



511th PIR HQ3 S-3 Journals



Care of S/Sgt. Edwin “Ed” Hawkins, HQ3

Period: 26 Jan – 11 Mar 1945

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Note: While the journal is hand-written and was kept by several different troopers over the time covered, the majority appears to be in S/Sgt. Hawkins' hand. I have edited some (but not all) spelling and grammar errors for accuracy as well as translated some military acronyms for ease of reading. The latter will be marked in red ink – Jeremy C. Holm

Nov 19 saw Jap plane shot down by P-38s

Arrived Leyte Nov 18

Left States May 7 arrived Milne Bay May 27 – arrived Oro Bay May 28 – Left Guinea Nov 10, arrived Leyte Nov 18 – Left Burauen Nov 25 in Combat until Dec. 24 – arrived Albuera Dec 25 – arrived rest camp 12 miles south of Dulag Dec. 27, Left Bito beach 29 Jan for San Jose (Mindoro), Left San Jose Feb 3 at 0710 jumped near Mendez Nunez (Luzon) at 0825.

(Beginning S-3 Journal)

26 Jan. 45 – Movement to Tanuan

Elements Third Battalion departed from Bito beach at 2100 – arrived Tanuan air strip 0330. Personnel by units E Co. 112 Enlisted Men & Officers H Co 41 Enlisted Men & Officers – I Co 82 Enlisted Men & Officers. Total Enlisted Men & Officers 235.

21 Enlisted Men & Officers departed from Bito beach at 1600 via watercraft destination Mindoro

27 Jan. 45

28 Jan. 45 – Movement to Tanuan

Elements 3rd Battalion departed from Bito beach at 0200 – Personnel By units – G Company 7 Enlisted Men & 1 Officer. H Company 15 Enlisted Men. I Company 30 Enlisted Men.

29 Jan. 45 – Remainder of 3rd Battalion left Bito beach

No entry 30th to Feb 3rd

Feb 3 – First lift – 3 **Battalion** less I **Company** + part of HQ + plus 2 **Battalion**

Feb 3 – left San Jose airstrip 0710 arrived jump area ???? landed approx. 7000 yards east of intended area.

- 10000 **3rd Battalion** assembling approx. 2000 yards west of Kaybago
- 1220 2nd element landed approximately same area 1st element
- 1150 Set up temp. C.P. (**Command Post**) at Manila hotel (Taalvista Lodge)
- 1600 Defense set out (see overlay #1) one PLT (**platoon**) I Co. assigned to H Co. plus 1 section 81 mm plus section LMG (**light machine gun**)
- 1900 One casualty suffered – roadblock held – 7-man Jap patrol attack I Co's position

4 Feb - 0200 – Patrol infiltrated I Co's position (see overlay). 6 enemy killed, 1 wounded taken prisoner.

- 1410 3rd Bn began leaving position at Taalvista and are waiting 1.5 miles from that position on Route 17
- 1712 Convoy arrived at (Silang 77.1-14.7) left at 1800 arrived Parañaque 2115

5 Feb 45 Bn moved out on foot 0830

- Held up by enemy **artillery** at (81.9-54.6) at 1200
- 1430 – Our **artillery** registering on enemy weapon
- 1625 air offensive
- 1625 Jap patrol firing on our position – Taking action to stop them.
- 1820 **Battalion** moving north approximately AZ 33° G Co, I, Hq. H in order – head of column, receiving light MG (**machine gun**) fire – AA (**anti-aircraft**) gun opening fire on us. Extreme caution being exercised.
- Unable to continue, setting up perimeter for night.
- Position for night (21.9-54.6)

6 Feb 45 – Bn Preparing to advance

- 0730 G Co sending patrols out to N+E, They have encountered enemy Pill boxes N
- **Battalion** C.O. (**commanding officers**) sent **Artillery** observer forward to adjust fire on them.
- 0730 I Co has patrols out to our rear to clear Japs
- 0830 Air strikes by A-20s, bombed and strafed to front of G Co's position (81.9-54.7) (Airstrike was unexpected)
- 0830 G Co Patrols had to withdraw because of Airstrike
- 0845 Patrol to East reports enemy situation unchanged.
- 0855 – I Co patrol made contact with 2nd **Battalion**
- 1130 – Air strike due, 3 **Battalion** not advancing as per schedule ordered by Ginger to maintain right flank
- 1202 – Air strike on Lincoln Field.
- 1215 – **Battalion** location RT (**right**) flank 82.2-55.1 LT (**left**) flank 81.5-55.4, Extending South to 81.9-54.7
- 1430 – **Battalion** advancing North to seize road
- 1813 – I & G Companys have taken objective I **Battalion** location (81.7-56.2)
- 1820 – **Battalion** defending ground gained digging in for night.

7 Feb 45 – Same position

- 0915 – Air strike to front of I & G Co's positions. I Co reports air strike very successful.
- 0920 – Hq (**Headquarters**) Co sent patrol to South to clear stray Japs.
- 1300 – I Co sent patrol to North on recon (**reconnaissance**).
- 1600 – Staying in same position for night.

