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Abstract: The following is a detailed Division narrative, Annex 5 (from page 1): In compliance with Stalemate II FO #2, HQ XXIV Corps, dated 21 august 1944, and Movement Order Able 17 1-44, Commander Task Group Able (Task Group 33.1) dated 2 September 1944, 7th Infantry Division reinforced, sailed from pearl Harbor, T.H. LST Unit (TU 33.3.5) cleared pearl Harbor on 12 September 1944, and Transport Group Able (TG 33.3) cleared on 15 September 1944. For details see Stalemate II FO #6, HQ 7th Infantry Division, dated 28 August 1944.

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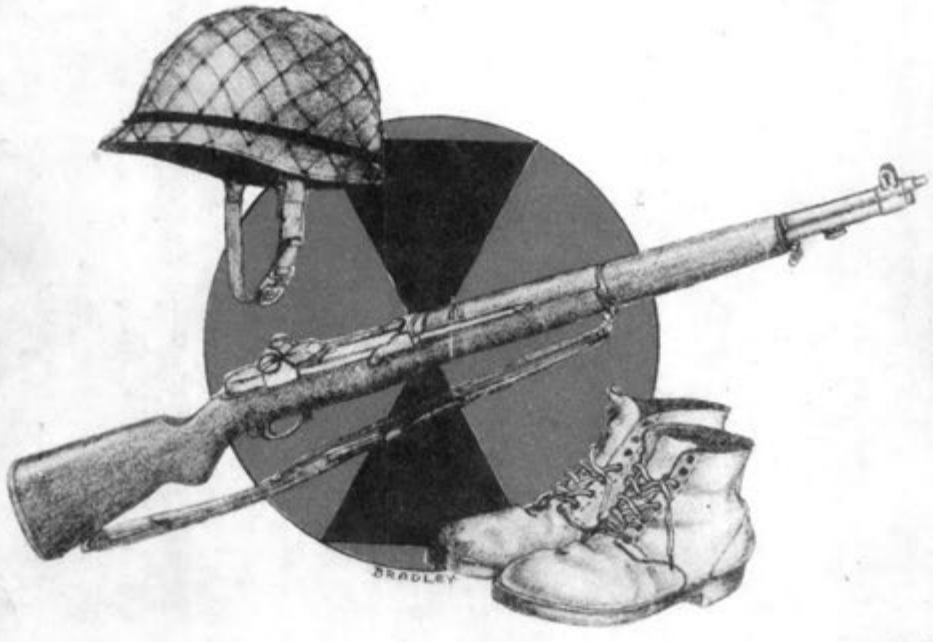

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A-DAY - 20 OCTOBER 1944

Able-Day was 20 Oct 1944, and Jig-Hour, 1000 Item.

At 0330 Attack Group Able entered Leyte Gulf and by 0700 TU 33.3.5 and TG 33.3 had arrived in the transport area. Naval preparation and support of landing was conducted on schedule in compliance with Attack Order Able 172.44, Task Group 79.1, dated 9 Sept 1944.

Assault battalions were landed as follows: Beach Yellow 1, 184-1; Beach Yellow 2, 184-3; Beach Violet 1, 32-3; Beach Violet 2, 32-2. For details see FO #9, Hq 7th Inf Div, dated 1 Oct 1944.

The first wave, consisting of amtanks of the 776th Amph Tank Bn, hit the beach at 1003. Opposition was slight. A few tank obstacles were encountered on Beach Yellow 1. Landing of the first fourteen waves was completed with very minor variations from schedule and against light, sporadic opposition from mortar, rifle and machine gun fire. Waves 2, 3 and 4 consisted of assault infantry in amtracs. Wave 5 consisted of medium tanks in LCMs. No tanks or tank personnel were lost in landing. Waves 6 through 9 consisted of infantry, command personnel, and engineers in amtracs. Waves 10 through 14 consisted of LCVs and LCMs carrying tanks, bulldozers, shore party and medical personnel. Amtracs of the 718th Amph Trac Bn carried personnel of the 184th Infantry and amtracs of the 536th Amph Trac Bn carried personnel of the 32nd Infantry. One platoon of the 91st Cml Wpns Co was landed in the 8th wave to support each assault infantry regiment.

By 1016 the 776th Amph Tk Bn had penetrated 200 yds inland and gone into position to support the infantry attack with overhead fire. Fire of the amtanks was conducted by field artillery forward observers.

184-3 advanced steadily against sporadic rifle fire in the town of Dulag, reaching Hwy 1 by 1320. 184-1 encountered only scattered enemy riflemen and reached Hwy 1 by 1300. 32-2 and 32-3 advanced against moderate opposition and by 1043 had penetrated 200 yds inland. Continuing the advance against considerable small arms, antitank and machine gun fire, they had pushed an additional 300 yds by 1400. In the course of this advance three tanks supporting 32-3 and two tanks supporting 32-2 were knocked out. Four strongly held enemy pillbox positions were reduced.

At 1203 the 776th Amph Tk Bn reported its situation to be generally good with two amtanks out of action.

At approx 1300 184-2 landed and moved into an assembly area on the left flank.

By 1350 184-1 and 184-3 were in contact, reporting no enemy in the interval between Beaches Yellow 1 and Yellow 2.

At 1400 32-2 found the Calbasag River Bridge on Hwy 1 to be out.

By 1410 184-3 had pushed 350 yds beyond Hwy 1.

At approx 1500 17-3 landed on Beach Yellow 1 in accordance with FO #10, Hq 7th Inf Div, 20 Oct 1944, and pushed west and south, seizing the Dao Bridge over the Daguitan River. Opposition was light and by approx 2100 17-3 had established a bridgehead south of the river, maintaining contact with the 184th Inf on its right.

By 1510 the 48th FA Bn had landed and was in position on the right edge of Beach Yellow 1. By 1551 the 57th FA Bn had landed with Btry A in firing position, while Division Artillery had established a CP at 61.85-25.85. By 2021 all field artillery battalions were ashore and with the 776th Amph Tk Bn, were registering for normal barrage.

The 7th Med Bn landed at approx 1530 and established installations ashore.

The 7th Cav Ron Tr had completed landing by 1515 and moved into an assembly area 200 yds west of Beach Yellow 2.

Btry B, 866th AAA (AW) Bn and the 1st Plat, Btry A, 230th AAA (SL) Bn had landed and gone into position in Dulag by 1536.

At approx 1610 32-2 gained contact with the 96th Inf Div at 62.50-27.80.

By 1656 184-1 had advanced to a point 300 yds west of the east end of Dulag Airfield.

By approx 1700 all elements of the 184th Inf and 32nd Inf were ashore and had established final lines for the night.

Btry D and Hq Btry, 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn landed on Beach Yellow 2 at about 2200. By 2400 Btry D was in position for visual firing. A detachment of the 727th Sig Air Warning Co landed on Beach Violet 1 at 2200.

At 2245 17-3 and the 50th Engr Bn passed to control of 7th Div.

FO #10, Hq 7th Inf Div, went into effect as of this date.

Throughout the day combat aviation carried out normal support missions in the zone of action. Air observation was excellent.

Weather during the day was clear with showers in the afternoon and evening.

In the course of A-Day a firm beachhead was secured and major units established ashore to continue the attack on A / 1. This days operation proved that the use of a well trained amph tk battalion in the first wave provides an excellent spearhead force, and that coordinated amtank fire controlled by field artillery forward observers provides effective fire support prior to landing of the field artillery firing batteries.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #1.

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OVERLAY #1 - A-DAY - 20 SEP 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

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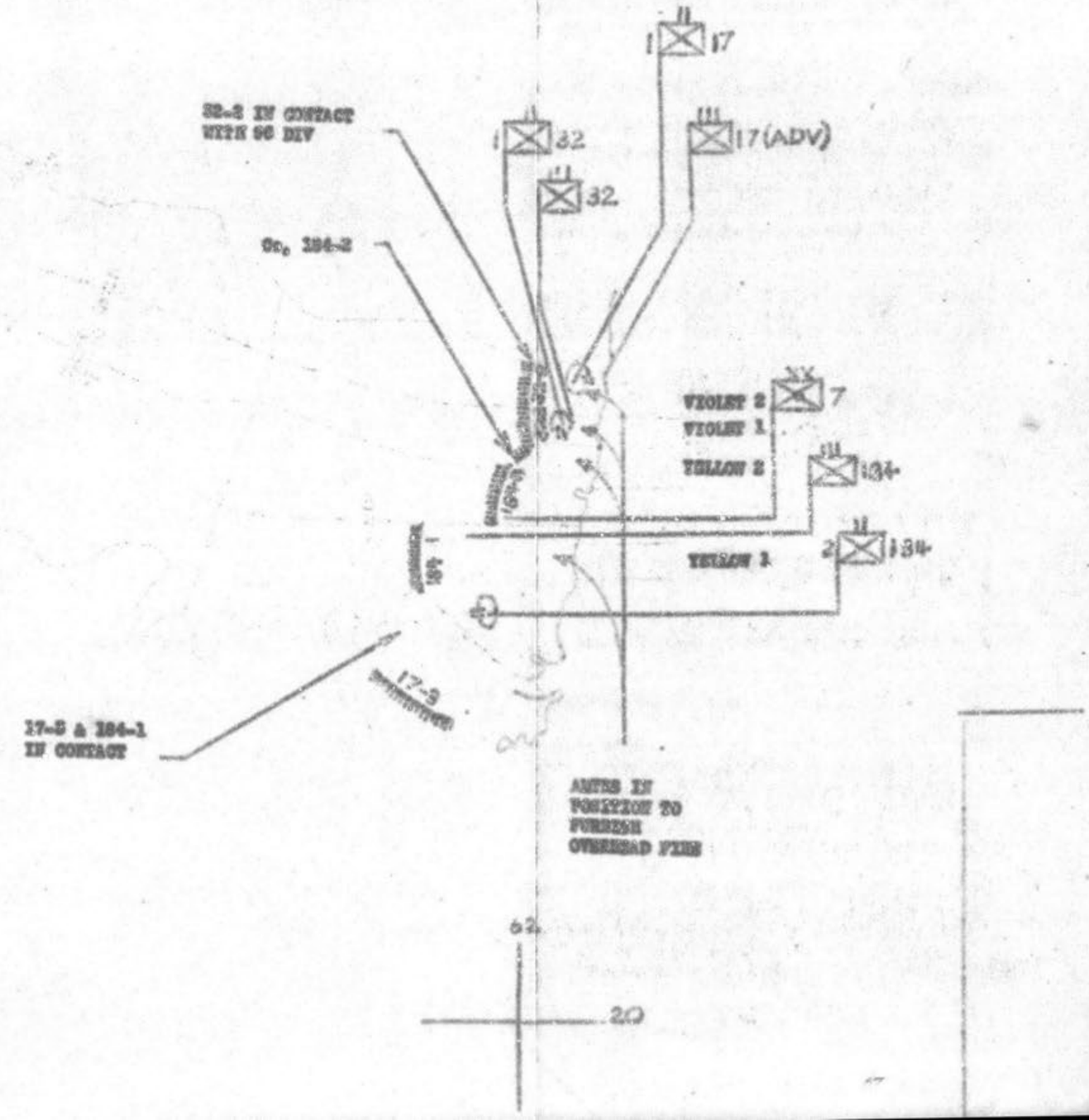

A / 1 DAY - 21 OCTOBER 1944

No enemy action took place until 0400 when six hostile tanks attacked the lines held by 184-3. Within thirty minutes, two tanks had been destroyed and the remainder driven away.

At about 0530 a limited counterattack struck the lines of 32-3 and by 0630 had been repulsed.

By 0650 the 7th Cav Ron Tr was moving to Dao Bridge on reconnaissance and by 0825 was proceeding south toward Talisay on Hwy 1, opposed by limited delaying action.

At 0800 the attack was resumed by the 184th Inf with 184-1 on the left and 184-3 on the right, and by the 32nd Inf with 32-3 on the left and 32-2 on the right.

By 0845 all elements of 17-2 had landed and were in assembly area in the vicinity of 62.20-27.90.

By 0940 the Asst Division Commander was ashore and the Forward Division CP had been established at 62.90-27.70.

The 184th Inf advanced rapidly against light resistance and by 0900 had completed seizure of the Dulag Airfield. It then continued the advance against sporadic rifle and machine gun fire.

The 32nd Inf advanced against moderate opposition from small arms, machine guns, antitank fire and from artillery in position in the Catmon Hills. It experienced considerable difficulty in traversing numerous swampy areas and thick underbrush. In several instances, units were forced to move around impassable areas.

By 1018 the front lines of the 184th Inf extended from 58.70-27.30 to 59.40-25.00. The front lines of the 32nd Inf extended from 60.00-26.70 to 61.70-28.30.

By 1130 front lines of the 184th Inf extended from 59.00-24.55 to 58.45-26.10 to 60.90-28.15.

At 1300 the Commanding General landed. By this time the 184th Inf, meeting very little resistance, had advanced 1500 yds west of Dulag Airfield and a gap was being created between the 184th Inf and 32nd Inf. Consequently, at 1530, the 184th Inf was ordered to discontinue its advance and establish a defensive line.

At 1530 the front lines of 17-3 extended from 60.10-24.15 to 61.60-23.70. It engaged in reducing mine fields in the vicinity of 60.65-23.30. Lines of 17-1 extended from 62.40-27.45 to 63.00-27.00, and 17-2 extended from 62.40-27.00 to 62.40-27.45 to 62.80-27.65.

The advance of the 32nd Inf was pushed forward with the support of medium tanks. Several pillboxes were reduced and one 47mm antitank gun was destroyed. Enemy resistance diminished and by 1800 the 32nd Inf had established lines nearly abreast the 184th Inf.

Field artillery battalions continued in general support of the advance. The 57th FA Bn was in direct support of the 184th Inf. The 48th FA Bn reinforced fires of the 57th FA Bn and was also in direct support of 17-3. The 49th FA Bn was in direct support of the 32nd Inf and was reinforced by fires of the 31st FA Bn.

During the day, Btry B and Btry C of the 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn landed and went into firing position. Btry C radar was not ashore, landing had been retarded by lack of suitable landing craft.

Co A, 767th Tk Bn, remained in reserve with 15 tanks operational. Co B in support of the 184th Inf had 12 tanks operational at 1800. Co C, committed with the 32nd Inf, had all 17 tanks operational. Co D, light tanks, committed one platoon with the 184th Inf and at 1800 had all tanks operational.

The 776th Amph Tk Bn, with all tanks again operational, provided general support under Div Arty control. Flank units fired numerous missions.

Aviation continued support on schedule and on call.

FO #11, Hq 7th Infantry Division, dated 22 Oct 1944, was published at 1845.

Weather during the day was fair with light rains in the evening.

As a result of the days operations all elements of the Division had been landed with their equipment and assault supplies. The 184th Inf advanced its front lines approx 3200 yds and the 32nd Inf, advancing on the right over difficult terrain and against covered fortifications, gained approx 2900 yds. These advances secured the Dulag Airfield. Moderate casualties were inflicted on opposing forces.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #2.

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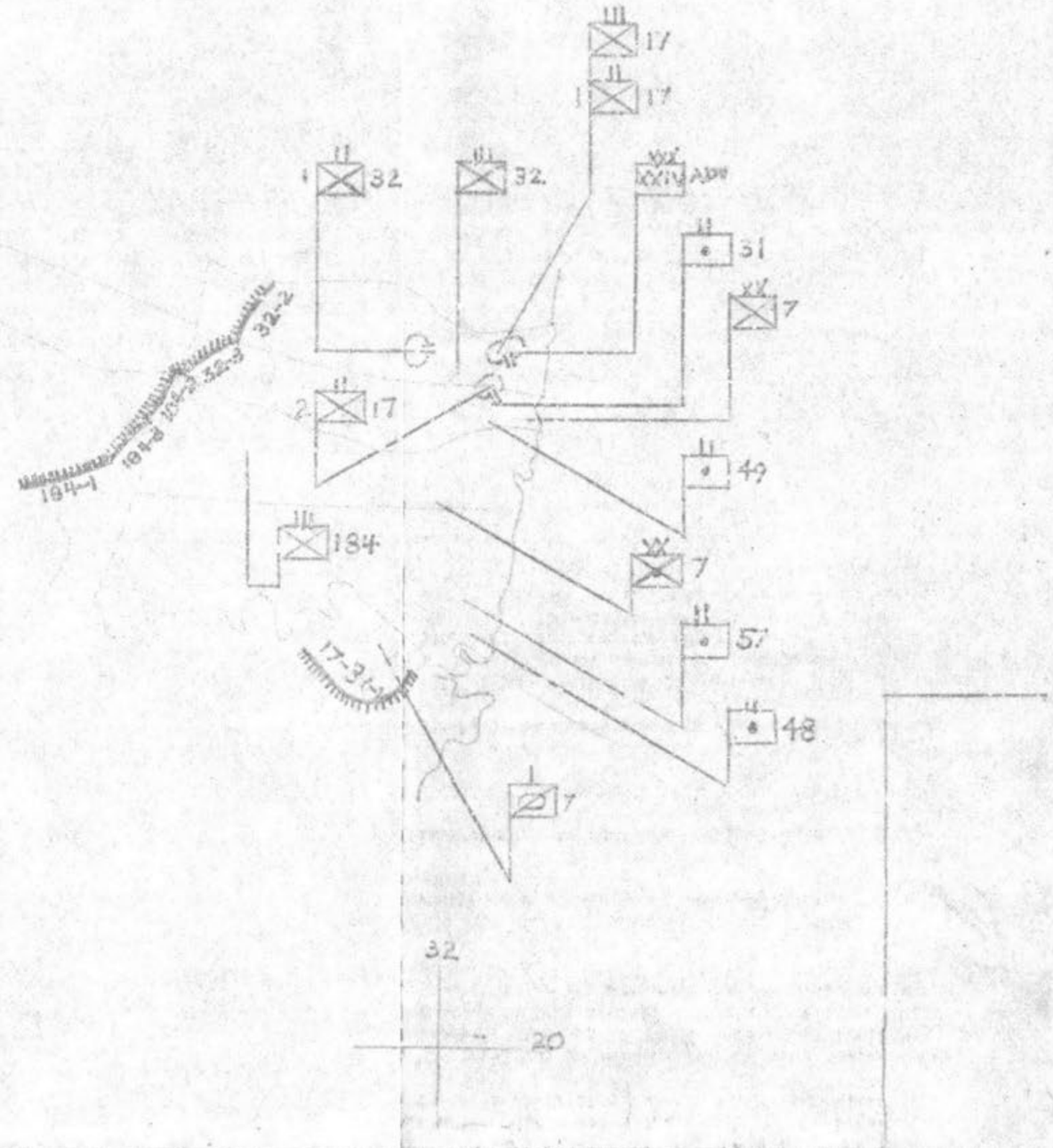

OVERLAY #2 - A / 1 DAY - 21 OCT 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 2 DAY - 22 OCTOBER 1944

At 0315 17-3 received a limited counterattack which was repulsed.

At 0730 32-1 jumped off to continue the attack. 32-2, 32-3 and the 184th Inf jumped off at 0800. The attack of all units was preceded by an artillery barrage. At 0900 an extremely successful air strike reduced enemy field fortifications in front of the 184th Inf. Following this strike the 184th Inf encountered only light resistance. The speed of advance was controlled by the progress of the 32nd Inf on the right.

The 32nd Inf encountered moderate resistance from small arms and machine gun fire and was impeded somewhat by the difficult nature of the terrain, consisting mainly of swampland and dense undergrowth. By 1530 the 32nd Inf had gained approx 1600 yds at which time an effective air strike reduced a strong point to its front. When this position was overrun the 32nd Inf captured three AA weapons and two U.S. heavy machine guns.

By 1800 both the 184th Inf and the 32nd Inf had gained approx 2800 yds.

At 0700 17-3 moved its right (west) flank inland approx 1,000 yds, continuing its mission of protecting the Division left flank. Reconnaissance patrols operating 1000 to 1200 yds south encountered small hostile groups.

By 1800 the 17th Inf, less 17-3, had moved into assembly area in the vicinity of the Dulag Airfield.

During A / 2 tank action was limited to a reconnaissance in force in front of the 32nd Inf.

Field artillery fired a fifteen minute normal barrage prior to the morning attack and continued normal missions throughout the day. At night harassing fire was laid down.

All batteries of the 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn were in position. They delivered harassing ground fires at night and during the day fired field artillery missions.

The 776th Amph Tk Bn fired normal support missions under Div Arty control throughout the period.

The 13th Engr Bn engaged in road improvement and construction to further the forward movement of supplies.

During the day guerrilla representatives visited the Division and discussed coordination of effort. These guerrillas and other friendly Filipinos provided intelligence of considerable value.

As a result of operation during A / 2 the Division front was advanced approx 2800 yds.

Weather during A / 2 was clear with showers in the late afternoon and evening.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #3.

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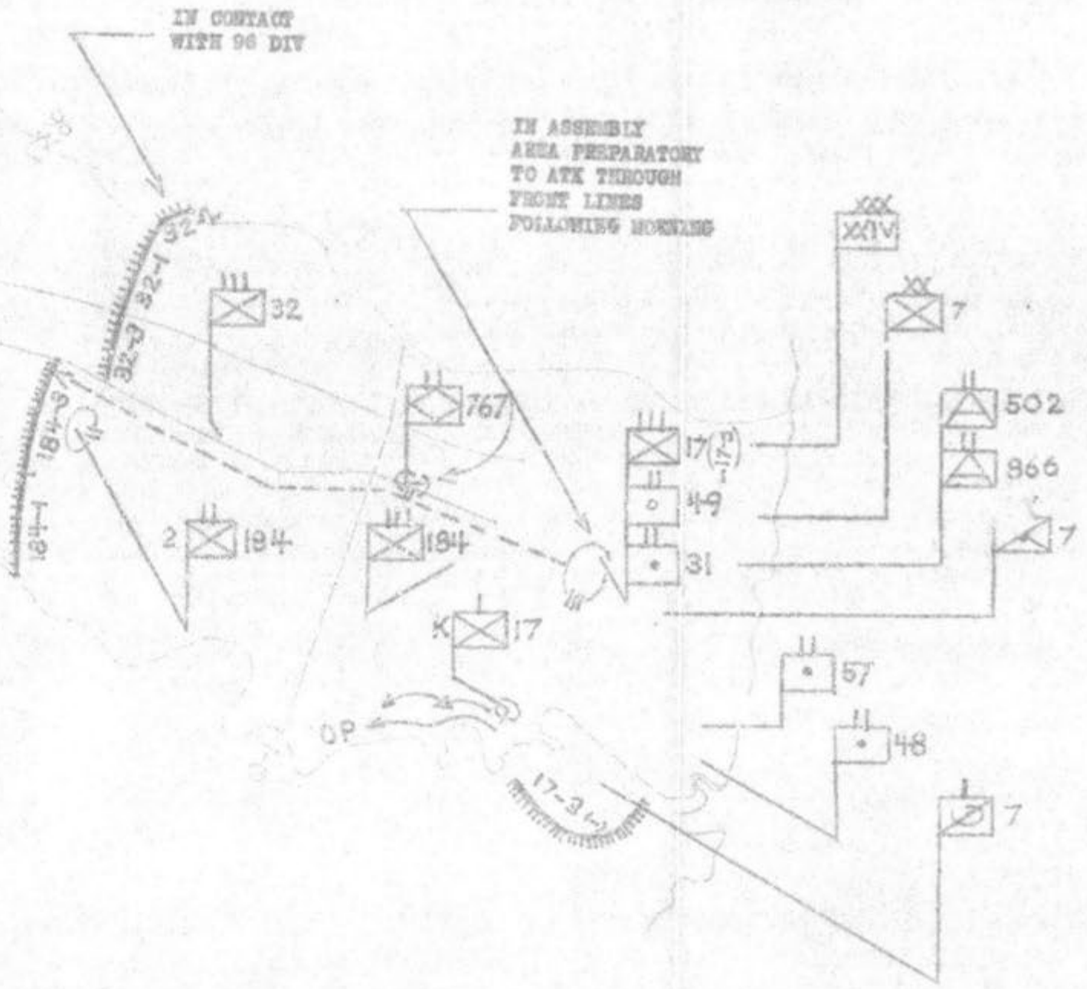

OVERLAY #8 - A / 2 DAY - 22 OCT 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 3 DAY - 23 OCTOBER 1944

The advance west was resumed at 0830 with the 184th Inf (less 184-2) on the left; 17th Infantry (less 17-3), 184-2 attached, in the center; and 32nd Inf (less 32-2) on the right. The 17th Inf preceded by the 767th Tk Bn spearheading the attack, advanced astride the Dulag - Burauen Rd on a frontage of 400 yds with its organic battalions abreast in the assault and 184-2 in reserve. The 32nd Inf, less 32-2, continued its advance echeloned to the right rear of the 17th Inf. The 184th Inf, less 184-2, advanced echeloned to the left rear of the 17th Inf. The 767th Tk Bn attack jumped off 30 minutes prior to that of the 17th Inf.

At 1000 one medium tank was knocked out by an antitank mine at 52.90-29.10.

Only sporadic resistance was encountered. By 1330 the San Pablo Airfield #1 was reported cleared and by 1715 the 767th Tk Bn had reached the west side of Burauen with little opposition. Terrain difficulties contributed largely to the inability of infantry to maintain pace with the rapid tank advance along the road.

By 1830 all units had assumed night defensive positions.

Weather during the day was clear with visibility excellent.

As a result of operations during A / 3, Julita, Tangnan, San Pablo and San Pablo Airfield #1 were occupied. Burauen was overrun by tank units disorganizing hostile forces in that area.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #4.

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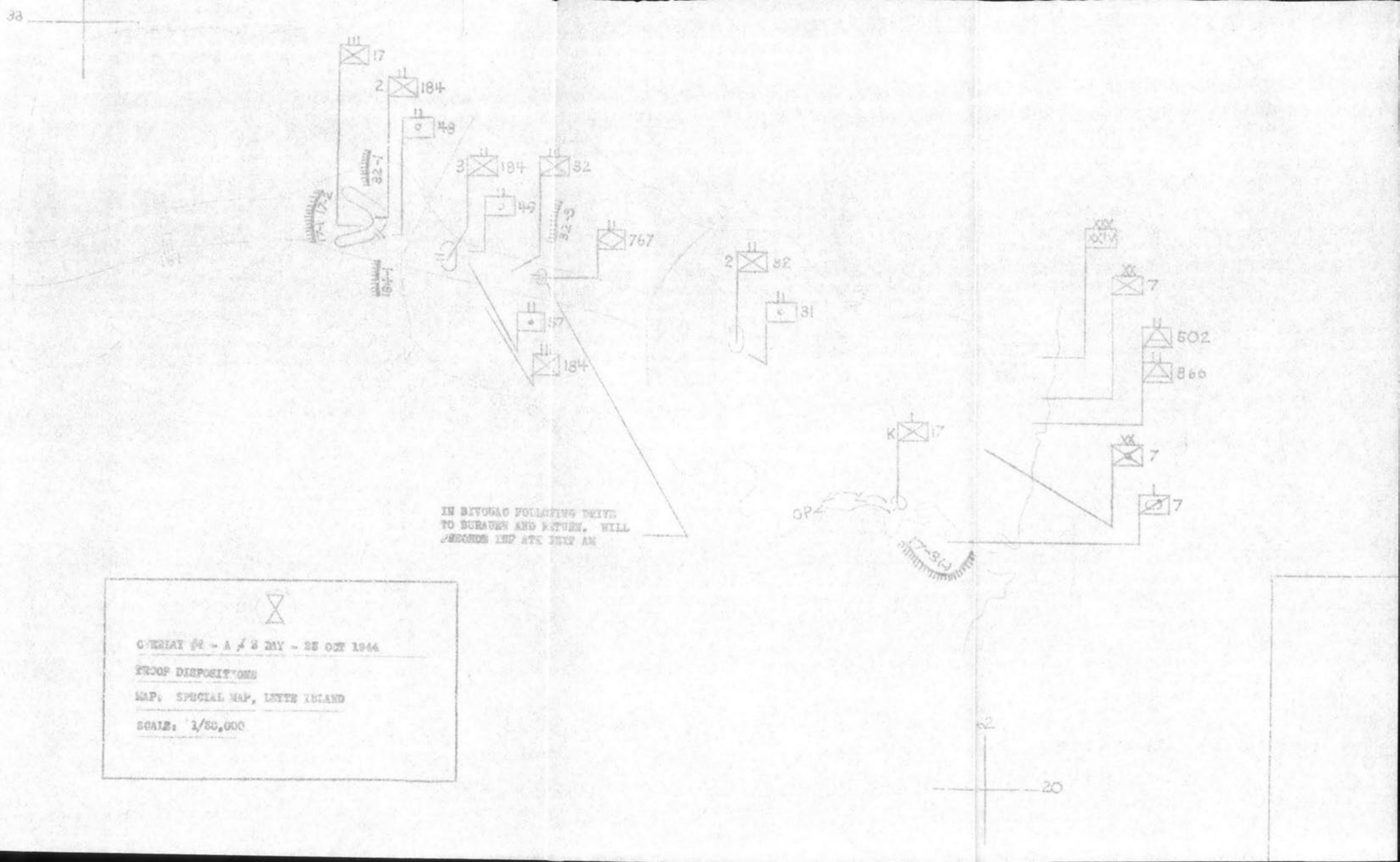

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OVERLAY #4 - A + B DAY - 28 OCT 1944
TROOP DISPOSITIONS
MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND
SCALE: 1/80,000

A / 4 DAY - 24 OCTOBER 1944

The attack was resumed west at 0830 with three regiments, employing the same formation as the preceding day. The 767th Tank Bn preceded the 17th Inf by one half hour.

Up to 1200 resistance was light. By this time the Burauen Airfield #2 had been overrun and the town of Burauen secured.

The 184th Inf, less 184-2, remained in defensive positions south of Burauen.

At 1205 the 767th Tk Bn encountered a mine field at 45.80-29.70 and four tanks were knocked out. The advance was delayed until this mine field had been eliminated by artillery fire.

At 1000 Div Hq displaced to 49.50-29.60. Rear CP elements continued in operation until 1445 when the advance CP was opened.

The 17th Inf, less 17-3, plus 184-2, resumed the attack north at 1500, astride the Burauen - Dagami Rd on a frontage of 800 yds. By 1600 it had reached a line extending from 45.50-30.00 to 46.10-30.20 where it occupied defensive positions.

At approx 1500 17-3 was relieved from its mission of protecting the Corps left flank and displaced to a point approx 2 kilometers east of San Pablo.

At 1515 32-1 was held up by approx twenty well manned, strongly constructed field fortifications with overhead cover in the area of Buri Airfield at 48.80-31.05. It repulsed a strong counterattack at 1700, and consolidated positions to establish a defense for the night.

At 1800 Co I, 17th Inf, moved to defensive positions to the right (east) of 32-1.

32-2 displaced at 1130 to the Div CP area where it remained in Div Reserve.

The 776th Amph Tk Bn and the 718th Amph Trac Bn displaced at 1130 to positions in defense of the Daguitan River line.

The 7th Ron Tr reconnoitered south and southwest to within 600 yds of La Paz, encountering only occasional Jap snipers and one enemy patrol.

As a result of operations during A / 4 the town of Burauen was occupied and the Div front advanced up to 5000 yds.

7th Inf Div FO #12 was published as of this date.

Weather and visibility during the day was excellent. Rain of short duration fell during the afternoon.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #5.

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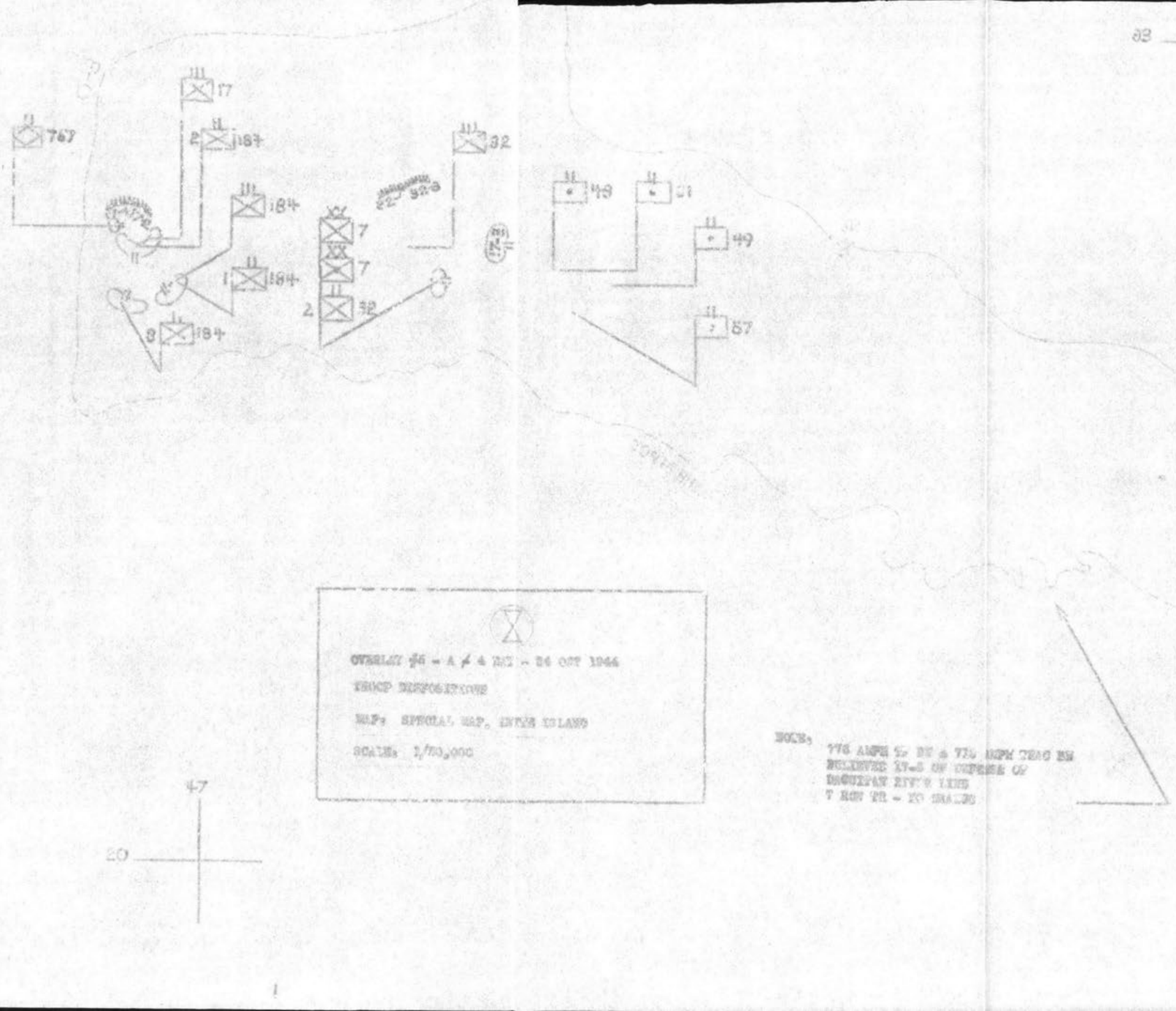

OVERLAY #6 - A + 4 [illegible] - 24 OCT 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, [illegible] ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

NOTE:

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A + 5 DAY - 25 OCTOBER 1944

The 17th Inf, less 17-3 and plus 184-2, prepared to continue the attack north toward Dagami, with 17-2 on the left and 17-1 on the right, but was held up awaiting the forward movement of the 32nd Inf. Meanwhile it conducted vigorous reconnaissance in force with tanks and infantry as far north as Ginogusan.

During the night the 32nd Inf had held its positions under active enemy sniper fire. Two platoons of light tanks were dispatched to assist the 32nd Inf but were unable to cross the stream running east-west just south of Buri Airfield. 32-1 held its position and 32-2 and 32-3 on the left and right respectively, jumped off at 0800. The heavily fortified enemy strongpoints and determined enemy resistance limited our gains to approx 800 yds.

The 184th Inf, from positions on the southern approaches to Burauen, made distant reconnaissance to the south with patrols of platoon strength. These patrols encountered and engaged scattered enemy groups.

Field artillery continued in general and direct support. Extensive use was made of cub plane spotters, particularly in laying fires of interdiction.

One reinforced platoon of the 7th Rcn Tr patrolled south to San Andres, reporting the barrio to be completely evacuated.

At approx 2020 enemy aviation bombed ordnance and engineer dumps just inland of Beach Violet 1, causing extensive fires and considerable loss of ammunition and equipment.

As a result of operations, dispositions of hostile forces were determined and appreciable progress was made in weakening enemy forces defending the Buri Airfield.

Weather was predominantly rainy throughout the period.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #6.

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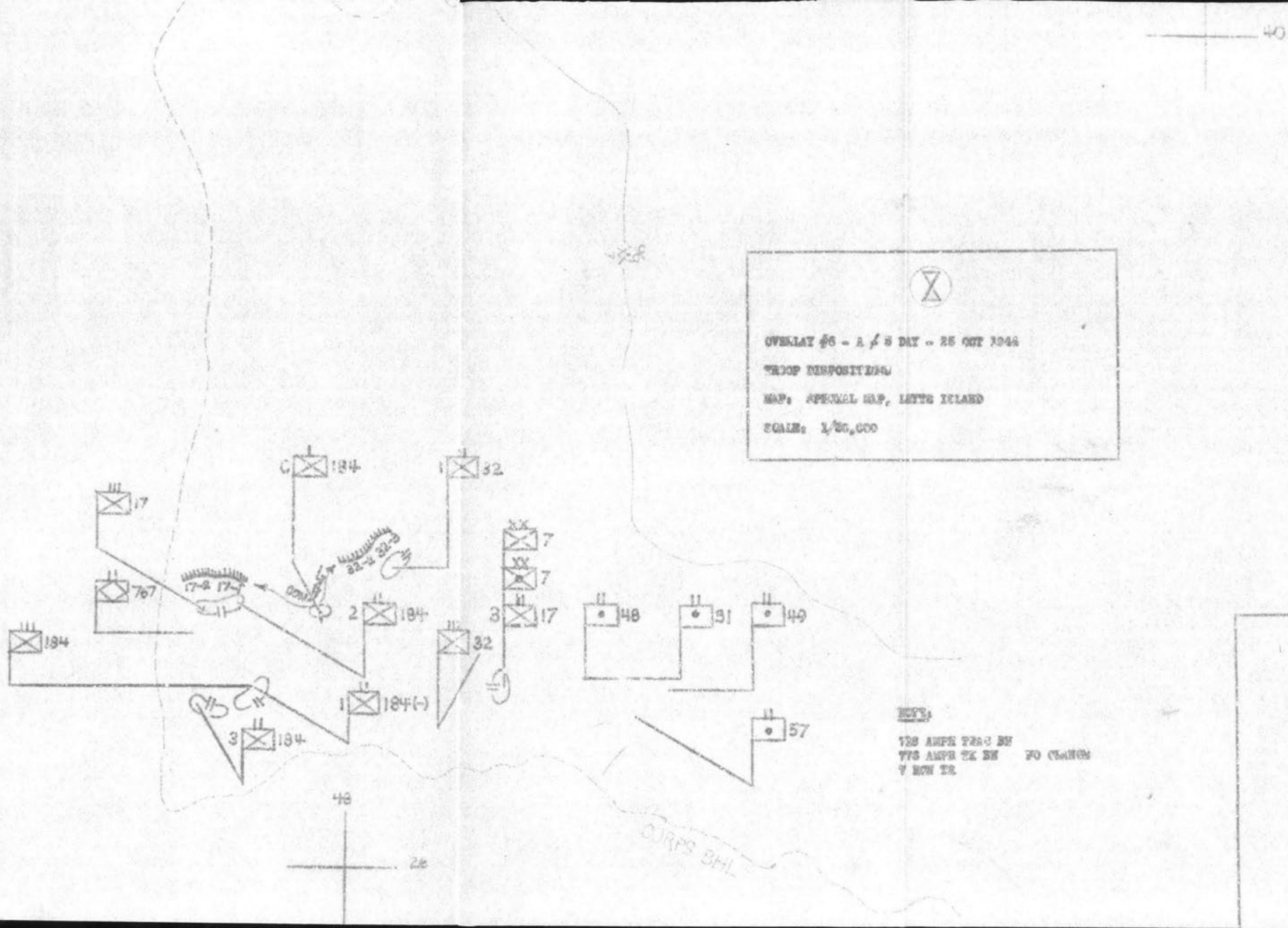
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SCALE: 1/50,000
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A / 6 DAY - 26 OCTOBER 1944

At 0800 the Division resumed the attack.

The 32nd Inf, attacking north and west on Buri Airfield #3 continued to meet heavy resistance. Artillery concentrations on covered enemy positions had relatively little effect. One plat of medium tanks was assigned to each assault battalion but terrain conditions prevented the arrival of these tanks until 1105 and 1145. Enemy foxholes in high grass and concealed by thick brush and mutually supporting machine gun pillboxes interlaced with extensive trench systems proved difficult obstacles. Enemy riflemen sneaked from position to position, often allowing the passage of tanks and firing on infantrymen from the undergrowth. Hand to hand combat was frequent. Co K received a limited "Banzai" charge by enemy reportedly armed with "potato masher" grenades only. Of the 100 who charged all but fifteen were killed. Our lines remained intact.

The 17th Inf, initially less 17-3, plus one company of medium tanks, attacked north along the axis of the Burauen - Dagami Rd at 0800. Two battalions were in the assault, 17-1 on the left and 17-2 on the right. 184-2, in Division Reserve, remained near the town of Paiban. By 1300 tanks had overrun Ginogusan and by 1400 infantry had commenced clearing that barrio. Resistance centered about individual groups of approx 25 riflemen under stilted houses. Many were in spider holes and many were buried when tanks crashed through the structures. Enemy casualties were heavy. By 1800 the barrio had been secured and the regiment established a perimeter defense around the outskirts. 17-3 had rejoined the regiment at approx 1200.

The 184th Inf, less 184-2, remained in position in the vicinity of Burauen. One company reinforced by a platoon of light tanks patrolled southeast to Santa Ana reporting no enemy. A second patrol moved south for 1800 yds, killing two enemy and discovering several abandoned pillboxes.

The 7th Ron Tr patrolled from Dao Bridge 7000 yds to the vicinity of Guitulyan, 58.00-17.50, encountering only three snipers. Patrolling to Alegri, 59.10-23.90, revealed no enemy.

Operations during A / 6 resulted in seizure of the eastern third of Buri Airfield, occupation of Ginogusan, and reconnaissance to Santa Ana.

Weather was alternately rainy with visibility fair to good.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #7.

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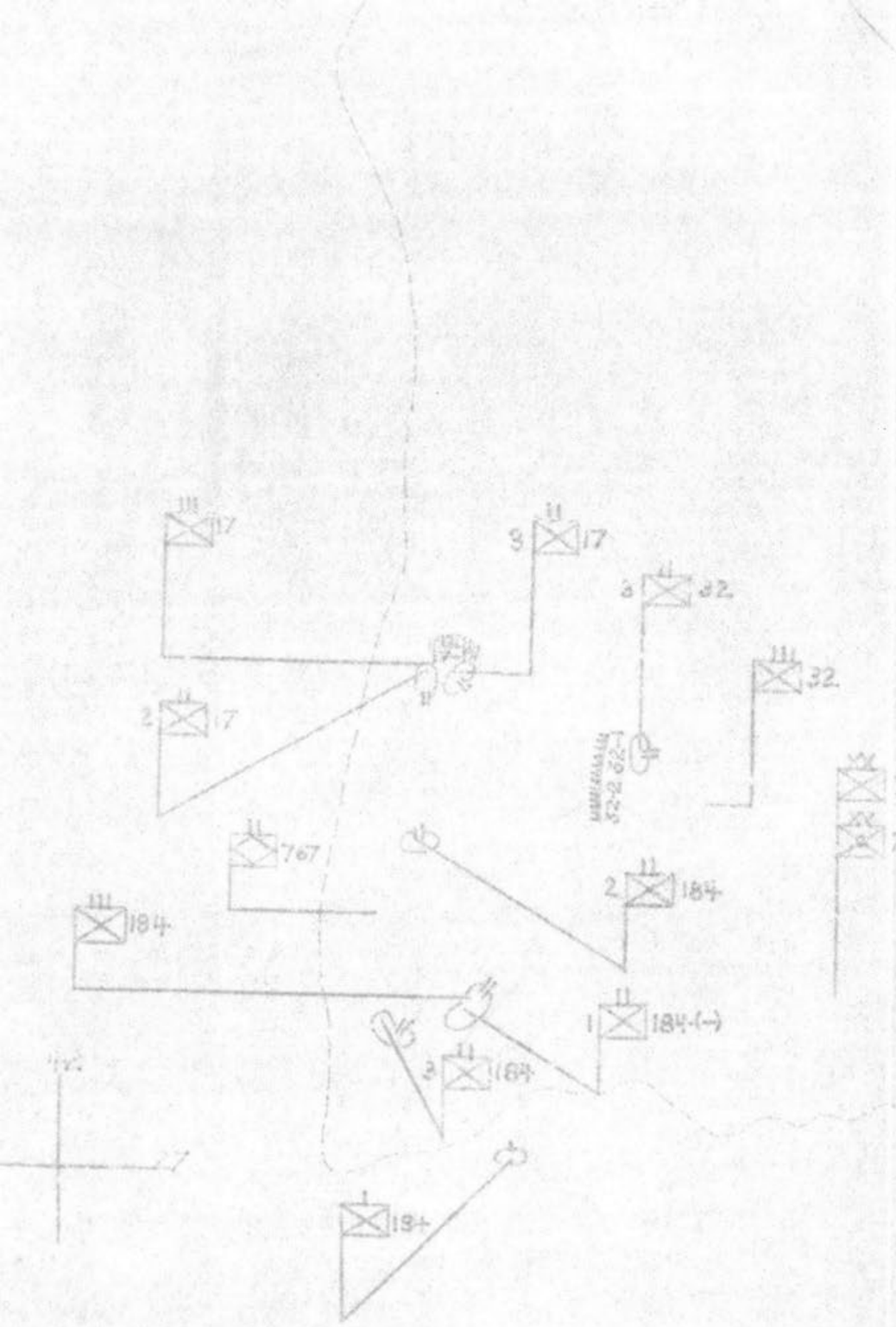

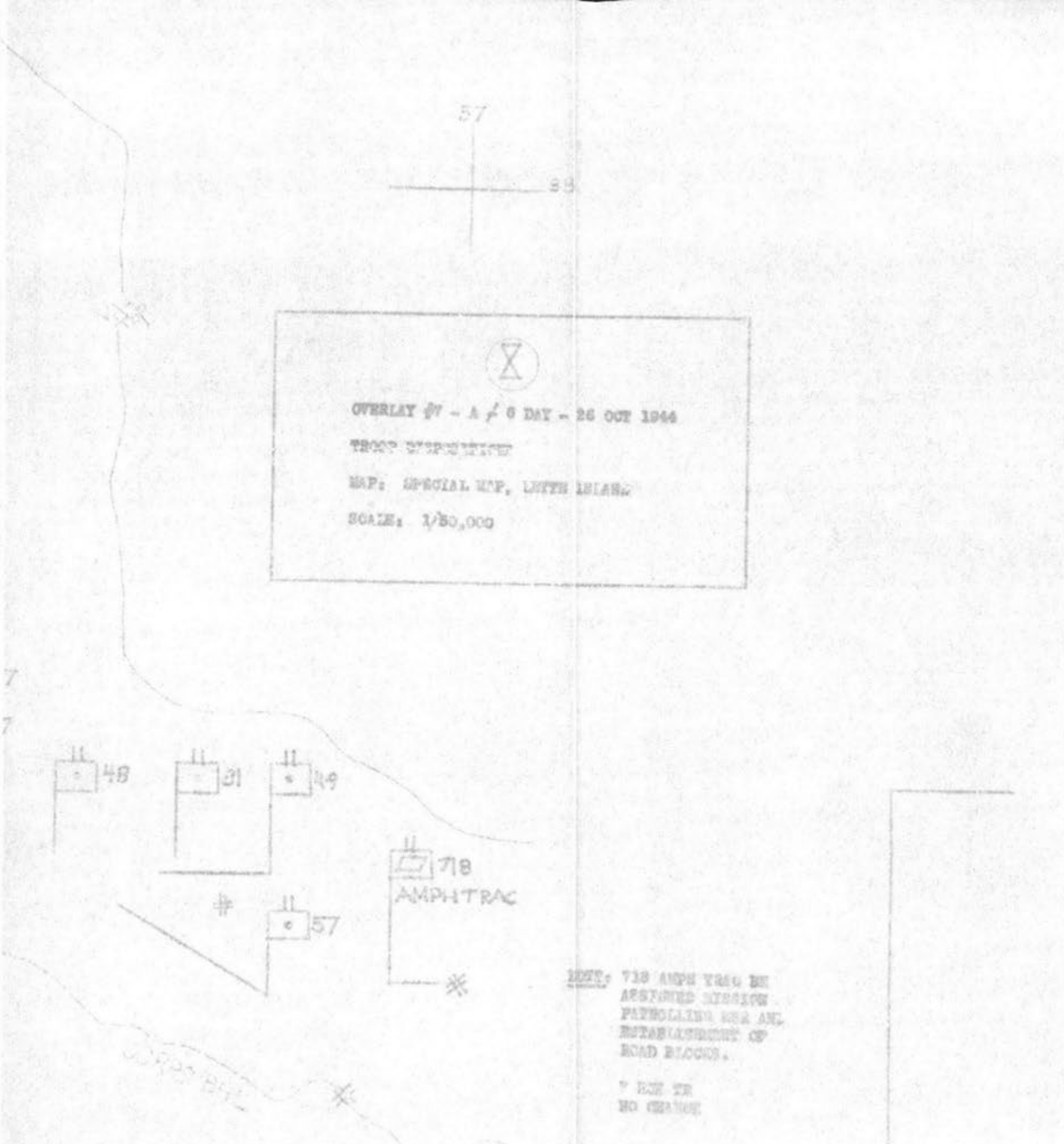

OVERLAY #7 - A / C DAY - 26 OCT 1944

TROOP DISPOSITION

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

NOTE: 718 AMPH TRAC TO BE ASSIGNED MISSION PATROLLING ROAD AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ROAD BLOCKS.

7 DIV TR
NO CHANGE

A / 7 DAY - 27 OCTOBER 1944

The 32nd Inf continued its attack against the Buri Airfield at 0800 with 32-2 on the left and 32-1 on the right. By 1125 the airfield had been secured after remaining resistance had been overrun. It is believed that except for a small covering force the enemy had been forced to withdraw during the night as a result of heavy casualties from the combined infantry-tank-artillery assault. The airfield had been carefully and effectively mined with 100 lb air bombs buried nose up with detonating mechanism one inch above or below ground. Standard land mines were also utilized. These mines resulted in the destruction of one jeep and one 1½-ton truck with several casualties. It is noteworthy that the same route had been traversed by upward of 100 vehicles before detonation of the land mine. By 1430 32-3 had assumed defense of Buri Airfield. 32-1 assumed defense of Burauen Airfield, and 32-2 assembled for rehabilitation in the vicinity of Burauen.

The 17th Inf preceded by one platoon of medium tanks continued the attack north astride the Burauen - Dagami Rd, at 0700, with battalions in column in the order 17-3, 17-1 and 17-2 at 500 yd distances. Both bridges between Ginogusan and Guinarona having been destroyed, the infantry was without tank support by 0730. Detachments of the 13th Engr Bn, working under heavy sniper fire, had both bridges reconstructed sufficiently by 1100 to support medium tanks. Shortly thereafter tanks rejoined the infantry. Advancing rapidly against moderate resistance the 17th Inf secured the road to a point 1300 yds south of Dagami. At 1700 it established perimeter defense at the point of greatest advance.

The 184th Inf, initially less 184-2 in Division Reserve, patrolled southwest and east from Burauen on a radius of approx 7000 yds. Patrols in force with light tanks and infantry reached San Jose, San Andres, Santa Ana, Caridad and Pusod, reporting no enemy.

The 7th Recn Tr patrolled south to Abuyog, encountering no enemy. Enroute, this patrol was strafed by a Jap pursuit plane flying at treetop height. The plane was shot down with .50 caliber machine gun fire.

The arrival of fighter cover had an excellent morale effect.

7th Inf Div FO #13 was published this date.

Operations during A / 7 resulted in the occupation of Buri Airfield, extension of ground occupation by approx 5000 yds on the Burauen - Dagami Rd and valuable reconnaissance to the south and east.

Wide discrepencies became increasingly apparent in the target area map, 1/25,000. Map distance from TA 4929 I to 2529 X equals 2.3 miles while rechecked speedometer records 3.8 miles for a differential approaching 50%.

Weather during the period was clear, visibility excellent and the condition of roads considerably improved.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #8.

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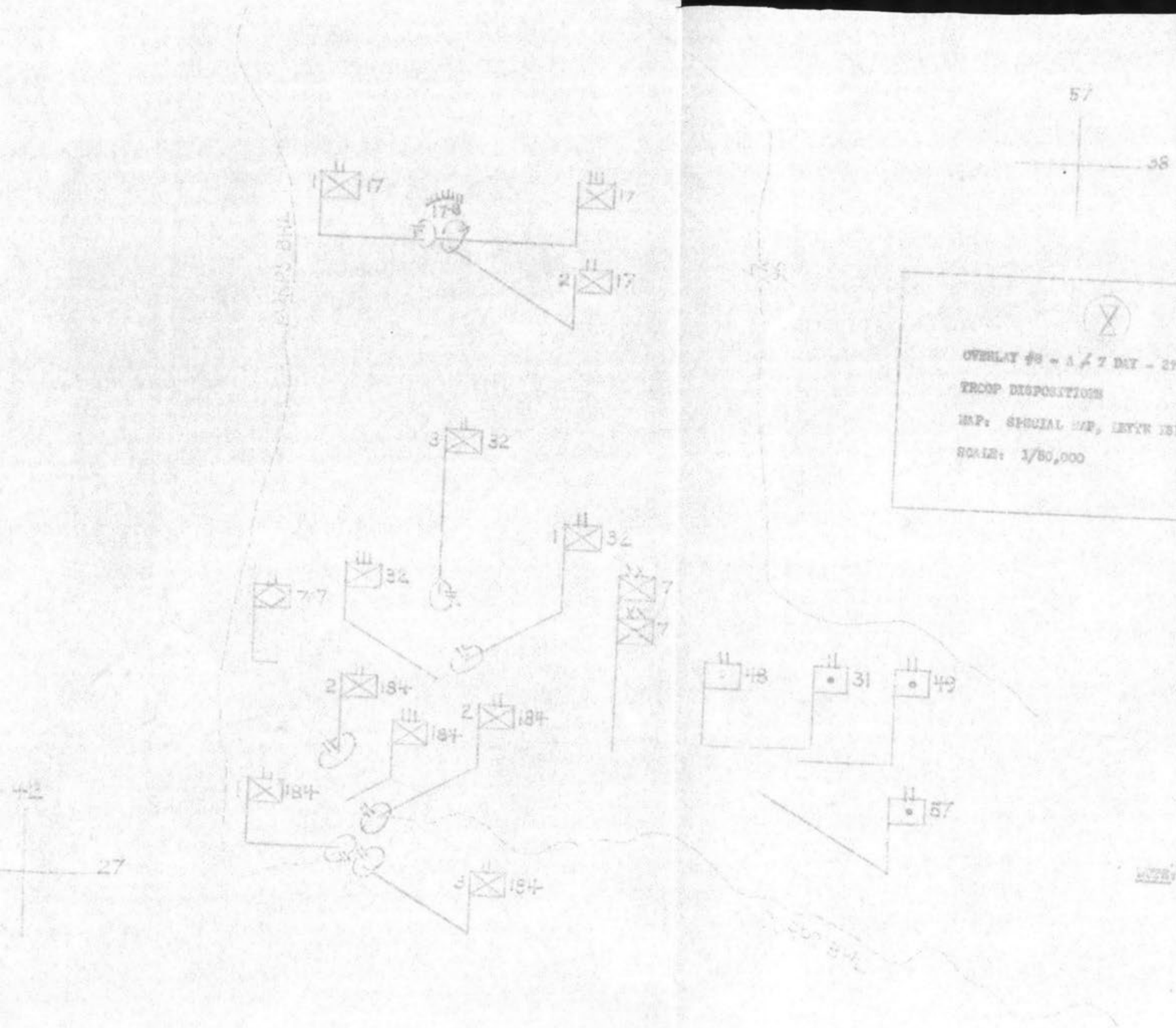

OVERLAY #8 - A / 7 DAY - 27 OCT 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 8 DAY - 28 OCTOBER 1944

At 0730 17-2 attacked north astride the Burauen - Dagami Rd with 17-1 protecting the left flank and 17-3 following at a distance of 500 yds. The bridge just north of Ginogusan, temporarily repaired on the previous day, had been washed out during the night and tanks were initially unable to support the attack. Engineer equipment, dispatched for the repair of this bridge, arrived late when the driver and NCO in charge were wounded by enemy action enroute.

After slight forward progress heavy resistance caused full deployment of the regiment and intense fighting continued throughout the day. Enemy defenses consisted of interlocking bands of machine gun fire from mutually supporting pillboxes of coconut logs and sand, reinforced. These pillboxes were very effectively camouflaged. Enemy positions were on rising ground and could be approached only across open rice paddies. Men advancing across these paddies were often immersed in mud and water to their waists.

Of the company of medium tanks attached to the 17th Inf, one plat succeeded in crossing the first bridge between Ginogusan and Guinarona. Shortly thereafter one of these tanks was destroyed by an individual Jap with a satchel charge. Two others were put out of action by land mines. The remaining two succeeded in crossing the bridge north of Guinarona but were soon out of ammunition. Engineers repeatedly exposed themselves attempting to repair the Ginogusan Bridge. In one armed bulldozer, the doors of which had been tied open for visibility, three successive drivers were shot out of the cab.

A successful flanking movement to the right, supported by two M-8s rolled up the enemy east flank and broke through pillboxes in this sector. Extension of the left flank to the west and south eventually located the enemy's right flank. At about 1400 one of the tanks which had moved north in the morning returned and the commander of Co F guided it into his sector on the left flank. With this support it became possible to mop up the enemy on this flank. By 1545 the 17th Inf had destroyed over 15 pillboxes.

As darkness fell, 17-2 and the committed elements of 17-1 were able to push some 300 yds beyond the enemy strong point and the regiment closed into perimeter defense for the night.

At 1100 32-3 was dispatched to reinforce the 17th Inf but was not committed during the day.

The 32nd Inf, with the exception of 32-3, remained in positions held during the day. Patrols dispatched from 32-3 prior to its displacement reconnoitered through Malabkay, San Gabriel, Libas, Tabuonon, Meroadohay, Patong and Mercado. No enemy were encountered. 32-2 remained in the vicinity of Burauen. 32-1 remained at Burauen Airfield sending patrols west and southwest of Burauen.

At 1700 the 184th Inf dispatched a reconnaissance patrol in force consisting of one infantry company and a platoon of light tanks to La Paz. No enemy were encountered and the patrol remained at La Paz securing the barrio. At 0935 184-1 less one company moved out by foot for Santa Ana, arriving there at 1145 and setting up a perimeter defense on the southern outskirts of the barrio. At 1515 184-3 departed for Santa Ana and arrived just prior to darkness. It was followed shortly by regimental headquarters. The CP was established at Santa Ana.

During 28 Oct the 48th FA Bn displaced to an area 300 yds north of Buri. The 31st FA Bn displaced to an area 100 yds west of Tagnan. The 49th FA Bn displaced to an area 100 yds south of the west end of Burauen Airfield and the 57th FA Bn displaced to an area 1200 yds north of Julita. Normal support missions were fired.

The 7th Ren Tr held one plat at Abuyog, one plat secured La Paz prior to arrival of 184-1 and the remainder of the troop held positions at Dao Bridge.

Weather during the day was fair.

As a result of operations a formidable hostile defensive position guarding the approach to Dagami had been reduced and elements of the 184th Inf had been displaced for further operations in the Santa Ana - La Paz areas.

7th Inf Div FO #14 was published this date.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #9.

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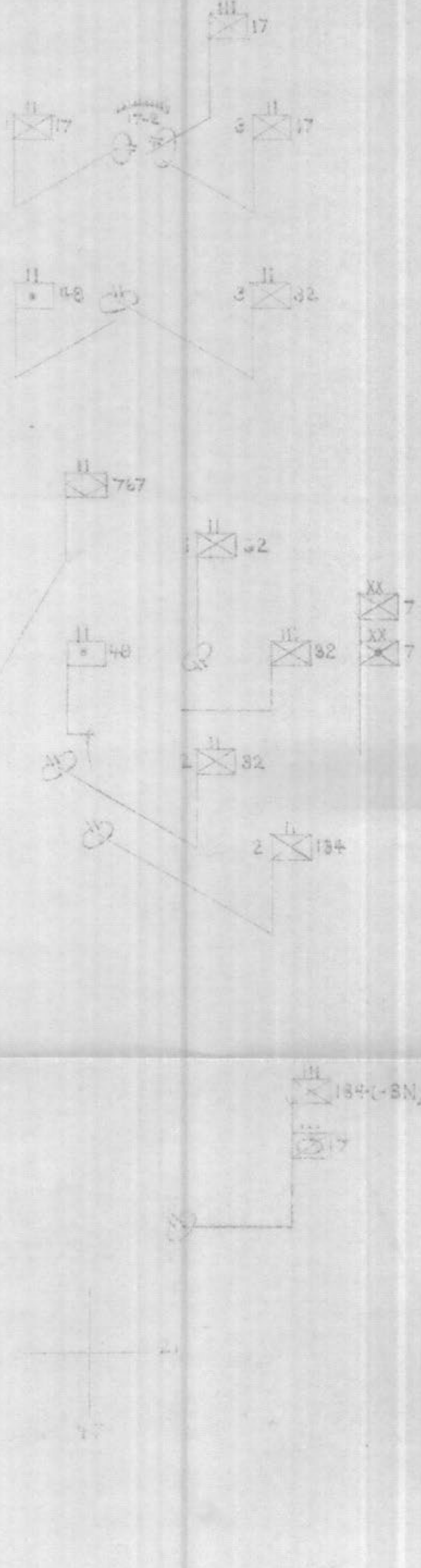

OVERLAY #9 - A / 8 ; AE - 28 OCT 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 9 DAY - 29 OCTOBER 1944

The 17th Inf, with 17-1 on the left and 17-3 on the right, resumed its advance toward Dagami at 0800. This advance was preceded by an artillery barrage. Resistance was initially light and by 1130 the 17th Inf had advanced 1000 yds from its line of departure. In continuing the advance several strong pockets of resistance were encountered, notably in the Dagami Cemetery where individual Japs had concealed themselves in vaults and graves, requiring flame throwers and vicious hand-to-hand fighting before the area could be cleared. By 1655 the 17th Inf had pushed to the center of Dagami. By 1800 17-3 was briskly engaged by an enemy counterattack which was broken and repulsed with the aid of field artillery by 2100.

At 1000 184-2 moved from its position on the Marabang River to Santa Ana.

At 1005 184-1 displaced southwest from Santa Ana to Caguinguengan, 58.00-15.00, where it secured for the night, establishing outposts.

At 1015 184-3 displaced from Santa Ana for La Paz. At 1400 a reinforced company of 184-3 contacted an estimated 200 of the enemy in the vicinity of San Victor. In the sharp encounter that followed, 50 of the enemy were killed and the remainder scattered hastily, withdrawing to the hills. 184-3 occupied La Paz by 1430.

32-1 remained at Burauen Airfield. Patrols accompanied by guerrillas visited Aboyogan, Caneslagen, Kogongon, Onomung, and four unnamed barrios without encountering enemy.

32-2 displaced from Burauen at 0545, proceeding to Abuyog via Dao and Hwy 1. The move was impeded by muddy roads and previous destruction of the Bito River Bridge. 32-2, less one company, crossed the river in DUKWs at 0940 and by 1000 had occupied Abuyog. One company was left north of the Bito River. This move was not opposed by enemy action.

32-3 remained at Guinarona, four miles south of Dagami, operating patrols 2000 yds to the northwest and northeast.

The 57th FA Bn displaced to La Paz, arriving in position by 1700. Btry B, 49th FA Bn displaced to Abuyog with 32-2.

The 7th Ron Tr provided an advance guard for 32-2 in the move to Abuyog. A patrol moved by native boat up the Catagan River bringing out a Naval flyer forced down on 25 Oct and a Signal Corps officer, Lt St. John, who had remained in the Philippines throughout the Japanese occupation. One patrol pushed four miles west of Abuyog on the Abuyog - Baybay Rd.

7th Inf Div FO #15 was published this date.

Heavy rains fell during the day and roads were passable only with difficulty.

As a result of the days operations Dagami was seized and hostile resistance within the Corps Beachhead was broken. Displacement of elements of the Division south was accomplished for the purpose of destroying hostile forces occupying the area between the Abuyog - Baybay Rd and the Marabang River.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #10.

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A / 10 - DAY - 30 OCTOBER 1944

At 0800 17-1 and 17-3 sent one company each, with a platoon of medium tanks to Dagami with the mission of completing the mop up of hostile elements. This was accomplished by 1037. Patrols to the north of Dagami were held up by the Binahan River, the bridge being destroyed and the current too swift to permit fording.

At 1000 17-2 sent a patrol east of Dagami to contact the 96th Inf Div. Contact was gained at 1300.

17-1 patrolled to the west without enemy contacts.

The 17th Inf I&R Plat patrolled southeast to Singalen, encountering approx 14 enemy dressed in civilian clothes. In the sharp engagement that followed the I&R Plat leader was killed.

32-1 remained at Burauen Airfield sending patrols to the west and northwest.

32-2 at Abuyog sent patrols west toward Baybay as far as the first bridge. One company remained north of the Bito River Bridge securing the supply route, defending the battalion rear and covering engineer bridge repair personnel.

32-3 conducted active patrolling to the northeast of Guinarona, one patrol encountering approx 200 enemy 800 yds east of Bayabas. The parent unit sent one guerrilla platoon, reinforced, to support this patrol. The enemy was forced to withdraw west after suffering moderate losses.

184-1 remained in the vicinity of Burauen.

184-2 sent one reinforced company through the area bounded by Santa Ana, San Victor, Kapakunan, and Santo Nino. This company returned at 1630 with a negative report. One platoon patrolled west from Alegre to Santo Nino and one patrol moved east to Mayorga both with negative results.

Two companies of 184-3 patrolled north from La Paz to San Victor, west for 800 yds and swept an 800 yd area from San Victor to La Paz finding no enemy troops or installations.

Investigation of areas in Dagami over which field artillery had fired concentrations, alternating white phosphorous with air bursts, revealed devastating effect. Apparently the smoke had driven enemy from reinforced pillboxes to standing type foxholes in which many were found dead. Most of these had head wounds.

Weather during the period was rainy with poor visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #11.

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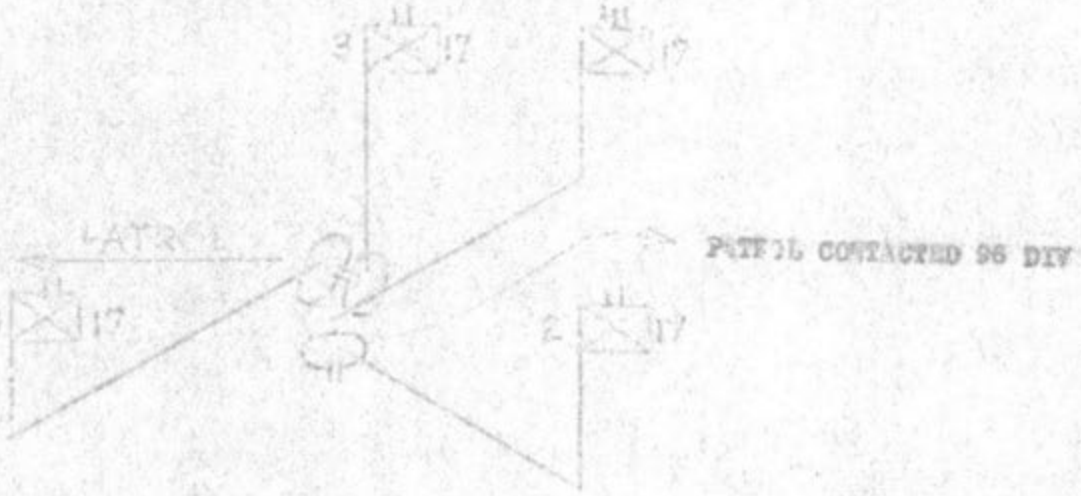

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NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO
CHANGE SINCE 29 OCT 44

OVERLAY #11 - A / 10 DAY - 30 OCT 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 11 DAY - 31 OCTOBER 1944

After a quiet night the 17th Inf resumed patrolling at 0800, pushing to the northeast and west. A motorized patrol from 17-3 gained and maintained contact with the 382nd Inf, 96th Inf Div, one mile east of Dagami. Co F, reinforced, reconnoitered 2600 yds to the east with negative results. Co I, reinforced, reconnoitered west of Dagami to the Hiabangan Rd where it encountered enemy of undetermined strength. The enemy quickly withdrew in face of our superior fire power.

At 1300 17-2 commenced a move to Burauen Airfield to relieve 32-1 and by 1700 had closed into position.

32-1 displaced from Burauen Airfield to Beach Yellow 1 in preparation for a move to Panaon Island, sailing from Dulag at approx 2100.

32-2 remained at Abuyog, pushing one reinforced company west toward Baybay. No enemy were contacted but considerable information was secured concerning the condition of bridges and possible fords as far west as the large steel and concrete bridge. This was found to be intact. The reconnoitering company was directed to procede no further and to establish a road block at that point.

32-3 patrolled northeast and northwest from Guinarona, encountering one group of approx 200 enemy in thick and extremely difficult terrain. After killing 40 of the enemy 32-3 lost contact and returned to base camp.

By 1200 the Bito River Bridge north of Abuyog had been repaired by the 13th Engr Bn.

The 184th Inf continued patrolling in the area between the mountains on the west and the sea on the east, the Marabang on the north and a line between Abuyog and Buntay on the south. One plat patrol engaged a small enemy force near Pawa, killing two.

The 7th Ron Tr patrolled south of Abuyog four miles to Tagpo Pt. No enemy were encountered.

Weather was clear and dry with excellent visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #12.

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A / 12 DAY - 1 NOVEMBER 1944

At 0800 17-1 resumed reconnaissance in force 1800 yds west of Dagami with the mission of destroying and driving the enemy from positions in that area. Terrain consisted of a series of rice paddies with a single lane unimproved road traversing the area from east to west. This permitted the effective employment of only one battalion. The paddies were also crossed by several streams, and personnel advancing through the area were frequently immersed in mud and water to their armpits. Engineers were dispatched to repair two bridges which had been destroyed, making hasty repairs which allowed the passage of M-8s. Shortly after arrival two M-8s were knocked out by a well concealed Jap mountain gun but the battalion continued to press forward supported by field artillery fire. By late afternoon they had driven to the foothills where well concealed enemy in considerable force, well entrenched, were encountered. Machine gun fire from the hills pinned the battalion effectively in the paddies, preventing either forward or retrograde movement. Engineers continued road improvement and by 1800 tanks were able to move within supporting distance. Throughout the day the battalion and regimental CPs received artillery fire. Under cover of darkness 17-1 dug in for perimeter defense and held its position.

17-2 from positions in the vicinity of Buri Airfield #3 patrolled the Burauen - Dagami Rd with the mission of protecting wire lines which in several instances had been tapped, cut and booby-trapped.

17-3 maintained contact with 382-1 on the right flank.

At 0700 32-1 arrived at Green Beach, Panaon Island, and during the day effected relief of the 21st Inf.

32-2 continued patrolling in the vicinity of Abuyog with G Co, reinforced, holding a road block at the concrete and steel bridge on the road to Baybay.

32-3 from positions immediately south of Guinarona, resumed operations against the force uncovered by patrol action of the previous day. Artillery fire caused withdrawal of enemy forces from positions previously held. The advance was again resumed and it became apparent that the enemy, taking full advantage of dense undergrowth, was conducting a fluid delaying action, abandoning prepared positions to allow 32-3 to advance and then placing intense fire on both flanks. Having advanced considerably beyond its vehicular supply route, 32-3 withdrew shortly before darkness to a point which facilitated resupply by hand carry methods.

The 184th Inf continued patrolling within its zone of operations.

7th Inf Div FO #16 and FO #17 were published this date.

Weather during the day was clear and dry.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #13.

