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Enemy Situation As of 16 November 1944: The 1st Inf Div which landed at ORPOC on 1 and 2 November was the enemy force present in the Division zone of action. The 1st Inf Div was composed of the 1st Inf Regt, 49th Inf Regt, the 57th Inf Regt, the 1st FA Regt, the 1st Transportation Regt, the 1st Engineer Regt, the 1st Rm Regt, and the 1st Signal Unit with a total estimated strength of approximately 12,000 men.

As of 16 November 1944, the 57th Inf Regt was deployed in the BUREAK NECK and CORRESCREW Ridge area, 2000 yds N of LIMON. The 49th Inf Regt was located in the HILL 1525 area. The 1st Inf Regt was in the MT PINA area and later moved to the LIMON area. Elements of the 1st Engineer Regt were attached to the three infantry regiments. The CP of the 1st Jap Division was located just W of km mark No. 79 on HIGHWAY 2 (06.1-81.9). The exact location on 16 November of the 1st Engineer Regt, the 1st Rm Regt, and the 1st Transportation Regt is not known.

16 NOVEMBER:

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At 152000I 25-30 Japs attacked 2nd Bn 21st Inf from the S. 12 Japs KIA. At 153400I 25-30 Japs attacked 3rd Bn, 21st Inf perimeter. 12 Japs KIA. Jap mortar fire was received during the attacks. At 151800I 20 Japs were KIA by mortar fire on road S of LIMON. At 161000I a group of 15 and one of 30 Japs were observed dug-in vicinity of OGLACIAN. At 161200I a Jap 75 mm gun was observed firing from vicinity 2nd Bn, 19th Inf perimeter. Japs reported mining road S of LEYTE RIVER Bridge. 44 Japs KIA.

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The 128th Inf, with guides furnished by 21st Inf, passed through front lines held by 21st Inf and began their drive S. The 127th Inf moved to assembly area between CAPOOGAN and PINATOPCAN, and the 126th Inf remained as Division reserve in vicinity of TUNGA. Div Hq for the period was located at CUMASIAN. CP closed at 161400I. FO 3, Hq 32d Inf Div, was issued. Forward elements 128th Inf departed from assembly area at 0800I, moving into forward assembly area immediately in rear of 21st Inf positions. A Co, 128th Inf jumped off at 1200I from L/D (06.7-86.7) to (06.8-86.7).

17 NOVEMBER:

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An enemy force of approximately 200 men occupied the strong position in the high ground 100 yards NE of LIMON. Other enemy troops are falling back to the S to the vicinity of LIMON, and numerous troops have been observed moving in and out of LIMON. The enemy's defensive positions are

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well prepared; they are dug into caves and well concealed individual fox-holes.

Dog tags from Jap dead in the vicinity of LIMON--PINAMPOAN identified the 3rd Infantry gun company of the 57th Inf Regt.

Several rounds of enemy 75mm artillery fire were received in the OP areas of the 32d Div and the 127th Inf Regt between 1530 and 1700 today, causing slight damage and minor injury.

An enemy truck column was observed from the air to be moving to the N of CANANGA. A patrol from the 1st Bn, 34th Inf reported observing 200-300 Japs in well-dug positions S of BOMBONGON. 87 enemy KIA. No PWs.

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1st Bn, 128th Inf, occupying position (06.6-66.8) (07.1-66.7) map, LAYES ISLAND 1:50,000 forced the enemy's right flank to withdraw. Enemy fire during the period, from dug-in and concealed positions, was consistent. The 3rd Bn advancing toward LIMON received scattered fire on approaching the village. The 127th Inf relieved elements of the 19th and 21st Infs, while the 126th Inf remained in assembly area NW of JARO. Period was cloudy with intermittent rains and only fair visibility. Our casualties, 8 KIA and 37 WIA.

18 NOVEMBER:

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The enemy still occupies the high ground 1000 yds NE of LIMON and has constructed numerous pillboxes in that area. Dug-in enemy positions have been located on the bluffs on both sides of Route #2, 1000 yards S of LIMON. Considerable Jap vehicular activity continues on Route #2. The Japs have constructed a road block on HIGHWAY #2 at TOLIBAN. Light tanks and armored cars were observed moving N and S on HIGHWAY #2, S of TOLIBAN during the night. Our troops on the S and E flank of the hill feature 1 mile SE of LIMON received heavy fire from numerous pillboxes. Jap artillery fired on our OPs located at PINAMPOAN and 1 mile SE of GULASIAN, and damaged 3 of our artillery pieces near PINAMPOAN. Several rounds fell in the Div OP area between 1200 and 1300 causing some casualties.

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In bright clear weather, with excellent visibility, the 126th Inf engaged the enemy with bayonets and hand grenades after laying a mortar barrage. 3rd Bn, 128th Inf advanced toward LIMON, while our artillery obliterated enemy MG positions. The 127th Inf protected lines of communications along the LIMON Highway to PINAMPOAN still without enemy contact, while the 126th Inf remained at JARO. The 3rd Bn, 128th Inf departed for a new assembly area E of PINAMPOAN. Casualties for the period were 16 KIA, 54 WIA and 1 MIA.

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19 NOVEMBER:

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The enemy is still holding their position 1000 yards NE of LIMON. Small groups of Japs have infiltrated and harassed our troops and lines of communications on the road between PINAMOCOAN and CAPOCOAN and in the CP areas. The enemy has made frequent attacks with mortar support since 0800I this morning against our troops along HIGHWAY #2, 1000 yds SE of TOLIBAW. At 1430I, a Bn of Japs were moving NE across the high ground E of the road, 1500 yds S of TOLIBAW. The column was dispersed by our artillery fire. The enemy was driven from the ridge 1000 yds NE of LIMON, but the enemy strong point 200 yds SE of this ridge is still holding with BNGs in pillboxes supported by 4 or 5 LMGs. Civilians reported that Japs are digging in 1500 yds SW of DOMIRI. During the night a liaison party was attacked by 15 Japs 400 yds E of PINAMOCOAN and the party was forced to withdraw. An enemy MG thought to be on the N slope of HILL 1525 fired on our barges unloading at PINAMOCOAN. A Jap PW captured 1000 yds SE of PINAMOCOAN identified the 6th Co of the 49th Inf Regt. He stated that the remainder of the 2nd Bn of the 49th Inf was immediately S of his company.

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126th Inf, in contact with the enemy, killed several Jap patrol members. 3d Bn, 126th Inf after moving from JARO encountered resistance while reconnoitering their bivouac area. Accumulated casualties were 30 KIA, 188 WIA and 3 MIA, minus casualty report from 126th Inf for the period, also 32d GM and 114th Engr Bn. 126th Inf completed plans for an early attack on 20 Dec 44 to straighten their lines. Two companies of the 126th Inf moved in to destroy enemy opposition on eastern ridge of the two ridges that comprise CORKSCREW RIDGE and were involved in a heavy fight for the ridge. 3d Bn, 126th Inf, sent a strong party N to reinforce the two companies on western ridge of the two ridges that comprise CORKSCREW RIDGE. I Corps authorized Air Corps to strike at enemy tanks and trucks parked on HIGHWAY 2. Patrols from 3d Bn, 127th Inf moved forward to destroy Jap MGs firing on LMGs coming into PINAMOCOAN. Mortar fire was delivered from 0730I to 0930I, preparatory to attack on Jap positions facing A Co and C Co, 127th Inf. Heavy artillery fire was effected by our units in the drive to LIMON. 127th Inf, unable to move its CP forward because of traffic, planned to move forward in the morning. Elements of 1st and 2d Bns, 127th Inf, patrolled their respective areas.

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The bulk of the enemy forces are now located to the S of the LIMON area. Some parties of Japs, 6-8 men each have infiltrated through the hills to the NE and are harassing communication lines, artillery positions, and CPs along the coast as far E as CAPOCOAN. Delayed report from 1st Bn, 34th Inf states that over 200 Japs were killed in the 19 November attack 1000 yds E of TOLIBAW. This attack was repulsed by an estimated Bn of Japs using BNGs, 90mm mortars and knee mortar fire. Our forces attacked

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the Jap strong point 1000 yds NE of LIMON; 27 Japs were KIA and 2 HMGs and 4 LMGs were captured. 2 Bns of the 126th Inf, upon reaching HILL 1525 received rifle and knee mortar fire from an estimated Co of Japs, to the S and SE. A reliable civilian reported an estimated Jap Bn located on 3 high peaks near HILL 1525. An estimated Jap Co infiltrated through our lines demolishing vehicles and installations and established a position astride the road at the bridge midway between CULASIAN and PINAMOPOAN.

Jap artillery fire was received 2000 yds SE of CULASIAN and MGS 300 yds S of this point were firing on our LVTs in CARICARA BAY.

Documents taken 500 yds S of DUMIRI identify the 9th Co of the 57th Inf Regt. The 1st and 3rd Bns of the of the 57th Inf Regt have been identified in the LIMON area. An estimated 50-60 Japs engaged our forces in a fire fight 100 yds S of the bridge at ANTIPOLLO. 23 Japs KIA in this action.

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FO No. 4, this Hq, directed 126th Inf to attack SW in the Div zone of action and continue toward LIMON. The 127th Inf continued its defense of the right flank of the division. The 128th Inf continued its bitter hand to hand action in the OCHESCREW RIDGE area begun the preceding day. The 127th Inf protected communications on highway from LIMON to PINAMOPOAN. The 126th Inf secured the high ground NW of HILL 1525, overcoming ineffectual Jap resistance. Continuous artillery support was effective, especially in the case of the 34th Inf. The enemy persisted in infiltration methods to silence our artillery; all attempts failed. For the period there were 540 enemy KIA, 1 PW. Our casualties totaled 4 KIA, 41 WIA and 3 MIA.

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The enemy forces S of LIMON have been reinforced and are strongly opposing our troops attacking to the S in the KALOGBACAN area. An estimated well-equipped Co of Japs are dug in on the high ground 800 yds NE KALOGBACAN. An estimated 500 Japs were moving W from this area toward our positions. 25-30 Japs remained in the area 1 mile NE of LIMON.

2 PWs captured 1000 yds SW of PINAMOPOAN identify the 5th Co of the 57th Inf Regt.

At 1010I a column of an estimated 500 Japs, pulling 7 artillery pieces by hand, were observed moving N on HIGHWAY #2 approximately 1800 yds to S of LIMON. Artillery fire made direct hits on this column; our troops were in contact with elements of this column 1000 yds S of LIMON. Well-placed MG fire from 3 positions in the area just S of PINAMOPOAN harassed our LVT and barge traffic. An estimated group of 50 Japs, some wearing American clothing and equipment, were dug-in 200 yds S of the beach at CULASIAN and were placing mortar, LMG and HMG fire on our troops. An estimated 50 Japs were digging in on the W side of the creek, 1 mile SEW

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of ANTIPOLO.

Guerrillas told the 32d Recon Troop that the Japs have two roads E of HIGHWAY #2, one 2 miles NE and the other 1 mile SE of LUPERIA. Total enemy casualties to date: 850. Total PWs to date: 4.

Captured PW states the 2nd Bn of the 57th Inf Regt is quite depleted in strength. The 5th Co of this Regt was reduced from a strength of 140 to 11. PW further stated that approximately 18 15cm Hows have been placed in position immediately S of LIMON. He reported rations as being low and ammunition plentiful. Documents identified elements of the 41st Inf Regt 1 mile WSW of PINAMPOAN and elements of the 49th Inf Regt $\frac{1}{2}$ mile NW of ANTIPOLO.

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In a period of light rains, with varying degrees of visibility, the attack continued. The 128th Inf continued its fierce hand-to-hand encounter with the enemy. The 127th Inf continued its protection of the LIMON-PINAMPOAN Highway, assisted by the 632d TD Bn. One Bn of the 128th Inf destroyed a Jap force that had attempted a penetration of the highway. The 128th Inf consolidated in positions near HILL 1525. The 34th Inf met continued enemy resistance. Our artillery continued pounding enemy positions. There were 200 enemy KIA for the period as compared to 11 of our own, with 36 WIA and 3 MIA.

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Generally speaking, the morale of the Division and attached units, during the period was excellent. However, it was hampered by continuous adverse weather conditions and numerous moves. Upon arrival in this operational area, sufficient time was not available to the Division to assemble and move all unit and personal equipment from beach areas to unit areas prior to commitment into action. Fresh meat, eggs, butter and bread were issued during the period. Arrangements are being made for fresh turkey to all troops on Thanksgiving Day. 77 pouches of 1st Class mail were received for Division units.

The administration of civilian population, in the Division area, was assumed by this command.