8 Feb 45 – Little action during night.

- 0850 – **Battalion** C.P. (**Command Post**) moving up
- 0915 – Pinned down by enemy fire.
- 1400 – Reached new C.P. (**Command Post**) location – (82.1-57.1) Manila Tagaytay Maps 1/50,000
- 1800 – Set up for night

9 Feb 45

- 0820 Patrol Hq (**Headquarters**) Co went south to clear rear Japs and take walking wounded to Regt. (**Regiment**)
On their return trip they guarded Flips (**Filipinos**) carrying rations, supplies.
- 1200 **Battalion** moving North I Front, O.P. (**Observation Post**) group, G Co, C.P. (**Command Post**) group, & H Co. – Advancing North along route 6.
- 1300 Pinned down by 50 cal (**caliber**) & 20 mm fire on our column.
- 1600 – Airstrike to our front
- 1700 – Art. (**artillery**) mission to knock out enemy fortifications to our left front.
- 1700 – **Battalion** position approx. (81.6-57.8)
- 1735 – Waiting for results of art. (**artillery**) fire to determine whether or not we stay here for the night.
 - o Action during night confined to harassing fire by art. (**artillery**)

10 Feb 45 –

- 0700 **Battalion** moved out in order I Co, G Co, C.P. BN Hq (**Battalion Headquarters**), & H Co.
- 0730 advanced to road junction Manilla South road + Taft Ave Extension
- 1000 Held down by heavy enemy fire, unable to adv
- 1100 Grid position now Lead Co I (81.5-58.3) G Co in on I Co right flank and receiving LMG (**light machine gun**) fire. This fire is coming from 2nd **Battalion** area.
- 11.18 – G Co had to withdraw 75 yards, gun on left inflicting casualties.
- 11.20 – 105's (**105mm artillery**) have fired mission to I Co's front & G Co's front. Jap positions still effective.
- 1215 – 2nd **Battalion** to be relieved by 1st **Battalion** – 187th Para Glider Inf. (**Infantry**)
- 1230 – Our position (forward line) approx. 150 yards North of road junction.
- 1230 – 2nd **Battalion** position 25 yard North of road junction on west side of main route
- 1230 – Our Co's (**companies**) are in a column of Co's I on point G Co. 75 yards to their right C.P. south of them & H Co is coming forward to help I & G Co's.
- 1300 3rd **Battalion** ordered to hold positions for night (81.5-58.3)

11 Feb 45

- 0700 Two 12 man patrols from H Co. went forward to recon. area to our front.

- 0800 Patrols report they have advanced 200 yds and have encountered no resistance.
- 0835 G Co is starting to advance on right
- 0935 – Gizzard Six and forward C.P. moved up to I Co. position, no enemy action.
- 1100 – Calle Libertad secured all alone 3rd Battalion front.
- 1100 – Jap fire on right front of our sector – Japs not in strength.
- 1600 – One reinforced PLT (platoon) I Co. sent to contact 1st Cav (Cavalry) Patrol in vicinity Neilson Field
Location for night Left Flank (81.3-59.7) Right Flank (81.8-59.8) South East extreme (81.9-59.5)

12 Feb 45

- 0700 Held position for night action confined to Art. (artillery) & AA (anti-aircraft)
- 1000 – Patrols – one reinforced PLT (platoon) from I Co returned from contact with 1st Cav just north of Nielson Field.
- 1400 Patrol sent from G Co East on Calle Libertad to railroad, then South on railroad 500 yards. They are to report condition as soon as possible.
- 1430 Battalion alerted to move are awaiting orders
- 1600 G Co Patrol reports area clear. Japs are East of railroad.
- 1700 staying here for night – Positions Left Flank (80.9-59.5) Right Flank (81.7-59.8) South East extreme (81.8-59.6)

13 Feb 45

- 0830 1 PLT (platoon) G Co attached to Div. (Division) to go to Cavite
- 1300 Battalion moving east along Calle Libertad – order of march I, G, Left Front H Co on right flank by rear
- 1500 reached railroad, light fire on right front
- 1600 Set up for night Left Flank (83.4-60.3) RT Flank (84.0-59.0)

14 Feb 45 -

- 0700 One man killed on
- 1000 G Co has reached Regtl (Regimental) area (For guard)
- 1100 3rd Battalion relieved by second Battalion. Preparing to leave for rear area.
- 1500 3rd Battalion positions (80.1-58.8)
- 1530 overlays of positions sent to Regt (Regiment), also overlay of positions of Battalion on 13 Feb 45.

15 Feb 45 –

- 3rd Battalion had no action during the night. We are in reserve.
Positions on 15 Feb 45 (85.1-58.8)
- 0800 Patrols from Hq. G & I Co's (consisting of one squad each) were sent out to hunt snipers.
- 0930 Patrol back report no sniper in area.
The patrols covered the area north of Libertad & East to Harrison
- 1900 No activity for the day.

16 Feb 45

- 1000 Patrols out to cover area covered on 15th – to search for snipers.
 - 1030 **Battalion** location is the same (82.1-58.8)
 - 1500 **Battalion** alerted to move at 1615.
 - 1715 **Battalion** reached new location (85.9-59.9)
 - 1730 Perimeter set up
- Reports from Patrols were as follows.
 G Co patrolled from Calle Libertad to the beach reported no snipers.
 I Co. Calle Libertad North, reported they were fired on by one sniper. Filip (**Filipinos**) report 6 Japs in area.
 Hq. (**Headquarters**) patrolled Taft Ext. reported no snipers.

17 Feb 45

- 0700 No action on perimeter last night
- 0900 Patrol leaving from H Co – mission to cover 800 yards North & 400 East
- 0950 – Patrol back report two bunkers North east.
- 1000 H Co sent Patrol to the West.
- 1000 – G. Co. has guard posted on Main road to prevent Flips (**Filipinos**) from coming into area.
- 1600 Holding positions for night (last entry).

18 Feb 45 – Sunday –

- 0700 – No action on perim last night
- 1030 – Received orders to move out. **Battalion** to set up line of defense at (88.0-51.3) to (89.2-51.3)
- 1245 – Arrived at (88.5-51.3) Co's (**Companies**) getting into position
- 1645 Patrol from G Co (12 men sent to contact A Co (**Company**) 187 –
- 1715 – A Co to clump of Trees held by guerillas at 140°.
- A Co. approx. 1.5 mil from our position.

