

UNIT HISTORY

The unit traced its roots from the 3rd Battalion Combat Team (BCT), which was organized in the early 50's during the height of the Huk Rebellion in Luzon Region. It was organized along with three (3) other battalions directly under the 2nd Military Area, Phil Army. Its initial area of operation was in Quezon and the adjoining provinces in Southern Luzon.

At its early inception, the unit had already displayed its distinctive attitude and exemplary performance by garnering awards such as the "Fight Ingest BCT" for the year 1951–1952 and the "most outstanding BCT" for the year 1953–1954 to name a few. However, in spite of the unit's achievements, it was deactivated in 1957, when the peace and order situation in the country was normalized.

On 01 March 1973, the unit was reactivated and renamed as 3rd infantry (Regardless of What) Battalion by then his Excellency Ferdinand E Marcos, President of the Republic of the Philippines at Camp Capinpin, Tanay, Rizal. The unit was composed of a bigger number of young blood coming from the "**Kamagong Concept**" and became an organic member of the 2nd Infantry Brigade (Sep) PA, now the 2nd Infantry (Jungle Fighter) Division, Philippine Army.

The unit has seen action in various parts of Mindanao, losing some of its men in anti-secessionist campaign in the areas of Maguindanao Province, South Cotabato; and likewise on the insurgent frontiers of Davao Del Sur, Davao Del Norte and the Province of North Cotabato.

As a fitting recognition on its multifarious achievements, in 1976, the unit received the "Most Outstanding Maneuver Battalion" award from then Central Mindanao Command (CEMCOM) when the gallant men of the unit captured Commander **Chino**, one of the top MNLF personalities in Central Mindanao who is now the mayor of Cotabato City, the Hon Muslimin G Sema.

Likewise, the unit also received other awards such as the "Most Outstanding Tactical Battalion" award from the Commanding General, Regional Unified Command XI, "**The Best Jungle Fighter**" award from the Commanding General, 2ID, and the "**Best Unit for CMO**" all separately awarded for the period from 1984–1985.

On 01 May 1986, the unit which was then stationed at Barangay Kablon, Tupi, South Cotabato, was relieved from the 2nd Infantry Division, Philippine Army and became an organic unit of the 12th Infantry Brigade (Sep), Philippine Army, now the 6th Infantry (KAMPILAN) Division, Philippine Army.

From then on, the unit gained honor and recognition as a hard hitting, and never waning unit in its dedication and loyalty to serve the people.

After the unit's retraining on April 1995, it was given a new area of responsibility covering the municipalities of Carmen, Kabacan, Mlang, Matalam and parts of Makilala all of North Cotabato and the Municipality of Pagalungan, Maguindanao with the Battalion Headquarters stationed at Sitio Tondo, Poblacion, Carmen, Cotabato.

The unit participated in eighteen (18) major encounters during the height of campaign against the MILF forces in Malmar, Pagalungan, Kabacan, and Carmen Complex from May 1996 to July 1998 and in Bulit, Lumayong and Malabuaya of Kabacan, North Cotabato from June to July 1997 liberating more or less 80 civilian hostages from the clutches of the MILF rebels.

The unit also participated in campaigns against the communist terrorist movement in Makilala, North Cotabato that resulted to two major encounters in Barangay Biangan and Sto Niño Both of Makilala, North Cotabato.

On 12 July 1999, the unit was transferred to a new area of responsibility covering the municipalities of Buldon, Sultan Kudarat, Parang, Matanog and parts of Barira, all of Maguindanao with the Battalion Headquarters at Barangay Dinganen, Buldon Maguindanao, which was later on relocated at Sitio Ambal, Brgy Aratuc, Buldon, Maguindanao on September 2001. The unit contributed greatly to the success of "Oplan Aries and Dominance" that resulted to the return of Narciso Ramos Highway to government control and the capture of the MILF stronghold, Camp Abubakar.

