment was handled by Company and Headquarters runners.

Section IV

1. Until the later part of April 1945, Land communications depended mostly, if not entirely on the foot courier. It was only on 20 May 1945 that a motor courier was assigned to the Hq & Hq Co., LCS Bn, USAFIP NORTH LUZON, to transmit messages to and from Hq, USAFIP NORTH LUZON and its component units, except the 11th and 14th Infantries. Motor courier service was also extended to Base "M".

2. Because of the great distance to the 11th, 14th and other units attached, air courier is being used.

3. In addition to its other duties, Land Communications Service also takes charge of the Army Post Office for USAFIP NORTH LUZON. Its message center work should not be confused with that of the RMC, Signal Company, USAFIP NORTH LUZON.

4. In spite of the motor and plane facilities available at present, Land Communication Service still depends to a certain extent, on the foot couriers. For it is thru these messengers which made possible the existence of the present organization.

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5. "LAND COMMUNICATION SERVICE. (1) Functions. This unit has made possible the USAFIP, NORTH LUZON what it is now. With the chain of messages centers all over North Luzon, correspondence from one unit to another and from GHO, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON to subordinate commanders were transmitted. This unit was especially important when there was no radio communication and when the Japs controlled all the roads. Mail was delivered to the remotest unit within a short period of time." (See III, War h. G.O. No. 25, GHO, USAFIP, NORTH LUZON dated 1 April, 1945).

REFERENCES

- Morning Reports
- Instructions from Higher Headquarters, USAFIP NORTH LUZON
- Correspondence to and from other USAFIP, ML units
- G.O.'s and S.O.'s GHO, USAFIP, ML, and Hq, 1st District, USAFIP, ML, concerning Land Communications.

The Cordillera Mountains along the China Sea Coast, the Cordilleras and the Sierra Madre mountains of Northern Luzon, in particular, offered a natural hideout and headquarters of the brave and courageous guerrillas. Every now and then, the enemy of vantage points. The fervent prayers of the loyal Filipinos for the return to the islands was answered with the return of CARLOS F. TABACHECA of oppression. Upon the landing of Allied 1st Lt., Inf. forces in Luzon, with renewed enthusiasm and grim determination, the remnants of the guerrillas immediately managed to join. Barricos, towns, and provinces were liberated in record time. The loyal citizens of the benevolence and kindness of the Liberation Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS

FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
IN THE FIELD
22 July 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Report
TO : CO, USAFIP, NL, Camp Spencer
Att'n: Adjutant General

1. ORIGINAL UNIT - The heroic and memorable stand of the Filipino-American soldiers at Bataan having been climaxed by its lamentable fall upon the final surrender of Major General Wainwright, 7 May 1942 to the ruthless Japanese invaders, the epochal Guerilla Forces, composed of isolated and driven USARF soldiers as well as daring civilians, sprang like mushrooms throughout the archipelago to continue armed resistance against dictatorship and tyranny ever aglow in their hearts that someday, somehow, the flame of liberty will once more shine over the Philippines.

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The Japanese, of course, ever boastful of their might, did not however overlook the wrath of America's revenge. They prepared for the coming of their inevitable downfall. They constructed well-fortified garrisons, pillboxes and trenches throughout the Philippines, occupying all strategic places. The Japanese, together with their puppet followers, were easily crushed in the lowlands; but as they retreated to their heavily fortified entrenchments in the mountains, the Infantry's advance slowed down. Artillery support was necessary, hence the organization of the Field Artillery Battalion of Northern Luzon, inasmuch as the artillery units of the Liberation Forces could not cover all the scattered fronts.

a. Original unit -
(1) Designation - At Luna, La Union, a Field Training School for troops was organized under Col Dulay. It was there where the ex-servicemen and civilian volun-

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teers who reported for duty and joined respectively, were given refresher courses and training. Under the Field Training School for Troops is the Replacement and Casualty Battalion under 1st Lieutenant Boronda. It was from this battalion where the first batch of ex-servicemen and civilian volunteers for the Field Artillery Battalion were chosen.

