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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
 NORTH NEGROS SECTOR, 72ND DIVISION
 H. BATTERY "M", SUB-SECTOR "B"
 CAMP ESPERITA, CPE-4

TABLE I)
 STRENGTH RETURN OF Battery "M", CPE-4 AT MIDNIGHT OF 31 MAY '44

COMPONENTS	OFFICERS						ENLISTED MEN						
	BELONGING TO THIS UNIT			ATTACHED			BELONGING TO THIS UNIT			ATTACHED			
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	
(By letter etc.)	Pre-1st	1st	2nd	From	Unassigned	Other	1st	2nd	3rd	Pre-1st	1st	2nd	Unassigned to any Unit
	sent	sent	sent	United	to	sent	sent	sent	sent	land	United	land	
		lab-			to					lab-			
		sent			any					sent			
					Unit								
	5		5				108		1108	2			
TOTALS	5		5				108		1108	2			

TABLE II) STRENGTH BY RANK AND GRADE

OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN	TOTAL
1st Lt. Gen.		
1st Lt. Gen.		
Captain		
Lieut. Colonel		
Major		
Captain		
1st Lt.		
2nd Lt.		
3rd Lt.		
TOTAL OFF.		
1st Sgt.		
2nd Sgt.		
3rd Sgt.		
Sergeant		
Corporal		
Private		
Privates		
Total Enl.		
		4
		13
		10
		29
		60
		108
TOTALS		4
		13
		13
		29
		60
		108

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TABLE III)

NO. OF SERVICES	OF SERVICES	OF SERVICES	OF SERVICES	OF SERVICES	OF SERVICES	OF SERVICES	OF SERVICES
5	108		5	108		5	108
TOTALS	5	108	5	108		5	108

ADDITIONAL SERVICE SINCE LAST MONTHLY LISTING

TABLE IV)

REASON (CLASS C)		REASON (CLASS C)	
By Transfer	1	By Transfer	1
By reinstatement		By Transfer	
By enlistment		By Transfer	
From Deserter		By Transfer	
Enrollment		By Transfer	
Total Gains		By Transfer	
By Transfer		By Transfer	
Reassigned		By Transfer	
Dismissed		By Transfer	
Retired		By Transfer	
Exp. of enlist		By Transfer	
Disability		By Transfer	
Sent G.C.M		By Transfer	
Miscarity		By Transfer	
Purchase		By Transfer	
Exp. of Reg. Pl.		By Transfer	
Detachment		By Transfer	
By Transfer		By Transfer	
Exemption		By Transfer	
Disease		By Transfer	
Accident		By Transfer	
Drowning		By Transfer	
Homicide		By Transfer	
Suicide		By Transfer	
Deserted		By Transfer	
Dropped G.C.M.		By Transfer	
Not held for discharge		By Transfer	
Total losses	2	By Transfer	

1-27 (Including gains by attachment (c)) Princes (Including all from attachment (c))

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STRENGTH RETURN, "M" Battery, SSB"

TABLE V)

RECORD OF EVENTS

On the afternoon of April 26, 1944 the whole force of Subsector "B" consisting of Batteries "I", "K", "L", and "M" together with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company under the Command of Major F. Sabaton left Saigon on the assembly point at two O'clock in the afternoon for Calatrava. The whole Force reached Barricade San Benito, Calatrava, at Four O'clock in the afternoon and stopped there to rest and to eat their supper.

After supper all officers had a short conference and talked about the layout of the attack of Calatrava proper, and after every Battery Commanders was given their instructions and orders, the whole force moved out for Calatrava proper under cover of darkness. The assaulting party was composed of Batteries "M", "K", & "L", while Battery "I" was assigned to stop the reinforcement from the town of San Carlos. A squad under an Officer from "B" Battery was assigned on the North end of Calatrava Bridge to stop the reinforcement from the North, and another squad was assigned to strike at the outpost on the Hill overlooking the town of Calatrava.

