RICONNAISSANCE COMPANY 632d TANK DESTROYER BATTALION A.P.O. 72



Report after action for the period 23 Sept 44 to 30 Nov 44

Name of Operation: ASCOM TASK FORCE

Nature of Operation: Support of Ascom Task Force and in seizing and holding

Leyte Island, P. I.

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Dover - 10th Cav

Danger - 24th Inf Div

Remrod - 32d Inf Div

Rover - 632d TD En

mission of this Unit: 1. Hom for this Bn of hostile mechanized vehicles

2. Route ron for movement of on. Security for 632d TD on

Composition: Men Co less 2nd platoon, 1 officer and 21 MM attached to Co B 632d TD In. 6 officers and 113 MM Ren Co 632d TD Bn

Roster of Ufficers

Capt Idon A Haase
1st Lt Benjamin O Pascoe
1st Lt Milton J Bodjak
1st Lt Milliam R Junkman
1st Lt Charles E Myers
1st Lt Pascal Adamo
2nd Lt James R Fitzsimons
2nd Lt Raleigh Lammond

Hostile Opposition: Light. Snipers around assembly area and along road

Lessons Learned: Incl 1

Data of Value: -

Operations: -

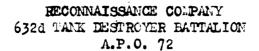
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Commanding

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Lessons Learned 23 Sept 44 to 30 Nov 44

1. Operations -

- a. When conditions permit, assembly areas should not be picked near artillery firing positions. Artillery positions are subject to bombing by enemy planes.
- b. If organization is not committed it should be held for enough in the rear to be out of range of enemy artillery.
- c. Ken platoon when being used should be within the perimeter of assembly area so they can rest.

2. Communications -

a. 608 and 610 radios are not reliable for any great distance and arrangements should be made for relay stations between Mon vehicles and command set



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Maps - Central Philippines 1/25000; Kabalawan SE, Dagami NE, Kabalawan SW, Carigara SE, Carigara NW. Special Map: 1/50000 Carigara - Capoocan

23 Sept 44

A detail of 1 officer, 5 NCO and 60 MM reported to beachmaster to work from 1300I to 1800I. The remainder of the company had inspection of arms, vehicles, quarters and crewserved weapons.

24 Sept 44

Usual camp duties. Volleyball playoff between platoons in the afternoon.

25 and 26 Sept 44. The three ron platoons fired 37 LM and LG mounted in M-8. All men fired.

27 Sept 44

One platoon prepared to practice loading on LST. unable to beach on account of shallow beach. All radios in the company were tested and adjustments made. Lt Hammond trfd Det of Phts APO 713.

Company started preparations for move on 28 Sept. An inspection was made of all company property on 28 thru 30 Sept. Company was paid on 30 Sept. From 1 Oct to 3 oct the company crated company property and loaded vehicles of 4th platoon. Barracks bag racks were removed from tent and hauled to dump. Lt Pascoe trid to Det of Phis, hose unknown on 3 Oct. 2nd Lt Roush in command of 2nd plateon, were attached to Go E 632d T D Sn. Ach plateons were out training in mounted reconnaissance work the 4, 5, 6 of Oct. -alance of company continued preparations for movement. Let Lts cojdah and Lyers reported to this commany for duty. The 7, 3 and 9 Oct were spent by taking down camp installations and complete loading of company equipment. On the 10 Oct company broke camp and at 09301 3rd platoon joined Co C for lovement to loading area. 2nd platoon left to join vo E at 10001 and the balance of the company joine Co A for movement at 10501. Set up hitchen in appenbly area and fed troops at 12301. Started loading of LSF 458 and completed loading at 05001. Proops reported aboard ship at 12001 11 Oct and LSTs retracted from beach at 15301 and set sail for collandia. 3rd platoon was loaded on ship with Co C. entered Hollandia hurbor at 0515I 12 Oct, beached at 0630I to discubant troops to be loaded on other ship, took on a bulldoze



and driver.

at 12151 retracted from beach and anchored in harbor. Abondon ship drill at 14151.

13 Oct 44

our ship took its place in convoy and left Hollandia harbor at 16401. A schedule was put out and the company, less 2nd and 3rd platoons, had orientation classes on Loyte Island, motor stables and care and cleaning of arms and crew-served weapons from 14 thru 19 Oct. All vehicles were water-proofed in preparation for landing. Moutine guard and fatigue details aboard ship. We crossed the Louator at approximately 13001 on 14 Oct.