19 Feb 45 Monday

- 0700 No action on Perimeter Last Night
 - o Filipinos are in front of us, exact number unknown
- 0900 Air strike by P-47's approx. 2500 to our front (north
 - o (G Co Left H Co center I Co Right) These positions to be taken by co.s (**companies**) at 1000
- 1030 Positions taken. (87.4-51.9) to (89.3-52.0)
- 1400 Sketch made & sent to Div.
- 1740 G Co reports no activity
 - o H Co requests permission to move in on enemy.
 - o I Co reports having been fired on by at least one LMG (**light machine gun**) + mortar (LMG was on Left Front + mortar was on right. They also received fire from their front (snipers firing from bunkers.

20 Feb 45 Tuesday

- No action last

- 0930 T.D.'s (**tank destroyers**) were committed – 10 bunkers were destroyed
- 1015 General (**Albert**) Pierson came to C.P. (**command post**)
- 1445 Air strike bombing and strafing (Last entry)

21 Feb 45 –

- 0730 Little action on Line of defense last night
- 1030 40 mm Fired on our Troops. Its position was Located and destroyed by T.D.s.
- 1100 Air Strike by P-47's believe much damage inflicted on enemy.
- 1130 L-5 **observation** Plane shot down by enemy rifle fire Pilot was shot in the left.
- 1530 G Co moving up to occupy (????) approx. 200 yds. In front of present position

22 Feb Thurs.

- 0700 Japs got through between G Co and 187th during night & early morning. Approx. 20 Japs 8 of them were killed.
 - o Approx 40 to 50 Japs got through along beach going south
- 0730 – I Co sending Patrol to Lowes LMG position
 - o G & H sending out combined patrol to clean out Japs to their rear.
- 0730 5 man Patrol from G Co. came down to get ammo.
- 0745 I Co. Patrol ran into Japs behind 3rd PLT's position. Number unknown
- 0755 I Co patrol just reported one Nip killed in 3rd PLT Perimeter, continuing to mop up
- 0900 – Sgt. ~~Thom~~ (**John J.**) Carmesin + 13 man Patrol from I Co came down past 3rd PLT position down past washed out bridge and got one Jap.
- 1000 Japs that came through along beach this morning early doubled back and banzaid the tank **Destroyer** and S-2 position. They did not inflict any casualties but lost about 20 of their men.
- 1500 G Co was moved down to tie in with LMG sec. on Road block (~~LMG's moved back a short distance from former position to make tie in~~)-(NOT correct in Par.)

23 Feb 45 – Fri

- 0900 Patrol from G. Co. sent North through town of Bagay (?) To contact second BN 19th
- 1800 No action during day
 - o (One Jap 3 Caribou last night)

24 Feb 45 Sat. –

- 0700 Little action on Positions Last night.
- 0830 BN ordered to Prepare to move. Destination not stated.
- 1030 BN Leaving by armored car's TD's & 2 ½'s. Arrived Regt. C.P. 1115
 - o BN to occupy Perimeter vacated by 2nd BN.
- 1300 – Per. Estab. Sketch to Regt.

25 Feb 45 SUN

- Motorized patrol last
- 0800 Patrolling area of responsibility ~~Patrol came back 1130 reported no action.~~
- 0945 I Co alerted to relieve B Co as Prison guard at (New Bilibid Prison)(Prison was recaptured by B Co Feb 23)

- 1130 Motorized patrol came back reported having made contact with 1st and second BNs (no action)
- 1300 I Co patrol left patrol zone of responsibility.
- 1400 1 Scout car and 3 riflemen left to escort Engineer Off to ~~Santa Rosa~~ Carmina

26 Feb, 45 Mon

- Motorized (ILLEGIBLE) consisted of one Tank PL
- Left the BN moving south to join 1st BN
- 1300 Motorized patrol left perimeter at 1300 to patrol zone of responsibility
- 1330 Patrol consisting of one PL. from G Co returned from Cavite
- 1815 Motorized patrol returned reported by Guerillas to be 11 Japs in approximate area of (82.6-28.4) Patrol went as far as Bangeal, North East to San Antonio, South East to Cabuyao and returned, no enemy encountered

27 Feb, 45 Tues

- 0800 Motorized patrol consisting of one PI from I Co Patrolling areas of responsibility.

26 Feb 45 Mon

- 2100 5 Japs attacked How Co position at (88.5-44.3) 2 Japs killed one wounded three escaped.
- 1815 Motorized patrol returned, Contacted 2nd Bat. At (86.9-31.5) No enemy encountered

28 Feb, 45 Wed

- Motorized patrol consisted of one PI. from Hq left C.P. at 0800 to patrol zone of responsibility
- 1615 Patrol was sighted by 745 Field **Artillery** coming ½ miles east of their position, Patrol from I Co, consists of one reinforced squad. Patrol killed 8 Japs returned 1400
- 1800 Motorized patrol returned. Contacted 1st & 2nd **Battalion** No enemy encountered.
 - o One Jap attempted to infiltrate How Co perimeter and was killed during the night.

1 March 45 Thurs

- 1010 Patrol from I Co consisting of 3 men & one non-Com to escort **Filipino** to 2nd Bat for questioning on the whereabouts of 11 Japs.
 - o Japs tried to infiltrate perimeter during the night, four enemy were killed.

2nd March 45, Fri

- 0800 Motorized patrol left perimeter, to Patrol zone of responsibility, contacted 127th Engineers, 1st & 2nd BN's, No enemy encountered returned 1730
- 0945 Patrol from H left to investigate on Jap and infiltration, No information attained.

3rd Mar. 45 Sat

- 0800 Motorized Patrol left perimeter to patrol zone of res. Contacted 1st & 2nd Bn. returned 1700, no enemy action
- 0900 G. Co returned from New Bilibid Prison, C. Co, 1st Bn relieved them at 0800
- 1800 Alerted to move tomorrow at 0800 for Calamba.

- 0530 Japs tried to infiltrate H Co positions two were wounded

4th Mar. 45 Sun.

