

COMPANY "C"
632d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 705

14 September 1944

Subject: Historical Report: MICHAELMAS (Saider Operation)

To : COMMANDING OFFICER, 632d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

1. Enclosed herewith is Historical report of this organization for the period 11 February to 29 April 1944.

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HISTORICAL REPORT 11 February - 29 April 1944

Name of Operation: MICHAELMAS

Nature of Operation: Reinforcement of the MICHAELMAS FORCE

Mission of this Organization:

1. Shore Party 126th RCT
2. Beach Defense
3. Reinforcing of the Saider Drome Perimeter
4. Shore Party Yalan Force (See report after action)

Composition : Company C 632d T D Bn
5 Officers 182 EM

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Capt ZERNECKE, Herbert J.
1st Lt HAASE, Eldon A.
1st Lt ILLIGE, Denis J.
1st Lt VERLANDER, Walter C.
2nd Lt SAVACOO, Kenneth L.

Hostile opposition;

C Company met no ground opposition. Enemy Ground Activity consisted of a by-passing of the Saider Perimeter. Enemy air activity was marked by sporadic raids of very light density and slight damage.

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COMPANY HISTORICAL REPORT

The following is the Historical Report of Company "C" 632d Tank Destroyer for the period of 11 February to 29 April 1944.

11 February - 27 February 1944

Company engaged in Cargo work and Beach Defense at Saider New Guinea.

27 February - 29 February 1944

Company worked unloading Liberty Ships. Remainder of Battalion arrived at Saider New Guinea.

1 March 1944

Second platoon established Beach Defense from Sue Point to Reihelits Point. Company engaged in unloading Liberty Ship.

2 March 1944

Company worked at Dock Details. 2nd Platoon on Beach Defense.

3 March 1944

First and third platoons of Company were alerted and prepared to go on a operation as shore Party for 126th Inf.

4 March 1944

3 Officers, Capt Zernocks, Lt Illige and Lt Savacoal and 82 EM reported to Cambri New Guinea to load Landing Crafts for operation with 126th Inf.

5 March 1944

Second platoon on Beach Defenses Remainder of Company landed at Yalai New Guinea. See atchd report of first days action.





6 March 1944

2nd Platoon on Beach Defense. Remainder of Company on operation with 126th Inf.

7 March 1944

1st and 3rd Platoons returned from operation with 126th Inf. No casualties on operation.

8 March 1944

2nd Platoon still on Beach Defense. Company had care and cleaning of equipment in morning. Company went to work on Liberty Ship at 1800L.

9 March 1944

Company had Command Inspection of all vehicles and equipment.

10 March - 14 March 1944

2nd Platoon Still on Beach Defense and Company was engaged in Gargadore work during this period.

15 March 1944

2nd Platoon relieved by 3rd Platoon on Beach Defense from Saui to Helmholtz Point. Company still working on Liberty Ships. Air raid at 0415L. Gasoline dumps near air strip hit and destroyed.

15 March - 24 March 1944

3rd Platoon was on Beach Defense and the remainder of Company did Gargadore work during this period. There were several air alerts but no damage was caused by the enemy

26 March 1944

Capt Herbert J Zerneck O-398322 was relieved as Company Commander and transferred to Headquarters #32d T D. Bn as of March 1, 1944. 1st Lt Eldon A Haase O-384205 assumed command of Company as of 1 March 1944. Company had the usual dock details

26 March - 31 March 1944

3rd Platoon still on Beach Defense. Company performed dock details during this period.

1 April 1944

Reconnaissance of new area along the Mot River made on this date. Company continued to work on Dock detail.

2 April 1944

Company prepared to move to new area. Company also had a dock detail.

3 April 1944

3rd Platoon still on Beach Defense. Company moved by vehicle to area south of the Mot River. Left Saider at 1040K arrived in new area at 1210K Distance traveled 10 miles.

4 April - 6 April 1944

Company continued working on new area. Also maintenance of equipment. 3rd Platoon still on Beach defense.

7 April 1944

3rd Platoon relieved of Beach Defense duty and rejoined remainder of Company at Yamai. Company worked on personnel equipment.

8 April- 9 April 1944

Company worked improving area.

10 April - 14 April 1944

Company had instruction on basic military subjects also cleaning of area. Retreat formation were held each night,

15 April 1944

Company organized according to T/O 18-27 dated 1 January 43.

16 April 1944

Sunday Usual Camp Duties.

17 April - 21 April 1944

Company engaged in individual arms and crew served weapons in preparation for range firing.

22 April 1944

Command inspection of all personnel and materials.

23 April 1944

Sunday Usual Camp duties

24 April - 25 April 1944

Company continued training on individuals arms and automatic weapons.

26 April 1944

All personnel fired small arms familiarization course 40 rounds per carbine and 40 rounds per M1 and M1 rifle.

27 April 1944

Machine gun and small arms firing. Platoon combat course were fired by all platoons and Company headquarters.

28 April 1944

Company was occupied on this date with cleaning

