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**81** - The numeric designation of the unit

**SPARTAN** - Means boldness, courageous, fearless and valor. Whatever extreme challenges the unit might face, members of 81<sup>st</sup> IB will remain courageous, unbeatable and fearless by any hardship.

**STARS** - Represent the three (3) Major Island which is Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The unit is willing and duty-bound to serve in any part of the country. Every one is grateful to render unrestricted service disregarding personal ease in any adversities.

**SUN** - Signifies brilliancy and splendor. It serves as the guiding light of our innovative path in trekking our way to the multifarious duty through our unwavering efforts.

**SHIELD** - Symbolizes as Defender and Protector of the Filipino people and its constitution. The unit is committed protect the Filipino people against any threat to further promote peace and support national development.

**8 – RAYS** - Stands for the historic Eight (8) Provinces who courageously and fearlessly fought for liberty and independence despite of odds and circumstances against the Spanish Colonizers. The unit was born in one of these provinces which is Nueva Ecija.

**LAUREL LEAVES** - Means Peace and Tranquility. Amidst chaos and confusion, we make sure to do the best of our ability that peace and order will always prevail.

**WHITE COLOR** - Purity, Peace and Sincerity

**GREEN COLOR** - Means Hope

**YELLOW COLOR** – Symbolize generosity

**S** – Strong and self disciplined warriors

**P** – Prestige the constitutional constraint

**A** – Audacity in willingness to challenge assumptions

**R** – Ravage the enemies tactics and plans

**T** – Thoughtfully and sympathetically

**A** – Avenger of the enemy of the people

**N** – Neutral in decisions making and;

**S** – Support the Philippine Constitutions and sublime the rights of civilian over military.

# The Spartan

(The History, as of 28 September 2014)

## THE "SPARTANS"

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The 81IB was activated on 08 May 2009 pursuant to HPA General Order number 280 with LTC RAMON G LINASAN INF (GSC) PA as the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Commander. Its personnel requirement was taken from the personnel of 71<sup>st</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> Recon Company, Disaster Response Unit, and from Special Operation Team of 7<sup>th</sup> INF, DIV, PA.

After consistently seeking enhancement in preparation for deployment to its projected Area of Responsibility, the 81<sup>ST</sup> Infantry (SPARTAN) Battalion conducted several trainings thru the 7<sup>TH</sup> Division Training Unit's competent, well-trained and proficient instructors. Significant trainings were achieved apart from the Program of Instructions set forth during the Battalion Retraining Phase. The Battalion Commander believed in significance to the famous adage as goes, "**train hard, fight hard and die harder**" for we **SOLDIERS, yielded ourselves in the rigors of trainings to survive in any extreme worst conditions in the battlefield.**

The advancement in firepower capabilities of the ARMY like K3 Squad Automatic Weapon deems to have an apparent and immense effect in all decisive encounters was an offshoot of the continuous effort of our Commanders. Thus, K3 Operations Training was purposely conducted to ably trained Squad's Automatic Rifleman in the operations, familiarization and maintenance of said weaponry. The SPARTAN TROOPERS had also gained advance fighting skills in Close Quarter Battle Training, Crew-served Weapons Training, Harris Radio Operation and Maintenance Training, and other in-service Training. To enhance the capability of every individual soldier so that the troops can acquire additional knowledge in different kinds of training.

The Battalion became a Division Reserve for 4 months before it was given an area of jurisdiction. The first area assignment was in the eastern part of Region 3, covering whole province of Nueva Ecija except 4<sup>th</sup> District and portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> District comprising four (4) cities and sixteen (16) municipalities.

On **11 November 2010**, the Area of Operation of the Battalion was extended to the municipalities of Nueva Viscaya in Dupax Sur, Dupax Norte, Aritao, Sta. Fe, and Kayapa; Aurora in Dingalan; and in Nueva Ecija in Gabaldon and Laur.

The line companies were deployed to the different areas where they can accomplish the Battalion's Internal Peace and Security Operation's Mission: Alpha Company was deployed in Sta. Fe, Nueva Viscaya; Bravo Company was deployed in Laur, Nueva Ecija; and, Charlie Company was deployed in Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija.

On **01 April 2011**, **LTC ORLANDO M SUAREZ INF (GSC) PA** assumed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Commander of the unit with same Area of Operations. Line Companies underwent redeployment: Alpha Company in Gen. Luna, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija, Bravo Company at RA Padilla, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija while Charlie Company at Brgy Marikit, Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija.