(2) Date of Organization - It was on 23 March 1945 that the frame of the Field Artillery Battalion was formally organized. 2nd Lieutenant PEDRO B RAMOS of Laoag, Ilocos Norte was assigned as battalion commander; 1st Lieutenant NIGANOR B BAYQUEN was the executive. At the outset, a mere skeleton battalion was existing on account of lack of personnel.

(3) Place of organization - It was in the eastern outskirts of Luna (Poblacion) La Union, by the idle ricefields, where the now 1st FA Bn., first saw the light of day. The skeleton battalion bivouacked in that area for the training of its men.

(4) Sources of personnel - At the start, all the battalion officers were ex-servicemen. Some were regular as well as reserve officers of the Bataan campaign. They have just rejoined the Liberation Forces for reasons that their respective communities had just been liberated. During the progress of the organization, Captain PEDRO M GONZALEZ and Lieutenant ARCE were transferred from the 11th INF., Lieutenant PAREDES was transferred from the 121st INF., Lieutenant CASTRO was transferred from the Signal Platoon, Major SIPIN and Lieutenant RAMBOANGA were transferred from the 121st INF., and all have been assigned to the 1st FA Bn. The rest of the officers voluntarily joined the organization.

Almost all of the enlisted men came from civilian life. They enlisted voluntarily. There was but a handful of ex-servicemen who rejoined while a negligible portion came from other units.

b. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION - From 23 March 1945 till the middle of April 1945 this organization was called Field Artillery Battalion, USAFIP, NL, as per GHQ GO # 10. After that date, however, to the present, as per GHQ GO # 38, inasmuch as there was a plan to organize other battalions which eventually shall form a regiment, the then Field Artillery Battalion was re-christened - First Field Artillery Battalion, USAFIP, NL.

In the first month of its existence, this organization

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had but three batteries, namely; "HQ & HQ" SERVICE" Battery, "A" Battery, and "B" Battery. The table of Organization for the battalion then called for 5 stall officers, 16 battery officers, 55 E/M for the "HQ & HQ SERVICE" Battery, and 75 E/M for each of the firing batteries, as per T/O Nos. 20, 21 & 22, GHA GO # 10 par 14.

c. STRENGTH: COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED -

(1) For the month of March -

U N I T	COMMISSIONED	ENLISTED MEN
"HQ & HQ SERV" BTRY:	4	53
"A" BATTERY	2	75
"B" BATTERY	3	73
MED. ATTACHED	1	22
T O T A L	10	223

(2) For the month of April -

"HQ & HQ" SERV" BTRY:	6	59
"A" BATTERY	3	71
"B" BATTERY	2	75
"C" BATTERY	5	73
MED. ATTACHED	1	22
T O T A L	13	300

(3) For the month of May -

HQ & HQ SERV BTRY	6	78
"A" BATTERY	4	70
"B" BATTERY	3	86
"C" BATTERY	5	73
MED. ATTACHED	1	22
T O T A L	19	329

(4) For the month of June -

"HQ & HQ SERV" BTRY:	7	64
"A" BATTERY	4	76
"B" BATTERY	4	74
"C" BATTERY	6	78
MED. ATTACHED	1	22
T O T A L	22	304

4. STATIONS OF UNIT OR PART THEREOF - Due to scattered fronts, the whole unit was separated into batteries, each of which were assigned to places wherein possible fire, against enemy positions could be directed. Movements of each battery are collected and noted down separately from the rest of the batteries.



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"A" Battery stationed at -

PLACE	DATE	AUTHORITY
1. Luna, La Union	Arr. 23-3-45	GHQ GO # 10
	Dep. 31-3-45	do
2. Narvacan, I. Sur	Arr. 31-3-45	FO #2 Capt Gon-
	Dep. 25-4-45	zalez
3. Nagbukel, I. Sur	Arr. 25-4-45	FO #6 -do-
	Dep. 7-5-45	-do-
4. KM 373, HWY #4	Arr. 7-5-45	FO #7 -do-
	Dep. 19-5-45	-do-
5. KM 357, HWY #4	Arr. 19-4-45	FO #9 -do-
	Dep. 5-6-45	-do-
6. KM 373, HWY #4	Arr. 5-6-45	FO #10 -do-
	Dep. 2-7-45	-do-
7. Baduios, Cerv.Mt.Prov-	Arr. 2-7-45	FO#13 -do-
	Dep. 8-7-45	-do-
8. Kolalo, Mt. Prov.	Arr. 8-7-45	FO #16 Major Sipin

