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658th AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION  
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BATTALION HISTORY

JANUARY  
1945

9 January 1945, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion participated in invasion of Luzon. Company "A" attached to 160th Regimental Combat Team, Company "B" attached to 185th Regimental Combat Team. These two Companies formed First, Second and Third Assault Waves. Company "A" with 160th Regimental Combat Team Landing on Green Beach and Company "B" with 185th Regimental Combat Team landing on Orange Beach. Landed at 0930 hours, advanced inland to 40th Infantry Division line of defence. Casualties: None. Morale: Excellent.

10 January 1945, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion engaged in transporting troops and supplies across Calamay and Agno Rivers. No resistance encountered.

11 January 1945, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion continued to carry troops and supplies up to Infantry and Artillery on the front lines. LVTs also being used from ship to shore unloading supplies and ammunition. Casualties: None. Morale: Excellent.

13 January 1945, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion LVTs back in motor park for maintenance. Part of LVTs being used to unload ships laying off beach. Battalion lost four (4) LVTs in heavy surf at 2330 hours. Casualties: None. Morale: Excellent.

14 January 1945, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion LVTs being used to haul supplies and ammunition to front lines and dumps. One non-battle casualty, Staff Sergeant LOUIS WIZILLE, 15000000, Headquarters & Service Company, crashed his right foot while working Amphibian Tractor. Morale of troops: Excellent.

17 January 1945, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion moved to Port Sual for operations with Base Mike. Lieutenant Colonel LANG, Base Mike representative. Weather: Hot. Morale: Excellent.

18 January 1945, Port Sual, Philippine Islands: Battalion relieved from attachment to the 40th Infantry Division and reverted to attachment to the XIV Corps and was further attached for operations to Army Service Command per paragraph 12, Assignment Order number 2, Headquarters XIV Corps, dated 18 January 1945. Morale: Excellent.

19 January 1945, Port Sual, Philippine Islands: Battalion ceased hauling of supplies. Companies to participate in Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Vehicles. Morale: Excellent.

22 January 1945, Port Sual, Philippine Islands: Battalion engaged in unloading Liberty Ships in Port Sual Harbor. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

31 January 1945, Port Sual, Philippine Islands: Battalion engaged in unloading supplies in Port Sual Harbor. Strength: Twenty (20) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and fifty nine (459) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Twenty one (21) Enlisted Men. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

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1 February 1945, Port Sual, Philippine Islands: Battalion engaged in unloading supplies from ships in Port Sual Harbor.

7 February 1945, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion moved to San Fabian to work with Base Mike unloading supplies and ammunition from ships anchored off White Beach Number 2. Morale: Excellent.

11 February 1945, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Company "A" moved to Mindoro, Philippine Islands, relieved from control 6th Army and XIV Corps and duty with Army Service Command and the Battalion and passes to control 8th Army upon arrival at destination. Authority: TWX, Commanding General. 6th Army. Company "A" embarked on LSTs numbers 66, 171 and 397 at 1700 hours. Anchored in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

12 February 1945, Aboard LSTs: Company "A" left Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands at 1800 hours. Weather: Fair. Sea: Rough. Morale: Excellent.

14 February 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Company "A" arrived at San Jose, Mindoro at 1630 hours. Disembarked from LSTs and set up bivouac on White Beach. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

20 February 1945, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "A" broke bivouac at 1400 hours and moved by LVTs to beach area.

21 February 1945, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "A" embarked at 1100 hours on LSTs numbers 932, 592, 578 and 630 and anchored in Lingayen Gulf. Authority: Field Order Number 2, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 3 March 1945. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

23 February 1945, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "A" departed Lingayen Gulf at 1500 hours for new station. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

23 February 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Company "A" embarked on LSTs numbers 806, 470, 910 and 933 at 2345 hours, anchored off White Beach, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands.

25 February 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Company "A" disembarked at 0815 hours for practice Landing Exercise, reembarked at 1000 hours. Company anchored off San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands.

25 February 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "A" arrived off San Jose, Mindoro at 1300 hours. Disembarked at 1500 hours and proceeded to the bivouac area. Assigned to control of 8th Army per Secret TWX, Commanding General, 6th Army, dated 14 February 1945. Attached to 41st Infantry Division.

26 February 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Company "A" left San Jose, Mindoro at 1800 hours. Sea: Rough. Morale: Excellent.

28 February 1945, Puerto Princessa, Palawan, Philippine Islands: Company "A" disembarked from LSTs at 0820 hours. Landed Assault Troops of 186th Regimental Combat Team at White Beaches numbers 1, 2 and 3, Puerto Princessa, Palawan. Landed Reserve Troops and supplies of Palawan Task Force. Second Platoon of Company "A" landed Assault Troops of 2nd Battalion, 186th Regimental Combat Team at Iwahig River Area at 1630 hours. Casualties: None. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

28 February 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Twenty (20) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and sixty one (461) Enlisted Men. Increase: Two (2) Enlisted Men.