On **26 April 2012**, **LTC ORLANDO M SUAREZ INF (GSC) PA** relinquished his post to LTC DESIDERIO A ALABA INF (GSC) PA as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Commander of the unit.

On **01 August 2012**, the Battalion was relocated at Brgy Sulvec, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur which covers the whole province of Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur except San Emilio, Quirino and Cervantes, all of Ilocos Sur and La Union, all of Region 1 comprising 4 Cities and 53 Municipalities.

Deployment of line companies was based on the threat situation prevailing in the area of operations. Alpha Company was deployed in Currimao Ilocos Norte, covering the whole area of Ilocos Norte. Bravo Company was deployed in Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur as Centurion Force, While Charlie Company was initially deployed in Galimuyod, Ilocos Sur, which covers the Ilocos Sur except San Emilio, Quirino and Cervantes.

On **13 June 2012**, realignment of area of jurisdiction was implemented wherein La Union was realigned to task group Amianan of 702<sup>nd</sup>Bde.

On **01 July 2013**, realignment of area of jurisdiction was implemented wherein the Battalion AO was extended to whole Region 1 except the municipalities of Quirino, Cervantes and San Emilio in Ilocos Sur and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> District in Pangasinan. On **01 July 2014**, the Battalion AO was extended to 5<sup>th</sup> District of Pangasinan.

On **05 June 2014**, Charlie Company was placed OPCON to 702IBde, 7ID, PA for the purpose of Company Retraining.

For Calendar year **2010** the unit was able to conduct **72** Combat Operations, **484** Patrol Operations, **8** Intelligence Operations, **313** Civil Relation activities, **13** Civic Action activities. Significant recoveries during the three armed encounters were **6** M653 armalite rifles, **1** shot gun, **8** hand grenades, numerous High Explosive and ammunition.

For Calendar year **2011** the unit was able to conduct **74** combat operations, **990** patrol operations, **1** intelligence operation, **503** Civil Relation activities, **237** Civic Action activities. Significant recoveries during the two armed encounters were **1** M16 rifle, **1** laptop, batteries, cartridge of 81mm, High Explosive mechanized type, **2** projectile **105mm** demil, **1** hand grenade, **1** 3.2 inches High Explosive Rocket.

For Calendar year **2012** the unit was able to conduct 93 combat operations, 8 intelligence operations, 1,663 Civil Affairs Activities, 770 Public Affairs Activities and 445 Information Support Affairs, Significant recoveries during the two separate encounters were 1 M16A1 rifle, 1 M653 lower receiver (ELISCO), 1 Binocular, 1 IED, 1 cal. 45 M1911 A1 US made, 1 magazine with loaded ammunition, neutralizing 1 rebel and 1 wounded CT's.

For Calendar year **2013** the unit was able to conduct 22 Battalion size operations, 33 Company size operations, 42 Platoon size operations, 456 Small unit operations, 7 counter intelligence operations, 2,310 Civil Affairs Activities, 4,280 Public Affairs Activities and 607 Information Support Affairs. Firearms recovered during National Election (one (1) carbine cal. 30 M2 with serial number 169082 with one (1) magazine loaded with twenty five (25) live ammo, one (1) baby armalite M4 marked Rock Island with serial number RIA 0209 MUR 1 Victor Weapon System with scope and laser and cal. 45 serial number 1041710 with one (1) magazine with five (5) live ammo) on 121515 May 2013 and two (2) voluntary surrendered member of SPP Sandino with their firearms (one (1) BAR-SN87969 and one (1) M16-SN048409) at Municipality of Cabugao, Ilocos Sur on 19 October 2013.

On 25 November 2013, **LTC DESIDERIO A ALABA INF (GSC) PA** relinquished his post to **LTC JASON T BAJET INF (GSC) PA** as the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Commander of the unit.

For Calendar year **2014** to date, the unit was able to conduct 12 Battalion size operations, 12 Company size operations, 33 Platoon size operations, 1,081 Small unit operations, 3 counter intelligence operations, 3,046 Civil Affairs Activities, 1,924 Public Affairs Activities and 3,299 Information Support Affairs. Firearms recovered (one (1) M653 (ELISCO) with tampered serial number) during the conduct of combat strike operations at GC 415 825 vicinity Sitio Namatingan, Sigay, Ilocos Sur on 07 February 2014.

As mandated, 81<sup>st</sup>IB will continue to conduct internal peace and security operations (FMO, BTA, ISE) in Area of Operation and geared to accomplish the Battalion Motto **“YOUR WELL BEING IS OUR CONCERN”**.