"B" Battery stationed at -

1. Luna, La Union	Arr. 23-3-45	GHQ GO #10
	Dep. 30-3-45	FO #1 Lt Ramos
2. Butac, KM 375-376	Arr. 31-3-45	-do-
	Dep. 10-4-45	FO #3 -do-
3. Narvacan, I. Sur	Arr. 13-4-45	-do-
	Dep. 21-4-45	-do-
4. Luna, La Union	Arr. 21-4-45	FO #6 -do-
	Dep. 25-4-45	-do-
5. Nagbukel Area	Arr. 26-4-45	-do-
	Dep. 2-5-45	-do-
6. Suyo, Ilocos Sur	Arr. 3-5-45	FO #7 Capt Gon-
	Dep. 10-5-45	-do- zalez
7. Baragbag Point	Arr. 10-5-45	-do-
	Dep. 20-5-45	-do-
8. Cumieng KM 372.95	Arr. 21-5-45	-do-
	Dep. 24-5-45	-do-
9. Butac (burned) area	Arr. 24-5-45	FO #9 -do-
	Dep. 4-6-45	-do-
10. Baragbag Point	Arr. 5-6-45	FO #10 -do-
	Dep. 9-6-45	-do-
11. Lower Cadsu	Arr. 10-6-45	FO #11 -do-
	Dep. 19-6-45	-do-
12. Comillas, Cerv.I.S.	Arr. 19-6-45	FO #13 -do-
	Dep. 22-6-45	-do-
13. Baduios, Cerv.I.S.	Arr. 23-6-45	FO #14 -do-
	Dep. 8-7-45	-do-
14. Kolalo, Mankayan	Arr. 8-7-45	FO #16 Major Sipin



"C" Battery stationed at -

PLACE	DATE	AUTHORITY
1. Luna, La Union	- Date Arr. 1-4-45 -	GHQ GO # 10, CO, USAFIP NL
	Dep. 25-4-45 -	
2. Butac, (Lamagan Ridge)	- " Arr. 25-4-45 -	FO #6 Lt Ramos
	Dep. 18-6-45 -	do
3. Bessang Pass HWY #4	- " Arr. 18-6-45 -	FO #12 Capt
	Dep. 23-6-45 -	Gonzalez
4. Comillas, Cervantes	- " Arr. 23-6-45 -	FO #13 -do-
	Dep. 26-6-45 -	
5. Baduios, Cervantes	-q " Arr. 26-6-45 -	FFO #2 -do-
	Dep. 11-7-45 -	
6. Kolalo, Mt. Province	- " Arr. 11-7-45 -	FO #16 Maj Sipin

"HQ & Hq SERVICE BATTERY -

1. Luna, La Union	- " Arr. 23-3-45 -	GHQ GO #10 CO, USAFIP NL
	Dep. 26-4-45 -	
2. Narvaan, Ilocos Sur	- " Arr. 26-4-45 -	FO #6, Capt
	Dep. 4-5-45 -	Gonzalez
3. Suyo, Ilocos Sur	- " Arr. 4-5-45 -	FO #7 -do-
	Dep. 12-6-45 -	
4. Butac, Ilocos Sur	- " Arr. 12-6-45 -	FO #11 -do-
	Dep. 20-6-45 -	
5. Cervantes, Ilocos Sur	- " Arr. 20-6-45 -	FO #12 -do-
	Dep. 21-6-45 -	
6. Comillas, Cervantes	- " Arr. 21-6-45 -	FO #13 -do-
	Dep. 26-6-45 -	
7. Baduios, Cervantes	- " Arr. 26-6-45 -	FO #15 -do-
	Dep. 12-7-45 -	
8. Kolalo, Mt. Province	- " Arr. 12-7-45 -	FO #16 Maj Sipin

f. CAMPAIGNS -

(1) Name - BESSANG CAMPAIGN
 Duration - 31 March 1945 to 12 April 1945
 3 May 1945 to 16 June 1945
 Purpose - To support the 121st Infantry, USAFIP NL and other Infantry units in reducing the enemy stronghold at Bessang and its vicinity.
 Authority ordering, - CO, USAFIP NL, FO # 2, 2 May '45