During the post campaign of "Oplan Dominance and Aries", the unit conducted series of offensive operations to search and destroy the remnants of MILF forces in the given area of responsibility; notable result of this was the recovery of twenty five (25) high powered firearms in Brgy Gang, Solon and Dagurungan all of Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

The unit's effective implementation of the triad concept resulted also to the neutralization of more or less 100 MILF rebels most of whom voluntarily surrendered to the unit and the recovery of numerous firearms of various calibers and other war materiel and enemy documents.

On 20 February 2002, the Battalion Headquarters was relocated to Brgy Nituan, Parang, Maguindanao from its former location at Sitio Ambal, Brgy Aratuc, Buldon, Maguindanao.

On 01 January 2004, the unit was designated as the cadre battalion of the 603rd Infantry Brigade, 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army administering all the CAA units in Sultan Kudarat, Sultan Mastura, Parang, Buldon and Barira all of Maguindanao Province. Additionally, on 01 July 2004, all CAA units in Kapatagan and Balabagan all of Lanao Del Sur were added to the unit's area of operation.

On 20 September 2004, the 6ID realigned its forces to cope up and address the priority threat in the AOR of 603rd Bde and as a result, the following areas were added to the unit's task to administer and control all CAA's and these are the municipalities of Pigcawayan, Alamada, Libungan, Midsayap and Banisilan all of Cotabato. Likewise on 01 October 2004, the Delta Company of this unit was reactivated to assume administrative control of all CAA units in Lanao Del Sur province except the municipalities of Wao and Bombaran from 671B, 4ID, PA, but was later deactivated and the area was given to alpha company.

On 09 January 2006, in consonance with the Oplan "Bawas" H6ID, PA dated 09 Jan 06, the 6ID realigned its forces to address the priority threat in the AOR of 601st and 604th Infantry Bde. As a result, the unit relinquished the administrative control and supervision of all CAA's in **PALMB** area of North Cotabato to 381B and assumes administrative control and supervision of all CAAs and SCAAs in municipalities of Esperanza, Kalamansig and Lebak all of Sultan Kudarat and Sharif Aguak, Datu Piang, Amapatuan, Talayan, Datu Piang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, North Upi and South Upi all of Maguindanao and Cotabato City from 71B who was reverted back to maneuver function. The unit also unfilled the Hqs & Hqs, Alpha, Bravo And Charlie Company to pave way for the implementation of "Tanggol Bayan Delta".

On 15 May 2006, the unit which was then stationed at Barangay Nituan, Parang, Maguindanao terminated as cadre battalion pursuant to General Order # 216 HPA dated 02 May 06 and subsequently redeployed from the 6th Infantry (Kampilan) Division, Philippine Army AOR and became an organic unit of the 7th Infantry (Kaugnay) Division, Philippine Army.

On 09 September 2007, the unit was deployed in the coastal areas of Bulacan and Pampanga covering eleven (11) municipalities of Bulacan Province namely Obando, Bulacan, Paombong, Hagonoy, Calumpit parts of Meycauayan, Marilao, Guinguinto, Pulilan, Bocaue, Balagtas and the City of Malolos. It also covers seven (7) municipalities of Pampanga province namely Macabebe, Masantol, Minalin, Lubao, Sasmuan, Apalit and San Simon, with its battalion headquarters at Brgy Iba, Hagonoy, Bulacan with its mission to conduct ISO in these areas.

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In the pursuit of its ISO mission, the ably SOTized thirty seven (37) targeted brgys, conducted thirty nine (39) area clearing / CMOP operations, ten (10) ongoing SOT operations; and cleared four (4) OB listed and six (6) Non–OB listed barangays. In addition, the unit spearheaded the organization of the Barangay Defense System (BDS) in the targeted barangays of which a total of eight thousand (8,000) BDS member civilian volunteers volunteered to defend their respective barangays from re–entry of not only the CTs but also the operation of illegal activities of the criminal elements.

Significantly, the unit accomplished numerous outputs breakdown as follows, two (2) NPA killed, one (1) NPA regular captured, one (1) apprehended and three hundred fifty seven (357) supporters and sympathizers with the total of three hundred sixty one (361) neutralized communist terrorists.