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MARCH  
1945

2 March 1945, Puerto Princessa, Palawan, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon embarked on LST number 639 at 1230 hours. Left Puerto Princessa Harbor at 1900 hours. Second Platoon consisting of one (1) Officer, fifty five (55) Enlisted Men and seventeen (17) LVTs remained at Puerto Princessa.

4 March 1945, Company "B" departed from bivouac area and embarked on LSTs for practice landing off Mindoro, Philippine Islands. Company "A" less second platoon arrived at Mindorin Harbor, Mindoro, Philippine Islands.

6 March 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands,: Company "B" broke bivouac and moved to beach to load on LSTs for further operations. Company "A" less second platoon left Mindorin Harbor at 1500 hours. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

7 March 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Major JEROME B. O'CONNOR, O-260254, relieved from assignment and duty this Battalion and transferred to 44th Tank Battalion per Special Order Number 44, Headquarters, 6th Army, APO 442, dated 21 February 1945. Departed Battalion at 0800 hours.

8 March 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Company "B" departed San Jose, Mindoro at 0745 hours. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

8 March 1945, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon arrived at San Fabian Harbor, Luzon at 1330 hours.

10 March 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: 1st platoon, Company "B" landed Assault Troops of 162nd Regimental Combat Team on right flank of Red Beach #2 at 0915 hours. 2nd platoon Company "B" landed Assault Troops of 163rd Regimental Combat Team on left flank of Yellow Beach #2.

3rd platoon, Company "B" landed half on Red Beach #2 and half on Yellow Beach #2. Two LVTs to the right flank to be front line markers for Naval gunfire from destroyers. Casualties: Technician Fifth Grade DUDLEY OLIVER 36591812, Headquarters & Service Company wounded in action. Gunshot wound in head and leg. Evacuated to 12th Portable Surgical Unit. Corporal ROBERT D. SMITH, 36592044, Company "B", wounded in action. Shrapnel wounds in neck and leg. Evacuated to 12th Portable Surgical Unit.

13 March 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Companies "A" and "B" broke bivouac at 0600 hours and embarked on LSM Number 40, at 0930 hours. Anchored off San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands.

13 March 1945, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon left bivouac area at 0730 hours, embarked on LSTs numbers 924, 613, 667 and 469 at 0900 hours. Anchored off San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

15 March 1945, San Fabian, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon left San Fabian Harbor at 0630 hours.

15 March 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon ordered to Leyte, Philippine Islands for operations with Americal Division, APO 716. Authority: TWX, Commanding General, 8th Army, dated 15 March 1945.

15 March 1945, Aboard LSM Number 40: Battalion less Companies "A" and "B" departed anchorage off San Jose, Mindoro at 0800 hours for permanent change of station.

17 March 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Companies "A" and "B" anchored off Zamboanga, Mindanao and disembarked from LSM Number 40 at 1100 hours. Battalion set up bivouac area along the beach.

18 March 1945, Tigbauan, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon disembarked from LST 667 at 0850 hours. Landed Assault Troops of 185th Regimental Combat Team on Red Beach #1 and Red Beach #2 at Tigbauan, Panay,

26 March 1945, Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon landed assault troops of 132nd Regimental Combat Team and 182nd Regimental Combat Team of Americal Division on Talisay, Cebu at 0830 hours. Casualties: Staff Sergeant WARREN R. LEWIS, 20366671, Killed in action.

Corporal JOHN EURYNETZ, 32919992, wounded in action.

Technician Fifth Grade WILFRED A. MARTELL, 36591823, wounded in action. Seventeen (17) LVTs damaged by land mines. Morale and conduct of troops: Excellent.

27 March 1945, Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first Platoon landed Assault Troops of Company "B" 132nd Infantry on Cautit, Philippine Islands at 1400 hours. Casualties: none. Returned to Talisay, Cebu at 2200 hours. Morale and conduct of troops: Excellent.

27 March 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters & Service Company broke bivouac at 1200 hours and embarked on LST number 938 at 1500 hours. Anchored off Zamboanga. Morale and conduct of troops: Excellent.

28 March 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters & Service Company left Zamboanga at 1800 hours for permanent change of station per Secret TWK, Commanding General, 8th Army, dated 23 March 1945. Weather: Warm. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

28 March 1945, Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon landed Assault Troops of reinforced Company "B" 132nd Infantry, Americal Division on Mactan, Philippine Islands at 1200 hours. Returned to bivouac area at Talisay, Cebu at 2200 hours. Casualties: None. Morale: Excellent.

28 March 1945, Arevalo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon left bivouac area at 0700 hours, embarked on LST number 469 at 1230 hours. Left Tigbauan Harbor, Panay at 2200 hours. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

29 March 1945, Macatul, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon disembarked from LST Number 469 at 0905 hours. Landed Assault Troops of 185th Regimental Combat Team on Blue Beach, Palua Pandan, Negros, Philippine Islands at 0925 hours. Transported troops of the 185th Regimental Combat Team overland to Bacalod Air Field. Company bivouaced at Macatul, Negros. Casualties: None.