Strength of Command by Unit or Organization:

	<u>O's</u>	<u>EM</u>
32d Inf Div-	747	18,072
Attached Units-		
34th Inf Regt-	136	3032
2nd Bn, 18th Inf Regt-	38	743
632d TD Bn (less Cos A & B)	89	603
727th Amph Tr Bn-	9	111
Co A, 44th Tk Bn-	7	113

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Co C, 85th Cml Co-	8	118
39th QM War Dog Plt (less 1 Sec)	1	29
32nd CTC Det.-	1	5
98th Mal Cont Unit-	1	11
101st QM G.R. Plt-	1	23
171st Ord MD Sq.-	1	8
1st Port-Surg Hosp-	2	23
5th Port-Surg Hosp-	5	24
18th Port-Surg Hosp	3	25

121st FA Bn on duty with US Forces, APO #920.

CASUALTY LOGISTICS

	MIA		WIA		MIA		Sick	
	O's	EM	O's	EM	O's	EM	O's	EM
	1	29	9	145	0	4	0	167
Attached Units	0	16	3	98	0	2		

2 officers and 19 EM were interred in USAF Cemetery, CARIARA.

Replacements during the period: 0 Officers, 21 EM.

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The bulk of the enemy forces are still along HIGHWAY #2 in the area S of LIMON. The 1st Bn of the 34th Inf in the KALOGBACAN area, W of HIGHWAY #2, was attacked by a reinforced Co from the E and attacked twice by an estimated Jap Bn from the S. One or two enemy Bns are now S of the bridge which is 1000 yds S of LIMON. Small Jap parties still remain in the area approximately 1600 yds SE of PINAMOPOAN. The enemy force which was at the beach NW of CULASIAN attempted to retreat to the S, and 60 Japs of this force were killed by our troops. There is an estimated Jap Co at SINAYAWAN. Guerrillas report 600 Japs at TACONG and 400 Japs at the road junction 3 1/2 miles SSW of CANANGA. They further state that there are 8000-10,000 Japs in an area approximately 4 miles long and 3 miles wide extending to the N with CANANGA as the SW corner. It was reported that all Jap troops in the ORMOG-PALOMPON area are moving N.

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The Division planned to secure the high ground near SINAYAWAN and destroy the enemy in the area. The 128th Inf penetrated the pocket of enemy resistance near LIMON while the 127th Inf destroyed remnants of the enemy force which had penetrated the PINAMOPOAN road. In the face of harassing enemy fire, the 126th Inf consolidated their positions near HILL 1525. The 1st Bn, 34th Inf successfully repelled a sudden enemy attack on KILAY ridge. Our field artillery was still the target for enemy action, and while continuing their effective firing, repelled repeated minor attacks. Casualties for the period were relatively light.

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Enemy forces continue to occupy the ridges to the S and SE of LIMON with pockets of resistance remaining in the area 2000 yds E of LIMON. An estimated reinforced Bn is located along the road 500 yds E of TOLIBAW. This force is being supplied by trucks at night. To the E of HIGHWAY #2 there are 3 pockets of 30-40 Japs on the high ground 1 mile SE of LIMON. At 1300I in an area 1 mile S of PINAMPOAN an enemy force of 200 with 2 75mm guns established a trail block and engaged our forces in a fire fight. Approximately 60 Japs with a BIG, occupy the high ground 3000 yds SE of LIMON. Approximately 130 Japs were killed in the area between PINAMITINAN and CULASIAN. The remaining Japs retreated to the SW to join an estimated Bn occupying the high ground 200 yds W of SINAYAWAN. 30 Japs were killed in the CULASIAN-PINAMPOAN area. Patrols reported a Jap bivouac area on the ridge NW of LOMOY. The enemy blew up the bridge across the TAGBONG RIVER. The bridge 1000 yds NW of CANANGA is heavily guarded. Three artillery pieces were located on a hill 300 yds to the E of CANANGA. Civilians report 2000 poorly equipped Japs in the vicinity of RIZAL 2500 yds N of LIBONGAO. Approximately 30 rounds of Jap artillery fire were received during the day in the vicinity of the Division CP at CAPOCCAN. Two Jap planes attacked our supply dump at PINAMPOAN but caused no damage. A patrol found a dead Filipino who had been tied to a tree and bayoneted.

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During the 2d and 3d Bns, 128th Inf's attack through LIMON Village, an estimated 30-40 Japs KIA. The 2d Bn attacked on the west of HIGHWAY #2. The advance encountered minor opposition and all units crossed the river where strong opposition was met on the left front. One company of the 126th Inf left PINAMITINAN, advanced 200 yards and met light resistance which they knocked out with mortar fire. Enemy withdrew and our troops occupied higher ground. The road from CAPOCCAN to PINAMPOAN is open, with our engineers repairing the damaged areas. The 127th Inf moved E of the 2d Bn, 128th Inf, reporting 2 tanks and 30 Japs, which our artillery engaged.

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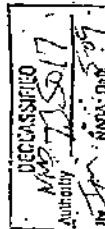
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Enemy troops occupy the ridge 500 yds E of BOMBONGON. A strong pocket of enemy resistance 1 mile NE of LIMON was reduced by our troops and 163 Japs were KIA. An estimated 30 Japs attacked elements of the 34th Inf 1 mile NW of SINAYAWAN during the night and 16 Japs were killed. At 1000I an estimated 60 Japs attacked this position from the N and were repulsed. Enemy artillery fire continues to harass our lines of communication and artillery positions. Two Jap Bom planes were shot down by AA over CAPOCCAN. Captured PW identified the 3rd Bn of the 49th Inf Regt in the corridor E of LIMON.

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Scattered rifle fire was received in Div arty areas causing several

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casualties. All road blocks were removed. Artillery fire broke up an enemy column and scattered horses and caissons proceeding toward LIMON. Enemy continued to resist the advance of the 128th Inf by means of automatic weapons in pillboxes. Patrols were sent out to contact 34th Inf. The 3d Bn, 128th Inf attacked S along the W side of HIGHWAY 2. Combat efficiency, was reported excellent. Enemy on ridge 500 yds E of BOMBONGON. Strong pocket one mile NE of LIMON reduced.

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25 NOVEMBER:

Enemy troops still occupy the ridge 500 yds E of BOMBONGON. An estimated 2 Cos of Japs are located 600 yds SE of LIMON. Enemy strong points are still located to N and E of LIMON. Small groups of Japs are still in the vicinity of HILL 1525. Documents captured in the KALOGBACAN area indicate the presence of the 2nd Bn of the 1st Inf Regt in the area as of 15 Nov. Patrols located an estimated Jap Co dug-in on the ridge 600 yds E of KALOGBACAN. Our artillery fired on a group of 80 Japs 1000 yds NE of KALOGBACAN causing heavy casualties. 1000 yds S of PINAPOCAN, an unestimated number of Japs attacked our forces and 30 enemy were killed. The 32d Bn Troop reported the CANANGA-PALOMPON road clear of Japs to within 5km of PALOMPON. The road is in good condition but some of the bridges are damaged. At 1800I approximately 32 rounds of Jap artillery fire were received in the CULASIAN area, several rounds falling near the Division CP. The 1st and 2nd Bn of the 126th Inf were shelled during the night. An operational order for the 2nd Bn of the 1st Inf Regt was captured at the southern edge of the perimeter of the 1st Bn, 34th Inf.

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Aggressive patrol action in the division area located and destroyed minor areas of resistance. The 128th Inf from its same positions N of LIMON, resisted a sudden enemy attack. The 126th Inf ambushed enemy parties carrying supplies. The 34th Inf destroyed a number of the enemy in a night attack. The duel between our artillery and that of the enemy continued, with our artillery delivering direct hits on enemy vehicles and field pieces. Enemy casualties showed a marked increase; 434 KIA to 21 of our own men.

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26 NOVEMBER:

In the KALOGBACAN area, the 1st Bn of the 34th Inf is still in contact with Jap forces of unestimated strength to the E, S, and W of their positions with a strong Jap patrol of 30-40 men astride their supply trail 1000 yds SW of KALOGBACAN. Our tanks destroyed 2 Jap artillery pieces, hit an ammunition dump and killed 18 Japs. A strong pocket of resistance 1 mile NE of LIMON was eliminated at 1600I with an estimated 22 Japs KIA. A party of 15 Japs were engaged on a supply trail on the N slope of HILL 1525. A strong enemy position 200 yds W of SINAYAWAN was eliminated--an estimated 75 Japs were killed. 32d Bn Troop reports 290/300 Japs in the coconut grove to the SW of the road junction 3 miles S of CANANGA. Guerrillas reported patrols of 15/30 Japs on the ridges W of HIGHWAY #3

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between CANAWGA and LONJOY. A civilian reported 700 Japs bivouaced along the road 1800 yds W of MT CATABARAN. Approximately 480 rounds of enemy artillery were received in our artillery positions during the period. A PW stated that the 1st and 2d Bns of the 49th Inf Regt had been consolidated into one Bn with a strength of 330 Bn for the consolidated Bn as of 28 Nov. Total Japs killed to date: 2134. Total PWs to date: 8.

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Enemy resistance remaining in the 126th Inf zone of action was destroyed. Other units regrouped, secured supplies and prepared for the drive S. Most sectors were quiet at the close of the period; enemy activity increasing S of LIMON only. The 126th Inf extended their lines S and SW despite minor fire fights. Supplies were unloaded and beach defenses set up near PINANGPOAN by the 34th Inf. Our artillery secured hits on enemy trucks and bivouac areas with excellent results, and in some sectors delivered harassing fire throughout the night.

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A reinforced rifle Co is opposing our forces approximately 800 yds E of TOLIBAN. An estimated 2 companies of Japs evacuated their positions 1000 yds NE of TOLIBAN during the night. Mortar fire was placed on an estimated 80 Japs occupying a small knoll 1 mile E of LIMON. A liaison pilot observed a Jap CP 1 1/2 miles E of KALOGBACAN. Our forces were in contact with an estimated 150 Japs on the W slope of HILL 1525. A captured diary revealed that the strength of the Jap consolidated Bn of the 49th Inf Regt has severely depreciated. A guerrilla reported that the enemy has been receiving daily reinforcements at PALOMPON by barge from GUSU. A 32d Bn Troop officer observed 350 Japs landing at PALOMPON from barges. Enemy artillery positions have been located 800 yds NE of BONBONGON, 1000 yds E of KALOGBACAN, and one mile NE of LUPERIA. Dog tags indicated the presence of the 171st Ind Inf Bn.

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The Division prepared for an attack towards the SW, with all units readied for an enemy counterattack reported forthcoming. The 126th Inf extended its lines, patrolled aggressively, as did the 34th Inf. Our field artillery continued to harass the enemy, casualties were light for the period.

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A patrol reports that there are Japs dug-in in caves 1 km SW of LIMON. 150 Japs were killed by our forces moving S on the E side of HIGHWAY just S of LIMON. A strong pocket of resistance 2000 yds E of LIMON was annihilated at 1500I and 28 Japs were killed. 80 Japs were killed by our forces on the W slope of HILL 1525 with an estimated 60 Japs still offering resistance in this area. 65 Japs were killed by our forces advancing S 2000 yds SW of SINAYAWAN. Civilians report 5000 Japs in the vicinity of RIZAL, LINONGAO, and KANAWAGAN which are small barrios E of CANAWGA. An ammunition dump is located in the school house at CANAWGA. Enemy artillery was active on our forward positions and CPs during the day.

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The beach area between CAPOOGAN and CARIGARA was bombed during the night - no damage reported. Captured documents revealed the possible presence of elements of the 41st Inf Regt.

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The Division moved SW of LIMON, overcoming stiffening enemy resistance. A small arms attack on the 128th Inf was repulsed; the 127th patrolled vigorously for any scattered enemy, while the 126th Inf attacked and secured enemy positions. Artillery shelling by the enemy continued - ours replied, with effective results on enemy troops. A total of 3525 enemy have been KIA to date with 8 PWS. Our casualties include 186 KIA, 687 WIA and 15 MIA.

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One officer and 12 enlisted men were interred in USAF Cemetery, CARIGARA. 127 personnel were interred to date in USAF Cemetery PINAMOCOAN No 1. One EM replacement was received for the Division during the period.

Morale generally was excellent. Turkeys were distributed to all units with kitchen facilities. Baloney was stored in refrigerators for the remaining troops. Cigarette ration was distributed. There is a need for personal toilet articles. Arrangements were made with I Corps for distribution of their daily newspaper to the Division. Award of 7 Bronze Star medals and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster to a Bronze Star medal was announced.

Morale was impaired on occasions by numerous enemy shellings of Division and Unit HQs and bivouac areas. Adverse weather, transportation difficulties, and inadequate bathing facilities, materially affected morale. 88 pouches of mail were received.

