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UNIT REPORT

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HQ 72D ENGINEER BATTALION
CPG-P

UNIT REPORT

No. 4

FROM: 2400 31 March 45
TO : 2400 30 April 45

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EMILIO O. BORROMEO (O-1801)
Captain, Infantry
Commanding Officer

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From: 1 April '45 to 30 April '45
Issuing unit: 72D Engineer Battalion
Date: 10 May '45
CG-F, In the Field

MAP: BATTLEMAP OF NEGROS
Scale - 1:50,000

1. SYNOPSIS:

A. STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION:

No enemy concentration in this area, except for the presence of some enemy stragglers or probably those given missions by the enemy to reconnoiter, forage, or for some other unknown purpose.

B. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD:

Enemy activities in this area are very limited and can be considered as almost nil. As much as possible the enemy is trying to avoid contact with friendly units. A stray Jap however, are encountered from time to time. During nights flares could be seen coming out from the hideouts, the purpose of which remains undetermined. Small groups of the enemy, probably on missions, are sometimes encountered, some of them having no arms.

C. CONCLUSION:

The morale of the enemy as well as his combat strength has greatly diminished during the period. The fact that they try to use their ammunitions sparingly and that a number of them do not carry arms, indicates that they are having an acute shortage of both arms and ammunitions. It had been noted in numerous recent encounters with the enemy that they seldom exchange fires and unless very necessary they try to avoid much resistance. The enemy must have at the same time felt an acute shortage of food. This may be the reason why many enemy stragglers are trying to infiltrate into our area.

It is further believed that those who infiltrate into this area, must have been given definite missions. Most of them are carrying with them demolition equipments and flares. The real nature of their missions however is still unknown.

11. Our Situation:

A. OUR FRONT LINES: See C372D Overlay Map.

B. LOCATION OF TROOPS:

Hq & Hq & Serv Co at PAMLANIGAN
Company "A" at SAN ISIDRO
Company "B" at LULU
Company "C" at STA ROSA
Company "D" at PAMLANIGAN

C. ADJACENT UNITS:

70th Infantry
72d AT-Bn
Hq Combat Team
3d Bn 72d FA

D. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Generally fair. Visibility - fair.

E. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

1 April 45 - Cos "A", "B" & "D" pursued Japs reported at San Isidro, Bago. Enemy left before our troops arrived. Our troops combed the area of enemy stragglers. Salvaged some enemy arms, ammunitions & equipments.

2 April 45 - Co "A", 1st Bn patrolled BANTOGAN, ABUNAN & CANSILAYAN Area. No encounter.

3 April 45 - Cos "A", "B" & "D" patrolled MUGSI, GATROUS, SAQUEL, LUNAO, SINGIL, BUNAVIOLA & PATA-AN for the purpose of mopping up enemy stragglers. No encounter.

4-6 April 45 - "D" Co combed the forest of LUNAO & PATA-AN. Found the area clear of enemy.

5-8 April 45 - 72d Ingr Bn moved from Mining Area to Buri Cabagaiwan-Iglawan Area.

8 April 45 - 72d Ingr Bn moved from Buri-Cabagaiwan-Iglawan Area to Guadalupe-Sornaba-Murcia-Freper-Taleteg Area. Each company sends combat patrols to vicinities of 2 km radius from their bivouac areas.

16 April 45 - Eighteen (18) men of Sq 6, 60rv Co under S-Sgt Legaspina pursued the enemy at CALIBALAN. No encounter made.

16 April 45 - At 1800 hrs Item Time, a platoon of "D" Co under Capt BARRERO, & SORIANO and Lt UGAY pursued the Japs from CALIBAN towards STA ROSA. After one and half hours of hot pursuit the enemy was overtaken at PANGASAN river. A thirteen (13) minutes firefight issued, after which the enemy kept silent. Mopping operation started from 1730 hrs to 1800 hrs when order for withdrawal was issued. As a result of this operation, four (4) Japs verified killed and two (2) killed on our side wounded with the following arms and equipments captured from the enemy: Three (3) Japs rifles cal. .27; Four (4) Japs bayonets; Four (4) Japs canteens and several hand grenades.