- 0800 Bn. moved out for Calamba. Left **regimental** C.P. at Alabang
- 0930 First elements of 3rd BN reached BN area in town of (Real). (00.2-18.4)
- 1000 Remainder of BN arrived
- 1600 – Waiting for field order & overlay from Reg.
- 1645 – C.O (**Commanding Officer**) having Co. Com. (**Company Commanders**) Meeting
- 1700 New Off's (**Officers**) reported to C.O.
- 1900 Preparing for night

5 March 45 Mon

- 0700 Enemy mortar fire hit us last night. Two men hurt.
- 0900 Waiting for orders from Regt. Concerning more
- 1300 Gizzard 3 Leaving on recon. of Proposed combat area
- 1345 H Co ordered to set up Road block They are to have Art. support. (Road block location Bukal (02.0-16.1) Calampa 1/50,000
- 1400 Gizzard 3 made aerial recon over route 21, over Los Banos & Agricultural college.
 - o Reports no enemy action, one bridge blown out 200 yds North of Bukal
- 1800 – Last entry staying in same positions for night

6 March 45 Tues.

- 0700 Japs infiltrated 'H' Co's road block last night. Killed one man (PVT Steffen)
- 0730 Gizzard 3 & 2 made inspection of road block.
- 0800 Patrols ordered to leave from road block to go South to recon. mountain & to patrol road south east no distance definite. To go as far as seems advisable. IF resistance is encountered they are to find enemy strength and return to road block and report.
- 0900 H Co Patrol went south to railroad cross cleared all houses on North of Real to Junction and returned.
 - o I's patrol went around ridge to their right front
- 1130 H Co. has two O.P.'s one on railroad off their right flank, and another on their left Flank.
- 1230 H. Co has positions all dug in
- 1230 Gizzard C.O. went on aerial recon. reports no enemy action.
- 1330 C.O. inspected H Co positions.
- 1315 G. Co. sent patrol South East of our Present Position AZ 120° approx. Patrol cleaned out houses on right. Found paths leading into dry creek bed seemed to have been recently used. Also found 3 mortar **rounds** just past cane field.
- Last entry

7 March 45 Wed.

- 0700 Japs forces attacked 'H' Co's position during night. Estimated numbers about 15. Several believed killed but only two bodies found.
 - o Tracks were found that appeared to have been made by some heavy weapon.

- 1115 – Patrol from G. Co is leaving to investigate area just North of Parian. Vehicles of Art. outfit received some fire at this Point.
- 1345 Firing believed to be our soldiers shooting birds. Organization of men unknown
- 1415 – Field Order & Overlays came down from Regt. at 1300

8 Feb – 45 – Thur (*Note* date is marked incorrectly in journal*)

- 0700 Slight activity during night, H. Co believes they got a few Japs but bodies were removed.
- 0800 – ‘H’ Co Patrol left to Patrol Mt. Bijang making circle of top and coming down West trail.
 - o ‘G’ Co Patrol left to go to Los Banōs they are to contact enemy.
- 0900 – Gizzard 3 went to **Regiment**.
- 1000 C.O. went to inspect H & G Co’s positions.
- 1030 ‘G’ Co ordered to return to BN perimeter 1500 they were guarding moved out.
- 1330 G Co Patrol came back after going approx. 800 yards from Los Banōs. They were fired on returned.
- 1330 H Co Patrol reports they found an American grenade & footprints which appeared to be very old.
- 1440 ‘G’ Co has returned to their former positions in BN. perimeter. They have a road guard still out in same place.
- 1600 Grla. (**Guerilla**) Guard posted on water point approx. 15 yds west of road junction.
- 1620 The guard from ‘G’ Co was returned to their Co. This guard was on 155 mm ammo.
- 1715 C.O. H. Co. went on aerial recon of Los Banōs area.
- 1715 Grla. Band operating in area of Los Banōs agr. College reported 500 Nips in vicinity of quarry. They came to Gizzard Perim at 16:30

9 Feb 45 Fri.

- 0700 No action on BN Perim. H Co reports no activity last night. 155’s shelled enemy positions during night
- 0800 ‘H’ Co Patrol to make Patrol on Mt. Bijang
 - o ‘G’ Co to make patrol along route 21 toward Los Banōs. Mission to observe amount of damage done by 155 fire last night. This fire was on Gap approx. 800 yds west of Los Banōs.
 - o S-2 going on both patrols.
 - o G Co Patrol called off (section of H Co Patrol 11:10)
- 1230 H Patrol returned from MT Bijang reports 15 Nips
 - o Two M18, one mortar, had small fire fight believe They got 4 Nips suffered no casualties. Location of Nips right on Top of mountain. Report went to Regt.

10 March 45 Sat

- 0700 No activity Last night on BN Perimeter.
- 0715 ‘H’ Co reports no action on their position.
- 1000 1500 **Guerillas** reported coming down out of mountains headed to Los Banōs. They are trying to make contact with American forces. (Authority – Guerillas reported to S-2 & S-3)
- 1230 Co. Com (**Company Commanders**) meeting

- BN moving out approx. 1300 H, Two PLT 'G', Hq Co & Command section, 1 PLT Grla. & 1 PLT 'G'
- 1240 'H' Co Patrol reports they advanced to within 200 yds of crest and hit 30 Nips in well dug in positions well camouflaged. Nips arms with LMG & Two knee mortars.
- 1240 BN moved out of C.P. at Real passed 'H' Co at 1345 Proceeded past 1st Phase line to (05.0-14.6)(arrived here 1545)
- 1800 Positions dug in and read for night.