A problem was obtaining civilian labor for supply trains, dump areas and evacuation of casualties, due to enemy artillery and sniper fire.

Strength of Command:

	<u>Os</u>		<u>EM</u>	
32d Inf Div incl	898	12,282		
121st FA Bn				
Attached Units	61	1083		

	<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>		<u>MIA</u>		<u>SICK</u>	
	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>
Accumulated Totals:	9	99	22	218	1	3	9	380
Attached Units	10	132	31	463	1	6	15	317
34th Inf Accumulated		8	2	89		6		
Totals:		26	1	157		8		
Other Units	1			2				

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DAILY CASUALTY LOGISTICS

Date	Strength nearest 1000	Dead all Causes	Hospitalized Evacuated	(all causes) non-evacuated
22 Nov	12	10	91	73
23 Nov	12	14	86	66
24 Nov	12	59	75	63
25 Nov	12	21	71	60
26 Nov	12	3	36	59
27 Nov	12	7	47	29
28 Nov	12	6	21	30
		120	427	378

Replacements received during the period: 8 officers and 31 enlisted men.

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1. At the end of this period, the Division strength was 16,411.

The following Class I supplies were on hand:

B Rations	-	110,685	-	6.8 days supply
C Rations	-	12,860	-	.8 " "
10-in-1	-	43,060	-	3.0 " "
K Rations	-	7,488	-	4.0 " "
D Rations	-	None	-	None

An average of 175 civilians were rationed daily from Army Class I supplies throughout this period. On 25 Nov 169 civilians could not be fed because of lack of rice.

2. The following vehicles were on hand at the end of the period:

Trucks	-	1/4 Ton	-	120
Trucks	-	3/4 "	-	17
Trucks	-	3/4 " C & R	-	2
Trucks	-	1 1/2 " Cargo	-	154
Trucks	-	2 1/2 " Cargo	-	139
Trucks	-	2 1/2 " Dump	-	23
Trucks	-	4 Ton Cargo	-	2
Trailer	-	1/4 ", 2 wh	-	65
Trailer	-	1 Ton, 2 wh	-	21

Six LGMs were on hand throughout this period.

3. 63 Casualties were evacuated throughout the period and no interferences were encountered.

4. Considerable difficulties were encountered during this period because of the poor condition of the roads. The 114th Engr Bn worked continuously in improving the road section 1000 yds E of PIEMOPOAN and ambulances were given priority and right-of-way at all times on this section of the road. On 23 Nov the road from CARIGARA to CAPOCCAN was closed by

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X Corps to all traffic except CO, ambulances, and engineer equipment. On 25 Nov this road was closed to ALL traffic - and the road from CAPOOGAN to PINAMPOAN was closed to all but general officers. At the end of the period these roads were still closed.

5. Small quantities of small arms and small arms ammunition was confiscated from civilians throughout the period. Salt tablets and kitchen soap became critical items on 19 Nov and remained so for 3 days. On 24 Nov rice for civilians and civilian relief in forward areas and oil ~~SAN JUAN~~ at CAPOOGAN for LVTs and tanks became critical. On 27 Nov salt tablets, atabrine, toilet paper, toilet articles, soap, mosquito repellent and biscuits were placed on the critical list.

6. The 107th Med Bn moved from JARO-TUNGA area to ANTIFOLLO on 17 November. Our LCMs at PINAMPOAN were bombed on 22 Nov for the first time.

29 NOVEMBER:

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The 1st Bn of the 34th Inf repulsed an attack from an estimated reinforced rifle company. A Jap pillbox 500 yds E of KALOGBACAN and 2 enemy artillery guns 1 mile E of KALOGBACAN were eliminated by artillery fire. A group of 75/80 Japs 1500 yds SE of LIMON were effectively fired on by our artillery at 1615H. 30 Japs were killed by our forces on the E slope of HILL 1525. Our OP just N of LIMON reports heavy artillery fire thought to be 160mm shells. A convoy of at least 7 ships was sighted in CRNOC harbor. A number of barges were unloading there.

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The division continued its advance, the 125th pushing forward aggressively across difficult terrain for more than a mile and effecting a crossing of the LEYTE RIVER. The 128th Inf reached HILL 600 S of KALOGBACAN and sent one Bn to the assistance of the 1st Bn of the 34th Inf. The other two Bns defended the PINAMPOAN-CULASIAN sector. Small groups of enemy were destroyed. Enemy killed numbered 111, with 3 PWs. Three of our men were killed and 11 WIA.

30 NOVEMBER:

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An estimated reinforced Co is believed to be located S of our positions in the KALOGBACAN area, with possibly another estimated Co 900 yds S of the LEYTE RIVER bridge. 30 Japs were killed by our forces during the night 500 yds E of TOLINAW. 60 Japs were killed in a skirmish 2000 yds E of KALOGBACAN. A pocket of 35 Japs was wiped out 1000 yds E of LIMON. Artillery fire was placed on 40 Japs chopping wood in an area 1 mile SE of BOMBONGON. 20 Japs were observed in a banana grove 500 yds S of BOMBONGON. Our patrol in the CAVANCA area moved its base to TAGATAY.

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Intensified patrol activity and reconnaissance marked the period, with strongest contact made by the 127th Inf. The 128th Inf cleared and consolidated HILL 600. The enemy failed to attack the 34th Inf position for the first time in two weeks. The artillery continued its destruction of enemy mortar positions and field pieces and was bombed by Jap planes with no damage.

1 DECEMBER:

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A PW captured SE of LIMON reported that the 1st and 57th Inf Regt have been combined as of 9 days ago because of heavy casualties. A patrol encountered 10 Japs in a hut 200 yds S of LIMON bridge and killed all of them. There is a pocket of 30-40 Japs 1000 yds NE of BOMBONGON. Our forces encountered and placed mortar fire on an estimated 50 Japs in a strong point in the area 1 mile E of LIMON. An artillery liaison pilot observed an estimated 200 Japs moving S on HIGHWAY #2 due W of MT CATABARAN--he adjusted artillery on this group, which dispersed in all directions. A Ram Troop patrol reported that 100 Japs with many horse-drawn carts arrived at MATAGOB last night. This patrol destroyed 4 bridges E of VALENCIA by chopping and burning. Weather: Cloudy with intermittent showers during the entire period. Total rainfall: 0.2". Total Japs killed to date 2387. Total PWs to date: 12.

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Only small groups of Japs were contacted by our forces. Enemy artillery was observed in the vicinity of CANANGA. A pocket of Japs to the NE of LIMON was eliminated. 1st Bn, 128th Inf attacked a group of Japs E of the road between LIMON and the LEYTE RIVER.

2 DECEMBER:

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Approximately 120 rounds of enemy artillery fire, thought to be 105mm fell in the vicinity of the 128th Inf forward CP causing no damage. 3 Mtn guns firing to the N were observed 1500 yds E of LIMON and were silenced with 81mm mortar fire. An estimated Co in two strong points, one on the high ground 1000 yds E of KALOGBALAN and the other 200 yds E of this position, have been delaying the advance of our forces moving in this area. These strong points were attacked and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Our forces launched an attack on a Jap strong point 2000 yds E of BOMBONGON and drove the Japs out of the position, killing at least 34. An estimated enemy Co counterattacked from the N, NE and S and reoccupied the position. Our troops established a road block on the trail W of this high ground, which was thought to be the line of movement of those Japs fighting NE of LIMON. Two large bodies of Japs, poorly equipped, were observed moving S of the trail block established by our forces 1 mile SE of LIMON. Mortar fire was placed on these groups with unobserved results. An estimated 50 Japs occupy a strong position astride a hill 1 mile E by NE of LIMON. Patrols operating to the S and E of this position encountered 25-30 well-equipped, well-dressed Japs; another group of 16 were encountered nearby the patrol; both groups were engaged in a fire fight and 25-30 Japs were killed. An estimated 200 Japs moved N on HIGHWAY #2 to a point 2000 yds S of TOLISAN where they turned off the road to the W and proceeded N. Our troops engaged this force

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and killed 43. Our forces killed 40 Japs along Route #2 1000 yds SSE of TOLIBAW. 32d Recon Troop patrols reported that evacuees from SAN JOSE report that large Jap forces arrived at SAN JOSE on 29-30 November--they had two light AA guns but no other artillery. According to native reports 4 u/l submarines were seen near VILLABA on the night of 29-30 Nov but did not land anything. Weather: Cloudy during the forenoon with light showers. Clear during the afternoon. Total rainfall: 0.1".

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In a successful attack, the Division won important high ground in the TOLIBAW area. This new position dominates the sector and precludes the establishment of an enemy line of resistance in the area. The enemy continued to resist NE of LIMON. Enemy casualties for the period were 146, with more than 3000 killed to date. Our casualties for the period were 16 KIA, 47 WIA and 9 MIA, with total KIA and WIA to date less than 2000.

3 DECEMBER:

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An estimated Bn of enemy was forced to withdraw from positions 1 mile SE of TOLIBAW when attacked by the 2d Bn, 128th Inf. 100 Japs were killed, including 2 captains and one 1st Lt. Small pockets of enemy resistance were the high, wooded, terrain 1000 yds E of KALOGBACAN. Immediately S of our forces in this area there is an estimated Bn of enemy infantry. Our trail block 1500 yds ESE of LIMON was attacked by 15-20 Japs and 15 Japs were killed. A pocket of enemy resistance is still being encountered 1000 yds SW of PINAPOCAN. Activity in the area 1500 yds S of PINAPOCAN indicates the presence of at least 250-300 Japs in this area. Another force estimated as a company has been encountered 1000 yds to the N of this area by the 1st Bn of the 127th Inf. An estimated 80 Japs were observed moving S at a point 150-200 yds NE by E of the island in the LEYTE RIVER one mile S of LIMON. Artillery fire was placed upon them with unobserved results. Considerable enemy activity was reported in the area 1000 yds SE of PINAPOCAN. Patrols observed two 3-man outposts and a bivouac area with at least 50 foxholes in the area. Sixty Japs were believed to have occupied this strong point. Forty Japs observed between our road blocks 200 yds S and 1200 yds SE of BOMBONGON, were brought under artillery fire with excellent results. Another 45 Japs, operating just S of the road block 1200 yds SE of BOMBONGON, were also placed under artillery fire with unobserved results. Bazooka fire destroyed a small Jap ammunition dump at a point 300 yds S of the southern road block. A 32d Recon Troop patrol operating from a base midway between LUPERIA and HUMAYBUNAY reported that 20 enemy trucks arrived at CANANGA and moved out to the S during the night. The CP observed a new Jap bivouac area 200 yds W of HUMAYBUNAY. There were many Japs with new uniforms but no weapons. All the buildings in MAYAGON are reported as being occupied by Japs. A PW from the 8d Bn of the 49th Inf gave the strength of his Bn as 50. The regimental CP of the 128th Inf received 105mm artillery fire between 0630I and 0650I. Weather: Light rain during the early morning; heavy clouds during the forenoon; sunshine during the afternoon. Total rainfall: .05"

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Clear weather with a slight overcast and light showers during the day aided the main offensive of the Division. The offensive action was made in the area immediately S and SW of the LEYTE RIVER bridge. The two Bns attacking in that area encountered strong and well defended Jap defensive positions. The 3d Bn, 128th Inf consolidated the ground taken on the previous day. Other units continued offensive action against small groups of Japs. The Japs continued to fight determinedly for the high ground in the vicinity of (07.4-65.2). 1st Bn, 128th Inf engaged the enemy in that sector. 2d Bn, 126th Inf which had been in Division reserve was released to control of C.O. 126th Inf and directed to move over the supply trail which goes from the vicinity of MULASIAN to HILL 1526 and thence to the 126th Inf position in the vicinity of (07.0-62.8). The 2d Bn, 127th Inf was designated as Division reserve.

