

319.1 UNIT REPORT

HQ. 3RD BN 72ND FA 7THMD

DECEMBER 1944

15-1

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: NND 933078

~~See Reports~~
~~Headquarters 120th Inf 22d Airborne 10/6/44~~

DECLASSIFIED
Authority ND 88308

Recorded 478
0925 1/21/45

UNIT REPORT

MC. 6

From : 1 December '44 -- 0001
To : 31 December '44 -- 2400

Unit: 3D Bn, 72D FA
Date: 1 January '45
Place: Panahawan, Sa Carls

Map: 3rd Bn, 72D FA (Partial)

1. ENEMY:

a. Unit in contact: Infantry
b. Enemy reserves and reinforcement can be drawn from other enemy installations in the North and the neighboring island where there are large enemy concentration of forces, via sea routes.
c. Enemy activities for the period is confined to limited and undetermined offensive actions, strengthening of their defensive installations in their garrison, repair of small enemy vessels near the scale house at the foot of the SMC Co wharf and sending out rescue parties for enemy pilots forced or shot down in the area. They also tried to recapture Galingling Tower but failed miserably with unverified number of casualties.

d. Enemy strength in SMC Co, the only garrison in the area totals to more than two (2) rifle platoons with Lt Norman as their commander. Specific locations of their barricade could be determined but number guarding such barricade could not due to the mobility they gave inside the SMC Co garrison. Their arms consist of One (1) .60 Cal MGs, Two (2) .51 Cal MGs, Two (2) heavy grenade discharger, tommy guns and rifles. The moral of the enemy inside the central is fair and with scanty knowledge of our situation and capabilities, for the present.

e. There are three (3) possible plans open to the enemy, they are the following: (1) To take passive defense, waiting and resisting our attacks in their garrison to the last man, (2) To take active defense by making determined offensive operations and recapture strategic installations captured by our forces and occupy it while the rest make a mountain campaign. (3) To withdraw their forces via sea route and abandon their isolated garrison if they could not hold out against strong friendly attacks.

Discussions: Plan (1) - Is very logical basing on their scanty knowledge of our situation. They have the impression that we have greatly outnumbered them with plenty of arms and ammunition. Their moral also warrant this action. They have tried several times to counterattack but always failed with casualties that they have confined themselves to their garrison the past two days.

Plan (2) - This plan not logical. Their moral, strength, arms and capabilities do not warrant this action. Their knowledge about us is exaggerated to the extent that they feel that they could not even take strategic positions captured from them by our forces. This plan could be possible only if they have knowledge of our arms and ammunition.

Plan (3) - This plan is very logical as indicated by the efforts they are exerting to repair the small vessel near the scale house at the foot of the SMC Co wharf. However unless they are really pressed hard they would not leave their garrison as indicated by the water movement. A M/L docked at SMC Co wharf and went back and still they did not take the M/L which should have been a very good opportunity for them.

Conclusion: The enemy would resort to plan (3) by using the vessel they have repaired if no M/L or reinforcement arrives to take or reinforce them.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. Our front line is situated around the enemy garrison in BUNGO, along the shoreline watching enemy reinforcement by vessels and northern boundary of the area.
- b. The troops are in the front lines, with CPs in the following places: "I" Btry at Hda Vasconia, "K" Btry at Hda San Vicente, "L" & "M" Btrys at Puno. Boundaries remain unchanged.
- c. Adjacent Units: 1st Bn 72^d FA in the south and southwest and 2nd Bn 72^d FA in the North and Northeast. The 1st Bn 72^d FA and this unit are at present firing the BUNGO garrison. Reinforcement could be had from the 2nd Bn 72^d FA if needed in two days.
- d. Our operations for the period is confined to around the clock sniping due to limited supply of ammunition. Limited offensive operations to feel the capabilities of the enemy is also undertaken. Reorganization of the units is still going on. Conferences with lectures are held for the benefit of all officers every week. Training of personnel going on in limited scale in the rear of the front lines. Combat Intelligence is also emphasized. For activities see 2-3 activity report (annexed).
- e. Results of Operation: The operation has a telling effect on the health of our boys. Having been exposed too much in the front lines most our troops are sick. ~~and their morale is still high.~~ Their morale is still high. Plenty of casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Materials from crushed plane, shot down by anti-aircraft action of "M" Btry were salvaged to include, Two (2) 30mm MGs and Two (2) 12mm MGs.

3. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. Total strength of the command: 20 Officers and 400 MM
- b. Casualty: One (1) wounded (Sgt PIO CABALLERO) very slight.
- c. Prisoners: None
- d. Deserters from the command: None
- e. Released under bond: None
- f. Locations of supplies and evacuation establishments:
 - (1) Supplies are distributed in different secret bodegas at the rear where only trusted personnel can locate. The bulk of the supply is in Sitio Damayan being near the units. In case of evacuation the supplies in the forward bodegas could be transported to the rear and secret bodegas of this unit in Inabaya and forest.
 - (2) Cereal supply of this unit is estimated to last for ninety (90) days beginning January 1st. Our ammunition supply is very low to the extent that the moral of our unit is greatly affected. In pitch battle it is estimated to last for a few minutes.
- g. Condition of roads and circulation in the area:

The road from this area to the south is passable. It only needs little repair and maintenance. The road leading to the north is not passable but the repair of some bridges and cuts would make it serviceable.


FERNANDO TUGIE
1st Lieutenant, FA
CO 3RD BN, 72D FA

Unit	Date	Mission	Accomplishment	Remarks
Detach Inl "I" & "K" Btry	0400 130 Dec 44	Salvage work continues.	Work was hindered by Japs patrol trying to breach the crushed plane and making concerted drive towards our de- fense line but was dri- ven off by our boys.	"I" & "K" Btrys coordi- nated to re- pulse the at- tempt of Nip -
Detach Inl "I" & "K" Btry	1900 130 Dec 44	Salvage work continues.	In spite of repeated counter-attack patrol, we were able to recover 100 rds 100 rds ammun.	Led by Lt Rigor & Lt Outier- rez
Detach Inl "I" & "K" Btry	0400 131 Dec	Attack any Jap patrol try- ing to salvage plans.	Driven off by concerted rifle fire and ri- fle grenade from our boys, 3 Nips killed - verified and undisclosed number of probably killed or wounded.	Led by Lts Rigor & Castierren

REMARKS:-

For the past two (2) sites, one (1) Jap motor launch attempted to land at SCMC's wharf. At 1900 - 30 Dec 44 it docked at SCMC's wharf and left 0200- 31 Dec 44. Load coming in and out of SCMC's not verified.

E. E. Hado
 EDUARDO V. KALITADO
 and Lieut., FA
 In S - 3

ADDENDA: 1630 - 27 Dec 44 - One (1) Oscar hovering low was shot down by .50 Cal MG, .30 Cal MG and rifle fire. Pilot was riddled with bullets with bullets 50 yards from the plane while escaping towards SCMC's garrison sup-
ported by enemy MG and mortar fire.

TOTAL ENEMY CASUALTIES this report - - - Five (5) and
 unverified number of killed or
 wounded.

ARM and Equipment captured and salvaged:

- Two (2) 80mm MGs w/ 195 rds amm
- Two (2) 120mm MGs w/ 536 rds amm
- One (1) Radio w/ One (1) battery
- 2 Maps showing enemy air and naval bases -
 (One in Nippon writing).

HQ 3D BN, 7th FA
In The Field
31 Dec 44

ANNEX NO. I

B - 3 ACTIVITY REPORT

Unit	Date	Mission	Accomplishment	Remarks
3D BN 7th FA	1-9 Dec 44	Establish and fortify position from Tibuso up to Hda Felonina and its snipe Nips at round the clock.	Fortification and sniping posts were established from Tibuso to Hda Felonina with mobile reserve at Hda Vacaconia.	
"M" Btry	18 Dec 44	To attack the scale-house barricade	Our boys were repulsed by stiff enemy resistance-(No casualty on our side).	Led by Lt Bisan
	10-18 Dec 44	Usual	Shipping Activities	
"N" Btry	19 Dec 44	To attack Scale house and Cardero's barricade	One (1) Nip killed at the scale house-(Verified).	Led by Lt Telebanco
"O" Btry	29 Dec 44	To intercept enemy patrol at SC town, gain combat info- and supplies.	No enemy contact. Supplies re-supply and stationaries were secured from SC town.	Led by Lt Gutierrez & Lt Cardeñas
"P" Btry	23 Dec 44	To attack barricade at scale house.	One rifle (grenade found its mark. Damage to enemy- (not verified).	Led by Lt Gutierrez.
	26 Dec 44	Major Meranda came around for conference and gave out latest Combat Order to wit- 23 Dec 44.	Attack on 3D BN from 23 to 29 Dec 44.	
"Q" Btry	27 Dec 44	To determine the enemy strength at Cardero's barricade	One squad of our boys were driven off by Nip guards.	Led by Lt De los Reyes
"R" Btry	1800 27 Dec 44	To salvage and recover from Jap plane that crashed 1700 between Galinling and 3D BN.	Recovered several ordnance equipments, papers from plane and body of the Jap pilot.	Led by Valdevia
"S" Btry	28 Dec 44	Continue salvage work	Recovered 3 MGs and several hundreds rds of ammo plus other ordnance equipments.	Led by Lt Telebanco & Lt Gutierrez
"T" Btry	29 Dec 44	Continue salvage work	Recovered One (1) MG & some rds of ammo.	Led by Lt De los Reyes

(Con't next page)



DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 93028



DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078