30 March 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters & Service Company disembarked from LST number 938 at 1500 hours. Set up bivouac area along the beach. Morale and Conduct of Troops: Excellent.

30 March 1945, Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon engaged in maintenance of weapons and vehicles. Casualties: Technician Fifth Grade CLARENCE BURTON, 36591986, killed in action. Technician Fifth Grade HENRY V. RYNICKI, 36591717, wounded in action. Both casualties resulted from enemy sniper fire.

30 March 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: First platoon, Company "B" broke bivouac at Zamboanga and embarked on LST number 459 for further operations.

31 March 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Nineteen (19) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and forty one (441) Enlisted Men. Decrease: One (1) Officer, twenty (20) Enlisted Men.



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APRIL  
1945

1 April 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion observed Easter Sunday in bivouac area. Religious Services held for all Denominations.

1 April 1945, Macatul, Negros, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon left bivouac area at Macatul and embarked on LST number 934 at Baccolod, Negros at 1100 hours. Anchored in harbor off Palu Pandan, Negros.

2 April 1945, Aboard LST number 934: Company "A" less second platoon left harbor of Palu Pandan, Negros, Philippine Islands at 1030 hours.

2 April 1945, Sanga Sanga, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "B" disembarked from LST number 459 and LSM number 218 and landed Assault Troops of the 41st Infantry Division on Sanga Sanga Island at 0830 hours. No enemy resistance encountered. Landed Assault Troops of the 41st Infantry Division on Bongas Island at 1430 hours via Sanga Sanga Island and Bongas Channel. Encountered no enemy resistance. Casualties: None. Morale: Excellent.

3 April 1945, Aboard LST number 934: Company "A" less second platoon arrived at San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands and anchored in harbor at 0700 hours.

4 April 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Following letter was received from Captain LADD, Commanding Officer, Company "B":

SUBJECT: Letter from Captain Ladd, Company "B" Commander.

TO : Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

E X T R A C T

In our landing at Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands at 0830, 26 March 1945 we found the beach heavily mined and rails and coconut logs lashed between palm trees, making a fairly effective obstacle. The mines were mostly bombs of 250 pounds and smaller and artillery shells 155 MM and smaller with a pressure type firing device. They were mostly covered by planks and small wooden slabs on loose sand, which made them difficult to observe. Farther in-

land where the ground was hard, the tips of the firing devices were visible and thus not very effective. However on the beach thirteen vehicles were stopped by mines. The damage varied according to the size of mine hit. The vehicles with merely broken tracks we fixed within two days, but seven of the vehicles will require fifth echelon maintenance, as holes were blown through the hull. The occupants of the vehicles got off pretty light. One Infantry 1st Sergeant was actually killed in the vehicle, and quite a few wounded, but most of the personnel killed in action occurred after the Infantry dismounted. Staff Sergeant Lewis, platoon sergeant of the second platoon was killed when after his vehicle hit a mine, he jumped over the side and landed on another mine. Two men were wounded by fragments. We landed on three beaches in two waves of six and five per beach. The Japs tried to get to the hills. However we caught up with a few and by dismounting the Infantry who walked beside and behind the LVTs we did not lose a man. Two days later we landed an Infantry Company on a small island but met no other opposition other than coral. We tried to cross about five hundred yards of niggerhead and nearly broke every vehicle in half in the bargain. Four vehicles were lost on this operation. My Personnel status is this:

Company strength before operation 175

Killed in action 2

Wounded in action 3

Non-Battale Casualties 5

Total lost on operation 10

Morale and efficiency: Excellent

Following is an extract of letter from Captain LINDSAY, Liaison Officer with 1st Platoon, Company "B"

### E X T R A C T

Landed at Tawi Tawi, 0830, 2 April 1945. Successful despite high sea and inadequate beach. No opposition met. LVTs after landing 1st and 2nd waves ferried infantry and 1/4 ton vehicles from reef to shore until tide permitted heavy vehicles to cross under own power. Landed on Banago Island at 1430, 2 April 1945, without opposition. Efficiency of unit: Excellent.

4 April 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon disembarked from LST number 934 at 0900 hours. Joined Battalion in bivouac area at San Jose, Mindoro.

4 April 1945, Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon moved from beach bivouac area to new bivouac area near Cebu City, Cebu at 0915 hours. Morale and conduct of troops: Excellent.

5 April 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon, Company "A" had annual Inspector General's inspection.

6 April 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "B" disembarked from LST number 459 and LSMs numbers 319, and 218 and moved to new bivouac area.

8 April 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "B" embarked on LST number 459 for further operations at 1000 hours.

9 April 1945, Solo Island, Philippine Islands: First Platoon Company "B" disembarked from LST number 459 and landed Assault Troops of the 41st Infantry Division on Solo Island at 0925 hours. No enemy resistance encountered. Set up bivouac area.

10 April 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion assigned to X Corps for operations per Station List number 6, Headquarters X Corps, dated 26 April 1945. Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" participated in practice landing exercises at San Jose, Mindoro.