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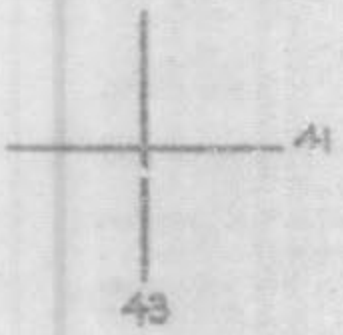



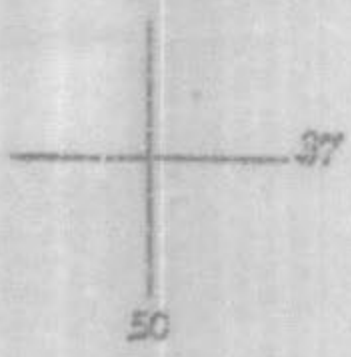

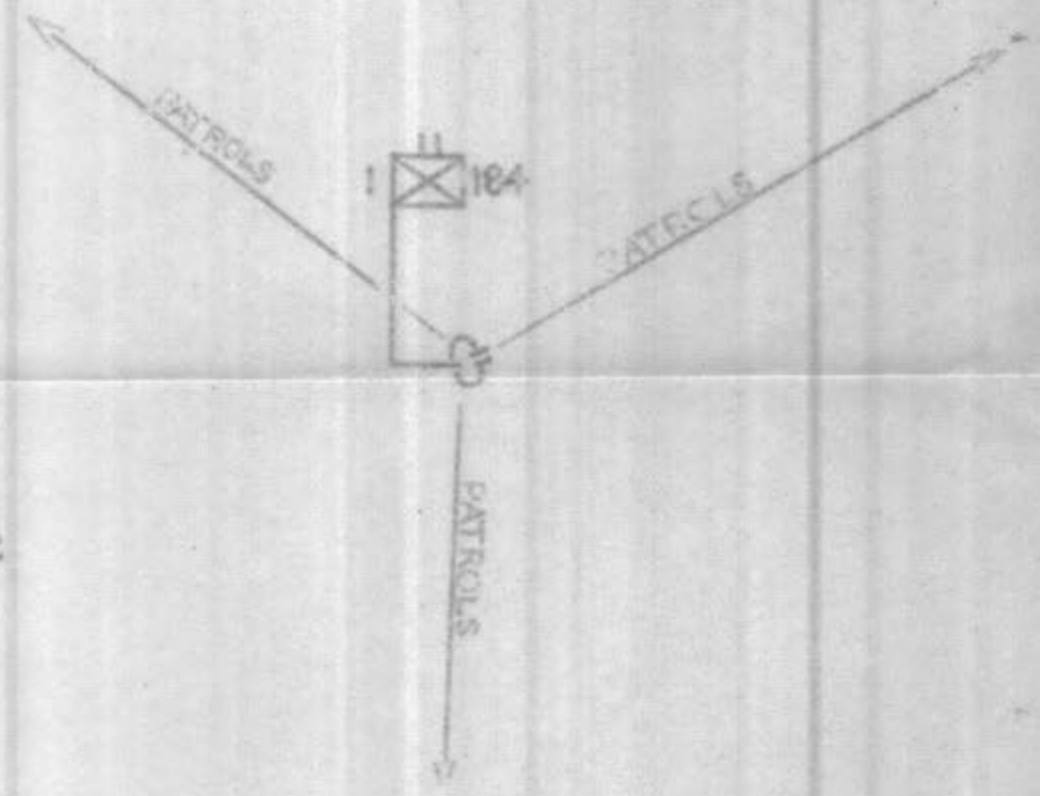



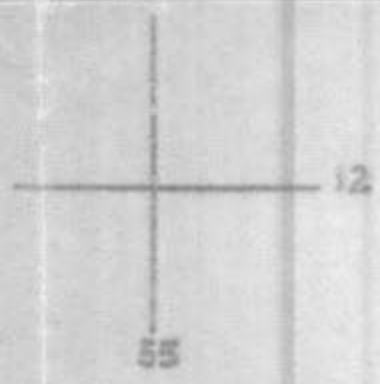

OVERLAY #18 - A / 12 DAY - 1 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, ENTTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

NOTE:

32-I AT PAGAN ISLAND
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

A / 13 DAY - 2 NOVEMBER 1944

After utilizing the fire of two battalions of organic artillery and three batteries of 155mm Corps artillery during the night, 17-1 resumed operations at 0730. Vigorous and distant patrol action failed to divulge enemy flanks and all patrols received heavy machine gun and mortar fire. At 1400 17-1, after being relieved by elements of the 382nd Inf, withdrew to a bivouac area approx one quarter mile south of Dagami.

There was no change in the activity of 17-2.

By 1500 17-3 had been relieved of responsibility for the security of Dagami by elements of 96th Inf Div.

32-1 improved its defensive installations, conducted patrolling, and established outposts on Panaon Island.

32-2 pushed Co G, reinf, to Baybay where it closed at 2200.

At 0800 32-3 resumed operations west of Guinarona, thrusting 700 yds beyond its most forward position of the previous day. Only light resistance, centering around sniper action was encountered. By 1800 32-3 had withdrawn to a bivouac area approx 500 yds west of Guinarona.

The 184th Inf continued patrol action, extending its reconnaissance to Tarugan, Gibuga, Mayorga, Tarragona, the vicinity of Bacagay, the ridge north of Tarragona, Binocowan, Utag, Abuyog, Palale, and the ridge south of Tarragona. Only scattered individual Japs in an exhausted condition were found.

7th Inf Div FO #18 was published this date.

Weather remained warm and dry.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #14.

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A / 14 DAY - 3 NOVEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf, less 17-2 and 17-3, commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of Burauen at 0800. 17-3 began displacement to this area at 1000 by truck and 17-2 (less Co E) moved by foot at 1100. Co E was disposed in outpost positions west of Burauen. By 1230 the 17th Inf was assembled along the Burauen - La Paz Rd between the Marabang and Daguitan Rivers. At 1415, the security of the Corps being jeopardized by a gap, 17-2 was ordered into a perimeter defense 500 yds west and 1000 yds north of Burauen. By 1615 this position had been occupied.

32-1 continued its assigned mission on Panaon Island.

32-2 operated west of Abuyog, pushing patrols from G Co approx 5 kilometers north of Baybay.

32-3 patrolled to the west from positions previously occupied. By mid-afternoon liaison had been exchanged with the 1st Bn, 381st Inf. Officers were oriented and by 1800 zones of responsibility had been established by mutual agreement. Both units tied in for night defense.

The 184th Inf continued patrolling in its assigned zone of action with negative results.

Weather was fair with light showers of short duration.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #15.

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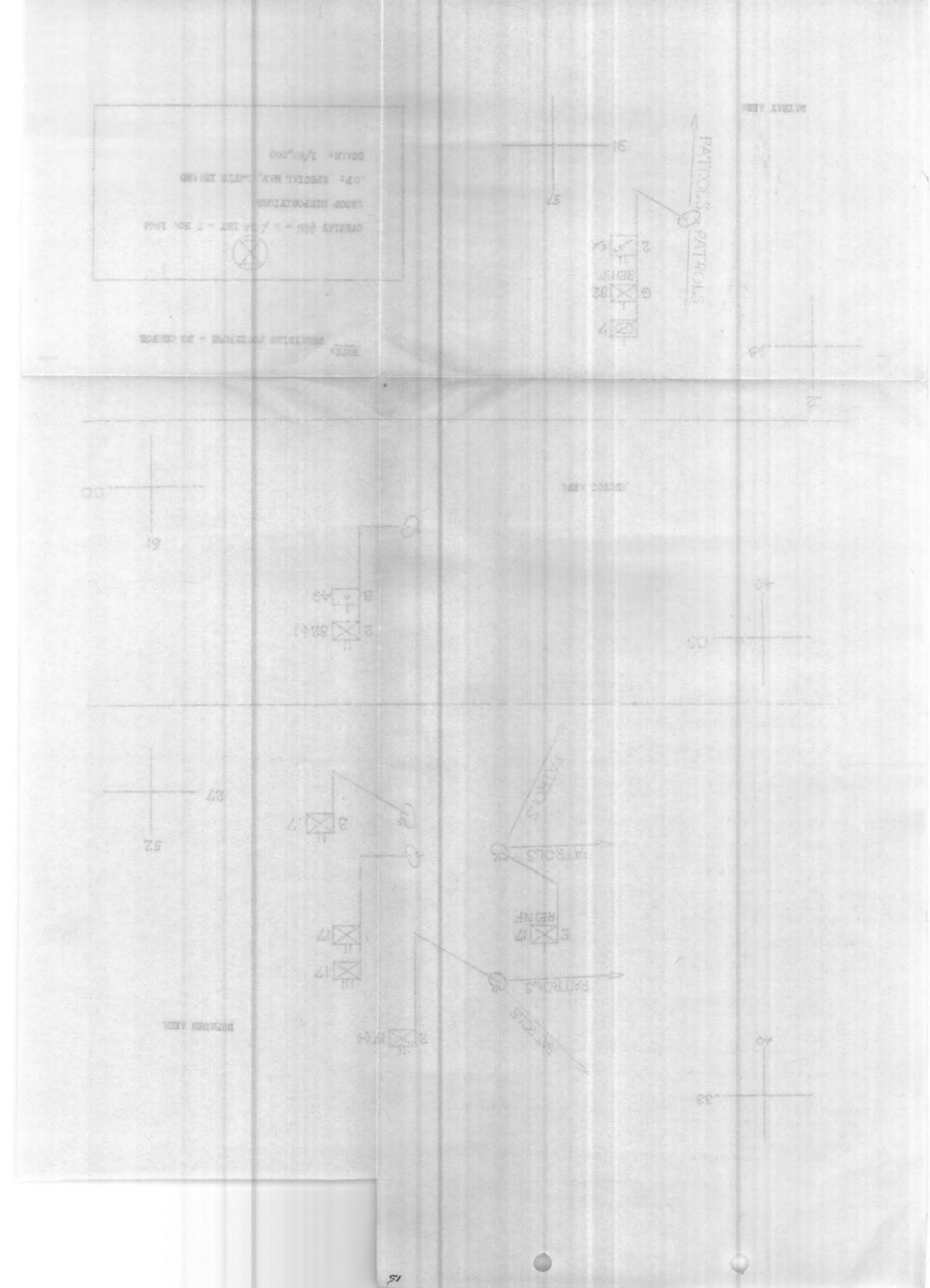
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A / 15 DAY - 4 NOVEMBER 1944

During A / 15 the 17th Inf engaged in rehabilitation and reconnaissance patrolling. 17-1 sent one reinforced plat to La Paz with no enemy contacts. 17-2 sent two patrols, each of a reinforced plat, west of Burauen into the foothills and northwest for a distance of four miles. No enemy were encountered. 17-3 sent one reinforced plat to San Agustin with negative findings.

The CO 32-1 assumed command of Panaon Island at 0900.

32-2 continued patrolling in the vicinity of Abuyog and north and south of Baybay.

32-3 moved from the vicinity of Guinarona to a location 600 yds west of Burauen tying in with E Co of the 17th Inf.

184-1 patrolled to the Maya River, west on the north bank of the river for a distance of two miles, where it divided into smaller patrols and combed the area. No enemy or indications of enemy were uncovered. This patrol returned by way of the river's south bank. A second patrol of 184-1 went to Piliway, thence two miles due west to the foothills on the south bank of the Balucuit River where it likewise split and combed the area north and south. Findings were negative. A third patrol went to Palale and thence west for two miles.

184-2 sent one reinforced company to Rizal and patrolled west. A second patrol of 184-2 moved north to Marabang and west for a distance of two miles. Results were negative.

184-3 sent one patrol northwest to La Paz and thence two miles west. A second patrol moved two miles on a magnetic azimuth of 248 degrees. A third patrol, motorized, went to La Paz, Giguga, and Tarragona. A fourth went to Paua. All battalions maintained perimeter patrols for a radius of 1000 yds.

The 48th FA Bn displaced to 47.90-28.75.

The 49th FA Bn displaced to 46.85-29.00.

The 7th Ron Tr reconnoitered one mile north of Caridad, taking three POWs and rescuing an allied flyer who had been forced down. It also reconnoitered 45 miles south of Baybay making no enemy contacts.

Heavy rain fell between 1900 and 2100. The remainder of the period was warm with sun and unlimited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #16.

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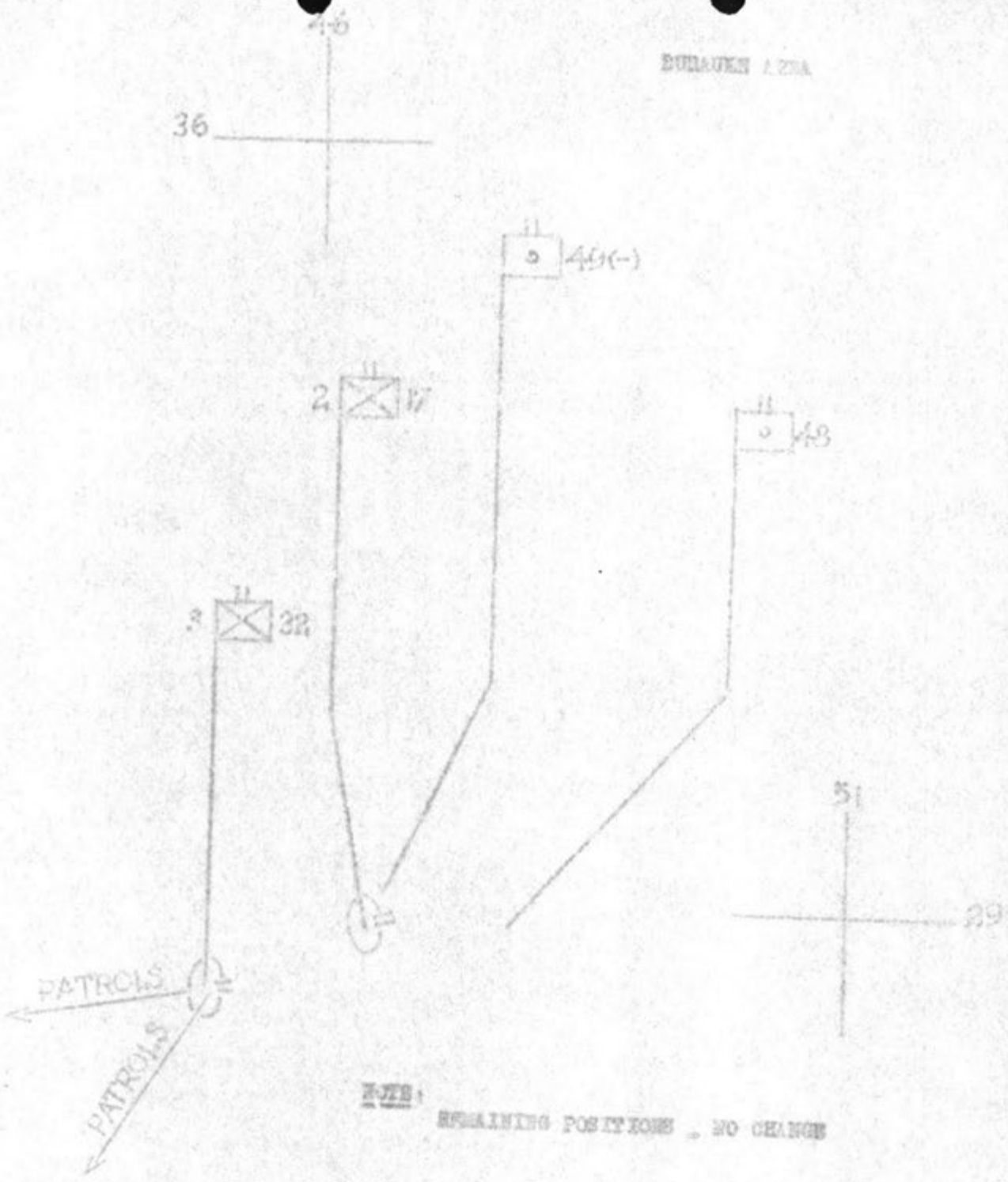

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #16 - A / 15 DAY - 4 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITION

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 16 DAY - 5 NOVEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf I&R Plat reconnoitered 2000 yds northwest in the area north of the Daguitan River but found no enemy. Contact was established with a patrol of K Co, 381st Inf.

17-1 patrolled west to San Francisco, encountering no enemy but establishing contact with a reinforced company of the 381st Inf. At 2205 B Co assumed defense of the Buri Airfield guarding forty P-38s.

17-2 patrolled west to Jugpa with no enemy contacts. At approx 2015 Co E fired on an enemy patrol immediately west of its position, killing seven. The enemy patrol was armed with Enfield rifles.

17-3 sent a reinforced company to San Agustin making no enemy contacts.

32-1 remained on Panaon Island with no change.

32-2, less G Co reinf, continued active patrolling in the vicinity of Abuyog. G Co patrolled north and south of Baybay making no enemy contacts.

32-3 continued rehabilitation in defensive positions west of Burauen.

184-1 patrolled south from positions in the vicinity of Palale.

184-2 conducted limited patrolling and was alerted for a move to Abuyog. Co G, reinf, moved to Abuyog, arriving at 1800.

184-3 sent one company, reinf, for 6000 yds on an azimuth of 235 degrees from its position with no enemy contacts.

The 7th Ron Tr patrolled to Caridad reporting the road passable at low tide for vehicles up to 6 tons.

Weather during A / 16 was clear, dry and sunny.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #17.

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OVERLAY 617 - A/F 18 MAY - 6 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

M.P. SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/80,000

NOTE: REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

17-1 remained in position.

17-2 sent one patrol from Cabaracan west along the north bank of the Daguitan River to 53.00-26.00 finding one dead Jap and thence proceeding to San Pablo without enemy contact. A second patrol of 17-2 left 53.00-31.00, followed the road northwest to Aslom and returned. A third patrol left 53.00-31.00 going NE to Hindang, Anabung and Kiloon. No enemy were encountered.

17-3 remained in place.

32-1 on Panaon Island was reported as having been disposed for beach defense around the northern tip of the island, from a point 100 yds south of Santa Cruz to a point 300 yds south of Liloan and for defense to the south on high ground from Liloan to Santa Cruz. Daily patrols were being sent to the southern tip of Leyte across Panaon Strait. Nightly patrols were being sent from Liloan 1300 yds south and from Santa Cruz 1300 yds south and east. Observation posts had been established covering Cabalian Bay, Sogod Bay and inland south. A Philippine bolo guard maintained observation posts completely around Panaon Island. One plat of Co G, 94th Inf (Guerrilla) was operating on Panaon. The remainder of the company was in the vicinity of Himavoyon on southern Leyte. Radar located at Liloan covered the west coast of Panaon Island and Sogod Bay. There had been no enemy contact to date.

32-2 displaced its remaining elements from Abuyog at 0800 completing the move to Baybay by 0930.

32-3 continued rehabilitation and conducted limited patrolling.

184-1, Cos A and B, engaged an estimated 50 Japs at 45.08-08.01 and annihilated the force.

184-2 displaced from Santa Ana, reaching Abuyog at 1300. A detachment remained at Abuyog with the main body displacing seven miles west thereof into a bivouac near the concrete ford.

184-3 sent one patrol, motorized, to Gibuga, Mayorga and Tarragona. A second patrol operated from La Paz to Santa Elena. Two single squad patrols pushed seven miles west of La Paz without incident.

Weather during the period was clear and dry.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #18.

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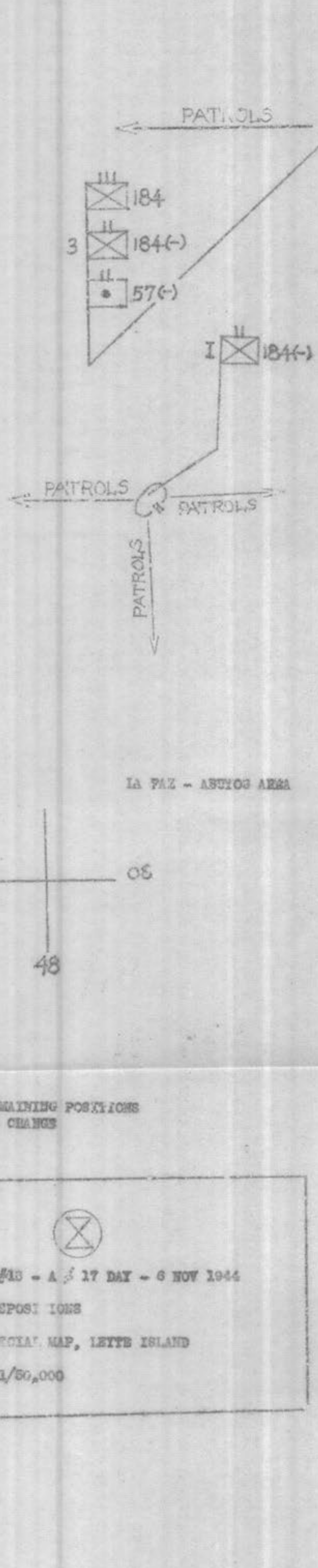

LA PAZ - ABUYOG AREA

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS
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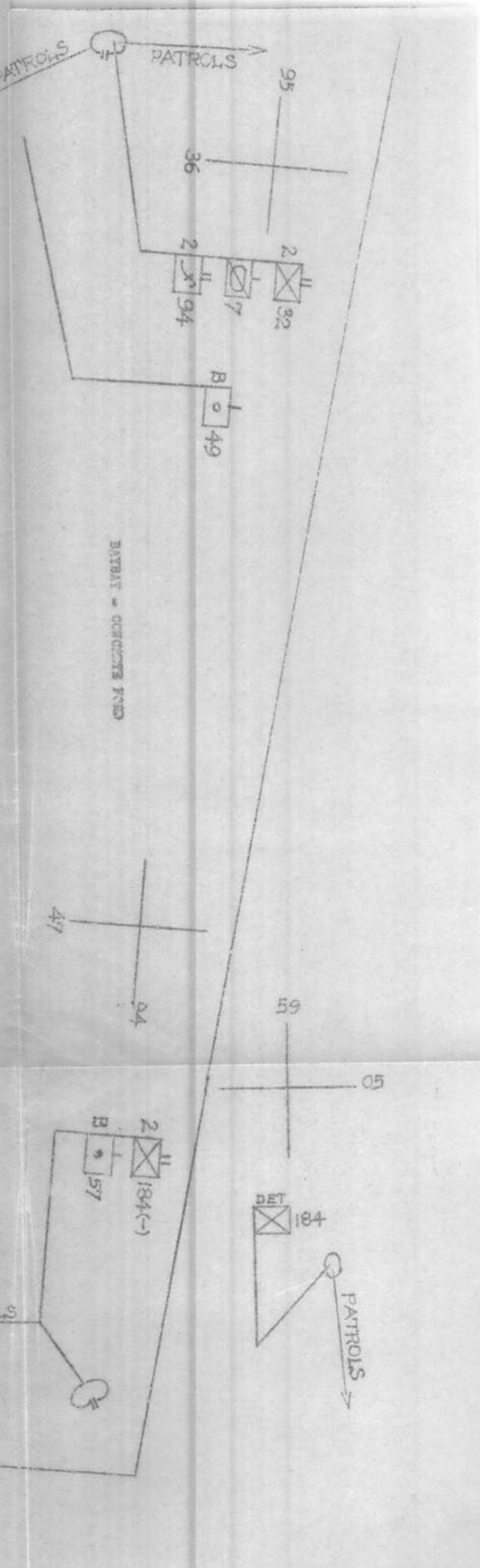
OVERLAY #18 - A & 17 DAY - 6 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000



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A / 18 DAY - 7 NOVEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf dispatched five patrols during A / 18. Patrol #1 moved from Julita north to Hindang and Anabung, west to Aslom, and thence south to Kalvasag and Tangnan, reporting that at 45.90-29.70 they located three pillboxes recently vacated. Patrol #2 left Burauen Airfield moving northwest to Malabka, north to Tagungtang, northeast along the river to Mercadohay, southeast to Tabuanon, southwest to Tibas, south to San Gabriel, thence to Malabka and return to Burauen Airfield. Patrol #3 left Burauen moving on the north bank of the Daguitan 1000 yds beyond San Francisco, thence back along the south bank to Burauen. Patrol #4 moved west along the north bank of the Daguitan to Pangdan, crossed the river and returned along the south bank. Patrol #5, a motorized patrol of the I&R Plat, moved from Burauen to Santa Ana and return, discovering one 75mm gun and 1500 gallons of oil about 50 yds south of the Gibuga River and 150 yds west of the Santa Ana Road. Patrols reported no other action.

During the day 17-3 moved to Dulag and boarded vessels for move to Dinagat Island with mission of destroying hostile forces thereon.

The 32nd Inf advance CP moved to Baybay during the morning.

32-1, on Panaon Island, continued patrolling and observation, patrols advancing half way to the southern tip of Panaon on both east and west coasts.

32-2 patrolled for a radius of two miles inland and established liaison with the 94th Inf (Guerrilla) keeping enemy in the vicinity of Malitbug under observation.

32-3, released from responsibility for the security of Burauen, continued preparations for a move to Baybay.

184-1 Cos A and B resumed patrolling to ascertain if any remnants of enemy engaged on the previous day had escaped under cover of darkness.

184-2 sent one motorized patrol to Balinsasayao and Baybay. Another motorized patrol went from Abuyog to Panaoc, Balanca and return. A third moved to Salug, Manlilisid, Tambis and Panaon. Patrol #4 proceeded to a point three kilometers west of Bugho. Patrol #5 moved west on the south bank of the Cadacan River. Patrol #6 scouted the coast road south of Abuyog.

184-3 relieved Co I with Co K. From a base between Mt Naburac and Mt Malacangan it patrolled in a fan toward Lake Danao. 184-3 sent a motorized patrol to Gibuga, Mayorga and Tarragona. Another moved to Pawa and Tarugan. None of these patrols participated in any action.

The 7th Ren Tr completed a patrol 75 miles south of Baybay without incident.

7th Inf Div FO #19 was published this date.

Weather during the period was warm, dry and overcast.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #19.

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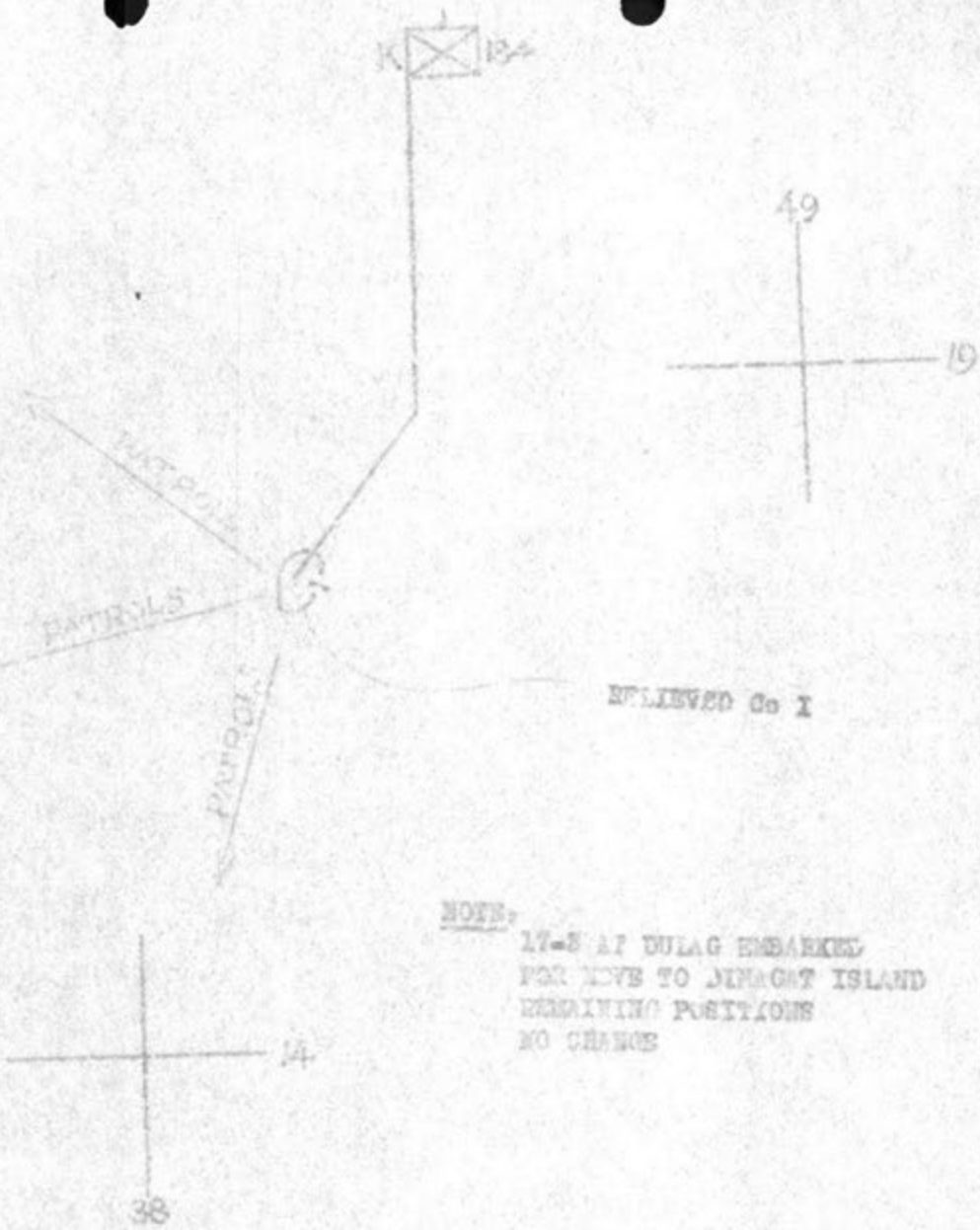

OVERLAY #19 - A # 18 DAY - 7 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 19 DAY - 8 NOVEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf continued patrol activities. Patrol #1 covered San Pablo, Pabuanon, Patonoa, Libas, Meroadohay and return. Patrol #2 covered Julita, Hindang, Anibong, Asolon, Bungdo, Calbasag, Pangdan and return. Patrol #3 coverod Canangui, Mati, Bolongtanan, Tigbao, and return finding many unoccupied pillboxes and dead Japs between Mati and Bolongtanan. Patrol #4 operated between the Marabang and Daguitan Rivers to a point three miles west of the regtl CP failing to make hostile contact.

Co A replaced Co E west of Santa Ana. It established a new base camp at Paghudlan and continued operations on a newly discovered trail leading west.

17-2 closed at Telegrafo and went under Sixth Army control.

17-3, enroute to Dinagat, ran into heavy weather and was forced to postpone landing.

32-1 continued patrolling and observation in the vicinity of Panaon Island.

32-2 patrolled on a radius of five miles from Baybay.

32-3 established defensive positions in the Baybay area.

184-1 patrolled within its zone of responsibility making no enemy contacts.

184-2 continued patrolling south and west of Abuyog.

184-3 pushed K Co further west without enemy contacts.

It was noted that wide dispersal of the Division taxed abilities of communication agencies to the utmost and that the absence of suitable code names for towns, plus the introduction of such terms as "cruisers, PT boats, channels and straits" not normally encountered by ground troops forced encipherment by M-209 with resultant delay in traffic clearance.

Weather grew increasingly stormy throughout the period with rain and wind approaching typhoon velocity. At approx 2230 buildings housing the Division CP were blown down. Headquarters functions were disrupted slightly.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #20.

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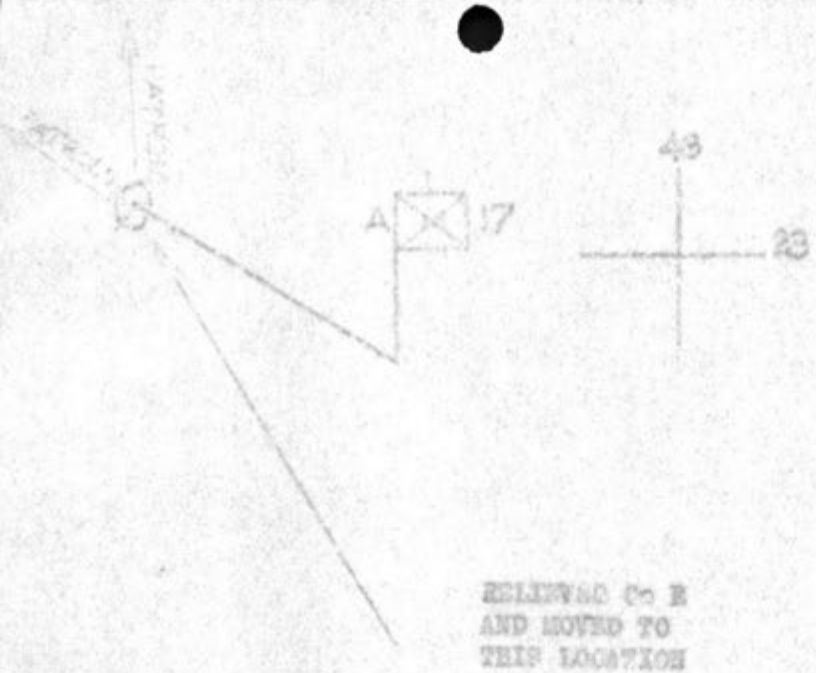
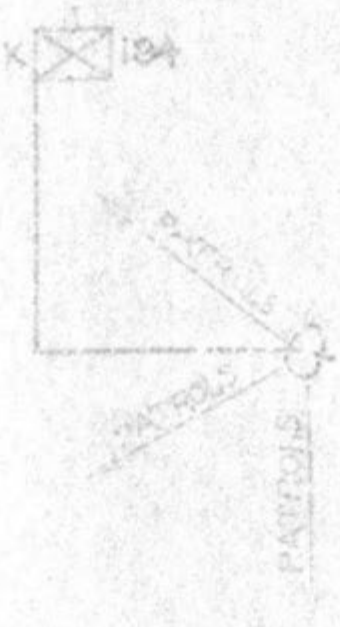


PALOMPON - LAKE DANAO AREA



NOTE:
17-5 ENROUTE TO DINAGAT
A & B Co's, 194 INF RETURNED TO BN.
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

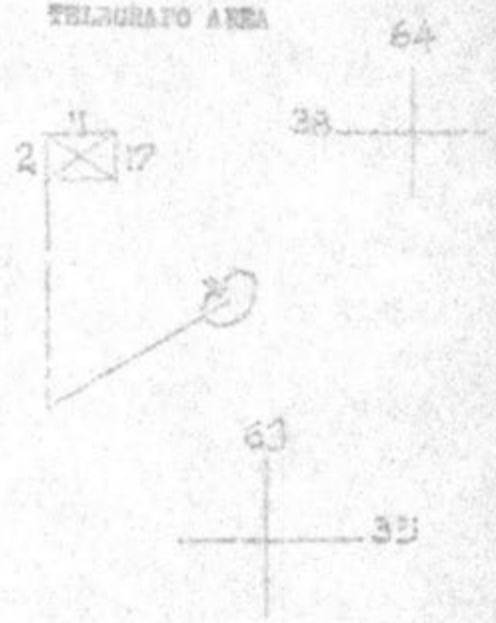
(WEEKLY #20 - A / 19 DAY - 8 NOV 1944)

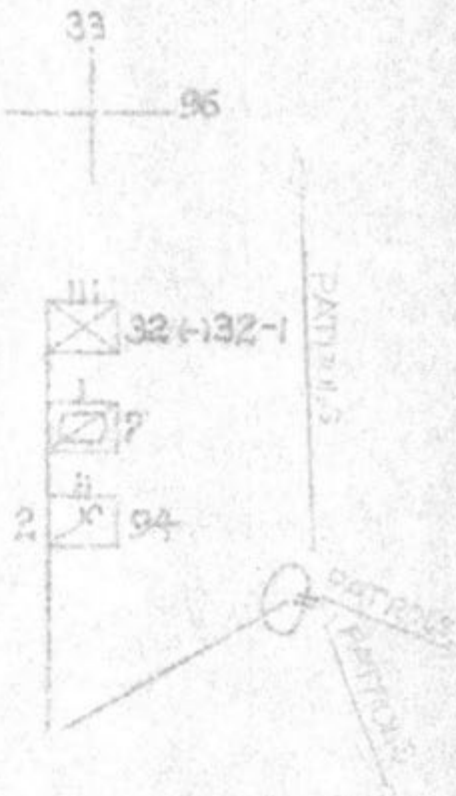
TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

TELOSATO AREA





BAYBAY AREA



A / 20 DAY - 9 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 and regtl troops of the 17th Inf became immobilized between the Marabang and Daguitan Rivers by flood waters and damaged bridges which limited patrolling activities.

17-2, from the concrete ford, patrolled its assigned area without enemy contacts.

17-3 was afloat 1500 yds off Beach White when the Dinagat Operation was cancelled.

32-1 continued patrolling and observation from Panaon Island.

32-2 and 32-3 continued preparation for the defense of Baybay and reconnoitered for successive defensive positions on the Abuyog - Baybay Rd.

184-1 maintained a one company patrol base at Bugho, sending patrols southwest, west and northwest.

184-2 sent one motorized patrol to Baybay, one foot patrol to Balingsayas, Pagati, Quany, Dapdap, Magatobang, Lorai, Angalang and Dingli and one to Balingsasayas, and northwest for five kilometers. A fourth patrol moved to Lake Bito participating in no action.

The 7th Recn Tr patrolled 25 miles south of Baybay and north as far as Albuera.

Extremely inclement weather caused repeated disruption of wire communication.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #21.

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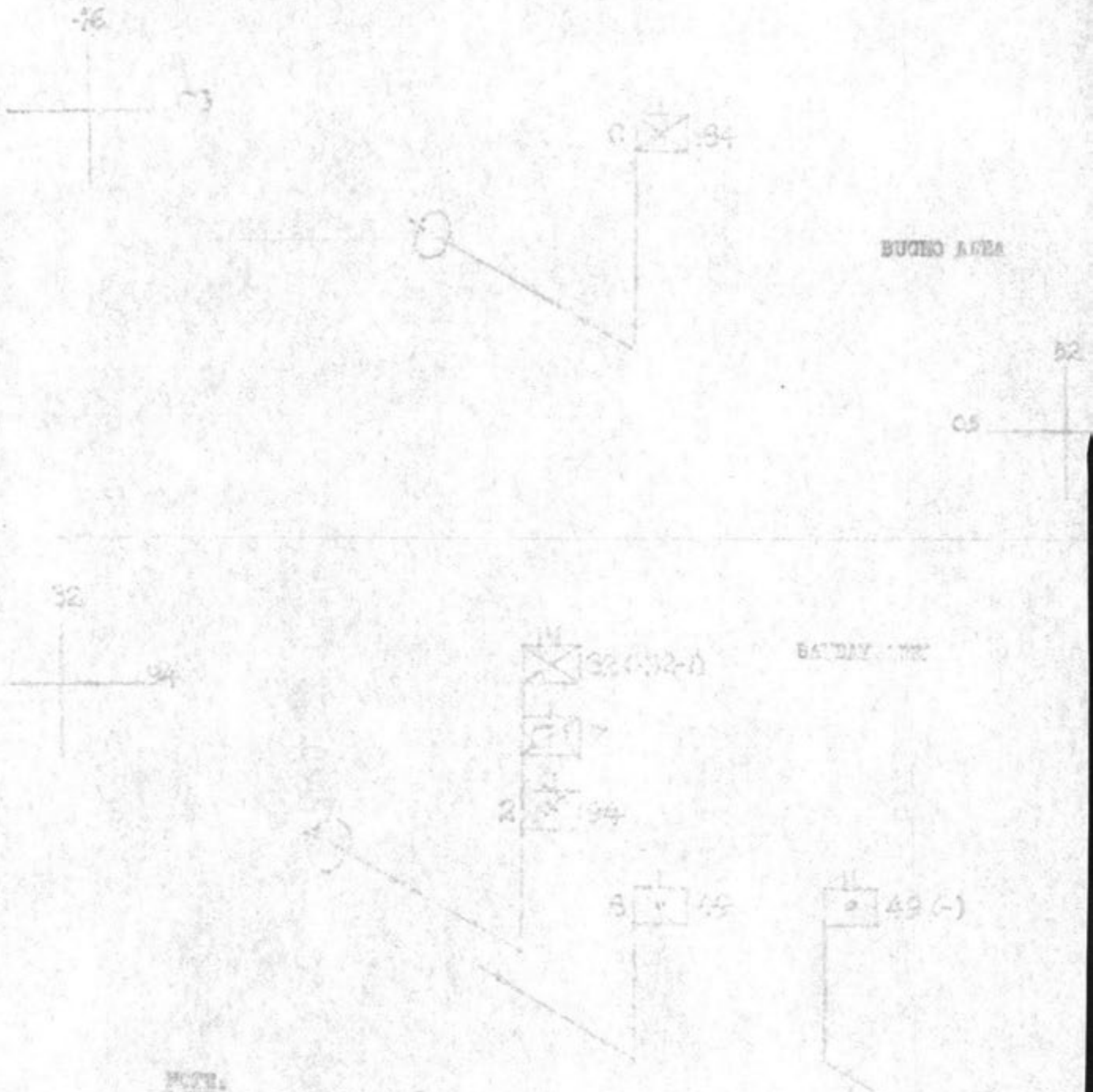

OVERLAY #21 - A/F #0 DAY - 9 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAPS SPECIAL MAP, OTTS ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 21 DAY - 10 NOVEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf continued patrol activity. Patrol #1 left Burauen Airfield proceeding to Malabka, Mercadohay, Libas, southwest to Malabka and return. Patrol #2 covered Julita, the intersection of the Julita - Hindang Rd, Calbasag and Tangnab. No action resulted.

Elements of Co C went to Pangdan where they contacted 381-1.

17-3 commenced debarkation on Beach Violet 1 at 0645. All troops and equipment were ashore by 0815. The battalion then moved to and occupied defensive positions 600 yds west of Burauen.

Co G moved to Kiling and Co F moved to Tanuan relieving elements of the 383rd Inf of the responsibility for guarding bridges and patrolling within the Corps Service Area. The balance of 17-2 bivouaced at Telegrafo.

32-1 no change.

The CP 32nd Inf, 32-2 less one company and 32-3, less two companies, consolidated positions at Baybay. Co G occupied positions nine miles north on the coast. Co L bivouacked at the concrete ford. Co I bivouacked slightly north of Sogod. Two enemy destroyers passed approx 800 yds off Baybay with no resulting action.

The 184th Inf continued patrol activities to the west and south. From a company base at 44.70-04.30, 184-1 pushed a reinforced plat across Mt Taboan in search of a route to the west coast. A second patrol moved southeast along the shore of Lake Bito. A third covered the vicinity of Mt Lunas.

184-2 patrolled south of Abuyog reporting that the inaccuracy of maps of this area made mapping and sketching by patrols necessary.

184-3, operating four patrols, covered San Victor, Santa Ana, La Paz, Gibuga, Mayorga, Canquinquingan, Limba, Himarant, Calushigan, Pawa and Caparasanan.

The 13th Engr Bn continued extensive repair work on roads and bridges washed out during recent heavy weather.

Weather during A / 21 was overcast but drying.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #22.

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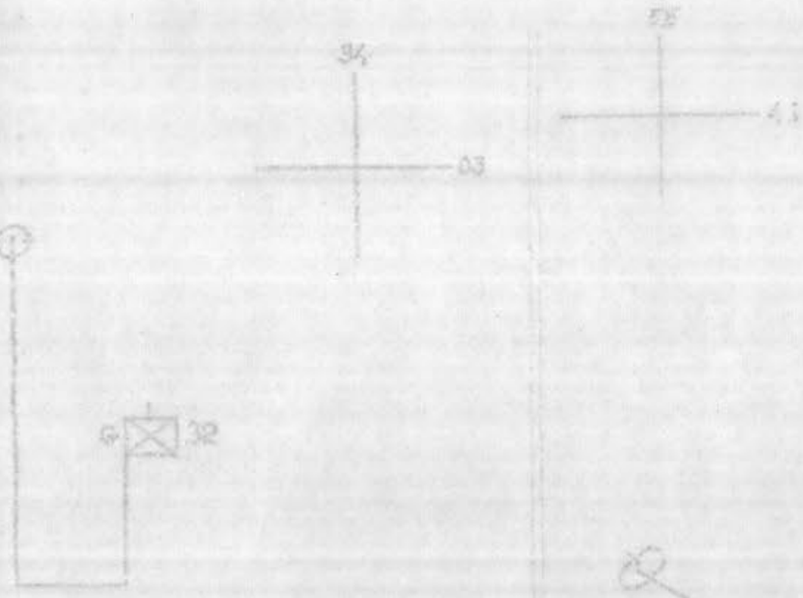

NOTE: Co X, 3C LVP AT 80000

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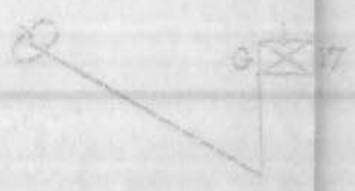

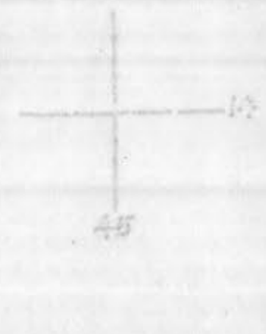



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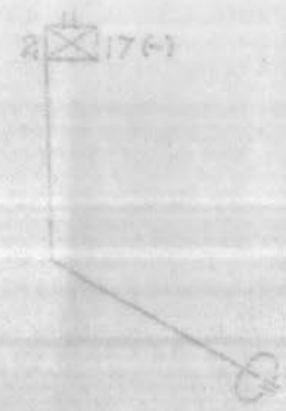

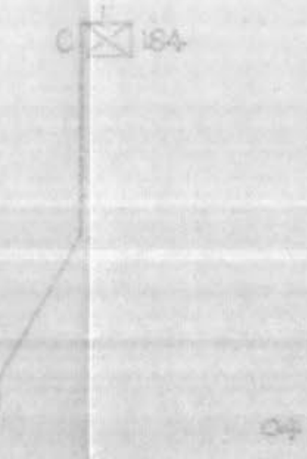

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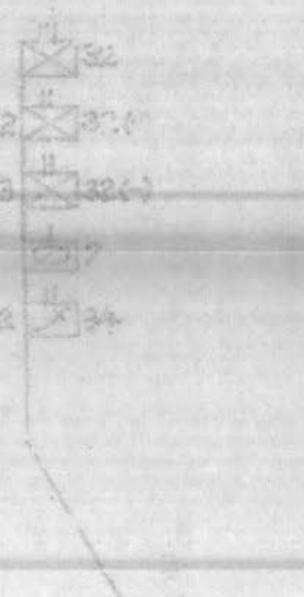





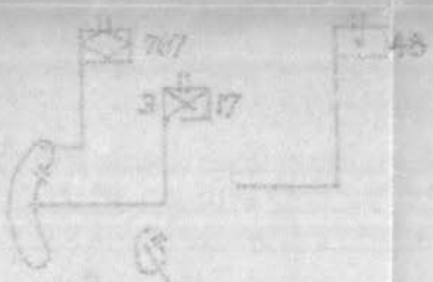

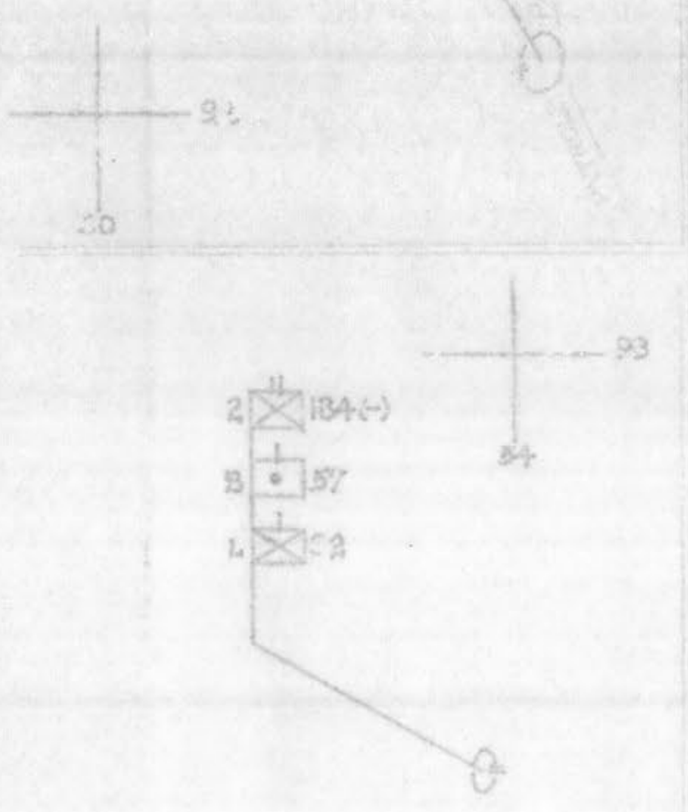

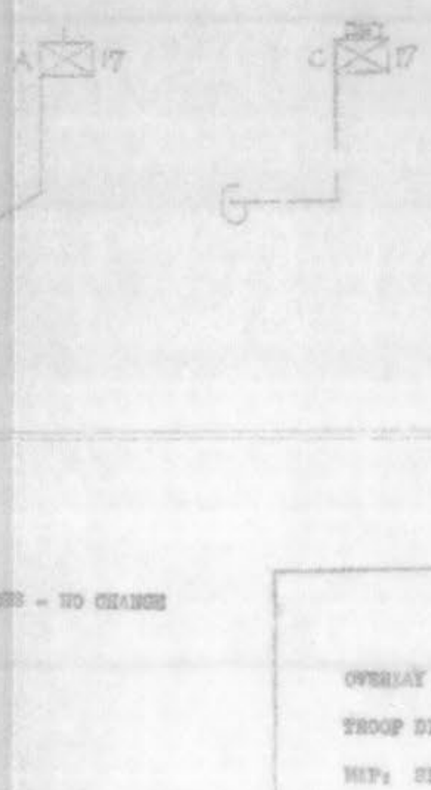



NORTHERN AREA

NOTE: REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #22 - A + 21 DAY - 10 NOV 1944
TROOP DISPOSITIONS
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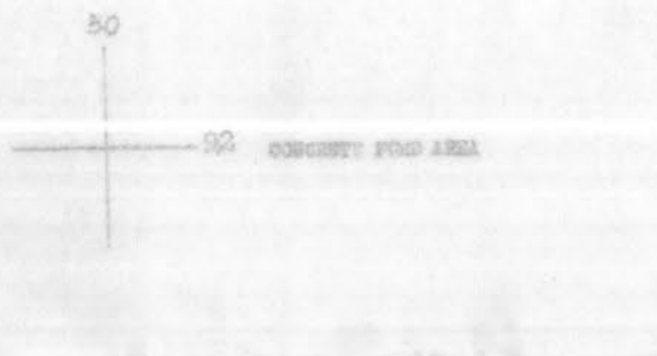
SCALE: 1/50,000



CONCRETE ROAD AREA

A / 22 DAY - 11 NOVEMBER 1944

Hq 17th Inf, Special Troops, and 17-1 completed a move to positions west of Burauen in the vicinity of 44.90-29.35, by 1300.

17-2, less two companies, remained near Telegrafo. Company F was disposed at Tanuan in the vicinity of the Sixth Army CP, with Co G at Kiling securing bridges in that area.

17-3, rehabilitating west of Burauen, completed preparations to move north of the Guinarona River. Liaison Officers and operational information were exchanged with 381-1 for coordination of the attack west.

32-1 on Panaon Island continued land patrolling and sent boat patrols into Sogod Bay.

32-2 remained at Baybay with Co G at Caridad.

32-3, less Co I, moved into position at the concrete ford, the displacement being completed by 1200. Co I, in its reconnaissance in force from Union through the central portion of southern Leyte, passed through Sogod at 0800 and pushed on toward Bato, no combat activity resulting.

The 184th Inf continued patrol operations within its zone of responsibility.

The 7th Recn Tr, patrolling north and south of Baybay, contacted the 96th Inf Div Recn Tr at Damulaan.

7th Inf Div FO #20 was published this date.

Weather during the period was clear and dry.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #23.

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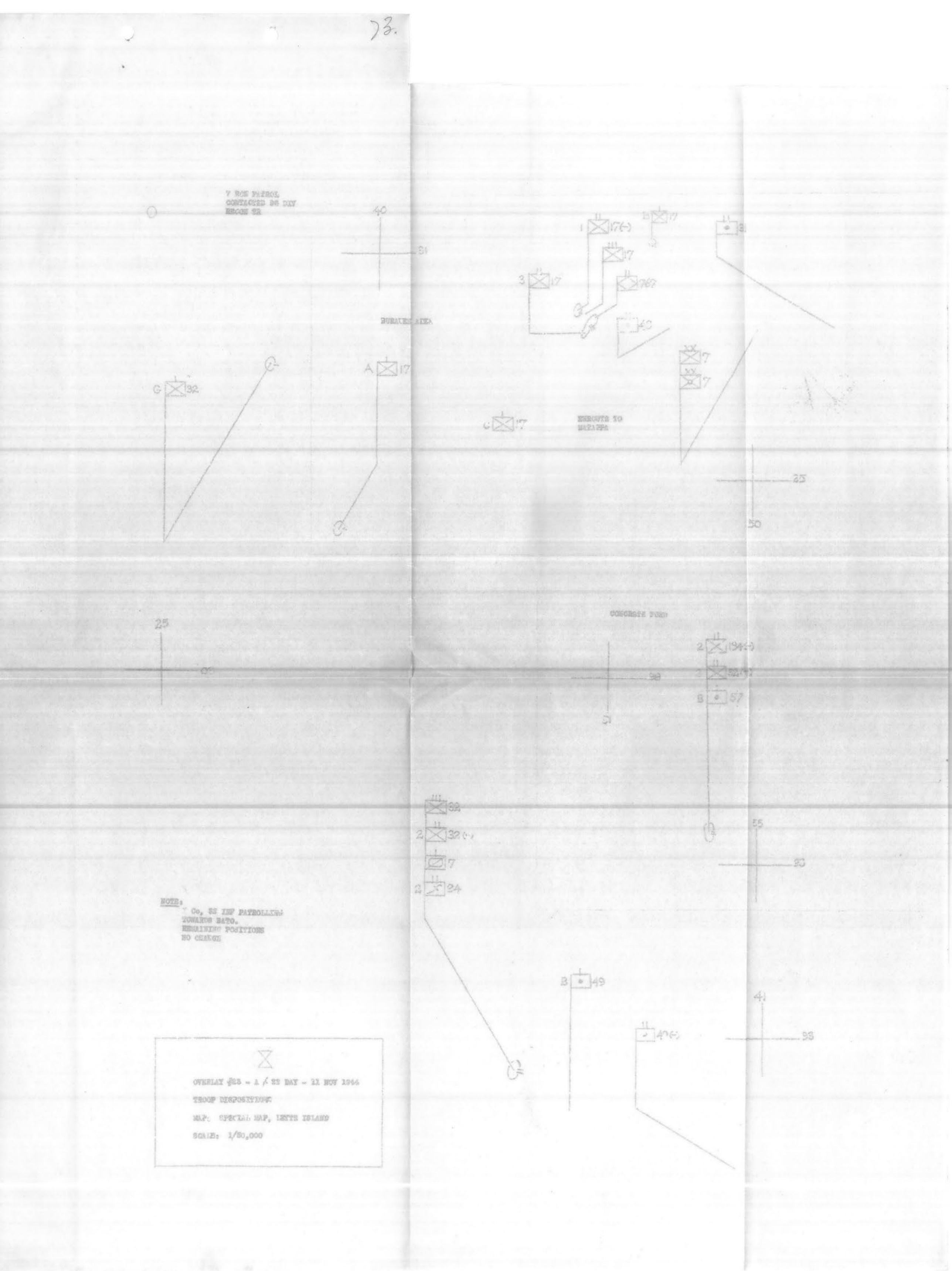

NOTE:
7 Co, 32 INF PATROLLING
TOWARDS BATO.
REMAINING POSITIONS
NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #28 - A / 23 DAY - 21 NOV 1944
TROOP DISPOSITIONS
MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND
SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 23 DAY - 12 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued patrolling with negative results. Patrol #1 covered Abuyogan, Hogpa, Cambis, Kabang, Kadajunan and Buri establishing contact enroute with the 3rd Bn, 95th Inf (Guerrilla). Patrol #2 moved to Julita, the north bank of the Daguitan as far as grid 53, thence to the Dulag - Burauen Rd and return. Patrol #3 proceeded to Handang, Anibong and Tigbao. Co C pushed west of Pangdan toward Matagpa, relieving Co I 383rd Inf. Co B remained at Buri Airfield.

17-2, less one company, remained in the vicinity of Telegrafo and Co F continued its mission at Tanuan. Co G at Kiling was relieved by the 381st Inf and rejoined the battalion.

17-3 moved to position in the vicinity of 44.70-34.80 where it relieved 381-2 and made contact with the enemy.

32-1 no change.

32-2, less one company, remained at Baybay in defense of the area and sent patrols northeast to the foothills. Co G displaced to San Agustin.

32-3, less one company, remained at the concrete ford in contact with 184-2. Co I was picked up by trucks at Bato and returned to Baybay by 1800. It reported no contact with the enemy.

The 184th Inf continued patrolling within its zone of responsibility.

Weather throughout the period was clear and dry.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #24.

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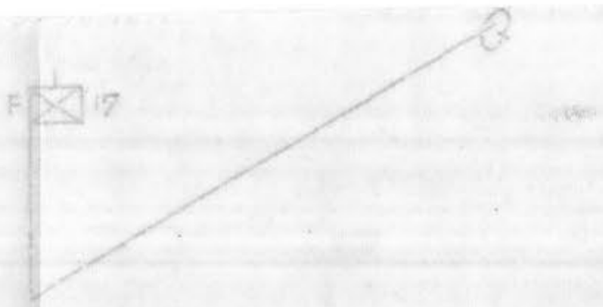

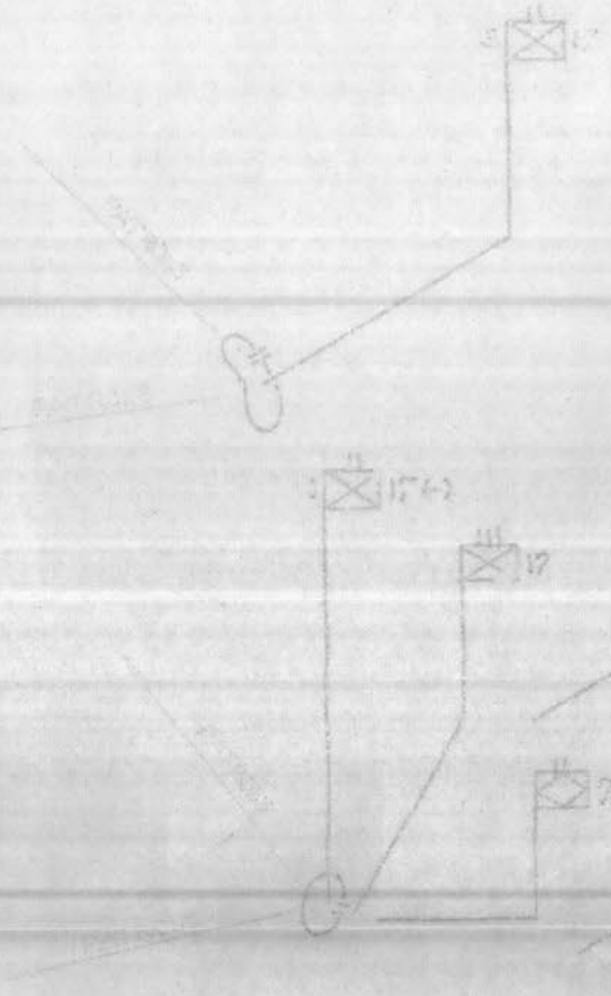

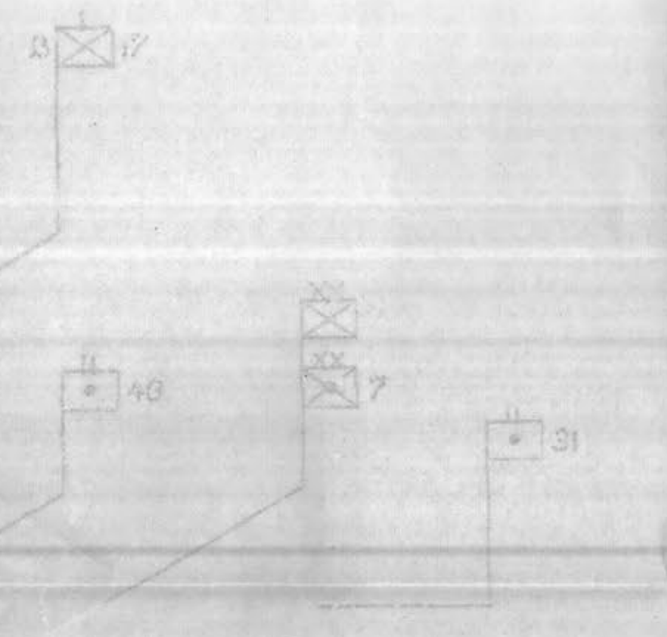



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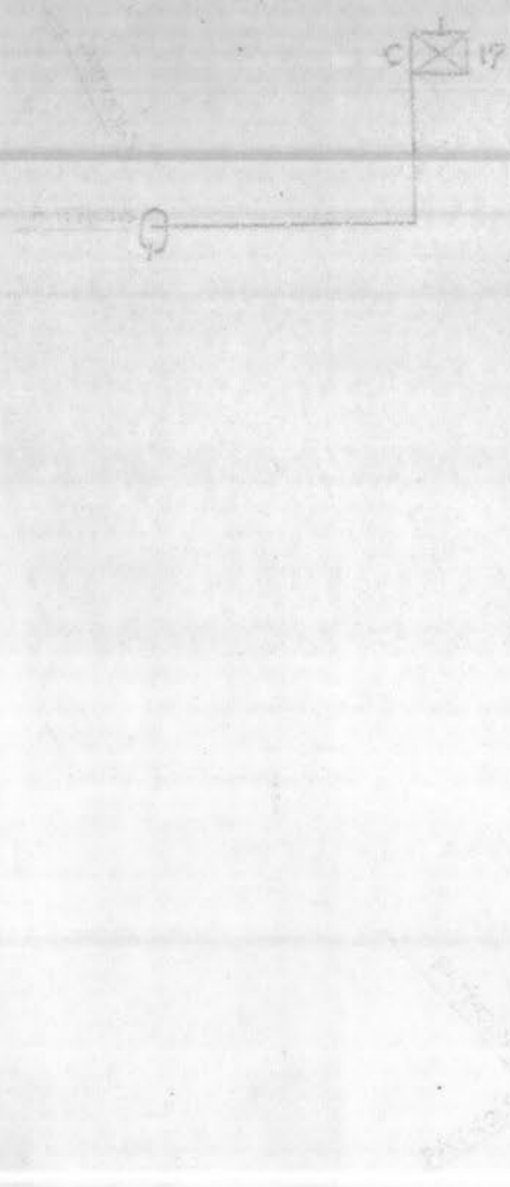
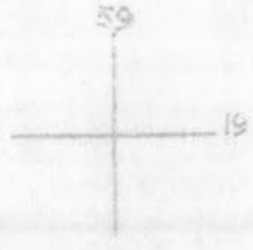
SPECIFIC COMPONENT DESIGNATIONS
OF DIVISION

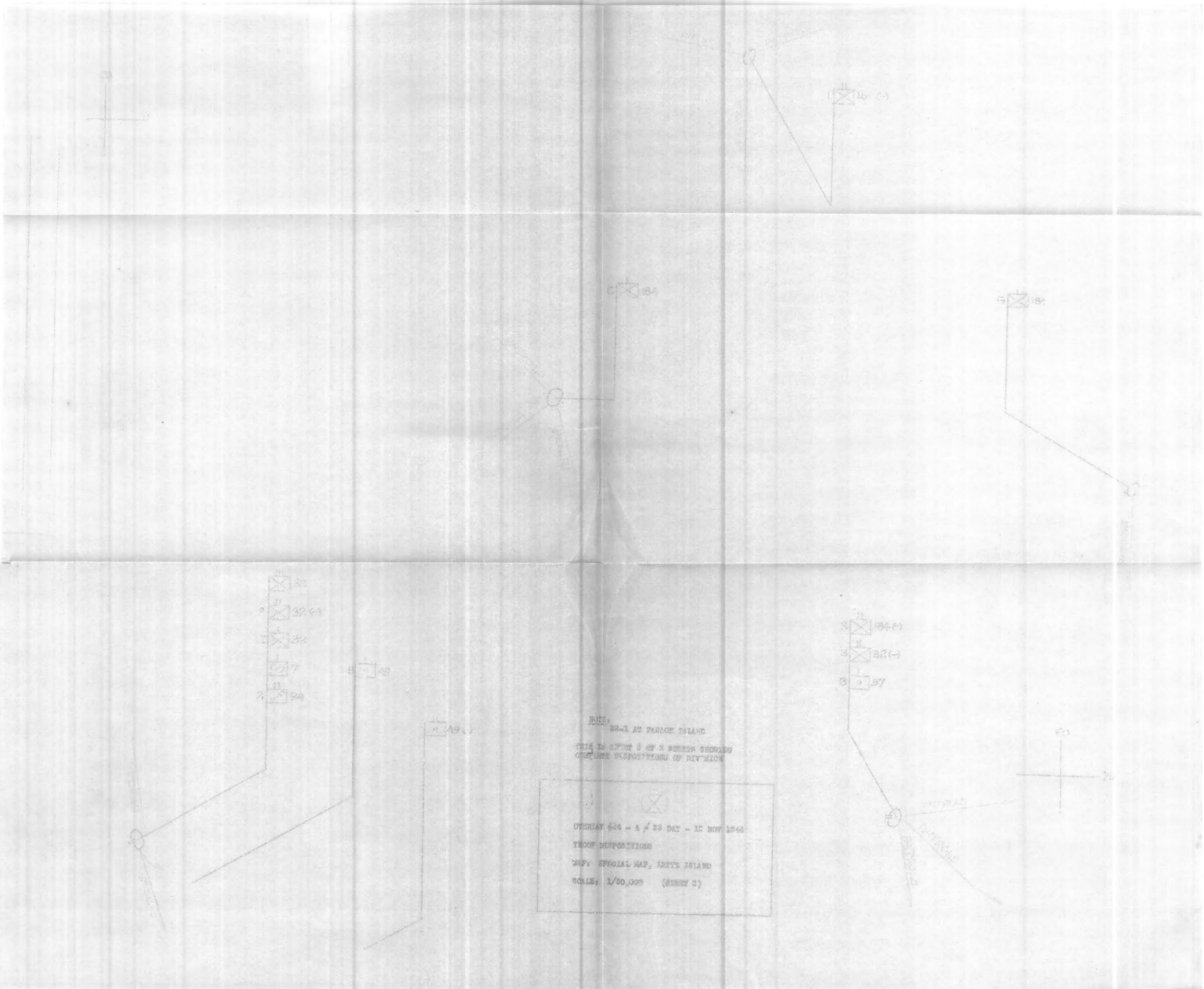
OMEGA QUAD - A # 23 DEC - 71 NOV 1944
TROOP DISPOSITIONS
MAP: SPECIAL MAP, METTA ISLAND
SCALE: 1/50,000 (SHEET 1)











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COMPLETE DISPOSITIONS OF DIVISION
OVERLAY #24 - A / 23 DAY - 12 NOV 1944
TROOP DISPOSITIONS
MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND
SCALE: 1/50,000 (SHEET 2)

A / 24 DAY - 13 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued patrol activity, one plat of Co A covering Tangtan, Kaparasan and Paghudlan, at which point natives reported twenty Japs occupying huts nearby. Investigation failed to uncover them. It may be remarked that on numerous occasions native reports of enemy forces were found to be groundless, and in most cases native estimates of enemy strength have proven more accurate when divided by five. The result was that from an operational standpoint, the number of patrols required to investigate these reports was at times excessive and interfered with major undertakings.

During the day there was no change in the activity of 17-2.

At 0800 17-3 resumed the advance northeast from positions taken over from 381-2. Initially, Cos I and L, on line, made a limited advance while Co K probed with one plat for 1500 yds west of the battalion CP. Here an OP was established. One squad of this plat advanced northwest for an additional 500 yds where, on a heavily overgrown ridge, it encountered determined enemy resistance. This resistance was based on machine gun fire from a number of well concealed positions. The squad withdrew rejoining its platoon. The platoon remained in position protecting the left flank until 1800 when it rejoined the battalion. The initial advance of Cos I and L, consisting of strong patrol action, pushed northeast for a distance of approx 400 yds to an overgrown ridge. At this point 381-2 had been strongly opposed on the previous day. Strong resistance was again encountered. The patrols rejoined their companies in defensive positions. Having thus definitely located the enemy, 17-3 called on artillery, organic mortar and chemical mortar fire. Following this preparation the attack was again pressed and by mid-afternoon Cos I and L had gained the ridge. Patrols were now pushed northeast for an additional 400 yds to the next ridge and stiff opposition was again encountered, the patrols being forced to rejoin their companies. At about 1600 heavy rifle and machine gun fire was received from the ridge to the front. The lateness of the hour and inability to locate enemy machine gun positions made it advisable to reform on initial positions more suited for a two company perimeter defense.

32-1 continued on Panaon Island patrolling to the southeast coast of Leyte.

32-2, occupying Baybay, continued patrolling to the foothills northeast. At 2330 a plat of Co G and a plat of Guerrillas at Balogo were attacked by an estimated 100 Japs. From 30 to 40 of the enemy were killed and the remainder withdrew to the vicinity of Tabgas.

32-3 continued at the concrete ford. One company of this battalion patrolled and guarded critical points on the Abuyog - Baybay Rd.

184-1 maintained a patrol base 200 yds west of Luneta from which Co B pushed patrols deep south, southwest and west. At 1220 Co C returned to the battalion bivouac area. One plat of Co C patrolled the trail from Bugho to Gabas on the west coast. A second plat moved out to investigate the trail west from Luneta. Both patrols operated under orders to establish trails or routes to the west coast, with the additional mission of making contact with 32-2.

184-2, from its position near the concrete ford operated patrols of platoon size. Patrol #1 moved to Sagpon and return. Patrol #2 moved by truck to a point north of Union, thence by foot for seven miles south and return. Patrol #3 covered the barrios of Balinsasayao, Pannugan, Odiongan, Balacawe (S) Balacawe (N) Ponaoc, Pongi, and

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Picas. Patrol #4 covered Pagasayan, Bayabas, Maludbalud, Kipinaw, Matagnao, and Dayas. Patrol #5 went south to Loyansanang reconnoitering all intervening barrios. Patrol #6 covered Abuyog, Bangon, Tambongan and Tangpi Pt.

184-3 moved Co K approx 2500 yds south of Lake Danao to the first trail leading west. It remained here in bivouac. A second patrol moved to Lake Danao with the mission of reconnoitering trails west. A patrol of Co L 95th Inf (Guerrilla) with one I&R officer attached and 3 enlisted men returned to the 184th Inf CP at 1545 reporting 250 - 300 Japs approx one and one half miles west of Lake Danao moving west. Units on the west coast were alerted to intercept this force if possible.

Intermittent heavy rains fell throughout the day.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #25.

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NOTE:
C Co., 826 INF RETURNED TO ITS DIVISION
REGIMENTAL POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY $63 - 1 / 24 - 25 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 25 DAY - 14 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued patrolling within its zone of responsibility. Patrol #1 covered the San Pablo, Malabka, Hindang area reporting roads to be badly cut up and scarcely passable in muddy weather. Patrol #2 reached Bolongtohan, Tigbao, and Anibung. Patrol #3 moved to Pandang, Kaparasang, Paghudlan and San Agustin. At 1835 the bombing of Buri Airfield caused seven casualties in Co B.

17-2 also engaged in patrolling. Patrol #1 moved by truck to Mohan, proceeded from here by foot to San Jaoquin and returned to Mohan. Patrol #2 moved west on the north bank of the Calbasag River from 62.50-27.80 to 61.00-27.90. Patrol #3 moved west on the south bank of the Calbasag River. No enemy were encountered.

17-3 sent a patrol of platoon strength to the west as far as 42.70-35.00, the point occupied on the previous day, without incident. One plat of Co L moved around the battalion east flank proceeding to a ridge in vicinity of 43.50-35.50 where enemy resistance was encountered. The plat held at this point. Cos I and L secured the ridge to the north seized the day before, without opposition. From this point reinforcements were sent northeast to join the L Co plat, as right (east) flank security for the battalion. The battalion made preparations to attack west on the following morning.

32-1 continued assigned missions on Panaon Island.

32-2 remained in defense of the Baybay area.

32-3, at the concrete ford, sent Co K, reinf, to Baybay.

184-1 conducted patrolling as follows: From the Co B patrol base at 44.80-13.00 four combat and reconnaissance patrols and three ambush patrols were sent to the west, southwest and south. Attempts to find a route west near Mt Malajita were not successful. These patrols failed to contact hostile forces.

184-2 sent seven patrols covering Union, Sagpon, Pagasayon, Maludbarud, Kipinan, Baybas, Balsasayas, Balcowe, Pangi, Odiongan, Loyansanang, Baogan, Tambagan, Tanglo Pt and the Abuyog - Baybay Rd. No enemy were encountered.

184-3 patrolled to Gibuga, Mayorga, and Gagunquingan without contacting hostile forces.

Weather during the period was clear with showers of short duration.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #26.

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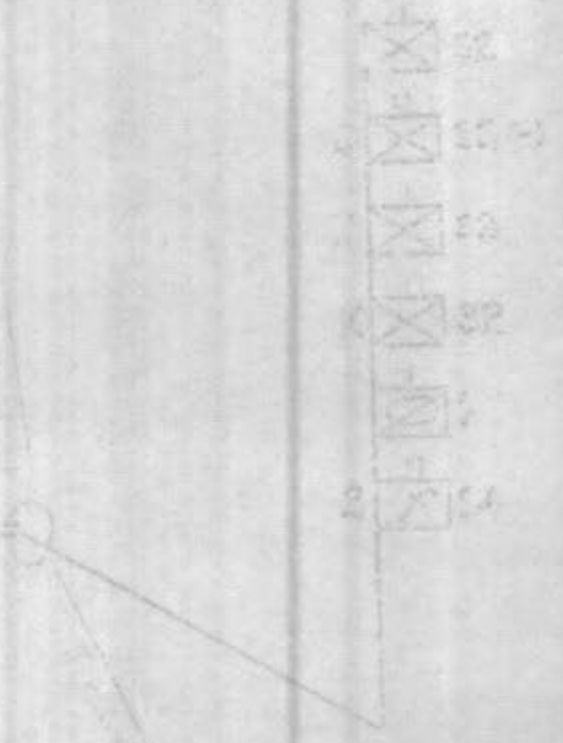
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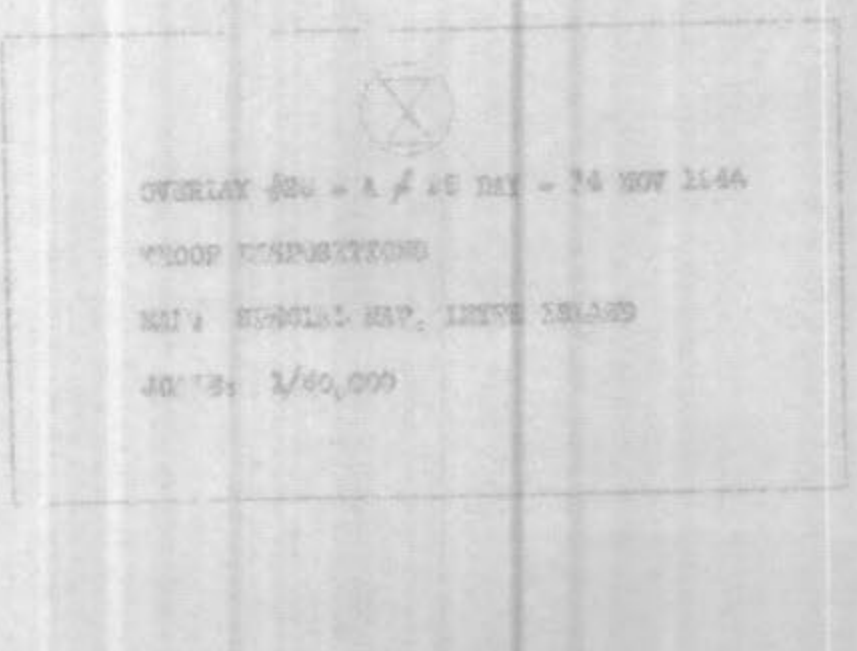

A / 26 DAY - 15 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued reconnaissance to the west of Patog, sending a patrol from Co C to a point just east of Lubi. The town of Patog is also known as Matagpa. This patrol returned to the platoon base at Takin without enemy contact. Patrols of the 95th Inf (Guerrilla) operating with 17-1, engaged thirty enemy in the vicinity of Siloon, west of Burauen, forcing the enemy to withdraw.