11 March 45 Sun

- 0700 Little activity Last night by enemy. (Flips (Filipinos) were promiscuous)
- 0745 Art. placed on ridge to our Left front. Alligator Lake lies just beyond this ridge
- 0930 'G' Patrol is sent out trying to encircle Alligator Lake
- 1030 A-man, 'Chaeffer', came to our C.P. claims to be escaped **internee**, now in charge of a large band of Guerillas. He was sent to Ginger for further interrogation.
- 1100 81 mortars fired on possible positions in front of hill 200.
- 1220 'G' Co Patrol (40 man patrol) reached high peak west of **Alligator** Lake, they were fired on by Nips with rifle fire and returned fire killing two. The number is unknown but they are very well dug in.
 - Our patrol withdrew and would like Art. placed on (05.8-15.5)
- 1340 Regt. orders hill (Alligator Lake Peak) that G Co is attacking held if it is taken.
- Art at (1330)
 - Fire was placed on Peak and 'G' Co tried to take Peak again without success. They are withdrawing again and 155's are going to try again time now 1420
- 1429 Art. read to fire (our 'G' Co Patrol is clear and waiting to try again (40 men in patrol)
 - Approx 12 **rounds** 155 They are going to fire 75 **rounds** now.
- 1500 'G' Co Patrol trying to take hill again Art. is firing one **round** per minute (salvo)(Two guns) This fire will continue until patrol calls it OFF.
- 1508 **Artillery** called off, T.D.'s (**Tank Destroyers**) are going to fire support of our troops. Our Patrol is going to throw White Phosphorous grenades to their front and fire will be kept clear of them. T.D. fire 1515 to 1523
- 1530 Patrol is near crest
- 1535 T.D.s still firing a few rds to the right front of patrol
- 1610 Report coming in from 'G' Co Patrol, they got close to Peak but received heavy fire. The Nips tried to encircle our patrol but they withdrew before this could be done. It was too late to make a fight to stay.
 - T.D. report to go in log at 0715 not 1305

12 March 45 Mon.

- 0700 Some action on perimeter last night one Jap killed we suffered no casualties. This Jap was an NCO and carried demolitions. His mission apparently was to blow up one of our T.D.'s or the bridge.
- 0730 A recon patrol from 'G' Co is going up Alligator Peak to see if the Japs are still there. They are not to fight if resistance is met, they are to return and let Art. try to soften them up. (Patrol strength 32 men)

- 'I' Co Report: (Captain Robert H.) Kliewer's Recon Patrol for tank route to Bidiang (Bijang) ran into Japs digging in at (00.8-15.0) at 120845. At 121115 Kliewer sent one PLT reinforced plus Arty Fwd. obs. to investigate.
- Kliewer at 121130 is flying over Bijiang on Recon
- 0945 Patrol working their way to crest, going cautiously haven't sent a definite report back yet
- 1000 Lead scouts 'G' Co Patrol reached Top of hill, no resistance
- 1113 (S/Sgt. Harry D.) Whalen reports that last night he saw 3 Nips going from West to East, They passed South of his Position. He had nothing to report for Today.
- 1200 'G' Co has 55 men on Alligator Peak. They found 37mm ammo + 37mm weapon, less breach block + one heavy machine Gun.
- 1200 'H' Co Patrol to take road south of hill 200. This is a strong patrol
- 1305 T.D.'s report that they were attacked morning about 0400 by approx. one squad of Nips. A grenade (a Type of Molotov) was thrown at the T.D. and the Nips fled causing no damage.
- 1310 Message received from Ginger 3
 - F.O. Arty (Forward Observer Artillery) Party accompanying guerillas to attack Los Banos defile and quarry at 0600 March 14. Ginger 6 directs you send 8 riflemen with F.O. party. These riflemen will contact F.O. party at 1500.
- 1450 'G' Patrol left Alligator Peak to circle Lake working from Peak around North and back on the South side. They have covered about 800 yards with no resistance.
- 1350 'H' Co accomplished 2nd mission.
 - 1st check caves
 - 2nd to investigate Pass
 - Killed two Japs wounded one. They were fired on by mortars & were pursued.
 - During mission they blew up cave containing supplies & ammo.
- 1st Mission – They checked the caves but found no indication that they had been used recently.
- 1355 'G' Co reported that they had reached a point half way around Lake Alligator still without received no resistance.
- 1730 'G' Co Patrol completed circuit of Lake, found shack where 100 civilians were bayoneted by Nips. They were not fired on.

13 March 45 Tues.

- 0700 Whalen on hill 200 reports Two rds mortar landed. There were no casualties
- 0700 C.P. & perimeter caught hell several wounded, report not complete yet. 30 rds Art & 30 rds mortar (landed this is estimate)
- 0730 'G' Co on Alligator Peak reports no activity last night. They are sending a Patrol around the Lake again this morning.
 - 'H' Co had a little fire fight this morning about 0600 No casualties, unable to see enemy casualties or estimate any results against them.
- 1000 'G' Co Patrol made circuit of lake no resistance, no enemy sighted.
- 1400 Air strike on quarry was successful believe an ammo dump was blown up. Bombs were dropped on Tarlac and on other targets.

- 1430 Our 82's hit 3 well fortified positions to our front. Japs were observed moving around those positions at 1445 so mortars are firing again (believe they got Nips
- 1450 Mortars ceased fire
- 1455 We have mortar obs. on both hills (200 & 100)
- 1500 Air strike due soon it is to be on quarry about 2000 yds to our front
- 1518 Air strike on quarry by P-38s. Target marked by Art. Air strike very poor
- 1530 'H' Co sent patrol to our right rear to investigate some Nips reported in area.
- 1545 Civilians came in C.P. report 50 Flips accosted by 7 Japs and 5 Flips escaped. The rest are being held. These Nips seem to be almost due South of our position.
- 1614 Air strike by A-20's on quarry not able to judge effect. They were hitting in general area of reported 77 mm gun on far bank of quarry.
- 1630 'H' Co Patrol came in they found remainder of Flips held by Japs. The Japs let them go and headed south east from a point approx. 1000 yds to our right flank.
- 1848 Persons believed to be Nips were seen on a ridge 2000 yds from our C.P. on an AZ of 155°. Our mortars are going to put fire on it.
 - o Persons identified as Flips, firing was ceased.