This resulted to the eventual dismantling of KLG F2 Western Bulacan–Pampanga of Bulacan PCOM, CLRC on 20 March 2008 as per GHQ validation report which was officially announced by no less than the AFP Chief of Staff GEN HERMOGENES C ESPERON JR AFP. The official awarding was conducted on 02 May 2008 at Headquarters NOLCOM AFP at Camp Aquino, Tarlac to recognize the efforts of 3IB troopers that dismantled KLG F2 Western Bulacan Pampanga on its given time frame.

Hence, the unit was instrumental in the improvement of the peace and order situation in the area by facilitating the clearing of affected barangays from armed insurgents, dismantling of its political infrastructure, and neutralizing the intelligence and support system of the CTs in its organized mass base support.

In due consideration to the Human Resource Development of the unit's personnel, fifteen (15) different in–house trainings conducted by the unit which enhances the knowledge and skills in carrying out its mandated mission. On the other hand, the officers and EP received various different awards as a fitting recognition of their valuable performance of duties on the numerous significant achievements both in Civil Military Operation and Combat Operation of the unit. These awards were recognized by no less than the Commanding General 7th Infantry Division, Philippine Army MAJ GENERAL JUANITO P GOMEZ AFP during the 3IB anniversary celebration on March 31, 2007.

Additionally, the unit was also active in tree planting activities with a total of 36,000 seedlings were planted and nurtured in the AOR.

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Based on the 703Bde FRAG–O 01–08 dated 23 June 2008 and FRAG–O 01–08 dated 23 July 2008 (Corrected copy), on 12 July 2008, the Western Pampanga covering the municipalities of Bacolor, Guagua, Floridablanca, Porac, Lubao, Sasmuan, Sta Rita, Sto Tomas, Mabalacat and the Cities of San Fernando and Angeles were added as its additional area of operation with the mission to dismantle the communist terrorist re–affirmist group (SSP Pampanga) and MLPP / RHB rejectionist group operating in the area by end of CY 2008. On 16 August 2008, the battalion's MCP was initially relocated at Brgy Planas, Porac, Pampanga from its former location at Brgy Iba, Hagonoy, Bulacan after which, the battalion MCP was transferred at Brgy Babu Pangulo, Porac, Pampanga which is seen to be a strategic location and has a better Command and Control to its line units.

On 15 October 2008, we were directed again to assume the whole province of Bataan and South Zambales as new AO of the Battalion and simultaneously released the operational jurisdiction of Western Bulacan area to 56IB. With this directive, we transferred our Battalion Headquarters and Charlie Company from Bulacan to Bataan and South Zambales replacing 24IB on 27 October 2008 and established the battalion MCP at Bataan Barracks, Brgy Camacho, Balanga, Bataan.

As a fitting recognition on its multifarious achievements, in 2010, the unit received the “Best Battalion for CY 2010” awarded during the 22rd founding Anniversary of 7th Infantry (Kaugnay) Division, Philippine Army on 02 August 2010 when the gallant men of the unit achieved Three (3) encounters with three (3) KIA and recovered /captured/ surrendered of Seventy three (73) HPFAs to include the Fifty (50) 5.56mm Gallile Rifle confiscated during the conduct of joint operations by this unit and the Bureau of Customs, Immigrations, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, Local Government of Mariveles to foreign vessel (M/V CAPTAIN UFUK) , fourteen (14) LPFAs and thirty four (34) CT personalities both RHB/SPP.

On 13 February 2011, the unit was moved from present station Brgy Camacho, Balanga City, Bataan to undergo Battalion of Excellence Training (BOE) at Fort Magsaysay Nueva Ecija for almost four (4) months of rigorous training under Land Warfare Center (LWC), TRADOC, Philippine Army and completed Program of Instruction (POI) of the said training on 24 May 2011.

On 13 June 2011, the unit was re –deployed on its new Area of Operation (AO) at the Provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur and La Union .and established battalion MCP at Brgy Sulvec, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur.