17-2 continued patrolling within its zone of operations.

17-3 attacked at 1100, Co L remaining in position and Co I moving northwest from positions held the previous night. After crossing a ravine and advancing approx 150 yds it became involved in a fire fight with the enemy. Ground visibility was extremely limited due to heavy undergrowth but by 1500, after employing grenades, flame throwers, chemical mortars and bazookas, it succeeded in destroying two heavy machine guns protected by riflemen. The company was now receiving machine gun fire from their left (west) flank and the direction of attack was shifted west. By 1600 this machine gun had been destroyed and the advance had been carried forward another 300 yds. Co I continued to receive machine gun and heavy mortar fire. At about 1630 Co I commenced consolidation for the night on a ridge at 42.50-35.50. Co K closed the gap created between Cos I and L. During the day Co K had patrolled northwest as far as 41.60-36.50 where it engaged in light action with the enemy, returning late in the afternoon to the battalion area.

32-1 no change.

32-2 (-) pushed north from Baybay and by evening had closed on Damulaan. Co F and Bn rear echelon remained at Baybay. Btry B, 49th FA Bn and one plat Cn Co, 32nd Inf, displaced north to Tinigan in support of the battalion.

32-3 remained in defensive positions at Baybay.

One platoon of light tanks arrived in Baybay at 1130 prepared to support 32-2 in its move to the north.

184-1 continued patrol activity to the west. Patrol #1 consisting of 50 men reached a point 7 miles due west of Bugho. Patrol #2, 40 men, reached the headwaters of the Bito River. No enemy were encountered.

184-2 continued patrolling within its zone of responsibility.

184-3 strengthened its patrol in the vicinity of Lake Danao to one company, reinf, but was unable to make contact with the enemy.

Btry B, 155mm Gun Bn, 11th Marines, was attached per XXIV Corps FO #26 for operational control. It commenced a move to Baybay from a position south of Dagami at approx 2000. The progress of this battery was retarded by muddy roads and weakened bridges.

The 7th Ron Tr, in addition to patrolling north and south of Baybay, maintained one plat near Caridad in support of 32-2.

Heavy rains continued throughout the day.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #27.

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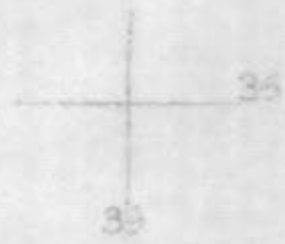

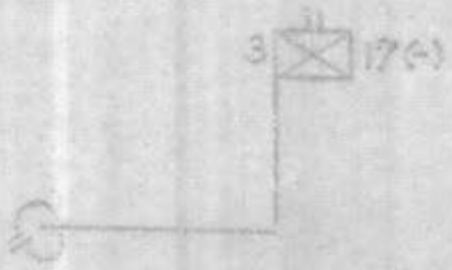





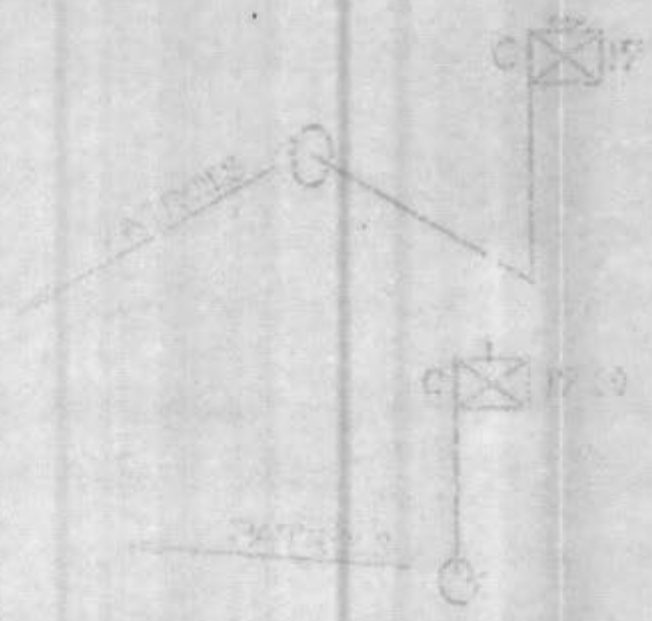









NOTE: REVISING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY SET - A AS OF DAY - 16 NOV 1944

PROOF DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

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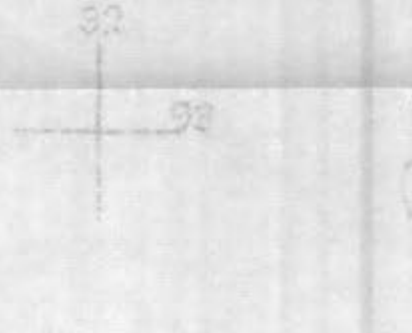

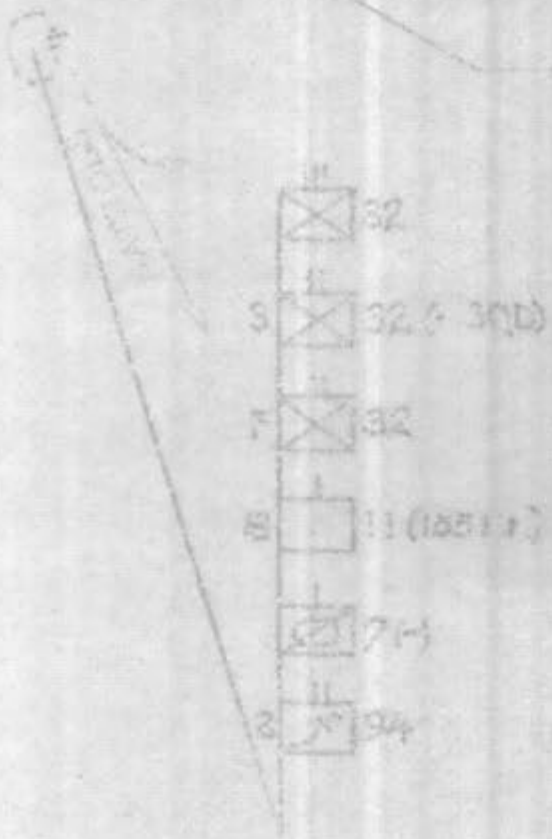

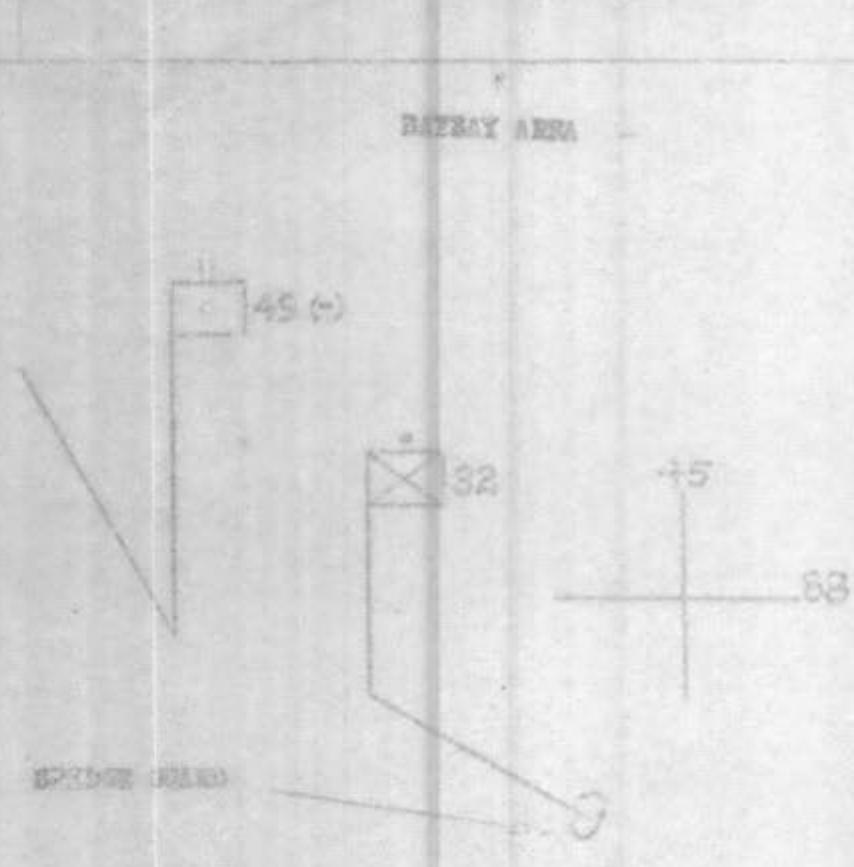

A / 27 DAY - 16 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued patrol activity within its zone of responsibility. Co B, having been relieved of guard duty on Buri Airfield, rejoined its battalion and engaged in patrol duty along the Burauen - Dagami Rd between Burauen and Guinarona.

17-2 continued its activities in the Telegrafo area. At 0700 Co F was relieved from its mission at Tanuan and rejoined the battalion.

17-3 resumed its advance at 0900 with Co I attacking northwest, while a platoon of Co K covered the right flank. Heavy undergrowth caused slow progress. By 1600 Co I had reached its objective 500 yds west of the line of departure. During this action three enemy machine guns were destroyed.

32-1 no change.

32-2 established its front lines 200 yds south of the Palanas River with Cos F and G on line and one Guerrilla company establishing outpost in hills to the right flank. Co E remained in reserve.

32-3 remained in defense of the Baybay area.

184-1 continued reconnaissance activities. One patrol of Co A reached the west coast at the barrio of Cani. Co C proceeded to Binoljo and two miles south of Binoljo set up a new base camp for patrolling south and southwest.

184-2, employing four LCVPs, patrolled the east coast of Leyte south of Abuyog reconnoitering numerous barrios.

184-3 dispatched patrols coveing Balocowe, Loyonsowang, Bongon, Dadacan, Tangpo Pt and the west coast near Baybay. No enemy were encountered. Co K passed through Kaparasan enroute to Takin. Another patrol of 184-3 passed north of Mt Tinagan down the Bucan River and reached Damulaan.

Weather was warm with a drying sun.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #28.

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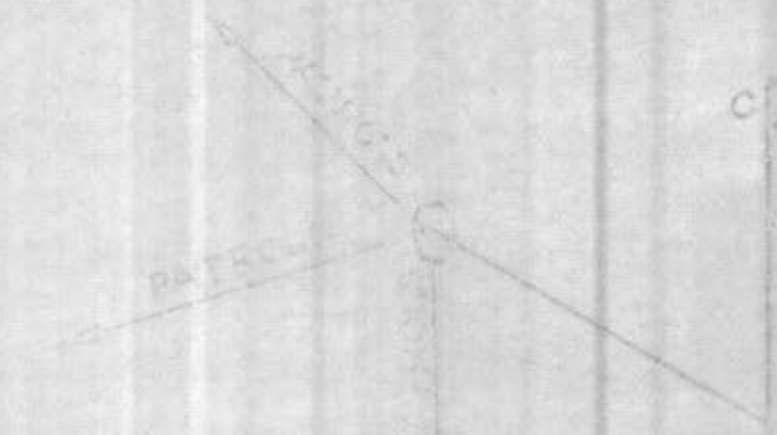

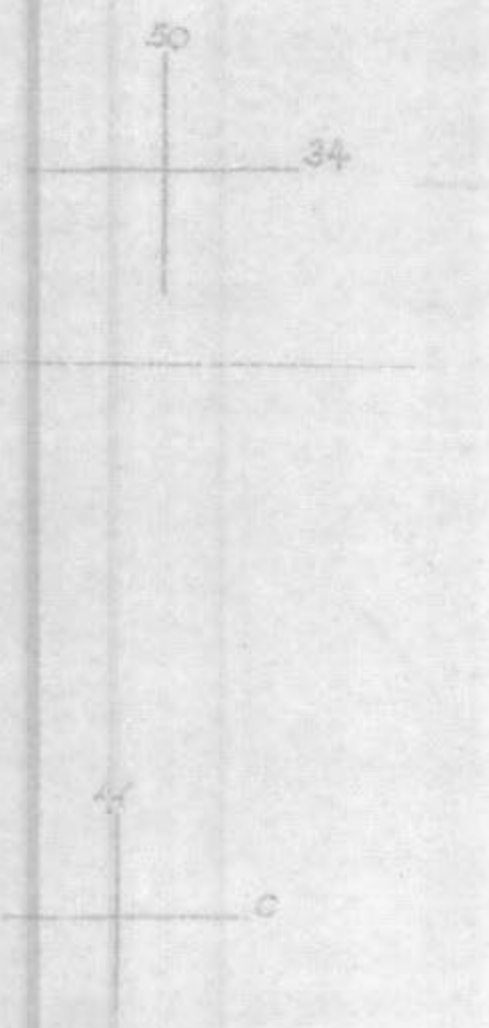



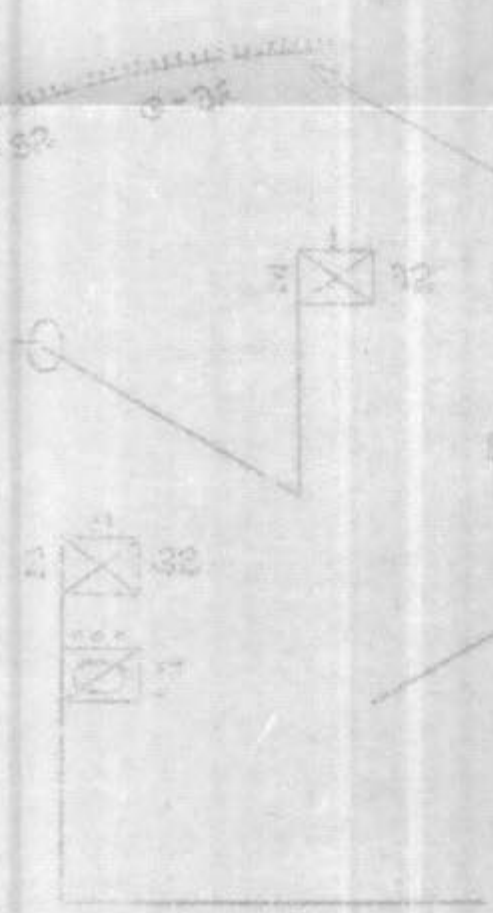



NOTE:
B Co. 17 INF RELIEVED AT BURI AIRFIELD AND RETURNED TO BN.
F Co. 17 INF RELIEVED AT TANUAN AND RETURNED TO BN.
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #28 - A / 2V DAY - 16 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 28 DAY - 17 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued patrolling, making no enemy contacts. Co B returning to the battalion, bivouacked at Pandang.

17-2, less Co F, moved from the vicinity of Telegrafo to positions generally 500 yds southwest of Burauen, completing the move by 1500 and tying in defensively with Co A on the north. Co F continued on missions previously assigned the battalion.

17-3 remained in positions gained on the previous day and initiated strong patrols to the north and west. A few scattered enemy were encountered and at least four killed.

32-1 no change.

32-2 improved defensive positions just south of the Palanas River, extending inland from the beach approx 600 yds. The enemy occupied lines on high ground across the river, approx 400 yds to the north. Patrols were pushed northeast.

32-3 remained at Baybay.

The 184th Inf continued patrolling. An I Co patrol, working north from Lake Danao in an attempt to find an east-west trail, eventually reached Co C, 17th Inf at Matagpa (Patog). It reported that no east-west trails existed between these points. One Jap was killed enroute.

Aviation provided strafing missions in support of 32-2.

After clear skies during darkness and the early morning period, steady rain set in and continued throughout the day.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #29.

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A / 29 DAY - 18 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1, less two companies, prepared positions northwest of Burauen. Co B continued moving toward Patog with the mission of patrolling west upon arrival. Co C, less one plat, remained at Patog. This company had contact with a patrol of I Co, 184th Inf at Patog and with a patrol of K Co 184th Inf at Pandang. One plat of Co C proceeded west in the direction of Lubi.

17-2 moved into defensive positions on high ground southwest, west and northwest of Burauen. One plat of G Co established a defensive position at the RJ of the Buri - Dagami Rd. F Co remained at Telegrafo.

17-3 received two minor counterattacks during the night which were repulsed without loss to our forces. The battalion continued patrolling within its zone of responsibility, making no enemy contacts.

32-1 no change.

32-2 maintained its defensive positions facing north on the Palanas River line. Patrolling was continued into the foothills.

32-3 remained in defensive positions in the vicinity of Baybay. Patrolling was continued into the foothills. At 1055 enemy snipers shot at a Marine tractor driver on the Abuyog - Baybay Rd about five miles east of Baybay. One patrol of 32-3 moved out to eliminate snipers.

184-1 moved one company to a position approx 1200 yds southwest of Limba. The remainder of the battalion prepared to move to this point. The battalion continued patrol activities.

184-2 remained in position continuing patrol activities.

184-3 moved its CP and one company to the vicinity of Santa Ana. One company was enroute from Lake Danao to Santa Ana and one company was enroute from the vicinity of Limba to Lake Danao.

Aviation furnished strikes on enemy personnel and barges in the Ormoc area.

The 7th Rcn Tr established an OP 15 miles north of Baybay giving observation of the Ormoc Bay area. It also dispatched a strong patrol to the south to investigate the reported landing of two enemy barges fifteen miles south of Baybay.

Weather was clear during the night and clear and hot until mid-afternoon when intermittent rains began and continued throughout the period.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #30.

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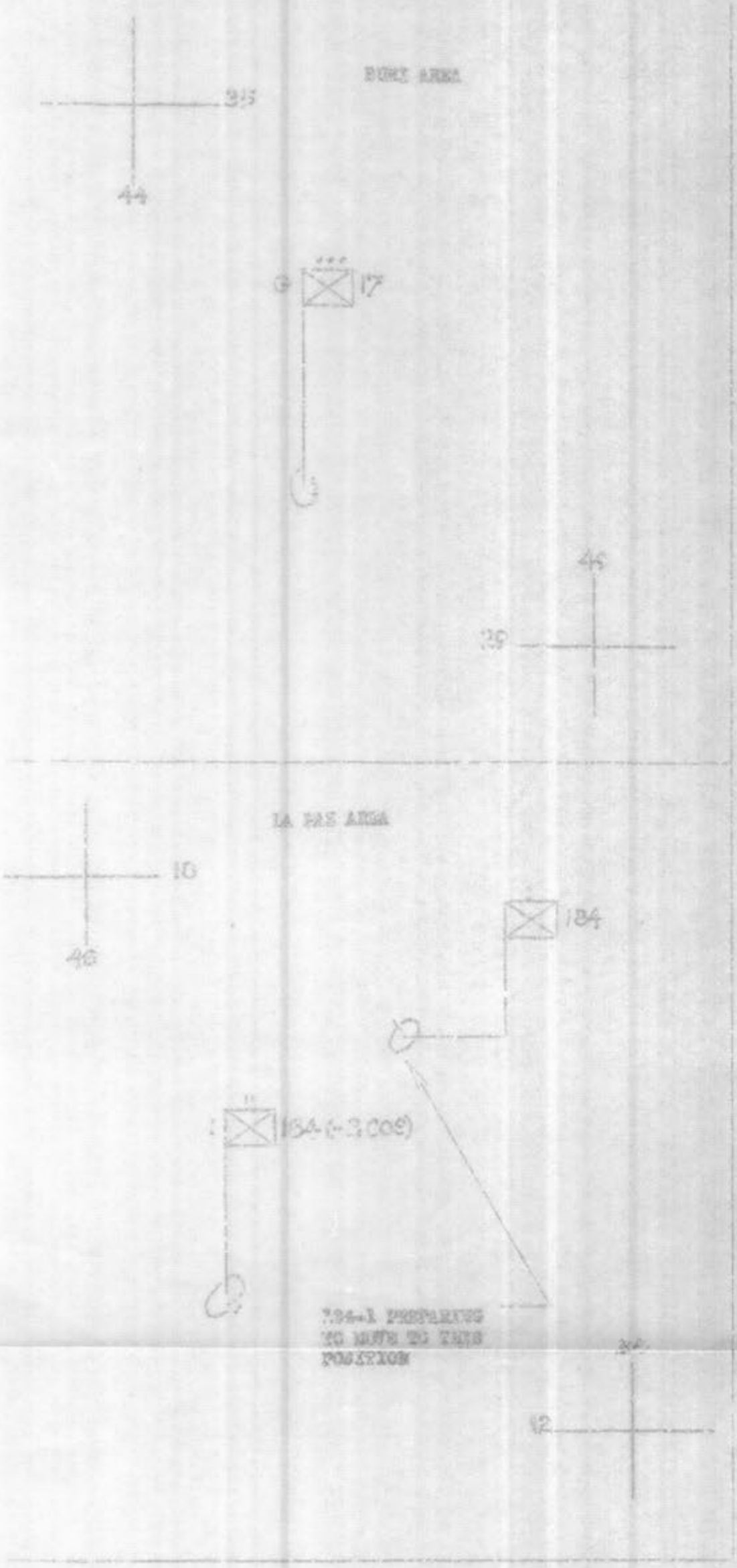

OVERLAY #30 - A/ 29 DIV - 18 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

NOTE:
I Co., 184 INF RELIEVES K Co.-
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

A / 30 DAY - 19 NOVEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf continued active patrolling. Patrols of 17-1 covered Mahagnao, Hibinawan, Pangdan, Inangahan, Analagag and Takin making no enemy contacts. 17-2 covered Abuyogan, Jugpa, Tambis, Taltal and Cabango without contacts. 17-3 patrolled west, north, and east on a radius of approx 800 yds, sighting only four Japs and killing three of them.

32-1 on Panaon Island continued assigned missions of patrolling and sent a one day boat patrol to Maojo on the west coast of Sogod Bay, Leyte. This patrol then proceeded north by jeep to Sogod, finding no evidence of enemy activity. It reported that our PT boats were active in the area.

The 32nd Inf (- Bn), on the west coast, continued the improvement of positions south of the Palamas River. Vigorous patrolling was pushed to the right (east) flank.

The 184th Inf continued patrolling within its zone of responsibility. One patrol reached the west coast via Lubi Pass.

The 7th Ron Tr patrolled south as far as Maasin.

Light rain continued with short intervals throughout the day.

For disposition of troops as of 2400, see Overlay #31.

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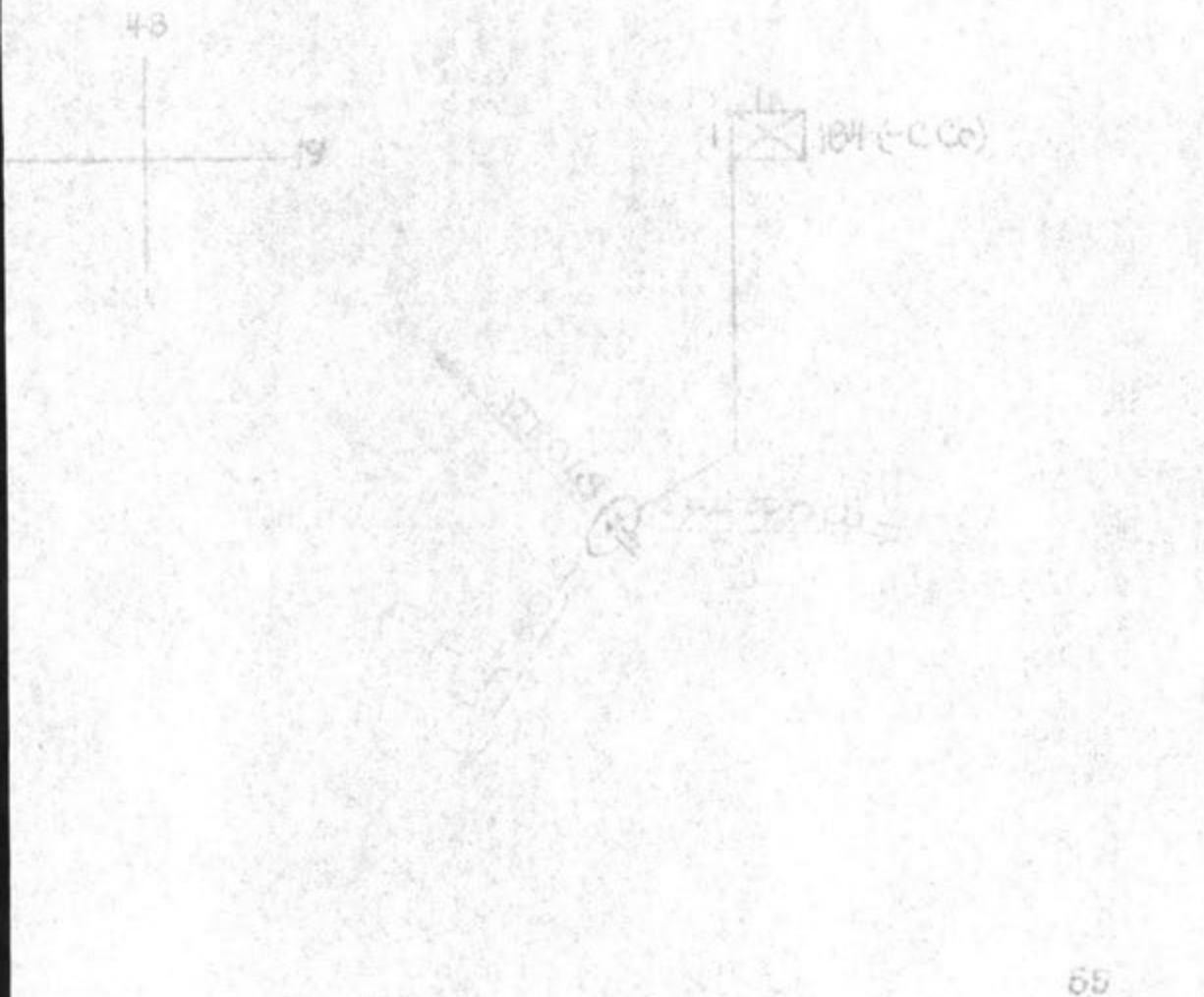

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NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #31 - 1 & 20 MAY - 30 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 31 DAY - 20 NOVEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf continued patrolling within the limits imposed by deep mud and swollen streams. One patrol of Co C returned to base camp after having engaged an enemy column northwest of Lubi, killing 25 Japs.

Elements of the 11th Airborne Division bivouacked in perimeter defense west of Burauen and east of 17-2, commencing relief of the 17th Inf. The 6th Ranger Bn completed relief of 17-2.

The 32nd Inf, less 32-1, continued to improve defenses south of the Palanas River. Btry A of the 49th FA Bn was moved to Damulaan. Patrols of 32-2 covered Buac, Naga, Mati, Caningag, and Babalonga with negative results. Patrols moving north of the Palanas River ran into enemy within 400 yds.

The 184th Inf completed the movement of its 2nd Bn from Abuyog to Baybay. This battalion was relieved by elements of the 11th Airborne Division.

The 7th Ron Tr patrolled south to Matalom.

Heavy rains continued throughout the period greatly hampering all troop movements.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #32.

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NOTE:

C. F. 17 INF RETURNED TO BN. DET REMAINED AT TELEGRAFO.
Co I, 184 INF RELIEVED K Co, 184 INF. - K Co RETURNED TO BN.
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #32 - A.M. 5 DAY - 20 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 32 DAY - 21 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued patrolling. Co C sent a platoon from Patog to Lubi with a second patrol consisting of one squad with six guerrillas attached, advancing south from Patog to Mowalo. Enroute it found a crashed enemy plane upon which it established guard. Co G (-) was attached to 17-1 and moved into the area formerly occupied by Co A. A Co moved to prepared defensive positions at 45.30-28.70.

17-2 was relieved of its mission by the 1st Bn, 511th Airborne Inf. Shortly prior to relief 17-2 sent a platoon of F Co to Anonong with five days rations. This platoon was given the additional mission of finding trails and reporting on presence of enemy. Enroute the plat encountered four Japs, killing two. Bivouac was made for the night at Catagbacan.

17-3 established road blocks and continued patrolling. One block was set up by K Co 1000 yds west of the company position. Late in the day one Jap was killed at this road block. A second road block was established at Cabang. Co I held its position sending a contact patrol 600 yds east and 1300 yds north. At this point it received automatic weapons fire and, due to approaching darkness, broke contact and returned to the company area. Co M covered the battalion flanks, moving as far as Tambis.

The 17th Inf I&R Platoon moved to Tambis where it contacted M Co's patrol and pushed on to Jugpa. By 1600 it had returned to the regtl CP near Burauen. This patrol reported that the trail from Jugpa to Burauen would support weasel traffic.

The 32nd Inf, less 32-1, continued its defensive mission in the Baybay - Palanas River sector. 32-1 no change.

32-2 positions remained unchanged with patrols operating north and northeast.

At 0800 32-3 was relieved of its mission in defense of Baybay by 184-2. Leaving a detail in defense of the steel and concrete bridge it began a move north to join 32-2.

The 184th Inf, less 184-2, continued preparation for a move to Baybay. Two 3-day patrols operated west of the regtl area.

The 49th FA Bn completed a move to the vicinity of Damulaan where it went into position and registered.

The 57th FA Bn succeeded in extricating its guns from extremely muddy positions in the vicinity of La Paz. The battalion developed plans for a move to Baybay leaving Btry A at La Paz.

The 767th Tk Bn moved one light platoon from Baybay to Damulaan in support of 32-2.

The 7th Ron Tr patrolled south to Maslog reporting no enemy contacts.

Rain fell heavily all night but skies cleared as the day advanced. Roads remained extremely poor.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #33.

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NOTE:

17-G RELIEVED BY 11 A/B DIV AND FELL BACK BEHIND RELIEVING UNIT.
RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY 403 - A / 32 DAY - 21 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 33 DAY - 22 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued patrol activities without enemy contacts.

17-2 from a defensive bivouac immediately west of Burauen continued local patrolling. All bridge guards that had been maintained by this battalion were taken over by the 511th Airborne Inf. Late in the day the 1st Bn, 511th Inf, was withdrawn by its higher command from positions in defense of Burauen. In order to cover the resultant gap in our lines 17-2 reoccupied this position.

17-3 received a slight counterattack against Co I at 2400. The attack was repulsed without loss to our troops. At dawn four enemy rifles and four helmets were found on the concertina wire. At the K Co road block one Jap was killed. A contact patrol from 17-3 failed to locate 381-1.

Activity of the 32nd Inf remained unchanged. Patrols to Balogo and Kang Dagit encountered no enemy. At 1725 enemy planes dropped two bombs on Baybay killing one man, wounding two and wounding six natives. One enemy plane was shot down and the remainder driven away by P-38s.

The 184th Inf continued patrol activity and preparation for the move to Baybay. Condition of roads and bridges were a prime delaying factor. 184-1 relieved two plats of Co A with one plat of Co C at Kilok-togan. The remainder of the battalion assembled at La Paz waiting until road conditions made a further move possible.

184-3 maintained its battalion CP at 48.50-22.80. A patrol of Co K operated four miles to the west in an attempt to contact a reported 700 Japs but encountered no enemy. Co I, less one plat, continued operation north and northwest of Lake Danao. One plat of I Co patrolled from the battalion CP north and west to the Marabang River.

Btry C of the 57th FA Bn moved for Baybay but was held up on the Dulag - Abuyog Rd by road conditions north of the Bito River.

Btry B of the 11th 155mm Gun Bn (USMC) left Baybay for Damulaan.

Heavy rain began falling at 0100 and continued at intervals throughout the day.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #34.

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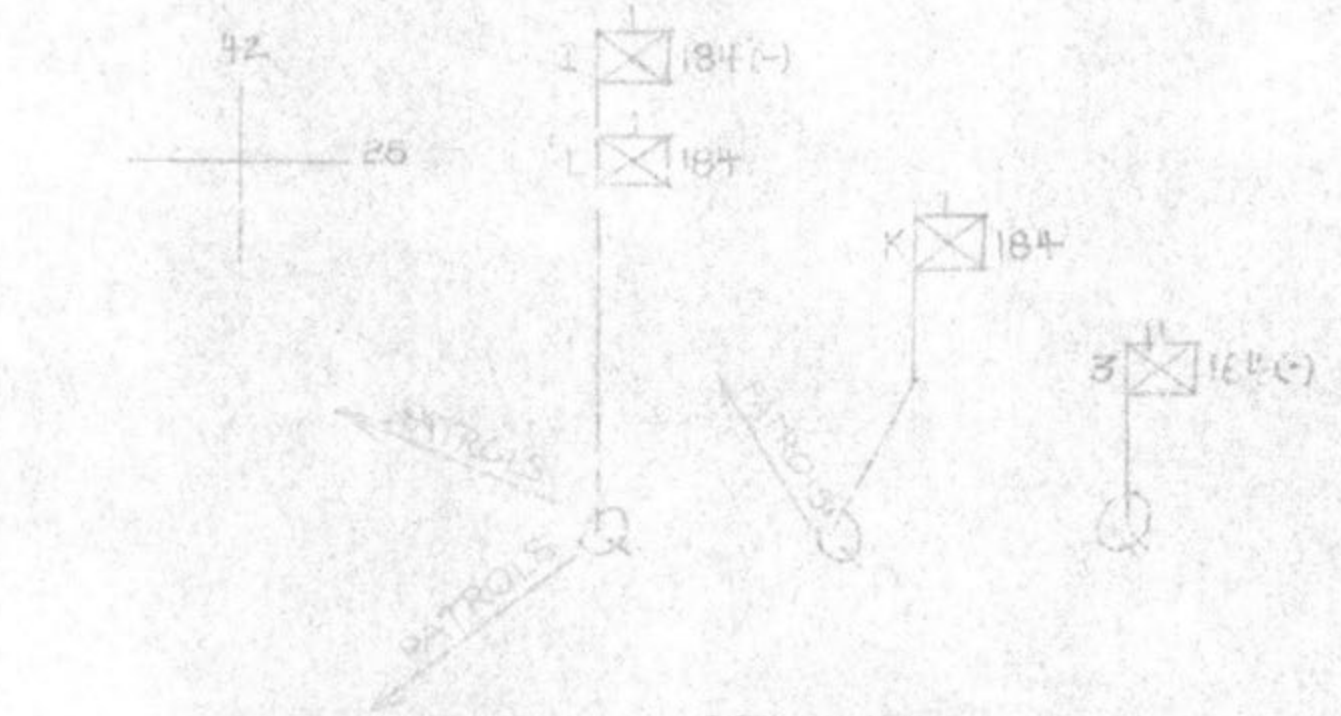

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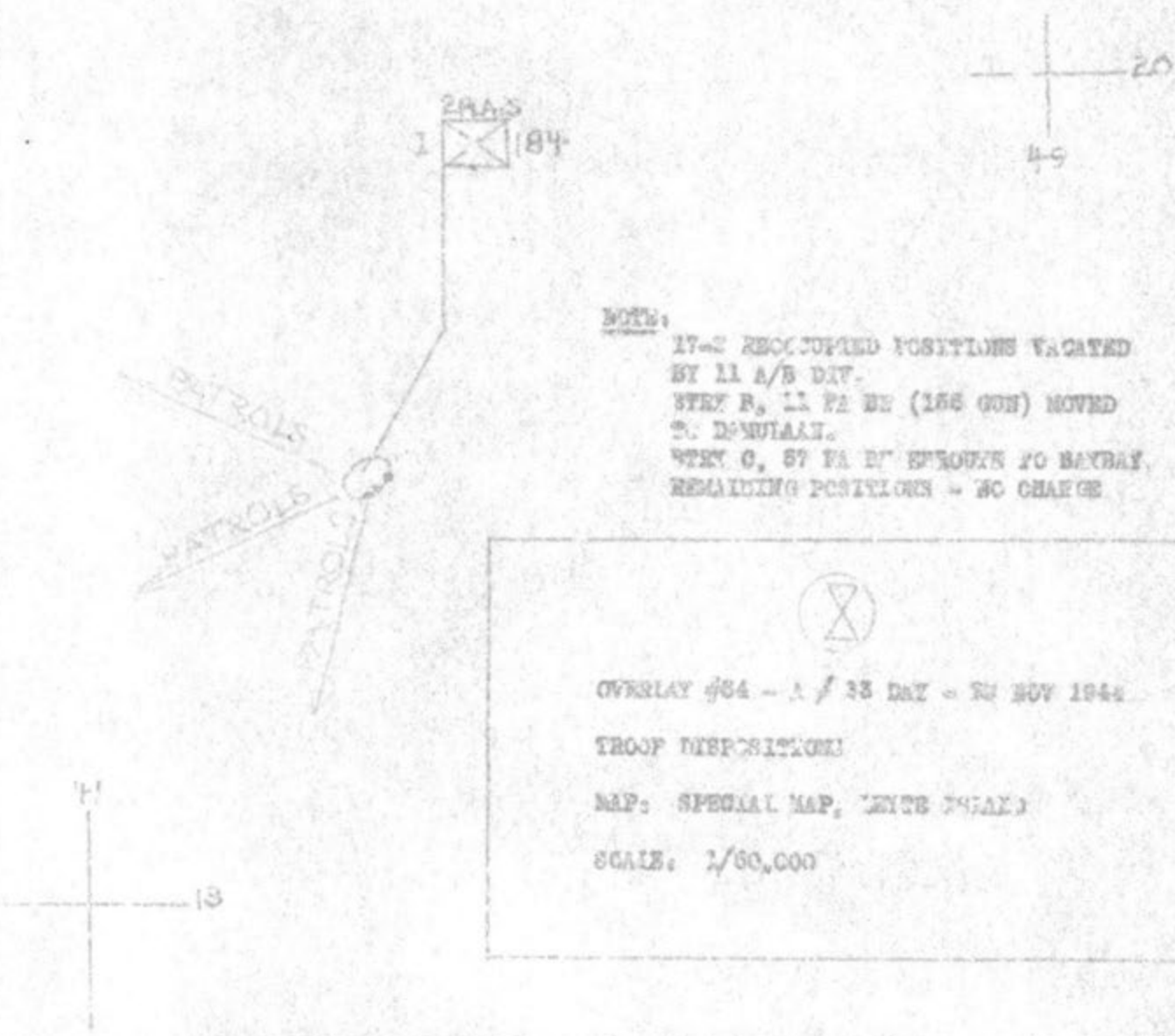

NOTE:
17-2 REOCCUPIED POSITIONS VACATED BY 11 A/B DIV.
BTRY B, 11 FA BN (155 GUN) MOVED TO DAMULAAN.
BTRY C, 57 FA BN ENROUTE TO BAYBAY.
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #64 - A / 33 DAY - 29 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 34 DAY - 23 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 with G Co 17th Inf attached remained in place and improved positions throughout its zone of action. Co C patrolled to Taltal via Tambis without enemy contacts.

17-2 prepared to move to Abuyog. Co F displaced to the battalion assembly area.

17-3 made two enemy contacts. At the K Co road block six Japs were sighted and three killed. An L Co patrol, starting at 1120, went 800 yds west of the company position and sighted one Jap. Advancing 300 yds farther west it sighted nine and prepared to ambush this group. At this point the patrol was attacked by fifteen Japs. Killing four of the enemy and wounding two, the patrol withdrew and laid mortar fire on the enemy position while awaiting reinforcement by an L Co platoon. Total enemy strength was estimated at 35. On arrival of reinforcement, the enemy withdrew so hurriedly that contact was lost.

32-1 continued its assigned mission on Panaon Island. One patrol to southern Leyte was delayed in returning by high seas.

32-2 improved defensive positions on the Palanas River line. A twelve man patrol probing northwest of the river encountered a group of enemy and killed five. Due to the strong enemy opposition this patrol was unable to continue north. Other patrols went to Balogo and Kang Dagit.

32-3 completed its move to the Damulaan area and took up positions to the south of 32-2.

184-1 was relieved by elements of the 188th Inf. At 1530, twenty truckloads of personnel moved for Dulag to embark in DUKWs for Abuyog.

184-2, attached to the 32nd Inf, remained in defense of Baybay.

184-3, scheduled to be relieved by elements of the 188th Inf, continued patrolling west and northwest of Santa Ana with no enemy contacts.

Heavy intermittent rains continued. Many roads became impassable and all were difficult to negotiate.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #35.

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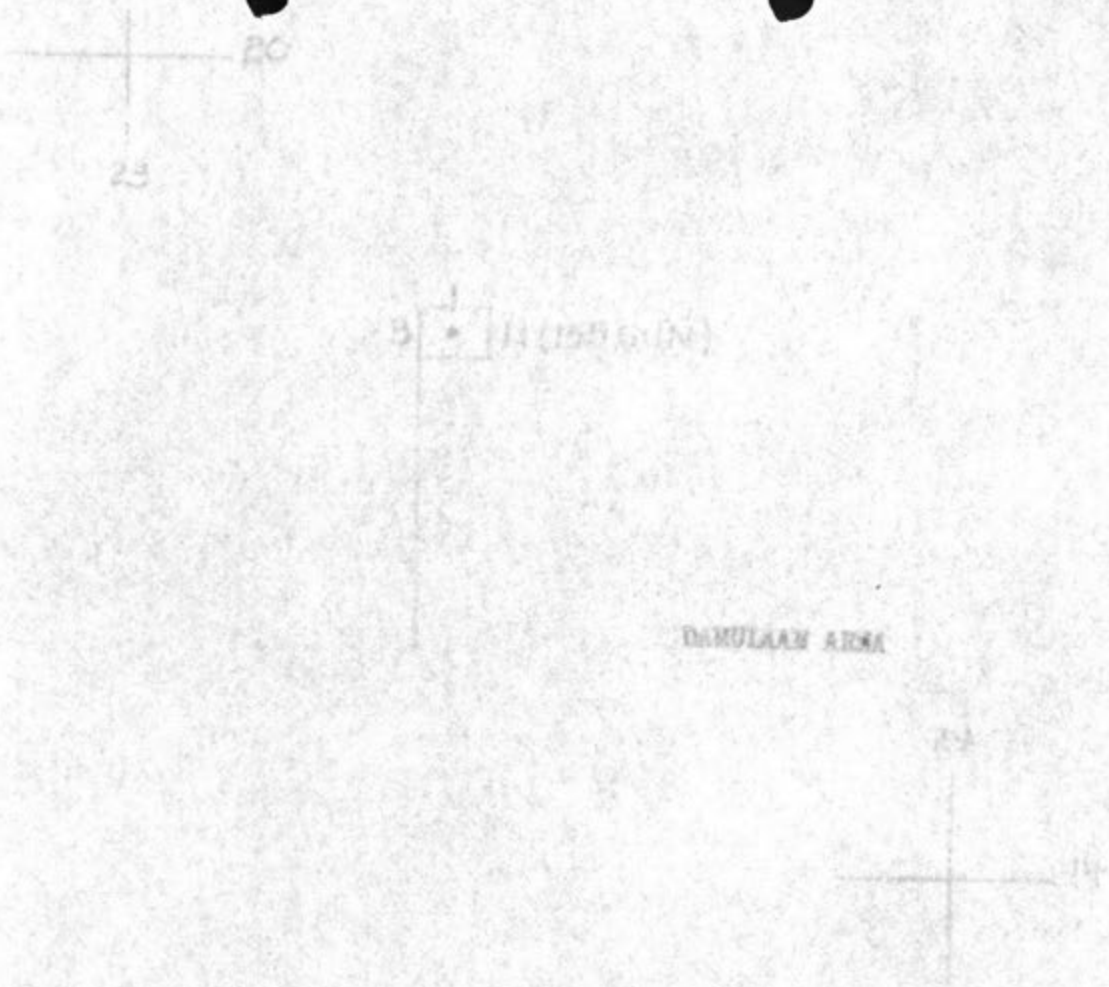

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NOTE:

DET, F Co, 17 INF, RETURNED TO UN 184-A (- C Co) RELIEVED BY 11 A/B DIV AND BEGAN DISPLACEMENT TO BAYBAY. REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #35 - A / 34 DAY - 23 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

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A / 35 DAY - 24 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 improved its positions in defense of Burauen. A Co C patrol returned from Lubi to its base camp at Patog after engaging an estimated 80 Japs and killing 35.

17-2 cleared Burauen at 0815 and moved into bivouac on Beach Violet 1 awaiting water transportation to Abuyog.

17-3 continued patrolling in its zone of action with no major contacts. From the K Co road block three Japs were sighted and one killed. A Co K patrol discovered 23 Japs in a ravine at 40.25-34.15. Effective artillery fire was placed on the target.

32-1 no change.

At approx 2115 on 23 Nov, the 32nd Inf, less 32-1, received an attack on its right flank from superior enemy forces. Our forces in this area were forced to reform on more advantageous terrain in order to refuse the flank. In addition to this attacking force, Japs, estimated at a reinforced company, occupied the western slopes of Hill 918 (27.30-18.30). A counterattack was launched by Cos E and L to secure more favorable ground. 32-3 received heavy mortar and artillery fire of calibers up to 150mm. During the morning two companies of 32-3 advanced 2500 yds east of Damulaan where they discovered an enemy force of unknown size. At least 45 Japs were killed. Enemy air activity made it impossible to employ cub planes for observation. At 2200 32-2 received artillery fire. This was followed by an attack on the battalion right flank by an estimated 500 Japs. Co I was moved forward to reinforce the right flank. A heavy fire fight continued until approx 2315. During this fight supporting artillery of the 49th FA Bn was taken under fire by artillery and small arms fire from infiltrators. Enemy forces estimated at from 250 - 300 pushed to the vicinity of Naga and Buac. Lines of 32-2 remained intact.

184-1, less Co C, arrived in Baybay at 1130 and began a move north by foot. Rear elements of the battalion left La Paz for Baybay at 0825. Co C remained at the patrol base camp at Hilotokotan patrolling to the west, southwest and northwest. The battalion was attached to the 32nd Inf pending arrival of the 184th Regtl CO on the west coast.

184-2 remained in defense of Baybay.

184-3, less Co M, one platoon of Co K, the medical detachment and elements of Hq Co continued patrol activities. Co I, operating from a base at Lake Danao, and Co K, less one platoon, patrolled west to San Agustin and Takin. Co L patrols operated to the south bank of the Marabang River and thence to San Jose and Pangdan. Co M, one platoon of Co K, the medical detachment and elements of Hq Co remained in bivouac at La Paz.

Btry B, 469th AAA (AW) Bn was attached and moved into position in defense of Baybay. One section occupied positions at the steel and concrete bridge.

Weather was clear and sunny and the conditions of roads improved considerably.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #36.

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ALL DISTANCES TO NAVBAY

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ONE SECTION AT STEEL BRIDGE

ENEMY POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #25 - A / SS DAY - 24 NOV 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

U.S. SPECIAL MAP, UETTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/30,000

A / 36 DAY - 25 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued in place and improved its positions. Co B returned to the battalion area. A patrol from battalion Hq Co went to Kabang, encountering no enemy, and an A Co patrol, investigating reported Japs at Jugpa, found two natives who had recently been murdered. The A&P Platoon, patrolling to Taltal and Tambis, flushed four Japs 300 yds east of Taltal.

At 1300 17-2 embarked on LCIs on Beach Yellow 1 bound for Baybay via Abuyog. The battalion reached Abuyog at 1545 and remained at that barrio awaiting truck transportation to Baybay.

17-3 continued in place, battalion Hq Co sending a patrol south to Malbad where it saw four Japs and killed two. From Malbad the patrol proceeded north to Haras and Abuyogan, thence to the base of the mountain north of Abuyogan where a trail to Kabang was located.

32-1 on Panaon Island sent a one day patrol by boat to Amagusan and thence by jeep to Himatagon. No enemy were encountered.

Enemy action against 32-2 was limited to strong night attacks on the center and right flank. These attacks were repulsed with heavy enemy losses.

32-3 held its lines.

CP, 32nd Inf, displaced to Caridad.

184-1 occupied position at Caridad in reserve, 184-2 continued in defense of Baybay, and 184-3, less Co I, left La Paz at 1730 for Beach Yellow 1 enroute to Baybay. The forward CP, 184th Inf, arrived at Baybay at 1115.

The 7th Ron Tr patrolled north and south of Baybay. One squad of Japs was encountered $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Balogo and one of the enemy was killed.

Co I, 511th Inf, passed through Pandang enroute to Lubi to relieve Co C, 17th Inf.

Advance elements of Hq 11th Airborne Div arrived at CP 7th Inf Div preparatory to occupying the area.

Weather was clear with occasional light showers.

7th Inf Div FO #21 was published this date.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #37.

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NOTE:

Co B, 17 INF RETURNED TO BN AREA
134-3 ENROUTE TO BAYBAY
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY GSV - 8 / 86 DAY - 26 NOV 1944

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/75,000

A / 37 DAY - 26 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 continued improvement of positions west and southwest of Burauen. Co C, with a base at Patog and patrols in Lubi, reported no contact with the enemy. The platoon of Co C formerly at Takin returned to Pangdan and the company prepared to rejoin its battalion upon relief by Cos I and G of the 511th Inf.

17-2 completed its move to Baybay, closing at approx 1700. This battalion relieved 184-2 and assumed defense of the Baybay area.

17-3 continued patrolling within its zone of responsibility. Co K patrol sighted four Japs 1000 yds west of the battalion CP and killed two while reports from other patrols were negative.

A patrol of 32-1 to Amagusan and Himatagon failed to contact hostile forces.

32-2 maintained its lines to the north and east of Damulaan. At 1340 enemy in the vicinity of Kang Dagit were observed apparently moving heavy equipment and at 2100 the battalion received a strong enemy attack. By 2330 G Co had been forced off position.

32-3, less Co I, remained in perimeter defense of Damulaan with Co I patrolling north and east into the foothills.

184-1, less Co B, remained at Caridad during the day, patrolling east without enemy contact. Co B, less one platoon, moved north to the Bucan River. A Co B patrol encountered an estimated 200 Japs 500 yds east of Naga. Mortar fire was placed on the enemy. Late in the period this battalion was attached to the 32nd Inf.

184-2, less one company, moved from Baybay to Caridad after being relieved by 17-2. One company occupied position at St Agustin.

184-3 forward elements moved from Beach Yellow 1 to Abuyog. The remainder of the battalion was assembled at Beach Yellow 1.

A total of sixteen strafing runs by four P-40s was made on enemy positions east and north of Damulaan. During the attack pilots observed trenches and emplacements on Hill 918.

Weather was clear and warm.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #38.

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A / 38 DAY - 27 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1, less Co C, left Burauen for Abuyog at 1415 but due to road conditions progress was extremely slow and the battalion bivouacked at Dulag. C Co returned from Patog to Burauen preparatory to its move south.

17-2 continued in defense of the Baybay area.

17-3 held its positions and continued patrolling.

A patrol of 32-1 moved by boat to Pinoyan and thence by foot to Bilatan. No enemy contacts were made.

32-2 and 32-3, with 184-1 attached, held lines south of the Palanas River and east of Damulaan. At 2150 enemy mortar and artillery fire commenced falling in the front lines and at 2200 an undetermined number of enemy attacked the 32nd Inf lines. Supporting artillery laid down a normal barrage and the attack was repulsed. A few Japs infiltrated to the rear of our lines.

Co A, 184th Inf, attacked north at approx 0400 and by 1600 had regained all ground lost during the previous nights attack on 32-2. In this engagement the enemy lost 115 killed and 12 MGs. Co B, from positions in Tinigan, sent a patrol to Buac, Naga and Mati, sighting four Japs and killing two. The remainder of the battalion patrolled rear areas and flanks.

184-2 continued at Caridad in reserve.

184-3 left via water transportation for Abuyog at 0900. Disembarking at Abuyog its forward elements continued by truck to Baybay.

Weather was clear and warm.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #39.

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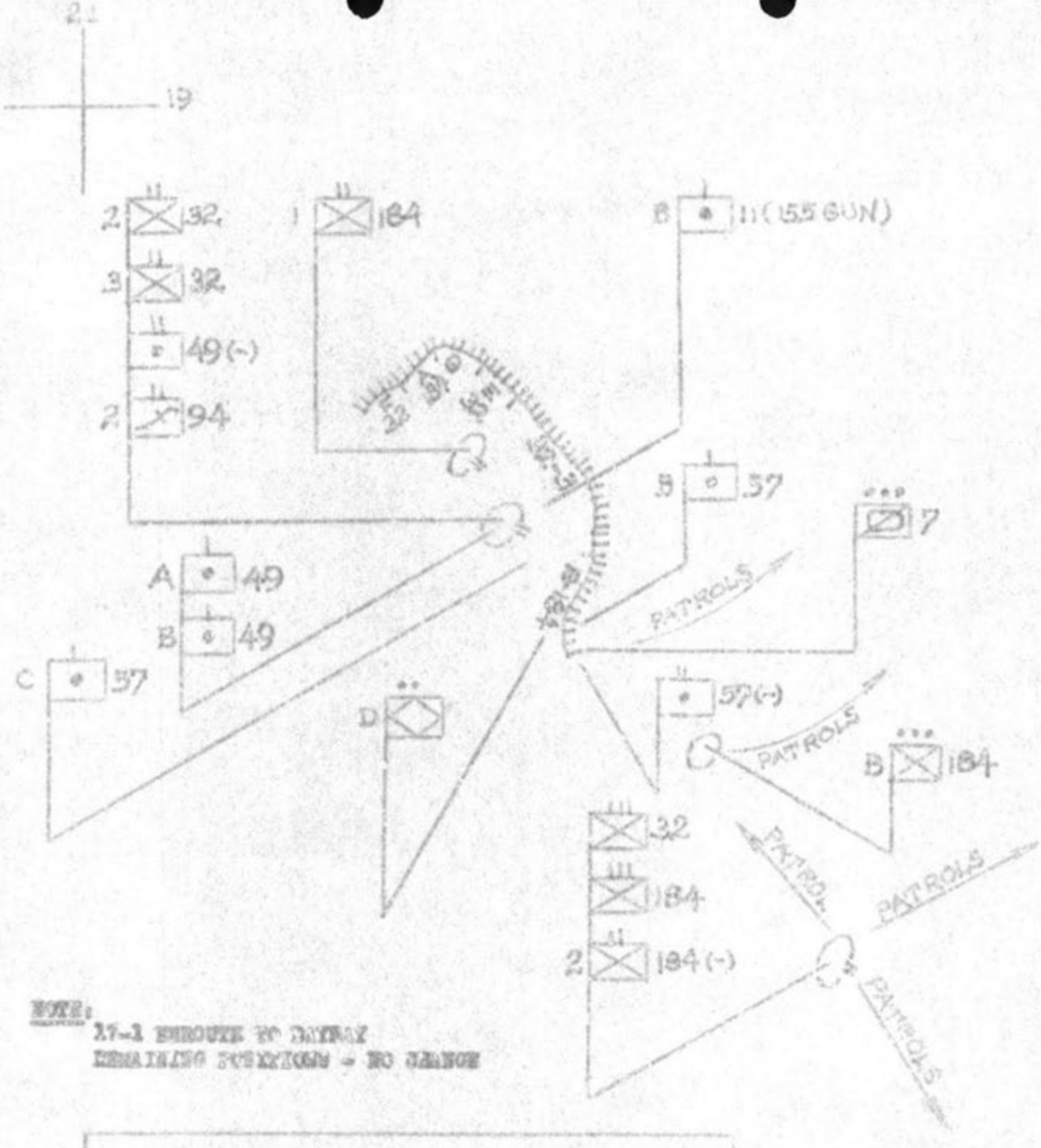

NOTE:
17-1 ENROUTE TO DAYBAY
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #39 - A + 38 DAY - 27 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000



A / 39 DAY - 28 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 moved from Dulag to Abuyog, closing at 1415. From Abuyog forward elements moved by truck to Baybay.

17-2 continued in defense of the Baybay area, sending patrols south, east and northeast. At 1715 and 1730 two single plane raids were made on Baybay causing no casualties.

17-3 was relieved by elements of the 306th Inf and began preparations for a move from Guinarona to Baybay.

32-1 continued assigned mission in the Pamon Island area.

Pressure on the lines of 32-2 and 32-3 was continued until daylight. During the day infiltrating Japanese were mopped up.

184-1 remained attached to the 32nd Inf. A Co was on the front line with 32-2 and 32-3 while B Co held defensive positions on the right flank. The battalion, less Cos A and B, remained at Damulaan in reserve.

184-2 continued in reserve at Caridad.

184-3 consolidated at Baybay. Rear elements of 184-3 and rear detachment, 184th Inf, reached Abuyog at 1415 and continued the move west.

Weather was overcast with showers.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #40.

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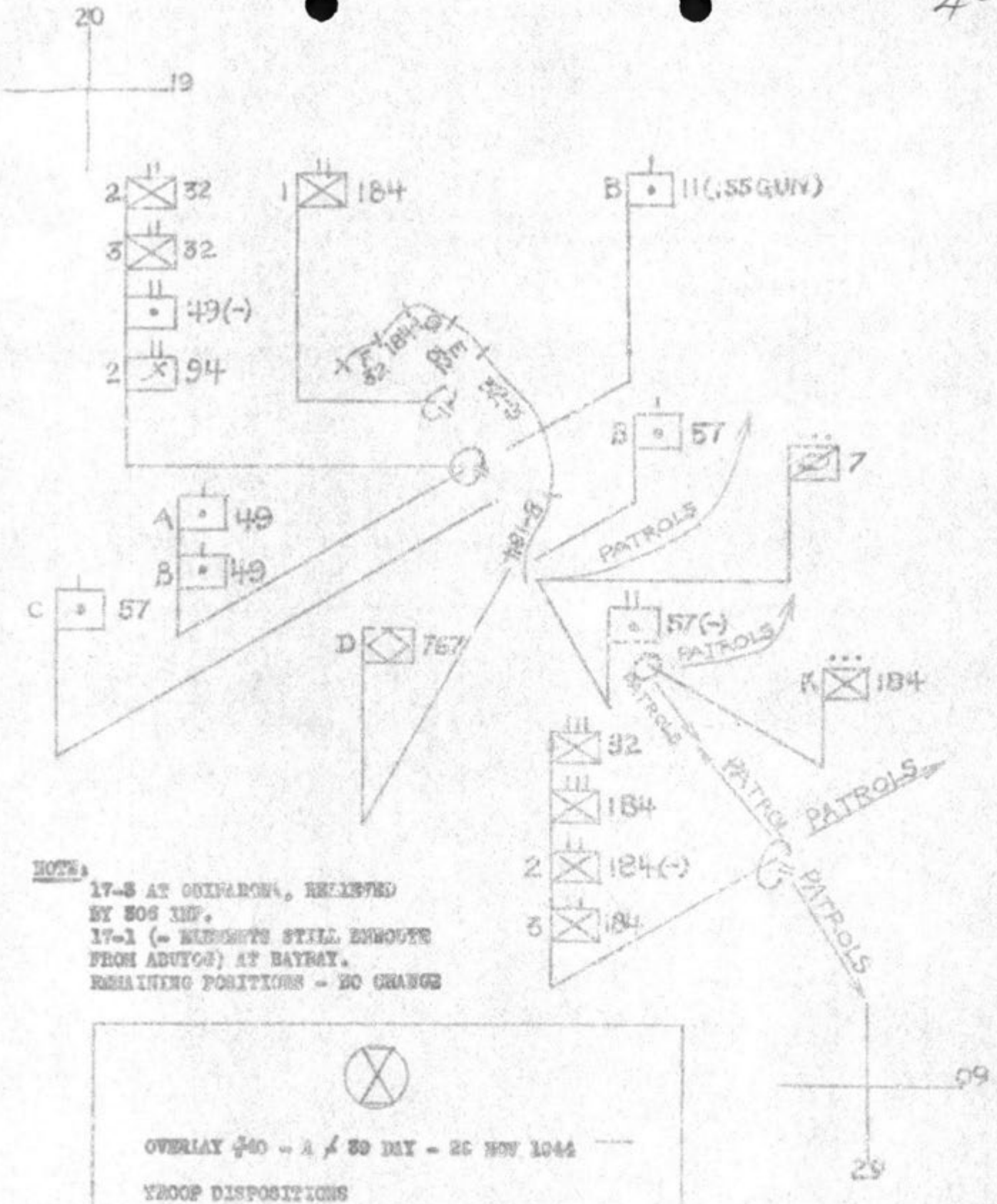

NOTE:
17-3 AT ORMOC, RELIEVED BY 306 INF.
17-1 (- ELEMENTS STILL ENROUTE FROM ABUYOG) AT BAYBAY.
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #40 - A / 29 DIV - 26 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 40 DAY - 29 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 remained at Abuyog awaiting transportation to Baybay.

17-2 continued in defense of the Baybay area and the steel and concrete bridge, sending patrols northeast and south.

17-3 remained in assembly area west of Guinarona in preparation for the move to Baybay.

32-1 continued patrolling on and near Panaon Island with no enemy contacts.

32-2 held positions in reserve at Damulaan.

32-3 continued holding front line positions in the Damulaan area with 184-2 on its left. No contacts were made with hostile forces.

184-1 held left flank positions in the Damulaan area with 184-2 on its right.

184-2 held front line positions in the Damulaan area with 32-3 on its right and 184-1 on its left. Between 1820 and 1920 three enemy attacks were repulsed by Co A. Enemy losses during these attacks were estimated at from 50 to 80.

184-3 remained in reserve in the Caridad area.

Weather was warm with showers of short duration.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #41.

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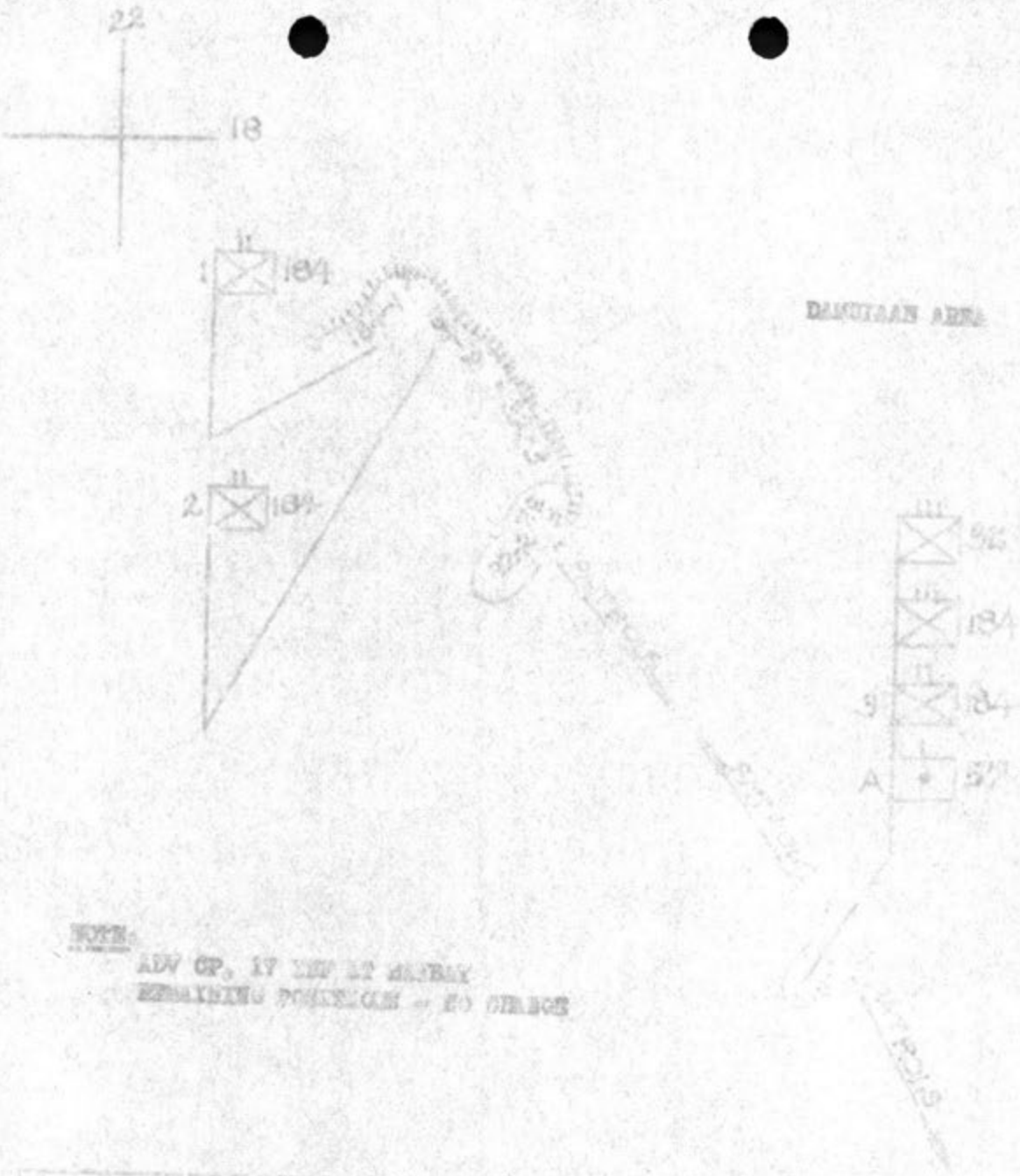

NOTE:
ADV CP, 17 INF AT BAYBAY
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #41 - A / 40 DAY - 29 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 41 DAY - 30 NOVEMBER 1944

17-1 cleared Abuyog for Baybay at 1215 and closed at that town by 1800.

17-2 in defense of the Baybay area prepared to move north to Caridad upon being relieved by 305-2.

17-3 forward elements left Guinarona, reaching Beach Yellow 1 at 1130. 125 of this group left by water and the remainder proceeded to Abuyog on foot. The remainder of 17-3 in the vicinity of Guinarona prepared to move for Beach Yellow 1 on 1 Dec 44.

32-1 continued patrolling on Panaon Island and the south coast of Leyte, 32-2 remained in regtl reserve in the Damulaan area, and 32-3 continued holding front line positions in the Damulaan area. Light and ineffective enemy firing was noted during the night. No friendly casualties resulted. Patrols sent east and northeast found a small Jap outpost near Caningag but the enemy withdrew under fire.

184-1 continued holding lines on the left of 184-2.

184-2 held lines on the left of 32-3 and on the right of 184-1. The battalion patrolled to the flanks and improved positions. No enemy contacts were made.

184-3 completed its move from Baybay to Caridad and remained in regtl reserve.

305-2, attached to the 7th Inf Div, cleared the Bito River at 0700 for Baybay, closing by 1800.

Weather was overcast with showers.

7th Inf Div FO #22 was published this date.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #42.

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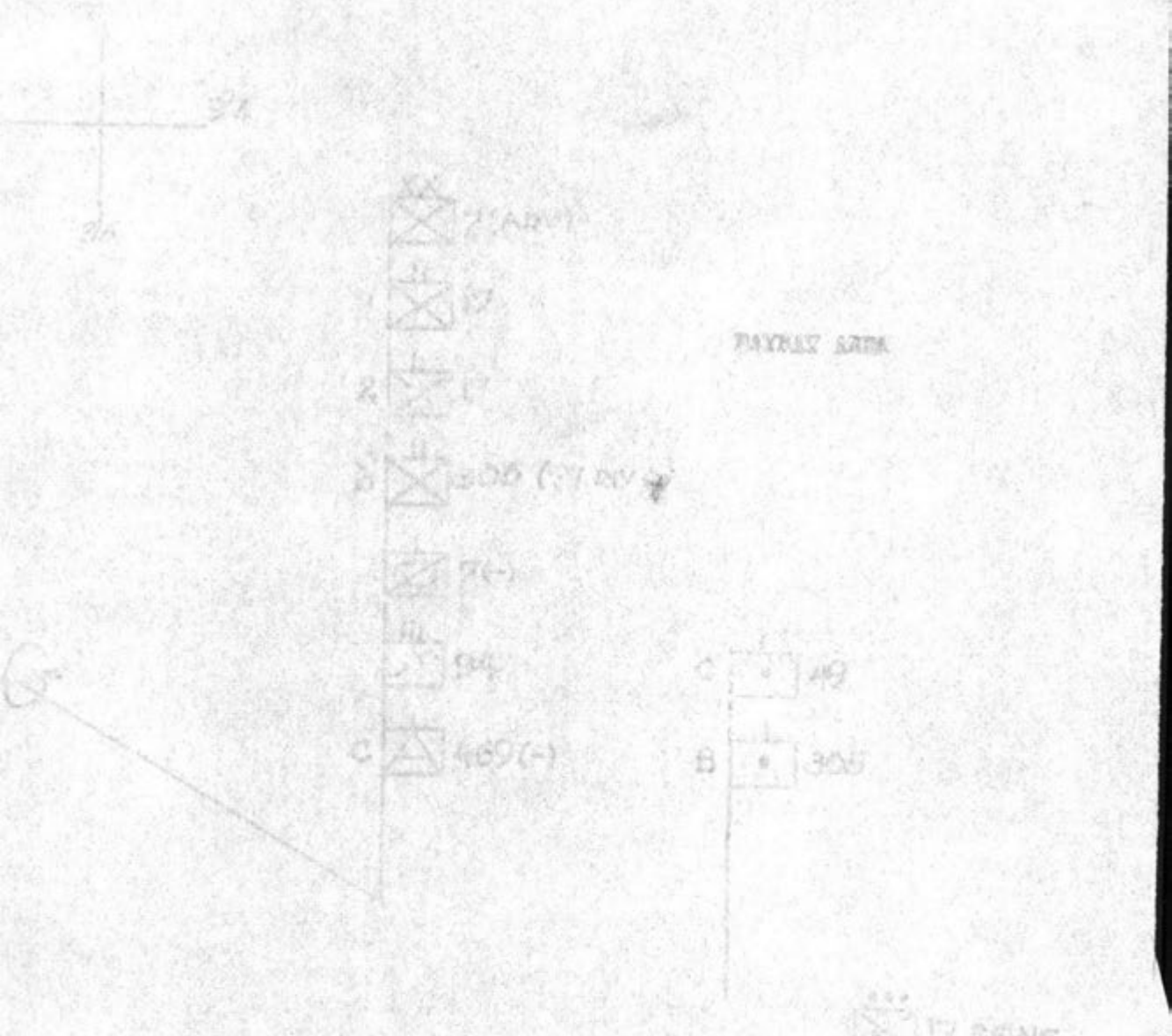

NOTE:
17-S ENROUTE TO DAYBAY
17 INF ADV CP AT ST AGUSTIN
CP DIV ARTY MOVED TO BARIPAL
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #42 - A / 42 DAY - 30 NOV 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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17-1 moved from Baybay to St Agustin where it remained in reserve.

17-2 was relieved at Baybay by 305-2 and moved to Caridad in reserve.

17-3 forward elements consolidated at Abuyog and rear elements moved from Burauen to Beach Yellow 1.

The 17th Inf rear CP moved to Abuyog and the forward CP was established at St Agustin.

32-1 continued on assigned missions at Panaon Island. Enemy planes bombed Liloan ineffectively at 301818 and 010818. A patrol by boat to Amugusan and thence by vehicle to Hinundayan made no enemy contact. A second patrol by boat to Libaison and thence by vehicle to Himayangan also submitted a negative report.

32-2 remained in regtl reserve at Damulaan. During the night this battalion observed two enemy barges moving south of the front lines as far as Caridad and using blinkers. The battalion fired on these barges driving them away.

32-3 continued holding front line positions in the Damulaan area without contact with hostile forces.

184-1 held front line positions during the day on the left of 184-3. At 2200 this battalion, with 184-2, attacked to the northeast, gaining high ground overlooking enemy positions in the Palanas River Valley.

184-2 F Co pushed forward and improved contact with C Co on the MLR. At 1415 the battalion received intense but very inaccurate enemy small arms fire. Two patrols worked toward Hill 918 meeting small arms fire. At 2200 this battalion joined 184-1 in the limited attack described above.

184-3 remained in regtl reserve at Caridad.

Weather was rainy with moderate winds.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #43.