(2) Name - ABRA & I. SUR BOUNDARY CAMPAIGN
 Duration - 13 April 1945 to 2 May 1945
 Purpose - To support the 15th Infantry, USAFIP NL in dislodging the enemy from Abra and I. Sur boundary
 Authority ordering - CO, USAFIP NL, FFO # 9, 9-4-45



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(3) Name - MANKAYAN CAMPAIGN

Duration - 17 June 1945 to date

Purpose - To give support to the 66th Infantry, USAFIP NL in reducing enemy resistance at Mankayan areas

Authority ordering - CO, USAFIP NL, FO # 29, 14-8-45

g. BATTLES - It could hardly be said that the enemy never engaged the enemy face to face, for as is usual, the artillery is behind the Infantry lines always. But no, there were times when the enemy broke thru the lines pushing headway up to the point of the artillery positions. The enemy tried or did take the artillery weapons, and as a matter of fact resistance was offered them, hence many battle was fought. At two places were fought two important engagements:

(1) Name - Engagement at Butac

Place - Butac, Ilocos Sur

Date - 5 April 1945

Forces engaged - "B" Battery

Result - The enemy, assaulting by surprise was able to reach the gun position of the Battery at about 50 yards. However, after reinforcements came in, the gun crew was able to dislodge the enemy from the gun position.

(2) Name - Engagement at Lamagan Ridge

Place - Lamagan Ridge, Butac, Ilocos Sur

Date - 22 May 1945 (Note: There were several times in which the enemy engaged the battery concerned but the date herein mentioned was the most eventful and worth noting.)

Forces engaged - "C" Battery

Result - At all cost the battery valiantly defended their guns so that before the enemies were able to take their weapons they were brought to their doom. The battery received plenty of casualties.

h. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT -

(1) Engagement at Butac, Ilocos Sur

Name - Lt SANTOS BABILA and Lt PABLILO led their men in regaining their guns

(2) Engagement at Lamagan Ridge, Butac, I. Sur

Name - Lt BASILIO PAREDES, the only officer then present uphill, fought with his men against the assaulting Japs. Lt BABILA and Lt BALABORO who ran uphill for reinforcement were not able to reach the spot before they got hit.



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1. LOSSES IN ACTION - Officers and Men

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SUBJECT (1) Engagement - Butac (Lamagan Ridge)

NAMES	REPORTS	ADDRESS	
2nd Lt BALAORO, A.	-	Bangued, Abra	- KIA 5/22/45
Pfc CASTRO, I.	-	Laoag, I. Norte	- KIA 5/22/45
Pfc LUZ, F.	-	" " "	- KIA 5/22/45
Pfc PANELO, C.	-	La Paz, Abra	- KIA 5/22/45
Cpl URBI, B.	-	Laoag, I. Norte	- KIA 5/22/45
Cpl ANTONIO, S.	-	" " "	- KIA 5/22/45
Pfc BUENO, A.	-	" " "	- KIA 5/22/45
2nd Lt SABELLA, S.	-	Bangued, Abra	- WIA 5/22/45
Pvt MANDAC, A.	-	Laoag, I. Norte	- WIA 5/16/45
Pvt MANDAC, R.	-	" " "	- WIA 5/22/45
Pvt MAURICIO, F.	-	" " "	- WIA 5/22/45
Pvt VIERNES, AN	-	Bacarra,	- WIA 5/22/45
Pvt ABERO, SANCHE	-	Bangued, Abra	- WIA 5/22/45
Cpl TORRES, J.	-	Laoag, I. Norte	- MIA 5/14/45

(2) Engagement - Yubo Ridge Butac

Cpl DOMINGO, V.	-	Bucay, Abra	- KIA 4/5/45
Pvt BUENAVISTA, J.	-	Candon, I. Sur	- KIA 4/5/45
Pvt ESPERANZA, L.	-	San Esteban, I. Sur	- WIA 4/5/45
Pvt TRINIDAD, V.	-	Vigan, Ilocos Sur	- WIA 4/5/45
Pvt ENCARNACION, A.	-	Tagudin, I. Sur	- WIA 4/12/45

j. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION -

- c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
 - (1) At beginning of period (3) Net decrease each month
 - (2) Net increase each month (4) At end of period
- d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or part thereof.

