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AT Co. 27th.

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AT Co. went with 1st Bn. to Banoko as rifle  
Co.

Went to Arnedel with 1st Bn.

Stayed 1st night at Bursting Point.

Next day went behind 2nd Bn. acting as  
rifle co.

next day tank attack

= after 2nd Bn. attack - moved  
up & filled gap later. B & A Cos P &  
moved until ran into sniper fire, then  
stopped & dug in - soft corals.

night quiet.

next morning moved out to be attacked to  
3rd Bn. Moved out 0700 to report to 3rd  
Bn. C.P.

Hatch was with Capt. Kunkakis (B Co)  
when Davis told Kunkakis to go to east end  
of island - clear out every Jap from that end.  
Hatch didn't know if Japs there or not,  
beyond the 300 yd outpost - beyond which  
no patrol had gone.

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AT Co. - had 3 Pltrs at this time:

Hatch - had 1st Pltr

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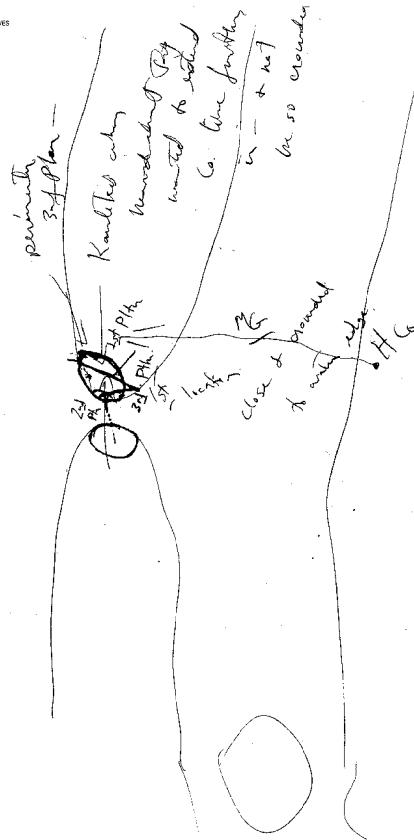
Fournier 1st Pltr out, 2nd on left, 3rd, center rear.

no opposition - all shocks - (a few more there)  
were abandoned.

When got near shore of Sazekawa - called  
+ reported no opposition. Col. Sung - ordered AT  
to cross onto peninsula + dig in.

~~Kunkakis~~ Kunkakis ordered Hatch to go out &  
find place to cross. Hatch & 2 men went to  
end of Sazekawa - (had advanced to 100 yds from  
it) - found place which Hatch thought suitable  
for crossing. Water not as deep there & not  
too wide. - Hatch went back & told  
Kunkakis he found a place to cross. Hatch  
had co. to spot (crossing) - then ordered to  
take Pltrs across & form semi-circle - and  
as other Pltrs came across - attached them  
at one end of line to expand the semi-  
circle. Whole co. got across without being  
seen by Japs. Two men, meanwhile were sent  
out by Hatch with instructions to go 200 yds.  
to Spt - sent back to Bn. C.P. to see about  
nature, water -

Then Kunkakis called Hatch over &



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told him - pointing out on map (Carley) where to put co. At this time one of our <sup>two</sup> Hatch had sent out, came back & said that he had seen Maj. ~~Hatch~~ Kaulakis said no size him further out bec too crowded.

Next fifteen minutes - sent men out again bec. he had gone out only 100 yds. Other platoons sent out at outguards.

Then Kaulakis, changed plan again & decided to put in all around perimeter (cluster). Hatch put one squad into position.

I extremely dense mangrove - couldn't see - they.

Hatch then turned around walked about 5 yds & was going to put in the other squad when MG gunner was hit & he let a roar. He was hit by one shot, & little confusion - ~~he~~ was killed. Saw Kaulakis, & was told to continue putting in the line. While platoons in line about 10 minutes after 1st man was killed. (Not dug in - but in position) Took off all gear & started clearing place out to dig in & began immediately

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very fire from MGs + rifles, banzai yells etc.  
Some of 2nd Pltn & 3rd Pltn took off  
across the water, without order, as soon as  
this broke out.

1st Pltn - did same thing & had ground  
to cover. w/ 1st Pltn withdrew Syds - then  
Kantakir started shouting "Hold the line, you  
yellow sons of a bitches" - the line stopped  
at Syd in front of Co. CP & this  
was when our line was formed.

Then Kantakir called back Ben & asked for  
permission to withdraw. Permission not granted  
so continued to hold line. Men started to go  
back from Sasekarsa to the peninsula.

About 5 minutes elapsed. Then hand  
grenades we received & Japs attacked. Japs  
setup hMG on ~~ATG~~ flank. + or 5 men hit  
this time. (1st Pltn man). Again called back to  
Ben CP asking for permission to withdraw. Rest  
commander afraid ATG couldn't make crossing  
- but Kantakir convinced him that we could  
so we got permission. Atro, told that G.K.

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was coming up to reinforce us. & that HCo  
support withdrawal by ~~men~~ fire across from Arnold  
Sent back one LMG to be set up on its side  
of Sasekarsa. Then, K told H to keep one  
squad in a little semicircle at crossing & all  
other units to go that point <sup>(and crossed)</sup> across.

When everyone had crossed <sup>had crossed</sup> but three men  
& H. - H met them together & got them across.  
Last man was wounded on beach on perimeter  
side & K. + 2nd. recovered & brought him  
in. They were not fired upon at first, no  
heavy firing.

Meanwhile Ben actually trying to zero on  
perimeter ~~but~~ got a tree burst on ~~sasekarsa~~  
tip by smoke shell & under smoke last went  
about only who had unknowingly been  
left there. Thee burst however, hit  
two men (one gun + other stepped thru G.H.  
legs). By this time (Co. K.) 28 strong  
& 9 men from 169th Inf. + set up perimeter  
defense at tip of Sasekarsa.

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Shelled - 50 shells that night - about  
two hours time. (This 2130 to 2330)  
about

Wounded in office. Ké on me.

Guadalcanal: ATCo. was carrying detail all during  
campaign.