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I. GROUND FORCES

PLACE	DATE	ENEMY STRENGTH	REASONS FOR CHANGES	ENEMY INTENTION OR PURPOSE
Bogowenis	11 - 4:8	Japs & 3 BC	12 Japs & 7 BC left for San Carlos	Outpost
	15 - 7:19	BC & 6 Japs	7 BC came from Sn Carlos	
	18 - 14:8	BC & 3 Japs	2 Japs left from Sn Carlos	
Vallehermoso	11 - 7:6	BC	2 BC & 3 Japs left for Sn Carlos	Outpost
	18 - 14:	none	no changes	
			Withdrawn to Sn Carlos	
TOTAL ESTIMATED STRENGTH 10 Japs and 9 BC				

II. LOCATION AND NATURE OF DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS: Only Bogowenis and Vallehermoso are being actively garrisoned by the enemy with barbed wires, foxholes and sandbags as defenses.

a. Unit Commanders:

- Col SHIBATA - CO, North Negros Sector
- Lt Col KAWATA - Calatrava to Bogowenis
- Capt NATAOKA - CO, San Carlos Garrison
- Sgt O. BELLA - Detachment Comdr from Bogowenis to Guihuligan

b. Enemy Units: Actively their infantry

c. Armaments: Bogowenis - 1 TM; 1 TG; 8 -30 cal rifles and 3 -27 cal rifl
Vallehermoso - 6 -30 cal rifles; 1 -45 pistol

d. Supply Depots: Unchanged.

e. Resources available: Although as previously noted in former reports as regard enemy's decrease in strength in this area - their capability of asking any needed reinforcement from their unit presently in the Guihuligan-Dumaguete area cannot be denied.

f. Transportation facilities: No change.

g. Enemy Conveyances: Unchanged.

h. Terrain not under our control: Same as in previous reports.

i. Casualties: Estimated 8 plus same number wounded. (to be verified)
This was in ambush operation conducted last 13 Jan 44 around 8:30 AM in Hda FORTUNA by Capt M. JALANDO-ON, (as critic observer) Lt TRABASAS, Lt SEMBRANO and Lt AGAPIYAN with 24 riflemen.

j. Administrative elements: As regard enemy treatment of civilians - enemy are handling them with soft gloves; administration of civil government inside enemy areas are left in the hands of their puppet mayors practically without any interference from the Japanese Imperial forces.

k. Spies, collaborators, sympathizers; None for the period.

l. Saboteurs: None.

m. Ground Movements: Excepting for routine coming in and out of Japanese soldiers on trucks from San Carlos to Vallehermoso - no enemy patrols have gone out for the period covered.

8:30 AM 13 Jan 44 - Three Japanese trucks going to Bulwagan were ambushed by our troops somewhere in Hda FORTUNA. (Refer to Casualties above)

III. AERIAL MOVEMENTS: (All observation made in our En CP)

4 Jan 44 9:00AM - 2 twin-motored planes due SE from NW flying high - moderate speed, clear visibility.

5 Jan 44 8:00 AM - One plane flying high and fast from W to E; poor visibility.

6 Jan 44 8:00 AM - Droning of planes heard. direction: W to E; poor visibility. 2:00 PM - Another droning of plane heard from E to W; cloudy.

7 Jan 44 9:00 AM - Drone of plane heard coming from N to S; cloudy.

8 Jan 44 8:00 AM - Droning of planes from W to E; 11:00 AM - Another drone of plane from W to E; 11:10 AM - Still another droning of plane heard from W to E; 1:00 PM - Another drone of plane heard from W to E; (weather - cloudy)

9 Jan 44 10:30 AM - Drone of single plane heard from W to E.

IV. NAVAL FORCES: (No new report for the period covered)

V. COVER-ESPIONAGE: Enemy informers have slackened their speed a bit (over)

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are now beginning to wane. There can be no negation tho' that there are still present "traitors in sheep's clothing" ever-ambitious to partake of any monetary reward they might get for their activities. However, our intelligence operatives and agents are helping a lot in counter-acting any propaganda being spread by the enemy which may prove detrimental to our organization.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS: Enemy withdrew their outpost in Vallehermoso leaving only an outpost in Bogowia; the unwarranted attack of "Boss" Gemillans' unit on our troops resulted in their scampering back to their hideout and stronghold with a loss possibly of 6 men and 3 wounded (Information was given by one of "Boss" soldiers to a civilian in Bairan) On our side : 2 captured.

VII. ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS: Our recent ambush on the enemy at Hda Fortuna has given them cause to believe that there are still soldiers existing in this part of the woods. If enemy is fully informed of the unit which spilled blood to some of their compatriots it is highly probable that they will commence active operations against us sometime by the end of this month (maybe) in spite of the fact of their seemingly insignificant number for the period in this area. Reinforcements may be asked from the Huhuligan-Dumaguete unit which are numerous in number.

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