20 Oct 44

at dam we were entering San Pedro Day and Leyte Island could be seen in the distance. At 06251 a lone Jap plane flew over convoy and was shot down. At 06301 the Navy started shelling the beach. Our LST tried to beach at Red Deach at11001 but was unable to get close enough to shore to get vehicles off. The ship tried to beach again at 13201 but were forced to retract. At 14001 the ship again tried to beach at a different shot but could not make the beach. At 14501 ship dropped anchor in the bay and we remained there for the night.

21 Oct 44

At 09001 the En CO IIT and let see plateon leaded onto a LCT and were taken ashere. They landed safely ashere at 10001. The LST again went in and beached about 200 yd from shere. Scabees built a floating ramp from ship to shere and we started unleading the remainder of the vehicles at 14451. -y 16101 all vehicles were in an assembly area about 350 yds from Red Beach. Company remained in the assembly area for the night.

22 Oct 44

One Sgt and 5 EL scouted the immediate area of assembly area for snipers, none were found in the trea. At 09001 Lt Myers and 3rd platoon left on ron for route from assembly area to road leading from beach to highway #1. After reaching Highway #1 platoon picked out new assembly area Morth of Palo. In less Co B moved from assembly area near Red Beach to new assembly area arriving there at 14151. Moved to new location nearer Highway #1 and set up perimeter for night.

23 Oct 44

Lt hodjak and one section of 1st platoon left on mounted ren of road and bridge to Palo. If bridge would not hold M-10 they were to find fords to cross the Palo River. One section 1st platoon established **OP** on hill 522 to watch for enemy rechanized or motorized movement. 3rd platoon left with S-2 to select new assembly area for Bn Hq, Co A and Rcn Co. Company CP closed at 1600I and opened at 1715I in new assembly area 600 yds are of Palo bridge near hill 522, placed out perimeter guard.

24 Oct 44

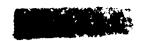
Jap snipers were in the area. Lt Bodjak and 16 EM left to

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to find the suipers and clear the area between linkway 1 and late diver. It syers and 12 white at 10151 to assist in severing the area. Messined in the same assorbly area for the night.

- 25 Oct 44
- Platoons did not go out on ron todag. Hecsived sniper fire about 17501, patrols did not find any energy around area.
- 26 Jet 44
- The let and 4th platoons ment formered to rule in into now area and to prepare the entrance from road to assembly area. Company OF closed 200 yds # of Talo at 15001 and opened at 200 yds # of Talo at 15501. Let and 3rd platoons made local rom of surrounding area. To ative report.
- 27 Oct 44
- It Podjek and plateon set of 4th plateon west out to check the bridges between Pale and Centa Fe as to their tennage capacity. It Dyers and plateon rade mounted ron for rute across country around bridges and back to Dightsy 2. Impassible for vehicles to travel cross-country. It Bedjak reported first bridge would hold 20 tens, with a ford for heavier vehicles, and the second bridge would hold 35 tens. Combat patrol went out 16301 returned 17151, did not contact anyone in area.
- 28 Oct 44
- it hypers and platoon made ren to the south assembly area, found nothing to report. At 11157 company of closed and company moved to assembly area at classicaling, arriving there at 16301. Mode local ren for shipers, set up kitchen and dug in gun pits for perimeter defense.
- 27 Oct 44
- Non Go assigned the mission of patroling road and to check the bridge for sabotage from Alangalang, canta be to Pastrono. I section 3rd plateon left on patrol of read at 13451 returned 16451. All bridges were intact and serviceble. 1st plateon made route ron of read and across country for route and firing position for M-10 in support of attack on Jare. Security patrol in erea.
- 30 Oct 44
- with negative seports. Indeplation left on road and bridge patrol to Pastrone. After reaching Fastrone plateon assisted UO 6324 TD ha in patrolling read from Fastrone to Benga Benga. Unable to reach destination due to shell erater and destroyed reachy vehicles blocking read. Beturned to Grat 16301 to head to B 183th U.N.S. to position in support of 34th Inf Regiment. Completed mission at 16151. Security patrols patrolled area in vicinity of GP for snipers. Security report.
- 31 Oct 44
- 14 Bedjak and first plateon left to pick new assembly area for Ba less Go B. First section 3rd plateon left at 07501 on bridge patrol from Alengalung to Yastrane. Company UP closed at 22





Alangulang at 08201 opened 600 yds 10 of Jare cometery at 09201. Sent cut security patrols and set up perimeter for night. First section of 3rd platoon returned at 10451.