17 April 45 - At 1200 hrs Item Time, a reconnaissance patrol of the Sq 6, 60rv Co under 1st-Sgt CALABRERO encountered three (3) Japs at PASALIGAN. Two of the Japs were killed and one wounded was able to escape. One bayonet and two hand grenades were captured from the enemy. On our side no casualty.

17 April 45 - At 1500 hrs Item Time, two platoons of "B" Co under Lts SANTIAGO and SANTIAGO encountered the enemy (strength undetermined) at TALOGANAN river. Eight Japs including one officer were killed by our boys, verified, with the following captured from the enemy: One (1) .30 cal. US Rifle, Maps and Documents and emblems bearing 1 star, 3 red s-strips & 2 yellow stripes. No casualty on our side.

17 April 45 - At 1600 hrs Item Time one platoon of "C" Co encountered the enemy at TALOGANAN river. These were supposed to be remnants of the enemy engaged by "B" Co. As a result of this encounter one Japs pistol was captured from the enemy and one Jap killed. On our side no casualty.

20 April 45 - One squad of "C" Co patrolled the vicinities of Sta Rosa from 0700 to 1100 hours Item Time. No encounter with the enemy.

20-21 April 45 - Twelve (12) men of "D" Co under Lt Marajes patrolled MANGIA-AN Creek from 202030 April to 210600 April. Another squad of same unit patrolled Caliban River and Sanlawigan Creeks. No contact with the enemy.

23 April 45 - At 0500 hours Outpost Guard of "C" Co, informed by civilians, pursued a Jap at upper Fencian River. The Jap was overtaken and killed by the guards, capturing the enemy's clothing, 48 rds of .27 ammo and a bayonet. No casualty on our side.

25 April 45 - One squad of "D" Co under Sgt RIVERA patrolled the vicinities of SAN BARTOLOME and PANGASAN. Patrol returned late in the afternoon without any engagement.

26 April 45 - A patrol of "A" Co was sent out to check creeks and river beds of CALIBALAN and SORABA rivers. No contact with the enemy.

29 April 45 - At 0400 hours the outpost guard of "B" Co fired at two (2) Japs near LULU creek. The enemy did not return fire and was pursued by our boys in the direction of CALABRERO. No casualty on both sides.

29 April 45 - At 0900 hours a platoon of "C" Co under Lt SORIANO was sent out to patrol around the foothills of CALABRERO. The patrol moved ground delivering rifle fire at possible hideouts of the enemy, burning tall grasses. At around 1500 hours same patrol encountered two (2) Japs at a point near a crashed plane (Jap). As a result of this patrol two (2) Japs were killed. No casualty on our side.

F. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Very satisfactory.

G. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Satisfactory.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. STRENGTH OF THE COMMAND: Refer to attached S-1 Periodic Report.

B. REPLACEMENT: None for the period.

C. FRIGOROUS OF WAR: None

D. CASUALTIES: Eight (8) killed, seven (7) wounded.

E. EVACUATION: All sick personnel are sent to the Clearing Company for proper care and medical treatment. The Bn Aid Station takes care only for cases which are minor in nature and which does not need confinement.

F. SUPPLY: Refer to attached S-4 Periodic Report.

G. CONDITIONS OF ROADS: No change.

The supply situation of this unit has again become another problem, aside from ~~the~~ the lack of sufficient clothing. The issuance of canned feeds to this unit has just ameliorated the situation, but has not totally solved it--inasmuch as cereals is still a problem. The morale of the boys during the period has bogged down on account of these. This is another cause for the numerous enlisted men of this command who went on AWOL-- lack of sufficient feed and clothing. The situation however, is getting better and the boys are beginning to return to their units, muchless with the icy notes coming in.