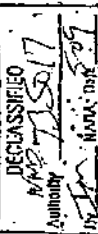
4 DECEMBER. A patrol of the 2nd Bn 128th Inf contacted 12 Japs 3 of their position and killed 2. The 3rd Bn advancing SW of HIGHWAY #2 encountered heavy fire from pillboxes on the crest of the hill 500 yds NE of KALOGBACAN. 45 Japs were killed in the area. Groups of Japs (as high as 60 in number) were observed crossing the LEYTE RIVER at the small island 1 mile S of LIMON. Despite frequent artillery and mortar concentration upon the area much activity continues to be reported along the E-S trail which appears to be the supply route for the pockets of resistance S and NE of LIMON. An estimated 100 Japs occupy a position 800 yds NE of LIMON. The 1st Bn 127th Inf attacked this strong point, killing 32 Japs. Nine enemy light tanks attacked our road block 1000 yds NE of BOMBONGON. These tanks were placed under artillery fire; 3 were disabled and the remainder withdrew hastily to the S. A patrol of the 32d Recon Troop operating from a base at TAGAYTAY observed 30-50 Japs in a coconut grove 2 miles SE of KUMAYBUMAY. A PW confirmed the report that the strength of the 2nd Bn, 49th Inf Regt is only 50. Reports of the 3rd Bn of the 127th Inf indicates that the Japs are using some type of smoke bomb in glass bottles. Analyzed by a CW officer as a non-toxic acid smoke. Philippine evacuees from DOLORES reported that during the afternoon of 2 Dec 100 Japs, unarmed, barefooted, with no vehicles moved into DOLORES and were foraging for food. Sound and flash observers located enemy artillery guns at a point 1500 yds due S of MT CATABARAN. Counter-battery fire was effected and silenced the guns.

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Enemy held their positions tenaciously except for the advances made by our troops in the area to the S of the LEYTE RIVER bridge. Pockets of resistance to the SW of LEYTE RIVER bridge and to the NE of LIMON defended their positions in the face of repeated attacks. Enemy artillery was received in the area SW of PINAMPOCAN; slight damage was caused. Counter-battery fire was effected and silenced the enemy guns. In the 2d Bn, 128th Inf area the activity was light. An advance was made by the 3d Bn, 128th Inf approximately 1000 yds to the SW of the LEYTE RIVER bridge. 1st Bn, 128th Inf, patrolling S and W of LIMON ran across occasional stragglers. The 128th Inf was attacked by nine tanks, the attack was repelled and three tanks damaged.

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	<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>		<u>MIA</u>		<u>SICK</u>	
	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Os</u>	<u>EM</u>
	7	98	10	298		16	9	197
Accumulative	17	226	40	760	1	16	24	714
Totals:								
Attached Units				3				
Accumulative								
Totals:		24		5 160		8		

DAILY CASUALTY LOGISTICS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Strength nearest 1000</u>	<u>Died all causes</u>	<u>Hospitalized Evacuated</u>	<u>(All Causes) non-evacuated</u>
29 Nov	12	4	32	41
30 Nov	12	8	30	33
1 Dec	12	15	29	34
2 Dec	12	22	23	27
3 Dec	12	19	27	31
4 Dec	10	21	31	43
5 Dec	10	31	23	29
		119	196	236

6 DECEMBER:

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Using flame-throwers against pillboxes, caves and dugouts, the 3rd Bn, 127th Inf advanced and occupied the shelf W of HIGHWAY #8 400 yds E of KALOGBACAN. An estimated Jap Co is located on the next ridge to the S. An unestimated number of Japs also oppose this Bn on its E flank. Our forces attacked the stubborn pocket of resistance 100 yds NE of LIMON and dislodged the enemy killing 100 Japs. An estimated Co of Japs were seen building shacks in the rain forest area 600 yds E of KALOGBACAN. A combat patrol 800 yds SE of KALOGBACAN was opposed by an estimated Jap Co, well dug in astride the road. A patrol of the 32d Rcn troop reported that approximately 60 Japs attacked some guerrillas in the vicinity of BULPA and were repulsed, and observers reported that our artillery fire blew up an ammunition dump near CANANGA. A dog tag captured just E of KALOGBACAN identified the 10th Co of the 1st Inf Regt, previously reported in the MT PINA area. A liaison pilot observed an enemy artillery position 500 yds E of LIMON, which was taken under fire. Total Japs killed to date 3566. PRs captured to date: 14.

C-3

Units regrouped and made preparations for continuance of the southward drive. The enemy bitterly denied our advance on their positions E of the LEYTE RIVER bridge, and the heaviest fighting was concentrated in that area. A flank attack to destroy their hold has been planned. To the E and NE, aggressive action accounted for excellent results. One unit drove

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the enemy from high ground overlooking a bivouac area. In an ill-timed and poorly coordinated bid to retake the ground the enemy suffered annihilation of his attacking force. Patrols of the 127th and 128th Inf probing the Jap lines, reported enemy dead. An enemy gun position was knocked out by three direct hits by our artillery. Enemy KIA for the period, 148; no PWs. Our casualties, 6 KIA and 17 WIA.

7 DECEMBER:

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50-60 Japs still remain in positions SE of LIMON. The 2nd Bn, 127th Inf in the area 1500 yds SW of the LEYTE RIVER bridge, advanced to the S and counted 105 dead Japs. The 2nd Bn, 127th Inf counted an additional 163 Japs in their advance 1500 yds S of the LEYTE RIVER bridge. In the area between ROMBONGON and HIGHWAY #2 elements of the 126th Inf killed 22 Japs. An enemy strong point was located at 1000 yds SE of KALOGHAGAN and artillery fire was placed upon it with unobserved results. An ammunition dump was captured 800 yds SE of TOLIBAN. 2 105mm and 2 75mm Hows were destroyed or overrun 800 yds S of KALOGHAGAN. Total rainfall: 0.2" Weather: intermittently cloudy.

G-3

Our elements fought their way to additional high ground in the TOLIBAN sector, launching a coordinated attack, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing supplies of varied enemy equipment. For the first time, two regiments of the division are abreast and in perfect position for a closely coordinated drive against the enemy, and our heavy concentration of forces SE of KALOGHAGAN indicates success for an aggressive move. Remaining Jap stragglers to the rear of the front lines were killed, an enemy road block taken, and one group of resisting enemy succumbed to well placed mortar and artillery fire.

G-4

1. At the end of this period the Division strength was 15,850.

The following Class I supplies were on hand:

B Rations	69,212	4.3 days' supply
C Rations	24,538	1.6 "
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K Rations	25,940	1.6 "
D Rations	0	.0 "

An average of 900 civilians were rationed daily from Army Class I supplies throughout this period.

2. The following vehicles were on hand at the end of this period:

Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Trk, 3/4 T W/O	15	2	17
" , 1/4 T Ren	86	13	99
" , 3/4 T C/R	2	0	2

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Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Trk, 2 1/2 T, Cargo	83	16	99
" , 4 T, Cargo	2	0	2
" , 2 1/2 T, Dump	4	2	6
Trailer, 1/2 T	60	1	61
" , 1 T	3	0	3

From 28 Nov till 2 Dec 7 LCMs were on hand. From 3 Dec till 7 Dec, 7 LCMs, 41 LVTs and 1 DUKW were on hand. At the end of the period 1 of the LCMs and 35 of the LVTs were unserviceable.

3. 571 casualties were evacuated during this period and no interferences were encountered.

4. Throughout this period the poor condition of the roads presented a supply problem. On 28, 29 and 30 Nov roads from CARIGARA to CAPOOGAN was closed to all traffic and the section from CAPOOGAN to PINAMPOGAN was closed to all but general officers and engineer equipment. On 1 Dec both sections were closed to all traffic. On 3 Dec the road from PINAMPOGAN to LINCH became the responsibility of the 32d Division. From 4 Dec to 6 Dec this sector of road was in very poor condition. Traffic was limited to 3/4 Ton and smaller vehicles and engineer equipment. On 7 Dec the road sector from the 32d Division CP S to the front lines became the responsibility of the 32d Division. The condition of this road sector was "Fair".

5. On 4 Dec calcium hypochloride and GO #30 became critical items. on 8 Dec ponchos, raincoats, jungle boots, waterproof food bags, jungle packs, carbine magazine pouches, wool knit shirts, service shoes and GO #30 became critical and were still critical at the end of the period.

6. On 28 Nov the 101st Graves Registration Platoon moved from CARIGARA to PINAMPOGAN. On 3 Dec the 2d Platoon Co D 107th Med Bn moved from CARIGARA to PINAMPOGAN.

8 DECEMBER:

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To the E of HIGHWAY #2 1800 yds S of the LETTE RIVER bridge the 2nd Bn, 128th Inf killed 15 Japs at the road block 600 yds SE of KALOGBACAN. An estimated 1 Co opposing our units in this area is astride the road and dug-in on the ridge to the W of the road 1100 yds SE of KALOGBACAN. The 1st Bn, 128th Inf encountered a Jap force of 20 1000 yds E of LINCH, who fled S when fired on and 31 other Japs were killed in the area. The 32d Ren Troop with an OP in the vicinity of CAMANGA reported 100 camouflaged gas drums and an ammunition dump 200 yds S of the TABONG RIVER bridge. At OROU 4 large enemy transports dropped 100 paratroopers 2 km W of VALENCIA. These were not identified. A patrol of the 32d Ren Troop covering the HUMAYDUNAY, MATAGON and SULPA area reported 300-400 Japs in PALOMPON and that no troops have arrived there recently. There are 50-60 Japs guarding the high ground in the vicinity of MATAGON, 15-20 Japs bivouacked immediately S of HUMAYDUNAY and between 40-50 Japs bivouacked 1 mile SE of HUMAYDUNAY. 120 Japs were reported in SAN JOSE, 30-40 at the road junction N of LIBUNGAC.

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and not more than 100 Japs in CAVANQA. A message removed from the body of a Jap Lt, from the CO 57th Regt to the CO of the 1st Inf Div reveals that the total strength of the 57th Inf is 454 with the 3rd Bn 49th Inf, Engr Pl and Asata Co bringing total strength of his force to 772 and gave the disposition of the 57th Inf Regt as being in the corridor E of LIMON. Weather: Light rains--cloudy all day. Rainfall: 0.05".

G-3

The previous days of concentrated attack weakened the enemy resistance and the forward movement of our elements was relatively unopposed. In their relinquishment of positions, the enemy left large supplies of equipment guarded only by small groups, eventually dislodged by grenades and flame throwers, and enemy activity consisted mainly of harassing and interdicting fire by their artillery. Return fire from our own gun positions increased the total of enemy dead to date to more than 4,000, with 17 PWs. Our casualties to date totalled 352 KIA, 935 WIA and 28 MIA.

9 DECEMBER:

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The 2d Bn, 126th Inf was opposed by an enemy strong point, estimated as 2 platoons well dug in on a razor-back ridge to the W of the road 1 mile SE of KALOGUACAN. Enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire was received by the 3rd Bn 126th Inf from the high ground W of the road at the road block 800 yds SE of TOLIBAW. Small parties of Japs attempted to assault this road block but were repulsed with 19 Japs killed. An estimated 30 Japs with MGs are dug in in the area 1500 yds SE of LIMON. The 32d Recon Troop in the vicinity of CAVANQA observed 2 Jap gasoline dumps on either side of the TOGBONG RIVER bridge. Total Japs killed to date, 4125. Total PWs to date 18. Weather: Heavy rains during the night; heavy clouds and intermittent showers during the day. Total rainfall 2".

G-3

Patrol activity marked the period, particularly in the LIMON area. Occasional enemy gun positions were destroyed and constant observation of enemy trails disclosed no activity. The 127th Inf advanced 3 against light opposition while a Bn of the 128th Inf was slowed by Japs well dug in on a razor-back ridge. Patrols reported groups of Jap bodies, and returned documents, and material including usable flame throwers, guns, and torpedoes. Three of our men were killed; 72 of the enemy.

10 DECEMBER:

G-2

The enemy forces in contact consisted of only small groups just S of our road block. The only new identity was the 1st Inf Sig Unit to the E and E of LIMON. Other elements of the 1st Inf have been identified in the corridor E of LIMON. Enemy artillery was received in the GPs. Between 17001 and 17451 approximately 50 rounds of 10 or 15 cm calibre were received in the vicinity of the LEYTE RIVER bridge. Fire was from 2 or 3 guns. Jap strong point estimated as two platoons well dug in was eliminated. Seven Japs with one HMG were annihilated. The 32d Recon Troop operating in the

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CASANCA area reports that their OP was assaulted by 8 Japs who were repulsed. Very heavy rains during early morning, intermittent showers during the remainder of the day. Estimated rainfall: 1 3/4". Estimated enemy casualties to date: Total killed 4198, PWs 19.

G-3

Increased and stubborn resistance slowed our advance, particularly to the front of 126th Inf which was eventually by-passed by other Bns, leaving the 126th Inf to contain and destroy the enemy. Patrols reported only scattered enemy personnel in poor condition. An enemy troop concentration W of LENOY served as target for our artillery. Enemy casualties totaled 68, with 1 PW, while one of our men was killed and 3 WIA.