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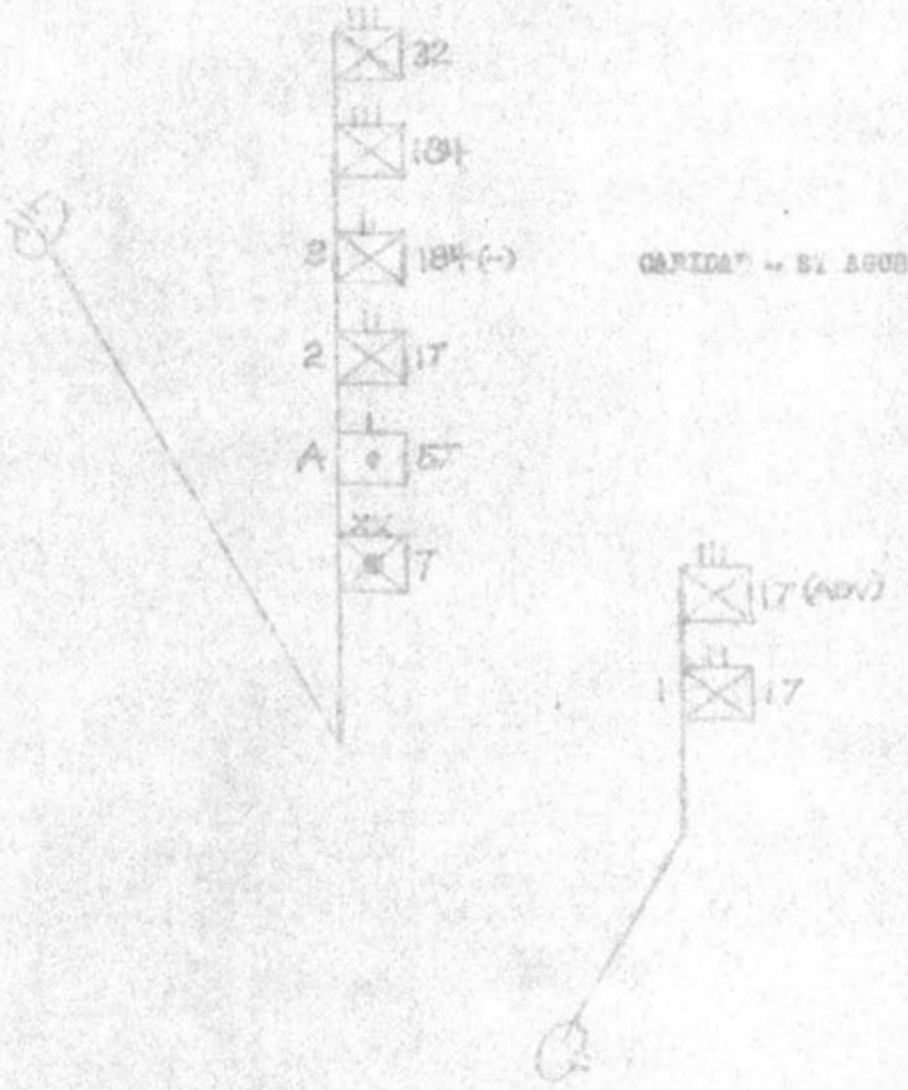

CARIDAD - ST AGUSTIN AREA

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #AN - A / 82 DAY - 1 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/80,000

17-1 remained at St Agustin patrolling rear areas with negative results.

17-2 continued at Caridad in reserve.

17-3 rear elements closed at Beach Yellow 1 at 1200 for the movo to Abuyog. By 1800 the battalion, less small guard detachments, was concentrated at Abuyog.

32-1 continued patrolling the Panaon Island area but made preparations to turn this sector over to the 94th Guerrilla Bn.

32-2 continued rehabilitation at Damulaan in regtl reserve. F Co held positions at the extreme right of the front lines.

32-3 held front line positions with F Co on its right and 184-2 on its left. During the night its lines were fired on by enemy artillery, and hostile activity was noted to the front. Flares were fired but no attack developed. One Jap officer was killed. A patrol to Hill 1544 encountered 15 Japs moving south.

184-1 held left flank positions on the front line with 184-2 on its right. After consolidating positions gained on high ground, these battalions continued probing hostile lines and meeting strong resistance. 50 dead Japs including one officer were found north of E Co.

184-3 remained at Caridad in reserve. Patrols to the east made no enemy contact.

305-2 continued in defense of Baybay and the steel and concrete bridge.

The 49th and 57th FA Bns fired on enemy positions on Hill 918. An enemy OP was brought under effective fire and one direct hit was observed on an undetermined number of Japs. 155mm artillery fire was placed on a large Jap gun position.

The 776th Prov Amph Co occupied positions at Tinagan and Lagolago.

P-38s, on call, dropped seven 100 lb bombs on Hill 918.

Weather was rainy during the night but clear and hot by day.

7th Inf Div FO #23 published this date.

For dispositions see Overlay #44.

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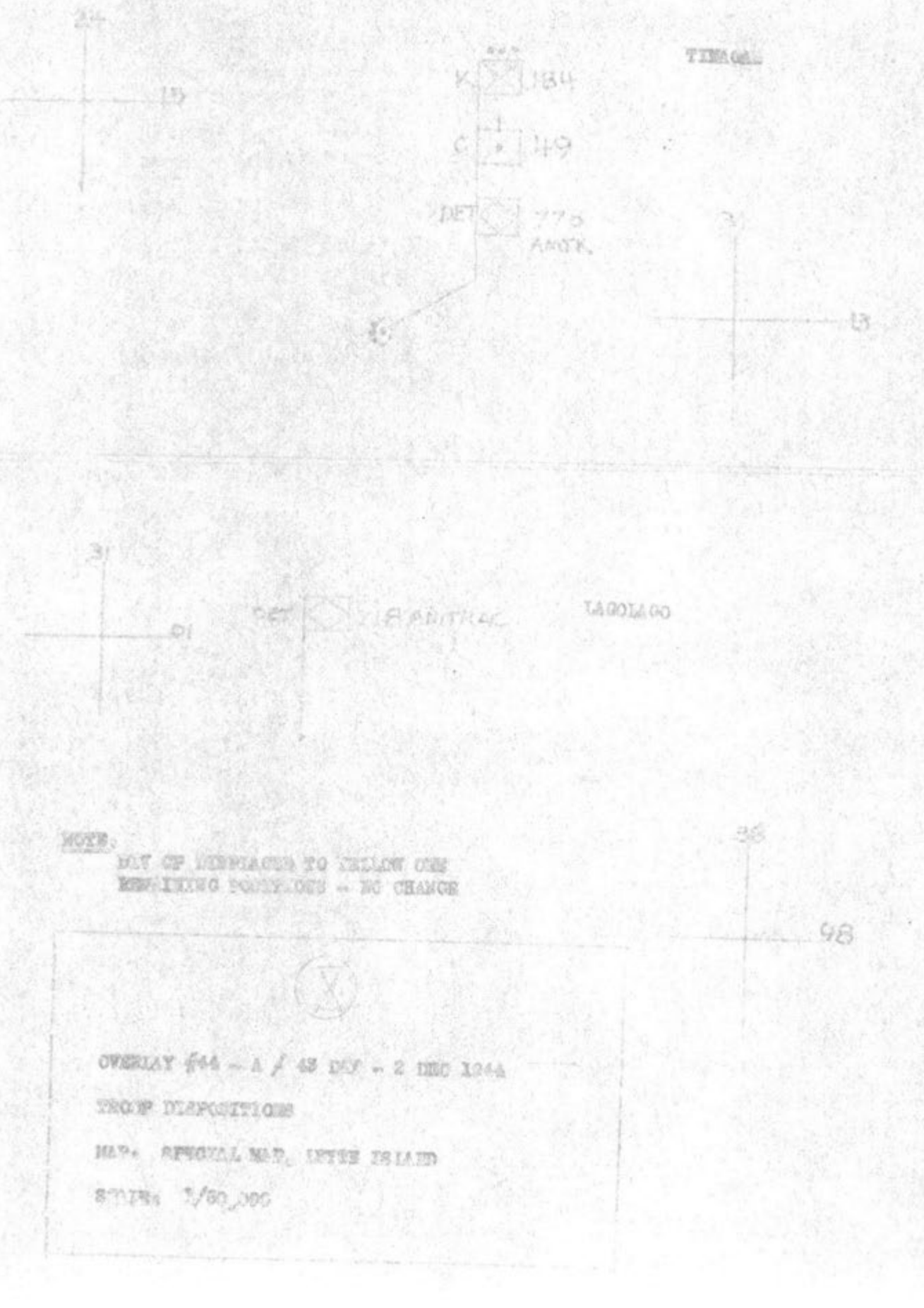

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REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #44 - A / 43 DAY - 2 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 44 DAY - 3 DECEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf continued consolidation of the regt. 17-1 closed in assembly area at St Agustin while 17-2 assumed responsibility for the area vacated by 32-2 with minor changes in troop dispositions. 17-3 displaced from Abuyog and moved toward Caridad.

The 32nd Inf continued action within its zone. 32-1 commenced movement by LCMs and LCVPs from Liloan, Panaon Island, to Caridad. 32-2 less one company moved to Baybay assuming responsibility for the security of that area including the steel and concrete bridge. This battalion relieved 305-2 of the 77th Inf Div. One reinforced company of 32-2 relieved one company of the 184th Inf at St Agustin. 32-3 continued front line occupation adjacent to and extending to the southeast of the lines of the 184th Inf. Patrols probed enemy positions actively.

The 184th Inf continued occupation of front lines with 184-1 on the left, 184-2 on the right and 184-3 in reserve near Caridad. Both front line battalions received scattered small arms fire throughout the period.

184-1, employing one reinforced squad, reconnoitered the north slope of the ridge overlooking the Palanas River. This patrol reached the south bank of the river without contacting hostile forces.

184-2, more nearly facing the enemy's positions on Hill 918, patrolled actively on the hills north slope, receiving intense machine gun fire from effectively concealed positions. The patrol suffered no casualties. Two other patrols each consisting of an officer and one squad probed north and east. One of these patrols, pushing 800 yds, counted 225 previously unreported enemy dead, 15 machine guns, knee mortars and othe equipment. Numerous valuable documents were also discovered.

184-3 in regtl reserve, made no enemy contact. The reinforced company on the beach at St Agustin reverted to battalion control when relieved by the 32nd Inf.

305-2 was relieved of attachment to the Div and cleared Baybay at 1800.

The 748th AAA (AW) Plat and the 527th AAA (AW) Plat, operationally attached held positions at Baybay and five miles north of Baybay, respectively.

The Prov Amph Co, consisting of elements of the 776th Amph Tk Bn and the 718th Amph Trac Bn, maintained beach defenses at Tinagan and Lagolago. Three amtanks of the provisional company were attached to 32-2 to assist in the defense of Baybay.

The 13th Engr Bn established its headquarters and H&S Co at the Agricultural School five miles north of Baybay. Co A maintained the MSR for a distance five miles south of Caridad. Co B maintained the MSR north of Caridad to the front lines. Co C, less one plat, was at battalion headquarters. The 1st Plat was at the saw mill ten miles west of Abuyog.

The Division CP closed at Dulag and opened at Baybay at 2000.

Heavy rain fell from 0400 to 0700. Thereafter weather was clear with good visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #45.

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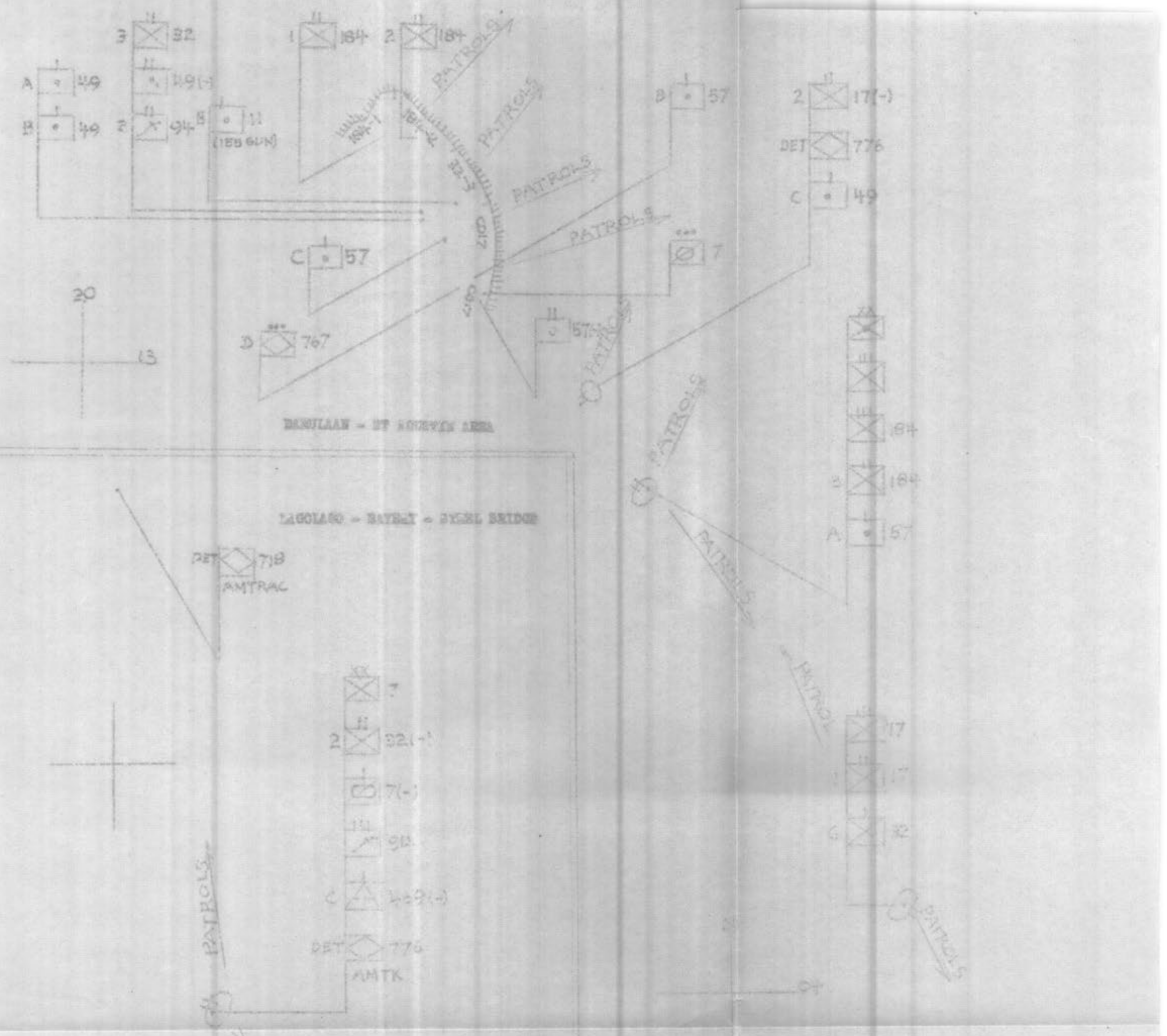

OVERLAY # 6 - A / 44 INF - 8 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 45 DAY - 4 DECEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf engaged in consolidation of the regiment and movement of troops to forward positions.

17-1 moved into attack assembly area 600 yds east of Damulaan. 17-2 moved to a similar position 200 yds east of 17-1. Elements of 17-3 arrived at Caridad via Navy craft and moved by foot and water to Tinagan. Patrols left Mati at 0700, one for Kang Dagit and one for Hill 918. The former completed its mission with a wide sweep east and then north, making no contacts. The latter got as far as Babalonga where it received knee mortar and rifle fire from positions approx 500 yds northeast of that barrio.

The 32nd Inf continued consolidation of the regt. 32-1, less elements of Headquarters Co, moved from Liloan to Caridad arriving at 0130. 32-2, less Co G, remained in defense of Baybay while Co G held defensive positions at St Agustin. 32-3 continued to hold front line positions.

The 184th Inf prepared for the attack by probing enemy positions to its front. One patrol, officer lead, entered the south edge of Balogo, where 32 Japs were counted and indications noted of machine gun positions under shacks. This patrol withdrew late in the day and effective artillery fire was placed on the barrio. Another patrol went west to the base of Hill 918 observing enemy activity. A third patrol went to Hill 380 and by 1700 had gained the military crest observing no enemy to the west, south or east. The view north was blocked by a superior ridge mass. The regimental CP opened 200 yds south of the Busan River on the highway and 184-3 completed a move to the same locality from Caridad.

The Division CP closed at Baybay and opened at Caridad.

Heavy rain commenced at 0530 and continued intermittently throughout the period.

7th Inf Div FO #24 was published this date.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #46.

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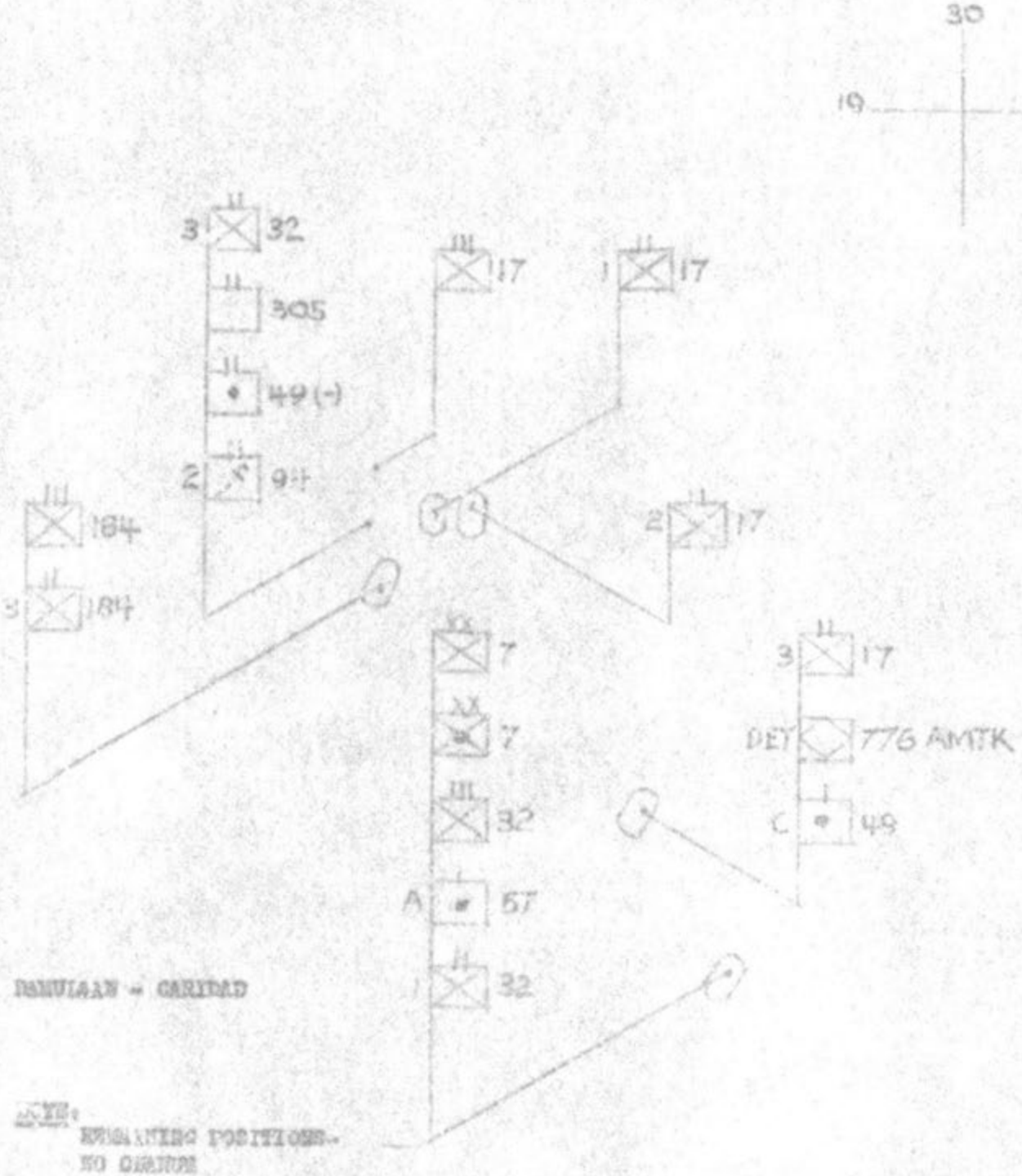

DAMULAAN - CARIDAD

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS-
NO CHANGE



OVERLAY #46 - A / 46 DAY - 4 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/80,000

A / 46 DAY - 5 DECEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf, with 17-1 on the left and 17-2 on the right, attacked at 0800, in coordination with the 184th Inf, to secure Hill 918 and the Palanas River line. No opposition was encountered until 0825 when Co G, in the left of the 17-2 zone of action overran a small pocket of enemy. A second pocket was encountered at the base of Hill 918. Co E advanced up hill in its zone of action. Co F was committed between Co G and Co E and moved up on line with Co E. 17-1 continued the advance without opposition to the ridge west of Hill 918. Here it was held waiting for 17-2 to come on line. Resistance estimated at one company developed in front of 17-1 during the evening. 17-3 closed into rear assembly area early in the day and moved forward to a reserve position near Damulaan.

The 184th Inf, with 184-1 on the left and 184-2 on the right attacked at 0800. 184-1 advanced steadily against scattered small arms fire and by 1435 had reached an east-west line approx 300 yds south of Balogo. The battalion left flank rested on the beach and the right on the first nose of high ground to the east. At 1525 a body of Japs estimated at from 200 to 500 was observed on the north slope of high ground leading to Hill 380. This force swung west into the 17-1 zone of action and was brought under artillery fire. The battalion dug in for the night.

184-2 advanced against light small arms fire and one limited counter-attack and by 1420 had gained a position with the left flank resting on the Palanas River and the right on high ground to the southeast. This position was strengthened and consolidated for the night.

184-3 in regtl reserve followed 184-1 by 500 yds. At 1330 this battalion crossed the Palanas River and attacked northwest under small arms and machine gun fire to Hill 380 and by 1500 the leading company had reached the top of the first ridge of this hill. Here the battalion consolidated for the night.

32-1 Hq and C Cos closed on Caridad and by 2330 the battalion had consolidated near that barrio. The battalion, less Co A, moved to the vicinity of Tinagan prepared to displace in support of the attack or to repel hostile envelopment of the Div right flank.

32-2 continued in defense of the Baybay area with G Co defending and outposting St Agustin. The CO of 32-2 coordinated all troops in the Baybay area for defense of that sector. 32-3 in position near Damulaan was passed through by the 17th Inf in attack. At 1700, Co K was committed between 17-1 and 184-2. The regiment established observation posts from Cataraman Pt to Damulaan.

Amtanks of the Prov Co moved by water to Balogo where, at 0700, they landed in assault on enemy machine gun positions. After shelling enemy concentration areas inland, amtanks again moved by water to a point shortly south of Albuera. After a diversionary demonstration off shore the amtanks returned to Balogo where they again landed and shelled enemy positions and at 0930 retired to the bivouac area.

Div Hq rear echelon, special troops, and elements of the 7th QM Co and 17th Inf landed from LCIs and LSMs at approx 0010, three miles north of Baybay. These troops bivouacked on the beach and proceeded to Baybay at dawn. Division Hq elements moved to Caridad by DUKW.

Light showers fell during the morning. The remainder of the period was overcast.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #47.

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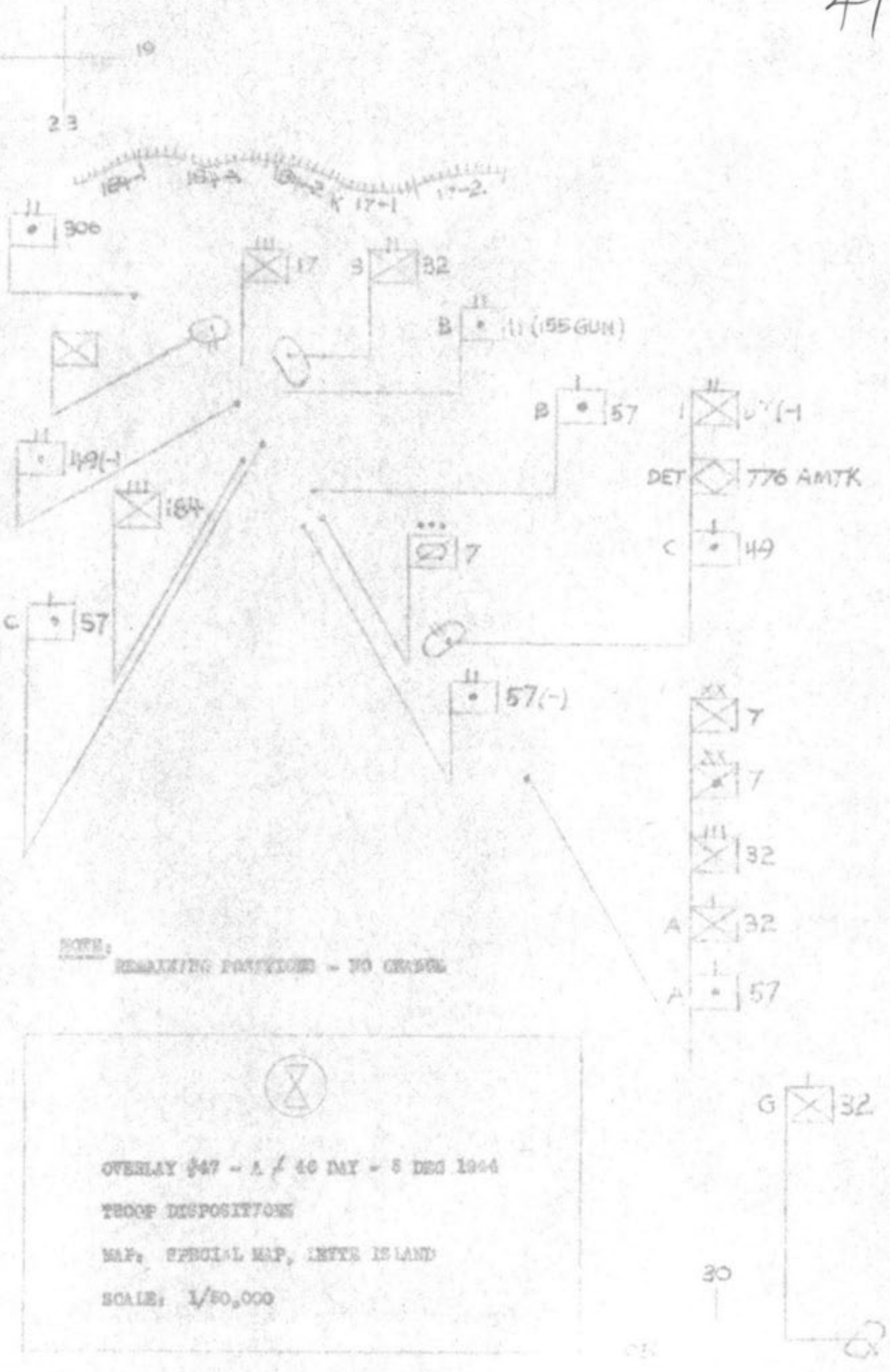

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #47 - A / 40 INF - 6 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 47 DAY - 6 DECEMBER 1944

Following an uneventful night the Div advance was resumed at 0800 with the 184th Inf on the left and the 17th Inf on the right, each holding a battalion in reserve. The 32nd Inf was in Div reserve.

17-1, in heavy action, came abreast of 184-2 at 1147 and against unrelenting pressure crossed the Palanas River to come abreast of 184-3 by 1430. Still having the high point atop Hill 918 to gain, 17-2 resumed the attack initially unopposed by other than extremely rugged terrain. Near the highest point pillboxes which covered all approaches were overrun and at 1228, Hill 918 was in our possession. Pausing only for reorganization, patrols struck northwest in search of routes to the Palanas and suitable crossings. At 1425 the battalion, less Co F, following reconnoitered routes, started down the north slope while Co G, leading the battalion, met heavy resistance as they attempted the difficult river crossing. Heavy artillery and chemical mortar fire failed to dislodge the enemy and at the end of the period only small elements were across. This forced committment of 17-1's reserve company to close the gap between battalions.

17-3, initially in reserve, displaced to Kang Dagit. Upon arrival at 1350, patrols pushed 1400 yds northeast toward the Palanas River and returned at 1630 having made no enemy contact. The battalion dug in at Kang Dagit.

The 32nd Inf situation remained unchanged with the exception of Co B, reinforced by two sections of 81mm mortars and one HMG, which was disposed atop Hill 918.

184-1 sent dawn patrols into Balogo prior to their attack, these patrols returning at 0745 to report no opposition. By 1130 184-1 with two companies abreast, had reached an east-west line through Balogo. At 1155 intense mortar and machine gun fire and some light artillery hit the right flank in a sharp coordinated counterattack. Artillery and chemical mortars repulsed this threat and by 1530 the battalion had pushed to its objective, and commenced night defense preparations.

184-2 remained in reserve south of the Palanas River mopping up rear areas. One platoon of light tanks, attached, mopped up Balogo.

184-3 dawn patrols encountered well defended positions, killed five Japs, and returned to the front lines. By 1000 the battalion had occupied the military crest of Hill 380 and observed heavy enemy activity on the north and northwest slopes beyond. The advance continued against resistance by small arms and artillery fire and by evening had established contact on the right with the 17th Inf.

The 306th FA Bn (155mm How) and Btry B, 11th Marine Arty Bn (Gun) registered on 77th Inf Div landing beaches.

Btry B of the 287th FA Observation Bn arrived in the area and went into position.

Weather was clear with visibility unlimited.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #48.

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A / 48 DAY - 7 DECEMBER 1944

At 0700 the 77th Inf Div made an amphibious landing just south of Deposito. Initial opposition was very light and by the close of the period a strong beachhead had been established extending approx 1500 yds inland and north to a point several hundred yards beyond Ipil.

The 17th Inf pushed north with 17-1 on the left and 17-2 on the right. 17-1 progressed slowly against moderate resistance and over extremely rugged terrain features. 17-2 on its jump off ran into immediate determined resistance from concealed mortars and numerous automatic weapons in very sound tactical disposition. These could not be dislodged by artillery fire. At 1335 Co G, having just assaulted a ridge, was vigorously counterattacked by 50 enemy. This attack was repulsed. The further progress of 17-2 was slow as strong resistance appeared on the left holding up E Co. At about 1530 Co F commenced an envelopment of the right. At the close of the period 17-2 was not up on line with 17-1 but was solidly set for the night.

17-3, from positions slightly west of Kang Dagit, began its movement to Kang Cainto at 0730. At the headwaters of the Palanas River advance elements reported a Jap bivouac. A strong patrol quickly and quietly moved in on the sleeping enemy, and killing 50 without loss to themselves.

The 184th Inf resumed the attack with 184-1 on the left and 184-3 on the right. Their dawn patrols operated 250 yds to the front and found no enemy.

184-1 on the left held fast while 184-3 pushed forward. Through the resulting gap 184-3 relieved 184-1. By 1000 the relief had been completed and 184-1 was mopping up rear areas. 184-2 and 184-3 moved forward slowly throughout the day, encountering moderate opposition and by 1400 leading elements were within 400 yds of the Tabgas River. Persistant light artillery fire harassed the 184th Inf throughout the period, materially slowing the advance. By 1747 when night preparations were complete, the left rested on the Tabgas River and the right dipped south to the ridge overlooking the river.

The 32nd Inf moved 32-1, less two companies, from Mati to the south slope of Hill 380 to occupy defensive positions and protect the Division right flank. There was no change in the activity of 32-2. 32-3 moved to the first hill mass west of Hill 918 and south of the Palanas River to occupy defensive positions and patrol Div rear area.

One section of Btry C, 469th AAA (AW) Bn displaced from the vicinity of Baybay to Lagolago taking up positions in defense of the cub air strip.

One platoon of Co D, 767th Tk Bn, near Burauen, was attached to the 11th Airborne Div to assist in liquidation of Jap paratroopers in the San Pablo area.

Light and medium showers fell throughout the period.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #49.

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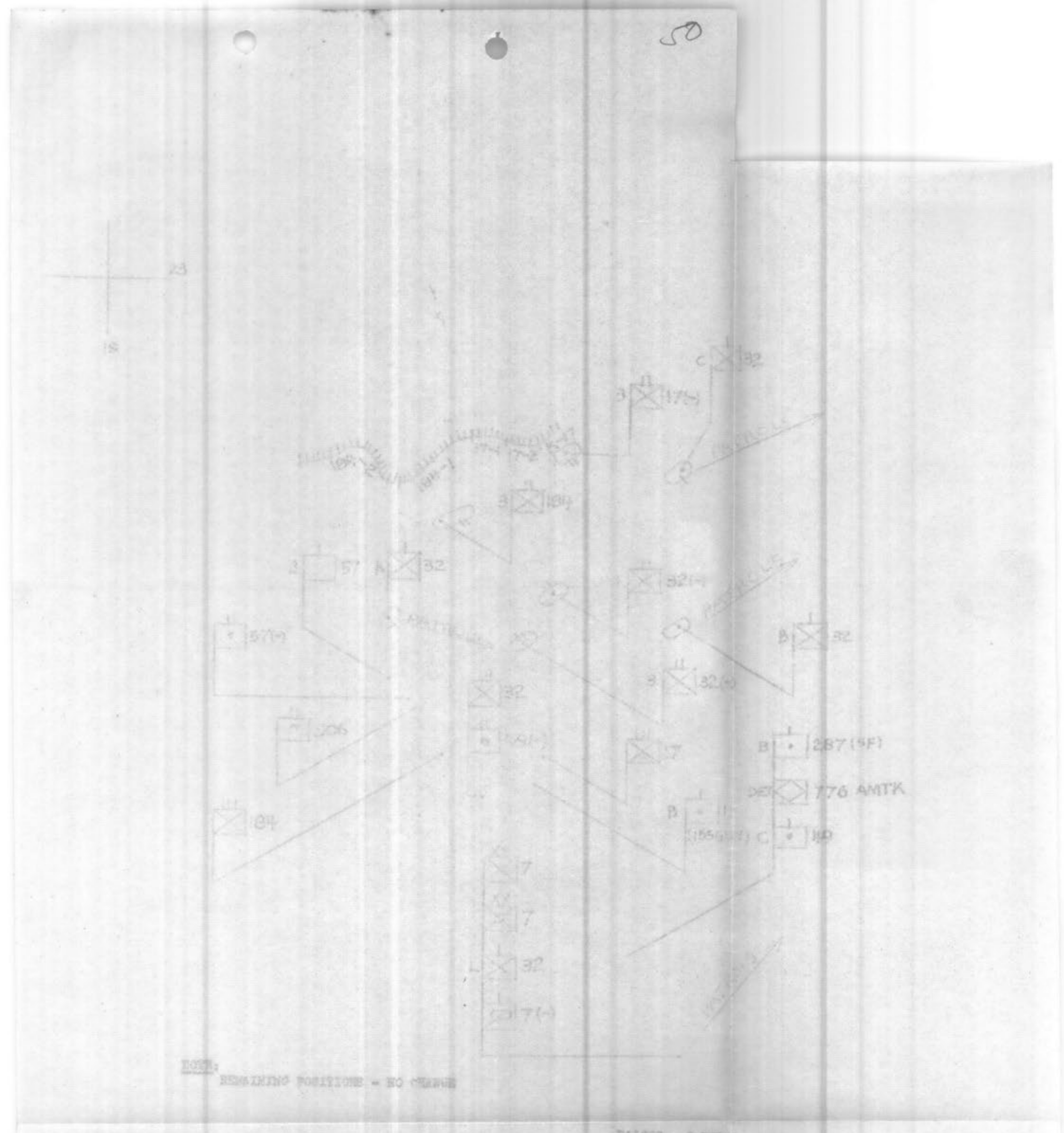

NOTE:

REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

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TROOP DISPOSITION:

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 49 DAY - 8 DECEMBER 1944

The 77th Inf Div continued the extension of its beachhead and commenced a drive north toward Ormoc. No physical contact was established with this division.

17th Inf dawn patrols north from 17-2 and 17-3 met no opposition, but those from 17-1 ran into immediate resistance. All battalions jumped off at 0800 with 17-1 and 17-2 closing the gap between the 184th Inf and 17-3 by 1510. By 1800 leading elements of all battalions were across the Tabgas River and Co K, two platoons of Co L, 17-1 and 17-2 were on Hill 606. Opposition against the regiment consisted of individual, well coordinated pockets of resistance, cleverly concealed in the rugged terrain Three LMGs, three HMGs and several mortars were captured.

The 184th Inf, with 184-2 on the left and 184-3 on the right attacked at 0800. 184-2 pushed rapidly across the Tabgas River and at 1030 184-1, following behind 184-2 pushed through the center gap gaining the crest of Hill 606 against heavy resistance. The southwest crest was occupied by 1430, and 184-1 dug in on the west slope. 184-2 pushed north moving up to the Calingatman River, an advance of over 1700 yds, and commenced digging in at 1400. Patrols pushed 1000 yds to the Sibugay River but reported no opposition. 184-3 reached the Tabgas River at 1545, crossed against moderate resistance, and pushed forward to dig in on the southwest slope of Hill 606. This secured the Tabgas River Valley.

On the right several hastily constructed antipersonnel mines were located by mine detectors and removed without casualties. At Tabgas barrio a well filled mine dump was captured.

The 32nd Inf remained in reserve without material change of dispositions. It continued to mop up rear areas and protect the Div flanks.

The Prov Amph Co fired a thirty minute concentration on Hill 606 and, following this, moved to Albuera where it landed, shelling and machine gunning the town from 0800 to 0830. Much of the barrio was set afire. The amtanks received light and heavy mortar fire but suffered no casualties. After putting to sea from Albuera the vehicles received several rounds of 75mm gunfire without effect. Returning to the front lines the Prov Co gave direct fire support to the 184th Inf in its assault of Hill 606.

Intermittent light and heavy showers fell throughout the period.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #50.

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A / 50 DAY - 9 DECEMBER 1944

Experiencing a relatively quiet night, and following the negative reports of dawn patrols, the Division resumed the attack.

The 17th Inf on the right with three battalions abreast pushed off behind probing patrols which had thrust 500 yds into enemy territory. The 1st and 3rd Bns pinched out the 2nd Bn shortly after 1000, the latter becoming regtl reserve. Progress was opposed only by small disorganized groups but the advance continued to be hindered by very rugged terrain. This condition forced 17-1 on the right to leave its heavy weapons behind. Both 17-1 and 17-3 received small amounts of artillery fire from 1400 to 1800. By darkness these battalions were dug in on high ground north of Sibugay Creek in contact with the 184th Inf on the left and with 17-2 covering the right rear.

The 184th Inf on the Division left jumped off at 0800 with 184-2 on the left and 184-1 on the right. By 1020 the left flank was just south of Albuera. By 1100 the attached platoon of light tanks had cleared the town and G Co entered shortly thereafter. Three 75mm guns, British Army Model of 1917, American made, were captured in the vicinity. The center of the line, in more difficult terrain, was considerably echeloned to the rear and further advance on the left was restricted until 184-1 could be brought up. By 1430 this had been accomplished and the attack was resumed. Another 600 yds had been gained by 1530 when strong resistance developed from rifle, automatic weapon, mortar and artillery fire. The regiment dug in prepared to defend for the night.

The 32nd Inf remained in Div reserve with only minor displacements. Active patrolling was conducted in the Division rear areas and east into the mountains. Ten enemy were destroyed and several prisoners taken.

Btry B, 155mm Gun Bn, USMC, was relieved by Btry C, 531st FA Bn (155mm Gun) the former moving out and the latter assuming the same positions.

The 287th FA Observation Bn (Sound and Flash) was now operational.

Patrol contact was gained with the 11th Airborne Div at Lubi.

Weather continued to be very rainy causing poor visibility and hampering movement of heavy equipment.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #51.

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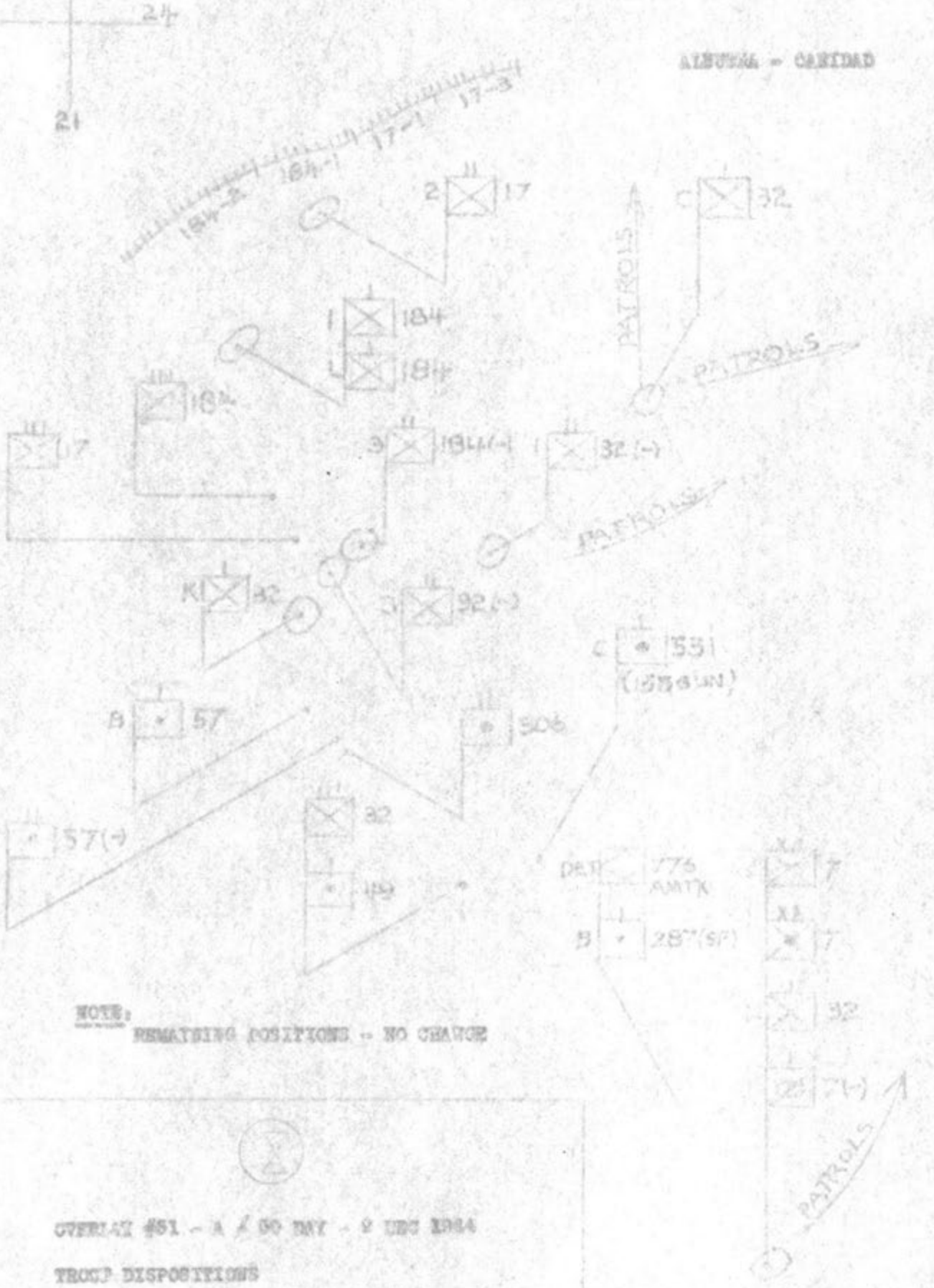

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #51 - A / 90 INF - 9 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 51 DAY - 10 DECEMBER 1944

By 1700, this date, Ormoc had been taken and secured by the 77th Inf Div.

For the sixth consecutive day the 7th Inf Div continued driving north. The 184th Inf on the left and the 17th Inf on the right resumed the attack at 0800, following closely on the heels of dawn patrols which discovered no enemy.

184-2 on the left and 184-1 on the right advanced with little opposition to reach the Talisayan River by noon. At this point 184-1 came under enemy artillery fire. 184-2, apparently out of range, pushed north across the Talisayan and by 1535 had gained another 800 yds. 184-3, in reserve, was now committed on the left of the line and 184-2 was given the mission of securing Binoljo. In accomplishing this mission the battalion captured considerable stores of diverse enemy supplies and several artillery pieces. Fairly effective enemy artillery fire continued to harass the regiment as it dug in for the night.

The 17th Inf attacked with 17-1 on the left and 17-3 on the right. Enemy bombers had been overhead since dawn and dropped seven bombs without effect. In accordance with plans, 17-2 passed through 17-1, the latter reverting to reserve and moving behind the regiment's left. By 1000 a 1000 yd advance had brought the 17th Inf to the last high ridge south of the Talisayan. Here contact was improved with the 184th Inf on the left. The 17th Inf was now taken under enemy 47mm fire, a prelude to heavy shelling through the remainder of the day. At noon the regiment was 500 yds south of the Talisayan River and parallel to it, with the right slightly echeloned to the rear. Under artillery fire, the front lines dug in. A force of 17-3 moved east into the foothills to envelop enemy artillery positions on the following day.

The 32nd Inf continued in Division reserve patrolling right flank and rear areas. One company was displaced behind the 184th Inf to serve as regimental reserve for the night.

Two sections of the 102nd AAA (AW) Bn went into position in the vicinity of Albuera with the dual mission of firing on enemy air and surface craft.

Heavy rains throughout the night gave way to intermittent showers during the day with short periods of sunshine. Visibility was generally limited.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #52.

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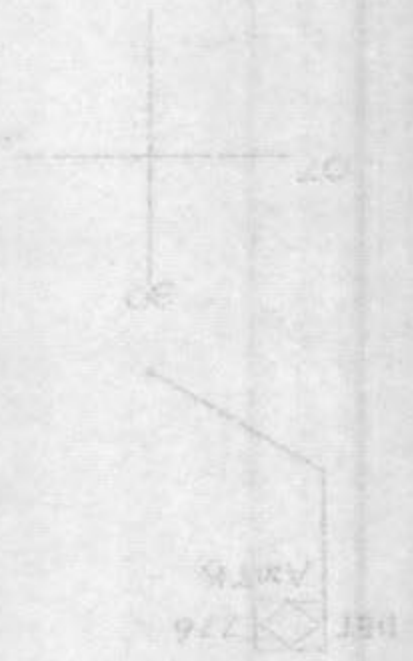
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A / 52 DAY - 11 DECEMBER 1944

The Division resumed the attack at 0800 with the 184th Inf on the left and the 17th Inf on the right. Dawn patrols from front line companies reported the enemy to be withdrawing. Pursuit of the main enemy forces was considerably retarded by small hostile delaying forces and by rugged terrain. This latter was particularly difficult on the Division's right.

The 17th Inf pushed forward with 17-2 on the left, 17-3 on the right, and 17-1, less two companies, in reserve behind the left. The remaining elements of 17-1 were employed to seize and patrol Hill 2856. By 1230 17-2 had crossed the Talisayan River having encountered light resistance enroute. 17-3 sweeping from the right overran seven artillery pieces in its advance and by 1230 was also crossing the Talisayan. 17-1 had secured the northwest slope of Hill 2856, killing 12 Japs in its drive up the slope. At 1440 all of 17-3 had crossed the south fork of the Talisayan and was receiving heavy sniper fire from the northeast. In the subsequent advance 50 of these snipers were killed. By 1800 both 17-2 and 17-3 were on high ground north of the Talisayan and 17-1, having been relieved of flank security by a company of the 32nd Inf, was enroute to join the regt. During the days advance the 17th Inf had captured a total of 12 enemy field pieces. Terrain traversed by this regt in the advance consisted of a series of steep ridges 400 to 500 ft high with an airline distance between crests of approx 300 yds.

The 184th Inf, less 184-2, continued its advance with 184-3 on the left and 184-1 on the right. By 1030 both battalions were across the Talisayan River after overcoming light resistance. By 1100 184-3 was in Siguinon and 184-1 had added another 200 yds to the morning advance. When secure for the night, the regtl line ran from Binoljo on the left to a point approx 1300 yds north of the barrio of Talisayan. All companies were on the line. Co K, 32nd Inf, was displaced to 20.0-24.2 behind 184-3 to mop up rear areas and to provide depth to the regtl zone of action.

184-2 moving rapidly north along the coast cut through and past enemy positions to reach Ipil at 1020. Here contact was made with elements of the 77th Inf Div and 184-2 assumed security of the Ipil area, passing to operational control of the 77th Inf Div.

The 32nd Inf continued its mission of Div reserve, including protection of the right flank and patrolling rear areas. Cos A and B displaced to the west slope of Hill 2856 and Co K moved to support the 184th Inf.

The 91st Cml Wpns Co displaced one plat to the vicinity of Gungab, all plats continuing in support of front line units under Div Arty control.

The 7th Sig Co continued normal functions severely harassed by depletion of wire supplies. This depletion was sufficient to prevent further forward movement of regtl CPs and to prevent maintenance of telephone communication between the right regt and its battalions.

The very extended Div MSR stretching over poor roads from Abuyog to Baybay and north was creating a definite problem. Facilities for supply by water were still extremely limited.

Heavy to light rains fell intermittently throughout the period, resulting in generally reduced visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #53.

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NOTE:

PENALTY POSITIONS - 2½ CHAINS

OVERLAY 365 - A / 62 327 - 15 DEC 1945

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MAP: OFFICIAL 1/P, 1E/TE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 53 DAY - 12 DECEMBER 1944

During A / 53 the drive north was continued with major units of the 32nd Inf displacing in preparation for front line relief of the 17th Inf.

The 17th Inf resumed the attack at 0800 with 17-2 on the left, 17-3 on the right and 17-1 initially in reserve. Progress of 17-2 and 17-3 was extremely rapid with the enemy withdrawing before their advance. A patrol from 17-3 enroute to Bintoan, in an effort to contact the 511th Inf, met strong enemy forces southwest of the barrio and killed 18. 32-3 completed the relief of 17-2 by 1700, and the latter reverted to Div reserve prepared to defend the Div right. 17-1 was relieved of its regtl reserve mission by 32-1 and moved by foot to Albuera and thence by motor to Baybay, assuming responsibility for the security of that area.

The 32nd Inf was relieved of its reserve mission and commenced conolidation of the regt in preparation for relief of the 17th Inf in the front lines. 32-2 commenced movement from Baybay at 0730 and, moving by LCM and LCVP, arrived at Albuera by 1300. From here it moved by foot to positions behind and on the right flank of 17-3, prepared to relieve this battalion and disposed to protect the right flank from enemy forces reported moving west from the mountains.

The 184th Inf, less 184-2, pushed forward at 0900 with 184-3 on the left and 184-1 on the right. The regtl mission of securing that portion of the Panilahan River within its zone of action was accomplished by 1100. Shortly thereafter, in compliance with a radio request received from CG 77th Inf Div, 184-3 displaced to Ipil, arriving at 1535 and passing to operational control of the 77th Inf Div. At 1800 184-1 and elements of special troops were outposting the south bank of the Panilihan River on a 2500 yd front. 184-2 remained at Ipil under operational control of the 77th Inf Div.

Three guns of Btry A, 306th FA Bn reverted to 77th Inf Div control and displaced to Ipil. Btrys B and C displaced to positions north of Gungab.

Patrols of the 7th Ron Tr searched three miles inland along the Sibugay River and enroute discovered much evidence of very recent enemy occupation and activity. At the point of greatest advance 40 enemy were engaged and six killed. Farther south another patrol flushed a five man Jap outpost east of Hill 606.

The 91st Cml Wpns Co displaced two platoons to positions just south of Siguinon, continuing general support of the advance.

Low hanging clouds and intermittent heavy showers produced limited visibility on the coast. Visibility inland became progressively worse. A maximum 50 ft ceiling existed in the mountain area near Mahonag.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #54.

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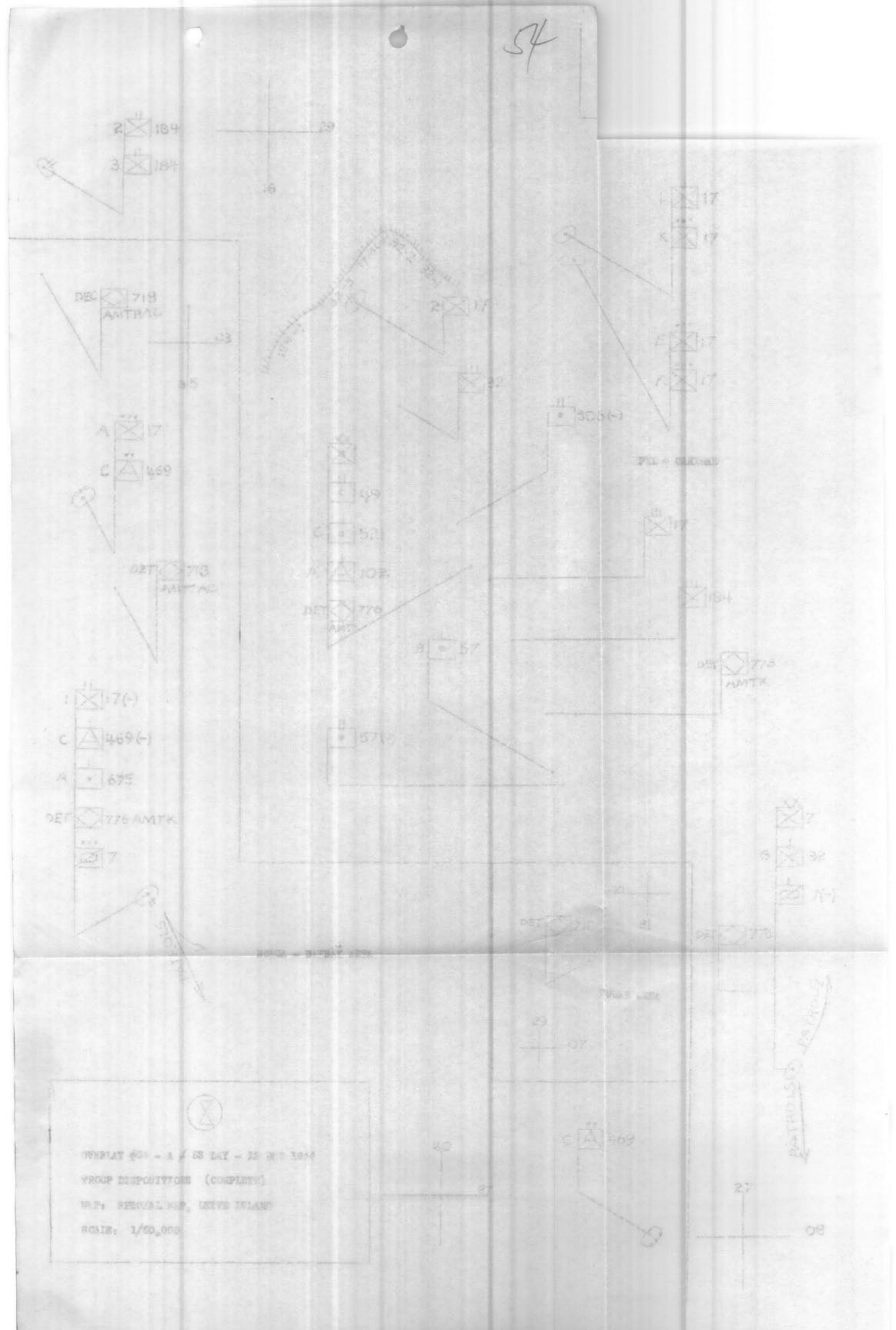
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A / 54 DAY - 13 DECEMBER 1944

Due to confirmed observations of large forces threatening the Div right flank, the attack north was temporarily suspended. The Division, spearheaded by the 32nd Inf, wheeled east to destroy enemy forces in the Bintoan - Libas - Capatgan area, and to join forces with the 511th Inf.

The 32nd Inf pushed strong forces east up the avenues of approach in an effort to destroy enemy forces in the mountains. 32-1 attacked up the north side of the valley between the Talisayan and Panilahan Rivers, enroute to Mahuyab, Libas and Anas. Advancing east with a two company front and patrolling short distances north and south as it moved, the battalion reached 24.0-28.3 where it met very heavy resistance from high ridges. Automatic weapons fire pinned the battalion to the ground. Rifle and mortar fire were heavy. Covered and concealed enemy positions on the crest of the ridge were not subject to observation. Artillery fire was called for and as night fell the battalion position was made tenable. Casualties, however, had been suffered including the death of both forward company commanders.

32-3, moving via the same avenue of approach, made no contact until late in the day at 23.50-26.50 where it engaged a small force of the enemy, killing all of them. The lateness made further advance inadvisable and the battalion dug in to establish a perimeter defense for the night.

32-2, in reserve, moved in rear of 32-1, prepared to assist the advance of that battalion. While advancing, 32-2 patrolled actively north and south, reconnoitering the ridges on each side of the valley. At the close of the period a perimeter defense was established in the vicinity of 23.4-29.0.

The 17th Inf, less 17-1 with 184-1 initially attached, repulsed a small banzai attack against 17-3 during the night. During the morning 184-1, ordered north to join the 77th Inf Div, moved out leaving 17-2 and 17-3 to occupy the Panilahan River valley area. 17-3 pushed combat patrols to Lanyug and Sumanga. Enroute ten enemy were encountered of which eight were killed and two captured. A patrol in force, driving east on Cantotoc, observed large numbers of enemy moving east from the same area. Distance precluding engagement, artillery fire was directed on them with unobserved results. The patrol returned to 17-3. Co L, in battalion reserve, took up positions to protect the MSR north.

Being responsible for protection of the MSR and rear area security, the 17th Inf moved 17-2, less Co E, to Albuera. From here combat patrols drove 2½ miles east up the Sibugay Creek, finding no enemy. Co E, reinforced, drove 3500 yds up the Talisayan River, observed no enemy and dug in for the night, prepared to continue reconnaissance in the morning.

17-1 continued its security mission at Baybay.

Late in the day, Hq 184th Inf, with elements of regtl special troops, were ordered to proceed north to Ormoc, joining 184-3 and assuming command of 184-3 and 184-2. On request of CG 77th Inf Div, 184-1 was moved north and by 1800 was also at Ormoc. 184-2 at Ipil engaged an estimated 70 enemy east of the town. The remnants of this force withdrew to the hills.

The remainder of Btry A, 306th FA Bn, completed displacement to Ipil.

Following very light night showers, bright sun shone and visibility was unlimited.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #55.

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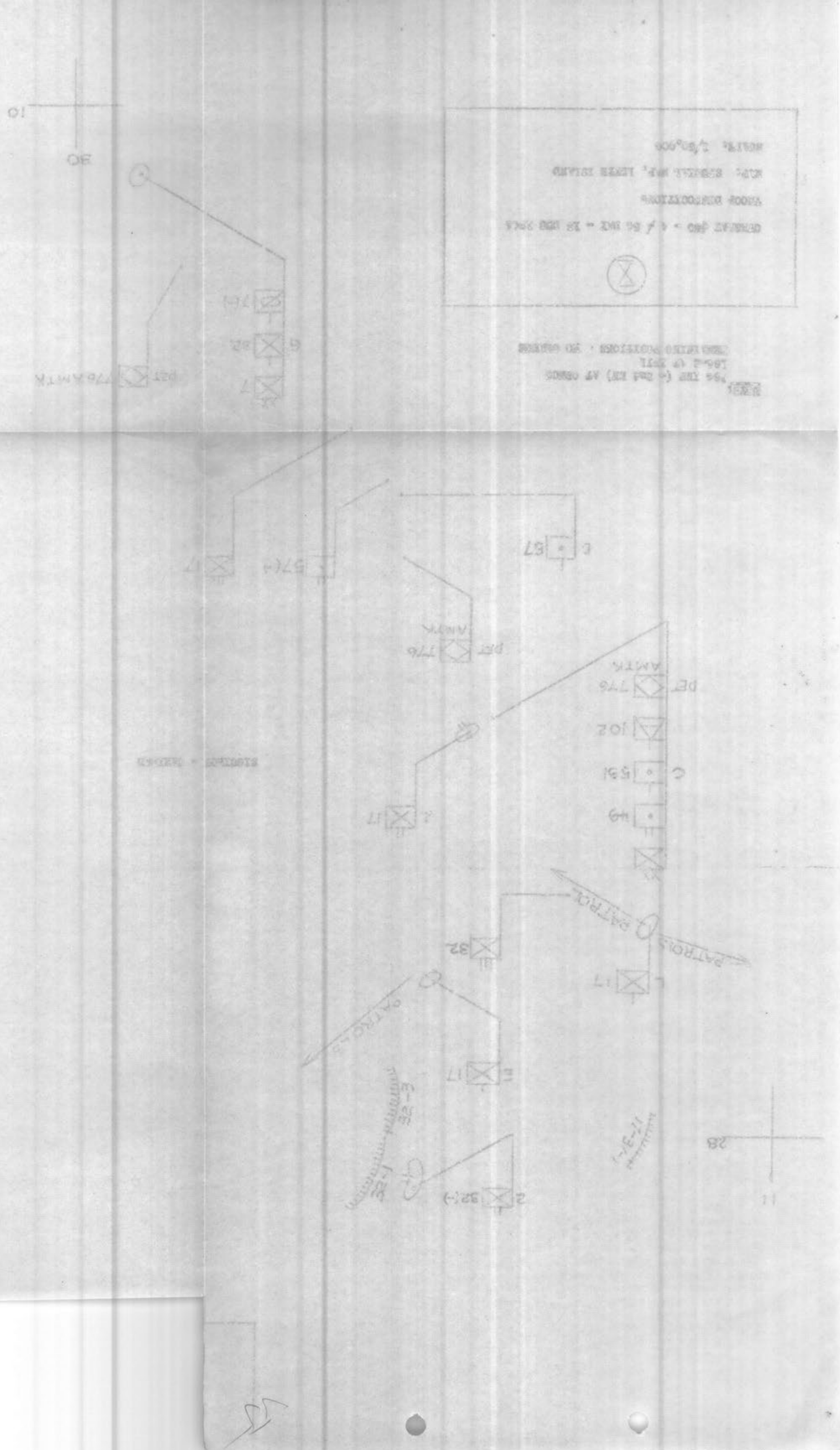

A / 55 DAY - 14 DECEMBER 1944

The 32nd Inf continued its drive east into the mountains, with 32-1 and 32-3 jumping off at 0730 in assault of two separate but mutually supporting positions. 32-1 resumed its drive up the high ground from which intense fire had been received during the previous day. Movement was severely retarded by the steepness of the grade, estimated to average 45 degrees. In a number of instances grenades were rolled down hill on the assaulting troops. Enemy rifle fire was accurate and the percentage of machine guns the heaviest yet encountered. At 1300 a coordinated attack employing mortars and artillery failed to gain the objective. This attack was followed by a heavy concentration of mortar fire in conjunction with Cn Co and artillery fires and at 1600 the objective was taken. In defense of this commanding terrain feature it is estimated that the enemy employed three reinforced rifle companies.

32-3 resumed the attack at 0730, driving on the high ridge south of the Talisayan River and adjacent to the objective of 32-1. Movement up this ridge was retarded by steep grades and moderate enemy resistance but by 1100 32-3 had gained high ground on the right of the enemy. From this position excellent observation of enemy held areas was possible and effective artillery time fire was laid down. Under cover of this artillery the battalion advanced to seize still more advantageous positions and by darkness the enemy held only a limited portion of the ridge. 32-3 dug in for the night prepared to continue the attack.

32-2, in reserve during the night, displaced to the east of 17-3 (21.3-27.4) in preparation for a coordinated drive north. The battalion arrived in position at 1000. Late in the day Co E was moved to 22.9-25.1, its mission being to prevent movement of enemy west through the valley between 32-1 and 32-3.

The 17th Inf, less 17-1, continued its mission of left flank security and protection of the MSR. It also conducted extensive patrolling throughout the area. Regtl troops established and manned beach OPs from Pocol to the Talisayan River. 17-2 remained at Albuera blocking approaches from the mountains via the Talisayan River Valley. 17-3, less Co L, displaced to 20.8-26.4 in protection of the Div left flank. Co L maintained its road block at Siguinon, preventing enemy approach from the north via the MSR. Patrols made no enemy contacts.

17-1 continued in defense of the Baybay area.

The 184th Inf was under operational control of the 77th Inf Div, with the regtl CP at 11.4-31.9. Lines of 184-1 extended from 12.3-30.5 to 12.6-31.0 to 12.3-31.8 to 184-3 positions. Lines of 184-3 extended from 12.2-31.8 to 12.0-32.0 to 11.7-32.6 to 10.7-32.7 to 184-1 positions. Patrols to the east from 184-3 made no contact. 184-2 in the Ipil area was in contact with small enemy groups, of whom 12 were killed and 5 taken prisoner.

Light showers fell during the night but weather by day was clear and bright.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #56.

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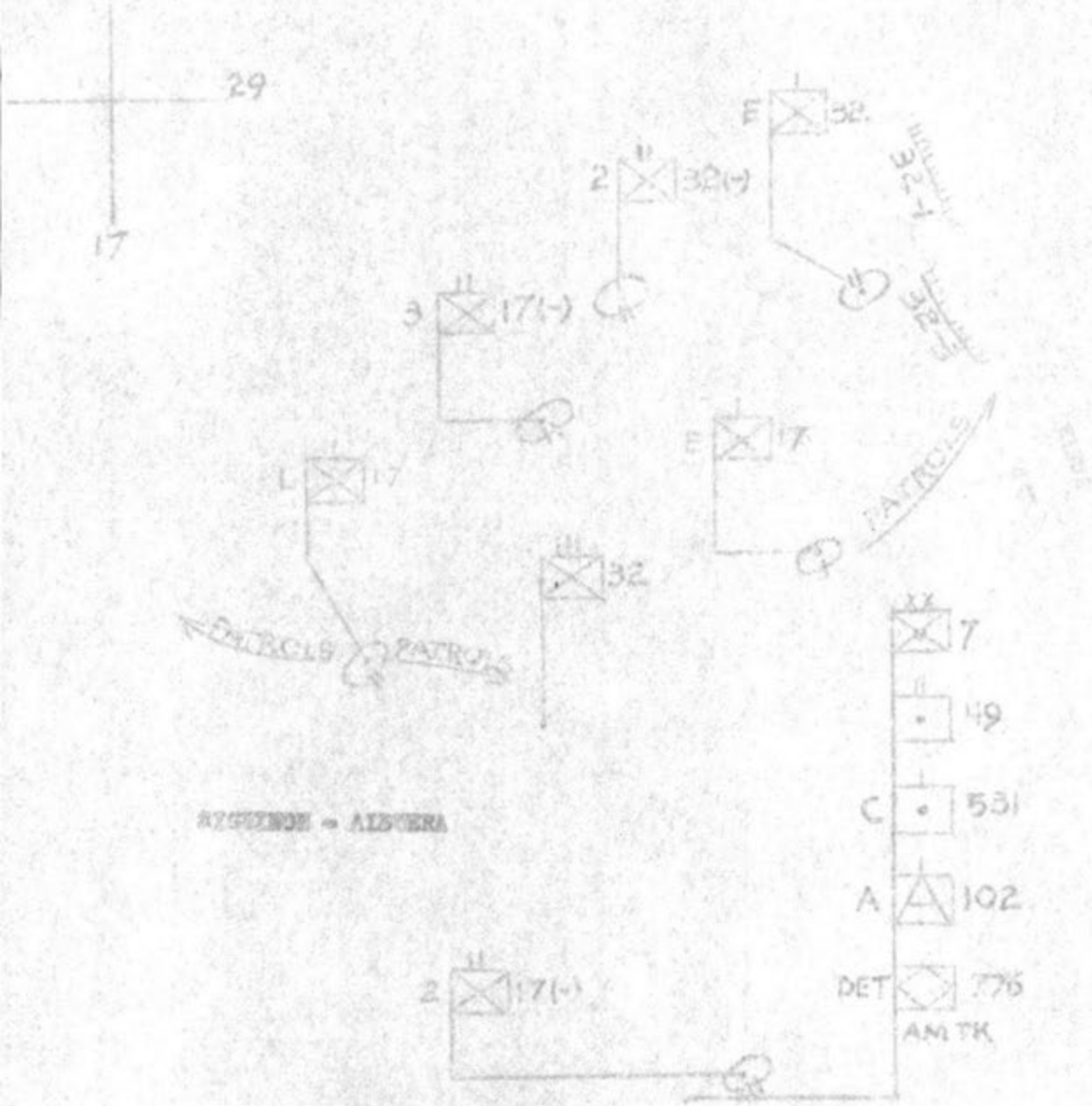

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NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #58 - A / 55 DAY - 14 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/80,000



A / 56 DAY - 15 DECEMBER 1944

The 77th Inf Div continued to drive northward from Ormoc on Hwy 2 meeting moderate to strong resistance.

The 511th Inf, 11th Airborne Div, remained in the area between Mohonag and Anas, cleaning out resistance at its front and rear. As of 1800 Co G was bivouacked with 32-2.

The 32nd Inf attacked east at 0700. 32-1 and 32-3, from positions held the previous night drove along separate but mutually supporting ridges, with 32-1 on the left (north) and 32-3 on the right (south). In contrast to previous operations against these rugged ridges, resistance during the day was relatively light and by 1100 both objectives had been seized. The battalions immediately reorganized and continued east into a bowl-like terrain feature, where by 1530 the remaining scattered hostile forces had been destroyed. Just prior to the renewed attack a reinforced company of 32-3 detached and moved east to join forces with Co G, 511th Inf. Following mop up operations 32-1 withdrew to a perimeter defense at 21.0-27.0 on the left of 32-2. 32-3 remained on position and established a perimeter defense for the night.

32-2 held its position of the previous day and conducted active patrolling.

17-1 continued its security mission in the Baybay area.

17-2 continued coastal defense and maintained security of rear areas by extensive patrolling.

17-3, less Co L, patrolled north and northeast from front line positions at approx 20.8-26.4. In the early afternoon, on orders of CG 77th Inf Div, this battalion, less Co L, displaced to Ipil where it arrived at 1600. Co L was attached to 32-1 and maintained its road block at Siguinon.

The 184th Inf remained under operational control of the 77th Inf Div in the Ormoc area. Light contact resulted in 19 enemy killed by 1300. During the early afternoon 184-2 moved to Ormoc and assumed defense of the northern sector. Lines extended as follows: 184-1 from 11.9-31.6 to 11.6-32.4 to 10.9-32.6; 184-2 from 10.9-32.6 to 09.0-33.0; 184-3 from 12.0-30.4 to 11.6-32.4 to 10.9-32.6.

The 306th FA Bn reverted to control of the 77th Inf Div and completed displacement from Ipil.

Btry C, 531st FA Bn, shifted positions locally and completed adjustment on the eastern pier of Ponson Island and on the southern tip of Calunangan Pt.

Btry B, 287th FA Observation Bn, reverted to 77th Inf Div control and completed displacement from Ipil.

One platoon of Co D, 767th Tank Bn, was relieved from attachment to the 184th Inf, attached to the Prov Amph Co, and took up positions for beach defense near Albuera.

The 91st Cml Wpns Co was released from Div Arty control. The 2nd and 3rd platoons displaced to Ipil and were attached to 17-3. The 1st platoon was attached to 17-2.

Weather continued clear by day with visibility excellent.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #57.

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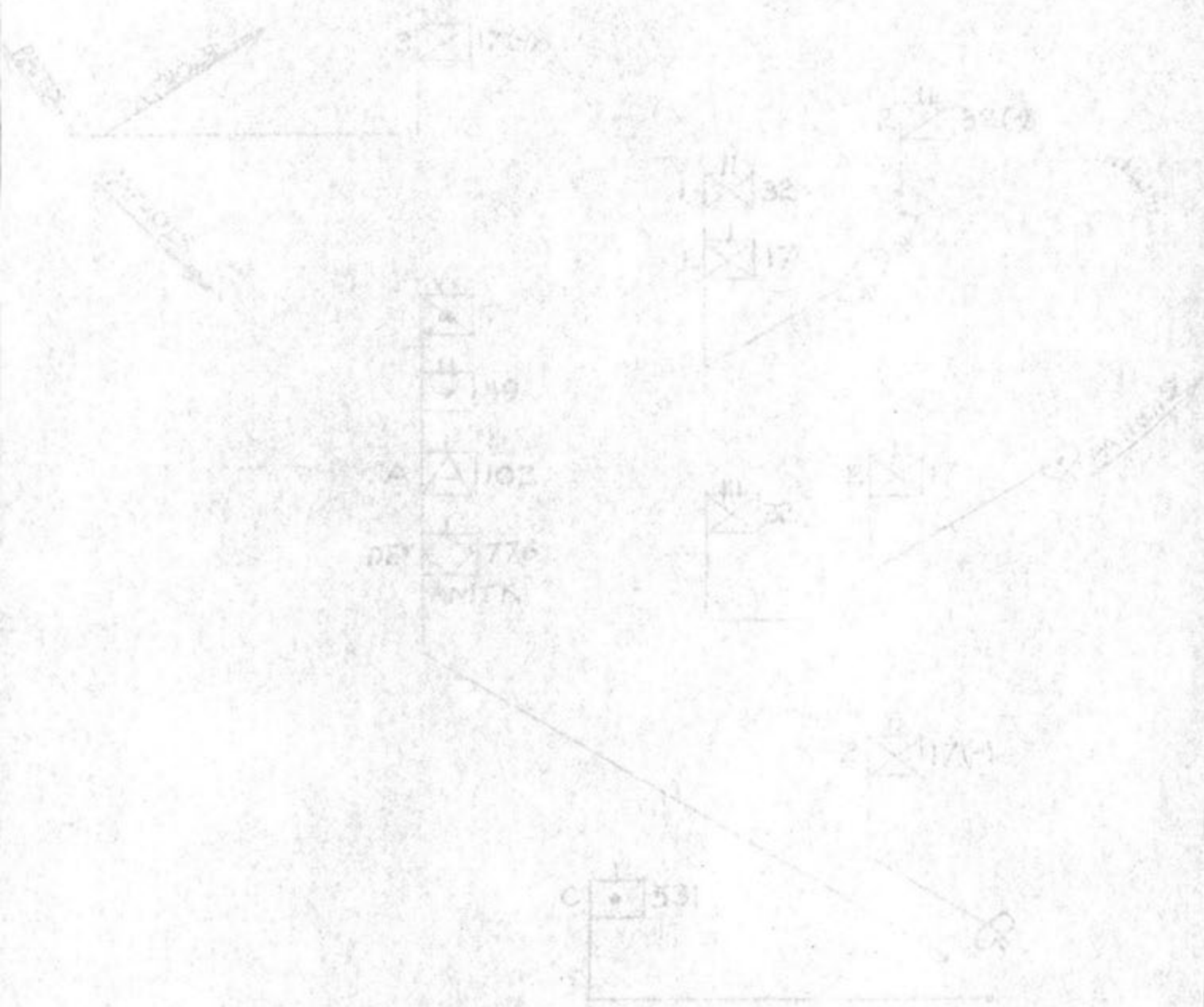

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #67 - A # 54 DAY - 15 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 57 DAY - 16 DECEMBER 1944

The 32nd Inf continued its mission of destroying enemy on the right, (east) flank of the Division, and sent patrols in search of disorganized groups roaming the rugged terrain to the north and northeast.

