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 Attached to 25th Division
LOBO CP
 APO 70 San Francisco, California

(9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Activities and Accomplishments.
 TO : G-2 25th Division U.S. ARMY.

1. For your information, 1st Platoon of Co. "A" composing 22 men including two Officers (Lt. Esteban Dulay and Lt. Estabille) left this Headquarters at Poncan, at 8:30 A.M. to patrol the hilly vicinities of the present CP at Poncan. The patrol followed a southeastern course from the CP until they reached the 27th Infantry outpost which is 800 yards away, thence, they went eastward for a mile until they finally came to a big stream which they followed its course for about 500 yards. From downstream, they sighted a man in civilian clothes in hectic flight on top of a hill, whom they chased but whom they were not able to overtake. ~~They~~ However, they found in the vicinity grass huts which have been used by the Japanese. These huts were burnt and all the dugouts and foxholes of the Japanese were destroyed by the patrol. Accomplished, the patrol then proceeded to the other hills until they reached the Forest Subsidiary Nursery near Poncan where they encountered three Japanese stragglers. The patrol attacked the enemy with handgrenades and rifle shots until the three Japs were killed after a futile counter-fire of two shots. The following were captured:

- (a)-Three Japanese rifles (two without bullets)
- (b)-Japanese papers which may reveal military secrets.
- (c)-Blankets
- (d)-Maps.

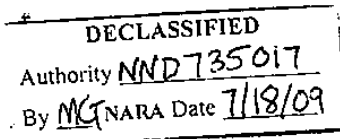
2. The patrol arrived in headquarters at 4:30 P.M.

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USAFPE LUZON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
Headquarters Pangasinan Military Area
Office of the Chief of Intelligence
(In the Field)

Msg. No. 17

18 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reports
TO : Maj. Robert B. Lapham, USA
CO, 5th Military District

1. Enemy tank troops, motorized units and artillery pieces have been heavily concentrated at Umingan town proper and the adjoining barrios of Bantug, Ubbog, Manalabasaan, Deliquente, Cadamortisan, and Pementa. The total number of such tanks, armored cars, tractors, and bren carriers in these vicinities is estimated at between 100 & 150; the soldiers, conservatively set at 3000. Attached is a sketch showing the troop concentrations. The objectives are so cleverly camouflaged as to render them invisible from the air, but under every shady tree and bamboo grove in the places indicated could be found enemy objectives. Strafing and bombing with the use of the attached map as guide is recommended.

2. The enemy Corps of Engineers had been kept very busy the last few days constructing a by-pass or detour for tanks and possibly trucks from the Umingan-San Quintin Highway at the Banila River Bridge to Barrio Cadamortisan on the Umingan-Lupao highway. This detour does not pass thru Umingan town proper. There is a tendency for the enemy to use the territory along the Banila Rive, which is thick with shrubs and bushes, as hideouts for tanks. The river bed is now dry and the surrounding terrain is stony, which is ideal for their purpose. The new detour is indicated in the attached sketch.

3. The last two days American planes had been reconnoitering over Umingan & vicinity, flying low to detect enemy objectives. The planes did not go into action, while all the time the objectives sought were right there as previously reported. This shows how cleverly the objectives are concealed from view. It is recommended that strafing be done at the places indicated, as well as bombing if justified.

3. The Japs do not allow civilians in the vicinities of their positions except those who have been captured to do forced labor for the enemy. Any strafing or bombing that may be undertaken will not endanger civilian lives.

4. The enemy at Umingan is facing acute food shortage. For this reason they have taken civilians to pound rice for them. They have also gone to as far as 4 Kms. from the national highway into the barrios, shooting hogs, chickens, cows and carabaos for their food.

5. In addition to the ban on civilians entering their positions, the enemy has forced the civilians to the west of the town (facing Balungao-Rosales) to vacate their homes. Anything that obstructs their view towards this direction, like piles of unthreshed palay, have been removed. This is in anticipation of American troops coming from that direction.

6. In all the places and barrios mentioned in Par. 1 hereof, trenches, fox-holes, and dugouts have been constructed under trees and houses. A few machine guns and several artillery pieces of undetermined calibre have also been mounted. It was noted that early this noon the enemy had tried out their artillery pieces, shooting at no objective.

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7. Enemy objectives at San Quintin remain as previously reported, with the exception that some have transferred to Lagasit, about 2 kms. from the town towards Tayug. At the back of the sketch above mentioned is another sketch map covering objectives at San Quintin and vicinity.

8. A certain Lt. Hill of the Liberating Forces, reported to be out on recon. was seen in the vicinity of Nampalcan, 3 kms. south of the town proper, Umingan. I sent out operatives to contact him but he had left for Balungao.

9. Capt. Hunt has a daily contact with the Liberating Forces. I am considering making duplicates of all maps and sketches sent in by Capt. McKenzie for delivery to you, as well as the reports themselves, for delivery to the Liberating Forces thru Capt. Hunt, so as to get to GEQ in the shortest possible time. My setback is the lack of stationery which I hope to remedy soon. Additional office work would not be a problem. If I am advised to do this, I will start so upon receipt of orders. Under the present set-up only the reports sent to you are provided with sketches; those sent thru Capt. Hunt are carbon copies without sketches (I mean the reports covering other areas)

1 10. Our wishes for the best of luck.

G2U
 1st Lt. LGAF-USAFPE
 Actg. Chief of Intelligence, RMA

Copies furnished:

Capt. Harry McKenzie
 Capt. Ray C. Hunt, Jr.