14 March 45

- 0700 'G' Co reports they got ~~two~~ one Nips on Alligator Lake
 - o 'H' Co got 2 Nips on road East of C.P.
 - o 'G' Co got 5 in the perim.
 - o Whalen had no activity
 - o There were no mortar rds but plenty of grenades were thrown.
 - o Our own Art and mortars kept up harassing fire during night, believe this prevented Japs from setting up big guns
- 1000 No entry
- 1125 Grla's attacking the quarry are on high peak quarry. They are moving down into quarry now, and believe they can take it alright. Their ammo will hold out but they need food
- 1200 Sailboats were sighted off Los Banos they are being investigated
- 1230 Grla's fighting at quarry at to put up colored smoke when they have secured quarry.
- 1600 Arty. Firing into quarry Grla's have withdrawn to safe area.
- 1600 Boats sighted were flying American flag. They are believed friendly but are being investigated by recon plane
- 1605 Ginger blue called requested fire on a new target. They report that they have 30 men wounded and 9 men killed. They want 50 civilians sent up, they have extra weapons to supply them with. They report their men are exhausted.
 - o They have not sent in an estimate on number of Japs killed.

15 March 45 Thurs.

- 0700 No action on perimeter or hill positions last night. All action during night confined to Arty.
- 0740 'H' Co just reported their morning patrol went North to railroad and back found no Japs. This patrol is sent out each morning to search for infiltrating Nips
- 'G' Co having fire fight southeast of Alli. Peak. We saw 3 Nips cross railroad going south, putting 60 mm fire on them from BN. perim.

- 1220 'G' Co patrol ran into approx. 26 Nips. They have killed 8 of them & are trying to get others. They hit the Nips between Tarlac & Railroad Bridge. They have machine guns & rifles, they have not fired mortars.
- 1245 4 more Nips for 'G' Co & 4 probables. Our mortars 81 + 60's can be credited with a few of number killed.
- 1315 'Hq' Co putting out patrol to our rear to investigate some men seen there.
- 1450 Patrol to Tarlac came back to Allig. Peak, they found a knee mortar and about 15 rounds of Ammo.
 - o They found 15 bodies. 13 North of tracks and 2 on other side. We suffered no casualties.
 - o 1855 Putting mortar fire on 5 Nips reported coming up road
 - o 1915 Buster 'G' Co patrol reports two Nips hit believed dead

16 March 45 Fri.

- 0700 Little action on Per last night, confined to firing at supposed targets.
- 0815 Left C.P. area to head for Regtl. Area (First elements) remainder of BN. was shuttled, last troops arrived 1145
- 1400 7 men from I Co sent with guide from Regtl. to investigate Two Nips, as reported to be in civilian clothes and hiding in house. (New Giz. 5+3)
- 1445 "I" Co. patrol returned no Nips. Another Flip escorted home safely

17 March 45 SAT

- 0700 There was no action on the perimeter last night
- 1000 Bn Staff & Co Comd Left Regt. C.P. to inspect 1st Bn Positions, Returned 1125.

17 March 45 Sun (error in journal)

- 0700 Patrol sent out by the guerillas to Mt. Bijang around the MT to look for Nip supplies & evacuation points, Patrol is on reconnaissance mission
 - o No action on perimeter last night

18 March 45 Sun

- 0700 Patrol sent from Guerillas to Mt Bijang to find Nip resupply route, circle the Mt returned no enemy encountered.
- 1400 No action on the perimeter that was set up to repel enemy attack
- No action on the perimeter last night,
- 1300 Defensive positions were set up to resist enemy on Mt. Bijang. Patrol from I Co was relieved by F Co who set perimeter for the night.

19 March 45 MON

- 0930 Guerillas left for Tagaytay ridge with detail of 3 men & Off. from G Co.
- 1030 Set defensive positions (at 00.8-18.9 extending south west to 99.9-18.3) in case of enemy counterattack.

20 March 45 ~~Mon~~ Tues

- 0730 No enemy action on perimeter last night.

- Preparations were made for tomorrows departure for Bauaun

21 March 45 Tues Wed!

- No action on the perimeter last night.
- 0800 Left I.P. at Real, Luzon for Bauan. Arrived at Muzon 1615. Short of our area of resp. set up perimeter for the night.

22 March 45 Wed Thur

- 0730 No action on the perimeter last night.
- 1000 Co. Comm's meeting
 - o A. uniform & sight seeing discussed. Also perim. Conduct
- 1140 C.O. went to Lemery on Recon. Gizzard 3 went along.
- 1200 I Co Patrol leaving here at 1300 route southwest make circuit through Rizal, head North East to CuPang then Proceed to Muzon from there.
- 1330 Patrol (Ames) Hq. Co 'G' leaving here by Truck to go to Mojon then on foot North-east and searched area for a few thousand yds (9 Nips seen in this area)

Lemery	Lipa	Tiong
Cal Pen.	Batangas	Taysan
	Verde Island	Lobo

- I Co Patrol returned reported no action
- I Co Patrol Report nothing in this area.

23 March 45 Fri

- 0700 No action on Perim. Last night.
- 0845 Patrol from 'I' Co left by Truck for Mojon river. They are to continue on Patrol from there on foot around Mtn back
- 0930 Patrol from H. Co. left by Truck for Mabini Returned 1430. Enemy ammo dump blown up at 76.4 -6+.6, One Jap officer **Captain**, killed at 76.2-65.7.
- 1400 Patrol from I Co returned after patrolling around Mt Bijang, No enemy encountered.
- 1545 Enemy documents and report sent in by S-2 Along with enemy sketch.
- 1600 One platoon from 600 sent out to patrol area north of Muzon, rest of G Co & 81 Mortar Plat. alerted for support. 100 enemy reported in this area. Patrol returned 1715 no enemy encountered
- 0730 No action on the perimeter last night.