32-1, less Co A, held the northern front line vicinity 20.0-26.1. Co A occupied high ground on the north side of the Talisayan River at 23.50-27.90. From this position patrols operated north and northeast.

32-2, less Co G, and plus Co I, crossed the Talisayan River and moved east in a drive to destroy enemy in the Capatgan area and to contact the 511th Inf. Rapid movement was prohibited by terrain conditions and the battalion dug in for the night at 24.5-26.0. Co G, relieved of its defensive mission in the vicinity of Caridad by elements of 17-1, displaced north to join the parent unit.

32-2, less Co I and plus Co G, 511th Inf, moved to occupy front line positions on the right of 32-1. One platoon of Co L held commanding ground north of the Talisayan River at 24.6-27.9.

17-1 remained in defense of the Baybay area. Co A, less one platoon, assumed defense of supply installations at Caridad. The 1st Plat, Co A, defended the 32nd Field Hospital. Disposed along the coast from Baybay to Pocol, this battalion coordinated all beach observation posts within the sector.

17-2 held positions in coastal defense and maintained rear area security.

17-3, less Co L, plus two platoons 91st Cml Wpns Co, remained at Ipil under operational control of the 77th Inf Div. Co L continued its mission at Siguinon.

The 184th Inf, under operational control of the 77th Inf Div, remained in defense of Ormoc supported by the 57th FA Bn and the 88th Cml Wpns Co. For the period, 184-1 and 184-2 experienced no activity. 184-3 received LMG and heavy mortar fire during the night from which one man was killed and three wounded. Counter-mortar fire, 60mm, silenced enemy fires.

The 49th FA Bn, in addition to its mission of general support, assumed direct support of 17-2.

The 57th FA Bn displaced to Ipil and was relieved of all previous missions. It was assigned direct support of the 184th Inf.

Btry B, 102nd AAA (AW) Bn displaced one platoon to positions previously occupied by Btry C, 469th AAA (AW) Bn. The latter commenced displacement to the east coast, there to revert to parent unit.

Light to medium showers fell throughout the period and overcast skies limited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #58.

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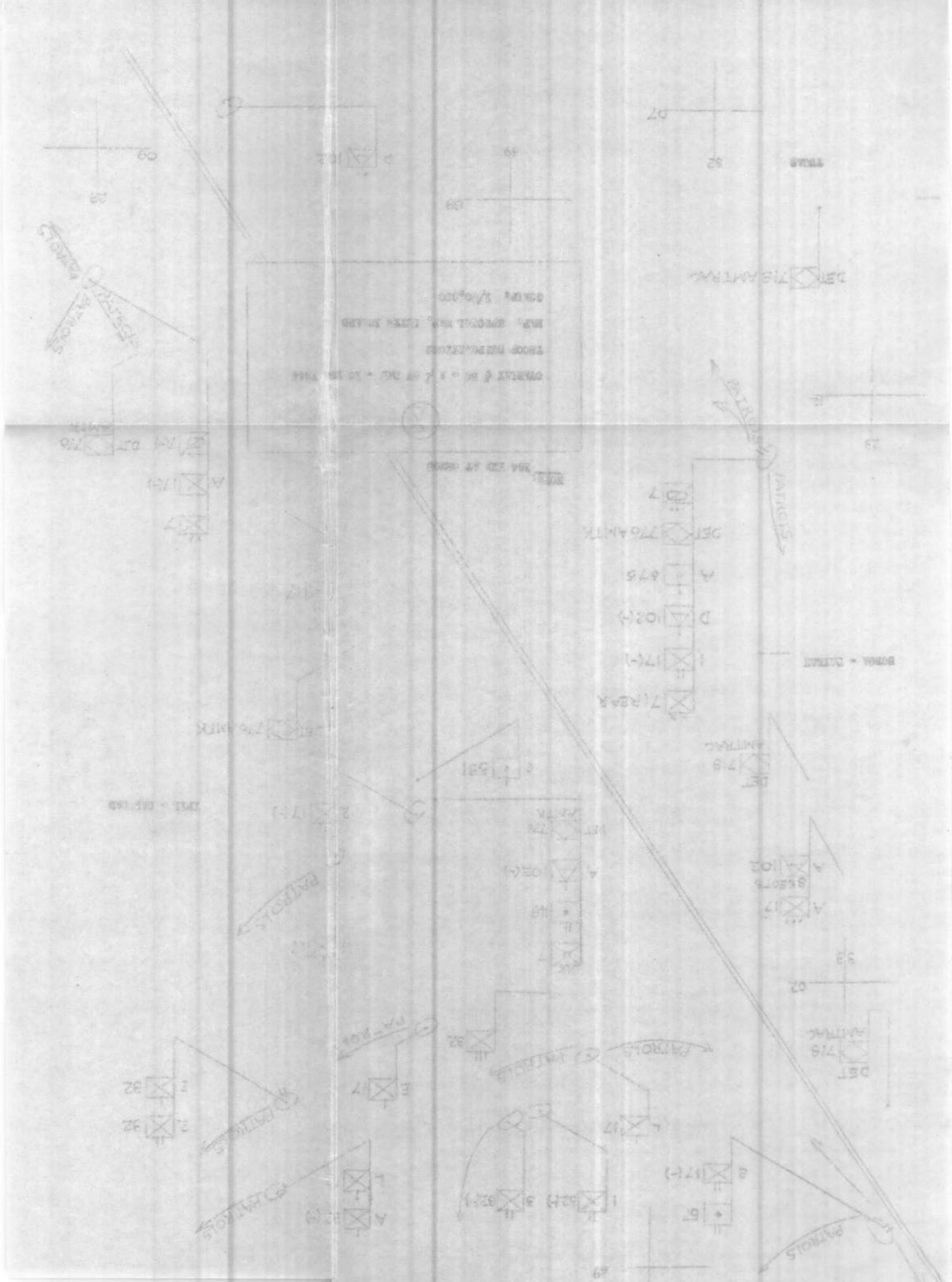

A / 58 DAY - 17 DECEMBER 1944

The 17th Inf carried out extensive patrolling and held positions securing the west coast of Leyte from Baybay to Ipil. Co E, disposed 1500 yds east of the beach on the Talisayan River blocked approaches from the east. There was no change in battalion dispositions. Co G, investigating a reported enemy pocket in Sibugay Valley found only scattered individual Japs. The regiment pushed four patrols east and north, covering the Talisayan, Sibugay and Calingatngan River valleys as well as Hill 606. Only one Jap and one antipersonnel mine were found and destroyed.

32-1, less Co A reinforced, less one platoon, held positions from 19.8-26.2 to 20.2-26.4, patrolling extensively to the north and east of its position. Co A, reinforced, less one platoon, moved to join a platoon of Co L. This force had the mission of holding high ground north of the Talisayan River to support and cover the advance of 32-2.

32-2 at 0800, resumed the attack after an artillery preparation and by 0930 had secured a high ridge several hundred yards to its front. During this action 50 Japs were killed. In continuation of the attack the battalion ran into almost impassable terrain, high, heavily wooded ridges, separated by gorges several hundred feet deep. The enemy in small groups, well hidden by dense foliage, occupied commanding positions on the ridges overlooking the gorges and with rifle and machine gun fire forced our troops to use the most difficult avenues of approach. At 1800 32-2 dug in, fixing and containing the enemy in this area.

32-3, less one platoon of Co A, plus Co G, 511th Inf, held positions on the right of 32-1 and conducted extensive patrolling to locate hostile forces to the northeast, east, and south. One platoon of Co L remained in position at 24.5-26.0. I Co was released by 32-2 and rejoined 32-3.

The 184th Inf, under operational control of the 77th Inf Div remained in defense of the Ormoc area.

One patrol of the 7th Ron Tr moved to Sogod without enemy contact. A second patrol went 500 yds up the Boad River where it encountered 12 Japs and one coconut log pillbox with a machine gun. Grenades were thrown into the pillbox killing at least two Japs. Natives stated that there were many Japs on both sides of the river two kilometers up stream.

Light to moderate showers fell during the night and morning. During the afternoon weather cleared and visibility improved.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #59.

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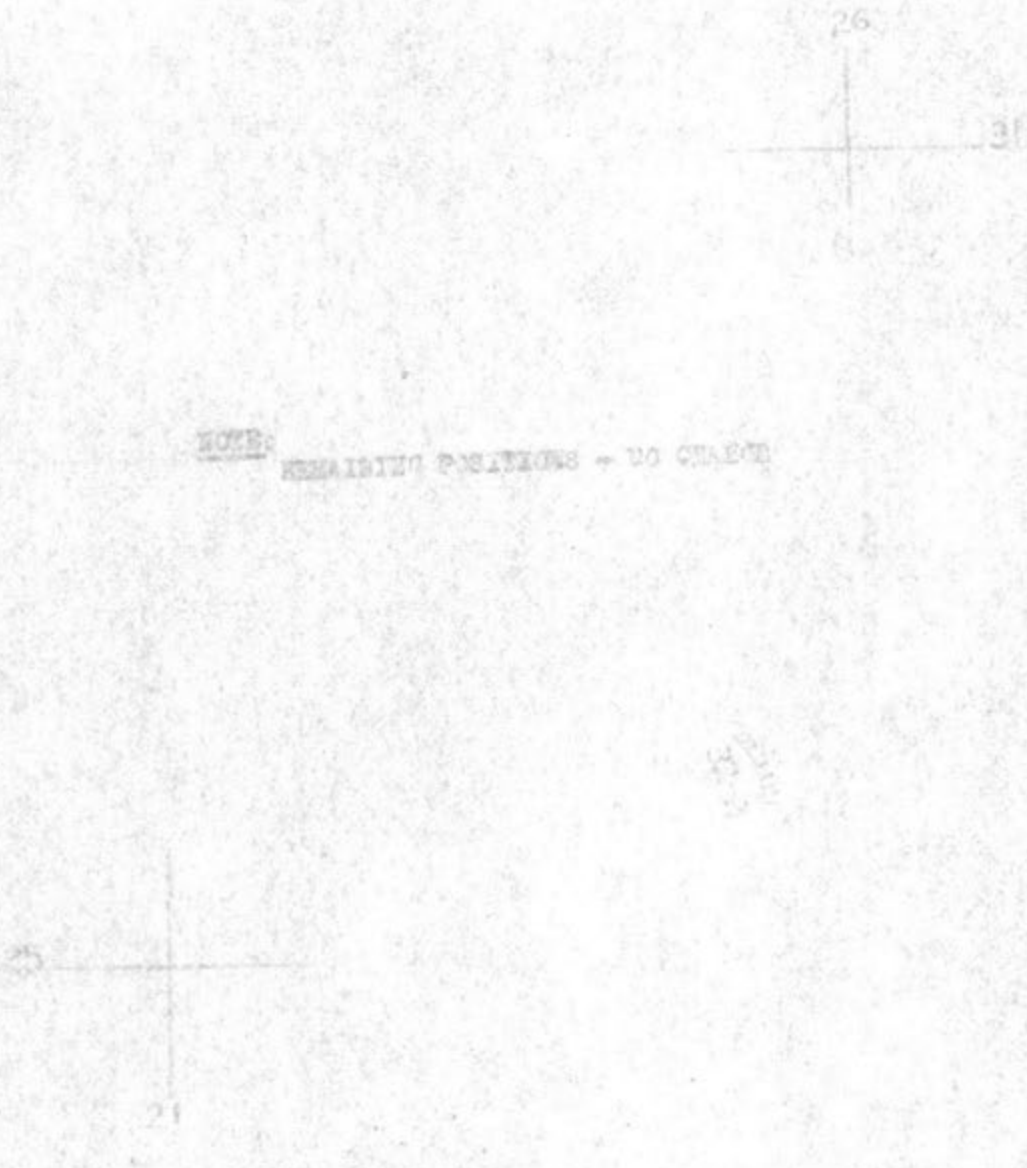
NOTE: REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE



OVERLAY # 59 - A # 58 DAY - 17 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 59 DAY - 18 DECEMBER 1944

During A / 59 the 77th Inf Div secured Valencia and the adjacent airfield.

The 511th Inf, 11th Airborne Div, remained in approx the same position, its attack to the west meeting determined resistance. Co G, 511th Inf was in the vicinity of Albuera bivouacked with 17-2.

The 184th Inf remained in perimeter defense of the Linao - Ormoc - Camp Downes area under operational control of the 77th Inf Div. Strong combat patrols operated 1500 to 2000 yds to the front of each battalion. At 1150 184-1 encountered 150 to 200 Japs 1700 yds northeast of their battalion lines. This force was engaged with considerable loss to the enemy who disengaged and withdrew. 184-3 flushed five Japs 500 yds northeast of their battalion lines killing one.

The 32nd Inf, less 32-2, sent reconnaissance patrols north, northeast and northwest with the mission of locating enemy forces and finding suitable routes of advance for the attack north. By 1200 these patrols had reached the Panilahan River. At 1300 32-1 on the left and 32-3 on the right jumped off in the attack. The line was anchored on Hwy 2 on the left and extended east for a distance of 3000 yds. These battalions were assigned the mission of destroying all hostile forces in their zone of action as far north as the line Ormoc - Patog. By 1430 Cos B and K had reached the Panilahan River and a crossing was effected shortly thereafter. Proceeding against very light resistance the remainder of the force joined the leading elements and by dusk all were in perimeter defense 400 yds north of the river.

32-2 from positions held the previous night resumed the drive on Capatgan and Anas. This attack continued to be hindered by the extremely rugged terrain which gave very limited approach to the enemy, dug in among caves and boulders in commanding positions. By 1430 only 150 yds had been gained. At that time a twelve minute artillery concentration was placed on the enemy position while patrols from both flank companies worked adjacent ridges in search of covered routes of approach. Co G swung south and then 1000 yds east in a wide envelopment but precipitous gorges prevented engagement and the company was forced to rejoin the battalion in night perimeter.

The 17th Inf, less 17-3, disposed from Baybay to Albuera, inclusive, continued its mission of protecting the MSR and Div left flank. 17-1, with no change in dispositions, assumed the responsibility for MSR protection from Baybay to Caridad. 17-2, in addition to protection of the MSR from Caridad to Albuera, assumed responsibility for the installation of strong points in the vicinity of the Talisayan River to prevent debouchement of the enemy from the east.

17-3, less Co L, with two platoons of chemical mortars attached, remained at Ipil under operational control of the 77th Inf Div. Patrolling was pushed east and northeast.

Co L, 17th Inf, remained at Siguinon with no change of mission or situation.

One platoon of the Prov Amph Co displaced to the vicinity of Caridad in defense of supplies.

7th Inf Div FO #25 was published this date.

Weather was clear with occasional very light showers and good visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #60.

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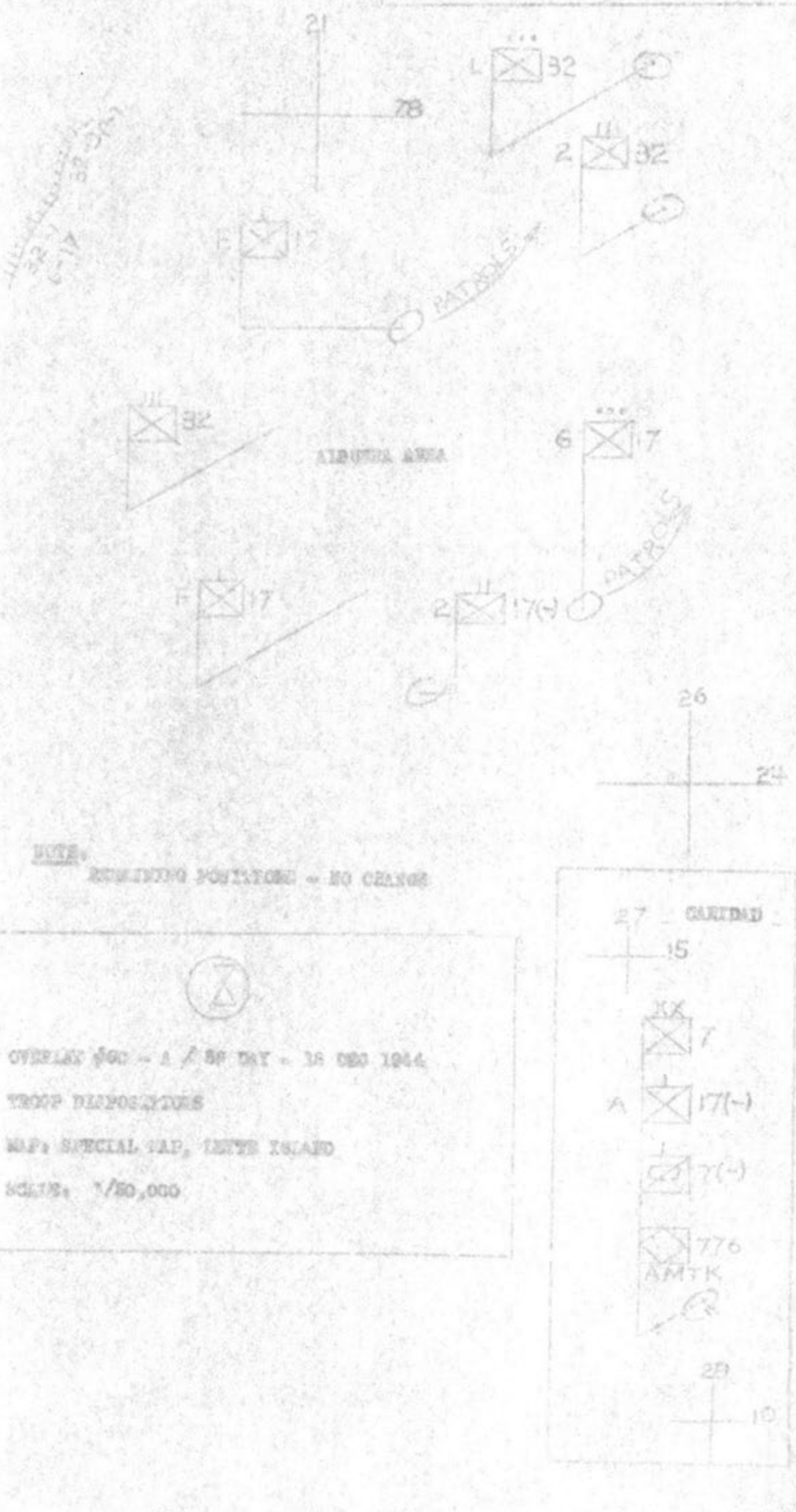

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REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #GO - A / BF DAY - 16 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

32-1 and 32-3, on the left and right respectively, jumped off at 0800 following dawn patrols, and pushed the attack north. In this drive, reconnaissance patrols preceded the main body and immediately registered artillery on several groups of from 20 to 30 Japs before the patrol's presence was discovered. Two or three hostile groups were annihilated and the remainder suffered severe casualties. By 1000 32-1 had encountered moderate resistance consisting of rifle and machine gun fire. 32-3 met lighter resistance on the right. As the attack rolled forward, broken remnants of the opposing force attempted to escape northeast and to cut off these withdrawing enemy Co I was disposed about 1500 yds east and north of 32-3's right flank. At 1800 front lines extended from 16.5-28.5 to 17.5-29.5.

At 0800 32-2 attacked an enemy force estimated at 100, occupying a commanding peak to the east of its position. All approaches to this peak were up steep, rugged, slopes and across areas of open rock face. In addition to small arms and machine gun fire, field artillery and cannon company were adjusted on the enemy position with the number of resulting casualties unknown. Reconnaissance continued to be pushed in an effort to locate a bypass.

The 17th Inf, less 17-3 plus Co G 511th Inf, continued active patrolling to the northeast, east and southeast. Security of the MSR was maintained and the coastline from Baybay to Ipil was defended.

17-3 remained under operational control of the 77th Inf Div in defense of positions near Ipil.

The 184th Inf remained under operational control of the 77th Inf Div disposed in defense of the Linao - Ormoc - Camp Downes area.

All elements of Btry C, 469th AAA (AW) Bn displaced to the east coast and two guns of the 102nd AAA (AW) Bn replaced them. Hq, 102nd AAA (AW) Bn opened at Lagolago at 1200.

The 7th Rcn Tr patrolled to a point ten miles south of Maasin, making no enemy contact.

Weather during the period was fair and warm with occasional very light showers.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #61.

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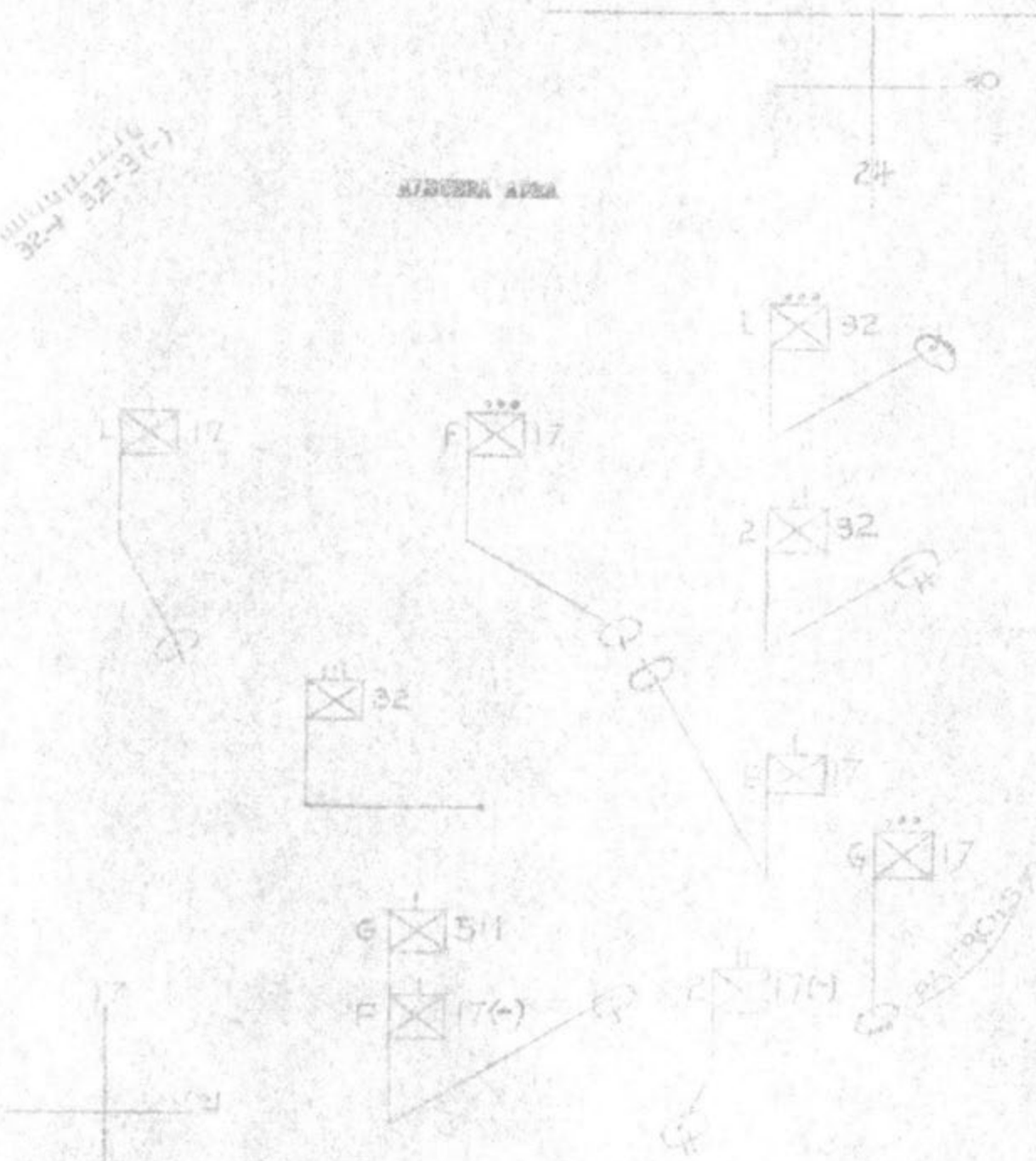

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REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #61 - [illegible] DFT - 19 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 61 DAY - 20 DECEMBER 1944

The Division continued to drive north and maintained pressure on enemy in the vicinity of Capatgan. Active patrolling was pushed west, north and east and in the rear areas.

At approx 0430 32-3 repelled a small banzai attack killing 50 of the enemy. This was believed to be almost the entire attacking force.

32-1 and 32-3, on the left and right respectively, jumped off at 0830, following dawn patrols. Assault on the primary objective, a cane field in which strong enemy forces with supporting weapons were entrenched and concealed, was preceded by a bombing and strafing attack by twelve P-40s and was supported by light tanks. Effect of the air strike was good, disrupting enemy positions, causing an undetermined number of casualties and destroying at least five 40mm guns. By 1100 the troops had advanced 500 yds. Stiff resistance continued throughout the day. By 1800 100 enemy dead had been counted and lines extended as shown on attached overlay.

32-2 held its position, taking the enemy forces under fire and containing them, while pushing patrols 200 to 300 yds southeast. Late in the afternoon marking smokes of the 511th Inf were observed east of 32-2 lines.

The 17th Inf, plus Co G, 511th Inf, patrolled actively to the northeast, east, and southeast and in the rear areas. Security of the MSR was maintained and the coast defended from Baybay to Ipil. 17-3, in defense of Ipil, established patrol contact with 32-3 on the right flank. This battalion reverted to regtl control.

The 184th Inf also reverted to Division control. Vigorous patrolling was conducted to the west, north and east and defense of the Linao - Ormoc - Camp Downes area was strengthened and consolidated.

The 49th FA Bn, less Btry A, moved to Ormoc while Btry A remained at Albuera in support of 32-2 and 17-2. This battalion was relieved of direct support of 32-1 and 32-3 and placed in general support.

Weather was fair and warm throughout the period with visibility excellent.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #62.

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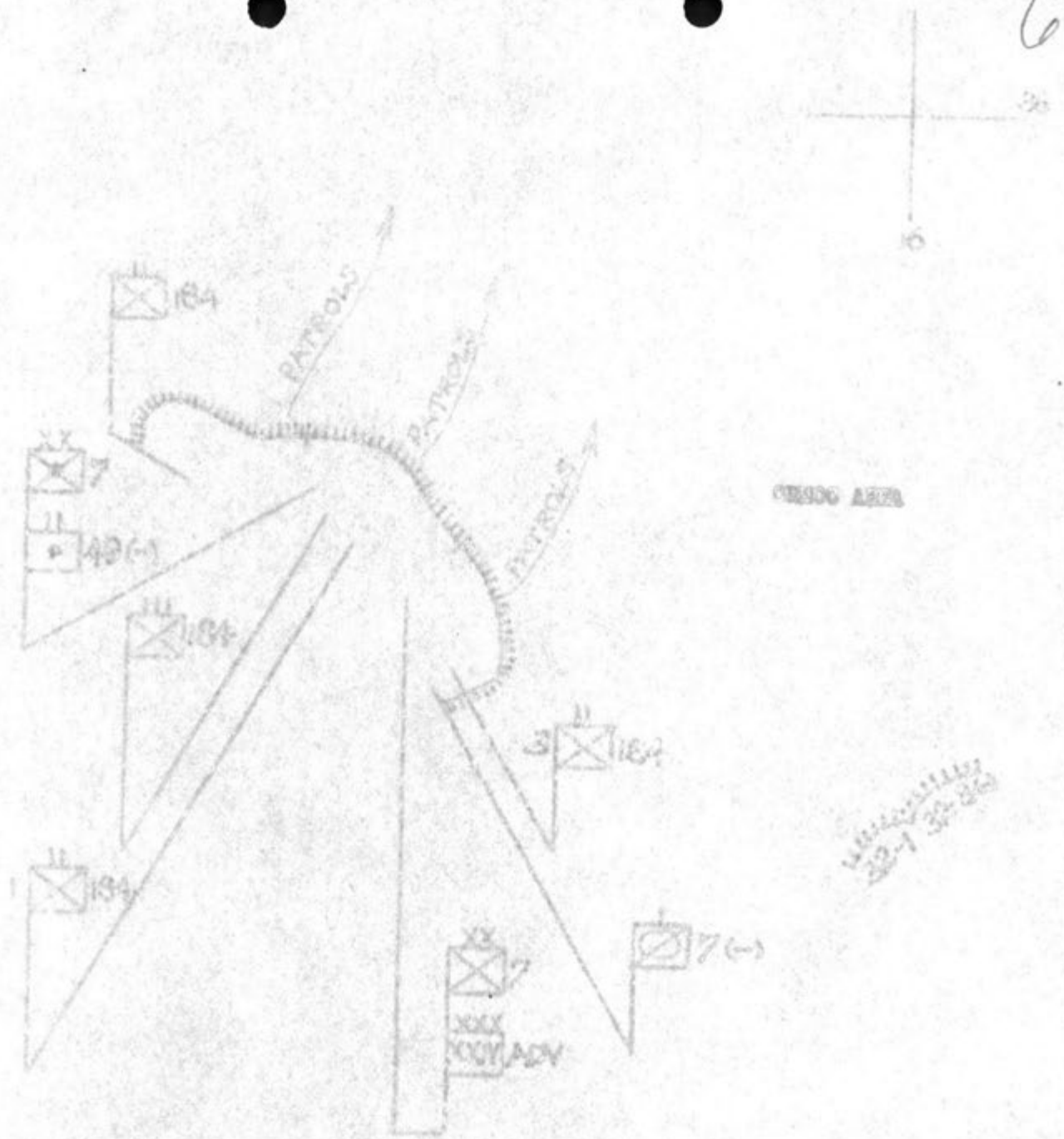

NOTE:
A BTRY, 49 FA BN AT ALBUERA
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE



OVERLAY #62 - A / 61 DAY - 20 DEC 194-

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 62 DAY - 21 DECEMBER 1944

Junction between the 1st Cav Div and the 77th Inf Div was effected at 1730 in the vicinity of Cananga.

The 17th Inf continued missions previously assigned with no change in dispositions. Active patrolling was continued throughout the rear areas.

The 184th Inf continued to hold and defend the Linao - Ormoc - Camp Downes sector with no change in perimeter dispositions. The enemy was active throughout the night. Nine of our booby traps were set off between 1900 and 0200. Several of the enemy were killed and four who succeeded in getting through the lines were later exterminated by anti-termite patrols. A reinforced company with artillery forward observer made a reconnaissance in force to Dolores in the course of which at least seven Japs were killed, a force of at least 50 driven from the town and a large quantity of enemy ammunition destroyed.

At 0800 32-1 and 32-3 attacked on an azimuth of 305 degrees with 32-1 echeloned to the right rear of 32-3. A pocket of 40 enemy were wiped out immediately following the jump off, and shortly thereafter six 75mm guns were captured. The advance continued rapidly against light resistance gaining the regimental objective, the Ormoc - Patag line, by 1046. A new objective, the Ormoc - Canale trail, was now assigned and at 1230 the attack was resumed on an azimuth of 340 degrees. Resistance did not increase and by 1530 the new objective had been gained. By 1800 both battalions were securely tied in for the night in adjacent perimeters.

32-2 continued to hold the high ground south of the Talisayan River. An attack with one reinforced company gained the high ground to the front at 24.3-26.2 but well coordinated enemy fire from connecting positions in heavy undergrowth was of such intensity that the company was forced to assume new positions, allowing additional artillery fire to be placed on the enemy. No physical contact was made with the 511th Inf but radio contact was maintained throughout.

The 48th FA Bn was relieved of attachment to the 11th Airborne Division and began a move to the west coast.

Btry C, 225th FA Bn (155mm How, 419th Gp, Corps Arty) occupied positions in Ormoc with the mission of reinforcing fires of the 7th Div Arty.

The 233rd Engr Bn, operationally attached for defense of Ormoc maintained guards on bridges between Ormoc and Ipil. At approx 2100 a patrol of 8 enemy attacked a bridge 800 yds south of Ormoc, killing one guard and injuring three. The attacking patrol was driven off leaving one of its number dead. No damage was done to the bridge.

7th Inf Div FO #26 was published this date.

Weather during the period continued clear and dry.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #63.

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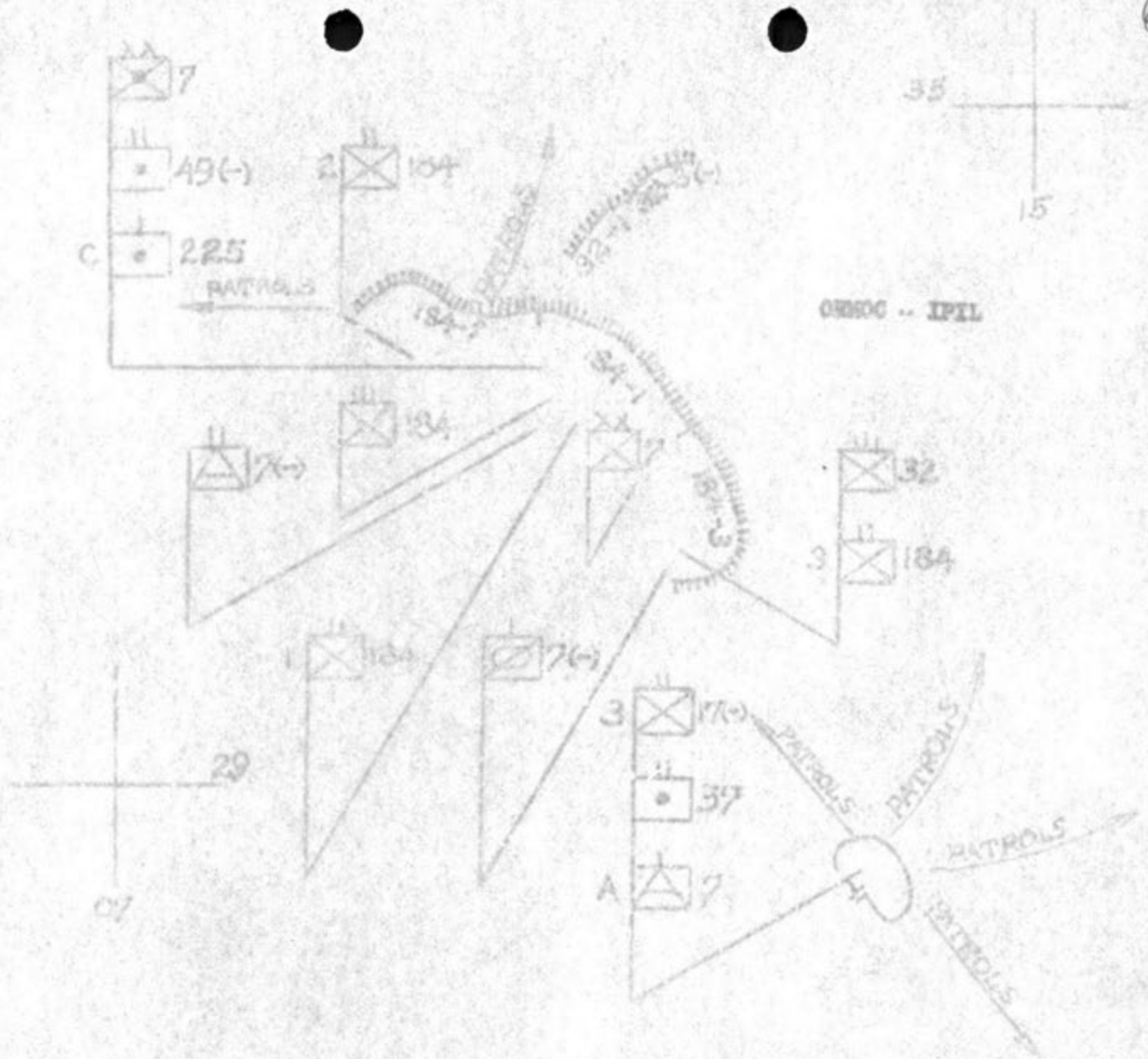

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #68 - A / 62 INF - 21 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 63 DAY - 22 DECEMBER 1944

On A / 63 elements of the 187th Inf, 11th Airborne Div, passed through the lines of the 511th Inf and contacted 32-2.

The 32nd Inf, following a night of enemy infiltration activity on its right flank, assumed responsibility for the Linao - Ormoc - Camp Downes area.

32-3, on the east flank, was harassed by small but active groups of enemy throughout the night. In the morning a reinforced company with a platoon of light tanks combed the heavily overgrown area from which enemy fire had been received and eliminated all termite activity. Initially displacing one company to the area defended by 184-2, the battalion relief was completed by noon and 32-3 assumed responsibility for protection of the Ormoc west flank.

32-1, from positions held the previous night, displaced one company to the north of Ormoc initiating relief of 184-1. By noon relief of the battalion had been completed and 32-1 assumed responsibility for defense of the Ormoc center.

32-2, driving forward from positions previously held, seized the commanding ground to its front concluding a vicious engagement. The ridge was honeycombed with deep caves on the reverse slope into which the enemy had withdrawn while under artillery fire. Hostile forces held out bitterly, even the seriously wounded taking part in the last stand. When finally the area was occupied over 100 enemy dead were counted in a small area.

Shortly after this seizure of ground was effected, elements of the 187th Paraglider Inf, 11th Airborne Div, contacted 32-2 and by evening a complete battalion of this regt had crossed the ridge and was in bivouac with 17-2 near Albuera.

The 184th Inf, less 184-3, attacked north at 0800 on a frontage of 3000 yds extending east from Hwy 2. This regiment was assigned the mission of driving on Valencia and destroying all enemy forces encountered in the sweep.

184-1, on the right, advanced 1400 yds without opposition and was then held up by six machine guns on the right flank. An artillery concentration reduced this opposition and at 0925 the advance was resumed. Moving forward slowly with the two leading companies forced to beat heavy underbrush, the advance was again halted by intense machine gun fire from both flanks. A platoon of light tanks under regtl control was committed against this opposition and the way was again cleared for the advance. By 1800 the battalion had closed in perimeter defense with a front of approx 500 yds extending east from 11.7-35.3.

184-2, less G Co in regtl reserve, attacked north at 0800 on a frontage of 1500 yds. The battalion left was anchored on Hwy 2. The advance was opposed by only a few enemy riflemen and by 1445 the line extended from 11.5-35.4 west to the highway. Here the battalion was halted to await the arrival of 184-1 on line. By 1800 a night perimeter defense had been established.

184-3, attached to the 32nd Inf as of 0800, continued in defense of the Ormoc right flank.

The 17th Inf, with no change in mission or dispositions continued active patrolling throughout its zone of action.

Weather continued clear, dry, and warm, with visibility excellent.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #64.

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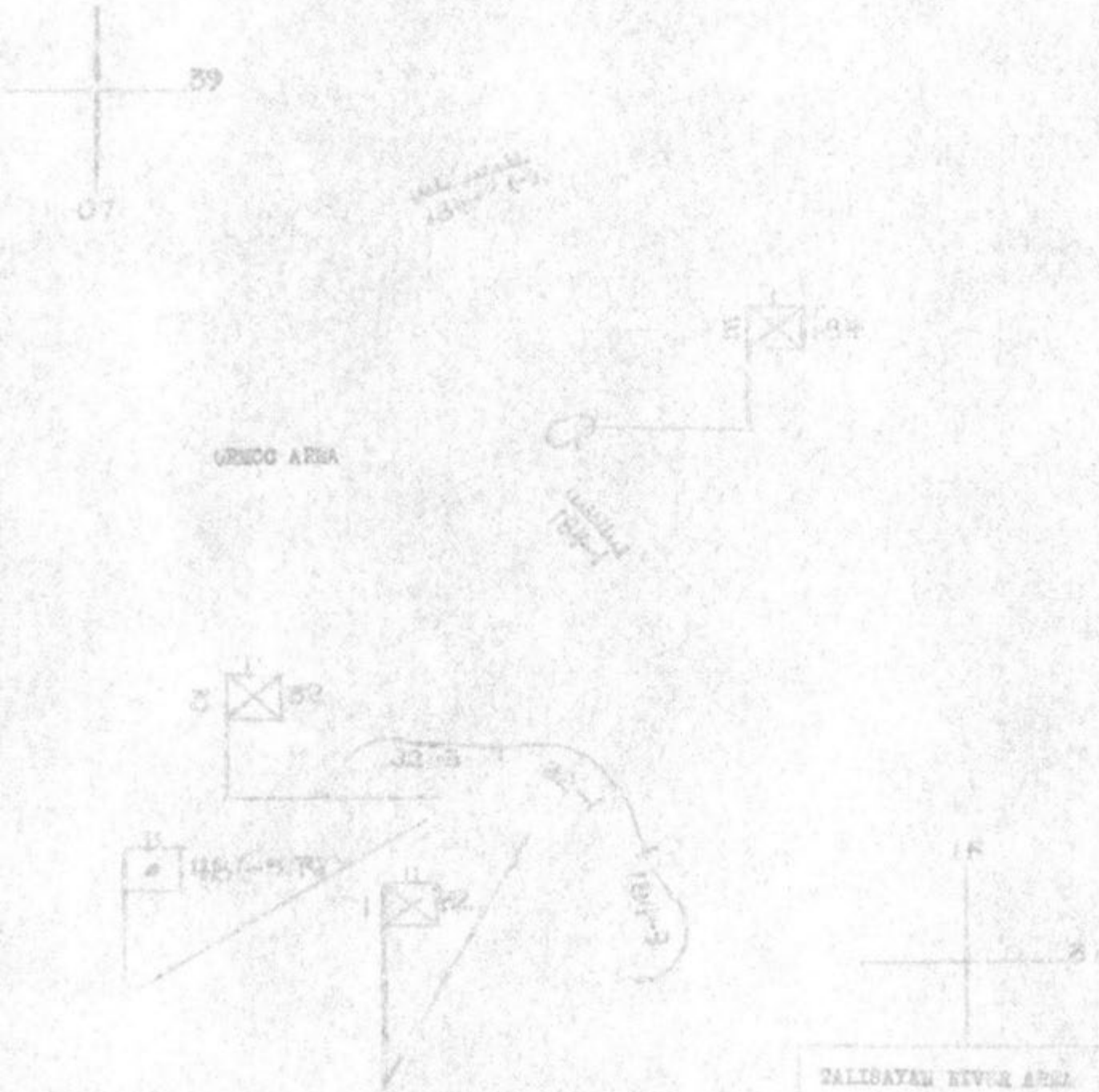

OVERLAY #64 A / 08 DAY - 22 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 64 DAY - 23 DECEMBER 1944

The 511th Inf, 11th Airborne Div continued to hold positions in the mountains south and southwest of Mahonag. The 2nd Bn, 187th Inf, removed casualties from the 3rd Bn, 511th Inf, to the west coast.

The 77th Inf Div pushed 305-2 and 305-3 west astride the Valencia - Palompon Rd and by 1800 had reached a point 500 yds west of Matagob. 305-1 assembled at Ormoc for an amphibious landing near Palompon. The 306th Inf guarded the RJ at 06.0-51.0, the Tagbong River and the Pagsangahan River. The 307th Inf guarded Valencia Airstrip and the vicinity.

The 184th Inf, less 184-3, resumed the attack at 0800 following a quiet night. Positions favored the advance of 184-2 on the left, since 184-1 was forced to maneuver over more rugged terrain. The advance of 184-1, initially north northeast, was unopposed until 1100 by which time 1200 yds had been gained. Machine gun and rifle fire from native shacks on the right flank now caused a slight delay but, after eliminating this hostile group, the battalion continued north, coming on line with 184-2 by 1500. The joint attack was now resumed. By 1800 184-2 had advanced approx 800 yds and 184-1 had gained over 3000 yds.

The 32nd Inf, less 32-2 plus 184-3 attached, continued defense of the Linao - Ormoc - Camp Downes perimeter. Limited enemy activity concentrated to the front of 32-3 with minor infiltrations being effected. Active patrolling was conducted to the north, northeast and northwest.

32-2 moved from the mountains to near the junction of the Talisayan River and Hwy 2 in preparation for a further move to Camp Downes.

The 17th Inf, with no change of mission or dispositions, patrolled the rear and mountain areas to the east.

Weather during the period continued clear, dry, and warm with excellent visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #65.

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MAP: SPECIAL MAP, [illegible]

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 65 DAY - 24 DECEMBER 1944

305-2 and 305-3 continued a drive southwest down the Palompon Rd against light resistance. By 1800 they had advanced to 93.4-45.9. Shortly after dark 305-1 sailed on its amphibious move against Palompon.

The 184th Inf, less 184-3, continued its attack north at 0830, with 184-2 on the left and 184-1 on the right. The left flank continued to be anchored on Hwy 2 and the front extended 3500 yds northeast. The advance was pushed against light to moderate resistance and by 1800 both battalions had gained approx 4500 yds, reaching the Div objective. In the course of this advance 60 of the enemy were killed. 184-3 was released from operational control of the 32nd Inf and reverted to regtl control at 1200. The battalion moved north and by 1800 was on line with 184-2 and 184-1 astride Hwy 2 in the vicinity of Valencia. While moving north 184-3 killed ten Japs. A patrol of one platoon, reinforced, pushed to Dolores, killing one Jap and destroying a large amount of enemy ammunition.

The 32nd Inf continued in defense of the Linao - Ormoc - Camp Downes area. 32-2 moved from the vicinity of the Talisayan River to Camp Downes and relieved 184-3 of defensive missions in the Ormoc perimeter. Patrolling was pushed actively to the north, northwest and east. During the night 32-1 killed three Jap infiltrators.

The 17th Inf remained in defense of the MSR and west coast from Baybay to Ipil. One platoon of 17-2 moved by amtrac and amtank to the west shore of Ormoc Bay. A landing was made 2½ miles south of Puerto Bello and a patrol pushed inland in an effort to locate the enemy. The platoon patrolled south as far as Mereda and returned to the parent unit without enemy contact. Additional patrols operated to the northeast, east and south.

Btry A, 49th FA Bn, displaced from the vicinity of Albuera and joined the parent unit at Ormoc, occupying positions in that town.

Weather continued warm and dry with visibility excellent.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #66.

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A / 66 DAY - 25 DECEMBER 1944

305-1 made an amphibious assault landing against very light resistance at Palompon and by 1800 had seized the town and was in perimeter defense of the area. 305-2 and 305-3 pushed southwest against strong resistance, reaching 92.1-45.7.

Extensive patrolling was conducted throughout the Division zone of responsibility. A total of 27 patrols, reconnaissance and combat, with artillery forward observers attached operated in all sectors. In the course of this patrolling 80 enemy were killed and eight POWs taken.

Division Artillery, with no change in dispositions, delivered effective fires in support of distance patrols.

Weather during the period remained excellent.

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A / 67 DAY - 26 DECEMBER 1944

After 66 consecutive days of combat, during which the 7th Inf Div had driven from Dulag to Burauen, Burauen to Dagami, Thence south to Abuyog, west to Baybay, and north to the final objective line at Valencia, major organized enemy resistance ceased and Leyte Island was declared secure. The operation now entered its mopping up phase. On the morning of A / 67, Division elements were disposed as indicated on Overlay #66.

During A / 67, the 17th Infantry continued its primary mission of defending the MSR and maintaining security of Divisional rear areas. Vigorous patrolling was conducted throughout its zone of responsibility.

The 32nd Infantry continued to improve the perimeter defense of Ormoc, with additional work on heavy weapons emplacements and the installation and improvement of barb-wire entanglements, supplemented with booby traps, and antipersonnel mines. Patrolling was pushed actively by all battalions.

Within the 184th Infantry, two major changes of disposition were accomplished. The first battalion displaced to the vicinity of Dolores and the third battalion to the vicinity of Seong. At these points, battalion patrol bases were established. The second battalion established its CP at Cabulihan. Throughout the day, both combat and reconnaissance patrols were active.

The 49th FA Bn was relieved of direct support of 184-3 and assigned to direct support of 184-1 and 184-2. Btry C, 48th FA Bn, assumed direct support of 184-3. Btry C, 531st FA Bn, 155mm gun, delivered harassing fire on Ponson Island and the southern tip of Leyte Peninsula. Btry B, 502nd AAA Bn, 90mm, displaced to the vicinity of Panalian Pt, and was tied in by survey with Div Arty.

Weather throughout the period was very warm, clear, and dry, with visibility excellent.

A total of 83 Japanese were killed during the day.

For dispositions of troops as of 2400, see Overlay #67.

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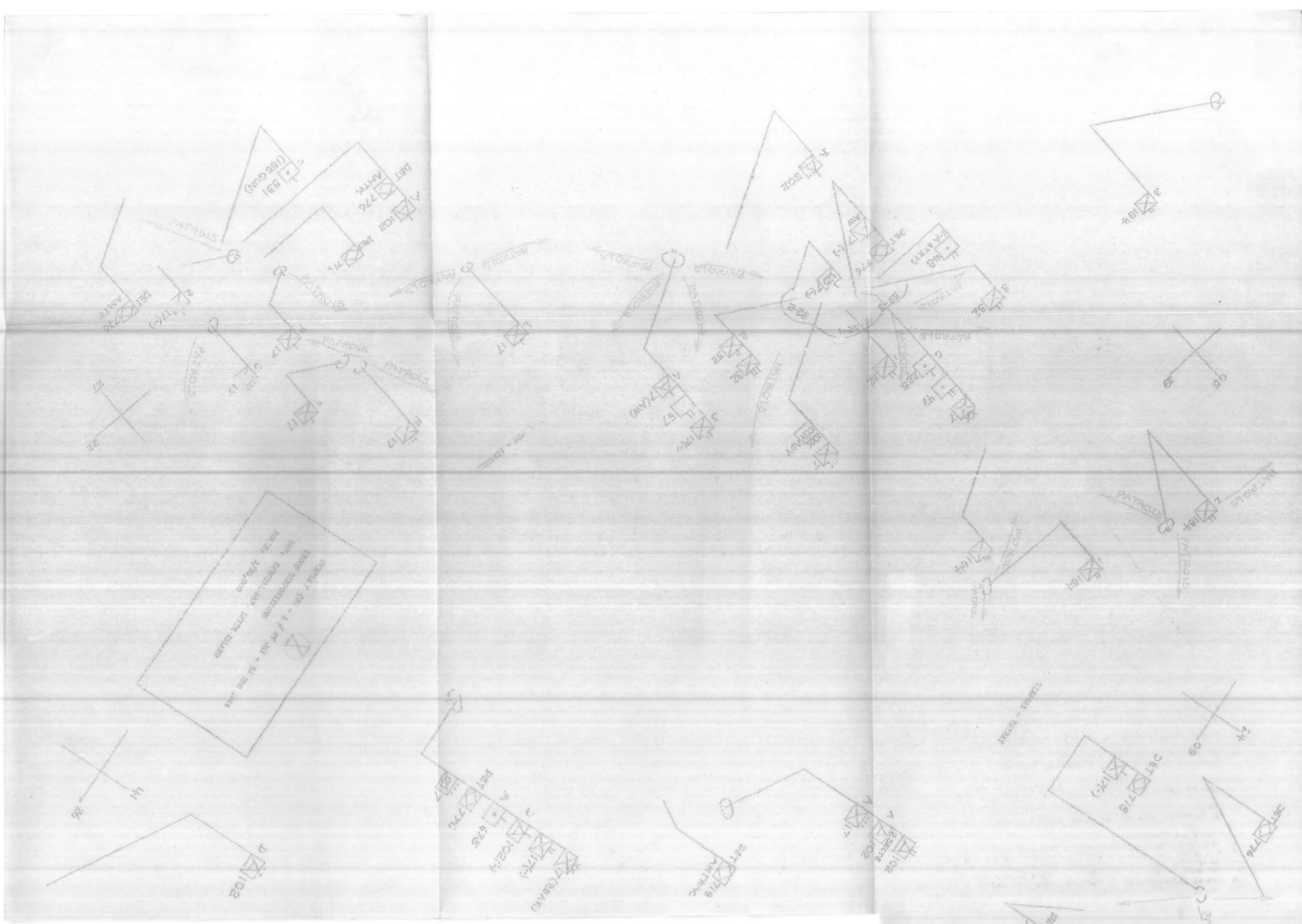
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A / 68 DAY - 27 DECEMBER 1944

During A / 68, the Division pushed patrolling actively throughout its zone of responsibility. A total of 23 patrols, ranging in size from reconnaissance patrols in rear areas, to combat patrols of reinforced company strength with artillery forward observers attached, operated in the Division zone of responsibility. Twelve scattered enemy groups were contacted, and on the trail leading east from Dolores a force of 65 enemy was annihilated.

Major dispositions and the primary mission of regiments remained unchanged.

Btry C, 57th FA Bn displaced to vicinity of Liloan in support of 184-3.

Btry C, 531st FA Bn continued harassing fires on Ponson Island and the southern tip of Leyte Peninsula.

A total of 91 Japanese were killed during the day.

Rain commenced early in the period and continued to fall intermittently. Visibility was generally poor.

With exception of displacement of Btry C, 57th FA Bn, noted above, dispositions remained unchanged.

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A / 69 DAY - 28 DECEMBER 1944

During A / 69, regimental missions remained unchanged. 25 patrols ranging in size from reconnaissance squads to reinforced companies operated throughout the Division zone of responsibility. 13 scattered enemy groups were observed or contacted in the foothills and mountain areas to the east. Near Canale an assembled group of 45 Japs was taken under surprise artillery fire and decimated.

Btry B, 49th FA Bn, displaced to the vicinity of Dolores in direct support of and attached to 184-1.

Light showers fell throughout the period and visibility was considerably reduced by haze.

A total of 180 enemy were killed during the day.

With exception of displacement of Btry B, 49th FA Bn noted above, dispositions remained unchanged.

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A / 70 DAY - 29 DECEMBER 1944

During A / 70 defense of the MSR and west coast of Leyte was continued. 19 patrols operated throughout the Division zone of responsibility making ten contacts with scattered enemy groups, killing 107 Japanese and capturing three.

One company of the 17th Infantry reinforced moved on Boroc and Magasue laying long range mortar and artillery fire on enemy positions. This company established a night perimeter in the hills at 16.4-30.8.

Near Biliboy, one reinforced company of the 32nd Infantry engaged approx 60 of the enemy, killing 37 and taking one POW.

One reinforced company of the 184th Infantry moved west across country parallel to and south of the Valencia - Palompom Rd to join forces with elements of the 77th Inf Div at Palompom.

Btry C, 225th FA Bn displaced to Linao.

A total of 107 enemy were killed and three POWs were taken during the day.

Weather was dry but overcast, with limited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #68.

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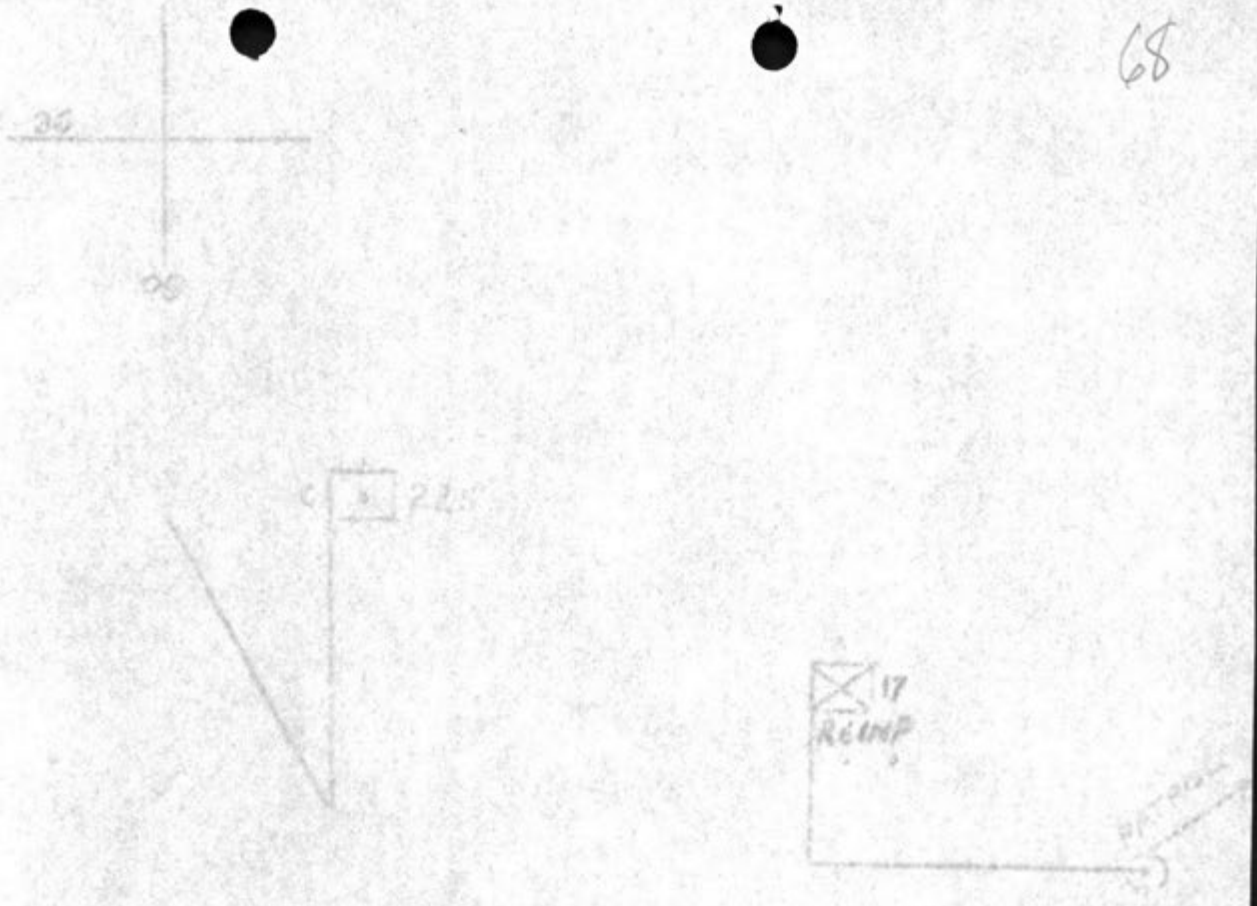

NOTE:
RESISTING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE



OVERLAY #GS - 8 / 70 DAY - 29 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 71 DAY - 30 DECEMBER 1944

During A / 71, mopping up operations were continued aggressively.

The 17th Infantry, in defense of Division rear areas and the MSR from Baybay to Ipil, pushed six local patrols within its zone of responsibility, finding evidence of disorganized enemy activity. One patrol in force operated in the Kancosia - Magocdoc - Mahiloam area killing 17 enemy in a fire fight, and taking one POW. An amphibious reconnaissance force composed of Co G, 17th Inf, reinforced, one platoon of the 7th Ron Tr, one platoon of the 91st Cml Wpns Co, six amtanks and nine amtracs, left Albuera at 0700 and landed at Merida without opposition where a base was established and patrols reconnoitered Libas, Lalunasan, Lundag, and Calunangan Pt without making enemy contact.

The 32nd Infantry remained in defense of the Ormoc perimeter, and engaged in local patrolling. Cos I and E delivered a coordinated attack to the northeast against an estimated 75 enemy armed with small arms, mortars and machine guns, in the vicinity of Biliboy. Approx 40 of the Japanese were killed, and the remainder withdrew to tho northeast.

The 184th Infantry continued offensive patrolling in the northern portion of the Division zone of action. Eight patrols operated throughout the area. Co L reached Palompom at 1300 without enemy contact and joined forces with elements of the 77th Inf Div. Companies A and C contacted an estimated Japanese company in well dug in positions at 15.0-39.2. In the ensuing fire fight, 80 of the enemy were killed and the remainder withdrew.

7th Inf Div FO #27 was published this date.

During the day a total of 155 enemy were killed, and two POWs taken.

Weather was clear with visibility excellent.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #69.

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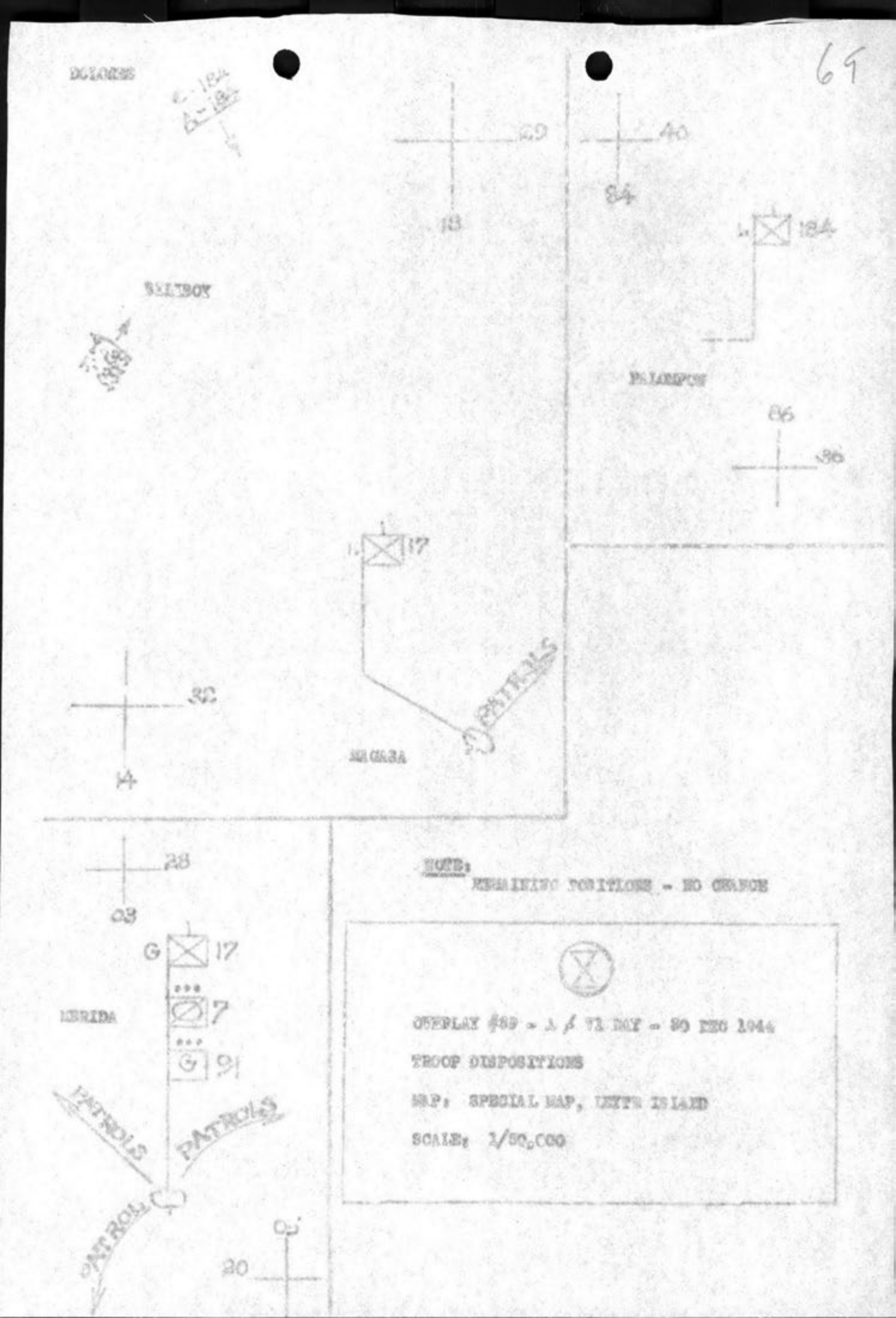

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #89 - A & 71 DAY - 30 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 72 DAY - 31 DECEMBER 1944

During A / 72, the 17th Infantry, with no change in troop locations, continued defense of rear areas and the LSR from Baybay to Ipil. Eight patrols operating throughout the regimental zone of responsibility failed to make enemy contact. Co L, reinforced, was disposed in defensive formation in the vicinity of 18.2-32.0 and pushed patrols north, northeast, and east in an effort to locate routes of approach to Mahiloam. In actions during the day, this company killed 49 Japs. Co G, reinforced, continued active patrolling of the Leyte Peninsula. From a perimeter defense at Merida, amphibians moved to Matlang, 93.0-16.0, while foot troops patrolled overland via Mt Lundag and Hunan to rejoin the LVTs at Matlang. From this point, both moved by water to Quoit where a new defensive position was established, and foot patrols worked around the bay to Duljugan, and Sacay Points. No enemy contact was made.

The 32nd Infantry, in defense of the Ormoc perimeter, pushed patrols to the west, north, and northeast. Co C, reinforced, and a platoon of light tanks, drove northeast up the Ormoc - Canale Trail to a point 1100 yds southwest of Dunghol #2, (13.20-36.20). Here contact was made with approx 30 enemy. Driving forward against stubborn, active resistance from increasing hostile forces, the company pushed to within 400 yds of Dunghol, and in the course of its advance, overran five light machine guns, one heavy machine gun, and one knee mortar. Numerous storage installations of food and ammunition were destroyed, and 63 Japanese were killed. At approx 1600, hostile forces in this area broke contact.

Co E, 94th Inf (Guerrilla) was attached to the 32nd Infantry this date, with the primary mission of furnishing guides for patrol activity.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-1 and 184-3, displaced to the vicinity of Dolores in preparation for a coordinated attack against a hostile concentration to the southeast in conjunction with elements of the 32nd Infantry. Active patrolling was continued by 184-3 and 184-1, elements of the former moving west, northwest, and southwest of Soong, and the latter probing west of Dolores. These patrols made no contact.

A total of 112 enemy were killed during the period.

Weather continued clear and dry, with excellent visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #70.

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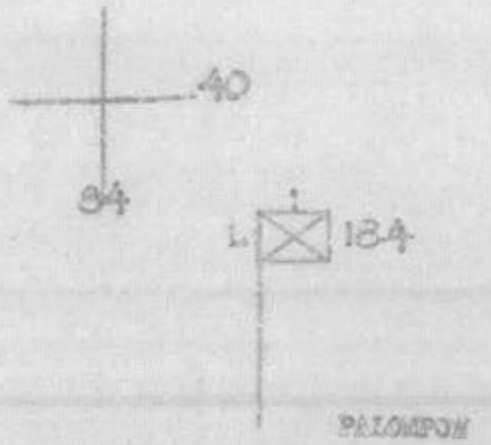

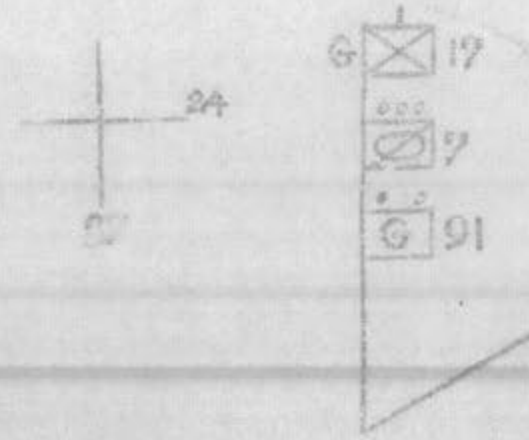





OVERLAY #70 - A / T+ DAY - 31 DEC 1944

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

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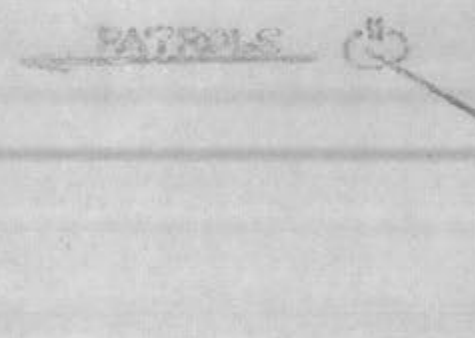

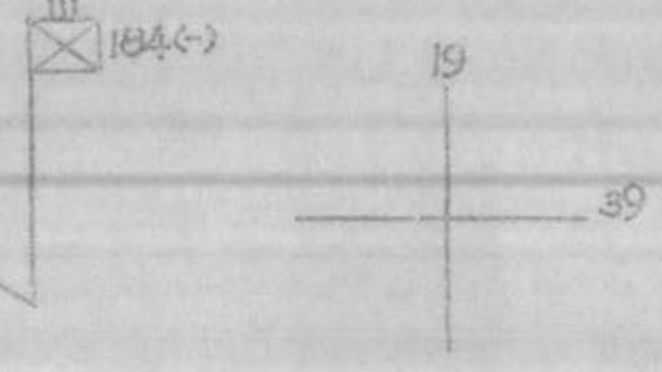

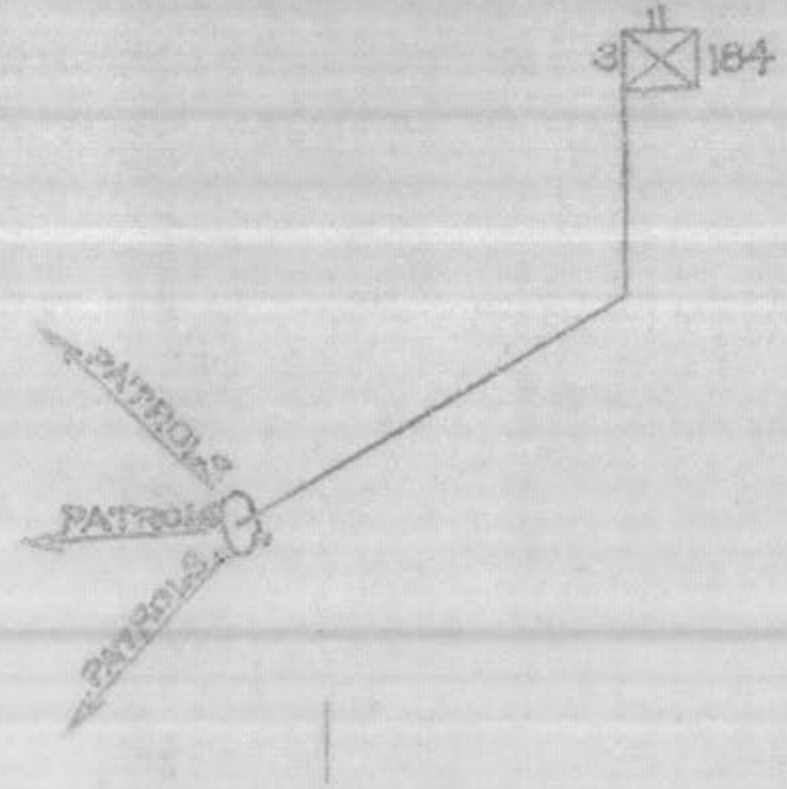



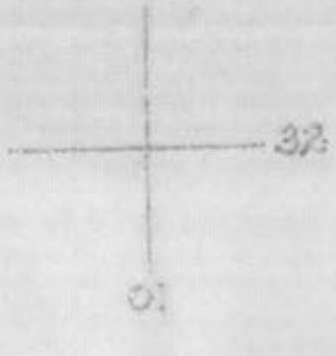

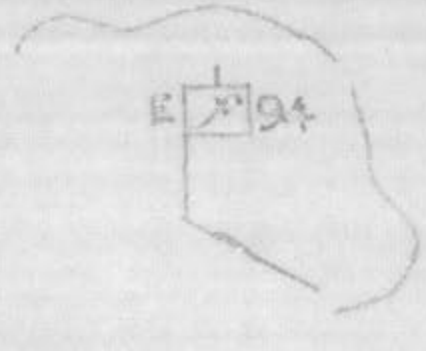

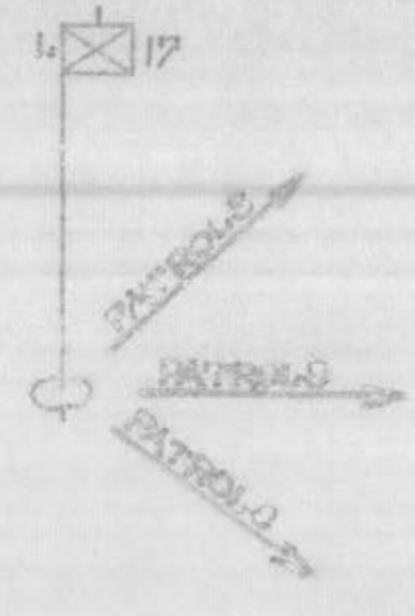

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A / 73 DAY - 1 JANUARY 1945

During A plus 73, the 17th Infantry continued previously assigned missions. Company G, reinforced, completed its three day amphibious reconnaissance of the Leyte Peninsula, having made no enemy contact. It returned to the vicinity of Albuera, closing at 1800. Company L, reinforced, operated in the vicinity of Magoodoc and Mahiloam, killing a total of 20 enemy in a sharp engagement. In this action, supporting M-8's of Cannon Company were very effective. The self-propelled weapons were closely supported by infantry and overran numerous enemy spider-hole positions. Company K, operating in conjunction with Company L, killed an additional 5 Japs and took one POW. Patrols combing the foothills east of Albuera killed four Japs.

The 32nd Infantry continued improvement of defensive installations surrounding Ormoc. All battalions conducted active patrolling to their front. A combat patrol of 32-1 met disorganized resistance approximately 500 yards east of Patag, and continued to a point 700 yards west of Punta Blanca, where it directed observed artillery fire on a group of approximately 20 enemy in that barrio. Company G, and attached light tanks continued pressure on the enemy west of Dunghol #2. Southwest of the barrio stubborn resistance was met from an estimated Japanese company armed with LMG's, knee mortars, and rifles. The attack was pressed in conjunction with elements of 184-2, and approximately 67 of the enemy were killed and several machine guns destroyed. 32-3 dispatched an amphibious reconnaissance force to Puerto Bello covering Calunasan and Capisanan by foot and the swampy area west of Ormoc by LVT.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, located hostile forces of undetermined strength in the area southeast of Dolores. Companies A and E probed south, southeast, and southwest from Dolores, meeting sporadic resistance during the day, and heavy concentrations of machine gun fire late in the afternoon. At dark, these companies rejoined their battalions. Company G patrolled from Tinago to Canalo making no contact.

Battery C, 57th FA Bn, displaced from the vicinity of Soong to Dolores.

Weather during the period was warm, dry, and clear until 1600 when torrential rains fell for approximately 2 hours.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #71.