11 April 1945, Solo Island, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "B" embarked on LSMs numbers 39, 40 and 42 for return to Zamboanga, Mindanao.

12 April 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "B" disembarked from LSMs and set up bivouac area.

13 April 1945, San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" left bivouac area at San Jose, Mindoro on LSTs numbers 614, 717, 719 and 775 at 1000 hours. Anchored in harbor off Blue Beach, San Jose, Mindoro.

14 April 1945, Aboard LSTs: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" left San Jose Harbor, Mindoro, Philippine Islands at 1130 hours for further operations.

17 April 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion Provisional Platoons of 19 LVTs disembarked from LSTs numbers 614, and 719 at 0820 hours. Landed Assault Troops of the 19th Regimental Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division without opposition. Three (3) LVTs with crews and elements of 24th In-

Infantry Division Reconnaissance Troop assigned mission to reconnoiter beach area north of Parang to Tugaparigan Point, left Green Beach, Parang at 1000 hours, returned to Company area at 1830 hours. No enemy opposition encountered. Five (5) LVTs with crews and elements of the 24th Infantry Division Reconnaissance Troops assigned mission to reconnoiter beach and coastal area south of Parang. Reconnoitered beach areas at Pollac, Maugabato Point, Bansilan Point, mouth of Libluyan River, mouth of Simuay River, north branch of Mindanao River to vicinity of Cotabato and coastal area south of Tarbeng. Bivouaced in vicinity of Panalesan Point. No enemy observed. Battalion Provisional Platoon of fourteen (14) LVTs disembarked from LSTs numbers 717 and 775 at 1115 hours. Landed troops of 21st Regimental Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division on Green Beach, Parang, Mindanao at 1200 hours. Bivouaced in vicinity of Parang. Conduct and Morale of troops: Excellent.

18 April 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Five (5) LVTs with crews on reconnaissance mission with 24th Infantry Division Reconnaissance Troops left bivouac area at Panalisan Point at 0500 hours and reconnoitered area south of Link, no enemy observed. Returned to Battalion bivouac area at Parang at 1800 hours. Battalion less Company "B" engaged in hauling supplies from Green Beach to Division dumps.

19 April 1945, Cebu, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon embarked on LSMs at 2000 hours. Conduct and Morale of Troops: Excellent.

20 April 1945, Cebu, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon landed Assault Troops of Company "B" 3rd Battalion, 132nd Infantry, Americal Division on Davao, Cebu at 0700 hours. Enemy encountered, Casualties: None. Left Danao at 1130 hours, disembarked at Cebu, Cebu at 1500 hours. Weather: Clear and warm. Conduct and Morale of troops: Excellent.

21 April 1945, Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" engaged in security of roads, bridges and city in the Cotabato area.

22 April 1945, Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" relieved of security duties in Cotabato area at 1800 hours by elements of the 31st Infantry Division.

23 April 1945, Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" relieved from attachment to 24th Infantry Division per Telegram, Commanding General, X Corps, dated 23 April 1945.

23 April 1945, Cebu, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Third platoon Company "B" moved to Danao, Cebu. Assigned missions of reconnaissance with Company "B" 3rd Battalion, 132nd Infantry, Americal Division. Morale: Excellent

26 April 1945, Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" engaged in unloading supplies at Cotabato.

30 April 1945, Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Eighteen (18) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and thirty six (436) Enlisted Men. Decrease: One (1) Officer, five (5) Enlisted Men.

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1 May 1945, Cebu, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Third platoon Company "B" returned to Company bivouac area after completing reconnaissance missions with Company "B" of the 132nd Infantry.

4 May 1945, Ormoc, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon loaded on LSTs numbers 592 and 933 at 0130 hours. Left Cebu Harbor, Cebu at 0600 hours. Disembarked at Ormoc, Leyte at 1530 hours. Set up bivouac along beach. Relieved of attachment to Americal Division and attached to 108th Regimental Combat Team, 40th Infantry Division per VCGG, Commanding General, 8th Army.

6 May 1945, Ormoc, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon embarked on LSTs numbers 933 and 592 at 1530 hours for practice landings.

7 May 1945, Ormoc, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon landed Assault Troops of 108th Regimental Combat Team, 40th Infantry Division at Ormoc Bay, Leyte in practice landing at 0900 hours. Returned to bivouac area along beach via LSTs at 0945 hours. Conduct and Morale of Troops: Excellent.

8 May 1945, Ormoc, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon broke bivouac and embarked on LSTs numbers 592 and 933 at 1030 hours for further operations. Anchored in Ormoc Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

9 May 1945, Ormoc, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon departed Ormoc Bay, Leyte at 1200 hours. Weather: Calm. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

10 May 1945, Agusan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon landed Assault Troops of the 108th Regimental Combat Team, 40th Infan-

try Division on Agusan, Mindanao at 0800 hours. Encountered no enemy resistance. Casualties: None. Weather: Clear. Set up bivouac area along the beach. Conduct and Morale of Troops: Excellent.