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21 January 1945

MSG No 19

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reports

TO : Maj. Robert B. Lapham, USA
 CO, 5th Military District

1. Enemy activities at Umingan and vicinity were confined to constructions of foxholes and trenches, the Nacalabasaan-Cadamortisan detour, and little changes in troop, tank and vehicular concentration the last 24 hours.

2. Aside from the troop, tank and vehicular concentrations previously reported at Poblacion, Caardanetagan and Ungib, Bentug, Ubbog, Nacalabasaan, Dolingente, Cadamortisan, Pamienda, and Carayungan, the enemy has stationed troops with a few tanks, reported coming from San Quintin, at Barrio Lauren, two kilometers from the poblacion on the Umingan-San Quintin Road. As in all other concentrations above mentioned, the soldiers and tanks hereat are camouflaged under shady Mango & santol trees on both sides of the road.

3. The positions at Bilan were strengthened with the arrival from Bentug and the poblacion of two more tanks, six trucks, and troops, occupying the whole barrier up to Abut. The total number of troops in the Cabatuan-Bilan-Abut vicinity is placed at not less than 500.

4. Tanks continuously patrol the National Road between their positions at Carayungan and Pamienda, San Quintin & Umingan, and Lupao and Umingan.

5. Troops, tanks, tractors, and bren carriers, previously reported at Lt. Cabangaran, San Quintin, were seen moving towards Umingan, leaving only a few soldiers with light calibre arms to guard bridges vital to enemy transportation, and to collect rice and foodstuffs for enemy troops.

6. Enclosed are sketches showing enemy positions at the places mentioned in Para. 2 hereof.

7. Enemy artillery positions in Lt. Balungao could not be exactly ascertained due to strict measures taken by the enemy against the entry of civilians into the vicinity.

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8. Two of the four courriers sent out to you with intelligence reports returned safely; the first delivered the messages to Capt. Serafica, the second, third in sequence to be sent out, delivered the reports to Col. White at Lunan, Dagupan.

9. Wishes for the best of luck.

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1st Lt, LGAF - USAFFE
Actg Chief of Intelligence, PMA

Copy furnished:
Capt. Harry McKenzie.

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USAFTE LUSON GUERRILLA ARMY FORCES
 Headquarters Pangasinan Military Area
 Office of the Chief of Intelligence

21 January 1945

msg No 20

SUBJECT: Intelligence Reports.

TO : Maj. Robert B. Lapham, USA
 CO, 5th Military District
 (Thru Capt. Ray C. Hunt, Jr.)

1. "The last few days, the Japs in the vicinity of San Nicolas, gateway to their Lucundon positions, had been busy digging trenches and foxholes, particularly in the town proper near the civilian houses they have occupied, and at San Jose, SE of San Nicolas town, near the barrio school building. The enemy has ordered the civilians to evacuate the town proper to at least one km. away from their positions. Any civilian getting within the prohibited zone is threatened to be shot.

2. Troops and truckloads of supplies have been observed passing San Nicolas towards Lucundon, coming from San Manuel."

3. Enemy troop, tank and vehicular concentration at San Nicolas town proper are mostly located around the town plaza, under trees, and on the main streets. They have refrained from occupying school buildings but are staying in private houses."

4. Checkup of the tanks and trucks reported moving towards Umingan in msg No 19 reveals that "about 20 tanks and up to around 50 trucks passed from San Quintin." Considering the enemy strength at San Quintin in previous reports, there still remains camouflaged under bamboo trees at their Cabangaran positions not less than 50 tanks. Reference may be made to our previous reports for location of remaining enemy tanks and trucks.

5. Operatives covering San Quintin & vicinity place the total enemy strength thereat at about 3000 as of 19 January. These troops are scattered in civilian houses near their tank positions at Cabangaran, Cardava and Mabini, and at San Balintaguen, Lundayao, and Deligayan, Southwest of the town.

6. The enemy positions at Umingan have again been strengthened with the arrival from Lucena of 10 tanks and bren carriers on the night of 20 January. On this same night, one tank from Gadenarian passing via the new tank and truck detour along the Manila River, was seen moving towards San Quintin. This is believed to be the patrol between Umingan and San Quintin.

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7. All positions in Umingan remain steady except that at Fementa, where two tanks from Umingan have been added, and at Cabatuan-Bilan-abut, which was strengthened with the addition of another 200 soldiers and several trucks. Aside from these additions to their Bilan positions, the radio set previously reported located at the biggest GI-roofed building south of the southernmost street in town has been transferred to Barrio Bilan. This radio set is presently at a GI-roofed house N of the Cabatuan-Bilan barrio road, about 100 meters from the junction. Six artillery pieces, believed to be 75mm's, are also camouflaged under trees right on this barrio road. On the attached sketch are indicated the approximate positions.

8. The shortage of food is beginning to tell on the enemy troops in this vicinity. Soldiers, sometimes unarmed, were seen going to remote barrios confiscating fowl and domestic animals for their food.

9. One unidentified plane was seen going down somewhere around Natividad or Tayug on the morning of 19 January. Operatives are out verifying.

10. Per orders from LMA Hqs, I have moved my headquarters about 11 kms nearer the Liberating Forces westward.

11. Wishes and best of luck.

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 Actg. Chief of Int, F. M. A.

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 Capt. Harry McManis

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