k. PHOTOGRAPHS OF PERSONNEL, IMPORTANT SCENES OR EVENTS : None

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Pedro M. Gonzalez
 PEDRO M. GONZALEZ
 Capt., FA PA
 Executive



- (2) Place
- (3) Date

- (4) Campaign of which battle was a part
- (5) Forces engaged
- (6) Result

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
USAFIP, NORTH LUZON
Camp Spencer

9 July 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Reports

TO : See Distribution

1. Commanders of each regiment, or battalion not forming part of a regiment, or independent company, battery, or similarly organized units, will submit a detailed history of the services of the unit concerned not later than July 25, 1945. The file copy will be kept up to date furnishing the Historical Section of this Headquarters any additional information from time to time.

2. The history will be prepared under the direction of the Commanding Officer of the organization. It will be kept and submitted in the following form, the authority for each statement being cited; (Par 13 AR 345-105):

- a. Original unit
 - (1) Designation
 - (2) Date of organization
 - (3) Place of organization
 - (4) ~~Place~~ of organization
 - (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained, i.e. by transfer from other units, voluntary enlistment or draft.
- b. Changes in organization, i.e., changes in the designation of units, transfer of unit from one regiment to another as a unit, or changes due to changes in Table of Organization.
- c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.
 - (1) At beginning of period
 - (2) Net increase each month
 - (3) Net decrease each month
 - (4) At end of period
- d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or part thereof.
 - (1) Date of arrival at each station.
 - (2) Date of departure from each station.
- e. Marches
 - (1) Purpose
 - (2) Length of daily march
 - (3) Points between which marched, with dates.
 - (4) Conditions of road and weather
 - (5) Remarks (Other pertinent data)
- f. Campaigns
 - (1) Name
 - (2) Duration
 - (3) Purpose
 - (4) Authority ordering
- g. Battles
 - (1) Name
 - (2) Place
 - (3) Date
 - (4) Campaign of which battle was a part
 - (5) Forces engaged
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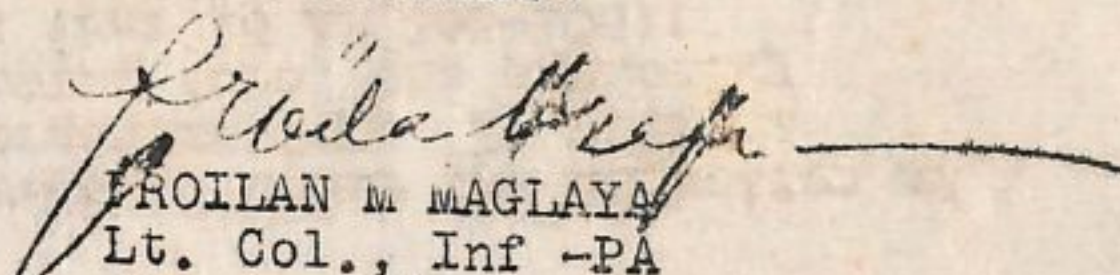


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- h. Commanding officers in important engagements
 - (1) Engagement
 - (2) Name (if different officers commander in same mention each with the hour of change)
- i. Losses in action - Officers and men
 - (1) Engagement - Place and date
 - (2) Names and addresses of casualties
 - (a) Killed (c) missing
 - (b) wounded (d) taken prisoners.
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
 - (1) Engagement-date and place
 - (2) Names
 - (3) Act
 - (4) Reward received, or recommended for
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events

3. In addition to the above, each unit commander will submit a report on (Par 10 Ar 345-105) "Action against enemy, reports after."-- After every battle or engagement with the enemy, written reports thereof will be made by Commanders of regiments, separate battalions, squadrons, companies or detachments, and by all commanders of higher grade, each in what concerns his own command, which reports will be forwarded, through the proper channel, to the Adjutant General." It shall be the special duty of all staff officers with the units in the field to keep careful journals of the operations from which they will compile reports of said operations for their immediate commanders.

By Order of Colonel VOLCKMANN:


 FROILAN M. MAGLAYA
 Lt. Col., Inf -PA
 Adjutant General

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