Battery "M" forming the nucleus of the whole attacking force with three Platoons was under Lieuts. Marano, Elias and Thomas. Battery "L" with one Platoon was under Lieut. Soliban, Battery "K" with one Platoon was under Lieut. Valdivia. The assaulting party reached Calatrava at Midnight and the men were immediately deployed in their respective places. Lieuts. Marano and Elias deployed their men on the right flank, Lieuts. Thomas and Soliban on the Center and Lieut. Valdivia deployed men on the left flank. We deployed our men in such a manner that the Japs never did get wise that our Troops had already surrounded their Garrison, not until Lieut. Marano opened fire at the break of day with his Thompson, which was also the signal for the party to commence firing.

The enemy was so taken by surprise that they were not able to return our fire not until thirty minutes has elapsed. We had the superiority of fire since the firing commenced and our boys never gave them a chance. The enemy didn't go out from their garrison and to drive them out, we tried to burn the Garrison by burning the houses surrounding it, and when we were about to capture the Garrison, and fortunately for the Japs reinforcement from the South came, for Battery "I" was not able to stop them for they were too many. Order was then given to our troops to withdraw, but leaving Calatrava behind in conflagration.


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In the operation our Commanding Officer of "M" Battery, Lieut. Merano showed exceptional bravery which inspired us his Junior Officer and solicited men to rally up when he gave the orders to advance. We lost in this operation one man killed and one man wounded. On the enemy's side they lost eight men and with several civilians killed.

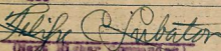
Headquarters Battery "M", CBI-1, 537th, San Carlos 31 May 44


LEONARDO MARIANI, 2nd Lieut., Inf. COMMANDING
(Signature)

Ammunition Expended: 1000 Rds.
Last Month RReport: 336 Rd.
Taken from Box 3-3 919
Total - - - 1343

Expended Calatrava Raid - - - 1000
On Hand - - - - - 343

Examined and forwarded by


(next higher commander)
Major, Inf. (P.S.)
Commanding

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 NORTH NEGROS SECTOR - 72ND DIVISION
 HQ, BATTERY "M", SUB-SECTOR "B"

In the Field , 31 October '45 , [Signature] , 1st Lieut. , Comd'g
 (Place) (Date) (Signature) (Rank)
 Ammunitions expended remaining Effective Strength: Initial
 Final

Examined and forwarded by [Signature] Capt. Inf. Commanding
 (Signature and Rank of Next Higher Commander)

TABLE I. STRENGTH RETURN OF Bat. "M", S-S "B", NMS, at midnight 31 Oct. '45

COMPONENTS (By letter, number, etc.)	OFFICERS					ENLISTED MEN				
	Pre- sent	Ab- sent	Pre- sent	From Units	Unas- signed	Pre- sent	Ab- sent	Pre- sent	From Units	Unas- signed
	Belonging to Unit		Attached			Belonging to Unit		Attached		
			A	B	C			A	B	C
			Units to any					Units to any		
			Unit					Unit		
Infantry	5	-	5	-	-	100	10	110	-	-
GMS									2	
Medical Corps										2
Eng. Corps										
TOTALS	5	-	5	-	-	100	10	110	2	-

TABLE II. STRENGTH BY RANK AND GRADE

ARM OR SERVICE	OFFICERS (A AND C)							ENLISTED MEN, INCL. (A & C)											
	1st. Capt.	Brig. Gen.	Colonels	1st. Col.	Majors	Captains	1st. Lieut.	2nd Lieut.	3rd Lieut.	Total Offi- cers	Master Sgt.	1st Sgt.	Tech. Sgts.	Staff Sgts.	Sgt. Carps.	Camp Sgts.	Priv. 1st Cl.	Priv. 2nd Cl.	Total Enlist- ed Men
Infantry							2	2	1	5	1			4	14	20	17		110
Medical Corps																	1	1	2
Eng. Corps																			
TOTALS							2	2	1	5	1			4	14	21	17		112

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