11 DECEMBER:

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Enemy forces in excellent defensive positions on crests of ridges just SE of TOLIBAW offered determined resistance. A new identity was the 364th IHB (102nd Div) in the BOHEBOHON area. Over 80 rounds of Jap artillery fire was received in the LAYTE RIVER bridge area. Appeared to be from 2 or 3 75mm guns. Counter-battery fire placed on them and one Jap gun was definitely hit and other silenced. Our Recon Troop CP observed 2 motored Jap transports dropping 80 parachutes of supplies in vicinity of CASANCA. Identities were from the 1st Sig Co, 1st Inf Regt, 1st Div Hq, 1st FA Regt, 364th IHB, 87th Inf Regt, 49th Inf Regt and the 1st Engr Regt. These units were identified from dog tags and documents. Cloudy with heavy rain, estimated rainfall: 1 1/2".

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In a period of intermittent rains the Division continued its slow, steady advance to the S, with the 126th Inf containing and destroying the resistance to its front, the 126th continuing its removal of enemy resistance S, N and E of LIMCE, and patrols killing isolated groups of Japs. The 127th Inf advanced, hindered only by light opposition, while the 126th localized and destroyed the enemy in the vicinity of TOLIBAW. Enemy artillery was active during the night, producing some casualties before the pieces were finally neutralized.

12 DECEMBER:

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In the vicinity of TOLIBAW, enemy forces remained in excellent positions on the crest of a steep ridge. These forces were equipped with a large number of automatic weapons. Enemy artillery continued shelling the LAYTE RIVER bridge area, causing several casualties and hindering repair work. The bridge was not hit. Japs occupied high ground overlooking the road approximately 3000 yds S of this bridge and have strong points on steep razor-back ridge just W of the road. Enemy were well dug in and have

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ECOs and the nature of the terrain is heavily in their favor. Jap anti-personnel mines were found on a trail near BISLOO by our Recon Troop. For the third consecutive evening enemy transports dropped supplies by parachute in the vicinity of VALENCIA. Cloudy, except for brief periods, heavy rains during night. Estimated rainfall 1".

G-3

Despite intermittent rains, continued advances were made in the Division zone of action. Regiments consolidated their positions and strengthened their lines in preparation for continued advances to the S. The intermittent and pernicious infiltration and sniping of previous days in the rear areas had diminished as a result of our thorough patrolling, and the area E and NE of LIMON presented no planned or organized resistance. The 188th Inf, in the face of the enemy artillery, continued its annihilation of the enemy to its front. Our artillery shelled Jap areas and troop concentrations. Enemy casualties for the period totaled 62, with 1 PW. Twelve of our men were KIA and 59 WIA.

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In the USAF Cemetery, FINAMOPCAN, 35 personnel were interred during the period. The total interred to date in this cemetery is 260 of which 167 have been from this Division and attached units. In the USAF Cemetery, CARICARA, 9 personnel from this Division and attached units were interred making a total of interments to date 42.

Five officers and 17 EN replacements were received during the period. Replacements and casuale are being received with inadequate field equipment. Personnel released from hospitals are released without orders and equipment.

Morale continues generally excellent. November quotas rotation personnel are being returned from forward areas. Cigarette ration, chocolate and limited PX supplies received. Toilet articles are still needed. ARO having been doing a commendable job. Fresh eggs, butter, onions and turkeys were issued. No bread for 10 days. 111 pouches of mail were received. Award of 2 Bronze Star Medals was announced. A daily average of 372 civilians were employed.

Strength of Command:

	<u>Os</u>	<u>EN</u>
32d Inf Div, includes	671	11,233
121st FA Regt		
Attached Units-	43	597

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CASUALTY LOGISTICS

	<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>		<u>MIA</u>		<u>SICK</u>	
	Os	EM	Os	EM	Os	EM	Os	EM
	3	39	3	178	0	0	7	216
Accumulative								
Totals: 19	267		43	939	1	17	31	930
Attached Units	1		-	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulative								
Totals: 2	28		6	167		8		

DAILY CASUALTY LOGISTICS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Strength</u> <u>nearest 1000</u>	<u>Dead all causes</u>	<u>Hospitalized</u> <u>evacuated</u>	<u>Non-Evacuated</u> <u>all causes</u>
6 Dec	10	6	34	48
7 Dec	10	10	28	38
8 Dec	10	4	26	31
9 Dec	10	8	24	26
10 Dec	10	1	23	30
11 Dec	10	2	31	40
12 Dec	10	17	22	28
		48	188	238

13 DECEMBER:

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Our forces encountered six light tanks on HIGHWAY #2 500 yds SE of TOLIBAW. Four tanks were used as a road block and the other two were used to withdraw supplies or guns to the S of the tank screen. They fired MG and 37mm at our positions but were repulsed. The main enemy position resisting our attacks are on both sides of the road. Several rounds of Jap artillery fire were again directed at the LEYTE RIVER bridge but no damage resulted. An enemy battery located by gun flashes approximately 8000 yds S of the LEYTE RIVER bridge was silenced by counter-battery fire. Our forces, astride the road, encountered several organized groups in pockets of resistance, some with 50 Japs and 3 MGs. Grenade and mortar fire were also received by our troops. A patrol from CONSUEGRA reported that 4 enemy transports landed a total of 80 to 1000 paratroops in the vicinity of BUTASON. A PW stated that the 1st Regt less the 10th Co were ordered to assist Jap troops in the LIMON area. This PW had been a member of a suicide tank destroyer group. Another PW from the 1st Inf Regt Rapid Firing Gun Co revealed the strength of his Co had depleted to 30 men, one officer and one 37mm gun. The following enemy equipment were captured or destroyed: 3 Light tanks, 1 37mm gun, 3 MGs, one 50mm mortar, one flame thrower, one grenade discharger and large quantities of various ammunition. Clear during period, except for light showers. Estimated rainfall; negligible.

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Bright weather introduced a period of increased movement. The attack was pushed by the assault battalions, with the strongest opposition counter- ing the movement of the 126th Inf. In a bid for a break-through the enemy hurled 6 tanks at our line. This attack was repulsed by evening and the battered tanks withdrew. The 126th Inf. continued its consolidation of the area E, N, and S of LIMON and held the XILAY RIDGE approach. The 127th Inf. SW of TOLIBAW encountering determined opposition, advanced 400 yds S. The 126th Inf. SE of TOLIBAW, repulsed the tank attack, and after a bitter fire fight, advanced to higher ground. Enemy killed during the period totaled 143, with 2 PWs. 21 of our men were killed and 87 wounded.

14 DECEMBER:

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Enemy troops continued their determined resistance on both sides of HYO WAY #2, being in highly favorable terrain and employing numerous auto- matic weapons. Identities of various units indicated the enemy was em- ploying every available element to delay our advance. A Recon Troop patrol located 2 artillery pieces in well dug in and concealed positions 100 yds SE of LONGY. This area was covered by counter-battery fire. Enemy artillery remained silent during this period, but immediately after 1800H it shelled the LIMON bridge area for an hour. They appeared to have come from a single gun and were spaced at 1/2 to 2 minute intervals. 80 75mm rounds fell but were 800-900 yards off the target.

A Jap demolition unit of 25-30, completely camouflaged and using phosphorus on their helmets, attacked the 126th Inf CP. They were completely annihilated by CP personnel. This special unit carried demolition kits, grenades, detonators, RMG and 80 mm mortar. Documents identified it as a 1st Inf Regt unit. Our troops on the E of Route 2 received 37mm high explosive fire from a light tank, which they destroyed by bazooka fire. During the night of 13/14 Dec the following enemy tank activity was observed 500 yds SE of TOLIBAW on Route 2; 5 tanks moving N and 6 moving S. Three of these tanks were destroyed by our bazooka fire. A patrol destroyed 3 BMGs and a LMG. Our I & R Platoon contacted 35 Japs, paratroopers, armed with .50 Cal rifles, grenade dischargers and at least one LMG. Enemy was pinned down by our sniper fire. Four Jap tanks were observed N of CANANCA by artillery liaison pilots. Artillery fire was placed on them. Several supply and ammunition dumps were destroyed by our artillery. Artillery fire was also placed on large enemy troop concentrations in the vicinity of CANANCA. Clear during entire period. No rain. The first completely dry day since 15 Nov.

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Co "C", 127th Inf attacked from their position to the E, and made physical contact with the 126th Inf. The 127th Inf continued the attack S with their left flank on the road with no enemy contacts. A ration train to a Bn of the 126th Inf was attacked by a party of Japs who were finally killed. Patrols killed several Japs, mostly well-fed and carrying rations. Our artillery scored direct hits on a school house at CANANCA. Four other buildings were hit, and small fires started.

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18 DECEMBER:

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Enemy positions, unusually well dug-in and with exceedingly large numbers of EMGs on crests of razor-back ridges which are heavily wooded, are opposing our forces in the area 1000 yds SE of TOLIBAW. Enemy artillery was active, shelling our CPs, front line positions and placing 20-30 rounds in the LETTE RIVER bridge area. The enemy has numerous small supply and ammunition dumps, well dug in, which enable their forces to maintain strong opposition. Japs have used tanks for supply purposes, 8 of which have been destroyed in the past 2 days. Enemy strong points can be eliminated only with flame throwers, grenades and hand-to-hand combat, up steep, slippery, muddy terrain. Six Jap light tanks moving S along Route 2 were engaged with bazookas and 5 were destroyed. Two Jap 75mm guns, well camouflaged, were destroyed by our mortar fire. One 105mm howitzer, complete with crew, was overrun by our troops. Gun was destroyed, crew killed, 3 EMGs and 2 LMGs wiped out. In an adjacent area, 7 EMGs, 5 LMGs and approximately 1000 rounds of artillery and mortar ammunition were captured. Our 128th Inf Regt in the area 1200 yds SE of TOLIBAW, killed over 104 Japs, many more encountered. Destroyed or captured 16 EMGs, 1 61mm mortar, 3 50mm mortars and 5 flame throwers. A booby trap consisting of a bottle of Saki, attached to 50 lbs of explosive, was discovered. 32d Recon Troop reported our artillery fire on Jap bivouac area near CANANGA on night of 14/15 Dec very effective. Our artillery also hit a dump in CANANGA and an ammunition dump 200 yds S of LENOY on Route 2. A document revealed the location of the 3d Bn 1st Inf as being 1.5 km E of LENOY, was addressed to CO of 1st FA Bn and spoke of inability to furnish covering force of 100 men to FA. Another document spoke of our very effective artillery fire. Estimated, Enemy casualties to date: 4891 killed, 23 PWs. Clear during period, no rain-fall.

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Bitter fighting continued through the period. Vicious fire fights highlighted the attack as the Division forced its way past the enemy defense lines. The 128th Inf, with little change of its battalion positions, increased patrol activity, in an attempt to increase the bag of Jap stragglers. Only an occasional straggler was encountered. The 127th Inf struck out for a high ground objective near the bridge S of TOLIBAW in the face of machine gun and mortar fire. A double envelopment by the 1st Bn, a hand-to-hand struggle, and the smashing of five enemy tanks highlighted the action. The 128th Inf, relatively stationary in position during the period, destroyed several tanks. With mortar fire, rifle sniping and flame throwing, the gun crews and defenders were finally destroyed. Our artillery concentrated on supply and suspected bivouac areas, particularly N of LENOY. Seven of our men were killed during the period of vicious fighting; 276 of the enemy.

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16 DECEMBER:

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Jap artillery fire continued in the LEYTE RIVER bridge area. 75 rounds being received between 152110I and 161830I, and 21 rounds in the area 800 yds E of KALOGBACAN on Route 2. Utilising the favorable defensive terrain to advantage, each group of 2 or 3 Japs comprise a strong point, whose elimination requires hand-to-hand combat. Several of the MGs were found dug-in under the roots of trees. One captured 80 Cal MG was of KRUPP manufacture. The Japs infiltrated through our front lines during the night and to our 8 their defensive positions were prepared in depth, a series of strong points, covered with a growth of brush 10 to 12 feet high. Japs dynamited large trees to form road blocks and covered some with bangalore torpedoes. Two Jap light tanks attacked our position approximately 2000 yds SE of TOLIBAW. One tank was destroyed. Two 150mm guns and two carriages were captured nearby with 8 MGs and 5 HMGs. The 32d Recon Troop CP, near AGAYAYAN, was attacked by 50/60 Japs, and the troop withdrew during the night. Captured documents conservatively estimate the present strength of the Jap 1st Div as 1700, and that of the 68th Brigade as 2000. Extracts from a captured diary revealed the low strengths; 9th Co, 25 men, 11th Co, 15-16 men. Captured document located the Hq, 3d Bn, 1st Inf. PW stated that 57th, 49th and 1st Regts were to combine and fall back to high ground between LOROY and BESARES. PW gave following strengths as of 14 Dec: 1st MG Co, 57th Inf Regt, 80 men; 1st Bn, 57th Inf, 300 men; 2d Bn and 3d Bn combined, 30 men. Enemy had had no rations for 10 days, very little ammunition and all artillery pieces with 57th Inf Regt were lost. Light rainfall during period, estimated .25".