1 Nov 44 demained at UP area, Security patrols out at 07901 and 16157.

2 Nov 44 One section 4th platoen and guides from 3rd platoon left will 5-2 to select new assembly area. Company alerted to move such closed CP at 08351, opened in new area 300 yds a Tunga at 09101. 3-8 from 3rd platoen left on read ren to Carigara to check bridge as to emphasity and for ford across stream for movement of 8-10s. Security patrols seat out at 16451.

J Nov 44

It Sodjak and first plateon left on road ren to Varigara at 06451. Mission to find crossing of Carigara Hiver. Unable to ford river, plateon returned at 17151. Morning and night security patrols out.

4 Nov 44 let section let platoon made rom of road from CP to Capocom.
Usual security patrols. Madion were shocked and reset.

5 New 44 Usual ascurity patrols. Wage and cleaning of equipment and material.

6 Nov 44

Good corporal and guides went forward with 3-2 to new assembly area for an element plateon want forward at 09000 to repair entrance to area. Company 6 closed at 09351 opened 1 mile of Carigara on Mighway 2 at 19101. Security patrols sent out and perineter defense set up.

7 Nov 44 It "yers and it Podjak made ren of beach from Carinara River to river 1 mile 2 for position for -- Sa fer beach defense. Security patrols out morning and evening. Megative reports.

3 and 9 Nov 44 Usual security patrols out. Vere and cleaning of equipment and material. Il vehicles checked be maint section.

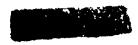
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of the 16 for 44 contains a complete of the local of the company carried out local security ratrols twice a day. The boresign ted and non-sect ature and functioning of the was taken up. It Juniman reported for duty from sick leave on 14 ov.

17 Nov 44 Commany and Fa Eas noved from present area to Coleaian Pt.

Set up perimeter for night. A number of enemy artillory skells
lended in bay off Coleanan t. Westy plane dropped bombs outside of perimeter at 20351.





Lt Adams and Lt Pitseimons reported for duty with the company. Lt Adams assigned as Fourth plateon leader,

18 Nov 44

Still at Volcaion Pt. Enemy artillery dropped numerous shells close in around area. One SM from 4th plateon slighty wounded while working on read from area to Highway '2. Company moved from Colosion 7t to Malug at 19801. Established local security for night.

19 Nov 44

No change in situation.

20 Nov 44 .

Company ordered to move to Capacian to relieve I Co 126
Inf of perimeter defense of 324 Miv CP. Second plateen
relieved of daty with Co B and returned to company. It
Rough and plateon reported in at Capacian at 11151.
Effected relief of I Co, company under direct command of
This Commandant, Col Mayors, 32d Inf Div. Two machine
Chiners went out with 5-2 to clear read block at Colocian
Pt. One man glighty wounded by enemy fire, It Fitzginess
and two 3-8s reported to General Lymn at Colosian Pt.

21 Nov 44

Lt Fitzsimons and two M-8s returned to CP. They spent the night with artillery as security. He change in situation. The company remained on perimeter of 32d Inf Div until 30 Nov. Enough artillery shells dropped in and around the area nearly every day during this period. During an air raid at 03001 on 24 Nov two machine gunners shot foun one enough plane. On 29 Nov Lt Bedjak made a ran from Capecom to Carigara. Head was found to be impressable for Ta vehicles.

30 Nov 44

Company was relieved of outpost daty as of 08301 by A Co, 125th Inf and made preparations to move to vicinity of Carigara along booch. CP eloged out at Capescan at 09151. The
last vehicle of company arrived at Varigara at 17151. Company was delayed along route due to the tide coming in and
it was impossible to ford rivers at high tide. Vehicles
were parked on streets in Carigara and the evening meal
served. Company was alerted to move to Da bávouce area in
the vicinity of Caleton, North of Jaro. Company left Carigara at 23101, arriving in bivouce area at 01301. Posted
security and bedded down for night.

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