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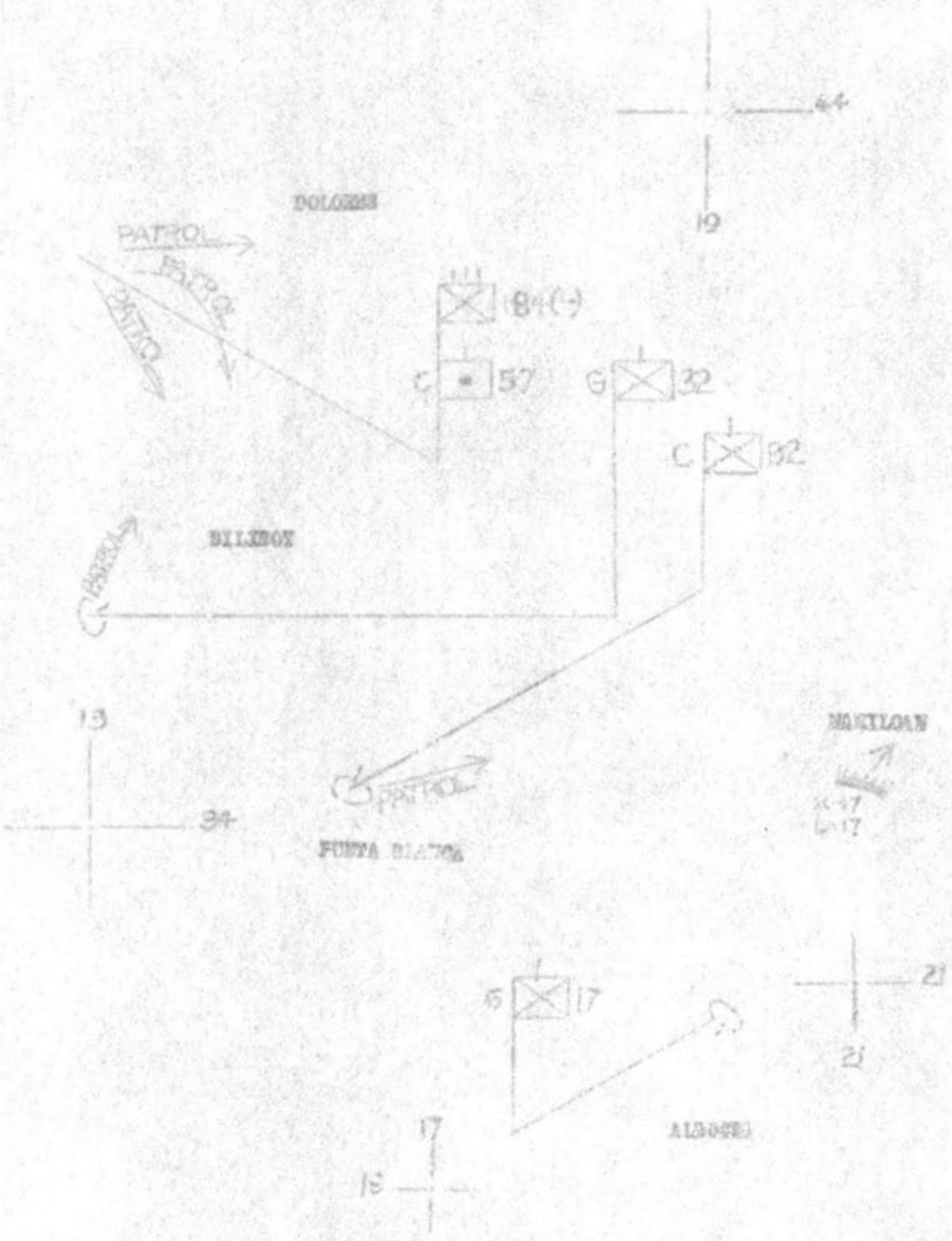

OVERLAY #71 to A 78 INF - 1 JAN 1945

GROUP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP WEST MIAMI

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 74 DAY - 2 JANUARY 1945

During A plus 74, the 17th Infantry patrolled actively within its zone of responsibility. Improvement of all defensive positions against land and sea attack was continued. 17-3 pressed the attack of Companies K and L against enemy forces in the area between Punta Blanca and Mahiloam. A hostile reinforced company, its fire power augmented by heavy mortars and numerous machine guns, was strongly entrenched in three finger-like ridges, and effectively concealed by 12 foot grass. Company L advanced up the southern finger with Company K parallelling the attack up the two northern ridges. The latter company received heavy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire from the gorge between its two ridges, and the reserve platoon was committed to sweep the center area. By 1800, the companies had effected a juncture on high ground, and established a mutually supporting perimeter, prepared to resume the advance. In close-in heavy fighting, several light machine guns were overrun, and approximately 65 enemy killed.

The 32nd Infantry continued improvement of the Ormoc defenses and conducted limited patrolling. Company E, 94th Infantry (Guerrilla) with American Officers and a detachment of the I & R Platoon patrolled the Punta Blanca area. At 16.50-34.20 the patrol engaged an enemy machine gun position, killing four of the five Japs encountered, and continued the advance.

The 184th Infantry continued patrolling within its zone of responsibility. One patrol of company strength pushed toward Lake Danao, and a second patrolled the vicinity of Taloan. Company L, having remained at Palompon since 30 December, moved from Palompon by water transportation to Ormoc, and thence by foot and motor to Dolores. 184-2, with two companies abreast, attacked southwest toward Biliboy. During the day's advance it received sporadic mortar and machine gun fire, and killed 20 of the enemy.

Battery C, 48th FA Bn, having returned to Div control, displaced from the vicinity of Dulag and went into position at Linao. The 531st FA Bn, less Battery B, was attached to this Division. Battery C, which was attached on 9 December 1944, remained at Albuera. The remainder of the Battalion at San Jose, prepared to displace to the west coast.

The 31st FA Bn was relieved from attachment to the 11th Airborne Division, reverted to Division Artillery control, and commenced a move to the west coast.

During the period 90 enemy were killed and 4 POWs taken.

Weather during the period was clear and dry with unlimited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #72.

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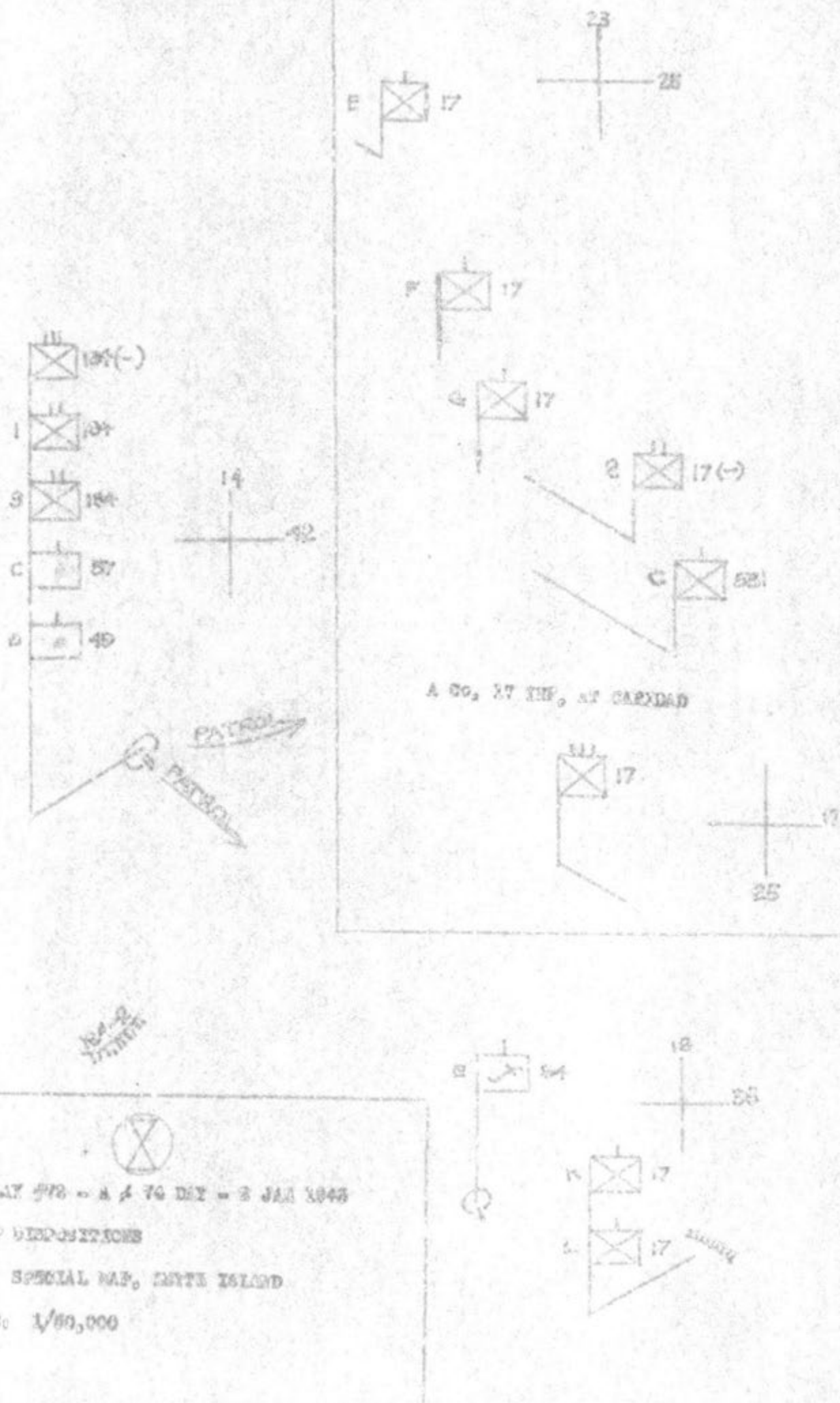

OVERLAY #72 - A / 74 DAY - 2 JAN 1943

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, ENYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 75 DAY - 3 JANUARY 1945

During A plus 75, all regiments continued previously assigned missions and patrolled actively.

17-3 continued offensive action in the vicinity of Mahiloam with three companies engaged. Near the barrio, approximately 100 well-armed Japs in deeply entrenched defensive positions were fixed and taken under fire by artillery, M-8's and 4.2 mortars. An additional 50 entrenched enemy, encountered at 20.00-30.20, were overrun and decimated. During the day's action our troops drove hostile forces from high ground in the Mahiloam area, securing excellent observation. Shortly prior to darkness, 17-3 established a perimeter defense.

The 32nd Infantry continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter and patrolled actively.

184-2 continued its attack on hostile forces in the vicinity of Biliboy. Fire was received from enemy small arms, MGs, mortars, and 75mm artillery, but by 1600, 81 of the Japanese had been killed, and the remainder driven from the town. A defensive perimeter was established for the night.

The 225th FA Bn, less Battery B, was attached to the Division. Battery C, attached 23 December 1944, remained at Linao. The remainder of the battalion, less Battery B, prepared to displace for Albuera.

During the day approximately 210 enemy were killed.

Weather remained clear, dry, and warm with visibility unlimited.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #73.

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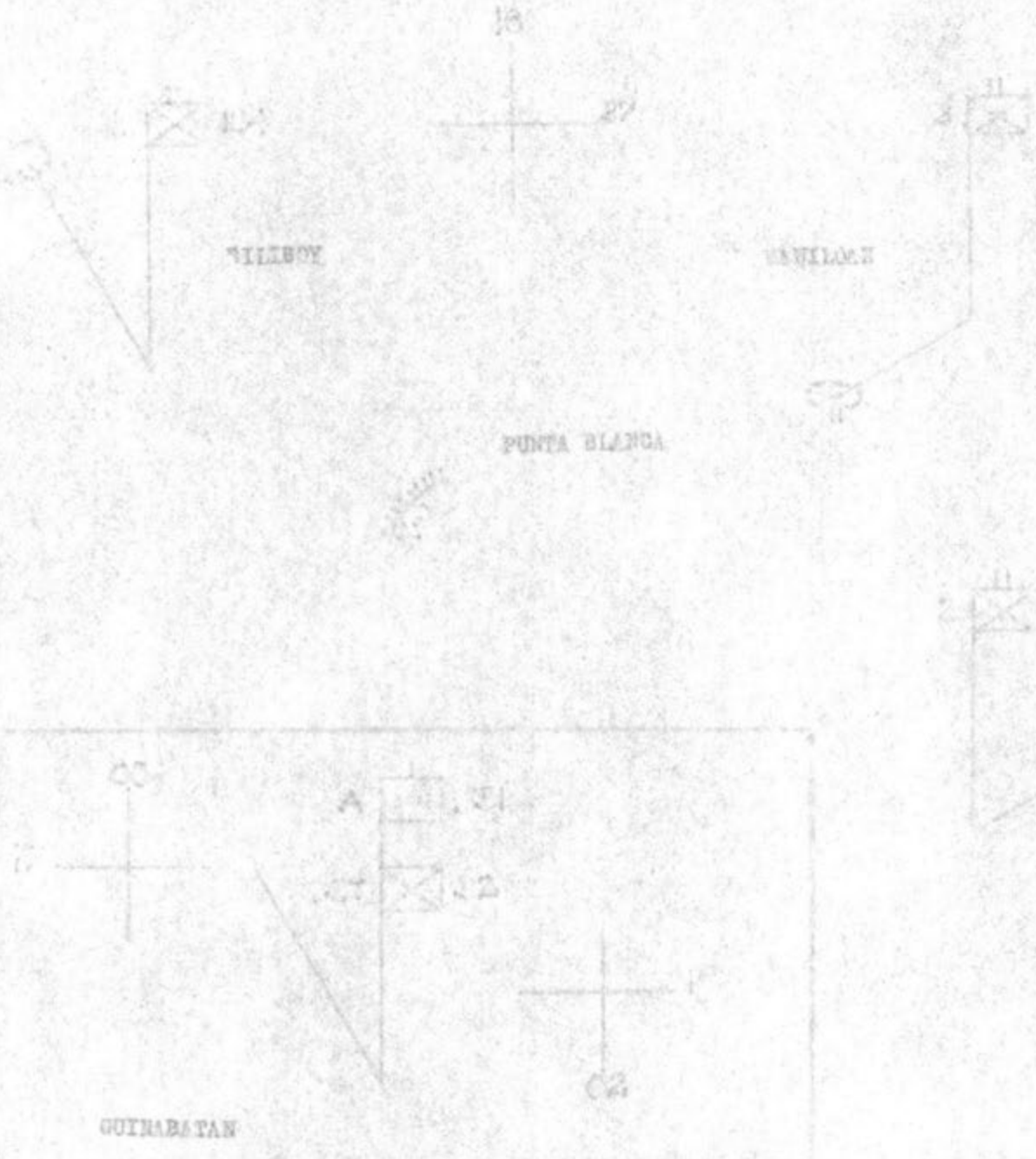

OVERLAY #73 - A & 75 DAY - 5 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 76 DAY - 4 JANUARY 1945

On A plus 76, 17-2 combed the upper valley of the Panilahan River in search of enemy forces reported in that area. Only scattered groups were encountered and taken under fire. 17-3 continuing its attack generally east, with Co K clearing enemy from a ridge running from 16.90-35.60 to 17.50-34.30. From this position 15 groups of from 3 to 12 enemy were observed farther east. These groups were taken under artillery fire. Co I pushed a strong patrol up the trail toward Magocdoc encountering only light resistance. Co L patrolled in force in the Mahiloam Plain (18-35) without meeting hositile forces.

The 32nd Infantry continued improvement of defenses in the Ormoc area, with the construction of an additional 600 yards of double apron, improvement of fields of fire and mine laying. All battalions patrolled actively to their front. Co E, 94th Infantry (Guerrilla), with American Officers, patrolled in force to Punta Blanca, and one officer and 30 riflemen from Anti-Tank and Cannon Companies, plus one LMG Section, displaced to Guinobatan at the southern tip of Leyte Peninsula in defense of Battery A, 531st FA Bn.

The 184th Infantry continued vigorous action against enemy in the Canale area, with two battalions attacking northeast astride the Ormoc-Canale trail. 184-2 from the vicinity of Biliboy advanced steadily on Canale meeting stiff resistance from approximately 500 well-equipped enemy, who employed all types of infantry weapons. 184-3 met much lighter resistance. By nightfall, 184-2 was disposed in perimeter defense at Canale, while 184-3 established its perimeter approximately 800 yards to the west. In the course of this day's action, the 184th Infantry and supporting artillery killed 171 of the hostile concentration and forced withdrawal of the remainder.

Battery A, 31st FA Bn, displaced to Baybay, relieving Battery A, 675th FA Bn, Air Transportable. The remainder of the Battalion was disposed at San Pablo awaiting transportation to the West Coast. The 225th FA Bn Headquarters, and Battery A displaced to Malitbog. The 531st FA Bn Headquarters moved to Malitbog, and Battery A displaced to Guinobatan.

During the day 207 enemy were killed.

Weather during the period was warm, dry and clear, with visibility excellent.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #74.

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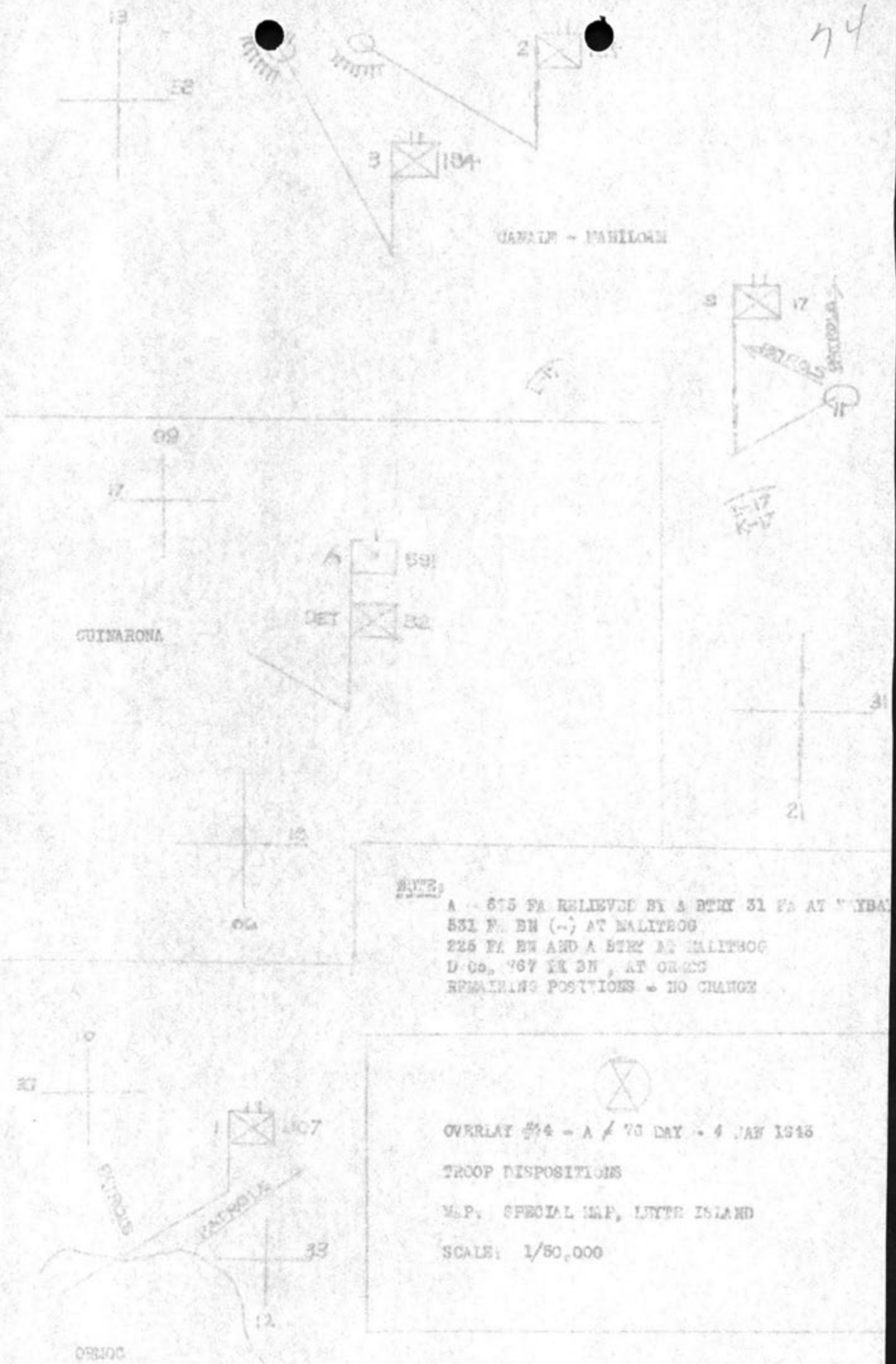

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225 FA BN AND A BTRY AT MALITBOG
D Co, 767 TK BN, AT ORMOC
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #4 - A / 73 DAY - 4 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 77 DAY - 5 JANUARY 1945

During A plus 77, the 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR from Baybay to Ipil, and patrolled rear areas. Co A, minus one platoon, was attached to 17-3, and moved from Caridad to Ipil, relieving Co F. Companies F and G moved to 20.8-26.6. A reinforced platoon of Co G patrolled the Panilahan River to 22.0-31.0 and thence to Bintoan where 15 enemy were encountered and killed. Co E minus, displaced to the vicinity of Malitbog in defense of Division dumps. An outpost remained near the Talisayan River. 17-3 pushed Co K east from positions previously held. This company met no resistance, but discovered 26 previously unreported dead, and a number of freshly dug graves. A reinforced platoon from the L Company reached and patrolled the Magoodoc trail to 18.9-32.1 without opposition. These reinforced patrols with attached artillery observers killed an estimated 68 Japs. Co F was relieved from the mission of defending Ipil and reverted to control of 17-2.

The 32nd Infantry continued improvement of defenses surrounding Ormoc. All battalions conducted active patrolling. One reinforced company from 32-1, with a section of light tanks attached patrolled to Dunghol and Patag encountering only one Jap who was killed. A combat patrol from 32-2 covered Malunag and the area west of that barrio with no contact. 32-3 patrolled to Mandaag and Jalubon and 2,000 yards to the west. The 1st Bn, 307th Infantry, 77th Division arrived at Ormoc and assumed a defensive bivouac on the beach, in preparation for relief of one battalion, 32nd Infantry.

The 184th Infantry continued operations against the enemy east and southeast of Dolores. 184-2 on the left and 184-3 on the right resumed the attack astride the Ormoc-Canale trail jumping off at 0800. Overcoming rifle fire from enemy positions located in rugged terrain, our troops destroyed or drove back the enemy, and by 1400 the objective line from Pagleesoon to Tinago was secured. 184-1 remained in the vicinity of Dolores patrolling actively with minor contacts to the west and north. Patrols in the vicinity of Catomon killed four Japs. Co B closed at Canale at 1600. At nightfall, the regiment, less 184-2, 184-3 and Co B, was disposed in perimeter defense around Dolores.

Battery B, 48th FA Bn displaced to Malitbog. The 287th Observation Battalion, operationally attached to the Division this date, moved into positions in the vicinity of Albuera. The 7th AAA Battalion, minus, operationally attached, completed minor displacements in improving AA defenses of Ormoc.

The 7th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop patrolled to Sogod on Sogod Bay to investigate reported enemy in this area. Guerrilla Troops and volunteer guards were found to have the situation well in hand.

During the day a total of 239 Japs were killed and two prisoners taken. 1455 cases of Jap ammunition were destroyed.

At 0930 light rains commenced falling and continued throughout the day. Visibility was generally limited.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #75.

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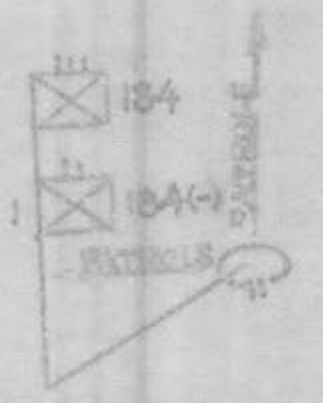



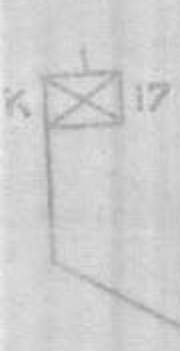

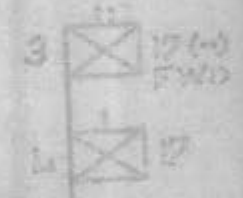



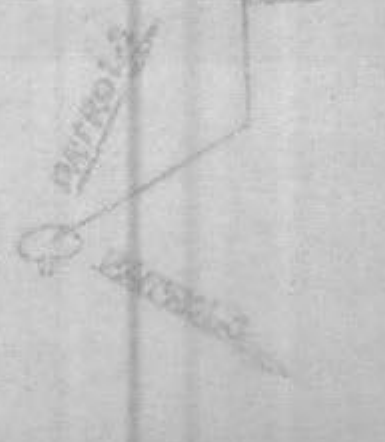

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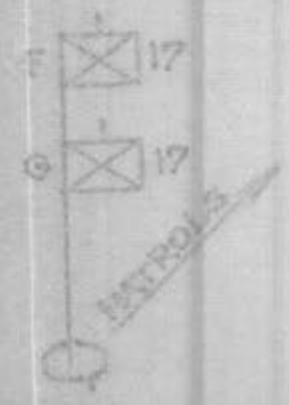

OVERLAY #76 - A / TT DAY - 5 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 78 DAY - 6 JANUARY 1945

During A / 78, the 17th Infantry maintained pressure on enemy in the foothills. 17-2 sent a strong combat patrol to Libas, killing six Japs in that area. Another combat patrol in a short but intense fire fight killed 20 in the vicinity of Balogo, while a third killed three near Cantotoc. Throughout the day, observed artillery fire was placed on draws and gullies, and on observed enemy movements with good results. 17-3 sent a reinforced platoon to Magcedoc with no enemy contact. Another reinforced platoon reached a ridge at 17.2-34.1 with no opposition, while a third platoon from the same company went northeast to 18.3-34.3 Cos K and L displaced to 16.1-31.5 in preparation for a drive on Kancosia and Binabuyan where 5 groups of enemy numbering from 4 to 25 men each were observed and taken under fire. Another patrol killed five enemy one mile southeast of Deposito. Strong opposition was encountered east of Hill 606 at 26.8-20.8, the enemy employing one light machine gun, one heavy machine gun, about 20 rifles, and a knee mortar. This force was taken under fire at a range of about 250 yds. After retaliating with a heavy volume of fire, the enemy was forced to withdraw into the mountains leaving one dead.

The 32nd Infantry, with 307-1 attached, continued its assigned mission in defense of Ormoc, and improved perimeter defenses. A reinforced platoon patrolled the area east to Patag, and thence northeast for 1000 yds without enemy contact. A combat patrol of 32-2 moved by motor to 08.0-37.0 and by foot to Tambuco, encountering nine enemy at 08.3-35.8, and killing four. 32-3 dispatched one reinforced company from Ormoc to sweep a 3000 yd front from west of Highway #2, north to east-west grid 42. Only four Japs were encountered, of whom two were killed and one captured.

The 184th Infantry continued aggressive pressure on scattered remnants of the enemy in the vicinity of Dolores and Canale. 184-1, less Co B, remained in the vicinity of Dolores, patrolling locally and prepared to support 184-3. Co B patrolled 2500 yds east from Canale in an attempt to locate hostile forces. Only five were encountered and these were killed. At 1100, Co C was displaced to the vicinity of Canale for close-in patrolling of that area. 184-2 sent a strong motorized patrol with a section of light tanks attached to Dunghol #2, and thence by foot to Biliboy, where local patrols covered the surrounding area for 1000 yds. No contact was made. A motorized patrol to Cabulihan and back to Canale by foot across country saw only one Jap. A combat patrol from Dolores to Hibunawan, Cabalcan, Macalpe, and return, encountered only six enemy, all of whom were killed. 184-3, less Co I, displaced from Dolores to the vicinity of Canale in preparation for a drive southwest. Co L, enroute from Macalpe to join the parent battalion, encountered 25 Japs in the rugged terrain near Cabadyangan, and in a sharp skirmish killed 17, the remainder fleeing east. 184-3 arrived at Canale shortly before 1300 and dispatched five local patrols which combed the surrounding area thoroughly.

Btry A, 31st FA Bn, displaced to the vicinity of Lagalago.

In the course of this day 95 enemy were killed and 10 prisoners taken. Nearly 1500 cases of captured ammunition were destroyed.

Weather was clear, warm, and dry, with excellent visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #76.

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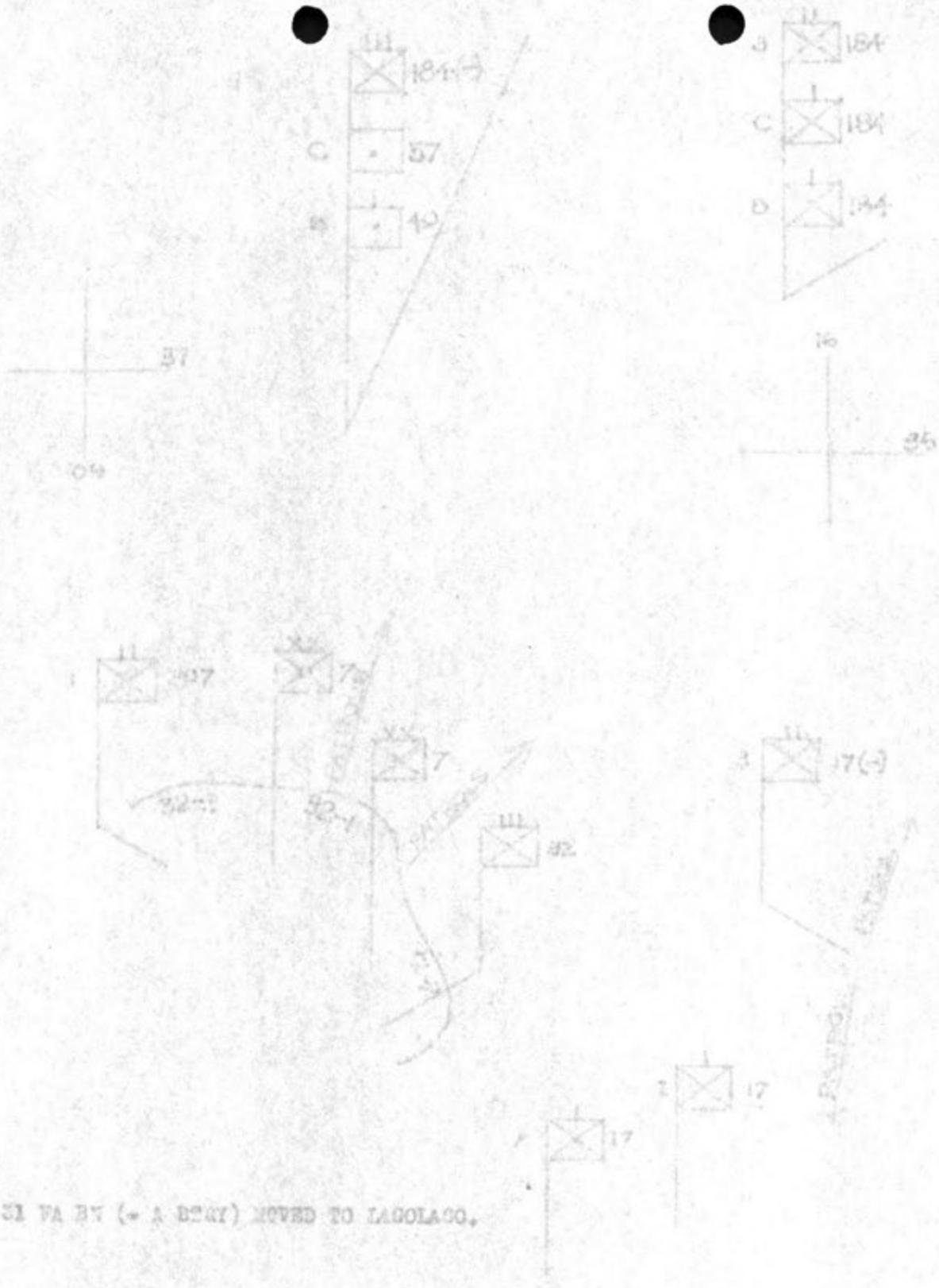

NOTE:
31 FA BN (- A BTRY) MOVED TO LAGOLAGO.

OVERLAY #76 - A & P 78 DAY - 6 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, IWATA ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 79 DAY - 7 JANUARY 1945

During A / 79, the 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR from Baybay to Ipil and sent two reinforced companies plus strong combat patrols northeast into the mountains to pursue fleeing hostile forces. Artillery observers accompanying patrols fired on enemy groups killing approx 50. 17-1 defended the MSR and improved alternate defensive positions against possible attack from the east. 17-2 patrolled aggressively to the northeast. 17-3 pushed two reinforced companies towards Kancosia. Co L reached 19.5-34.0 near Magocdoc and here five enemy were killed. Another group of 15 enemy were brought under mortar fire with good results. Co K reached Kancosia without opposition. A composite patrol from special units moved to Hill 606 killing one Jap and finding three dead.

The 32nd Infantry maintained defense of the Ormoc area with 307-1, 77th Inf Div replacing 32-3 in the perimeter. A reinforced platoon of 32-1 patrolled in the vicinity of Tambuco without enemy contact. Co E, reinforced by a section of light tanks, and one platoon of cannon company, patrolled north and northeast of Liloan. This company encountered an undetermined number of Japs with machine guns and rifles in a bamboo thicket 400 yds north of the Ormoc-Liloan Rd, and observed two platoons advancing to reinforce this group. Co E drew back to place artillery and mortar fire on the position. The artillery fire repulsed the Jap attack and the enemy withdrew to the cover of dense foliage leaving three dead. Co E pursued in a northerly direction to 05.0-37.2 but the main body of the Japs eluded our troops. Four Japs were killed and one POW taken during this action. 32-3 established a base camp near Punta Blanca.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, moved to the vicinity of Siguinon and went into perimeter defense preparatory to attacking northeast. 184-3, less Co I, combing southwest from Canale to Biliboy, killing 15 enemy, and taking one POW. Co I patrolled the Canale-Lake Danao Trail killing four of the enemy.

Btrys A and C, 48th FA Bn, displaced to Ipil. Btry B, 49th FA Bn, was relieved of direct support to 184-1 and moved to Linao. Btry C, 57th FA Bn, moved to Camp Downes.

The 7th Cav Ron Tr patrol from Baybay to Sogod contacted guerrillas who claimed to have killed eight Japs and one German. One platoon operating with 17-2 moved to Capatgan meeting no enemy, but counting 47 Jap dead in several burned huts. The 2nd Plat bivouacked with 184-3 at Biliboy preparatory to a movement to Mt Banao.

During the day 93 enemy were killed, 98 previously uncounted dead were located, and six POWs were taken.

Weather was clear and warm with visibility excellent, except during light showers at 1500.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #77.

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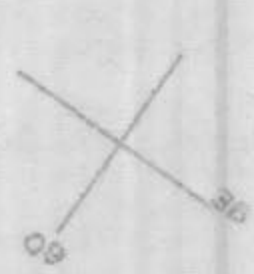

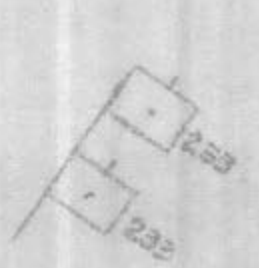

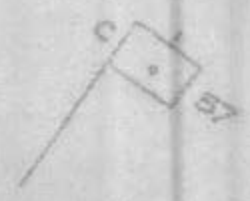

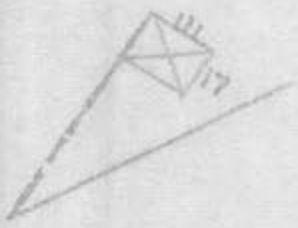

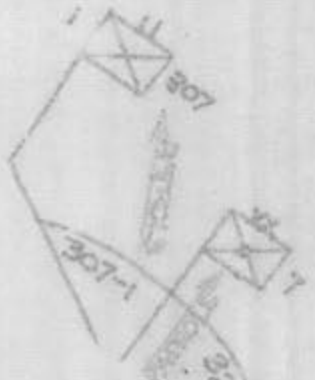





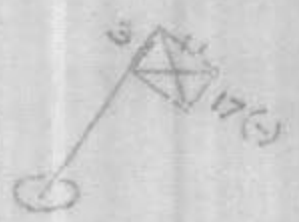

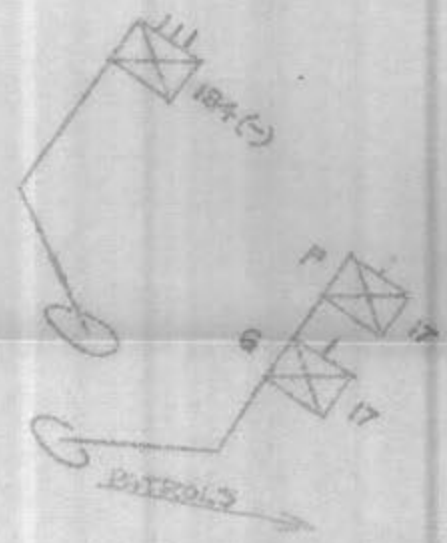



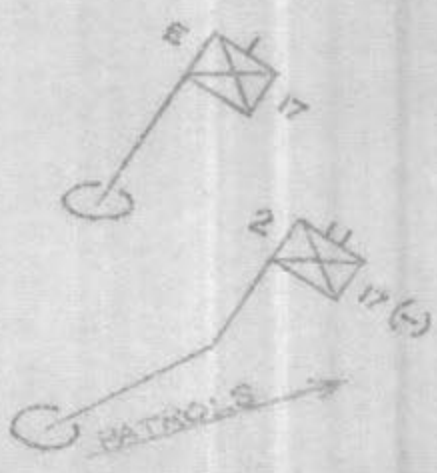

NOTE:
B - 49 FA BN TO LIMAO
C - 57 FA BN TO CAMP DOWNES
A & C - 48 FA BN TO LILO

OVERLAY #77 - A / 79 DAY - 7 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 80 DAY - 8 JANUARY 1945

During A / 80, the Division patrolled east into the mountains to find and fix an enemy force estimated to number 3000. Artillery pounded the enemy's positions both day and night throughout the period.

The 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR with 17-1 improving defensive positions in the vicinity of Baybay. Elements of 17-2 completed movement from the foothills south of the Panilahan River to the vicinity of Albuera and Siguinon. 17-3 sent a platoon to 19.5-34.0 where it spotted artillery on four groups of from eight to twelve Japs to the northeast. Other patrols moved to the vicinity of Kancosia and Hills 606 and 380 without enemy contact.

The 32nd Infantry continued defense of Ormoc and maintained 32-3 in the vicinity of Dunghol. One reinforced platoon of 32-1 contacted an estimated 50 to 60 enemy in the vicinity of Liloan. Ten of the enemy were killed by M-8 fire and the remainder withdrew. 32-3 sent one reinforced company to the vicinity of Lundon, killing 21 enemy. A platoon pushing through extremely difficult terrain to Punta Blanca killed eight Japs. A platoon patrol of 307-1, killed three Japs and captured a machine gun 300 yds south of Catmon.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, from its new position between the Panilahan and Talisayan Rivers, conducted limited patrolling northeast to a line running through Pahagan and Libas. This limiting line was established to permit freedom of cub spotted artillery fire. Patrols encountered little resistance. 184-3, less Co I, from the vicinity of Biliboy, patrolled locally for 2000 yds, killing ten enemy in scattered groups. Co I in the vicinity of Canale, patrolled northeast along the Canale-Lake Danao Trail, killing ten.

Btrys A and C, 48th FA Bn, displaced to Deposito in support of the 17th Infantry. The 225th FA Bn, less Btry B, moved to 18.7-27.4 in general support. Btrys A and C, 531st FA Bn, delivered harassing fire on Ponson Island during the night. One platoon of Btry B, 7th AAA (AW) Bn, displaced from Ormoc and took up firing positions at Ipil.

Elements of the 7th Cav Ron Tr maintained surveillance of enemy escape routes to the north in the vicinity of Lake Danao.

During the period 145 enemy were killed.

Weather was overcast and cool with fair visibility. A light shower fell at 1400.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #78.

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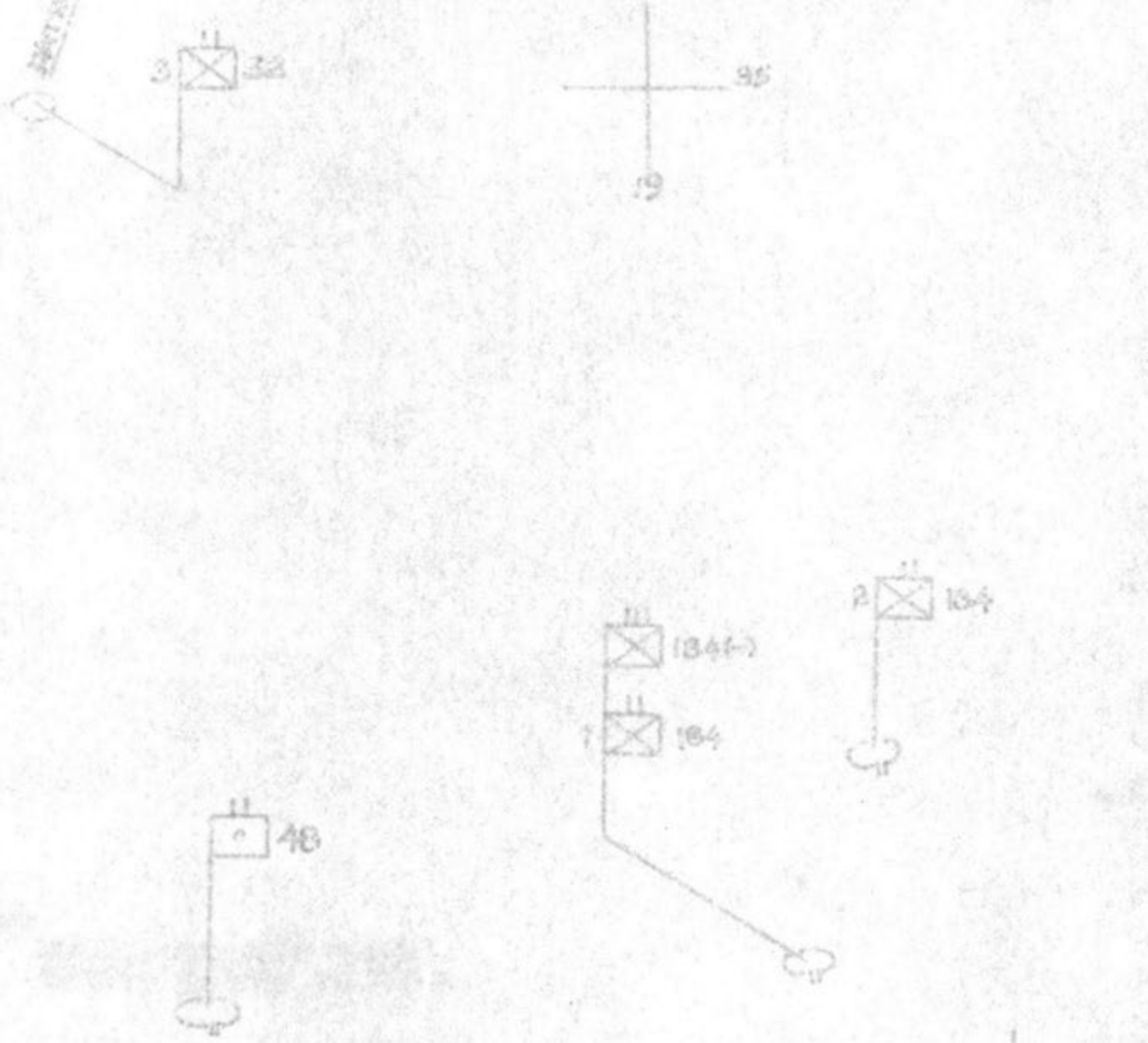

NOTE:

F-17 AT 19.8 - 24.2
F-17 AT GUINOBAS
C-17 AT ALBUHERA
ELEMENTS 7 MCN TD - PATROL VICINITY 31.0 - 41.0
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #7? - A / 30 DAY - 3 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 81 DAY - 9 JANUARY 1945

During A / 81 the Division continued its attempts to locate a hostile concentration in the Mahiloam - Pahagan area.

Four Prov Port Cos began displacement to Tacloban and Tolosa. 200 men of the 32nd Infantry departed for White Beach, Tacloban. 25 men of Div Arty left for Tolosa by LSM, and 200 men each from the 17th Inf and 184th Inf left by truck for Tacloban.

The 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR, and conducted active patrolling to the mountains with negligible contacts. 17-1 improved defensive positions around Baybay. 17-2 sent three patrols northeast towards the mountains and found no enemy. One platoon went to Lanyug, thence northeast to contact 17-3 and returned via the Deposito River. Another platoon moved west of Hill 606 and returned via the Calingatagan River, and a third platoon went up the Sibugay River to Candanoya returning without enemy contact. Co I, reinforced, advanced northeast along the Mahiloam Plain to 19.6-35.2 where it bivouacked for the night. Enroute, this company killed 12 Japs.

The 32nd Infantry, less 32-3, with 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc sector and patrolled northwest. 32-1 sent one platoon from Ormoc to Puerto Bello by amtrac and thence by foot to Binuhay, Ipil, Mouboy, and 99.1-28.8. This platoon made no enemy contact. 32-2 sent Co F to Liloan with the mission of sweeping on a 1600 yd front to Bao. The company received heavy enemy fire 1500 yds south of Bao. Supported by artillery and cannon company, the company seized the position and counted 33 enemy dead. On continuing the advance, intense automatic weapons fire was received from hostile positions. Friendly small arms machine gun and artillery failed to dislodge the superior hostile force and the patrol finally broke contact at 1630, and returned to Ormoc perimeter. During the days' engagements estimated 30 Japs were killed. 307-1 patrolled to Liloan, Soong, and north 500 yds toward Masin encountering an estimated 100 of the enemy. Small arms, mortar and artillery fire killed 38 Japanese. Contact was broken late in the afternoon, and the patrol returned to Ormoc perimeter. 32-2, patrolling out of base camp, killed five Japs at Punta Blanca and an additional 23 between Punta Blanca and Patag.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, observed numerous small enemy groups in its sector between Libas and Maagonac. One patrol of 184-1 reached the summit of Hill 4101, established an OP, and conducted effective artillery fire on scattered groups of Japs. A patrol to Libas killed one Jap, while another patrol to the vicinity of Capatgan found no enemy. 184-2 sent three patrols to the headwaters of the Panilahan River and killed approx 45 Japs between Binabuyan and Pahagan. A patrol from 184-3 to Lundon killed 16 Japs and captured two POWs. Co I established a new base camp on the Canale - Lake Danao Trail at 19.2-40.2, and a patrol dispatched northeast along the Lake Danao Trail killed 15 Japs.

Btry B, 225th FA Bn, was attached to the Division this date, and prepared to displace to the west coast.

The 767th Tk Bn, less Co D, was released from attachment to the 11th Airborne Div and reverted to 7th Div control.

Weather was overcast with occasional showers.

A total of 182 enemy were killed during the period.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #79.

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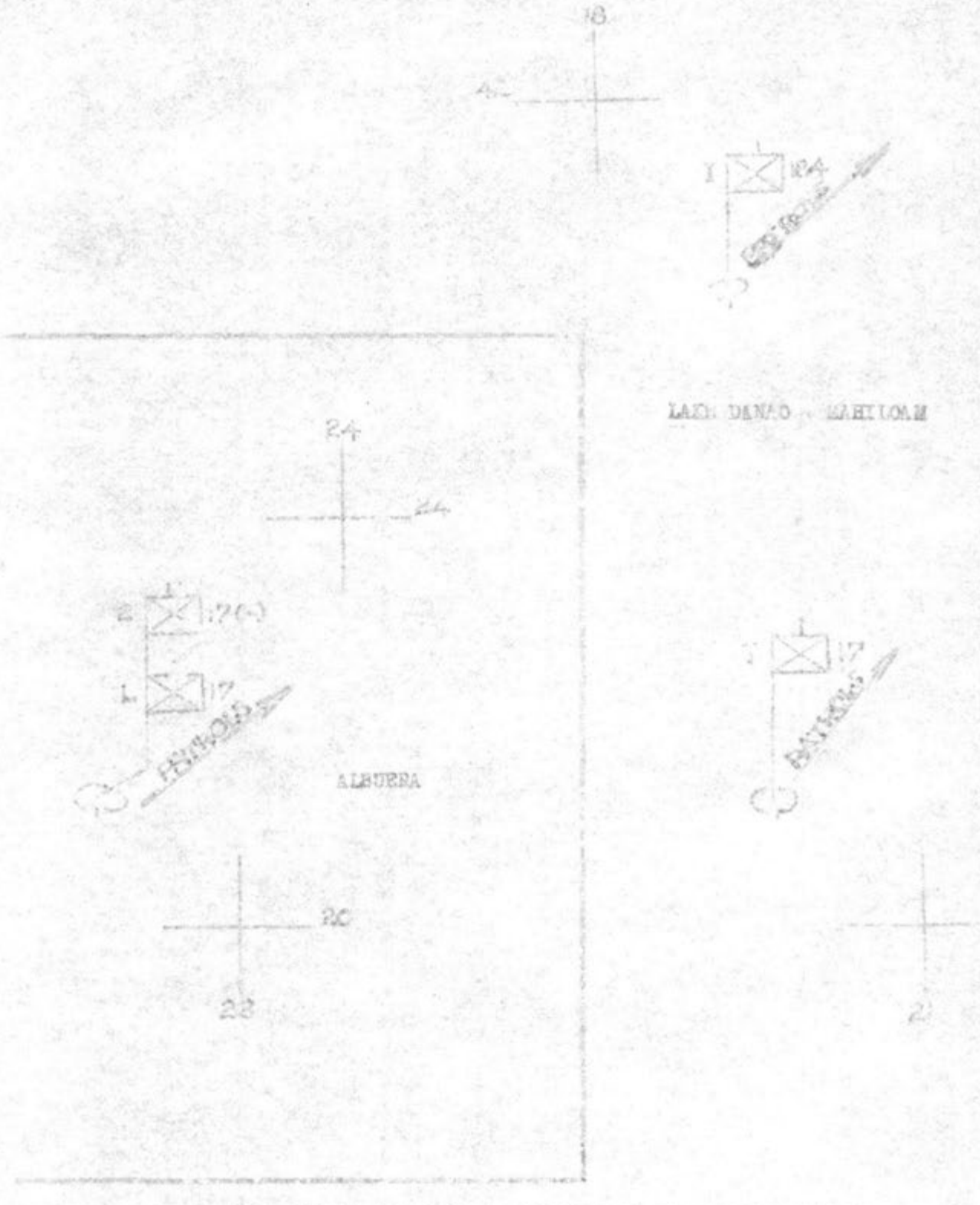

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TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 82 DAY - 10 JANUARY 1945

During A / 82, aggressive patrolling to the mountains located definite concentrations of Japs along a deep gorge in the vicinity of 20-36.

The 17th Infantry maintaining defense of Baybay and the MSR again conducted aggressive patrolling into the mountains northeast of Ipil. Co I, reinforced, continued its patrol northeast from 19.5-33.0 and discovered the concentration of enemy on a plateau located in a deep gorge, running northeast, southwest. Heavy artillery concentrations were placed on the area killing at least 100 Japs. A strong patrol from Co I descended into the gorge, but was unable to reach the plateau. This group engaged two enemy patrols killing 11 Japs. The company bivouacked for the night at 19.5-35.2. Other patrols from 17-2 and special units moved to Hill 606, Candonaya, and Kang Dagit without enemy contact.

The 32nd Infantry, with 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc sector and maintained a battalion in the vicinity of Punta Blanca. Three reinforced companies were sent from the perimeter to destroy enemy forces located in the Liloan-Soong-Masin-Bao and Catmon area. Co G displaced by motor to San Jose, and thence by foot to Bao, where an estimated 150 Japs were contacted. After losing five killed, the Japs hastily retreated toward Masin, where they ran into Co C, 307th Inf, which was already engaged with second group of 40 Japs. Artillery and mortar fire was placed upon the enemy, killing 40. The remainder became completely disorganized and scattered. Co G then returned to the Ormoc perimeter. Co C, 307th Inf, found no enemy at Soong, but encountered the group previously mentioned on high ground near Masin. Seventeen of the enemy were killed, and Co C returned at nightfall to the Ormoc perimeter. Co C, 32nd Infantry, found only small groups of enemy at Malunad, Catmon, and the Liloan area, and killed a total of 11. A patrol of 32-3 to Punta Blanca and Patag found only stragglers in the area. Of these, 11 were killed and one taken prisoner.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, conducted extensive patrolling up the Boad and Talisayan Rivers with no enemy contact. The OP established on Hill 4101 placed artillery and machine gun fire on several groups of Japs moving north. 184-3 sent two patrols from its base at Biliboy, which encountered and killed nine Japs. A patrol of Co I to Lake Danao killed six stragglers.

Btry B, 225th FA Bn, joined the battalion and went into position south of the Panilahan River. Btry B, 287th FA Obsn Bn was detached and displaced from the Division zone of action.

Weather during the period was cool and overcast with scattered showers.

During the period a total of 253 Japs were killed and one POW taken.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #80.

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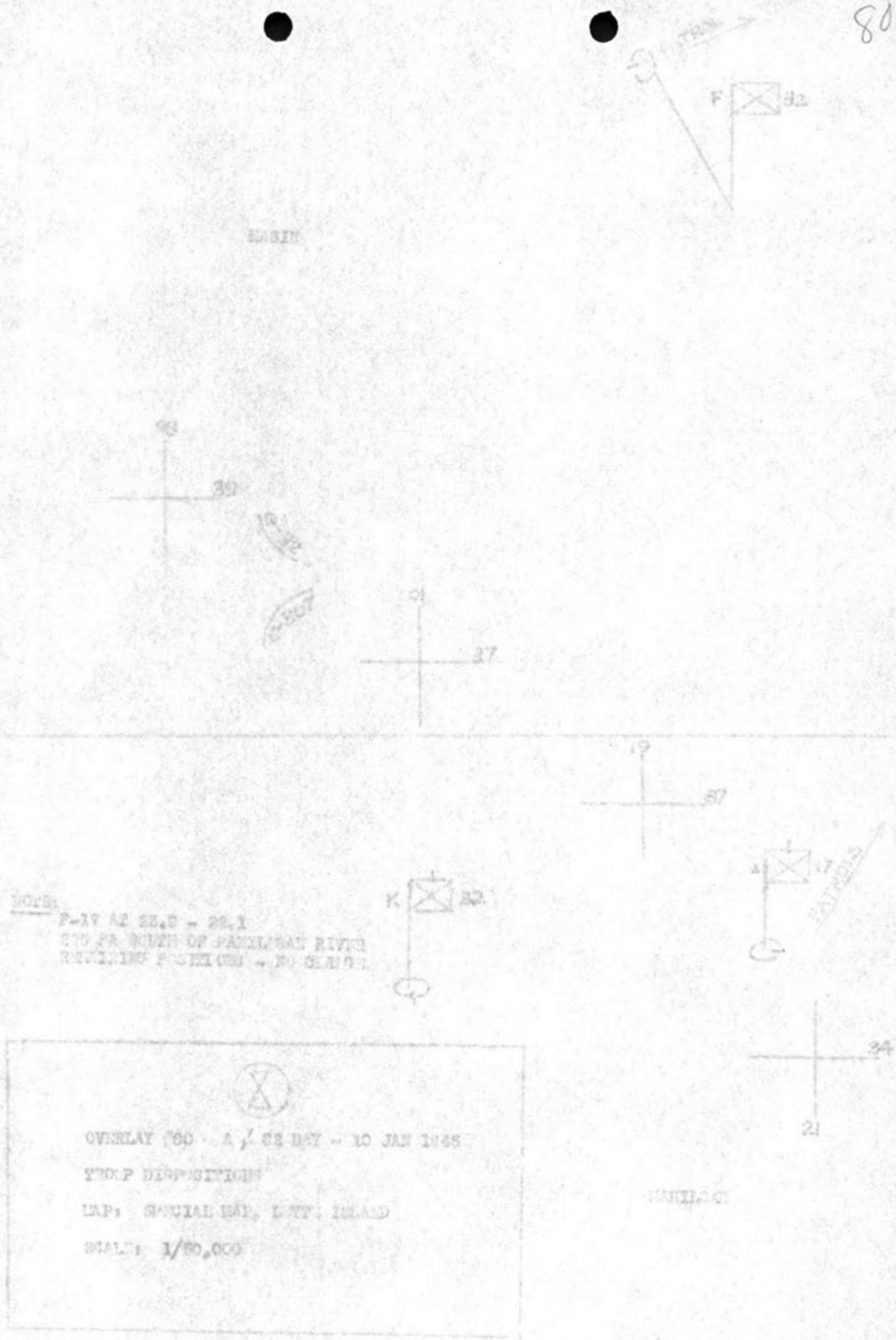

NOTE:
F-17 AT 22.0 - 22.1
[illegible] FA SOUTH OF PANILAHAN RIVER
RETAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #60 A / 82 DAY - 10 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 83 DAY - 11 JANUARY 1945

During A / 83, the 17th Infantry continued defense of the west coast and MSR, and attacked enemy forces located in the vicinity of 20-36. 17-2 patrolled extensively in its zone of action without enemy contact. Patrols covered Hill 606 via the Tabgas River, the Calingatngan River, Candonaya via the Sibugay River, and Kang Cainto. 17-3 patrolling the mountains east of Ipil dispatched several patrols to the vicinity of 20-36. Working through extremely rugged terrain, covered with heavy rain forests, a platoon of Co I killed 14.

The 32nd Infantry with 307-1 attached, maintained defense of the Ormoc area and continued patrolling to the northwest. 32-1, less Co B, was relieved by 184-1 at 1500, and displaced to the vicinity of Liloan. Co B, reinforced, patrolled the Soong-Masin area, encountering a group of enemy in a bamboo thicket. This enemy group was annihilated, and the company established a night perimeter at Soong. 32-2 moved Co F to 17.4-42.4 where it established a base camp. 32-3 returned Co K to base camp at 15.8-35.3. The patrol killed two Japs between Punta Blanca and Lundon. One platoon of 307-1 moved by DUKW to Puerto Bello and thence to Binuhay, Binoban, Ipil, Biasong, and returned, crossing the swampy area west of Ormoc without enemy contact. A second reinforced platoon killed one Jap 2000 yds west of Catmon, and returned via Liloan without further contact.

The 184th Infantry continued aggressive patrolling in its zone of action. 184-2 dispatched three patrols to the upper branches of the Panilahan River. These patrols observed small, scattered groups of Japs, and killed 10 on the southwest slopes of Hill 4101. 184-3 initiated action to regroup its forces. Co I patrolled the Lake Danao area extensively, and rejoined the battalion at Biliboy by nightfall. Co K patrolled the area west of Lake Danao. Patrol action and artillery fire killed 26 enemy in the vicinity of Biliboy.

7th Inf Div FO #28 was published this date.

A total of 76 enemy were killed during the period and two POWs taken.

Weather was overcast with scattered showers.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #81.

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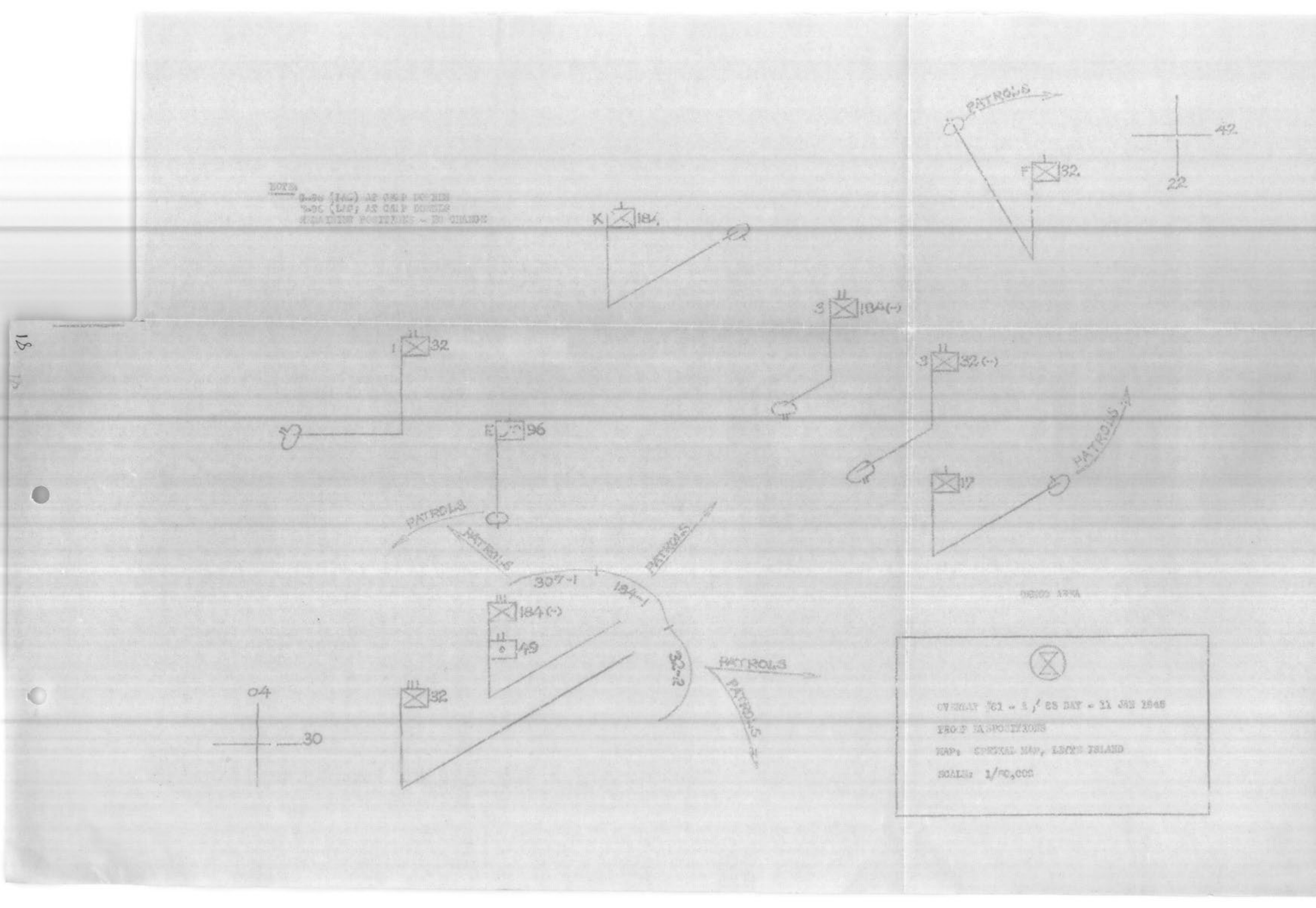
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REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE
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OVERLAY #61 - 1/ 68 DAY - 11 JAN 1945
PROOF DISPOSITIONS
MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND
SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 84 DAY - 12 JANUARY 1945

During A / 84, the 17th Infantry continued to defend the MSR and west coast, sending patrols throughout its area. Four combat patrols covered the area Palanas-Bacan-Tabgas-Calingatngan and Sibugay Rivers, encountering only three Japs, of whom two were killed and one taken prisoner. Co F searched the headwaters of the Panilahan River in an effort to locate the reported headquarters of the Jap 26th Div. It penetrated to a point northeast of Pahagan at 23.5-32.5 where it bivouacked for the night. Two platoons of Co G patrolled the vicinity of Hill 606 without enemy contact, while the third platoon assumed defense of the 225th FA Bn at 16.9-25.9. 17-3, less Co L, made no enemy contacts. Co L Displaced to Deposito.

The 184th Inf, less 184-3, with 307-1 attached, assumed responsibility for the defense of Ormoc. Registration of artillery and mortar fire was completed by darkness. 184-3 commenced the assembly of its forces in the vicinity of Ipil in preparation for an assault on the Camotes Islands.

The 32nd Infantry relieved of defense of Ormoc commenced displacement of troops to the north, northeast and northwest, in preparation for mopping up operations in the northern portion of the Div zone of responsibility through which enemy forces were moving west from the Lake Danao area. 32-1, from positions previously held in the vicinity of Liloan sent Cos A and B reinf, sweeping on a 2000 yd front to Masin. Co B on the left, encountered little resistance, save at a point approx 2000 yds southwest of its objective where a small force of Japs was destroyed. A Co on the right, engaged several small groups enroute, the largest being a force of 30. By aggressive action the company quickly annihilated or dispersed these groups, and by 1600 had reached Masin where it closed in a perimeter defense. Co C advanced on Bao, engaged many enemy groups enroute, and by 1600 had established a perimeter blocking the Pagsangahan River ford. 32-2 displaced to the vicinity of Dolores, outposting the trail to Lake Danao and Buena Vista. It made no enemy contact. 32-3 outposted Biliboy and Canale without enemy contact. At 1930, a hostile force of from 150 to 200 employing rifles, machine guns, and knee mortars made a strong night attack against the perimeter of Co A near Masin. Brought up sharply against concertina wire of the final protective line, the enemy was taken under machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire, disorganized and driven back. After reorganizing their forces and evacuating some dead and wounded, the enemy by-passed Co A, and drove southwest. Approaching defenses of Co B, the Jap force was further decimated by effective artillery fire, and scattered. Subsequent search revealed 26 dead near the defenses of Co A, and 40 near Co B.

7th Inf Div FO #29 was published this date.

Total enemy casualties for the period number 279 and 6 POWs.

Weather was generally overcast with light showers in the afternoon.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #82.

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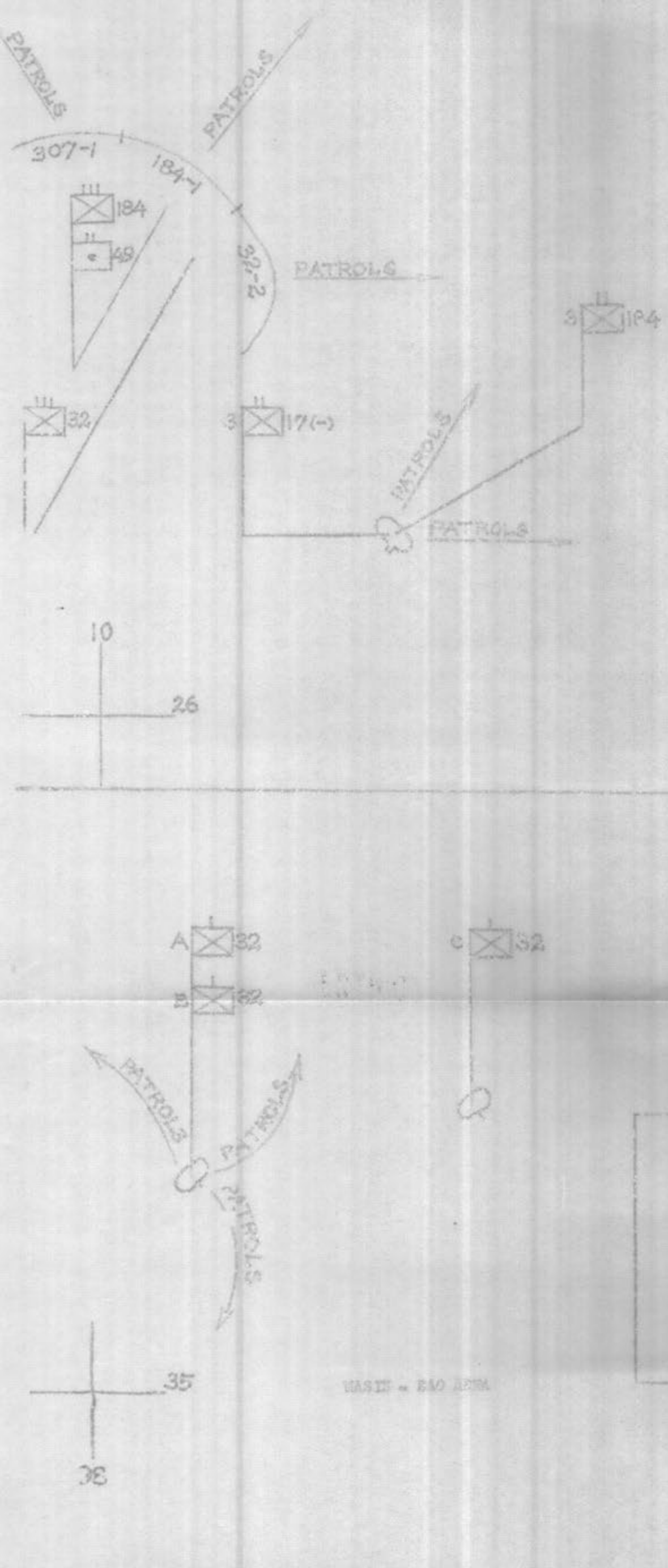



OVERLAY #82 - A / 84 DAY - 12 JAN 1945

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

NOTE: 1 Co. 17 INF, 20 DEPOTED

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A / 85 DAY - 13 JANUARY 1945

During A / 85, 17-1 continued in defense of Baybay and improvement of positions. 17-2 pushed patrols to the east. Co F, reinf, met a hostile force armed with at least 20 rifles and one machine gun in the vicinity of 25.0-32.8. This group was taken under artillery fire. Co F bivouacked for the night at 24.5-32.8. Co E sent one platoon to Mt Caanisilagan, and another platoon up the Calingatngan River to the east side of Hill 606, and returned via Tabgas. Neither patrol made contact with the enemy. One platoon of Co G, patrolled 4000 yds up the Panilahan River from Pahagan killing five enemy. Another patrol went 3500 yds northeast of Pahagan finding no evidence of enemy activity. 17-3 sent one patrol up the Deposito River and a second up Mahiloam without gaining enemy contact. The remainder of the battalion continued in defense of the Ipil area.

Co A of the 32nd Infantry resumed patrolling and killed ten Japs in the Tabugnapa-Picoy-Colisao area. Co B swept a 2000 yd area surrounding Masin, and in numerous small engagements, killed 65 of the enemy. Co C, guarding Bao with one platoon, drove north on the east side of the Pagsangahan River to Colisao, and killed 32 Japs enroute. 32-2 in extensive patrol action covered the area from Cabulihan on Hwy 2 to Hibunawan-Dolores-Cabalinan-Macalpe and Lake Danao encountering only three enemy, of whom two were killed and one taken prisoner. Patrols of 32-3, operating from Dunghol, along Antilao Trail to Canale and northeast of Tinago, returned without making enemy contact. One platoon, patrolling toward Lake Danao, killed 8 Japs and took two POWs.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, with 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter, and conducted limited patrolling. Patrols covered Patag, Dunghol, Punta Blanca, and areas immediately west of Ormoc without contacting the enemy. 184-3 remained in the vicinity of Ipil in preparation for the Camotes Islands Operation.

The 48th FA Bn was relieved of direct support of 17-2 and 17-3. The battalion moved to the vicinity of Linao, and assigned the missions of reinforcing fires of the 49th FA Bn, and of general support. The 57th FA Bn was assigned the additional mission of providing direct fire support to 17-2 and 17-3.

Two P-38s glide-bombed the reported Jap 26th Div CP along the ridge northwest of Hill 4101 at 1530. This bombing was conducted in conjunction with an ordnance test of two 1000 lb bombs.

During the day, 150 enemy were killed and 3 POWs taken.

Weather during the day was fair and warm with good visibility. Intermittent showers fell during the morning hours of darkness.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #83.

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A / 86 DAY - 14 JANUARY 1945

During A / 86, the 17th Infantry remained in defense of Baybay and the MSR. 17-2 continued its effort to locate the Jap 26th Div CP. Co F caused harassing artillery fires to be laid on enemy occupied areas, and resuming its attack at daylight, pushed through one lightly held enemy position. Effective artillery fire was placed on an estimated 100 Japs in column. Heavy, low-hanging clouds greatly impeded these operations in the mountain areas. Co G, supporting Co F, made a light enemy contact at 24.5-32.0 and killed three. Co H, on patrol, encountered 30 Japs in the vicinity of 21-26. Six of the enemy were killed and one LMG seized. The remainder scattered.

The 32nd Infantry, disposed northwest, north and northeast of Ormoc, utilized eleven patrols to destroy scattered hostile forces in this area. Patrols to Catayom, Tambuco, Dayahagan, Dolores, a point 1500 yds north of Dolores, Cabadyangan, Biliboy, Canale, and Hill 3100 made only minor contacts, killing eleven Japs. Co A from the vicinity of Tabugnapa drove east on a wide front, skirted the swamp near 01.8-39.4 and relieved Co C at Bao, and killed nine enemy enroute. Co B, sweeping the area east of Masin for a distance of 2000 yds., killed 31. Co C, from Bao, patrolled east to Hwy 2, and killed seven enroute. Local patrols in the vicinity of the 1st Bn CP intercepted and killed 24 enemy and took one POW.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, with 307-1 attached, continued improvement of defensive installations surrounding Ormoc and patrolled actively within its zone of responsibility. Six patrols from this regiment covered an area 3000 yds west and north of the perimeter while a seventh, moving on Punta Blanca, engaged eight Japs 350 yds east of that barrio for the only contact of the day. 184-3 with attachments, completed its final preparations for the Camotes Operation, and assembled the task force in the vicinity of Ipil.

The Prov Amph Co, composed of elements of the 776th Amph Tk Bn, and the 718th and 536th Amph Trac Bns, completed assembly of vehicles near Ipil in preparation for the Camotes Operation.

During the day, 127 Japs were killed and 5 captured.

Continuous showers, and heavy, low-hanging clouds hampered operations and greatly reduced visibility.

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A / 87 DAY - 15 JANUARY 1945

On A / 87, a special Task Force consisting of 184-3 reinf, sailed from Ipil at 0010 in compliance with FO #29, this Hq, with the mission of seizing the Camotes Islands. For detailed organization of this force see FO. The force was embarked on LVTs, LCMs, and LCVPs. Screened by PT boats, the movement to the objective was completed without incident, and an unopposed landing on Ponson Island was effected at 0745. Advancing rapidly from the beach at Kawit, Co L drove northeast along the west coast to Dapdap, and Co K pushed on the east coast to Monserrat, both companies reaching their objectives at approx noon. They immediately commenced extensive patrolling. Co I, in waterborne amtracs, supported by amtanks, landed at a point approx 1500 yds southwest of Pilar and advanced northeast to Pilar, which it reached at 1545. As of 1700, all companies were securely dug in for the night. No resistance was encountered.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, with 307-1 attached, continued improvement of the Ormoc defenses and conducted limited patrolling within its assigned zone of responsibility. Only scattered small enemy groups were encountered.