24 March 45 Sat

- 0830 Patrol from 'G' Co left here by Truck to _____ then proceeded by Foot
 - o Report signs of enemy but saw none
- 1400 'H' Co with Plt. LMG & 81 Mortar left for Ibaan
- 1600 No moving from this time, too late for trip

25 March 45 Sunday

- 0730 No action on Perim last night
- 0745 'G' Co & part of I co left by truck for new destination (Ibaan)

- 0810 'Hq' Co Loading on Trucks plus remainder of 'I' Co
- All of Bn. arrived at Ibaan
- 1000 C.P. arrived too.
- 0930 'H' Co moved up by Truck to go through 188 position and set up.
- 1100 188 killed two Japs up forward.
- 1200 'H' Co had a fire fight with estimated Plt. of Nips. No positive casualties on the enemy, we suffered none.
- 1400 Situation the same

26 March 45 Mon

- 0700 No action on Perim.
- 0900 Bn. moved forward to 300 yds North of (Masilnalto). 'H' Co is at (Bolboc plus 1 PLT Mort. & 1 PLT 2 MG
- 1400 1 PLT I Co sent up to guard bridge behind 'H' Co's position

27 March 45 Tues:

To date: 400 men Hosp., 35 Killed, 107 WIA Duty

- 0700 Some action on Perim, 5 Japs strayed into Perim 3 Killed others fled
- 0830 'H' Co had 3 men shot at by a Jap Patrol Two of them were injured No enemy casualties. These men were on O.P. (**Observation Post**)
- 1000 'H' Co sent Patrols out to their front report negative. 'G' & 'I' Co's sent Patrols out 'G' to our left flank I to the right.
- 1600 No entry

28 March 45 Wed.

- 0700 No action on Perim.
- 0730 Orders out to send Patrols out after show. 'G' Co to left Front I to right
- 'G' to send on to 'H' Co Pos.
- Patrols changed, 'G' not sending Patrol 'I' sent small Patrols to Front and left Flank
- 1230 G Co left by Truck for Rosario (Plus mortar PLT.) arrived There 1315.
- 1330 Gizzard C.O. arrived Rosario to direct defense. 'G' Co setting up road block and holding Tambol Hill (Bn. Positions now/Masiituabato)

29 March 45 Thur.

- 0700 No action on BN Per. Two men hurt by accident at 'H' Co Position
- 0930 'H' Co sending out same patrol to their front to Try and contact 1st Cav.
- 'H' Co and I Co changing Positions as soon as 'H' Co Patrol returns.
- Report on 4 Feb to 8 Feb. inclusive going to Reg.
- 1000 'G' Co Patrol contacted 188 near Old Rosario.
- 1730 H Co Patrol contacted.

30 March Fri.

- 0800 Bn. Preparing to move to Rosario
- 0900 Ordered to go to Lipa

- 1000 Bn (-) 'G' Co left Balbok for Lipa ('I' Co CP. Hq 'H' Grla)
- Arrived Lipa Eng. (Engineers) Working in Town, 1st Cav holding Town
- 1300 Co's in positions as follows
 - o 1 PLT 'H' Co (00.4-86.3) 2 PLTs at (01.3-86.6) (Lipa Map) BN C.P. Plus H Co. (-) LMG Plt & 'I' Co at (81.1-85.9) 'G' Co at Marauoy
- Orders changed several Times. Co's now at 'G' (99.8-86.4) 'H' (01.2-87.0) C.P. Complete (01.1-85.9)
- 1800 Everyone dug in for night.

31 March 45 Sat.

- 0700 No action on Perim. Last night.
- 0800 'G' Patrol went Southwest through Tambo, searched houses and returned, found no signs of enemy (by 1005)
- 1130 'H' Co Patrol contacted 1st Cav. approx. 2000 yards to their front. 1st Cav. position at Mauauoy. This Patrol circled to west and came back Through Balintiovac. Patrol to Sapac not back yet
- 'I' Co patrol returned made contact with 188-2nd Bn. No enemy action
- 1300 Patrol from 'H' Co went South East through LaTag Northeast through Patay North to Bogonong South west Through Muntinlupa and back to Their position.
- 1500 Reinforced PLT 'I' Co left Perim. at 1500 via Ibaan. Bolboc road on M-20 to engage enemy approx. 1000 yds south of Ford (98.8-76.8) will prepare ambush for Larger group.
- 1830 Patrol back from Ibaan Bolboc road Found no enemy.

1 April 45 Sun

- 0700 No action on Perim or at Co Positions Last Night.
- 0815 'H' Co sending Patrol to Sapac (large patrol)
- 0930 C.O. investigated caves near C.P. position
- 0900 'G' Co Patrol went through from Tambo Bolboc, Tambo, Lodlod and back to position. No enemy action
- 1200 I 'Co' sending motorized Patrol down Bolbox Ibaan road to intercept 40 Nips
- 1300 G Co Patrol is 2000 yds west of reported Nips. Will patrol east & try to contact enemy
- 1400 Both patrols from I & G Co patrolled enemy area, but found nothing. Returned at 1600

2 April 45.

- 0700 No action on the perimeter last night
- 0800 Motorized patrol from I Co Left perimeter
- 0900 Motorized patrol contacted 187 at Dita, found no enemy activity at Lodlod contacted C. Co 511 2000 yds south of Balboa
- G Co made contact with 1st Cav at Marauby
- 1000 I co Patrol contacted 188 at Lipa hill finding no enemy activity inroute.
- 1200 I Co Patrol returned to perimeter

April 3 – 45

- 0730 No action on Perim. last night. Day confined to Patrol

- 0900 I Co. Patrol southeast of Lipa (east of road) Followed river bed and investigated all draws and caves in the area. This Patrol S/Sgt Taylor went to a point east of Lipa hill saw many dead civilians.
 - o Other patrol action covered in S-3 log