19 May 1945, Puerto Princessa, Palawan, Philippine Islands: Second Platoon Company "A" relieved of duty with 532nd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment.

25 May 1945, Puerto Princessa, Palawan, Philippine Islands: Second platoon Company "A" embarked on LSMs to return to Company control. Departed 1200 Hours.

25 May 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" left bivouac area at Cotabato, Mindanao at 0800 hours. Arrived at new bivouac area at Parang, Mindanao at 1500 hours. Weather: Rainy. Morale and Conduct of Troops: Excellent.

27 May 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Second platoon Company "A" disembarked from LSMs at Parang, Mindanao at 1200 hours. Returned to control of Company "A" and Battalion

30 May 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Nineteen (19) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and forty eight (448) Enlisted Men. Increase: One (1) Officer, twelve (12) Enlisted Men.

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3 June 1945, Maluka, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon moved to new bivouac area at Maluka, Mindanao. Detailed to bridge guard along Sayre Highway. Morale and Conduct of troops: Excellent.

13 June 1945, Agusan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon moved to new bivouac area at Agusan, Mindanao. Relieved of bridge guard along Sayre Highway.

14 June 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Corporal RUSSELL H. ANDERSON, 37584618, Company, seriously injured as a result of accidental .45 Calibre gunshot wound in left side.

16 June 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" attended funeral services for Corporal RUSSELL H. ANDERSON, 37584618, Company "A", who died at 0749 hours on 15 June 1945 of accidental gunshot wound. Burial was in United States Cemetery at Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

21 June 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" attended formation at 1300 hours for presentation of Soldiers Medal to Technical Sergeant HARRY W. LESTER, 35384825, Headquarters & Service Company, for heroism at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 3 February 1945. Medal was presented by the Battalion Commander, Major FRED A. RATHKE. Headquarters & Service Company was color company.

23 June 1945, Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "B" departed Zamboanga, Mindanao at 0600 hours on LSMs numbers 6, 58 and 181. Conduct and Morale of troops: Excellent.

24 June 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "B" disembarked from LSMs at 1200 hours and moved to bivouac area at Iloilo, Panay.



27 June 1945, Agusan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon broke bivouac at Agusan, Mindanao and embarked on LSMs numbers 6, 48, 58, 181 and 226. Anchored off Agusan, Mindanao.

28 June 1945, Agusan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon departed Agusan, Mindanao at 1200 hours. Weather: Clear. Sea: Calm.

29 June 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon disembarked from LSMs at 1100 hours and moved to bivouac area at Iloilo, Panay. First platoon Company "B" joined the Company at 1200 hours. Weather: Clear. Conduct and Morale of troops: Excellent.

30 June 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Twenty two (22) Officers. Two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and thirty six (436) Enlisted Men. Increase: Three (3) Officers. Decrease: Twelve (12) Enlisted Men.

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JULY  
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1 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "B" relieved of attachment to X Corps and assignment to 8th Army and assigned to 6th Army per paragraph 1c, Letter Order Number 68, File AG 322 (SU) (FD), Headquarters 8th Army, dated 14 June 1945.

1 July 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Following named Officers and Enlisted Men relieved of assignment to this Battalion and are attached unassigned to Base "K", APO 72, for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations: Captain CHARLES S. HOLLOWAY, O-348278; 1st Lieutenant EUGENE J. GARIBALDI, O-1300633; Master Sergeant RAYMOND J. KLINE, 20347074; First Sergeant PAUL C. TAYLOR, 33036429; Technical Sergeant CHARLES M. BECKWITH, 19044332; Sergeant LESTER L. BROWN, 6656078; Technician Fifth Grade JERRY C. DE POYSTER, 20366944; Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM E. FLICKENGER, 33036602; Technician Fifth Grade DAVID P. KELLY, 16007463; Private First Class CARL A. ANDERSON, 7032319; Private ROBERT B. PORTER, 20426276.

2 July 1945, Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" broke bivouac at 0900 hours and embarked on LSMs numbers 6, 48, 58, 181, 226 and 315 in Parang Harbor. Left Parang, Mindanao at 1800 hours for permanent change of station. Sea: Heavy. Weather: Rainy. Morale: Excellent.

4 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" arrived at Tigbauan, Panay and disembarked at 1000 hours and proceeded to bivouac area. Battalion less Company "B" relieved of attachment to X Corps and assignment 8th Army and assigned to 6th Army per paragraph 1c, Letter Order 6-8 File AG 322 (SU) (FD) Headquarters 8th Army, dated 14 June 1945. Company "B"

Joined Battalion at 1100 hours. Battalion attached to 40th Infantry Division per paragraph 4b and c, Letter Order, File AG 322c, Subject: "Transfer of 8th Army Units to 6th Army, dated 26 June 1945.

9 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Major FRED A. RATHKE, O-273410, Cavalry, United States Army was awarded the Bronze Star Medal per paragraph 2, General Order number 93, Headquarters, X Corps, AFO 310, dated 1 July 1945; for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao, Philippine Islands during the period 10 April 1945 to 1 July 1945.

