

HEADQUARTERS RCT 185  
APO #40

23 January 1945

Subject: Commendation.

To : Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the officers and men of Company B, until recently attached to this organization, for their very fine cooperation prior to and during the days following our successful landing.

While there was practically no resistance initially, Captain Ladd and all men under his command willingly joined in and worked expeditiously to accomplish their mission.

The officers and men of this company conducted themselves in a soldierly manner at all times, and reflect fine training, organization and discipline.

May I wish you and Company B further success in future operations. I hope I may again have the pleasure of their attachment to this Combat Team.

/s/ JOHN B. MALONEY  
/t/ JOHN B. MALONEY  
Colonel, 185th Inf.,  
Commanding.

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 70, 29 January 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Company "B" 658th Amph Trac Bn.

I am proud to forward this commendation to the officers and men of your company.

I desire to add my appreciations to your excellent work. A job well done.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE  
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE  
Major, Cavalry  
Commanding.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Edward D. Miller*

EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

HEADQUARTERS US FORCES  
APO 705  
Special Service Office

11 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibious Tractor.  
(ATTENTION: Lt. Salus)

1. Commend detail of 14 EM in charge of Sgt, Traylor, for their prompt, cheerful, and accurate work in unloading beer ration for the troops in this area, under trying conditions.

2. Sgt. Traylor's detail was on duty from 2030, 10 March 1945 until 0650, 11 March 1945, during their tour no cases and no cans of beer were lost, either through carelessness or pilferage. In a difficult and tempting job, the discipline was exemplary.

3. Also wish to commend the men assigned to police duty on the Ducks used in the unloading. Their work insured the fair distribution of the beer to all troops.

/s/ DAVID N. BRADSHAW  
/t/ DAVID N. BRADSHAW  
Capt., Inf.  
SSO

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EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

HEADQUARTERS 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 41

18 March 1945

AG 201.22

Subject: Commendation.

To : Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, APO 717.

1. It is my desire to commend the officers and men of your battalion who worked with the Division during the landing at Zamboanga, Mindanao, P. I., on 10 and 11 March 1945.

2. The aggressive spirit and fine cooperation displayed by your officers and men gave material assistance to the Division in the successful accomplishment of its missions. Their work has left the officers and men of this Division with a high regard for the combat spirit and efficiency of your organization.

/s/ JENS A. DOE  
/t/ JENS A. DOE  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding

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EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

HEADQUARTERS 185TH INFANTRY  
APO #40

6 April 1945

Subject: Commendation.

To : Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibious Tractor Bn., APO #717

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the officers and men of Company A, until recently attached to this organization, for their very fine cooperation prior to and during the Japs following our successful landings on the Islands of Panay and Negros, Philippine Islands.

At all times, and without hesitation, Captain Ward and all men under his command willingly joined in and worked expeditiously to accomplish their mission. Their work was a definite determining factor in the rapid advance of our troops.

The officers and men of this company conducted themselves in a soldierly manner at all times, and reflect fine training, organization and discipline.

May I wish you and Company A further success in future operations. I hope I may again have the pleasure of their attachment to this Combat Team.

/s/ JOHN B. MALONEY  
/t/ JOHN B. MALONEY  
Colonel, 185th Inf.,  
Commanding

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 658th Amph Trac Bn., APO #72, 16 April 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Company A, 658th Amph Trac Bn.

1. It is with great pleasure that I forward this commendation to the officers and men of your command.

2. Your devotion to duties is highly commendable.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE  
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE  
Major, Cavalry  
Commanding

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EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
658TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION  
APO 715

14 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Corporal Harry G. Straley, 36591806, Company B.  
Technician Fifth Grade Delos L. Rogers, 36592246, Company B

THRU : Commanding Officer, Company B, 658th Amph Trac Bn., APO 715.

It has come to my attention that, through the timely efforts on the part of you two, three U.S. soldiers were saved from drowning in the surf near Anungan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 14 June 1945. Your courage and valor in driving your LVT into dangerous surf and thereby saving the lives of these men is to be highly commended.

I am proud to have such men as you under my command. You are a credit to the service.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE  
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE  
Major, Cavalry  
Commanding

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EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

HEADQUARTERS 658TH AMPH TRAC BN  
APO 715

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Technician Third Grade Walter Yeager Jr.,  
Medical Detachment, 658th Amph Trac Bn,  
APO 715

1. I wish to take this opportunity to highly commend you on your tireless and conscientious manner in which you have performed your duties during the past operations.
2. I am mindful of your attention to wounded Filipinos during the landing on Luzon, your act probably saved several lives.
3. I recognize your ability in the treatment of the sick and wounded.
4. The battalion is indeed fortunate in having a loyal and devoted soldier serving his country so well.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE  
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE  
Major, Cavalry  
Commanding

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1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

HEADQUARTERS 658TH AMPH TRAC BN  
APO 715

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Technician Fourth Grade Albert H. Metz,  
Medical Detachment, 658th Amph Trac Bn,  
APO 715.