April 4

- 0730 No action on Perim Last night
- 1300 Bn. Left Lipa area for Old Rosario area Arrived 1515 Location (08.0-79.9)
- 1545 Co's in position

April 5

- 0630 No action on Per.
- 0700 Bn. moved out by Truck for (04.3-89.9) mission to recover Jeep and bodies
- 0845 Order of March H, Hq, G (I Co remained at (04.3-89.9)
- 0915 Approx. 1200 yds from Talisay
- 1330 Pinned down by Art. H Co leading in, 'G' Co sent in on right flank. Small arms fire, Put out by 60 mm Mortar & LMG fire
- 1800 Digging in for night approx. 350 yds south of Talisay. Tied in with 187th Reg (05.7-89.9)

April 6

- 0700 No activity on Per. Last night
- 0730 Bn. moving North approx. 400 yds from Last Position
- 0830 Air strike on believed enemy heavy guns East of Talisay
- 0940 Patrol sent from 'I' Co to go through SaPac, Babuyan, Santo Nino, Talisay
- 'H' Co Patrol to draw North of Malaria hill 1524 & return Through Talisay
- G. Co Patrol Through Talisay to west slope of Malaraya Hill search and return. All patrols strong
- 1315 – 'I' Co patrol came back they went through Sapac, circled Northeast found Tracks of Two men on route to Babuyan, but no enemy. The town of Babuyan is destroyed. They met 'G' Co patrol south of Talisay and returned to our Position
- 1230 'G' Co Patrol hit resistance and called for help. One Plt 'G' Co went to their aid.
- 1400 'G' Co Patrol to Talisay to Base of Malaria hill. Found no enemy activity. Following Bulldozer (Jap) made road cont. towards hill. Many mines on road, area well booby Trapped. Snipers on hill. Road bends rt. of hill continues half way to rear of hill then turns left goes directly over hill. Found House with 20 bags of rice (07.0-98.5)
- Killed 5 Japs casualties 1 dead 3 wounded
- 1415 – 'H' Co Patrol went from our Position Through Talisay to (07.4-90.7) No enemy encountered. Trail from Talisay through valley left of Malaraya hill recently used. Picked up one Jap pack horse (07.8-89.9) cut enemy commo wire (07.9-89.9) many arty shells as booby traps in valley.

April 7

- 0700 No activity on Per.
- 0915 Air strike on Malaraya hill.

- 1000 Plt from G. Co. left perimeter. Went to (90.1-07.6) found no enemy activity. Saw no mines or booby traps.
- ~~— 0.73-89.9~~
- 1530 Light Machine Gun Plat. 20 Guer. Left for Malaraya Hill with Rations also picking up six man patrol from I Co which are guides
- 1630 Major Matibi's guerillas returned after patrolling Talisay, finding Japs Calvary equip. 8 horses, 3 were dead. Discovered saddles, boots & other equip north of Malaraya Hill
- 1300 G. Co secured Malarya Hill, and digging I for the night.

April 8th Sun

- 0800 No action on the perimeter Last night.
- 0830 H. Co. went into Reg. reserve
- 7 Japs passed their position at 0230 last night with 4 horses , passed at 800 yards due front
- G. Co. repelled two Banzai (**charges**) (07.3-89.9) between hours (082000-080430) last night. Killed 36 enemy who were well clothed & fed, 674th gave perfect support, automatic weapons were used, but no knee mortars; on G. Co. casualties American KIA 2, WIA 9. Grlas KIA 3, WIA 1
- 0950 Grla Patrol with S-2 man attached, confiscated 4 horses & 12 cows in draw (08.5-90.3) Cattle suffering from malnutrition – 4 horses were found dead. Harness, saddle and bridles abandoned
- No 0930
 - o Plt I Co. located 155 Arty Position (07.4-89.4) & primary positions with guns destroyed by our (**Artillery**) (07.25-89.35)
 - o Approx 1200 rds also destroyed, 25 enemy dead were found, Mine field in semi circle – following coordinates 07.00-89.85) (07.19-89.10) (07.65-89.00)
- 1000 Squad of 127 Engineers with Squad from I Co deactivated mine field (07.1-89.7) 17 land mines & 5 155mm shells suspended in trees – returned at 1300

April 9th Mon

- No action on the perimeter last night
- 0830 Sent rations to G Company with Platoon from H Company as guides

13 March

- Message received 13 March 45:
 - o Division reports necessitate the following information arriving at our C.P. by 1600 daily.
 - 1. Summary of operations including patrols
 - 2. Time, location, estimated strength, estimated dead of all contacts with Japs
 - 3. Number own dead and wounded
 - By 0800 report of enemy operations during the night including total number enemy, friendly casualties
 - Time, location, direction enemy artillery fire and others pertinent information

The following note was written by paratrooper in journal:

“Just give me a god damned aspirin and I’ll go home”

Report to Regiment 11 March

- A Line (singled strand wire) is reported to be Located west of Pansol railroad Track, there is concrete post marked #1215 across road from it is a steel post arked LCol, from this post the wire runs south. Believe it would be a good idea to tap this line. This report given by Major Matibag (03.5-15.0)
- Lemery, Bauan, Coenca, 187 – East Sontour
- Hill 580 Muntic River
- ‘H’ Squad Neuteboom + Flips took 800 rds

The following entries are written randomly on the ensuing pages:

River
Platoon (Tank Destroyer)
Engineers
(Artillery Observer)

Commanding position shoot at Japs & Pill boxes that can be identified
187 – North
1 **Battalion** 19th North on East road
No attacks just hold
Contact

1st Phase Line

1st Point, Mt. Maibarara, River junction, TraPiche road junction.
2nd Bambang, Mt. Maquiling

Company D Engineers

3 boxes LMG
10 60mm mortar
Bozz Team
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