17 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation. Soldiers Medal was presented to Sergeant LAWRENCE J. WOOD, 31269706, Company "B" by the Battalion Commander for heroism at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 13 January 1945. Headquarters & Service Company was the color Company.

19 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Headquarters & Service Company was the color Company.

24 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Company "A" was the color Company.

26 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Company "A" was the color Company.

30 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "B" held Company party at Casino Espanol, Iloilo, Panay.

31 July 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Company "B" was the color Company. Battalion Strength: Twenty (20) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, five hundred and six (506) Enlisted Men. Increase: Seventy (70) Enlisted Men.

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APO 715

BATTALION HISTORY

AUGUST  
1945

1 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion received eighty nine (89) Enlisted Men as replacements per Personnel Requisition Number 340, Headquarters, 6th Army. Battalion engaged in training. Non Commissioned Officers Club established for first three grades.

2 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Company "B" was the color Company.

4 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: First and second platoons of Company "A" participated in landing exercises at Negros, Philippine Islands from 31 July until 4 August 1945 with the second and third Battalions of the 108th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division. Returned at 1000 hours. Conduct and Morale of Troops: Excellent.

7 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Headquarters & Service Company was the color Company. First platoon Company "A" and first platoon Company "B" embarked on LSTs numbers 580, 582, 838 and 916 at 1300 hours to participate in landing exercises at Negros, Philippine Islands with 169th Infantry, 40th Infantry Division.

9 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Headquarters & Service Company was the color Company.

11 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: First platoon Company "A" and first platoon Company "B" disembarked from LSTs at 1600 hours after completing landing exercises with 160th Infantry, 40th Infantry Division at Negros, Philippine Islands. Conduct and Morale of Troops: Excellent.

13 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon embarked on LSMs numbers 150, 130 and 15 at 1600 hours for further operations per Secret TTX, Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division dated 11 August 1945. First platoon Company "B" attached to Company "A".

14 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (-first platoon) held formal retreat formation. Company "A" was the color Company. First news of acceptance of peace terms by Japanese received.

15 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Second and third platoons Company "A" embarked on LSTs 580, 582, 838 and 916 to participate in landing exercises at Negros, Philippine Islands with the first and second Battalions 185th Infantry, 40th Infantry Division.

15 August 1945, Legaspi, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon disembarked from LSMs at 1015 hours. Moved to bivouac area and set up camp.

16 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Second and third platoons Company "A" disembarked from LSTs at 1800 hours. Landing exercises at Negros, Philippine Islands called off.

17 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion received twenty five (25) Enlisted Men as replacements per Personnel Requisition Number 376, Headquarters, 6th Army.

20 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Major FRED A. RATHKE, Battalion Commander, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel per paragraph 1, Special Order 218, Headquarters, 6th Army, dated 14 August 1945.

21 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) held formal retreat formation. Technician Fifth Grade DUELEY OLIVER, 36591812, Headquarters & Service Company was formally presented the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 10 March 1945.

28 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands, Battalion relieved from assignment to 6th Army and attachment to, 40th Infantry Division and attached to Army Forces Western Pacific as of 20 August 1945, per Secret Letter, Subject: "Control of Units (6)", Headquarters, 6th Army, dated 21 August 1945, File AG 322C. Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) held formal retreat formation. Company "A" was the color Company.

31 August 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Twenty one (21) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, five hundred and eighteen (518) Enlisted Men. Increase: One (1) Officer, twelve (12) Enlisted Men.

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SEPTEMBER  
1945

2 September 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: V-J Day. Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) attached to Southern Islands Area Command (Provisional) and further attached to 739th AAA Gun Battalion, APO 715 for supply and control only per paragraph 8, Letter Order 8-1, Headquarters, Southern Islands Area Command.

4 September 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) held formal retreat formation, Battalion further assigned to Southern Islands Area Command (Provisional) effective 20 August 1945 per Secret Letter, Subject: "Assignment and Attachment of Units", File (90), GSXGA 322, Headquarters, Army Forces, Western Pacific, dated 1 September 1945.

7 September 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion assumed control of Japanese Prisoner of War Camp at Santa Barbara Stockade, Iloilo, Panay.

8 September 1945, Legaspi, Luzon, Philippine Islands; Captain DANIEL LADD, O1169209, Commanding Officer, Company "B", relieved of assignment and duty with this Battalion and transferred to the 158th Regimental Combat Team per paragraph 15, Special Order 89, Headquarters, Army Forces, Western Pacific. Company "B" less first platoon engaged in maintenance of weapons and vehicles. Morale and Conduct of troops: Excellent.

20 September 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) engaged in maintenance of weapons and vehicles. Morale: Excellent.