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The bitterly-contested battles for key positions continued, necessitating the use of hand grenades and bayonets. The 128th Inf continued its assiduous patrol activity with meager results. The 127th Inf bore the brunt of the action, advancing across a series of ridges through tangled rain forests which furnished excellent cover for Jap rear-guard sniper activity. Close-in and savage fighting marked the movement of the 128th Inf. MG and rifle positions hindered opposition until finally destroyed. Our artillery destroyed or scattered enemy trucks along the road near CANULAN. Eight of our men were killed and 64 wounded. Enemy killed numbered 187 with 2 PWs.

17 DECEMBER:

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Only one organized Jap defensive position remained to our front. This position extended along the wooded ridges approximately 1500 yds SE of TOLIBAW, and was held by defenses echeloned in depth. Enemy artillery continued to try to knock out the LEYTE RIVER bridge, 37 rounds falling close to the bridge. At 2200I about 40 Japs launched an attack, in the vicinity 2000 yds SE of TOLIBAW. They hurled small blocks of dynamite and hand grenades and engaged in hand-to-hand combat. The enemy repeated the attack at 0230I. Both attacks were repulsed with heavy Jap casualties.

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Approximately 500 yds S of BOEBONGON' along the river, overrun Jap positions disclosed a do-or-die stand as 150 dead Japs were counted. Numerous foxholes, pillboxes of coconut logs and fortifications of "L" shape caves dug-in the mountain side were found. Enemy captured artillery included 3 75mm pack howitzers, two 70mm Bn guns, 3 47mm A/T guns and large quantities of ammunition. Our OP in CANA GA was attacked by 50-75 Japs and our ten men were forced to withdraw. Our Ron Troop recaptured their CP at AGAYAYAN which the Japs had taken 16 Dec, along with some Jap equipment. A PW stated that on 13 Dec Regt'l Hq of the 1st, 49th and 57th Inf Regts were on the high ground 1 1/2 km E of LIMON. This placed the CPs approximately 4000 yds to the front of their combat elements, but it is considered possible. PWs reported the strengths of the 3 regiments were as follows: 57th Inf Regt; 400men; 49th Inf Regt; 700 men (questionable); and 1st Inf Regt; 300 men. Dog tags revealed the identities of the 1st, 7th, 12th and 13th Batteries of the 1st FA regt in the vicinity 500 yds SE of AGAHANG. No artillery having been previously located in this area, it appeared the 1st FA Regt was retreating to the W. Total rainfall: .75"

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Clear weather aided our advance against the enemy defending the northern approach of the ORMOQ-LIMON Corridor, and in a last minute attempt to stop our slashing advances, the enemy, using MGs, mortars, grenades and bayonets, launched two attacks against the steady front line of the 127th Inf. In another section of the front line the enemy continued to withstand our attack. The 128th Inf, by constant attrition and continued patrolling, cleared remnants of the enemy force that had defended the LIMON area, while the 127th Inf repelled two counter-attacks and patrolled vigorously to the S, while the 126th Inf secured the Jap defensive positions SW of TOLISAN (05.9-62.4). Our artillery concentrated fires in the vicinity of CABUKAN. Enemy casualties for the period were 203, with 3 PWs. Our own casualties were 10 wounded with none killed.

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1. At the end of this period the Division strength was 11,058.

The following Class I Supplies were on hand:

B Rations	35,520	2.3 days' supply
C Rations	0	0.0 " "
IQ-in-1	0	0.0 " "
K Rations	8,000	.7 " "
D Rations	0	0.0 " "

An average of 735 civilians were rationed daily from Army Class I supplies throughout this period.

2. The following vehicles were on hand at the end of this period:

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Trk, 1/2 T CAR	250	19	269
" , 3/4 T W/C	162	44	186
" , 3/4 T CAR	40	6	46
Amb, 3/4 T Cargo	17	1	18
Trk, 1 1/2 T, Cargo	0	1	1
" , 2 1/2 T, Cargo	182	16	198
" , 2 1/2 T, Dump	17	6	23
" , 2 1/2 T, SAR	8	0	8
" , 2 1/2 T, Shop	1	0	1
" , 2 1/2 T, Wrecker	5	0	5
" , 2 1/2 T, Mtd Comps	4	0	4
" , 2 1/2 T, Water Pur	1	0	1
" , 4 T, Dump	2	0	2
" , 4 T, Cargo	6	0	6
Trk, 1 1/2 T, Cargo	92	1	93
" , 1 T, Cargo	100	0	100
" , 1 T, Dual wheels	22	0	22
" , 1 T, Water	10	0	10
" , 1 T, K-52	4	0	4

From 8 Dec to 12 Dec there were 7 LCMs and one DUK on hand. On 12 Dec we received 2 additional LCMs and on 16 Dec, 6 additional DUKs were available. At the end of the period the following small craft were on hand

Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
LCMs	4	5	9
DUKs	6	1	7

3. 1155 Casualties were evacuated during this period and no interferences encountered.

4. The condition of the roads has improved somewhat during this period, but is still poor. The road from the 32d Division OP 3 to the front lines is the responsibility of the 32d Division. The condition of this section of the road is "fair" and maintenance is continuous. The bridge over the LEYTE RIVER was opened at 1600I on 8 Dec. on 12 Dec, the road developed two "bad spots" and emergency repairs were made. On 13 Dec the road between PINAKOPCAN and LIMON was closed to all traffic except ambulances and engineer vehicles from 1000I to 1600I. Open to 3/4 Ton capacity vehicles from 1600I to 1000I. At the end of this period the road section between km mark 66.5 to the front lines was 32d Division's responsibility. Road was closed to all traffic except engineer vehicles and ambulances between 1000I and 1600I. From 1600I to 1000I open to traffic of 3/4 Ton capacity or less.

5. During this period the critical items were: ponchos, raincoats, jungle boots, waterproof bags, jungle packs, carbine magazine pouches, wool knit shirts, service shoes, GO JOG, cigarettes and canned heat.

6. On 16 Dec the USAF Cemetery LIMON #1 was established and on 16 Dec the 101st Graves Registration Platoon moved to USAF Cemetery LIMON #1 from

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the USAF Cemetery, PINAMPOAN #1.

19 DECEMBER:

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From PW statements, documents and identities indicate that the remnants opposing our front line troops are all that remains of the effective strength of the 1st Div. The enemy in contact, estimated as a reinforced company, located approximately 2000 yds SE of TOLIBAN, have the advantage of rugged terrain, difficult approaches and excellent defilade with dense foliage. Positions on the narrow crests of ridges are strongly fortified and possess extensive trenches with groups of firing bays. Positions are well dug-in under logs and with overhead cover. The surrounding terrain is extremely rough with many fallen logs. Our patrol reported considerable activity in the area near HEMATUNAY, and that 1000 Japs were sighted between MATAGOH and BALAGTAS. This source stated that Japs are still landing at PALOMPON in small boats. Personal papers and a footlocker belonging to Col TURAMI AGITA, C.O. of the 1st Inf Regt were captured. Documents captured identified elements of the 171st Independent Inf Bn (102d Div) on our immediate N flank. This was the 1st identity of this unit on our front and does not necessarily pin-point the unit in this area. Total rainfall during period: .85"

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Violent fighting continued as the Japs fought desperately. The enemy has fought a strong and determined delaying action from LIMON to their present position at (06.2-61.3). However, the 126th Inf continued its assault to reduce their positions, and other elements of the Division occupied positions preparatory to the scheduled attack of 31 Dec. The 126th Inf, to secure its plans, instigated extensive reconnaissance. The 126th Inf moved to an assembly area SW of TOLIBAN preparatory to their march to the LD. The 127th Inf made preparations to act as the left assault regiment in the forthcoming attack, and reconnoitered the area to their front for best possible lines of approach. The 126th Inf continued by a flanking movement to destroy remaining Jap positions. Our artillery was active, theirs was not. Sixty six enemy were killed. Two of our men were killed and sixteen wounded. To date it has cost the enemy 12.7 dead for each one of our men.

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In the USAF Cemetery, CARICARA, five personnel of this Division were interred, making a total of 47 interments to date. In the USAF Cemetery, PINAMPOAN, 11 personnel of this Div were interred. A total of 170 interments to date. A total of 16 interments were made in the new USAF Cemetery at LIMON.

Ninety officers and 436 replacements were received during the period. 221 of the BN were NCOs.

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Morale of the Division was generally excellent. An issue of fresh meat, butter, bread and eggs were received. Little 1st Class mail was received and Christmas mail was received in small quantities, due to base tie-up.

A daily average of 608 civilians were employed.

Strength of Command:

32d Inf Div-	669-Os	11,041-EM
Attached Units-	23-Os	289-EM

CASUALTY LOGISTICS

	KIA		WIA		MIA		SICK	
	Os	EM	Os	EM	Os	EM	Os	EM
	6	46	14	263	-	11	15	315
Accumulative	25	324	67	1203	1	15	46	1243
Total:								
Attached Units	1	23	6	167				

DAILY CASUALTY LOGISTICS

Date	Strength nearest 1000	Dead all causes	Hospitalized Evacuated	Non-evacuated all causes
13 Dec	10	30	211	41
14 Dec	10	7	142	32
15 Dec	10	10	85	22
16 Dec	10	8	76	26
17 Dec	10	1	74	31
18 Dec	10	6	65	31
19 Dec	10	2	124	49
		64	757	222

30 DECEMBER:

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The enemy's strong position 200 yds SE of TOLIBAN was taken and 200 Japs were killed, 800 yds S of their previous position, Jap forces are estimated as two companies. An extensively honey-combed system of caves, firing bays, eight-foot-deep foxholes and dug-outs, covered every foot of the ground which constituted the enemy position eliminated at 10001. This area contained large amounts of personal equipment and clothing, two medical aid establishments and a large amount of documents, and was believed to have been a Hq installation. The new Jap defensive line has its customary terrain advantage and well concealed MGs. One of our tanks was the recipient of three "Molotov Cocktails", thrown by Japs from hidden foxholes along the road. The Japs were killed and the tank was undamaged. American troops in the outskirts of GANAWA were meeting light resistance from 2 LMGs. Some Jap house-to-house resistance was encountered in LONJOY, but was eliminated, and two 105mm artillery pieces were captured. Our Recon Troop patrol reported that small groups of Japs were moving W on TAGBOC ROAD, and that our artillery set fire to a gas dump at TAGBOC. Guerrillas report a total of 2850 Japs in PALAPON.

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A PW revealed that the 1st Div Transportation Regt got 1000 horses and 50 trucks ashore and knew of six 75mm guns, 7000 yds S of LIMON, being destroyed. Weather clear during period. Japs killed to date: 5715. PWs to date: 30.

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The 127th Inf spearheaded the southward attack of the Division. Enemy remnants opposed our advance S on HIGHWAY #2, strong evidence showing that our constant destruction of their positions has limited them to delaying action. The 128th Inf reported no enemy contacts for the period as it continued preparations for its next offensive. The 127th Inf in its advance contacted two Jap companies, and the 128th Inf, after destroying a remaining Jap position in the vicinity of (06.2-81.3), is now disengaged from the enemy. Enemy casualties were 266, with one PW. None of our men were killed and only 12 wounded.

21 DECEMBER:

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The new Jap defensive position, 2150 yds SE of TOLIBAW, continued its tenacious and stubborn resistance. All efforts to outflank these positions have received fire from automatic weapons so placed that our troops have received enfilade and grazing fire. To the NE, 400 out of 500 enemy troops in the vicinity of MT BUGHACH, are reported moving to the S and E. The present Jap defensive positions are located on two ridges approximately 2 miles NNE of LUNOY. The ridges are covered with dense rain forests and are held by two enemy companies. During our flanking operations, 50 Japs were killed and 5 MIA captured. Our tanks eliminated a Jap road block, consisting of disabled Jap tanks, on the highway, approximately 3000 yds S of TOLIBAW. Filipino Army units reported 1400 to 1500 Japs marching southward through CAMPOPO area. PW estimated strength of 57th Inf Regt at 750, 48th Regt at 500 and PW's unit of 1st Div had been annihilated as of 6 Dec. PW located the 1st Div CP at MT CATABARAN on 1 Dec. Weather: overcast but changed to clear.