1. It has come to my attention that during the operations of the 1st Platoon, Company A on Mindanao you, the only member of the Medical Detachment present carried out your duties in a highly commendable manner.

2. I wish to compliment you on your tireless efforts in administering to the Platoon.

3. Your devotion to duty marks you as an outstanding soldier.

4. I am highly pleased to have a soldier of your caliber in the battalion.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE  
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE  
Major, Cavalry  
Commanding

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658th Amph Trac Bn.

HEADQUARTERS 658TH AMPH TRAC BN  
APO 715

21 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Tec 5 James J. Matousek, Jr.  
Company B, 658th Amph Trac Bn.  
APO 715.

1. It has been brought to my attention that you have been instrumental in recovering four (4) 55 gallon drums of gasoline which was reported stolen from the Battalion Gasoline Dump.

2. The fact that you conducted prompt investigation without orders indicates your interest in the conservation of government property.

3. Your act is within keeping of the high standards maintained by soldiers of the United States Army. You are a credit to the service.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE  
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE  
Lt. Col, Cavalry  
Commanding

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EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.



HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN ISLANDS AREA COMMAND  
(Provisional)  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 932

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer  
658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion  
APO 715

1. Corporal George S. Matthews, 20366539, is hereby commended for the excellent work performed as commander of an LVT of Company A, 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, engaged in unloading ammunition and supplies at Port Sual, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 6 February 1945.

2. In making this commendation, I wish to express my personal appreciation for the exemplary manner in which Corporal Matthews performed his duties.

/s/ HORACE HARDING  
/t/ HORACE HARDING  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commanding

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:



EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN ISLANDS AREA COMMAND  
(Provisional)  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 932

AG 200.6

8 November 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

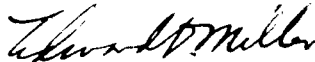
TO: Commanding Officer  
658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion  
APO 715

1. Technician Fifth Grade Ralph C. Detwiler is hereby commended for superior performance of his duties at Port Sual, Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 15 January 1945 to 6 February 1945, as an assistant driver of an LVT of Company A, 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, engaged in unloading ammunition and supplies.

2. It gives me great pleasure to extend recognition of Technician Fifth Grade Detwiler's superior performance of duty. To it I add my personal appreciation of his efforts in furtherance of the war effort.

/s/ HORACE HARDING  
/t/ HORACE HARDING  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commanding

A TRUE CERTIFIED COPY:

  
EDWARD D. MILLER  
1st Lt., Inf., Adj.,  
658th Amph Trac Bn.

**BASIC:** Ltr/Hq, SISAC (P), APO 932, 8 Nov 45.  
**Subj:** Commendation

1st Ind.

TSL/vng

**HEADQUARTERS,** 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715, 13 November 1945.

**THRU:** Commanding Officer, Company A, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715

**TO:** Technician Fifth Grade Ralph C. Detwiler, 36591964, Company A, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715.

1. I wish to take this opportunity to add my commendation for your outstanding performance of duty during the period of this battalion's operations at Port Sual, Luzon, Philippine Islands
2. The conscientious manner in which you executed all assigned missions is a great credit to yourself and the Armed Forces of the United States.
3. I am highly pleased to have you as a member of this command.

*Thomas S. Leitch*  
THOMAS S. LEITCH  
Major, FA  
Commanding

2nd Ind.

**Company A,** 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715, 14 November 1945

**TO:** Technician Fifth Grade Ralph C. Detwiler, 36591964, Company A, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715.

It gives me great pleasure to note the recognition, by higher headquarters, of your superior performance of duty in carrying out your assigned missions

*Albert M. Ridlon*  
ALBERT M. RIDLON  
1st Lt., Infantry  
Commanding

**BASIC:** Ltr/Hq, SISAC (P), APO 932  
**SUBJ:** Commendation

1st Ind.

TSL/avb

HEADQUARTERS, 658th Amph Trac Bn, APO 715, 23 November 1945

**THRU:** Commanding Officer, Company A, 658th Amph Trac Bn, APO 715.

**TO:** Cpl. George S. Matthews, ASN 20366539, Company A, 658th Amph Trac Bn, APO 715.

1. I am pleased to forward the attached commendation to you. The manner in which you performed your duties at Port Sual, Luzon, P. I. and through out the entire period of your assignment to this battalion reflects great credit upon yourself.

2. It has been an honor to have had men such as yourself serving in this command.

*Thomas S. Leitch*  
THOMAS S. LEITCH  
Major, F. A.  
Commanding