20 September 1945, Legaspi, Luzon, Philippine Islands: First Sergeant BEN H. LAYTON, 20923255 awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands on 10 March 1945

22 September 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) held party in celebration of first anniversary overseas at Villa Beach Club. Entertainment and dancing lasted from 1500 hours to 0200 hours. Officers and Enlisted Men of the Battalion entitled to second overseas service bar per War Department Circular 268, 1944. Staff Sergeant ORVIS L. STEPHENS, 39024113, Headquarters & Service Company awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Staff Sergeant THEODORE J. ZABOROWSKI, 36591385, Headquarters & Service Company awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

30 September 1945, Legaspi, Luzon., Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon engaged in maintenance of weapons and vehicles. Morale: Excellent.

30 September 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Nineteen (19) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, five hundred and twenty nine (529) Enlisted Men. Increase: Eleven (11) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Two (2) Officers.



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BATTALION HISTORY

OCTOBER  
1945

10 October 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion Less Company "B" (- first platoon) engaged in usual camp duties. Morale: Excellent.

10 October 1945, Legaspi, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon engaged in usual camp duties. Morale: Excellent.

18 October 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) participated in formal retreat formation at which Bronze Star Medals were presented to Technical Sergeant EUGENE M. ANDERSEN, 32634128, Headquarters & Service Company for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands; Technical Sergeant HARRY W. LESTER, 35384825, Headquarters and Service Company for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Technician Third Grade WALTER YEATER, JR., 36592262, Headquarters & Service Company for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands; Technician Fourth Grade STEPHEN S. SANDERS, 37210481, Headquarters & Service Company for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

19 October 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Lieutenant Colonel FRED A. RATHKE, O-273410, Cavalry, Battalion Commander, relieved of assignment and assigned to the 31st Infantry Division, APO 31, for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations per paragraph 1, Special Order 73, Headquarters, 739th AAA Gun Battalion, APO 715. Departed at 0900 hours. Major THOMAS S. LEITCH, O-340325 assumes command of the Battalion. Before a special company

formation of Headquarters & Service Company the following named Enlisted Men of Headquarters & Service Company were awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES A. ORTON, 36814280, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao and Sulu Archipeligo, Philippine Islands; Staff Sergeant RAY C. KREAGER, 36591598, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands; Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM C. WILLIAMSON, 34260946, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Fifty two (52) Enlisted Men relieved of assignment and duty with this Battalion and assigned to the 31st Infantry Division, APO 31, for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations per paragraph 1, Special Order Number 71, Headquarters 739th AAA Gun Battalion, APO 715. First Lieutenants KENNETH F. LYNCH, O-1825426; LELAND I. NOBLE, O-1014740; CARL E. NEWMAN, O-1822430; ROY L. VAUGHN, O-1825288; Chief Warrant Officer FRED BOWEN, W-2132044; Warrant Officer Junior Grade GEORGE T. BURTON, W-2132052 relieved of assignment and duty with this Battalion and assigned to the 31st Infantry Division, APO 31, for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations per paragraph 1, Special Order 71, Headquarters, 739th AAA Gun Battalion, APO 715, dated 12 October 1945. Departed 0900 hours.

20 October 1945, Legaspi, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Captain DANIEL LADD, O-1169-209, awarded the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action at Talisay, Cebu Philippine Islands. Staff Sergeant DAVID I. BITTER, 32693666, Medical Detachment awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon and Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Private First Class JOEL W. SKINNER, 38563854, Company "B" and Technician Fifth Grade JOSEPH A. GIORNO, 36655338, Company "B" awarded Bronze Star Medals for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at

Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands.

21 October 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- First platoon) held a party at the Villa Beach Club. Dancing and entertainment lasted from 2000 hours to 2345 hours.

22 October 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion relieved from assignment to Southern Islands Area Command (Provisional) and assigned to 14th Anti Aircraft Command, APO 75 and further assigned to Southern Islands Area Command per paragraph 15, Letter, Subject: "Assignment of Units, File (127), GSXOP 322, Headquarters, Army Forces, Western Pacific, dated 15 October 1945.

28 October 1945, Legaspi, Luzon, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon departed port of Legaspi at 1500 hours. Weather: Clear. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

30 October 1945, Dilag, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon disembarked at Dilag, Leyte at 0830 hours. Set up bivouac area at 1000 hours. Company attached to 418th Field Artillery Group, APO 932.

31 October 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion Strength: Fourteen (14) Officers, four hundred and eighty six (486) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Five (5) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, forty three (43) Enlisted Men.

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APO 932

BATTALION HISTORY

NOVEMBER  
1945

2 November 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first Platoon) engaged in usual camp duties. Battalion relieved of control of Japanese Prisoner of War Camp as Prisoners are loaded aboard ISTs for movement to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

3 November 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Bronze Star Medals presented to Staff Sergeant ALBERT F. BASL, 19122416 and Technician Fourth Grade WESLEY R. SMITH, 34259679, during special formation of Headquarters & Service Company.

4-10 November 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) engaged in usual camp duties. Formal retreat formation held on 7 November 1945 with Headquarters & Service Company as the color company.

15 November 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "A" participated in parade at Iloilo City in celebration of tenth anniversary of the Philippine Commonwealth.