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The southerly attack of the Division continued, the 127th Inf advancing through stubborn resistance. Our patrols, ranging from the lower reaches of the NAGA RIVER to BUGHACH reported no activity. The 128th Inf combed its sector thoroughly with no results, while the 127th Inf continued its assault of enemy positions on the high ground E of HIGHWAY #2. The 128th Inf continued extensive patrol operations N, NW and W of KILAY RIDGE. There were no enemy discovered. In preparation for the forthcoming 127th Inf advance, our artillery laid down a heavy preparatory fire on numerous moving targets and dispersed enemy concentrations. Enemy casualties were 85, with one PW. Two of our men were killed and 25 wounded.

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Northbound groups of Japs were still being observed. Over 100 dead Japs were counted in the area of the last Jap strong point. 18 MGs were captured in this position. Our tanks, advancing S on HIGHWAY #2, 3000 yds SE of TOLIBAW, destroyed another three Jap tanks, used as a road block. The Japs had mined the road in this area with 105mm projectiles with the fuses pointing upward. Our tanks destroyed 3 Jap tankettes 900 yds S of the reduced Jap road block. A total of seven 2 1/2 ton trucks, 2 armored cars (track-laying type), 4 light tanks, 5 tankettes, two 105mm howitzers and 15 Jap radios littered the road. Our troops seized the Div objective (the bridge midway between TOLIBAW and CANANOA) at 1800I and were not in contact with Japs to the S. A patrol killed 2 Japs wearing U.S. uniforms E of TOLIBAW. A Philippine Army Lt stated the entire coastline from ABIJAO to DAHA is occupied by Japs. There was rumormongering of 3000 Japs moving W, which indicated a movement in force E from PALOMPON. Light showers totalling .02" during period. Generally overcast.

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The Division overran enemy positions after the jump-off this morning, with the 127th Inf smashing forward to oust the enemy from their heavily defended positions near the bridge on HIGHWAY #2 N of LOHOY. Scattered equipment bore evidence of their hasty flight. Extensive searching of the rear areas produced only a few scattered stragglers. The 128th Inf established security patrols while the 127th Inf was plunging through the shattered Jap line, leaving two enemy rifle companies before them. The 126th Inf continued its patrolling of the rear area. Our artillery pounded Jap patrols until the proximity of our troops caused suspension of fire. Enemy killed totalled 248. Two of our men were killed and 9 wounded.

23 DECEMBER:

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Only isolated Japs were contacted in the Division sector. Our patrol to the MT BUGHACH - NAMBIGAO area verified previous report of 400 Japs digging-in. 200 Japs were observed marching S from BUGHACH to TAGATAY. 600 to 800 Japs were reported just W of BURABUD. Civilians reported 3000 Japs moving N from VILLABA. A PW stated that 500-600 Japs composing the remnants of the 1st, 49th and 57th Inf Regt, Div Hq and 1st Ingr Regt, retreated S from a point approximately 200 yds SE of TOLIBAW. Another PW stated there were 2000 Jap patients in a hospital near VALENCIA on 18 Dec. PW revealed that out of 10 wounded, 2 return to combat, four die and the remaining are evacuated. Over 300 lbs of documents were captured in the 1st Div CP area. Showers totalling .05" during period.

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After its sudden smashing of the Jap line, the Division quickly re-organized preparatory to pressing their advantage and advancing to the W. The zone of action was patrolled and reconnoitered for terrain information that could be best used against the retreating enemy. Patrols reported only

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faint traces of enemy usage of paths and trails. The 128th Inf patrols with guerrilla aid located a good trail through rain forest W of TAWAPOPO. The 127th Inf followed suit and studied the rough wooded terrain facing their advance W. The artillery, not firing, improved its gun positions. Enemy killed 2 G, with 5 PWs. Three of our men were killed with 10 wounded. Total enemy killed topped the 6000 mark.

24 DECEMBER:

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Scattered contacts only are reported in the Division sector during the advance to the W. There is considerable Jap activity in the valley 1500 yds SW of MT BUGHAN, and it is possible the Japs may be reinforcing their defensive line from HILL 510 SE to MT CALSUGOS. Our Recon Troop reported 250 Japs moved from CALPOPO BAY to TIBAYLA and moved SE on 23 Dec. In the valley NW of LIGAY, a Bn of Japs were observed in bivouac. These Japs were from TIBAYLA near the W coast. Weather clear but changed to overcast with showers.

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The Division commenced its advance W at 0800I through tangled rain forests and a succession of rugged hills. Only scattered parties of Japs remained to fight and were finally disposed of by our patrols. The 128th Inf, advancing in the northern sector of the Division zone of action, two Bns abreast encountered meager opposition. The 127th Inf, in like formation, and advancing W in the southern sector of the Division zone of action killed only a small enemy party. Patrols of the 126th Inf reported Japs were "travelling light" and quickly to the W. Lines of communication and the rear areas remained secure, and the rapid forward movement of all patrols decreased action of our artillery. Forty-three enemy were killed; only one of our men.

25 DECEMBER:

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No contacts with enemy forces have been made that would indicate that they have consolidated in any one position. The Jap battalion reported 24 Dec disbanded into small groups during the night and moved S. An estimated 800 Japs were observed moving NW one mile E of BUGHAN. Artillery fire was placed on these Japs with undetermined results as they immediately dispersed. Total Japs killed to date 2400. Total PWs to date 37. Weather: Overcast with sporadic showers totalling .50".

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Dense, almost impassable forests and craggy terrain slowed the advance W toward the VISAYAN SEA. The 128th Inf advanced 3000 yds and gained information regarding an undetermined number of enemy in the vicinity of MATAOTO. The 127th Inf, in the south sector, advanced approximately the same distance across difficult and hazardous terrain, while the 126th Inf continued its

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protection of the LG and rear areas. Artillery dispersed one enemy party and moved further forward to give added protection to both the advancing regiments. No casualties in our ranks; 83 enemy killed, bringing the total to 6400 Japs killed and 37 PWs to date.

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In USA Cemetery LIMON, 57 interments were made from the Division and attached units. Total of 73 interments from this Division to date. In USA Cemetery, CARICARA four interments were made; a total of 51 from this Division.

120 Officers and 155 EM replacements were received.

Morale of Division and attached units was high upon the successful completion of bitter fighting in CEMOC VALLEY. The Dec rotation quota was returned to the rear. A ration of cigarettes, toilet articles, candy and PX supplies were received. 3456 bags of mail were received, 89 of which were 1st Class.

Two Bronze Star medals and one Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star were announced.

A daily average of 301 civilians were employed.

DAILY CASUALTY LOGISTICS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Strength nearest 1000</u>	<u>Dead all causes</u>	<u>Hospitalized evacuated</u>	<u>non-evacuated all causes</u>
20 Dec	10	--	146	35
21 Dec	10	5	113	39
22 Dec	10	2	159	37
23 Dec	10	3	75	33
24 Dec	10	1	43	15
25 Dec	10	--	35	12
		8	571	151

CASUALTY LOGISTICS

	<u>MIA</u>		<u>MIA</u>		<u>MIA</u>		<u>SIOX</u>	
	<u>On</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>EM</u>
	1	7	4	52	--	--	2	120
Accumulative	26	344	61	1242	1	10	48	1373
Totals:								
Attached Units			1	1				
Accumulative								
Totals:								
of Atchd Units	1	26	7	168		8		
Incl 34th Inf Regt								

Five Officers and 184 EM replacements were received.

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26 DECEMBER:

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Our forces moving to the W had no enemy contact. Scattered sightings of enemy movements are to the W. A delayed report from the 127th Inf indicated that 400 to 500 Japs armed with MGs and LMGs, were encountered at an undisclosed point during the 127th Inf's advance to the W on 25 Dec. These Japs were moving W and artillery fire killed 53. A Jap cargo pack train observed moving W 2000 yds S of BUGHACH. Artillery fire dispersed this train with unknown casualties. A supply dump of 75, 105mm ammunition and gasoline were destroyed by our planes strafing CAMPOKPOK 26 Dec. Weather: Overcast with sporadic showers totalling .1"

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Rations were dropped to our troops, obviating heavy activity. The 128th Inf advanced toward one Jap party while the 127th Inf remained stationary. The 126th Inf patrolled extensively. Twenty-nine enemy were killed. To date, for each man we have lost the enemy has lost 14.8.

27 DECEMBER:

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No contacts of any consequence occurred during the day and enemy information points to the Jap retreat to the W. The 127th Inf reported a Jap CP 1000 yds SW of BUGHACH, disposition unreported. Same Regt reported a heavily used trail and that 200-300 Japs had moved over it going W a short time previously. One Jap killed on the trail was from the 10th Co, 1st Inf Regt. Patrols from the Rem Troop encountered only a few Japs in CAMPOKPOK area. A PW captured at MAMBIJAO, 26 Dec, from the Trans Regt, 2d Co, 26th Div, stated that 1000 Jap troops started the retreat to the W on 16 Dec. These troops carried six artillery pieces, MGs and intended to join the 68th Inf Brigade. Weather: Overcast with continued light and moderate rainfall. Total rainfall: 1 1/2 inches.

G-3

Infantrymen advanced vigorously through moderate rainfall. Only scattered resistance was encountered. The 128th Inf advanced 5000 yds with no enemy contact, as did the 127th Inf. The 126th Inf moved two Bns to new areas and established new routes for patrol activities. Our artillery did not fire during the period. Only 16 enemy were killed to three of our own men.

28 DECEMBER:

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Only scattered stragglers were encountered by our Regts moving to the W. Civilian source stated 500 Japs were in TABANGO BAY area. 200 of which recently arrived from SAN ISIDRO. 128th Inf I & R Platoon operating 2000 yds E of CAMPOKPOK BAY estimates these Japs as 200. Weather was rainy and rainfall totaled 1".

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Advance elements of the Division reported no enemy contacts. The 1st battalions of each of the two regiments led the forward movement in their respective regimental sector. Supplies and rations were dropped to our forward parties. Fragmentary reports indicated that one reconnaissance group had reached the W coast of LEYTE in the vicinity of TABANAGO BAY. The 126th Inf continued patrolling, with few victims. The 127th Inf advanced approximately 3000 yds W, and reported they could see SILAD BAY. The 128th Inf advanced 4000 yds with no enemy opposition. No artillery firing was necessary. We suffered no casualties but killed 93 enemy.

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1. At the end of the period the Division strength was 11,452.

The following Class I supplies were on hand:

B Rations - 3 days supply
C Rations - .3 " "
10-in-1 -.10 " "
K Rations 9.25 " "
D Rations - 0 " "

An average of 375 civilians were rationed daily from Army Class I supplies throughout this period.

2. The following vehicles were on hand at the end of this period:

Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Trk, 1 T, 2 wheel cargo	173	0	173
" , 1 T, 2 wheel cargo	181	5	186
" , 1 T, 2 wheel water	24	0	24
" , 1 T, Limber, 8-1 w/pintle	17	0	17
" , 1 T, PMV, K-62	4	0	4
" , Cml Serv, M1	1	0	1
" , Pole type	3	0	3
" , Am, M-10	12	0	12
" , 20 T	2	0	2
Trk, 1 T, 4x4 C&R	329	13	342
" , 3/4 T, 4x4 W/C	212	30	242
" , 3/4 T, 4x4 C&R	31	1	32
" , 3/4 T, 4x4 Amb	19	3	22
" , 3/4 T, 4x4 Carry-all	4	0	4
" , 1 1/2 T, 6x6 Dump	6	0	6
" , 2 1/2 T, Cargo	177	16	193
" , 2 1/2 T, Dump	21	4	25
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6 Wrecker	6	2	8
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6 Shop	6	0	6
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, parts	6	0	6
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6 BAR	6	0	6

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Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Trk, 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Water Purifier	2	0	2
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6 Oil Serv	1	0	1
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Mtzd Comp	4	0	4
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6 Amph	7	0	7
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Crane	1	0	1
" , 4 T, 6x6 Cargo	5	0	5
" , 4 T, " Dump	2	0	2
" , 4 T, " Wrecker	4	0	4
Carriage, Mot, 105mm How, M-7	17	0	17
LVT, MK-II, LVT 2	2	0	2
LVT, MK-II, LVT, AL	4	2	6
Tractor, D-2	6	1	7
Tractor, D-6	3	1	4
Tractor, D-7	3	0	3
Tractor, TD-9	41	10	51
Airplane, liaison, L-4	1	0	1
Trk, 1 1/2 T, Panel, K-51	1	0	1
S T, Reefer	1	0	1

3. Seventy-nine casualties were evacuated during the period, and no interferences were encountered.

4. The condition of the roads throughout this period varied from "poor" to "fair". The 32d Div road responsibility was from km mark 59.5 to the front lines for the first 3 days. This section of the road was closed to all traffic, between the hours of 1000I and 1600I. Between 1600I and 1000I it was open to 3/4 Ton vehicles or smaller. Emergency repairs were being made constantly. On 19 Dec the 114th Engrs devoted their entire effort to hauling gravel for road repairs. On 23 Dec the road sector from the LEYTE RIVER bridge to the km 82 marker became the 32d Div responsibility. This road section was in "fair" condition. On 24 Dec the engineers began to clear the road of Japanese equipment.