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Again, as an apt recognition on its accomplishment in 2011, the unit was awarded the Command Plaque for the overall “Best-best Infantry Battalion CY 2011” during the conduct of Annual Performance Evaluation of Field Units for CY 2011 which awarded on 190730H March 2012 in front of Division Hqs when the heroic man of this unit achieved the neutralization of eight (8) CTs and five (5) LLEs, recovery of three (3) LPFAs, Recovery of IEDs and Subversive Documents on 27 Aug 11 at Brgy San Vicente, Galimuyod, Ilocos Sur, Declaration of Ilocos Norte as Insurgency Free Province on 22 Sept 2011, successfully accomplished the conduct of Bayanihan Patrols and PDOT to all Target Brgys, establishment of CMAG in the provinces of Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte, various tree planting activities and a numerous significant activities both in Civil Military Operations and Combat Operations.

In first semester of 2012, before redeployment from Ilocos Region to Nueva Ecija, Eastern Pangasinan and Nueva Viscaya this unit was able to accomplish and neutralized two (2) CTs holding key positions as squad leaders operating in Ilocos Sur and recovery of Hand and Rifle Grenades, food stuff, training aids, medical supplies and subversive documents with high intel value in Sinait Ilocos Sur.

On 24 July 2012, the unit was re-deployed on its new Area of Operation (AO) at the Provinces of Nueva Ecija, Eastern Pangasinan and Nueva Vizcaya and established battalion MCP at Sitio Jr Campo, Sto Niño II, San Jose City, Nueva Ecija. This unit adopted the eleven (11) Bayanihan (IPSP) Program of 702nd Bde, 7ID, PA and conduct support operations to have Secure and Fair Election (SAFE) in coordination with COMELEC, PNP and other deputized law enforcement agencies during National and Local Election in May 13, 2013 and Brgy Election in October 28, 2013. This unit were able neutralized three (3) CTs, twenty (25) LLEs and apprehension of twenty one (21) HPFAs and twenty two (22) LPFAs and discovery armed cache with thirteen (13) rifle grenade and seven (7) ammo for 40MM and six hundred twenty six (626) assorted ammunitions.

In conduct of continues CMO activities, this unit were able gained thrust and confidence of the local populace as well as the LGUs, LGAs, NGAs, NGOs and other stakeholders which accomplished various participation in the NGO on Community Development, Environmental Assistance, Tree planting activities, Anti-Illegal logging Operation, DRO, MEDCAP/DENCAP, Blood Letting activities, Feeding Programs and other support community development activities in relation to the unit’s mission.

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Additionally, this unit also partake a big roles in securing Vital Government and Private Projects, Undertakings, Facilities and Equipment in rural and urban areas in our Area of Responsibility covering the Province Nueva Ecija, Eastern Pangasinan and whole Province of Nueva Ecija in compliance to the Joint Letter Directive 02-2013 signed at General Headquarters, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City and MOA between 3IB-NVPPO dated 24 September 2013 and MOA between 3IB-NEPPO dated 09 August 2013 like; TPLEX line projects, Aritao-Quirino Road in Nueva Viscaya, Maharlika High Way in Carranglan, Cabanatuan City-Sta Rosa Road, NIA Projects in Licab, Rice Husk (i-Power) in San Jose City and Farm to market road in Nampicuan all of Nueva Ecija, NIA Projects in San Nicolas and Tayug both of Pangasinan and various vital installation like, Oceana Gold Phil., Taan Wier Dam, Casecan Water and Energy Corporation, NEECO II Stations in General Natividad and Zaragosa both of Nueva Ecija and selected globe cell site to preempt CTs and other lawless element in conducting violent activities and extortions in the aforesaid Vital Government and Private Projects, Undertakings, Facilities and Equipment

As ever, the 3rd infantry (regardless of what) battalion is always at pace with the ever-changing times. The unit recognizes the need to constantly maintain the level of professionalism and discipline within its rank and file. The battalion has been able to cope up with the challenges on its given task or mission by effectively and efficiently utilizing its available resources.

True to its motto: “**Regardless of What**”, the 3IB remains steadfast in its noble aspirations; no matter how insurmountable the odds may seem, nothing stands on its way to accomplish its mission with the help and support of the civilian populace.