Walter O. Borromeo

WALTER O. BORROMEO (O-1801)

Captain, Infantry,
Commanding

.50 Cal (MG)	1050
.30 " (MG) (included in the 12)	0
BAZOOKA ROCKETS	50
TV Glass SHELLS	18
HAND GRENADES	21
RIFLE	70
.45 Cal (Pistol)	0
.45 " (Revolver)	0
.38 " "	0
.38 " (Super-Auto)	0
.380 " (Automatic)	0

A C C E S S O R I E S

M1 Mag (Carbine)	269
CARABIN OLIVE	135
TSO Mag (30 r's cap)	20
" " (30 r's ")	78
Gun Strap (Carbine)	8
" " (TSMG)	1
Ammo Box .50 Cal	11
" " .30 "	10
Mondoliers	8
Bar Mag .30 Cal	11
Ammo Bag	4
Shoulder Pads (Pair)	6
Bazooka Screen Pipe	2
Grenade Launcher	1
" " Adapters	6
Pouches M1 Mag	64
US Webbing Belt	10
Batt Stans & Bips (Bar .30 Cal)	1
Cleaning rods (TSMG)	48
Oilers	8
Steel Brush	11
Light reflector	2
Bazooka Batteries	8
TE Base Plate	1
TV Sight	1
TE Bipod	1
Hand Book (TSMG)	33

STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION: -

Motor vehicles are available for transporting supplies thru the provincial and national highways. In some cases bull carts are utilized. The supply of motor materials is very limited.

/S/ NERESIO S. VALDEARRALO
1st Lt, CE
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Emilio O. Borroto

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EMILIO O. BORROTO (O-10)
Capt, 1st, Co/2d Engr Bn

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S-- 4 PERIODIC REPORT

Issue: 5 May 45
 At Panlawigan, -orc
 Sp: 744 Reg Bn

NO
 Map: NONE

I. LOCATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE TROOPS & INSTALLATIONS:-

Bn Hq & Hq Serv Coy	-----	Panlawigan
Co "A" (less 1 Off & 30 EM attached to Hq	-----	San Isidro
Combat Team 72D)	-----	Lulu
Co "B"	-----	Sta Rosa
Co "C"	-----	Panlawigan
Co "D"	-----	

II. STATUS OF SUPPLIES:-

Class I
 One-week's supply of foodstuff drawn regularly from the GP 72D BP in Maricla. No reserve of cereals. Vices are very limited. Prices of commodities are exorbitant.

CLASS III & IV

(Less Co "B". Till date the CO of Co "B" have not submitted his report on the status of his unit.)

A R M S

TSMG .45 Cal	-----	37
EMFIELD RIFLES-	-----	84
GARAND "	-----	13
CARBINE "	-----	106
B A R .30 Cal	-----	5
MG .50 Cal	-----	3
MG .30 "	-----	2
B A Z O O K A	-----	2
TE 81mm	-----	1
Pistol .45 Cal	-----	0
Super-Auto .45 Cal	-----	1
" " .38 "	-----	0
Revolver .38 Cal	-----	0
Automatic .380 "	-----	0

A M M U N I T I O N S

.45 Cal (TSMG)	-----	2091
1 .30 Cal	-----	6450
2 .30 "	-----	16077
3 (R6r RG)	-----	1

.30 Cal (MC)	1650
.30 " (MC) (included in the 12)	0
BAZOOKA ROCKETS	50
TV Glow SHELLS	18
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Capt, Inf, CO 2nd Engr Bn

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DATE	TIME	WEATHER	NO. OF PLANE	TYPE	ORIGIN	DIRECTION	ALTITUDE	REMARKS
6/6/44	2:30	clear	1 (one)	OSCAR TYPE	NW	SE	HIGH	BN CP
6/7/44	10:40	cloudy	1 (one)	DRONE	NW	SE	HIGH	BN CP
6/7/44	2:20	clear	1 (one)	LILY TYPE	SE	NW	HIGH	BN CP
6/8/44	8:00	clear	1 (one)	SALLY TYPE	NW	SE	LOW	BN CP
6/8/44	10:00	clear	1 (one)	TOPSY TYPE	NW	SE	HIGH	BN CP
6/8/44	12:00	cloudy	3 (three)	SALLY TYPE	SE	NW	LOW	BN CP
6/9/44	10:00	cloudy		DRONE				BN CP

July 5, 1940

2. Determination of π

Object

to determine the circumference of a circle

1. diameter

parameters

meter stick, and a (2) balance

procedure

1. diameter I measured the chord

(3) disk. To get the circumference

measured the distance rolled in

to

conclusion

measurements shows that the cir-

cumference is the diameter. Since the diameter

is to measure than its circumference

is more accurately measured than the

conclusion

value of π is the same for any

accurate value of π . The π is

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