5. From 18 Dec to 26 Dec the critical items were as follows: jungle boots, combat boots, ponchos, waterproof bags, wool knit shirts, earned heat and BAR belts. On 25 Dec soap became critical. On 27 Dec the following items were added to this list: MP brassards, field ranges, cooking stoves, leggings, M1 jackets and trousers, wire cutters, mosquito head nets, helmet liners, entrenching shovels and steel wool.

6. During the period 16 Nov - 16 Dec, the following enemy equipment had been captured:

3 - 150mm Howitzers	20 - Light Tanks
18 - 105mm "	6 - Tankettes
20 - 76mm "	18 - Radios
7 - 70mm "	3 - Air compressors
7 - 47mm AT Guns	2 - Armored cars

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77 - REGs	9 - 2 1/2 T Trucks
118 - LMGs	5 - Flame Throwers
95 - Grenade Dischargers	1 - Ford Staff Car

7. On 27 Dec there was no C-47 Drop. None of the men of the 127th and 128th Inf Regts had rations for the noon meal. Only 15% of these troops had rations for the evening meal.

28 DECEMBER:

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Other than a small pocket, which was eliminated, in the CAMPOKPOK area, no enemy strength was encountered in the drive to the W coast. 300 Japs were observed moving to vicinity of PORTUNA. Same source (I & K Platoon, 128th Inf) reported 96th Guerrilla Regt CP was attacked by an unknown number of Japs in U.S. uniforms. "A" Co of the 128th Inf occupied CAMPOKPOK, killing 31 Japs. Information from 96th Guerrilla Regt stated 400 Japs were in the area of MASIST, AREVALE, TABANGO and OTABON. A group of 20 Japs approached our Ron Troop CP but were driven off by rifle fire. One Jap wandered into this CP with one of our surrender leaflets. A PW, who was a merchant seaman, stated there had been a total of 4 ships, each with 1000 troops, destroyed at SAN ISIDRO, and that only 2000 landed. No rainfall during period.

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The race to the coast began when forward infantrymen broke through the detested underbrush to the open slopes that faced LEYTE GULF. Only token resistance was offered in this 8000 yd advance of the 127th and 128th Inf Regts. None of our men were killed. 38 enemy killed and 5 PWs.

28 DECEMBER:

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Two groups of enemy in force were reported. One concentration of 80 Japs on NW slope of HILL 724 was under attack. A column of 500 Japs, W of CAMPOKPOK were observed moving S. A patrol from 128th Inf killed two Japs wearing U.S. uniforms. On our S flank there are an estimated 2000 Japs in the PILLAGA-BALITA area. A PW captured by our Ron Troop was from HOSHI BUTAI (66th Brigade), and stated only half their strength of 800 had weapons on landing. All of their 3 landing craft were sunk before landing. No rainfall during the period. Total Japs killed to date, 6581. PWs to date: 45.

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All advancing units consolidate their positions and began patrolling, particularly along the W coast of LEYTE. Patrols to the rear accounted for more enemy dead than did the forward patrols. The 128th Inf improved its position, attacked one group of enemy, and constructed a sub landing strip. The 127th Inf occupied positions on high ground overlooking the W coast and contacted the 7th Cav at VILLARA. The 126th Inf, patrolling the LG, and the rear areas killed two well-fed Japs who were wearing American clothing. Enemy killed, 28, with one PW. No casualties of our own. Total enemy dead to date 6,581, with 45 PWs. Total KIA for our personnel, 437, with 1598 WIA and 88 MIA.

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31 DECEMBER:

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One pocket of enemy resistance, containing over 200 Japs, are opposing on the W slope of HILL 345 (3000 yds E of TAPANGGO). Another force of 250 Japs last reported moving toward ANTIPOLLO PT area, was fleeing from our troops. Otherwise only stragglers were contacted. A strong combat patrol was dispatched to the MT CALSUGOS area to eliminate 100 Japs reported dug-in. No report as to results as yet. Extensive patrolling in 120th Inf area netted 21 stragglers killed. An estimated 200 to 250 Japs attacked our Ron Troop CP between 0300I and 0400I. The Japs used at least 2 MGs, 3 LMGs, 1 heavy and one light mortar plus small arms. The Ron Troop successfully withstood the attacking Japs, but CO of the Ron Troop was killed by enemy mortar fire. Japs withdrew NW toward ANTIPOLLO PT. Weather clear throughout the period.

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The long westward trek completed, and with fair weather to aid them, the elements of the Division along the W coast selected and improved the best positions available. Patrols were dispatched to remove desultory opposition. All rear echelon began moving from Tunga. The 128th Inf attacked a party of Japs armed with rifles. The 127th Inf repelled an attack of a Jap rifleman, who withdrew NW along the JINAGIATAN RIVER. Division artillery improved its road and did no firing during the period. Enemy killed: 32 with one PW. Three of our men were killed and 3 wounded.

1 JANUARY 45:

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Only disorganized groups of enemy stragglers remain in the Division zone of action. The two pockets of Jap resistance reported 31 Dec broke contact and dispersed after suffering heavy casualties. Documents taken from Jap bodies, in area 300 yds N of TIBAYLA, identified the 5th Co, 1st Inf Regt and 3d MG Co of the 57th Inf Regt. Major elements of the 2d Bn, 127th Inf Regt contacted the Japs, who had attacked our Ron Troop CP on 31 Dec, at a point 1500 yds S of BARANBANG. This Jap force used 3 MGs, 3 LMGs and an unknown number of mortars. This force was defeated with a total of 71 Japs killed and 5 MGs captured. Clear weather with no rain during period.

2-3

Our elements along the W coast continued patrolling. Elements of both regts departed from SILAD and CAMPOPP BAYS. These troops disembarked near CAPOCCAN. Thorough patrolling was conducted from the LONNOY bridge (S) to PINAMPOCAN (N). No contact with the enemy was reported. The 128th Inf conducted patrols, and moved elements of the regt to their new staging area near CAPOCCAN. The 127th Inf reported contact with an estimated 200 Japs S of BARANBANG. After a sharp fire fight approximately half the enemy were killed, the rest dispersing. The 126th Inf patrolled without results; our artillery did not fire during the period. 31 enemy were killed, and 1 PW taken. We suffered no casualties.

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2 JANUARY 45:

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Only one group of 8 Japs was found in the Division zone of action. The only others sighted were stragglers. A late report stated 80-100 Japs in vicinity of VILLABA were placed under mortar fire and 40 Japs were killed. Weather was clear. Estimated enemy casualties from 16 Nov to the close of the commitment at 1800I 2 Jan 45, at which time the 32d Inf Division was relieved were: Total killed, 6699, total PWs: 46.

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West coast elements of the Division continued patrolling until relieved by elements of the 305th Inf, and preparations were made for movement of the balance of the Division from the W coast to their new staging area. Patrols of the 128th Inf, following a report of Japs near CONSUEGRA investigated and found only several dead bodies. The 127th Inf and the 128th Inf continued patrol operations. Artillery adjustment fire was conducted by one battery only. Five enemy were killed during the period and one taken prisoner. We suffered no casualties. To date, enemy dead number 6699, with 46 PWs. Our casualties total 450 KIA, 1894 WIA and 38 MIA. The enemy has paid 14.2 dead for each of our men killed in action.

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In the USAF Cemetery, LINCH, 64 interments were made. A total to date of 127 from this Division and attached units. Six interments were made in the USAF Cemetery, CARRIGARA. A total of 57 from this Division and attached units.

Thirteen officers and 231 EM replacements were received.

Morale was generally excellent. Fresh turkey, beef and bread were issued. Arrangements for bear ration and PX supplies were made for the troops upon their return from the front. 126 pouches of 1st Class mail and 1290 bags of other mail were received.

Awards of 2 Silver Stars, 18 Bronze Star medals and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters to Bronze Star were announced.

A daily average of 477 civilians were employed for the 8 day period.

Strength of Command:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
32d Infantry Division	685	11,161
Attached Units	13	143

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CASUALTY LOGISTICS

	<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>		<u>MIA</u>		<u>SICK</u>	
	Os	EM	Os	EM	Os	EM	Os	EM
Accumulative	2	5	-	13	-	-	1	143
Totals:	24	351	87	1360	1	7	49	1516
Attached Units (includes cumulative totals of 34th Inf)	24	5	180			8		

DAILY CASUALTY LOGISTICS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Strength nearest 1000</u>	<u>Dead all causes</u>	<u>Hospitalized Evacuated</u>	<u>Non-evacuated all causes</u>
23 Dec	10	-	23	20
27 Dec	10	3	14	2
28 Dec	10	-	13	8
29 Dec	10	-	4	0
30 Dec	10	-	18	50
31 Dec	10	3	13	15
1 Jan 45	10	1	36	30
2 Jan 45	10	-	17	16
		7	145	148

Two officers and 81 Em replacements were received.

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1. At the end of the period the Division strength was 11,398.

The following Class I supplies were on hand:

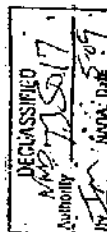
B Rations	-	.4 days supply
C Rations	-	.0 " "
D Rations	-	.2 " "
K Rations	-	0 " "
10-in-1	-	0 " "

An average of 270 civilians were rationed daily from Army Class I supplies throughout this period.

2. The following vehicles were on hand at the end of this period:

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Type	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Tlr, 1/2 T, 2 wheel Cargo	154	0	154
" , 1 T, 2 wheel Cargo	172	4	176
" , 1 T, 2 wheel water	23	0	23
" , 1 T, Limber, S-1 w/pintle	11	0	11
" , 1 T, PMV, K-52	3	1	4
" , Cml Serv, M-1	1	0	1
" , Pole type	7	0	7
" , AM M-10	12	0	12
" , 20 T	2	0	2
Trk, 1/2 T, 4x4, C&R	315	10	325
" , 3/4 T, 4x4, W/C	218	23	241
" , 3/4 T, 4x4, C&R	41	1	42
" , 3/4 T, 4x4, Amb	31	5	36
" , 3/4 T, 4x4, Carry-all	3	1	4
" , 1 1/2 T, 6x6 Dump	6	0	6
" , 1 1/2 T, 4x4, Panel	1	0	1
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Cargo, LWB	159	28	187
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Cargo, SWB	14	2	16
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Dump	19	4	23
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Wrecker	6	0	6
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6 Shop	6	0	6
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Parts	7	1	8
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, SAR	4	0	4
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, water purif	1	0	1
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Cml Serv	1	0	1
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6, Mtzd Comp	4	0	4
" , 2 1/2 T, 6x6 Amph	10	0	10
" , 2 1/2 T, Crane	1	0	1
" , 4 T, 6x6, Cargo	5	0	5
" , 4 T, 6x6, Dump	1	1	2
" , 4 T, 6x6 Wrecker	4	0	4
Carriage, Mat, 10ftm How, M-7	0	2	2
LVT, MK II, LVT 2	0	2	2
LVT, MK II, LVT AL	8	1	9
Tractor, D-2	55	2	57
Tractor, D-6	4	1	5
Tractor, D-7	4	2	6
Tractor, HD-7	1	1	2
Tractor, HD-9	43	13	56
Airplane, Liaison, L-4	3	1	4
Reefer	6	0	6
Tlr, 6 T, Hwy Trk Laying	6	0	6

3. 91 casualties were evacuated during the period, and no interference was encountered.

4. The condition of the roads was improved considerably during this

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period; maintenance and the construction of a two-way gravel road was continuous. On 29 December the road became passable throughout. Construction of the two-way gravel road was carried on at a daily rate of 350 yds of construction.

5. On 28 December the following items were listed as critical; MP brassards, field rangers, cooking stoves, jungle and combat boots, BAR magazine belts, meat cans, wire cutter carriers and wire cutters, mosquito head nets, helmet liners, entrenching shovels, canned heat, laundry soap and steel wool.

On 30 DEC MHT jackets and trousers, meat cans, entrenching shovels, laundry soap and steel wool were no longer critical, but there was a serious shortage of Class I supplies. The situation remained so until the end of the period.

6. On 1 January 1945, 9 LSTs carrying the 1st Bn, 128th Inf Regt and 250 trucks of the 1st Inf Regt arrived at CAPOGAN from CAMPO BAY.

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