16 November 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion relieved from attachment to Southern Islands Area Command per paragraph 1, Letter, Subject: "Assignments and Attachments of Units", File (146) GSXOP 322, Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Western Pacific, APO 707, dated 13 November 1945.

16-27 November 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Usual camp duties plus preparations for movement to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

28 November 1945, Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) loaded on ISTs numbers 945, 462, 474, 629 and 694 in Iloilo Harbor at 1200 hours, left Iloilo harbor at 1500 hours. Movement made

as permanent change of station to Leyte, Philippine Islands, per Movement Directive Number 933, Headquarters, Southern Islands Area Command, APO 932, dated 10 October 1945 and Letter, Subject: "Movement Orders Number 7, Headquarters 739th AAA Gun Battalion, APO 715, dated 25 November 1945.

30 November 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Company "B" (- first platoon) disembarked from LSTs at Telegrafo, Leyte and moved to bivouac area at 1200 hours. Company "B" less first platoon rejoined Battalion at 1200 hours. Battalion Strength: Twelve (12) Officers, four hundred and fifty nine (459) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Two (2) Officers, twenty seven (27) Enlisted Men.

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BATTALION HISTORY

DECEMBER  
1945

1 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Thirty (30) Enlisted Men relieved of assignment to this Battalion and assigned to the 478th AAA AW Battalion, APO 932, for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations per paragraph 5, Special Order Number 98, Headquarters, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 932, dated 1 December 1945. Eleven (11) Enlisted Men relieved of assignment to this Battalion and assigned to the 356th AAA SLT Battalion, APO 72, for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations per paragraph 6, Special Order Number 98, Headquarters 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 932, dated 1 December 1945. Nine (9) Enlisted Men, Company "B", this Battalion, relieved of assignment to this Battalion and assigned to the 528th AAA Gun Battalion, APO 72, for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations per paragraph 1, Company Order Number 16, Company "B" 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 932, dated 28 November 1945. Five (5) Enlisted Men, Company "B" this Battalion, relieved of assignment to this Battalion and assigned to the 543rd Field Artillery Battalion for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations per paragraph 2, Company Order Number 16, Company "B" 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 932, dated 28 November 1945.

2 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Sixty one (61) Enlisted Men this Battalion with Adjusted Service Rating Scores under the critical point scores relieved of assignment to this Battalion and assigned to the 3315 Quartermaster Truck Company, APO 932, per Special Order Number 98, Headquarters 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 932, dated 1 December 1945. Battalion

attached to Detachment #2 (Provisional), Headquarters, 32nd Anti Aircraft Brigade per paragraph 1, General Orders Number 31, Headquarters, 32nd Anti Aircraft Brigade, APO 982, dated 30 November 1945.

3 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Captain JESSIE R. WARD, O-1166203, Captain CARL B. BOOTH, O-435935, First Lieutenant ALBERT M. RIDLON, O-1824684, First Lieutenant RUEL P. SCOGGINS, O-1823947 and Second Lieutenant RICHARD E. WELCH, JR., O-2023935 relieved of assignment to this Battalion and assigned to the 4th Field Artillery Battalion, APO 932, and further placed on temporary duty with this Battalion per paragraph 4, Special Order Number 142, Headquarters, 32nd Anti Aircraft Brigade, APO 932, dated 5 December 1945.

10 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Battalion engaged in preparation for movement to United States under Readjustment Regulations.

14 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Captain CHARLES S. LINDSAY, O-1169219, FA, assigned to and assumed command of Company "A" this Battalion vice First Lieutenant ALBERT M. RIDLON, O-1824684, Inf., relieved. Captain VERNON L. FRYKHOLM, O-1284125, Inf., assigned to and assumed command of Company "B" this Battalion vice Captain JESSIE R. WARD, O-1166203, FA., relieved, per Special Order Number 103, Headquarters, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 932, dated 13 December 1945.

20 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Usual camp duties and continued preparation for movement to the United States.

24 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Battalion held Special formation at 1330 hours at which time Bronze Star Medals were presented by the Battalion Commander, Major THOMAS S. LEITCH, to the following named Enlisted Men: Staff Sergeant ROBERT H. DAVIS 36814431, Company "A" and Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH S. KARPINSKI 42008114, Headquarters & Service Company. Christmas Eve Religious Services held for all denominations.

25 December 1945, Telegrafo, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Battalion received usual Army Christmas Dinner prepared by mess personnel of the Companies.

27 December 1945, White Beach, Tacloban, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Battalion embarked on U. S. S. Albemarle, United States Navy Seaplane Tender at 0900 hours for return to the United States under Readjustment Regulations. Departed Leyte at 1500 hours. Weather: Fair. Sea: Rough. Morale and Conduct of Troops: Excellent.

31 December 1945 Aboard U. S. S. Albemarle: Battalion participated in "Happy Hour" sponsored by the Ship's Chaplain in celebration of New Years EVE. Battalion Strength: Eleven (11) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, two hundred and ninety nine (299) Enlisted Men. Decrease: One (1) Officer, one hundred and sixty (160) Enlisted Men. Increase: One (1) Warrant Officer.