To date, the battalion has twenty two (24) commanding officers in its lineage, starting from COL DOMINADOR B BRAGANZA to the present commander, LTC EUGENIO S BATARA INF (GSC) PA. We salute these gallant officers who have been the brains and innovators and have made the unit become one of the effective and battle tested units of the Philippine Army.

Army Core Purpose: Serving the people, securing the land

LINEAGE OF COMMANDERS

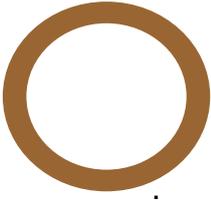
COL DOMINADOR R BRAGANZA (INF) PA	-	March 1973 to April 1974
LTC ANTONIO B ARIOLA (INF) PA	-	April 1974 to May 1976
LTC FEDERICO S BAGUISI (INF) PA	-	May 1976 to November 1976
LTC WILFREDO B LAGANZON (INF) PA	-	November 1976 to Sep 77
LTC MOISES A TOLENADA (FA) PA	-	September 1977 to June 1980
LTC ROLANDO V HERNAEZ (INF) PA	-	June 1980 to October 1980
LTC ERNESTO Y UY (INF) PA	-	October 1980 to February 83
COL MOISES A TOLENADA (FA) PA	-	February 1983 to February 84
LTC ERNESTO Y UY (INF) PA	-	February 1984 to February 1987
LTC ROGELIO T APUNGAN (INF) PA	-	February 1987 to February 1990
MAJ CONRADO V BERMUDEZ (INF) PA	-	February 1990 to July 1992
COL REYNALDO R ALCASID FA (GSC) PA	-	July 1992 to June 1994
COL LYLE V PARAZ INF (GSC) PA	-	June 1994 to May 1995
LTC ELICARDO T CABANGAL (INF) PA	-	May 1995 to November 1996
COL ERNESTO F LUMANG JR INF (GSC) PA	-	November 1996 to August 1998
LTC CARLOS B HOLGANZA INF (GSC) PA	-	August 98 to November 1999
LTC DANILO M GARCIA INF (GSC) PA	-	November 1999 to 22 August 01
LTC RUBEN W ANGA-ANGAN CAV (GSC) PA-	-	22 August 2001 to 08 July 2003
LTC EDUARDO P POLINTAN INF (GSC) PA	-	09 July 03 to 10 May 05
LTC RAYLINDO S ANIÑON INF (GSC) PA	-	10 March 2005 to 31 August 2006
LTC GERARD V VELEZ INF (GSC) PA	-	31 August 2006 to 03 July 2008
LTC JUNY DJ CASTRO INF (GSC) PA	-	03 July 2008 to 13 August 2010
LTC ROGELIO R MESIAS INF (GSC) PA	-	13 August 2010 to 31 August 2012
LTC EUGENE M MATA INF (GSC) PA	-	31 August 2012 to 01 September 2014
LTC EUGENIO S BATARA JR INF (GSC) PA	-	01 September 2014 to date

3IB, UNIT SEAL/LOGO

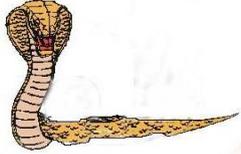


3RD INFANTRY (REGARDLESS OF WHAT) BATTALION

UNIT SEAL/LOGO SYMBOLISM



CIRCLE – symbolizes the unit can adopt in any situations and easily collaborate with all stakeholders.



Snake – symbolizes the unit swift and deadly actions towards the accomplishment of unit's mission.

The number “3” – numerical number designation of the unit.

“REGARDLESS OF WHAT” – is the unit motto and known unit remains steadfast in its noble aspirations; no matter how insurmountable the odds may be.

Color Symbolisms:



Brown – symbolizes the unit endurance and stability in accomplishing unit's mission.



Dark green – represents the unit ambition to pursue peace and development.



BLACK – *color* of the word “REGARDLESS OF WHAT” which denotes unit power to accomplish the unit given mission.