The 17th Infantry, in defense of Baybay and the MSR, continued extensive patrolling south of the line Ipil to 25-36, and made only minor contacts. Co F continued to probe the area to its front, in a sustained effort to locate the reported enemy 26th Div CP.

The 32nd Infantry continued extensive patrolling in the area northeast, north and northwest of Ormoc, and assumed responsibility for guarding bridges from Tambuco north to the Div boundary. Co A patrolled from Bao to Catayom, Colisao, and returned, and killed 47 Japs most of whom were encountered in native huts. A squad of Co B, killed five between Liloan and Catayom. Patrols of 32-2 covered the area Tambuco-Dolores-Macalpe-Lake Danao, killing ten Japs. 32-3 sent an 18 man patrol from Co I to the northwest tip of Lake Danao, where it engaged approx 40 Japs and killed seven. A squad of Co K, ambushed 12 Japs in the vicinity of Biliboy and killed all of them. Other patrols in the Canale-Lake Danao-Dolores area made no contacts.

Btry A, 531st FA Bn, from the south tip of Ormoc Peninsula prepared to displace to Ponson Island. A Prov Port Co, consisting of two officers and 98 EM of the 31st and 48th FA Bns, commenced non-tactical displacement to Tacloban.

One section of Co D, 767th Tk Bn was attached to Co E, 32nd Inf, for protection of bridges between Tambuco and the Div north boundary. Another section was attached to the 184th Inf for operations northeast of Ormoc.

The Fifth AAF provided cover for the Camotes Islands Operation.

In the course of this day's operations, 127 Japs were killed.

Weather was warm and dry with visibility excellent.

For dispositions on Ponson Island as of 2400, see Overlay #84.

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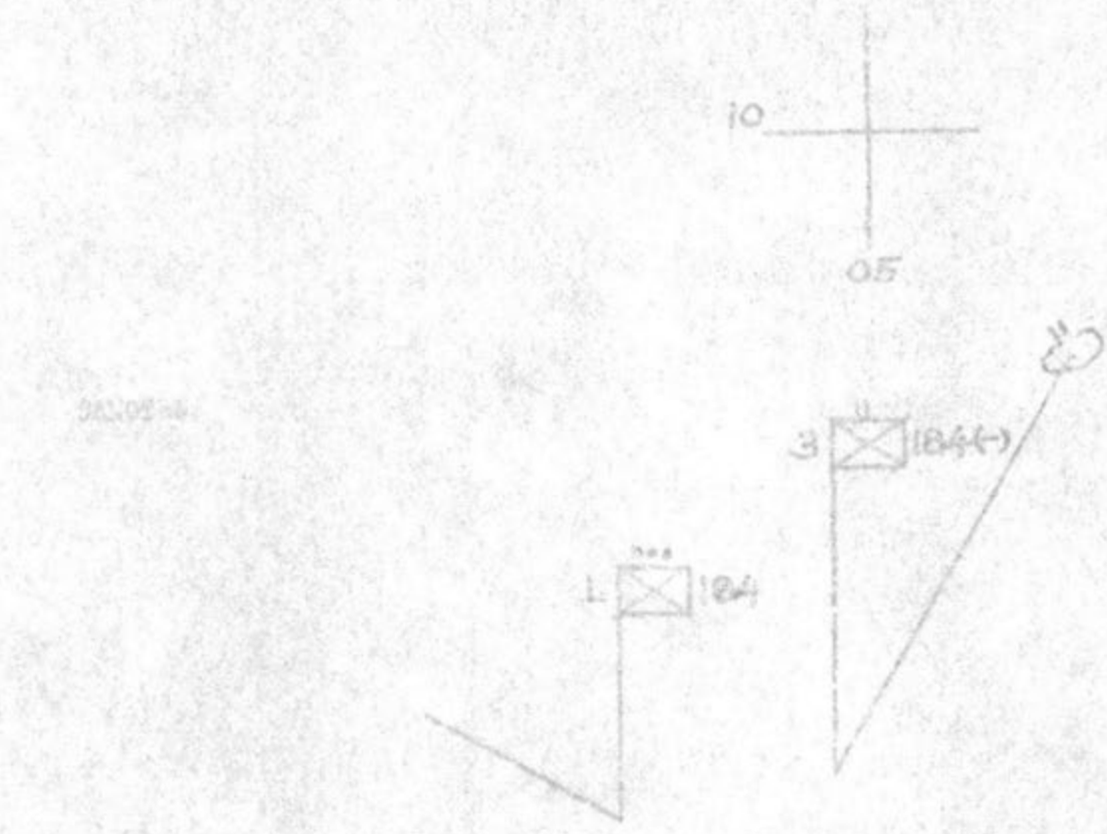

OVERLAY #84 - D / 37 DAY - 16 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: BOUGAINVILLE, LITTLE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 88 DAY - 16 JANUARY 1945

During A / 88, the Special Task Force completed seizure of Ponson Island. Patrols completely encircled the island along the coast line, and combed the high ground from Kawit to Pilar, finding no evidence of enemy activity. The Task Force was assembled at Kawit for the night. Btry A, 531st FA Bn landed at Merida and displaced to Kawit where it had two sections in position and ready to fire by 1800.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, with 307-1 attached, continued improvement of the Ormoc defenses, and conducted limited patrolling. In the combing operations only scattered enemy groups were located and eleven were killed.

The 32nd Infantry continued extensive patrolling between Lake Danao on the east and Bao on the west. One patrol reconnoitered the trail east of Lake Danao as far as 23-43, killing two Japs. Co I patrolled to the dense rain forest surrounding Lake Danao and killed six enemy. The supply section of Co I killed two Japs on the Canale Trail, while security patrols from the Dolores perimeter killed four more in that area. Patrols of 32-1 in the vicinity of Bao and Colisao made no enemy contact.

The 17th Infantry remained in defense of Baybay and the MSR, and patrolled actively in its zone of responsibility. Co G moved from Pahagan up the Panilahan River to 26.3-33.0. This patrol placed artillery fire on an estimated 100 man enemy party, killing 20. Co F seized high ground at 26.0-32.8 overlooking the reported position of the Jap 26th Div CP. This company caused artillery fire to be laid on observed enemy groups, killing 20. Co K relieved Co E at Albuera. Co E moved from Albuera to Pahagan in support of Co G. Patrols in the vicinity of the Deposito River, Kancosia, Mahiloam, and Balogo killed six enemy. In the Palanas and lower Sibugay River Valley, no enemy were encountered.

Btry C, 49th FA Bn, displaced to Dolores to provide direct support in the Lake Danao area.

The Fifth AAF provided cover for the Camotes Island Operation, and made a strafing attack on Poro.

One platoon of the 7th Cav Ron Tr was attached to the 32nd Inf and reconnoitered east of Lake Danao. A second platoon patrolling from Candonaya to Capatgan observed 30 Japs at the headwaters of the Sibugay River.

During the day, 83 of the enemy were killed.

The weather was hot and dry with unlimited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #85.

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PRELIMINARY POSITIONS - NC CHART

OVERLAY NO 4 TO OP 89 DAY - 16 JAN 1945

GROUP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: GENERAL MAP, LITTLE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 89 DAY - 17 JANUARY 1945

During A / 89, the Special Task Force secured Poncon Island, and completed plans for the invasion of Poro.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, with 307-1 attached, continued improvement of installations defending Ormoc. Local patrolling was pushed actively, and a distant reconnaissance patrol reconnoitered Mt Abunug 21-37. Nine Japs were killed in the regimental zone of responsibility.

The 32nd Infantry continued aggressive patrolling in its zone of responsibility in a determined effort to find and destroy hostile remnants, and to locate and block enemy escape routes north in the vicinity of Lake Danao. Patrols of 32-1 killed 13 enemy in the vicinity of Bao and Colisao, two on the west bank of the Bao River, and two near Soong. 32-3 patrolled between Hwy 2 and Dolores encountering only two Japs. 32-3 patrolled the area Dolores-Canale-Lake Danao, and the vicinity of Biliboy, killing 40 Japs in scattered groups. Co E, 96th Inf (Guerrilla) based near Puerta Bello encountered 40 Japs in the hills to the west of that barrio, killed 14 and dispersed the remainder. Patrolling was continued in the area of Milagro and Mahagabay.

The 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR. 17-2, in preparation for a concerted drive on enemy concentrated in square 27-33 closed Co E on Co F. Co F, from positions previously held resumed the attack northeast against a strongly held trail block at 25.2-34.8, and late in the day, overran the position. One machine gun was knocked out and 50 to 75 Japs were killed. Co G, resuming its attack northeast, encountered heavy opposition in the vicinity of 26.0-32.1. Advancing under cover of artillery and mortar fire, this force killed 55 of the enemy and by 1700, Co G had dug in for the night at 26.1-32.2. 17-3 relieved 17-1 in defense of Baybay. Co I was attached to 17-1 and remained in the vicinity of Ipil.

Btry C, 57th FA Bn, displaced from Camp Downes to a point 5000 yds up the Panilahan River in direct support of 17-2.

In the course of A / 89, 231 enemy were killed and one POW taken.

Weather continued warm, dry, and clear, with excellent visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #86.

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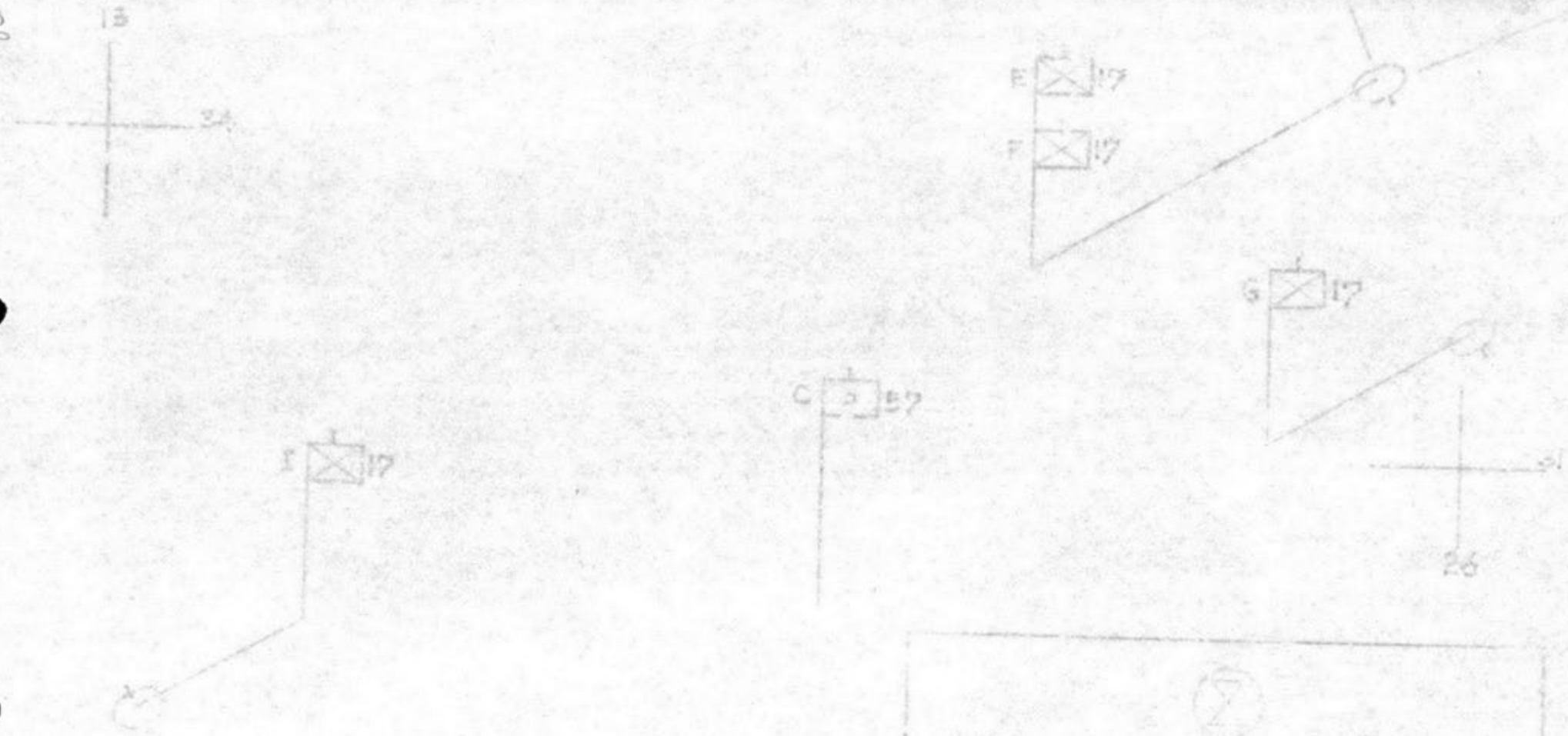

NOTE:
17-5 REQUIRED 17-1 AT BAYRAT
REMAINING POSITIONS - IN ORANGE

OVERLAY 88 A/B DAY - 17 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/80,000

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A / 90 DAY - 18 JANUARY 1945

On A / 90, the Special Task Force initiated the second phase of the seizure of the Camotes by landing on Poro Island at 0830. Driving ashore with two companies abreast in the vicinity of Tudela, the force established a 1500 yd beachhead by 1100, and swung west to seize the barrio of Poro. The reserve company secured the beachhead. By 1700, lines extended from 91.6-86.3 to 91.5-88.0. Forces dug in for the night without having made enemy contact. At 1915, enemy planes bombed and strafed the Tudela area.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, 307-1 attached, continued improvement of the Ormoc perimeter, and conducted limited patrolling within its zone of responsibility. 184-1 dispatched five patrols to comb the area between the Patag Trail and Hwy 2. No enemy were observed or encountered. 184-2 swept the area from Camp Downes and Ormoc inland to Patag, Punta Blanca, and Lundon, without making enemy contact. The American led guerrilla reconnaissance patrol to Mt Abunug found no evidence of enemy. Local patrols of 307-1 made no enemy contact.

The 32nd Infantry again combed the area northwest, north, and northeast of Ormoc and found little evidence of Jap activity except in the Lake Danao area. 32-1 captured one POW 1500 yds northwest of Bao for the only contact in the northwest sector. At Malunod, four Jap stragglers were killed. 32-2 combed the area from Tambuco north to Hauton and east to Dolores making no enemy contact. Patrols of 32-3 east of Dolores contacted enemy only in the vicinity of Lake Danao. Co I engaged approx 80 Japs defending the trail at the south end of Lake Danao, and killed 46 by rifle and artillery fire. Co E 96th Inf (Guerrilla) patrolled the Abubay area and reported light encounters with enemy outposts. Guerrillas killed 13 out of fifty Japs found searching for food.

The 17th Infantry, in addition to maintaining defense of the MSR, continued its drive on the reported Jap 26th Div CP. 17-1 conducted patrolling throughout its zone of responsibility, with only one enemy contact. Two Japs were killed in the upper Deposito River Valley. Within 17-2, Co E relieved Co F at dawn and advanced 1500 yds northeast to a trail junction at 26.0-35.5. Here the advance platoon knocked out two machine guns and killed six riflemen. The company then proceeded toward Lake Danao and Dug in for the night at 26.8-34.0. Co G continued to advance east along the northeast slope of Hill 4101 meeting scattered enemy opposition. At 27.0-33.0, approx 400 yds from the ravine in which the 26th Div CP was reportedly located, Co G established a perimeter for the night. During the day Co E and Co G killed 27 Japs and counted 414 dead. 17-3 improved defensive positions at Baybay and conducted limited patrolling.

During the day, 104 enemy were killed and three POWs taken.

Weather was clear and warm with light showers late in the afternoon.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #87.

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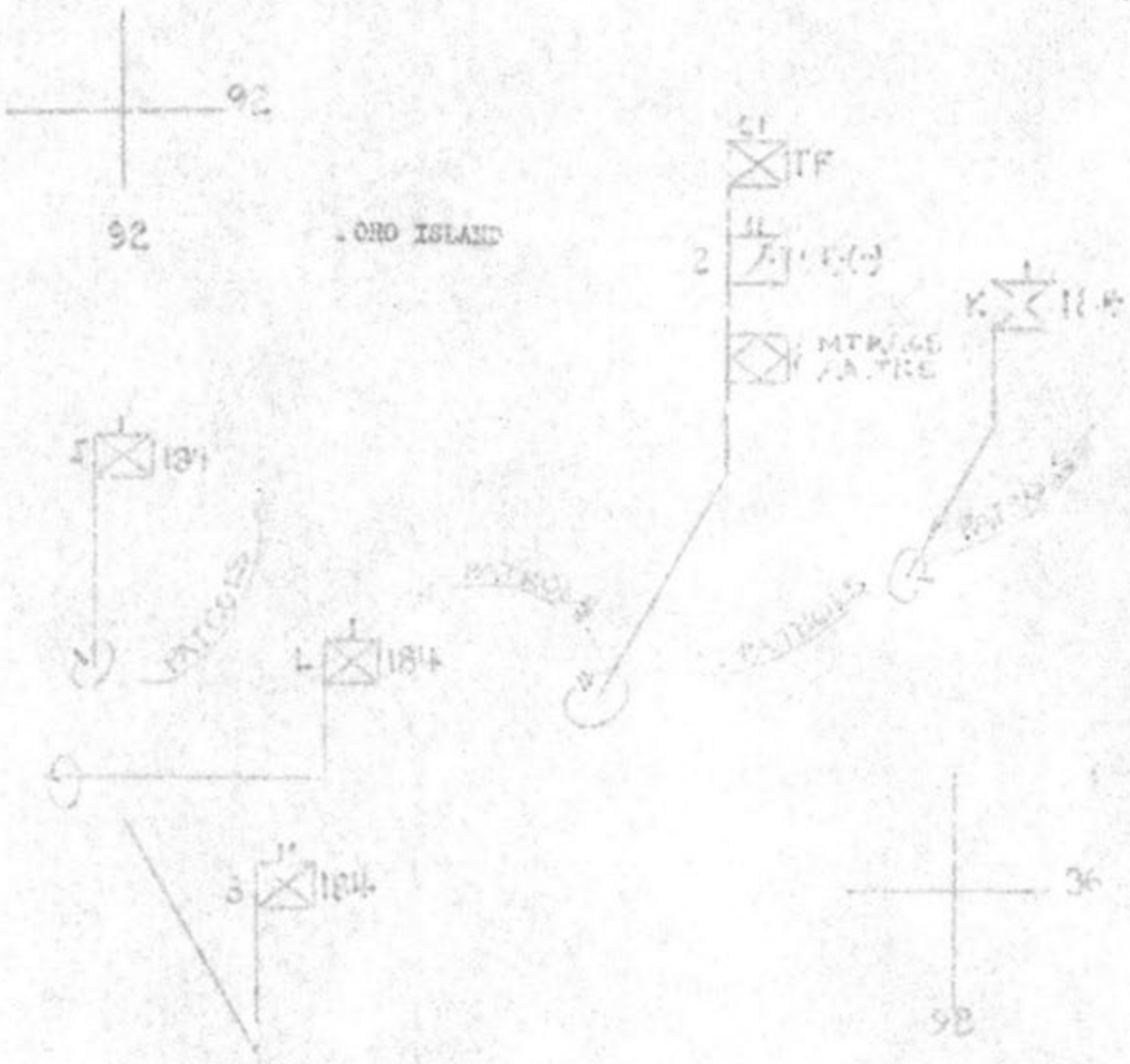

NOTE: REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #87 TO A.P. 90 DAY - 18 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 91 DAY - 19 JANUARY 1945

At 0730, the Special Task Force CP on Poro Island was bombed and strafed by one enemy plane. No casualties were inflicted. During the day, patrols covered the area between the road and the beach and from the Battalion CP to the Task Force CP. A motorized patrol went to Poro Town. Other patrols covered Alta Vista, Calmonte, and Villa Hermosa. In the vicinity of 90.0-89.9, fifteen Japs were observed and taken under artillery fire. Five were killed. All units established defensive positions for the night.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, with 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter and conducted limited patrolling within its assigned zone of responsibility. 184-1, less Co A and detachments, operated four small patrols on a 1200 yd front between Ormoc and Dunghol, and made no enemy contact. Patrols from 184-2 operated between Punta Blanca and Ormoc without contact. A patrol of 307-1 killed 3 Japs at 11.0-34.4. Co A, plus the personnel of one antitank platoon, and one heavy machine gun section, departed for Tacloban as an LST loading detail.

The 32nd Infantry again combed the area northwest, north, and northeast of Ormoc but observed only 12 Japs 1000 yds south of Margen. Co B and Co E departed for Tacloban as an LST loading detail. Co E, 96th Inf (Guerrilla) reported killing three Japs in the Belen area.

The 17th Infantry continued in defense of Baybay, Div dumps, and the MSR, and attempted to locate and destroy enemy troop concentrations in the vicinity of Hill 4101. Patrols in the 1st Bn area made no enemy contact. Operations of 17-2 in the vicinity of Hill 4101 were handicapped by treacherous and slippery trails, heavy rain, and limited visibility. Co E continued along the trail northward to a deep ravine through which no passable route could be found. They made no enemy contact, but observed three or four Japs at 25.3-37.0. The company dug in for the night at 26.0-35.5. A patrol of Co G worked its way to the Panilahan River gorge at 27.0-33.0. This patrol killed 17 Japs and found 40 more killed by artillery fire. The company bivouacked for the night at 27.0-33.0. 17-3 continued defense of Baybay. Co K and a prov company consisting of elements of Hq Co, 17-1, Hq Co 17-3, and Antitank Co departed for Tacloban for LST loading.

Btry B, 49th FA Bn departed for Tacloban as an LST loading detail.

The 2nd and 3rd Platoons, 91st Cml Wpns Co departed for Tacloban as an LST loading detail. Co Hq was attached to 17-1.

Co B, 13th Engr Bn departed for Tarragona to start work on a Div Rehabilitation area.

During the day, 30 enemy were killed, 195 found dead, and one POW taken.

Continuous rain fell until late afternoon. Visibility in coastal areas was poor, and in the mountain areas practically nil.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #88.

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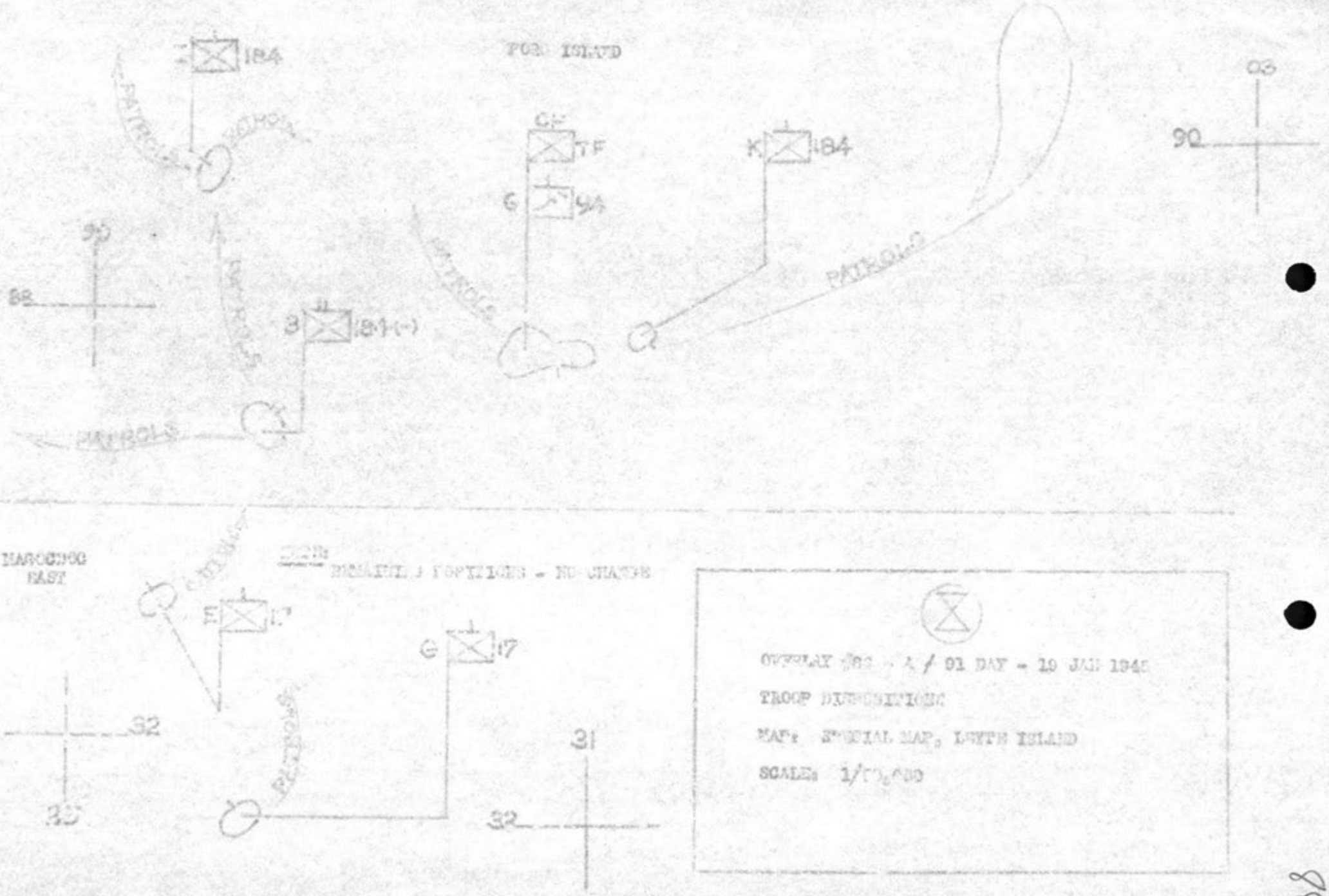
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OVERLAY #83 - A / 91 DAY - 19 JAN 1945
TROOP DISPOSITIONS
MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND
SCALE: 1/50,000

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A / 92 DAY - 20 JANUARY 1945

On Poro Island, Co L patrolled to San Francisco and returned, leaving one platoon to secure the causeway. Co I patrolled to Kang Unit, and covered the high ground between there and Tagis. Co K patrolled to Mt Three Peak. No enemy contact was made.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, reinf, with 307-1 attached, continued to defend and improve the defensive installations surrounding Ormoc. 184-1 dispatched four patrols in a northeasterly direction. Three of these made no enemy contact, and the fourth killed two stragglers. 184-2 utilized two combat patrols in covering the area northeast of Ormoc. One Jap was killed in Punta Blanca for their only contact. 307-1 covering the area north and west of Ormoc with four patrols contacted no enemy.

The 32nd Infantry in extensive patrol operations, covered the area northwest, north, and northeast of Ormoc, directing particular attention to the Canale-Dolores-Lake Danao area. Only scattered contacts were made.

The 17th Infantry continued in defense of the MSR and Div dumps. 17-1 patrolled aggressively northeast of Ipil, but engaged only four enemy 500 yds south of Mahuyog, and three of these were killed. 17-2 continued to drive on enemy in the vicinity of Hill 4101. Co G entered the reported location of the 26th Div CP, but found the area deserted. Four large shacks, 20 improvised huts of a lean-to nature, and other evidence pointed to fairly recent occupation, but no documents or equipment were found. Co E, disposed astride the main trail north, reached a large clearing at 25.3-36.9, and engaged two groups of enemy. The first group of 20 was surprised in bivouac, and 15 were killed. The second group of six, with two LMGs and one HMG were all killed. Approx 200 enemy dead were found on the trail. Death was attributed to artillery fire, starvation and disease. Found among these dead were one LMG, several knee mortars, and numerous rifles. All of these arms were destroyed. Co F penetrated to Libas and killed two enemy at 24.5-29.9. 17-3 remained in defense of the Baybay area.

During the day 204 previously unreported Japs were found dead, 64 were killed and four POWs were taken.

Light to heavy showers fell intermittently throughout the day, and visibility was poor.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #89.

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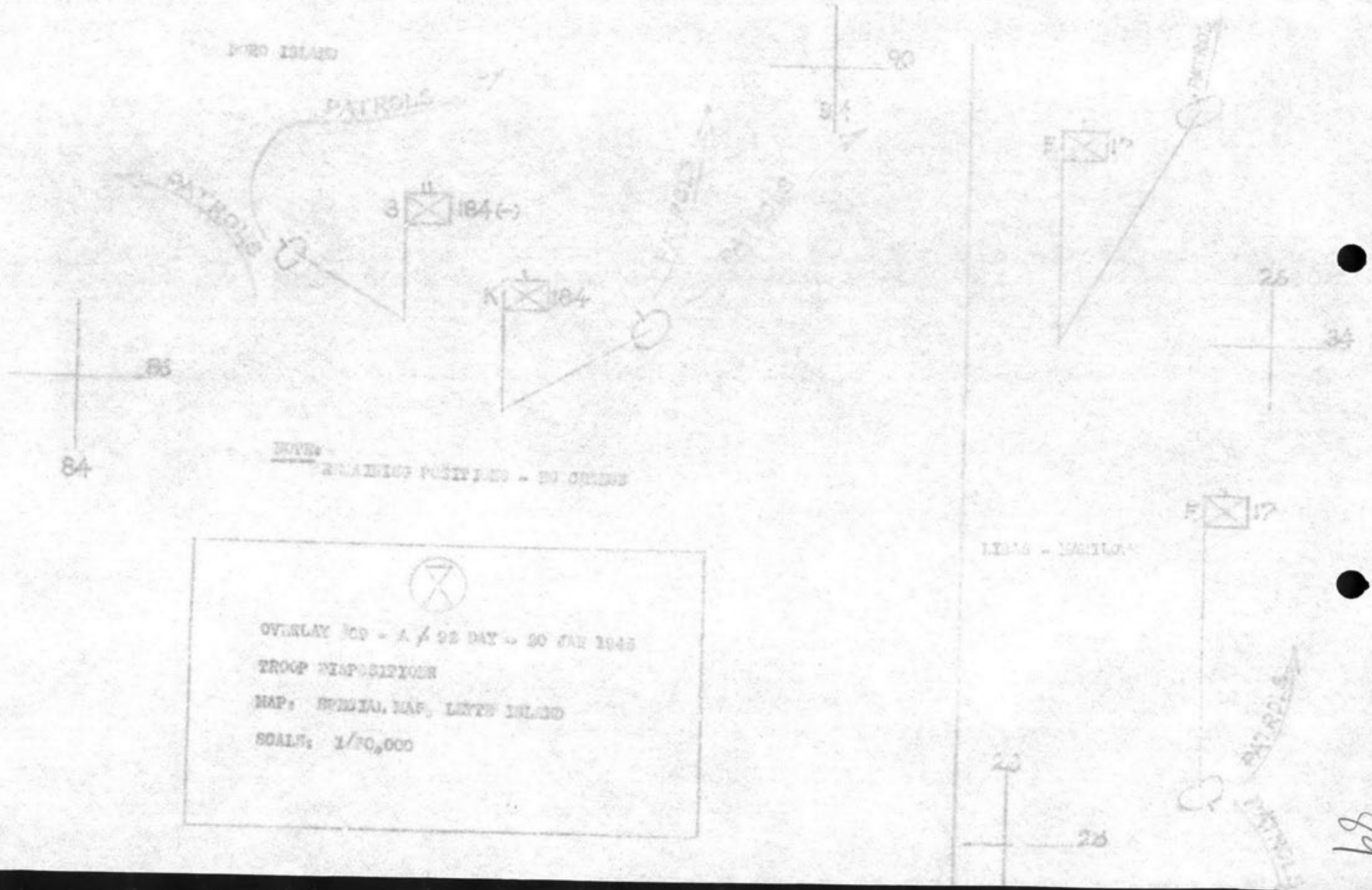

OVERLAY NO - A # 92 DAT - 20 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITION

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/20,000

A / 93 DAY - 21 JANUARY 1945

In the Camotes, the Special Task Force continued operations on Poro and extended its reconnaissance to Pacijan. Elements of Co I patrolled west and north from positions previously held, receiving 81mm mortar and rifle fire from 12 Japs at 88.5-87.5. Five of these were killed. Patrols from Co L to Mercedes, Suhi, and Mactang, and a patrol of Co K to Alta Vista made no contact. A second patrol of Co K killed two of six Japs observed at 89.5-88.5. Guerrilla elements patrolling to San Francisco on Pacijan encountered no enemy. Three officers and one NCO on motorized reconnaissance were killed when their jeep struck a land mine at 88.9-86.3.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, 307-1 attached, continued in defense of the Ormoc perimeter and dispatched eight patrols to comb the surrounding area. A few scattered stragglers were encountered and killed.

The 32nd Infantry conducted 18 patrols, principally in the Dolores-Canale-Lake Danao region, finding only scattered enemy. 32-1 patrolled east and west of Hwy #2. 32-2 operated patrols in the Biliboy-Canale and Lake Danao area. 32-3 patrolled the vicinity of Dolores and Lake Danao.

The 17th Infantry continued defense of the Baybay sector, the MSR and Div dumps at Albuera. 17-1 patrolled aggressively northeast of Ipil, and north of Damulaan. Scattered enemy were encountered. 17-2 pushed one platoon of Co E to 24.4-38.0. Enroute this patrol killed 45 Japs, and counted 306 dead scattered along the trail. Co G reconnoitered from the northeast slopes of Hill 4101 to the Co E position, and closed for the night at Pahagan. 17-3 remained in defense of Baybay and the MSR.

Btry C, 57th FA Bn, displaced from vicinity of the Pahagan River to Camp Downes.

The 1118th Engr Gp and the 242nd Engr Bn reverted to Corps control and commenced displacement to the east coast.

During the day, 79 enemy were killed, 310 bodies found, and one POW taken.

Weather was hazy and warm with limited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #90.

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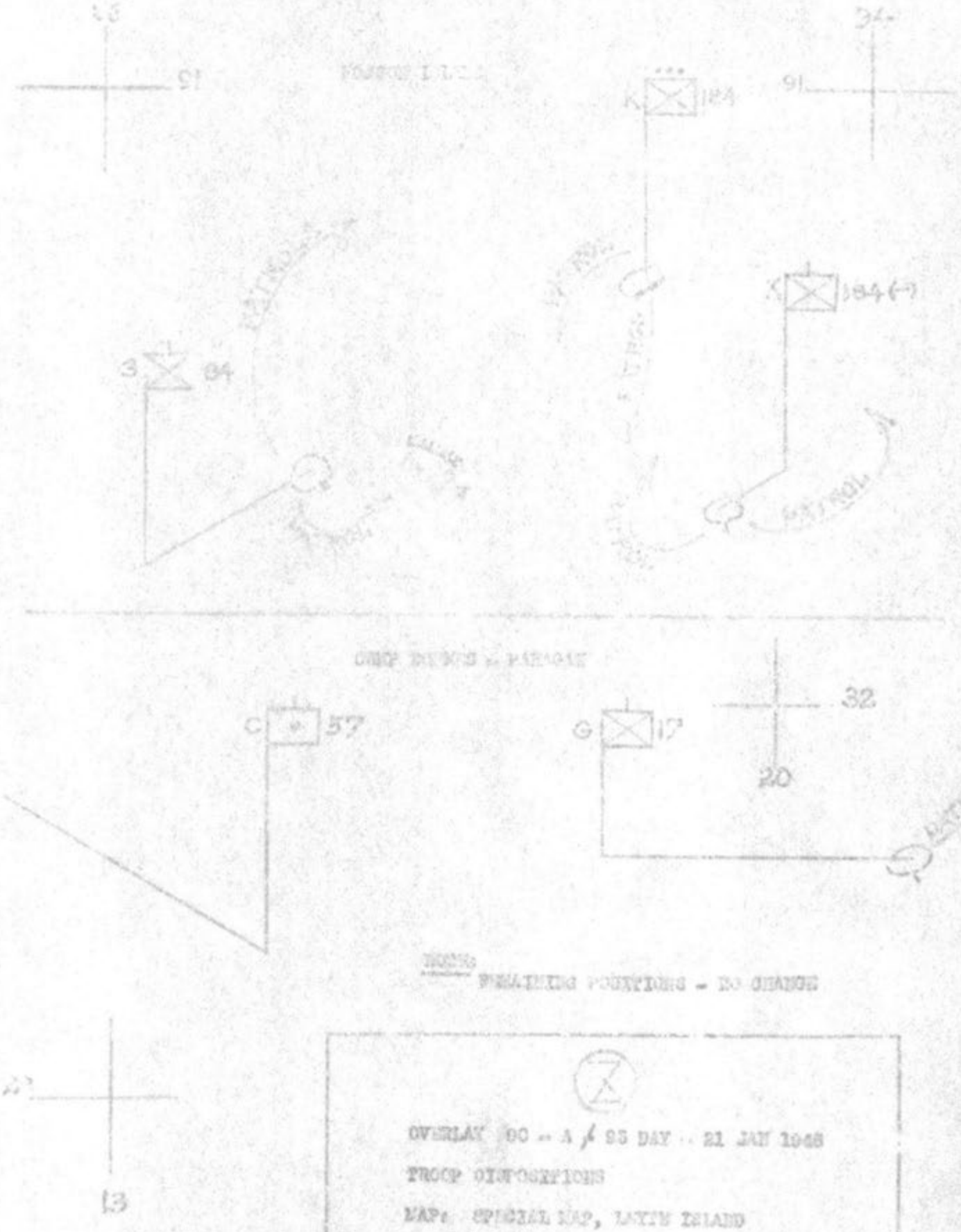

NOTE: REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY 90 - A / 93 DAY - 21 JAN 1948

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A + 94 DAY - 22 JANUARY 1945

On Poro Island, the Special Task Force continued operations in rugged terrain between Poro and Tudela. Scattered enemy groups of various size and composition were encountered. The Japanese held commanding defenses situated on the high ground and providing mutually supporting strong points. Six combat patrols supported by mortar fire probed these defenses during the day.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, reinf, 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter and patrolled the adjacent area for 3000 yds. No enemy were contacted.

The 32nd Infantry patrolled west, northwest, and northeast of Ormoc covering Dolores, Canale, Lake Danao, Puerto Bello, Biliboy, and Hill 3166. Only small scattered enemy groups were contacted.

The 17th Infantry continued in defense of the MSR and rear areas, and patrolled widely with only minor enemy contacts.

During the day, 57 of the enemy were killed, 114 previously unreported bodies were found, and three POWs taken.

Weather was warm and hazy with light showers, and limited visibility.

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A / 95 DAY - 23 JANUARY 1945

On Poro Island, the Special Task Force continued to engage enemy disposed on the high ground between Poro Town and Tudela. Co L drove north up the slopes of Hill 854, engaging a force of undetermined size. A reinforced platoon of Co K engaged a small force in the vicinity of 89.0-89.0. Both forces remained in contact during the night. A patrol to Esperanza made no enemy contact. Artillery silenced hostile field guns and mortars which fired on the battalion CP.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter and dispatched ten patrols. A reinforced platoon on a three day patrol to the Div east boundary killed eight Japs along the Patag Trail, and bivouacked for the night at 19.0-36.9. Other patrols made only minor enemy contacts.

The 32nd Infantry combed the area north, northwest, and northeast of Ormoc engaging enemy groups ranging in size from three to twenty.

The 17th Infantry maintained defense of the MSR, and conducted limited patrolling in the area bounded by Ipil, Hill 4101, and Damulaan. Scattered enemy groups were encountered. Co E returned from Lake Danao and bivouacked in the vicinity of the Regtl CP.

During the day, 114 enemy were killed and one POW taken.

Weather was warm with occasional showers and limited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #91.

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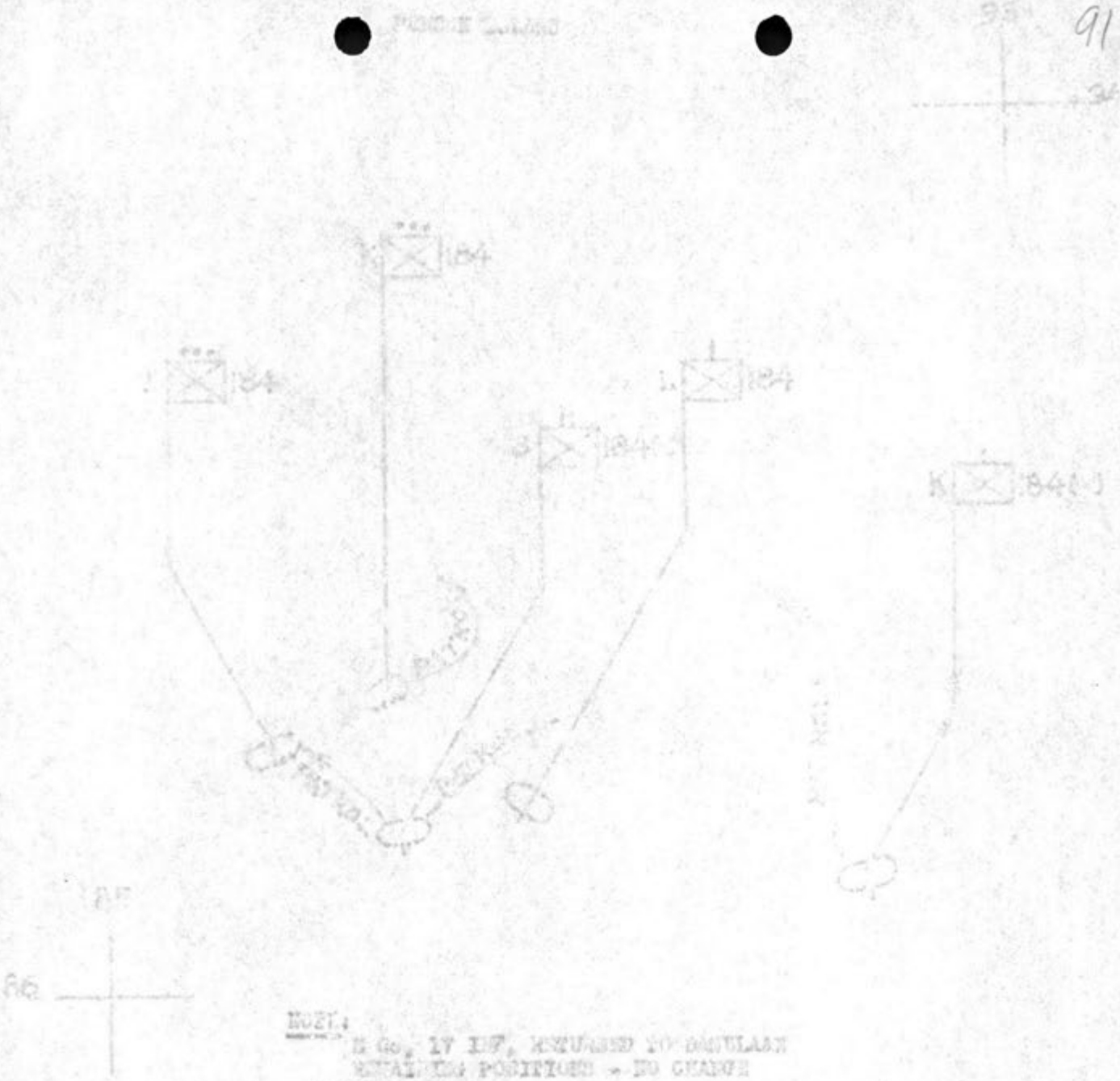

NOTE:
H Co, 17 INF, RETURNED TO DANDLAAN
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY 91 - A / 95 DIV - 23 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 96 DAY - 24 JANUARY 1945

On poro Island, enemy resistance continued to be stubborn. Co I made an envelopment to the west of enemy positions on Hill 854, while Co L held on the south. Co I encountered heavy small arms, and some artillery fire. Both companies closed in, but could not dislodge the enemy and established perimeter defenses for the night.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter and patrolled actively. There was indication of increased enemy activity west of Ormoc. A 15 man patrol from 307-1 contacted 75 to 100 Japs at 07.0-35.5, and killed five. This patrol was reinforced, and although contact could not be regained, three groups totalling approx 75 were observed and taken under mortar fire. Other patrols encountered scattered enemy stragglers.

The 32nd Infantry continued active patrolling in the area, north, northeast and northwest of Ormoc making numerous minor enemy contacts. During the day, 32-2 displaced to the Pagsangahan River, and two companies were disposed at Bao and Liloan to prevent reported enemy from moving west across the river.

The 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR, and conducted patrolling in the northern part of its zone of action. Only minor enemy contacts were made. Co F was attached to 17-1 and moved to Ipil. Cos L and M departed by LSM for the east coast. 17-3 (-) was relieved of defense of Baybay and displaced to the vicinity of Damulaan.

During the day, a total of 87 enemy were killed and four POWs taken.

Weather was warm and dry with excellent visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #92.

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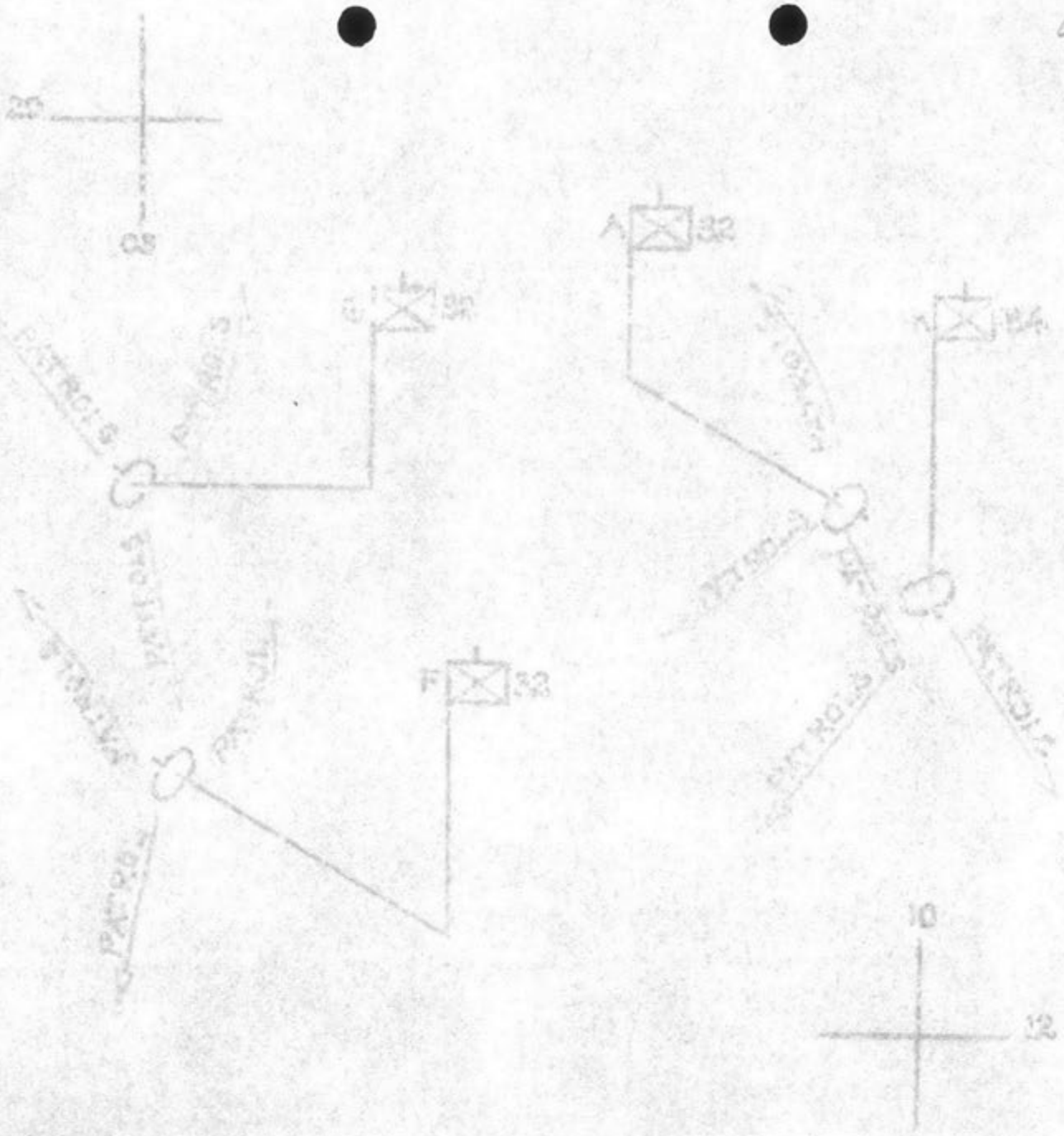

NOTE:
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #92 - A # 98 DAY - 24 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/80,000

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A / 97 DAY - 25 JANUARY 1945

Following a friendly air strike by two P-40s and two P-51s on Poro Island at 0830, Co L resumed its attack to the north. Assaulting the south slopes of Hill 854 while a platoon of Co I patrolled the northeast slopes in an effort to locate covered routes of approach to the enemy position. Intense small arms fire from concealed spider holes limited our advance, and as darkness fell positions were consolidated on favorable ground. Co K patrolled to Altavista, and having made no contact, bivouacked for the night in preparation for a coordinated attack on Hill 854.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, 307-1 attached, continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter and conducted limited patrolling. A three day patrol, having reached the Division east boundary, moved north to Mt Banao. A 20 man patrol of 307-1 killed 20 Japs at 09.7-36.6. Other patrols made only minor contacts. Cos C and E, relieved of their position in the Ormoc perimeter by Co I, 17th Inf moved by foot and motor to Soong where a base camp was established in preparation for patrol of the Mt Naguang area.

The 32nd Infantry in continued efforts to prevent mobilization of enemy forces west of the Pagsangahan River, moved elements of 32-3, the Regtl CP, and Special Units to the vicinity of Tambuco Rd Junction. Co I displaced to 10.2-36.7. Co F, in the vicinity of Bao, and Co G in the vicinity of Liloan, established trail blocks on routes of approach and manned outposts along the river. All battalions patrolled aggressively north of Ormoc, and killed 31 Japs, most of whom were encountered west of Hwy 2.

The 17th Infantry continued its defense of the MSR and patrolled its zone of responsibility. No enemy were engaged.

Btry C, 49th FA Bn, moved from Dolores to Ormoc. Bn Hq, and Btry C, 531st FA Bn were relieved from operational control of this Div and commenced displacement to Tarragona Beach.

During the day 75 enemy were killed and three POWs taken.

Weather was warm and dry with excellent visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #93.

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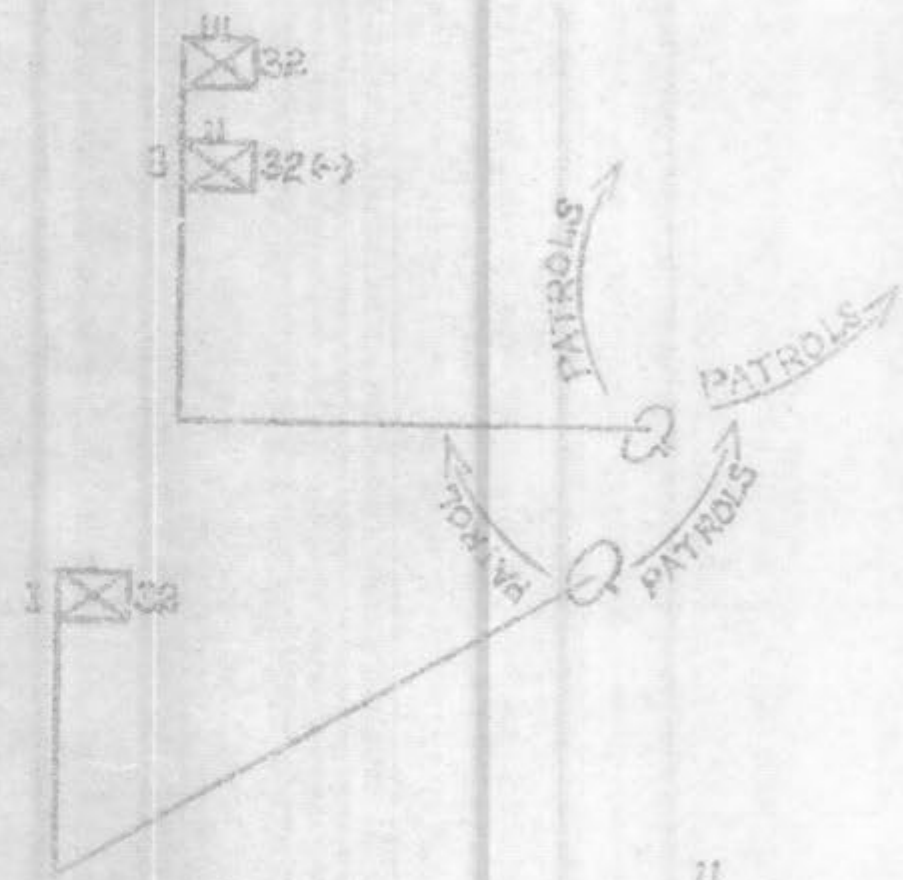



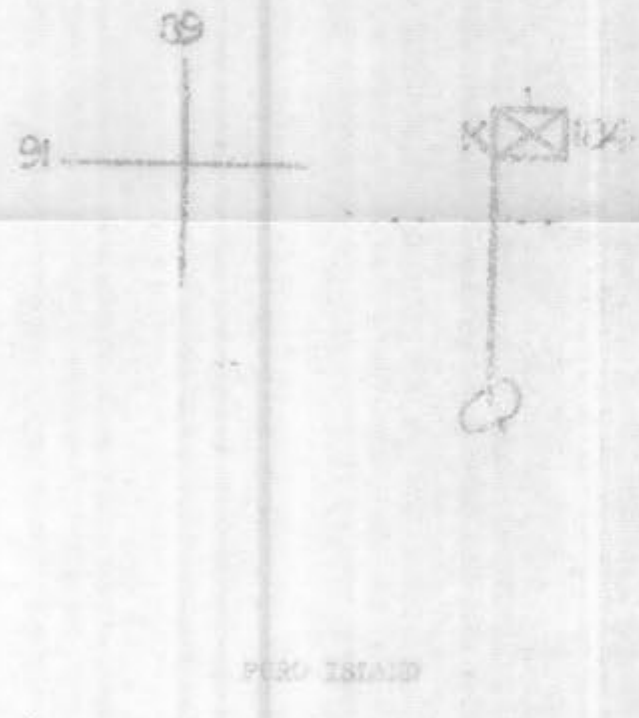

PURO ISLAND



OVERLAY NO: - A / 97 DAY - 25 JAN 1945

GROUP DESCRIPTION

MAP: SECTOR MAP, SOUTH ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 98 DAY - 26 JANUARY 1945

On poro Island, the Special Task Force continued operations against firmly entrenched enemy on Hill 854. Following preparation by amtanks and artillery, Co K jumped off at 0730, following previously reconnoitered routes. From 90.2-89.0, Co K drove southwest in the face of heavy fire from rifles, automatic weapons, and light artillery, and by 1210 had secured a ridge at 90.1-88.8. Advancing slowly against stubborn resistance and closely supported by 4.2" mortars, the Co reached 89.6-88.5 by 1700. Independent platoons of Co I reconnoitered both flanks of the enemy position, while Co L held the southwest base of Hill 854.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, with 17-2 (-) attached, continued defense of the Ormoc perimeter, and patrolled with minor enemy contacts. Three patrols from Cos C and E, operating from Soong, reconnoitered the approaches to Mt Naguang.

During the pre-dawn hours, the 32nd Infantry killed a total of 46 enemy in small groups attempting to cross the Ormoc-Valencia Rd, or infiltrating regtl positions. During the day numerous combat patrols combed the area west of Hwy 2. Many scattered enemy groups were engaged in sharp encounters. Fifteen were killed at 09.0-33.7, 29 near the Co A perimeter, and 28 in the vicinity of Liloan.

The 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR, and engaged in extensive patrolling throughout its zone of responsibility, encountering a few scattered enemy stragglers. 17-2, less Co E, relieved 307-1 in the Ormoc perimeter at 1400.

Fifteen amtracks of the Prov Amph Co at Poro displaced to Ipil in preparation for a move to the east coast.

During the day, 135 enemy were killed and seven POWs taken.

Weather was warm and dry with visibility excellent.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #94.

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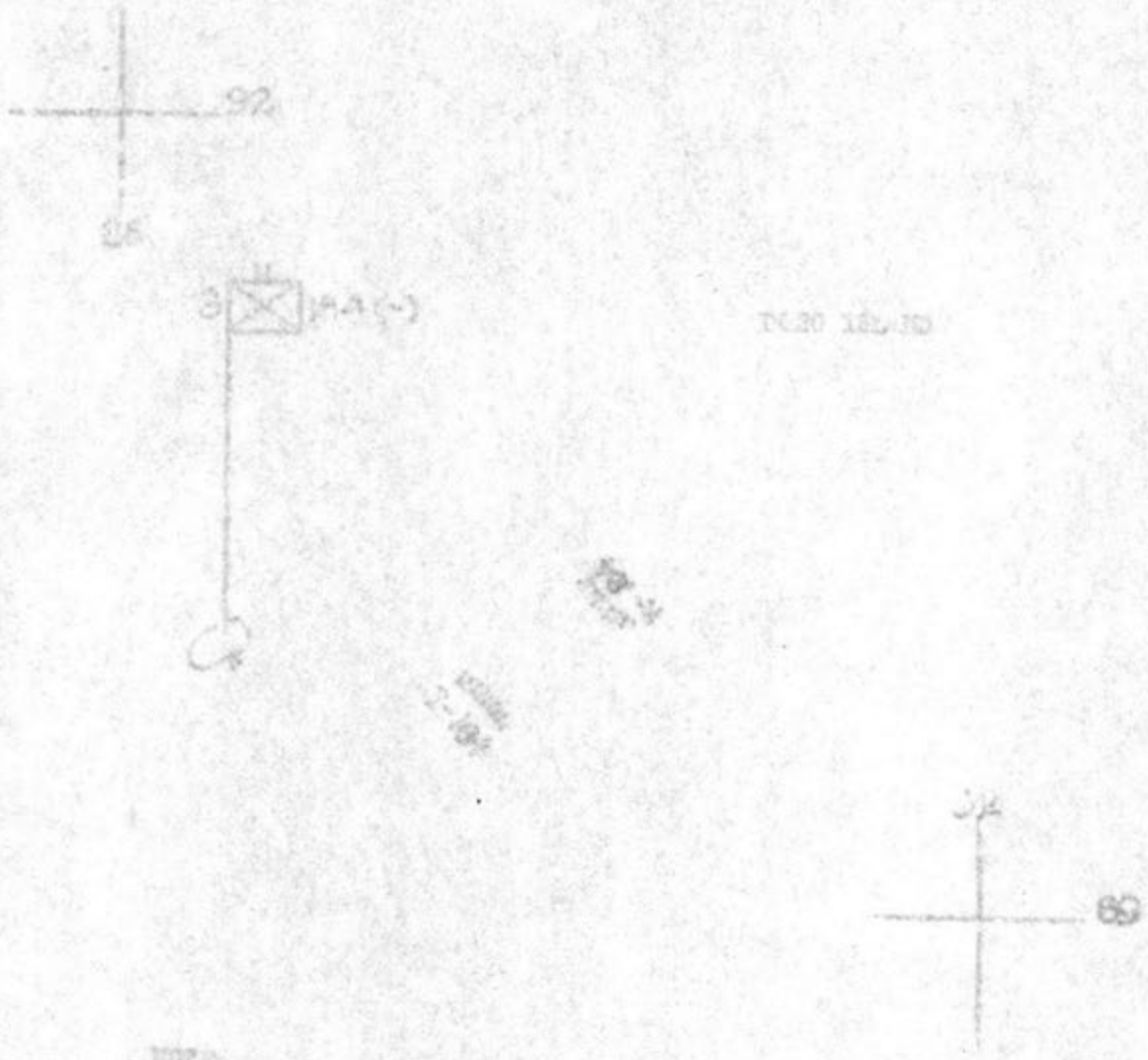

NOTE:
17-2 RELIEVED 307-1 INCOMING PERIMETER
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OVERLAY #64 - A / 98 DAY - 26 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/50,000

A / 99 DAY - 27 JANUARY 1945

On Poro Island, the Special Task Force continued its drive against the firmly entrenched enemy on Hill 854. Co K, from positions previously held, resumed the advance southwest. Independent platoons of Co I, contained the flanks of the enemy positions, while the remaining platoon held the southwest slopes. By 1500, following intensive shelling by 4.2" mortars and amtanks, Co K had gained 500 yds against determined enemy concealed in recessed coral spider holes on commanding hummocks. Late in the afternoon, the advance was stopped by intense and accurate fire from rifles, machine guns, and two light artillery pieces. By darkness, Co K was dug in at 89.4-88.2, with Co I holding the southern slopes of the hill. On pacijan Island, guerrilla forces combed as far as Union without enemy contact.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, with 17-2 attached, maintained defense of the Ormoc perimeter and conducted limited patrolling Minor enemy contacts were made. Cos C and E from Soong combed an area 500 yds north of the Soong-Ormoc Rd and closed on the Ormoc perimeter at 1200, relieving Co I, 17th Infantry.

The 32nd Infantry in extensive patrol activity north of grid line 36, killed 93 Japs and took ten POWs. Numerous scattered enemy groups were encountered along Hwy 2. One patrol killed 22 Japs in a radius of 1800 yds from the Tambuco Rd Junction. The I&R Plat killed 21 Japs and took six POWs enroute to Canale, while Co G killed 18 enemy near its perimeter at Bao.

The 17th Infantry continued defense of the MSR and conducted limited patrolling in its zone of responsibility. 17-3 Bn Hq and Cn Co moved to Ipil and embarked on LSMs for movement to the east coast. Co I, relieved of position in the Ormoc perimeter by Cos C and E, 184th Inf, reverted to 17th Inf control.

Btry A, 225th FA Bn, displaced to the vicinity of Liloan and commenced harassing fires west of the line Agubay and Masin.

During the period at least 154 enemy were killed and 16 POWs captured.

Weather was overcast with intermittent showers.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #95.

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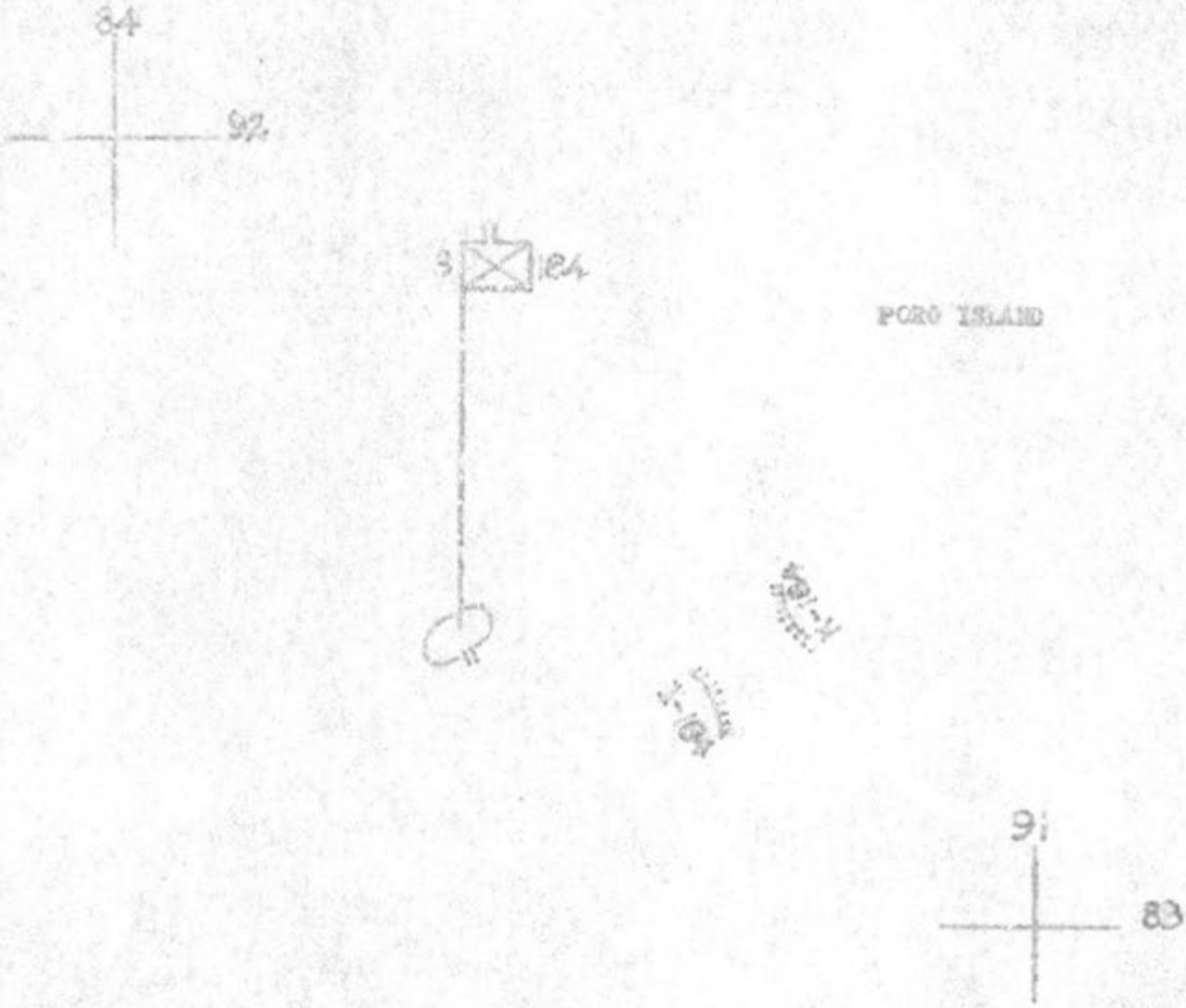

NOTE:
Co's E & C RETURNED TO ORMOC AND
RELIEVED Co I, 17 INF, WHO REJOINED 17-3.
17-3 MOVED TO IPIL AND BOARDED LSM'S
FOR EAST COAST REHABILITATION AREA.
A BTRY 225 FA BN MOVED TO SILOAN.

OVERLAY #95 - A / 99 DAY - 27 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, LEYTE ISLAND

SCALE: 1/80,000

A / 100 DAY - 28 JANUARY 1945

On Poro Island, the Special Task Force continued operations in the extremely rugged terrain of Hill 854. The center of enemy resistance having been fixed in an area approx 1800 yds long and 900 yds wide which contained a series of knife edge ridges of coral formation, heavy artillery laid harassing fires throughout the night. At dawn, 75mm time fire from btry fired amtanks and WP shells from 4.2" mortars paved the way for ground troops. Co K from positions previously held, resumed its advance southwest down the slopes of Hill 854, while Co I, less two platoons, drove northeast up the same slope. Independent platoons of Co I by aggressive patrol action and harassing fires successfully contained the enemy flanks. Co K pushed forward steadily against machine gun, rifle and 37mm antitank fire. By 1700, the enemy pocket had been further compressed by approx 800 yds and the hostile force had suffered severe punishment. One antitank gun was overrun, and since ample Japanese ammunition was available, this gun was moved forward with our forces, and employed against the enemy. Also captured were one HMG, and one twin-mount caliber .30 Lewis gun. On Pacijan Island Co L, assisted by cub spot, completed reconnaissance of Consuelo, Union, and Hill 391, and bivouacked for the night, prepared to complete reconnaissance of the island the following day. No enemy was encountered.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, 17-2 less one company attached, continued defense of Ormoc, and patrolled for 3000 yds from its lines. Three enemy were killed and one captured in minor encounters.

The 32nd Infantry with no change in disposition continued active patrolling in the area north of Ormoc to the Div north boundary, and between Dolores and Soong. Twelve patrols combed this area engaging and annihilating numerous small groups of Japs. Volunteer guards in coordination with elements of this regiment, killed four in the vicinity of Dolores, and guerrillas killed 18 in the vicinity of Liloan.

The 17th Infantry, less 17-2, continued defense of the MSR and Div rear areas. Distant patrols throughout the regimental zone of responsibility made only minor enemy contacts. 17-3, less Co I, and Co E closed at Tarragona. Co I bivouacked in the vicinity of Ormoc.

One section of Co D, 767th Tk Bn was attached to the 32nd Inf and employed with Co K. In a patrol action tantamount to a company offensive, these tanks aided materially in the reduction of bamboo thickets and native huts, closely supporting ground troops by accurate machine gun and 37mm canister fire. This tank-infantry team killed 65 Japs.

During the day, 201 enemy were killed, and 12 POWs, two MGs and a 37mm gun were captured.

Weather was warm and overcast.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #96.

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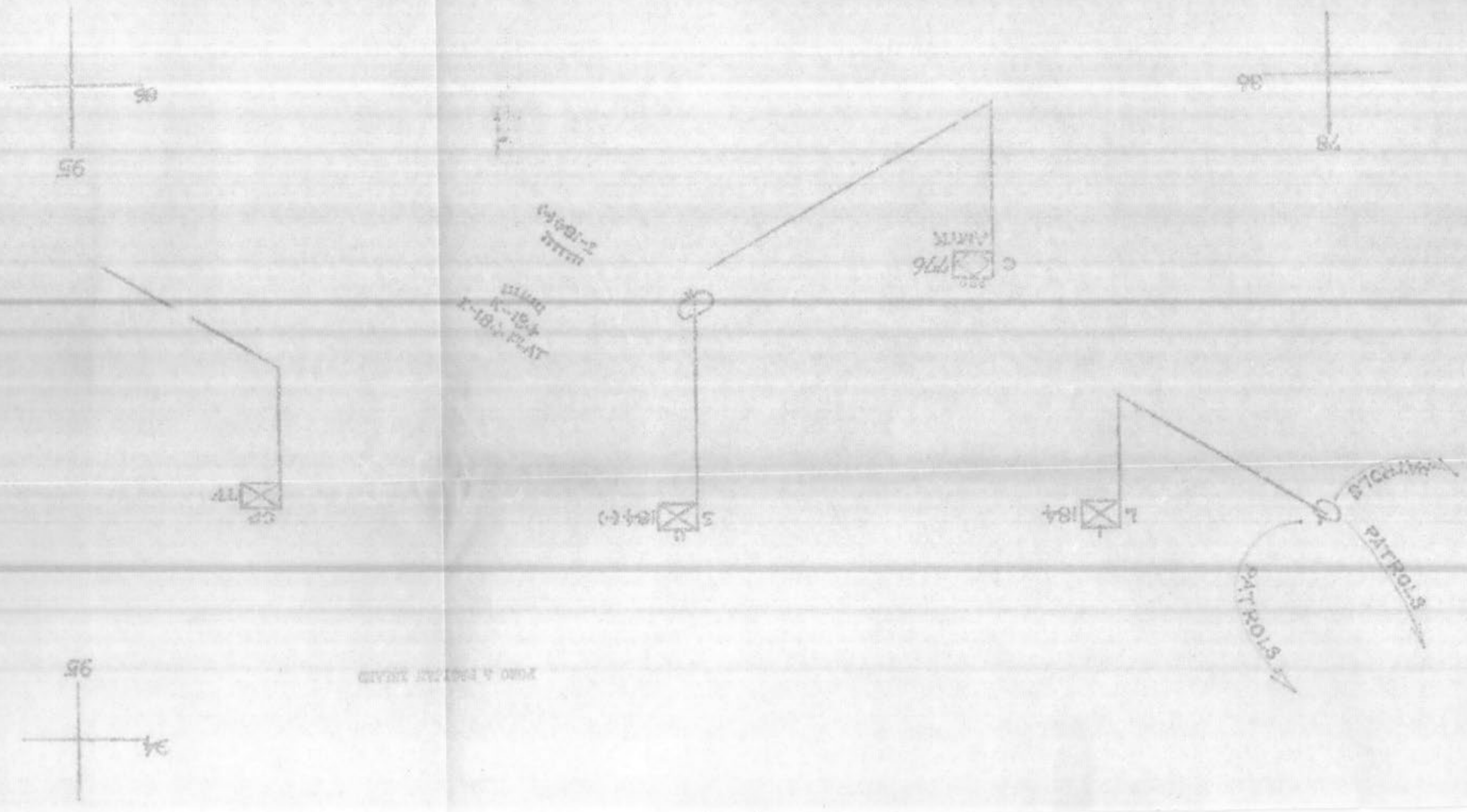
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A / 101 DAY - 29 JANUARY 1945

On Poro, Co K of the Special Task Force continued to advance southwest against small arms and machine gun fire from strong enemy defensive positions. In the course of the advance, one 37mm gun, one 57mm gun, and a light machine gun were captured. At 1430, this company received small arms fire from the right rear, and at the same time was counterattacked by 16 Japs. Fourteen of the attacking enemy were killed. Co I, working uphill from the southwest, contained hostile forces, and maintained active pressure on the enemy. This company received intense small arms and automatic weapons fire. As a result of the day's action, the enemy pocket was further compressed by approx 600 yds. On Pacijan patrols reached Esperanza without enemy contact, completing seizure of the island. Security of Pacijan was turned over to guerrilla forces, and Co L rejoined 184-3 on Poro.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3 reinf, with 17-2 attached continued the defense of Ormoc, and patrolled the regimental zone of responsibility. Minor contacts were made in the Ormoc area, and five Japs were killed.

The 32nd Infantry continued to patrol actively throughout the regimental zone of responsibility. Contact was made with a number of small enemy groups, particularly in the Pagsangahan River area. A total of 94 enemy were killed.

Units of the 17th Infantry remaining on the west coast, except 17-2 attached to the 184th Infantry, and portions of regtl headquarters, Serv Co, Co C and Co D, departed for the east coast rehabilitation area. Co C remained guarding the Div dumps. Patrols from Co D made no enemy contacts.

The air-ground liaison party returned from Poro to the Div CP.

Co C, 13th Engr Bn, less two platoons, left for the east coast rehabilitation area.

During the day, 99 enemy were killed on Leyte, and 33 on Poro.

Weather was warm and cloudy with limited visibility.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #97.

