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We left HIGHWAY 251 at (19.0 - 15.7). We proceeded East along existing gravel road, turned and went upon a dike North of the river (RC #19). This dike could possibly be used for road with a minimum amount of bulldozer work on top. We proceeded along this dike until we reached a point on the map approximately due South of GUALSIC and then we proceeded through the fields. These fields due to the recent rain are all gummy and almost impossible for traffic. About ~~200x~~ 400 yards due East of GUALSIC we came on a trail and proceeded along this trail along the river bank to OLEA at RJ #117. We proceeded from there to RJ #118. South of RJ #118 we made observations of the AGNO RIVER. It was approximately 450 feet wide and estimated depth from 3½ to 4 feet. We proceeded East to a point on the bank South of RJ #119 across the river from ALCALA. At this point the river was about a little over 300 feet wide. At the native canoe ferry at ALCALA, the current was about 5 miles per hour. At this point the depth appeared to be 5½ to 5 feet. We proceeded along trail along the river to AMANPEREZ. There was no apparent ford there. It is approximately 350 feet wide and there was no soundings taken. There was no way to estimate the depth there. We proceeded about 400 yards from AMANPEREZ where the road completely ~~had~~ broke down and we became getting stuck so turned back. At this point the river appeared to be 500 feet wide. ~~Six~~ From native report the water was about 4½ feet deep. Native reported that the road from VILLASIS to BARANGOBONG at RJ #114 is a stone road and South and East to the river is a stone road also. This road is about 12 feet wide and in fairly good condition. It couldn't be checked due to the fact that it was in enemy hands. At this point we returned and retraced our paths to our starting point. The whole terrain North of AGNO RIVER with exception of cultivated parts is covered with high grass 6 or 7 feet high. It is a type of Johnson or kunai grass. The cultivated fields are practically impassable to traffic. The road network with the exception of widding trails is non-existent. Existing maps of this area are inadequate and inaccurate. For instance one village was over 1000 yards away. Only possible road connection with HIGHWAY 251 would be from the road junction, to this existing earth dike to the river to a point 500 yards South of GUALSAC. Between the dike and the river it is more or less impassable due to mud flats and generally undersirable terrain due to rain. In dry weather one could get through there in a jeep. There is a possible ponton site south of OLEA with a good approach, bank clear, and only hindering thing is lack of road. Other one is North of ALCALA. In order to utilize this one, the present road from RJ #114 would have to be made into an all-weather type road. Generally ground is loamy along there.

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