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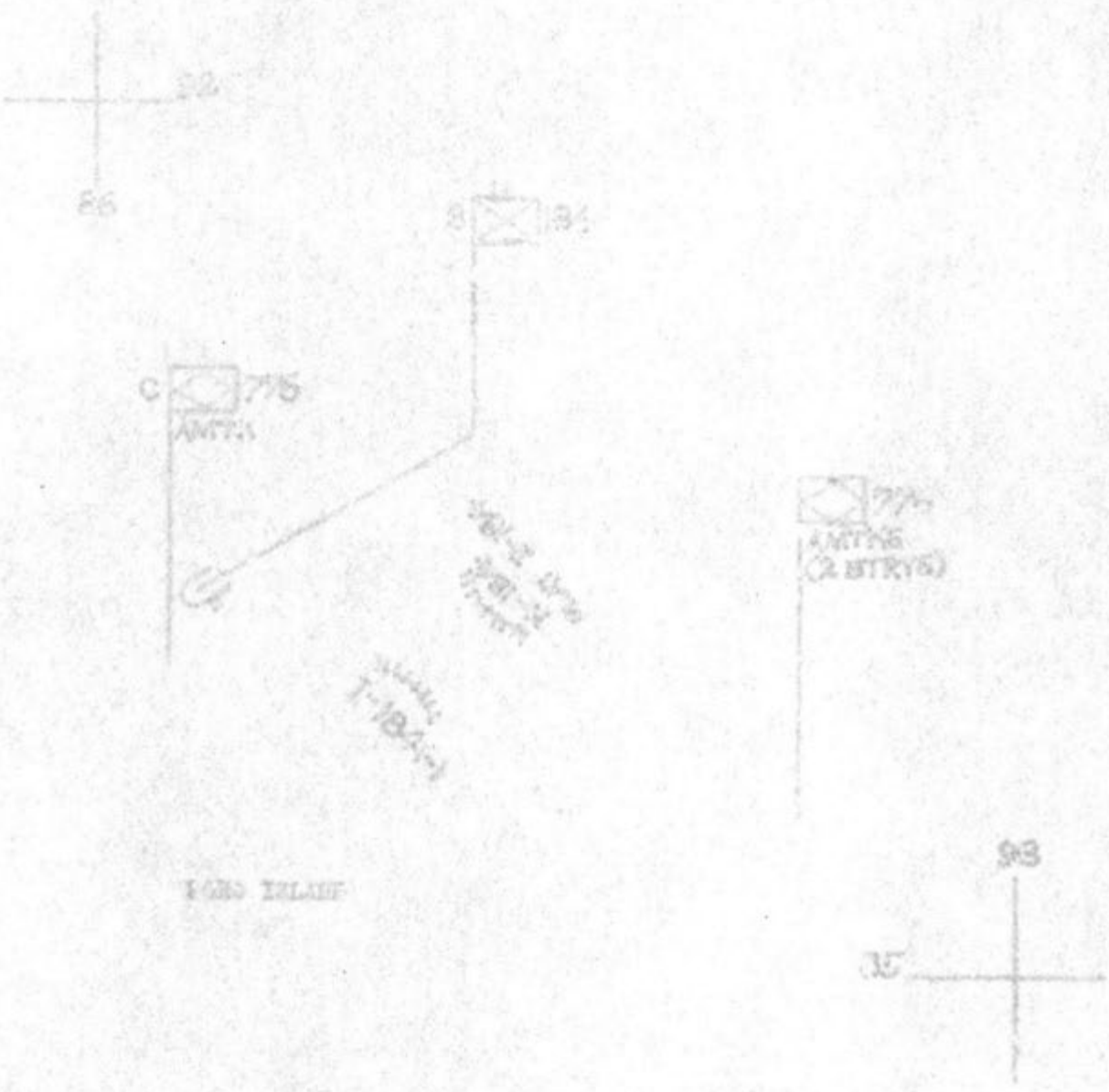

NOTE:

A / 102 DAY - 30 JANUARY 1945

On Poro Island, Co L, less one platoon, contained the southwest end of the enemy pocket, while Cos K and I resumed the attack southwest against stiff resistance. Considerable progress was made, and fighting continued into the hours of darkness.

During the pre-dawn hours, a group of approx 50 enemy passed near the perimeter of Co G, 32nd Inf, and were taken under fire, leaving 20 dead. 32-2 and Cn Co embarked aboard LSMs and departed for the east coast. The remainder of the regiment continued patrolling throughout the regimental zone of responsibility. Patrols made contact with several small groups and killed 21 enemy. Co C relieved Co F of the mission of guarding Btry A, 225th FA Bn in the vicinity of Liloan.

The remainder of Co D, 17th Inf, departed for the rehabilitation area, leaving only regtl headquarters, Co C and 17-2, attached to the 184th Inf, on the west coast.

The 184th Infantry, less 184-3, with 17-2 attached, continued defense of Ormoc. Local patrolling made minor enemy contacts.

During the day, 44 enemy were killed and one POW taken.

Weather was cool with heavy rain.

For dispositions as of 2400, see Overlay #98.

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NOTE:
D Co, 17 INF, & 32-2 BOARDED LSM'S
AT IPIL BOUND FOR EAST COAST
REHABILITATION AREA. C Co, 32 INF,
RELIEVED F Co, 32 INF, AT LILOAN.
REMAINING POSITIONS - NO CHANGE

OTHERAY [illegible] - A / 104 DAY - 30 JAN 1945

TROOP DISPOSITIONS

MAP: SPECIAL MAP, [illegible] ISLAND

SCALE: 1/[illegible]0,000

A / 103 DAY - 31 JANUARY 1945

At 0315, 39 Japs attacked the Bn CP of 184-3 at the bridgehead of the Poro-Pacijan Causeway. In a determined effort to break through, this force hit the perimeter at five different places, but the defenses held and 21 Japs were killed. At the same time, another group armed with satchel charges, attempted to destroy a platoon of amtanks in the near vicinity. In this encounter, 18 Japs were killed, and one of the amtanks was damaged slightly. From positions held the previous night, Cos I and K resumed the advance southwest at 0800, and by 1100 had joined Co L which was driving northeast. During this advance no resistance was encountered, but 254 previously unreported bodies were found. For the remainder of the period, patrols failed to make any further contact. By 1800 the battalion was closed in defensive positions near Poro Town and the Camotes Islands were declared secured.

On Leyte Island, the 184th Infantry conducted limited patrolling with minor enemy contacts.

The 17th Infantry, less Co C, a detachment of Hq and Serv Cos, and 2nd Bn, less Co E, went into rehabilitation in the Tarragona area.

The 32nd Infantry, less 32-2, continued to patrol within the regtl zone of responsibility contacting a few stragglers. The 2nd Bn was in rehabilitation in the vicinity of Tarragona.

Btry A, 49th FA Bn, commenced displacement to the rehabilitation area. Btry A, 531st FA Bn, commenced displacement from Ponson Island to Baybay.

During the period, 24 enemy were killed and four prisoners taken on Leyte Island.

Weather was cloudy and overcast with intermittent rains.

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A / 104 DAY - 1 FEBRUARY 1945
to
A / 114 DAY - 10 FEBRUARY 1945

During the period A / 104 through A / 114, the Div continued defense of the west coast from Baybay to Ormoc, patrolled within its zone of responsibility, and displaced elements to the east coast of Leyte. Minor contacts were made with scattered enemy groups, with a resulting total of 174 enemy killed, and 25 prisoners taken. On 10 Feb 1945, the Division was relieved of its combat mission on the west coast by elements of the Americal Div, and prepared to close all elements in rehabilitation areas in the vicinity of Tarragona.

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MAPS: Special Map, Portion of LEYTE ISLAND, 1/25,000.
Special Map, LEYTE ISLAND, (approx) 1/440,000.

1. a. Summary of enemy situation - See Annex 5 (Intelligence).

b. (1) The Sixth Army, comprised of the following units:

X and XXIV Corps
31st and 77th Inf Divs
6th ~~Army~~ Ranger ~~Bn~~ Inf Bn
Base Development Units

will seize and occupy LEYTE ISLAND; establish control over Western and Southern SAMAR; and prepare to initiate operations to complete the consolidation of SAMAR and to destroy or contain hostile garrisons in the VISAYAS.

(2) Missions assigned elements of Sixth Army:

(a) The ~~6th~~ Ranger Inf Bn will land on ABLE minus 2 Day on DINAGAT and HOMONHON ISLANDS to secure entrances to LEYTE GULF.

(b) 21st Inf (24th Inf Div) will, on ABLE-Day, at ~~H~~-Hour, land in vicinity of PANAON STRAIT.

(c) X Corps, consisting of 1st Cav Div on the right and 24th Inf Div (- 21st Inf) will, on ABLE-Day at J-Hour, land in PALO - PAWING - MARASBARAS Area; advance North and Northwest to seize and secure TACLOBAN, PALO, and the CARIGARA Area.

(d) 381st Inf (96th Inf Div) in Sixth Army floating reserve.

(e) ~~31st~~ 32nd and 77th Inf Divs, at ~~SANSAPOR~~ Hollandia, Morotai, and GUAM, respectively, will, after ABLE plus 3 Day, be prepared to embark for the objective area.

(f) XXIV Corps, embarked in and supported by vessels of the Southern Attack Force, will:

(1) On ABLE-Day at J-Hour land in the DULAG - LABIRANAN Area with the 7th Inf Div and 96th Inf Div (- 381st Inf) abreast, 96th Inf Div on the right, and seize the DULAG - BURAUEN - DAGAMI - TANAUAN Area.

(2) Establish and maintain contact with the X Corps to the North.

(3) When directed by CG, Sixth Army, seize ABUYOG, advance Westward to BAYBAY and by overland and shore to shore operations clear all hostile forces from Southern and Western LEYTE ISLAND and DINAGAT ISLAND.

(4) Defend occupied areas.

(5) For Corps BHL and boundaries, see Operations Map, (Appendix A to [illegible]).

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(3) See Operations Map (Appendix A to Annex 1) for location of landings and zones of action for all elements of Sixth Army.

2. a. The 7th Inf Div reinf (see Annex 3) embarked in accordance with Embarkation Plan (see Annex 4) will move under Naval Control to transport areas as designated by Naval Commander, and will:

(1) Land on LEYTE ISLAND between the CALBASAG and DAGUITAN RIVERS, advance rapidly inland along the axis of the DULAG - BURAUEN ROAD.

(2) Secure the bridge and crossing of DAGUITAN RIVER at DAO and the bridge and crossing of the TALISAY RIVER.

(3) Seize ~~and secure~~ hostile airdromes in its zone of action.

(4) Secure the BURAUEN - DAGAMI ROAD.

(5) Protect the Corps left (South) flank.

(6) Maintain contact with 96th Inf Div on the right.

(7) When directed by CG, XXIV Corps:

(a) Initiate further offensive action to seize ABUYOG and BAYBAY and destroy hostile forces along West coast and Southern portion of LEYTE ISLAND.

b. Formation: RCT 32 on the right, RCT 184 on the left, and RCT 17 in reserve.

c. Date and Time of Landing: ABLE-Day, ~~H~~-Hour, (to be announced).

d. For beaches, boundaries, phase lines, see Operations Map (Annex 1).

3. a. RCT 32 (see Annex 3) will transfer assault elements to LST's at staging area (see Annex 10 for Transfer and LVT Plan).

RCT 32 will land with two (2) battalions abreast on BEACH VIOLET ONE and BEACH VIOLET TWO on ABLE-Day at HOW-Hour, drive rapidly inland in its zone of action with the main effort on its left.

(1) It will:

(a) Establish and maintain contact with the 96th Inf Div on its right and RCT 184 on its left.

(b) Protect the Div right (North) flank.

(c) Be prepared to support RCT 184 in seizure of airfield in vicinity of, and West of DULAG.

(2) The reserve BLT will be embarked in landing craft held at the Line of Departure at Jig plus 45, and land in landing craft on RCT order on BEACH VIOLET ONE and/or BEACH VIOLET TWO.

(3) 1st Plat, Co D, 767th Tk Bn, will rendezvous with RCT 32 at Line of Departure and land on order of RCT Comdr on BEACH VIOLET ONE and/or BEACH VIOLET TWO.

(4) Co A, 767th Tk Bn:

(a) Land two (2) plats in the fifth wave on BEACH VIOLET ONE and BEACH VIOLET TWO, each plat initially to support the advance of an assault BLT.

(b) Remaining elements will rendezvous at Line of Departure, and on RCT order, land on BEACH VIOLET ONE and/or BEACH VIOLET TWO.

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ANNEX 2 to FO 9

REFERENCES: (a) SOP, Supply and Evacuation for Amphibious Operations, 7th Inf Div, 25 Aug 44.
(b) Ltr, 7th Inf Div, "Individual Clothing, Equipment, and Expendables", 7 Aug 44.
(c) Ltr, 7th Inf Div, "List of Organizational Equipment", 6 Aug 44.

MAPS: (a) See ANNEX 1 to FO 9
(b) Incl #1, Road Plan.
(c) Incl #1 to Appendix BAKER, Shore Party Plan.

1. SUPPLY.

a. Distribution.

(1) 1st Phase. Prior to establishment of normal shore party operations, initial resupply of all types of supplies will be accomplished by DUKW ferries from one (1) LSV and eight (8) specially stocked LST's. CO, 480th Amphibian Truck Co., will deliver selected articles on call to all front line consumers. (see par. 1b(1), for method of control). (See also Annex "H", Ref. a).

(2) 2nd Phase. Division Shore Party phase. (See Appendix BAKER).

(a) Unit distribution - Cl. I, except water, to forward units by Div. Q.M.

(b) Dump distribution - All classes (except Cl. I) for forward units; all classes without exception for rear area units. DP's established by CO, Division Shore Party. Forward DP's established by Battalions and Regiments as required.

(3) 3rd Phase. Corps Phase. CG, XXIV Corps, operates rear area service installations, including Corps Shore Party, in support of Division in forward area.

(a) Unit distribution - Cl. I (except water) to all units by Div Q.M.

(b) Dump distribution - Water and Cl. II, III, IV & V to all units. Forward Div DP's established by respective Branch Supply Agencies as required. Forward Battalion and Regimental DP's established as required; levels on hand limited to 24-hour estimated consumption, unless specifically excepted by Div G-4.

(4) Air drop available in emergencies on call from CG, XXIV Corps, thru Div G-4.

(5) Units are responsible for coordination of supply for all units under their operational control.

(a) Procedure as directed by C of S 4th Army. Refer to round and square signals SOI 7th Div #932-2 para 6 pp 344 for method of requesting and securing air drop supplies.

(a) DP's will issue only to major unit S-4's or representatives; in emergencies subordinate units may draw from DP's.

b. Control.

(1) 1st Phase - Army Control Party (G-4 and Surg. representatives) on Naval control vessel will receive requests from unit S-4's ashore and dispatch ingoing supply and outgoing evacuation DUKW's. G-4 Admin. Radio Net will furnish communication in accordance with App. A, Annex 9, FO 9.

(2) 2nd Phase - CO, Division Shore Party, will coordinate rate of unloading of all Division Assault Shipping, with Division TQM afloat. Normal ashore.

(3) 3rd Phase - Normal, by Division G-4 and respective Branch Supply Agencies.

c. Rations.

(1) Plan of Supply. (See Sect. III, Ref. a).

(a) Priority "A", 3 days emergency rations

(1) With individual - 1 candy (special), 1/3 "D", 1/3 "K".

(2) Unloaded by units with assault troops - 2/3 "D", 2/3 "K".

(b) Priority "B", 10 days emergency rations.

(1) On supply LST - 1 candy (Special), 1 "C", 1 "K".

(2) On Div QM cargo trucks - 1 "K", 1 "C".

(3) On APA, palletized - 5 "C".

(c) Priority "C", 20 days "B" rations (10-in-1)

(1) On APA, palletized - 5 "B".

(2) On APA, bulk - 5 "B".

(3) On AKA, palletized - 5 "B".

(4) On AKA, bulk - 5 "B".

(d) Ration accessories available with each group of rations.

(e) Extra coffee components available with priorities "B" and "C".

(f) Extra bread components available with priority "C".

(2) Distribution.

(a) Unit distribution by Div QM to assault RCT's.

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Appendix ABLE to ADM O.

Maps: None
REFERENCES: (a) SOP, Supply and Evacuation for Amphibious Operations, 7th Inf Div, 25 Aug 44.
(b) FM 101-5.

1. S-4 PERIODIC REPORT

a. Form - see Incl. #1

b. Submitted:

(1) By each major unit. (RCT, Sep. Bn. or Sep. Co. not under operational control of RCT or Bn).

(a) For all subordinate units under operational control

(b) To include only supplies in hands of units.

(c) Supplies in Division Dumps by respective branch agencies (see par. 4).

(2) Consolidated by major unit S-4's.

(3) Daily as of 1700 to reach Division G-4 by 1800.

c. Processed by respective branch supply agencies, as separately directed by G-4.

d. Required daily, beginning A-Day.

2. SHORE PARTY REPORT

a. Form - see Annex "G", ref. a, and paragraphs below.

b. In addition to the information supplied in the Unit S-4 Periodic report (par. 1, above) CO, Div Shore Party, will forward a special report daily at 1800 to Division G-4, as of 1700, showing:

(1) Tons of cargo unloaded by class, excluding vehicles, during period.

(2) Units landed across beach during period.

(3) Layout of area - bivouacs, dumps, service installations and defenses.

(4) Water supply points.

(a) Capacity

(b) Production during period

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(5) Special equipment in operation, e.g., causeways, barges docks, including location.

3. TQM REPORT

a. During unloading of Division assault shipping, Division TQM will submit a special report daily at 1800 to G-4, as of 1700, showing:

(1) Percentage all cargo unloaded by weight. Weight tonnage of cargo unloaded during previous 24 hour period and tonnage remaining to be unloaded.

(2) Ship's platoons working, strength and unit.

(3) Number of landing craft operating.

(4) Location of ships.

b. Form - data by ships and consolidated by TransDivs.

4. BRANCH SUPPLY REPORTS

a. Dump inventories.

(1) Forms - as supplied by respective agencies.

(2) Submitted by each branch supply agency direct to Division G-4, with copy to respective Corps branch by Corps Liaison Officer, and copy to CO, Division Shore Party, through Div G-4.

(3) Location will be specified by map reference or overlay.

(4) Listed by major articles initially; later, as possible, in detail.

(5) Consolidated for Division G-4 periodic report by days of supply and units of fire. (See Incl. #1)

b. Ammunition Situation Reports - OO XXIV Form 304

(1) Consolidated by Division O.O. and forwarded direct to O.O., XXIV Corps, as of 1800 daily, to reach Corps O.O. by the following 0800.

c. Engineer Operations Report - direct to Engineer, XXIV Corps, by Division and Shore Party Engineers, daily at 0800, period 0001 - 2400.

d. Surgeon's Report - Status of evacuation, to G-4 at 1800 daily, as of 1700.

(1) Total to ships.

(2) Total remaining in hospital and medical installations.

(a) Number awaiting further evacuation.

(b) Number being held.

(3) Additional surgeons reports to XXIV Corps and 8th Army as prescribed by Par 2, Reg XXIV Corps, ADM O, 2.

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SHORE PARTY PLAN

7 Inf Div
APO 7
1 Oct 44

Appendix BAKER to ADM O.

Maps: Sketch, Shore Party Area, FO9
REFERENCES: SOP, Supply and Evacuation for Amphibious Operations, 7th Inf Div, 25 August 44

1. SHORE PARTY OPERATION - in accordance with Annex C, Ref.

a. 1140th Engr (C) Group is Division Shore Party, until relieved by Commanding General, XXIV Corps.

2. GENERAL

a. Scope - This plan pertains to all troops either passing through or situated in the Shore Party area. The Shore Party area is bounded by the waterline, the width of the area of Shore Party operations, and a distance inland of approximately 1000 yards.

b. Command of Shore Party Area

(1) RCT phase - CO, Engineer Shore Party Battalion.

(2) Division phase - CO, Engineer Group.

c. Upon beaching of LST's, the senior officer of the ship's platoon will report to the Division Shore Party Commander.

3. CARGO DISCHARGE

a. 1st phase - as in par 1a and 1b, ADM O

b. General unloading will be inaugurated after the Shore Party has landed and Shore Party Commander signifies his readiness to receive cargo.

c. Off shore control by Naval control vessel.

4. BEACH OPERATION

a. Area extends 50 to 100 yards inland, generally at least to the first lateral road.

b. Beach area is reserved for units unloading landing craft, for Shore Party CP's and communications centers, and for such other installations as may be designated by the Shore Party Commander.

c. All other troops and equipment will be moved as rapidly as possible across the beach to designated areas before regrouping.

d. All personnel and vehicles not assigned to Shore Party operation, will move rapidly through Shore Party Area to assembly area before regrouping.

5. BIVOUAC AREA

a. Designated by CO, Shore Party, for all units therein.

b. Initial assignments as indicated on Incl #1.

c. Unit CO's will move their troops into assigned areas as rapidly

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as possible; actual ground location to be verified by having an officer check at Shore Party CP.

6. SECURITY

a. Coordinated by Shore Party Commander for all units in the area.

b. During hours of darkness, enemy infiltration will be prevented by perimeter defense. Promiscuous firing of rifles and automatic weapons will be prevented.

c. Sector Commanders, appointed by Shore Party Commander, will designate security missions, boundaries, etc. (see Incl #1)

d. Unit Commanders are responsible for:

(1) Layout of defenses.

(2) Submitting of sketch to Shore Party Commander showing weapons, defenses, outposts, etc.

(3) Local warning system, tied-in with overall Shore Party system.

7. DUMP OPERATION

a. Engineer Shore Party will place supplies and equipment in dumps, location selected and sites developed by Shore Party Commander (see Incl #1).

b. Control of storage and issue by respective branch supply agencies.

c. Division Shore Party will maintain a water and ration DP for casuals.

d. Dump Records:

(1) Inventory - report forwarded by each supply agency to Shore Party Commander as of 1100, 1600, and 2400 daily, to reach CP one hour later.

(2) Receipts - Engineer Shore Party will keep a record of supplies received in dumps.

e. Advance dumps.

(1) Branch supply agencies will select location of advance dumps as soon as tactical situation permits.

(2) Shore Party will develop sites selected and then haul direct to advance dumps when tempo of unloading permits.

(3) Records as above.

(4) Branch agencies will mark advance dumps.

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Ap Charlie Salvage

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Appendix CHARLIE to ADM O

Maps: None
REFERENCE: SOP, Supply and Evacuation for Amphibious Operations, 7th Inf Div., 25 Aug 44

1. SALVAGE OPERATIONS - see Annex "J", Ref.

2. RECOVERY

a. Battlefield recovery is a responsibility of command.

b. Units will recover and collect salvageable materiel in their respective areas, and assemble it at collecting points.

(1) Location of such points will be reported to Division Salvage Officer (QM).

(2) Materiel accumulated at medical installations will be included.

c. QM salvage collection unit (1st Pln, 3260th QM Sv Co) will patrol Division rear areas to assist in salvage recovery. Division Medical clearing station and 69th Field Hospital stations will be serviced by this unit.

d. CO, Division Shore Party, will coordinate and consolidate recovery in beach areas.

3. EVACUATION

a. From Infantry Regimental collecting points by all trucks which would otherwise return to DP's empty. Dispatch and loading under supervision of units.

b. From other unit collecting points by unit transportation under supervision of unit.

4. SALVAGE

a. QM salvage collecting points established and operated by QM salvage personnel in vicinity of Class I and III DP's will:

(1) Receive all materiel recovered from the battlefield regardless of branch of property.

(2) Accumulate

(3) Sort

(4) Classify

(5) Search for personal effects

(6) Deliver materiel to appropriate branch salvage installations for disposition.

(a) Reissue

Appendix CHARLIE to ADM O. (cont).

(b) Reclamation

c. Each branch supply agency will appoint a salvage officer and operate a salvage point in the vicinity of its principal DP's.

5. GENERAL

a. Collection of heavy Ordnance, Signal, and Engineer equipment.

(1) Unit Commanders and CO, QM Salvage collection unit, will locate materiel and inform appropriate branch salvage officer.

(2) Evacuation direct to branch DP by:

(a) Locating unit, if possible, or by

(b) Branch concerned.

b. The following practices will apply to salvage recovery and collection:

(1) Personnel will not collect unexploded shells, bombs, or pyrotechnics.

(2) Whenever possible, clothing, shoes, and personal equipment will be sorted by articles and stacked by units at unit points.

(3) All small arms ammunition will be removed from salvaged clothing and equipment by the collecting units. Ammunition so recovered will be reissued by units, if serviceable; if unserviceable, it will be evacuated through normal channels.

(4) Personal property and papers will be removed from clothing.

(a) If from enemy sources, such materiel will be handled as prescribed in Annex 5, FO 8A.

(b) An officer will be appointed in each unit to remove personal property from salvage clothing of friendly troops.

1. Property so removed will be placed in envelopes whenever feasible and marked with all possible identifying symbols.

2. Property will be forwarded and receipted, either to unit commander, if identity is established, or to QM Salvage Officer, if not identified.

c. Recovery and collection will extend to include the following:

(1) All parts of unserviceable articles.

(2) Copper, brass, empty shell cases.

(3) Tires, boxes, reels, cables, and empty pallets.

(4) Empty 53-gallon drums, complete with bungs.

(5) Gas cylinders complete with protecting caps.

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Ap Dog Sanitary

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SANITARY ORDER

7 Inf Div
APO 7
1 Oct 44

Appendix DOG to ADM O

Maps: None
REFERENCES: (a) FM 21-100
(b) FM 8-40

1. RESPONSIBILITY

a. Detailed attention to sanitation by all echelons of command is necessary to prevent loss of personnel through preventable diseases. Platoon and squad leaders must see that measures for sanitation are strictly enforced within their groups. Without their constant attention, no sanitary program can be successful.

b. This order will be read to all members of the command.

2. WATER

a. Only water from authorized sources will be used. The initial supply of water carried in five (5) gallon, fifteen (15) gallon, and fifty three (53) gallon drums, has been obtained from an approved source, and has been chlorinated. All water obtained from local sources or transports through Engr DP's will be considered as fit for consumption without further chlorination.

3. USE OF SALT

a. Salt tablets will be made available on Transports in the event that loss of salt through excess perspiration occurs. Each man will be supplied with salt tablets in the Jungle First-Aid Kit, and during the combat phases, two (2) salt tablets (10 grains each) will be placed in each canteen of water to prevent inefficiency resulting from symptoms of Heat Exhaustion. During other phases, personnel will take salt as directed by unit commanders.

4. FOOD

a. Mess kits will not be used until suitable facilities for washing them are available. They will not be used for the consumption of "C" and "K" type ration. Outfit, cooking, 2-burner (20 man), will not be used until mess kits and utensils can be washed.

b. "B" Type Ration - Organization kitchens will not be operated until suitable fly proof shelters are available. When this ration is used, standard arrangements for washing mess kits will be made. Food will be prepared as close as possible to the time of consumption to avoid food poisoning.

5. FIELD SANITATION

a. Disposal of Wastes - During combat phases, all cans, wrappers, and containers will be buried by the individual user. As soon as it becomes feasible, in any area or by any organization, central pits for disposal of garbage and other waste materials will be established and individual disposal, except in established pits, will be prohibited. Separate pits will be made for liquid kitchen

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wastes, and as soon as time and situation permit, these will be filled with rock to form a soakage pit. The garbage and rubbish pits will be oiled and burned at least twice daily, and at the end of the day, following burning, the residue will be layered over with earth. When the pit is filled to within eighteen (18) inches of the ground level, it will be thoroughly oiled, filled in and mounded, and plainly marked as a closed garbage pit. Fox holes will be kept free of all refuse.

b. Latrines - Flies cannot carry dysentery unless they have access to feces. All fecal material will be covered immediately after deposit. During combat phases, where straddle trenches cannot be established or used, the individual will dig a small hole in which to defecate, and will fill it when finished. As soon as it is feasible, in any area or organization, straddle trenches will be established and maintained. They will be properly marked and promiscuous urination or use of private latrines will be prohibited. Straddle trenches will be thoroughly oiled before closing and will be plainly marked in accordance with Field Sanitation Regulations. As soon as fly proof box latrines are available, they will be installed under the supervision of the unit medical officer and used to the exclusion of all other types of latrines. Box latrines will be treated with paradichlorbenzene (PDB) twice weekly, using 1/6 pound per hold.

6. INSECT CONTROL

a. Mosquitoes - All individuals will wear headnets when abroad at night and in the daytime when in areas where day flying mosquitoes are present. Wherever the situation permits, personnel will sleep under mosquito bars. Mosquito repellent will be applied liberally to all exposed skin surfaces, and to any portion of clothing which is drawn tightly over the body (e.g. over the buttocks, shoulders). Repellent should not be applied to the lips nor allowed to reach the eyes. The repellent is effective for about four hours after a liberal application. Bathing will not be accomplished after sundown or in shaded areas during daylight.

b. Other Insects - Mites are capable of transmitting Typhus Fever. The mosquito repellent will be used as the repellent for mites. Clothing should be treated prior to exposure. The repellent will be applied to the clothing in the following manner: Draw mouth of bottle along cloth, apply a thin layer 1/2 inch wide along all openings of uniform, on inside of neck, fly and cuffs of shirt; waist, fly and cuffs of trousers; socks above shoes, and all edges of leggings. Clothing may be treated several days before it is worn and one application is effective until uniform is normally changed for laundering. All natives and native habitations must be considered to be infested with body lice.

7. PERSONAL HYGIENE

a. Organization controlled fresh water bathing will be provided as soon as possible. Unit Medical Officers will investigate fresh water streams and ponds for snails harboring flukes before these are used for bathing. Salt water bathing is permissable, provided that the section of beach selected for bathing is approved by the Unit Medical Officer.

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EVACUATION PLAN

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Appendix EASY to ADM O

Maps: None
REFERENCES: SOP, Supply and Evacuation for Amphibious Operations, 7th Inf Div, 25 Aug 44

1. MEDICAL ATTACHMENTS

a. BLT 17-1 (1) Co "A", 7th Mod Bn (less 2 Plns) 2 Off, 34 EM

b. BLT 17-2 (1) 2nd Pln, Co "A", 7th Mod Bn, 1 Off, 30 EM.

c. BLT 17-3 (1) 3rd Pln, Co "A", 7th Mod Bn, 2 Off, 30 EM

(2) 1st Pln, Co "D", 7th Mod Bn, 5 Off, 48 EM

d. BLT 32-1 (1) 1st Pln, Co "B", 7th Mod Bn, 2 Off, 29 EM

e. BLT 32-2 (1) 2nd Pln, Co "B", 7th Mod Bn, 1 Off, 30 EM

(2) 69th F.H. (less 2 Plns) 10 Off, 79 EM

f. BLT 32-3 (1) Co "B", 7th Mod Bn (less 2 Plns), 2 Off, 34 EM

(2) 3rd Pln, 69th F.H., 6 Off, 30 EM

g. BLT 184-1(1) Co "C", 7th Mod Bn (less 2 plrs), 2 Off, 34 EM

(2) Co "D", 7th Mod Bn (less 1 Pln), 8 Off, 48 EM

h. BLT 184-2(1) 2nd Pln, Co "C", 7th Mod Bn, 1 Off, 30 EM

i. BLT 184-3(1) 3rd Pln, Co "C", 7th Mod Bn, 2 off, 29 EM

j. Shore Party, BLT 17-1 (1) Det Med Section, 50th Engr Bn, 1 Off 8 EM

k. Shore Party, BLT 17-2 (1) Det Med Section, 50th Engr Bn, 1 Off, 7 EM

l. Shore Party, BLT 32-2 (1) Det Med Section 110th Engr Bn, 1 Off 8 EM

(2) Det Med Section 1140th Engr Grp Hq. 1 EM

(3) Med Section, 718th Amph Trac Bn, 1 Off 3 EM

m. Shore Party, BLT 32-3 (1) Det Med Section, 110th Engr Bn, 1 Off 7 EM

(2) Det Med Section, 1140th Engr Grp Hq, 1 Off 2 EM

(3) Det Med Section, 767th Tnk Bn, 1 Off 3 EM

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n. Shore Party, BLT 184-1	(1) Det Med Section, 104th Engr Bn,	1 Off 8 EM
	(2) Det Med Section, 1140th Engr Grp Hq,	1 EM
	(3) Med Section, 536th Amph Trac Bn,	1 Off 8 EM
o. Shore Party, BLT 184-3	(1) Det Med Section, 104th Engr Bn,	1 Off 7 EM
	(2) Det Med Section, 1140th Engr Gr Hq,	1 Off 2 EM
	(3) Det Med Section, 776th Amph Trk Bn,	1 Off 3 EM
p. Shore Party Hq	(1) Med Sec, 1140th Engr Grp Hq (less detachments)	1 Off, 3 EM
q. 767th Tank Bn	(1) Med Sec, 767th Tank Bn,	1 Off, 9 EM
r. 502nd AAA 90mm Gun Bn	(1) Med Sec, 502nd AAA Bn,	2 Off, 12 EM
s. 866th AAA AW Bn	(1) Med Sec, 866th AAA Bn,	3 Off, 16 EM
t. Division Troops	(1) Med Det, Spec Trps Bn,	2 Off, 13 EM
	(2) Med Det, Div Arty,	2 Off, 7 EM
	(3) Hq Co, 7th Med Bn,	8 Off, 27 EM
u. Base Echelon Div	(1) Med Sec, 13th Engr Bn,	2 Off, 4 EM

2. EVACUATION OF WOUNDED - AMPHIBIOUS PHASE

a. Battalion Medical Sections will follow and support their respective Battalions but will leave personnel to care for the wounded at the initial station site on the beach until relieved by the Collecting Platoons of the 7th Medical Battalion.

b. Collecting Platoons of the 7th Medical Battalion will land in approximately the 9th wave.

(1) Bearer Sections of Collecting Platoons will, upon landing, proceed to clear the beach of wounded, evacuating them to the Station Section. They will evacuate all wounded from the Battalion Aid Station, initially to the Shore Party Medical Section, and in later stages to the Clearing Station or Field Hospital.

(2) Ambulances of Collecting Platoons will, if possible, be landed with their Platoons; otherwise, they will be landed early in the second trip of the boats.

(3) Station Sections of Collecting Platoons will, upon landing, take over the care of wounded at the initial site of the Battalion Aid Station. They will operate a Station on the Beach, evacuating wounded to the boats until relieved by the Shore Party Medical Sections. When so relieved, they will function in their normal manner.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS PLAN

1. NECESSITY FOR CONTROL.

a. Civilians in the combat zone must be controlled to provide security, to prevent fifth-column activity, and to prevent interference with tactical operations or the movement of supplies. It is possible that some Japanese civilians may be encountered on the target.

2. POLICY OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

a. The responsibility and authority of the Commander-in-Chief for civil administration and relief incident to the military reoccupation of the Philippines will be exercised to the greatest extent possible through the Philippine Commonwealth Government.

b. Restrictions will not be imposed on the freedom and liberty of the Filipino people except to the extent required by absolute military necessity and any restrictions actually required will be removed immediately once military necessity no longer exists. It would be a matter of gravest concern if restrictions were imposed upon the Filipino people, whether by direct or by indirect means, in excess of those existing before the war. If any impression were created that the United States is curtailing rather than expanding liberties, the most unfortunate repercussions might be expected. An imperialistic attitude will not be introduced into the situation under the guise of military operations and necessity.

c. During the actual military operations, President Osmena and his cabinet will be at General Headquarters. Their presence will rally active national support of all elements of Philippine society behind not only the combat operations, but also the essential economic and other measures called for by the considerations of war.

d. The plan for civil administration and relief in the Philippines throughout the period of military operations contemplates two phases:

(1) During actual combat the senior tactical commander will be responsible for such civil administration and relief as circumstances permit within the combat zone.

(2) In liberated areas, the Commander-in-Chief, SWPA will delegate, as promptly as possible, to the authorized representative of the Commonwealth Government the administration of civil affairs and relief under his supreme authority.

3. PLAN FOR CONTROL.

a. The principal purpose for establishing control over civilians during the assault phase is to prevent interference with military operations. Secondary pruposes are to restore local government, provide relief, and promote friendship and cooperation. All military personnel must be carefully instructed to use the minimum amount of force which is necessary to secure obedience from the Filipinos. While they must not be allowed to interfere with tactical operations, everything possible must be done to foster their friendship and assistance.

b. It is estimated that there are approximately 113,000 Filipinos in the XXIV Corps area of operations. There are five (5) principal municipalities

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each of which has one large town (poblacion) of the same name. Population figures given below for these municipalities include the second figure, which is the population of the poblacion.

BURAUEN	33,505	5,288
DULAG	28,693	4,861
DAGAMI	22,776	3,189
TANUAN	21,934	5,241
TOLOSA	6,660	1,633

c. Unit commanders will be notified where the Division Civilian Relief Center and the safety areas are located (see par 12 i). Assault troops who first come into contact with civilians will direct the civilians to the nearest safety area.

d. Language barriers will not be too great as it is reported that at least 20% of the Filipinos can speak some English. Maximum use of local leaders must be secured, and assault troops are authorized to enlist the services of guides and interpreters. In this connection, Filipinos used for guides and interpreters must be kept under strict military control. Proclamations will be dropped by air on A, A + 1, and A + 2 days. These proclamations in addition to announcing the return of General MacArthur and President Osmena and the restoration of the Commonwealth Government, tell the civilians to stay away from all military installations, to refrain from assistance to the Japanese, to interfere with the enemy wherever possible, and to take their families to the hills. Filipino guerillas and designated leaders of local resistance will undoubtedly make themselves known. Their aid and assistance should be secured in keeping other civilians out of the way of American troops. Towns and villages should be avoided as far as possible where they are within range of hostile weapons, for their use will invite enemy fire and destroy their value as possible safety areas.

4. PROCESSING.

a. Because of the difficulty in distinguishing the various oriental races one from another, military necessity directs the initial confinement under guard of all civilians who cannot be clearly distinguished as Chinese or Filipinos until their attitude toward the United States can be determined. All male civilians of Japanese, Korean, or Chinese characteristics are potential Prisoners of War and must be regarded as such until examination clearly establishes their status. However, they will be processed as civilians and not as Prisoners of War. After such interned civilians are examined to determine their nationalities, sympathies, and loyalties, they may be released, paroled, or held in confinement. This examination and disposition is the function of the Civil Affairs personnel, and not of the assault troops.

b. Channels of evacuation for oriental civilians are the same as those for Prisoners of War, except that separate enclosures will be erected for each. Registration of civilians will be accomplished by Civil Affairs personnel.

c. Each interned civilian will be accorded the privileges guaranteed to Prisoners of War. These privileges include security, protection from molestation, food, medical care. Maximum use will be made of these civilians in constructing their enclosures, digging their latrines and fox holes, hauling and distributing their water and rations, and in performing any other tasks incident to their own welfare.

d. As a general rule the determination of guilt or innocence of Filipinos

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Annex 3 Task Org. Jac Grouping

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TASK ORGANIZATION

1. Following are the tactical groupings for this operation:

a. Hq 7th Inf Div and Div Special Troops:

	Off	EM	CO
Hq 7th Inf Div	46	109	Maj Gen A V Arnold
Hq Co, 7th Inf Div	5	117	Capt B K Sugden
Hq Special Troops	3	8	Maj R K Hutson
Med Det	2	14	
Band	2	56	
MP Platoon (- Dets)	3	5	Maj A F Frye
7th QM Co (- Dets)	7	95	Lt Col W R Nyhus
7th Sig Co (- Dets)	14	229	Maj M C Raney
707th Ord Co (- Dets)	7	103	Lt Col J H Moller
7th Rcn Troop	6	154	Capt P B Gritta
13th Engr Bn (- Co's A, B, & C)	15	75	Maj G M Cookson
7th Med Bn (- Co's A, B, C, & D)	8	28	Maj B B Cochrane
1140th Engr Group Hq	16	67	Lt Col F T Burroughs
776th Amph Tk Bn (- Co D)	28	563	Lt Col O K Kane
536th Amph Trac Bn	22	482	Lt Col R B Smith
718th Amph Trac Bn	22	479	Lt Col J G Behrns
767th Tk Bn (- Co's A, B, & D)	24	344	Lt Col H R Edmondson
75th JASCO (- Dets)	11	52	Maj C R Whiting
866th AAA (AW) Bn	38	739	Lt Col A C Nasvik
502nd AAA (Gun) Bn	30	605	Maj M B Douglas
1st Plat, Btry A, 230th AAA (SL) Bn	2	81	FLT F C Petry
644th Ord Ammunition Co	6	178	Capt C V Baird
204th Bomb Disposal Sq	1	6	SLT Christie
91st Chemical Co (-1st & 3rd Plats) & Obs Parties)	4	82	Capt E P Thew
Det, Prov Cml Composite Plat	1	19	
480th Amph Trk Co	6	178	Capt D B Jones, Jr
472nd Amph Trk Co	6	174	FLT H H Taub
3260th QM Serv Co	4	208	Capt W H Schoenhaar
247th QM Depot Co (- 2 Plats)	3	78	FLT J M Klaus
2nd Plat, Prov Graves Reg Co	1	25	FLT P G Meith
40th QM War Dog Plat	1	20	SLT H C Brodack
291st Port Co	5	215	Capt J C Kempton
1st Plat, 722nd Engr Depot Co	1	38	FLT C F Diemer
3rd Plat, Co B, 724th MP Bn	1	56	FLT M A Jacobs
Prov Photo Asgmt Unit #3, 3117th Sig Serv Bn	1	4	
Prov Photo Asgmt Unit #8, 3116th Sig Serv Bn	1	4	
2 AWS, 727th Sig AW Co	2	68	
Corps Sig Det 101st Sig Bn		18	
Interpreter Team	1	10	
CIC Team	2	5	
Det 29th Cml Decontamination Co		3	
Total	358	5785	

b. 7th Infantry Division Artillery

Hq & Hq Btry, Div Artillery	18	107	Brig Gen L J Stewart
31st FA Bn	33	512	Lt Col S Sawicki
48th FA Bn	31	479	Maj J D Beck
49th FA Bn	35	493	Lt Col F B Harrison
57th FA Bn	33	498	Lt Col D B Slaughter
Total	150	2089	

c. RCT 17

(1) RCT Hq and Special Troops

	Off	EM	CO
Hq & Hq Co, 17th Infantry	12	60	Lt Col F T Pachler
Cn Co (- 3 Plats), 17th Inf	2	29	Capt D C Jensen
AT Co (- 3 At Plats and 3 Mine squads), 17th Inf	4	38	FLT N Lawson
Serv Co (-3 Bn Dets), 17th Inf	12	69	Capt P S Hunt
Med Det (-3 Bn Sects), 17th Inf	4	30	Capt W A Carnazzo
Co A (- 3 Plats), 13th Engr Bn	2	41	Capt F J Wasson, Jr
Arty Liaison Party	1	5	
Div Sig Det		8	
2d Plat, Co D, 767th Tk Bn	3	31	FLT F N McGinn
Naval Liaison Team, 75th JASCO	1	4	
AGL Party #2, 75th JASCO	1	5	
50th Engr Bn (-3 Co's & Bn Med Det)	11	65	Lt Col L L Kingsbury
Det, 7th QM Co	1	29	
Det, 707th Ord Co	1	10	
*MP Det		21	
Interpreter Team		2	
*Det, 1st Plat, 722nd Engr Dep Co	1	12	
Total	56	459	

*For embarkation and landing only.

(2) BLT 17-1

1st Bn, 17th Inf	35	825	Lt Col A V Hartl
Det, Serv Co, 17th Inf	1	9	
1st Plat, Cn Co, 17th Inf	1	28	
1st AT Plat and 1st Mine Sq, AT Co, 17th Inf	1	40	
1st Bn Sect, Med Det, 17th Inf	2	32	
1st Plat, Co A, 13th Engr Bn	1	43	
Arty Lia and Obs Parties	3	15	
*Co A, 7th Med Bn less 2nd and 3rd Plats	2	34	
SFC Party #1, 75th JASCO	2	12	
AGL Party, #3, 75th JASCO	1	5	
Co B, 50th Engr Bn (SP)	6	176	
Sect, Med Det, 50th Engr Bn	1	8	
SP Comm Team #1, 75th JASCO	1	19	
Total	57	1246	

*For embarkation and landing only.

(3) BLT 17-2

2nd Bn, 17th Inf	35	825	Lt Col W B Moore
Det Serv Co, 17th Inf	1	9	
2nd Plat, Cn Co, 17th Inf	1	28	
2nd AT Plat and 2nd Mine Sq, AT Co, 17th Inf	1	40	
2nd Bn Sect, Med Det, 17th Inf	2	32	
2nd Plat, Co A, 13th Engr Bn	1	43	
Arty Fwd Obs Parties	2	10	
*2nd Plat, Co A, 7th Med Bn	1	30	
SFC Party #2, 75th JASCO	2	12	
AGL Party #4, 75th JASCO	1	5	
Co A, 50th Engr Bn (SP)	6	177	
Total	53	1211	

*For embarkation and landing only

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Annex 4 Embarkation Plan

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EMBARKATION PLAN

SHIP	SHIP CODE NO.	TYPE SHIP	UNITS	Off	EM	TROOPS LOADED
APPALACHIAN		AGC	Commanding General's Party			Offs--43 EM----80
STARLIGHT	175	AP				Offs--76 EM--1056
			644th Ordnance Company, less Dets	3	143	
			Det. 7th QM Company	6	17	
			2nd Plat, Prov QM Graves Reg Co	1	20	
			Civil Affairs Section	3	1	
			707th Ord (LM) Co, less Dets	3	49	
			204th Bomb Disposal Squad	1	5	
			Det, 7th Div Band	1	13	
			247th QM Depot Co, less 2 Plats	4	78	
			7th Med Bn, less Co's A, B, C, & D	8	22	
			Det, 71st Med Bn	-	5	
			3rd Plat, 91st Cml Wpns Co	1	41	
			7th Signal Company, less Dets	8	121	
			Det, 101st Signal Battalion	-	13	
			Det, 102nd Infantry	-	5	
			Det, 75th JASCO	-	2	
			Det, Hq Co, 7th Inf Div	5	92	
			32nd Infantry (atchd to Div Hq Co)	-	1	
			Hq & Spec Trps, 7th Inf Div	4	16	
			Portion of Hq & Spec Trps, RCT 32	9	165	
			Det, 3260th QM Serv Co	2	119	
			Det, 13th Engr Battalion	2	11	
			Det, 7th Inf Div MP Platoon	1	7	
			3rd Plat, Co B, 724th MP Bn	1	41	
			Interpretors (atchd to 724th MP's)	-	5	
			7th Div Hq, less CG's party	12	60	
			Air-Ground Lia Det, 75th JASCO	1	3	
			Mail Orderly, 184th Infantry	-	1	
			Total	76	1056	
LAMAR (F)	47	APA	RCT 32 BLT 32-3, less: Det 3rd Bn, 32nd Inf Det Co C, 110th Engr Bn plus: Det 1st Plat, Btry A, 230th AAA (SL) Bn (1 Off - 33 EM) Det 7th Div Band Portion of Hq & Spec Trps RCT 32 with CO, RCT 32			Offs--85 EM--1410
HEYWOOD	6	APA	BLT 32-1 less: Det Co A, 110th Engr Bn plus: Prov Photo Asgmt Unit #3, 3117th Sig Serv Bn (1 Off - 4 EM) Det 7th Div Band Portion of Hq & Spec Trps, RCT 32			Offs--75 EM--1196

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SHIP	SHIP CODE NO.	TYPE SHIP	UNITS	TROOPS LOADED
ALPINE	92	APA	BLT 32-2 loss: Det Co B, 110th Engr Bn Det 2nd Bn, 32nd Inf plus: Btry A, 866th AAA (AW) Bn (9 Off - 157 EM) Portion of Hq & Spec Trps RCT 32	Offs--80 EM--1422
ALSHAIN	55	AKA	Det 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn (1 Off - 50 EM) Ship's Plat Det 866th AAA (AW) Bn (1 Off - 50 EM) Ship's Plat Det 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn (Maintenance & Drivers (1 Off - 42 EM) Det 110th Engr Bn Det Serv Co, 32nd Infantry	Offs---8 EM---243
CUSTER	40	APA	BLT 17-2 loss: Det Co A, 50th Engr Bn plus: Det Btry C, 866th AAA (AW) Bn (4 Offs - 100 EM) Det 7th Div Band Portion of Hq & Spec Trps, RCT 17	Offs--72 EM--1382
CALVERT	32	APA	BLT 17-3 loss: Det Co C, 50th Engr Bn Det Co D, 7th Mod Bn (3 Off-38 EM) plus: Det Btry C, 866th AAA (AW) Bn (2 Offs - 57 EM) Portion of Hq & Special Trps RCT 17	Offs--66 EM--1310
KNOX (F)	46	APA	BLT 17-1 loss: Det Co B, 50th Engr Bn plus: Det 1st Plat, Btry A, 230th AAA (SL) Bn (1 Off - 24 EM) Det 7th Div Band Portion of Hq & Spec Trps RCT 17 with CO, RCT 17	Offs--95 EM--1467
CHARA	58	AKA	Det 291st Port Co (2 Offs - 103 EM) Ship's Plat 50th Engr Bn (Det) Det 13th Engr Bn Det 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn	Offs---8 EM---239
RIXEY	3	APH	Div Arty Group loss Dets from each of 31st, 48th, 49th, & 57th FA Bns Hq Det 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn Det 644th Ord Amo Co Det 707th Ord Co Det 3260th QM Serv Co 91st Cml Wpns Co loss 2 Plats Det Cml Comp Platoon Rcn Elemont 287th Obs Bn Det 7th QM Co Mod Det Civil Adm Unit Portion of Hq & Spec Trps, RCT 17 Det Co D, 7th Mod Bn Det 7th Div Band	Offs--65 EM--1037

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Maps: LEYTE ISLAND (Central Philippines), 1/25,000.
LEYTE ISLAND Terrain Map, 1/250,000.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY INFORMATION.

a. The strength of the enemy garrison on LEYTE Island was estimated, (as of 20 Sept 1944) to be approximately 22,000, of which number 11,625 were classed as combat troops, the balance being personnel of Service Units. Within the XXIV Corps Sector, defending the area containing airfields, enemy strength was believed to be about 5,500.

b. The principal tactical unit identified on LEYTE Island is the 16th Inf Div, which previously fought in CHINA and in the 1941 assault on LUZON. In addition, elements of the 102nd Div are known to be present, as well as an Independent Tank Company.

c. For details of enemy organization, see Appendix G (Order of Battle).

d. For disposition of known enemy defenses in the Div zone of action, see Appendix F-1, (Map of Enemy Installations).

e. Table of Aircraft, Table of Tides, Daylight and Dark, see Appendices A, B, and C respectively.

f. Appendix E (Information of Terrain, Weather, Diseases, and population); a condensation of Terrain Study No 84, SOWESPAC Allied Geographic Section, 17 Aug 1944.

g. The following Appendices have been given separate distribution to all ships, and are furnished for use in orientation of troops.

(1) Appendix D (Table of Distances).

(2) Appendix F (Enemy Installation); a discussion of enemy installations discovered in photos of 12 and 14 Sept 1944.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

a. Location, strength, composition of forces, and nature of enemy defenses in:

(1) Beach areas from CALBASAG River S to TALISAY River.

(2) Vicinity of airfields within Div zone of action.

b. Location, strength, composition of enemy reserves:

(1) Within Corps BHL, particularly vicinity DAGAMI, BURAUEN, airfields from BURAUEN to S PABLO.

(2) LEYTE Valley, from DAGUITAN River S to ABUYOG.

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c. Location and extent of wire, mines, man-made obstacles, on approaches to the beach and beach areas, which remain in sufficient strength to impede the landing.

d. Location of natural obstacles (including swamp areas, rice paddies, stream beds) not passable to foot troops, wheeled or track vehicles, with Corps BHL and from DAGUITAN River S to ABUYOG.

e. Efforts of eht enemy to interfere with our landings by small boat operations from RIZAL-ABUYOG.

f. Efforts of the enemy to reinforce elements E of mountains with troops or supplies from W of mountains, either by ABUYOG-BAYBAY road or via mountain trails.

g. Location, type, number, direction of movement, of enemy tanks or armored vehicles.

h. Location, type, caliber of enemy artillery.

i. Type (steel, wood, concrete), dimensions (length, width, height above stream bed, number and length of spans), and general condition of the bridges, particularly those vicinity of DAP, MAYORGA, CABARACAN, BURAUEN, DAGAMI.

j. Width (including No of lanes), type surface, and general condition of roads within Corps BHL and within DULAG-MAYORGA-LA PAZ-BURAUEN area.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

a. All requests for aerial photo missions and for detailed area reconnaissance will be made through G-2. Emergency requests for spot aerial observation will be made through attached AGL or FA Liaison Officers. Div Arty and Div Air Officer will be prepared to arrange execution of necessary aerial reconnaissance missions.

b. 7th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop:

(1) Will be prepared to land two advance detachments immediately following assault battalions, contact Inf units of RCT 184 on left flank, and make an immediate radio report of any obstacles hindering movement of mechanized and motorized elements inland from the beach.

(2) Will land (less advance det's) on Div order and be prepared to initiate motorized distant reconnaissance in area bordering Div left flank. Priority as follows:

(a) Area between the DAGUITAN and TALISAY Rivers.
(b) Coastal road S toward ABUYOG.
(c) Area of LEYTE Valley S of TALISAY River and W of Coastal Road No 1.

c. RCT 184 will report the following information when ascertained.

(1) Type (steel, wood, concrete), dimensions (length, width, height above stream bed, number and length of spans) and general condition of bridges at DAO and bridge S of CABARACAN.

(2) Fordability of MARABANG and DAGUITAN Rivers; degree of obstacle presented by DAGUITAN River to enemy forces attempting counter-attack.

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NAVAL GUNFIRE PLAN

MAPS: Operational Sheet Able, CENTRAL PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, LEYTE - SAMAR Area, 2" equals 1 Nautical Mile.

REFERENCES: Annex "D" to OTF 79 Atk Plan A-304-44.

1. Commencing on A minus 3 Day and continuing until A-Day, the Bombardment and Fire Support Group will:

   a. Provide gunfire support for troops landing on DINAGAT and HOMONHON ISLAND.

   b. Control and furnish necessary counter-battery fire in support of mine-sweeping and hydrographic survey operations.

   c. Control and provide close gunfire support for demolition teams making reconnaissance of landing beaches and clearing obstacles therefrom.

   d. Provide night harassing fires primarily on approach roads.

   e. Destroy enemy guns and defensive installations in preparation for assault landings on A-Day. Priority of targets is as follows:

      (1) Heavy guns and gun emplacements.

      (2) Block houses, pillboxes, and strong points.

      (3) Concentration of troops.

      (4) Beach defenses and obstacles.

      (5) Ammunition and fuel dumps.

2. Commencing at dawn on A-Day, the Bombardment and Fire Support Group will conduct bombardment of the landing beaches, CATMON HILL, and flank strong points. Fire will be intensified during the thirty (30) minute period prior to JIG Hour. When the leading wave is 800 yards from the beach the Air Observer will drop parachute flares (six in trail at three (3) second interval). At this signal, large caliber fire (6 inch and above) will be shifted 3000 yards inland. The 5 inch fire will be shifted to the flanks along the beach upon arrival of leading wave to the line of fire. At JIG plus 20 the covering fires inland will be raised another 1000 yards to a total of 4000 yards inland.

3. The CATMON HILL area will be subjected to continuous neutralizing fire until such time as fire is no longer desired by CG, 96th Div.

4. LCI gunboats will commence firing when about 2000 yards from beach, and release their rockets when proper range from the beach has been reached.

5. Four (4) Fire Support Ships will be available for call fires: The California and one (1) Destroyer initially to the 184th Inf Regt, and the Denver and one (1) Destroyer to the 32nd Inf Regt.

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6. Harassing fires will be placed during night of A and A + 1 in the following general areas:

a. Northwestern part of CATMON HILL.

b. TARRONGA Area and inland to 3000 yards, and on DULAG - TARRAGONA Road.

c. Area vicinity ABUYOG and on the ABUYOG - TARRAGONA and ABUYOG and BAYBAY Road.

7. All illumination missions with star shells and searchlights will be screened through Div Naval Gunfire Officer.

8. Ships are prepared to use WP.

9. Reports of destroyed targets will be forwarded to Div Naval Gunfire Officer.

10. Communications - See Appendix A.

11. Div Naval Gunfire Officer aboard USS Appalachian, AGC 1.

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APPENDICES: Appendix A - Naval Gunfire Communications.

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AIR SUPPORT PLAN

1. The fast carrier groups, as directed by Comdr Third Fleet, will make aircraft strikes against the objective area on ABLE minus 3, ABLE minus 2, ABLE minus 1, and ABLE-Day. On ABLE-Day the CSA, Central Philippines, through the Attack Force CSA's, will assure coordination of the air strikes with local air group strikes and Naval Gunfire. The ABLE-Day strike against LEYTE will be completed by 0900.

2. Night fighters over objective area beginning on ABLE minus 3 Day and continuing as long as a carrier with night fighters can be made available. Control of these VF (N) will be directed by the OTC. No friendly aircraft, except when in close interception of an enemy, will approach within five (5) miles of friendly ground forces or transport areas.

3. CTG 77.4 will furnish CVE based aircraft, air spotters for operation in support of the capture of LEYTE. Such aircraft as have been assigned him, will be controlled by CTG 79, through his CSA in MT OLYMPUS; standby CSA in APPALACHIAN.

4. Naval Gunfire spotting will be conducted by VO - VCS aircraft from fire support ships as directed by CTG 77.2.

5. Comdr Support Aircraft will assure coordination of air strikes with Naval Gunfire and artillery as necessary.

6. Schedule:

a. Aircraft for strikes and direct support missions will be available daily with specified armament loadings, and in the following numbers for specified periods on station as follows:

(1) Armament:

VF - Full ammunition, bombs if adaptable.
½ VTB - 10 - 100 lb GP bombs, rockets.
½ VTB - 500 lb GP bombs.
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(2) Numbers and Periods:

(a) Support Groups:

0700 - 0930	16 VF - 6 VTB -	1 Air Coordinator
0900 - 1100	8 VF - 6 VTB -	(ABLE-Day only)
0930 - 1130	16 VF - 6 VTB -	1 Air Coordinator
1130 - 1330	16 VF - 6 VTB -	1 Air Coordinator
1330 - 1530	16 VF - 6 VTB -	1 Air Coordinator
1530 - 1730	16 VF - 6 VTB -	1 Air Coordinator

(3) Air Observers: 0730 - 1730 1 VTB Air Observer

(4) Artillery Spotter: 0700 - 1730 1 VTB Arty Spotter

(5) Special Beach Observer:

0700 - Completion of mission	1 VTB	To make observations of ORANGE, BLUE, VIOLET and YELLOW BEACHES

(6) Photo Planes: 2 VTB (aboard CVE) available for mission on two hours notice.

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(7) Smoke Planes:

ABLE-Day only - 6 VTB airborne (for use by CSA's of all attack forces) from JIG minus 60 until JIG plus 60; then on two hours notice.

ABLE plus 1 Day and subsequent - 4 VTB (aboard CVE) available for mission on 2.5 hours notice (for use by CSA's of all attack forces).

b. 12 VF on special dusk TCAP on station daily from 1730 - 1830; and 2 VF (N) as a TCAP from 1800 until 0700.

c. (1) ABLE-Day Missions:

(a) 0700 - Completion: Special beach observation.

(b) 0700 until commencement of TF 38 strike: Priority targets as assigned, reconnaissance of main N-S Highway on East and West coast, LEYTE, within CTF 79 area. Naval Gunfire (except that gunfire with a 3000 ft maximum ordinate falling into CATMON HILL) will have maximum ordinate of not more than 1000 ft.

(c) TF 38 air strike to complete by 0900; Naval Gunfire will be concentrated on beach areas, maximum ordinate below 1000 ft.

(d) 0850 - 0915: Strafe, bomb, and rocket West slope of CATMON HILL. Strike from W to E pulling out in slow right hand turn. Naval Gunfire in this area will be stopped during this strike.

(e) 0915 - 0945 (approx): Priority targets, West of DULAG AIRFIELD, high ordinate mortar and rocket fire will be concentrated on the beaches and inland to AIRFIELD depth - aircraft will keep clear of this area.

(f) JIG minus 15 - JIG minus 6: Strafe beaches with 24 VF, from South to North, four plane groups, pulling out to left. Strafing will stop when first set of flares are dropped or as otherwise directed by CSA.

(g) JIG minus 6: When leading wave of amtracs are 800 yds from beaches, air observer will drop six (6) parachute flares in trail, just South of leading amtracs on a course about 180 degrees (T).

(h) 1000 - 1730:

(1) Close support missions as assigned by CSA.

(2) Interdict roads leading to beachhead.

(3) Reconnaissance of main N-S road on East and West coast, LEYTE.

(2) ABLE plus 1 Day and subsequent:

(a) 0700 - 1730: Close support missions, interdict all roads, early and late reconnaissance of main N-S roads on East and West coasts of LEYTE, within CTF 79 area.

Each infantry battalion and higher echelon, as well as the arty command, will be furnished an Air Liaison Party suitably trained and equipped to keep the Comdr Support Aircraft informed of profitable targets in their respective areas. The Air Liaison Party will coordinate with Div Arty, the artillery and Air effort. It will habitually be able to inform the Comdr Support Aircraft what targets are under fire and, when ordered by competent authority, be able to check artillery fire to permit Air attack.

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FIELD ARTILLERY PLAN

MAPS: Special Map, Portion of LEYTE ISLAND, 1/25,000.
Special Map, LEYTE ISLAND, 1/440,000 (Approx).

1. a. For Summary of Enemy information see Annex 5, Intelligence Annex.

b. For information of friendly forces see FO 9.

2. The 7th Inf Div Arty will land on and support the attack of LEYTE ISLAND as follows:

a. The 48th and 57th FA Bns will land on BEACH YELLOW 1.
The 31st and 49th FA Bns will land on BEACH VIOLET 2.

b. All Bns will be prepared to mass their fires in the zone of action of the 7th Inf Div.

c. The 31st and 49th FA Bns will be prepared to mass their fires in the zone of action of the 96th Inf Div during operations to seize areas within the O-1 line.

d. The 48th and 57th FA Bns will be prepared to fire south of the MARABANG - DAGUITAN Rivers.

3. a. Missions:

(1)

UNIT	PRIMARY MISSION	SECONDARY MISSION
31st FA Bn	Reinforce 49th FA Bn	General Support
48th FA Bn	Reinforce 57th FA Bn	General Support
49th FA Bn	Direct support of 32nd Inf	General Support
57th FA Bn	Direct support of 184th Inf	General Support

(2) The 48th FA Bn will be prepared to furnish one (1) observer and fire support to the 184th Inf on call. The 48th FA Bn will be prepared to furnish direct support to the 17th Inf upon commitment of any elements of the 17th Inf.

(3) Prior to landing of the FA Bns, fire support will be provided by the 776th Amph Tk Bn and 91st Cml Co through FA Forward Observers.

(4) The 91st Cml Co, 776th Amph Tk Bn and the 502nd AAA (Gun) Bn will be prepared to reinforce the fires of the Div Arty on call.

b. Position Areas:

(1) An initial Recn Group composed of all Bn Commanders Parties, boated in LVTs and representatives of Div Arty Hq will rendezvous off the port side of the 31st FA Bn LST (Hull #686) at JIG minus 30 and proceed ashore as soon as the situation permits to select position areas generally as follows:

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31st and 49th FA Bns west of the DAO - TANAUAN Road and north of the DULAG - BURAUEN Road.

48th and 57th FA Bns west of the DAO - TANAUAN Road and south of the DULAG - BURAUEN Road.

NOTE: If the situation has not progressed sufficiently to clear the above positions Bns will occupy positions as far off the beach as possible, directly inland from their landing beaches. If positions occupied are east of the DAO - TANAUAN Road Bns will notify Beach Party Commander of their locations. 31st FA Bn will bring Div Arty DUKW to rendezvous point.

c. Time of landing:

(1) Bns will secure permission of the Div Arty representative ashore before ordering Bns ashore.

(2) Div Arty Hq Btry will be boated and prepared to land on call by JIG plus 60.

x. (1) Minimum Range Line - Friendly front lines.

(2) Firing Chart - 1/25,000 Grid Sheet. In order to facilitate building up an unobserved fire chart and plotting of front lines the approximate map coordinates (1/25,000 Special Map) of the initial check point registered on will be used.

(3) Check Points - To be selected by Direct Support Bns and reported to Div Arty.

(4) Registrations - Initial registrations will be made as rapidly as possible by either Bn Observers or by Air Observers. Direct Support Bns will be prepared to adjust the fires of reinforcing or General Support Units to include check point registrations, defensive fires to cover lines upon which Infantry elements halt for reorganization and for night protective barrages. At the earliest opportunity the 31st and 49th FA Bns will secure check point registrations in the zone of action of the 96th Inf Div either by Air Observers or 96th Inf Div Arty Observers and the 48th and 57th FA Bns will secure check point registrations in that area south of the DAGUITAN River by Air Observers.

(5) Survey - Initially, base survey on available maps. The Div Arty Survey Officer will accompany the initial Ron Group ashore to designate the Initial Point and Direction for the establishment of a common survey control. Bns will be prepared to send an representative of their survey section to meet the Div Arty Survey Officer on call. All declination constants determined on the Island of OAHU will be decreased by 170 mils for use in the target area. Survey will be extended to reinforcing units, other than FA, by the reinforced unit.

(6) Harassing fire schedules will be issued subsequent to landing.

(7) Air Observation - Two (2) FA Observers and two (2) FA Liaisom Pilots embarked on CVE 61 will provide initial observation from Navy Planes. The senior officer aboard the CVE will arrange for one (1) Air Observer to be in the air at JIG Hour and thereafter one (1) Air Observer to be in position to

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SIGNAL PLAN

MAP: Reference FO 9

1. a. It is known that the enemy has facilities for radio intercept and direction finding which may be used by him to take advantage of all violations of radio security. Also he may be expected to attempt jamming of our radio nets and to transmit false messages. Tapping of telephone lines is also possible.

   b. See paragraph 2, FO 9 for information pertaining to friendly troops.

2. The mission of all communication personnel is to install, operate and maintain signal communications in order that tactical control may be exercised by each commanding officer. Complete communications must be established as soon as possible after the landing is made by the communication personnel.

3. a. 7TH SIGNAL COMPANY - The 7th Signal Company is responsible for communications as listed:

   (1) Message Center and Messengers

   (a) The advance command post message center will be established on a twenty-four (24) hour basis immediately after landing. The time and position will be reported direct to the command ship. Scheduled messengers service will be established to each assault regiment on the hour beginning one (1) hour after the message center opens. Messenger service will also be established to the 7th Division Rear Echelon every hour on the half hour beginning as soon as a rear echelon is established ashore.

   (b) The rear echelon message center will maintain a scheduled messenger service to the shore party command post on an hourly basis. When no rear echelon exists the advance command post will establish this service.

   (c) Messenger Service will be established to Command Ship daily by boat so as to arrive at 0800, 1300 and 1800.

   (d) G-3 will be provided with a messenger on a twenty-four (24) hour basis. Messengers will also be made available to the operations tent.

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(e) Establish a forward message center as directed.

(f) Special messengers will be used as required.

(2) Radio

(a) At the advance command post three radio sets will be provided (1-SCR 508, 2-SCR 193) to operate in the three division command radio nets. See Appendix A, Figure 2, 3 and 4.

(b) At the rear echelon two radios will be provided to operate in two division command nets. See Appendix A, Figure 2 and 3.

(c) At the advance command post two radio sets (1-SCR 399, 1-SCR 193) will be provided to work in the Corps Command Net and Corps Intelligence Net. (Corps has made available one radio set and operators to work in the second Corps Command Net.) See Appendix A, Figure 1.

(d) One radio set (SCR 508) will be furnished to both G-2 and G-4 to work in their respective nets. Three operators will be provided for G-2; none for G-4. See Appendix A, Figure 6 and 7.

(e) Each Regiment will be provided with a vehicular mounted radio (SCR 193) and a portable radio (SCR 284) with three operators. The radio set will work in Division Command Net I. The portable radio is to be landed first and used until the larger radio is available. See Appendix A, Figure 3.

(f) One portable radio (SCR 509) and one operator will be provided G-3 for use on the control boat. Control of the radio and operator reverts to the Signal Officer at the command post when activity on the control boat ceases.

(g) The Commanding General and Assistant Commanding General will each be provided with a portable radio set (SCR 509) and two (2) operators. These radios are to provide contact when the Generals are away from their command post. Operators with radios will report to their respective Generals immediately prior to landing.

(3) Wire - Wire Communications will be provided as shown in Appendix B and as follows:

(a) The advance command post telephone switchboard will be installed immediately upon landing of the advance command post and a line connected to the Shore Party Command Post.

(b) Priority of trunks and long locals installed in the division area will be 112, 101, 103, 102, 104, 121, 122, 113, 111.

(c) The lowest numbered circuits will be simplexed for telegraph.

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TRANSFER AND LVT PLAN

1. 776th Amph Tk Bn: Will execute missions as outlined in paragraph 3 f, FO 9.

2. RCT 32:

   a. Transfer: Assault troops will be transferred in landing craft from APA's to LST's at staging area in accordance with LST Transfer Plan (Appendix A).

   b. Assault Landing: For troop assignments, wave diagrams, time interval between waves, LVT control, Line of Traffic, and Line of Departure for assault BLT's in landing on BEACH VIOLET ONE and BEACH VIOLET TWO, see Appendices C and E.

3. 536th Amph Trac Bn:

   a. Will embark troops of RCT 32 in accordance with Appendix C and debark for landing from respective LST's in accordance with Appendix D. For control of movement from LST launching area to BEACH VIOLET ONE and BEACH VIOLET TWO, see Appendix E.

   b. Upon landing of assault troops of RCT 32 on BEACH VIOLET ONE and BEACH VIOLET TWO, 536th Amph Trac Bn will immediately move to right flank of RCT landing lane approx 2000 yards off shore. Commanding Officer, 536th Amph Trac Bn, will report to the 7th Div G-4 representative aboard PCS 470 for instructions on landing of vehicles in parking areas ashore when tactical situation permits.

   c. When vehicles have been assembled ashore, be prepared to furnish approx 200 men to the Shore Party Comdr for handling supplies; further, be prepared to assist in close-in perimeter defense of shore installations. On completion of initial landings, and on Corps order, the Amph Trac Bn will be relieved from Div and attached to 20th Armored Group for purpose of rehabilitation and further operations as required.

4. RCT 184:

   a. Transfer: Assault troops will be transferred in landing craft from APA's to LST's at staging area in accordance with LST Transfer Plan (Appendix A).

   b. Assault Landing: For troop assignments, wave diagrams, time interval between waves, LVT control, Line of Traffic, and Line of Departure for assault BLT's in landing on BEACH YELLOW ONE and BEACH YELLOW TWO, see Appendices C and E.

5. 718th Amph Trac Bn:

   a. Will embark troops of RCT 184 in accordance with Appendix C and debark for landing from respective LST's in accordance with Appendix D. For control of movement from LST launching area to BEACH YELLOW ONE and BEACH YELLOW TWO, see Appendix E.

   b. Upon landing of assault troops of RCT 184 on BEACH YELLOW ONE and BEACH YELLOW TWO, 718th Amph Trac Bn will immediately move to left flank of RCT landing lane approx 2000 yards off shore. Commanding Officer, 718th Amph Trac Bn, will report to the 7th Div G-4

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representative aboard PCS 470 for instructions on landing of vehicles in parking areas ashore when tactical situation permits.

c. When vehicles have been assembled ashore, be prepared to furnish approx 200 men to the Shore Party Comdr for handling supplies; further, be prepared to assist in close-in perimeter defense of shore installations. On completion of initial landings, and on Corps order, the Amph Trac Bn will be relieved from Div and attached to 20th Armored Group for purpose of rehabilitation and further operations as required.

6. Div Arty:

a. Transfer: Will transfer personnel from LST's to APA's indicated in LST Transfer Plan (Appendix A) at staging area after infantry assault troops have completed loading into LST's.

b. Transfer at Target Area:

(1) Personnel referred to in paragraph 6 a above will transfer back to respective LST's as indicated in LST Transfer Plan (Appendix B) on ABLE-Day, HOW plus 30 minutes.

(2) Will transfer personnel from APH 3 on ABLE-Day, HOW plus 30 minutes, to LST's indicated in LST Transfer Plan (Appendix B).

7. Ship Platoons:

a. Transfer at Target Area: Will be transferred from AP 176 to LST's and LSV indicated in LST Transfer Plan (Appendix B) on ABLE-Day at HOW plus 30 minutes.

b. Ship Platoons will be transferred from LST 213 to LST's indicated on LST Transfer Plan (Appendix B) on ABLE-Day at HOW plus 30 minutes.

8. General:

a. Control:

(1) Senior Assault Control Vessel: Senior Control Officer will be aboard the Senior Assault Control vessel, DD 644 (Stembel). Commanding Officers of the following units will be aboard this vessel: RCT 32, RCT 184, 536th Amph Trac Bn, 718th Amph Trac Bn, 776th Amph Tk Bn, and the Asst G-3 and Asst G-4.

(2) Asst Assault Control Vessels: Asst Assault Control vessels, at Line of Departure, will be YMS 81, SC 631, PC 470, SC 1004, and PC 563. Purpose of these vessels is to follow the movements of the Senior Control vessel and assist in dispatching assault waves to assigned beaches by means of flag signals. Upon departure of Naval craft from Line of Departure for screening missions, PC 470 becomes primary control vessel.

(3) Traffic Control Vessels: The following vessels are designated as Traffic Control Vessels: PC 1391, PC 1429, PC 1418, and SC 632; they will take station on the shoreward side of the Line of Departure. Upon arrival of waves, these Traffic Control vessels will lead the first wave from the Line of Departure to line of traffic control and upon arrival thereat will stop and allow first wave and subsequent waves to pass through. They will then act as control vessels for the ship-to-shore movement between the Line of Departure and assigned beaches. PC 1391 will have aboard the executive officer of