

COMPANY A  
632nd TANK DESTROYER BATTALION  
A.P.O. 72

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Subject: Report after Action for Period 23 September 1944  
to 30 November 1944, With ASCOM Task Force.

To : Commanding Officer, 632nd Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
APO 72

Enclosed herewith is Report after Action for period  
23 September 1944 to 30 November 1944.



ROBERT R. TIDLERMAN,  
1st Lt F.A.,  
Commanding.

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SECTION I

A. Operation of which the Company was apart was known as:

ASCOM TASK FORCE

B. Names used in identification of units:

632nd Tank Destroyer Battalion.....	Rover
A Co.....	Robert
B Co.....	Frank
C Co.....	Jim
Headquarters.....	Freddy
Rcn.....	Buzz
X Corps.....	Dover
1st Cav.....	Saber
24th Div. Hqs.....	Danger
19th Inf. Regt.....	Dandy
21st Inf. Regt.....	Diamond
34th Inf. Regt.....	Dragon
24th Division Artillery.....	Duke
Hq. Btry.....	Daylight
11th FA Bn.....	Drake
13th FA Bn.....	Digit
52nd FA Bn.....	Decoy
63rd FA Bn.....	Dimple
532nd B & S Regt.....	Link
3rd Eng.....	Dynamite
32nd Div. Hq. Co.....	Ranrod
126th Inf. Regt.....	Record
127th Inf. Regt.....	Relay
128th Inf. Regt.....	Razor
32nd Division Arty.....	Relax
120th FA Bn.....	Rattler
121st FA Bn.....	Remount
126th FA Bn.....	Reptile
129th FA Bn.....	Rake

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F. Places used in ident. of units (CONT'D)

32nd Div. Hq. Co.....	Railroad
32nd Div. Sig. Co.....	Rabble
32nd Div. Recon. Trp.....	Redwood
32nd Div. QM Co.....	Rosebush
32nd Div. Outpost.....	Redman
732nd Ord. Co.....	Remington
107th Med. Bn.....	Roulette
114th Eng. Bn.....	Rampart

G. Nature of Operation:

1. 23 September - 11 October....Staging for amphibious operation.
2. 12 October - 19 October....En route to operational area.
3. 20 October - 30 November....1st amphibious landing in Philippine Liberation Campaign.

SECTION - - II

MISSIONS

1. A Co. w/Bn. Hq. and C Co. had mission to land on A Day at H-hour plus 65 in 14th wave in support of the 24th Div. L.T. on Red Beach under Division control, and be prepared to destroy hostile mechanized vehicles or enemy fortifications as directed. Attachment to 24th Div. effective 1 October 1944.
2. Detailed missions of A Co. (w/Bn. Hq. and C Co.)
  - (a) Assist in securing initial Beach Head by direct fire.
  - (b) Defend and protect I.B.H. from tank and mechanized attack.
  - (c) Assist on assault on Hill 522 by direct fire.
  - (d) Assist assault on PALO by direct fire.
  - (e) Defend and protect A Day objective from tank or mechanized attack.
  - (f) Defend assembly or bivouac areas from day or night attack.
  - (g) Be prepared to assist the defense I.B.H. from enemy seaborne attacks under direction Perimeter Defense Commander.

PHASE LINES:

- a. Highway One.
- b. Hill 522 - PALO Bridge.
- c. Highway Two.

3. A Co. (a C Co.) were alerted by Bn. Hqs. to:
  - (a) On A-Day, be prepared to operate initially in the zone of action of R.C.T. 19 and R.C.T. 34 on Bn. order.
  - (b) Subsequent to A-Day, be prepared to operate anywhere within 24th Div L.T. zone of action, reinforce artillery fire, conduct overland and over water movement, destroy enemy armor and fortifications.

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PRE-ARRANGED PLANS OF  
ACTION IN ANTICIPATION  
OF ACCOMPLISHING MISSIONS  
ASSIGNED A\*DAY

PLANS A, B, C, AND D.

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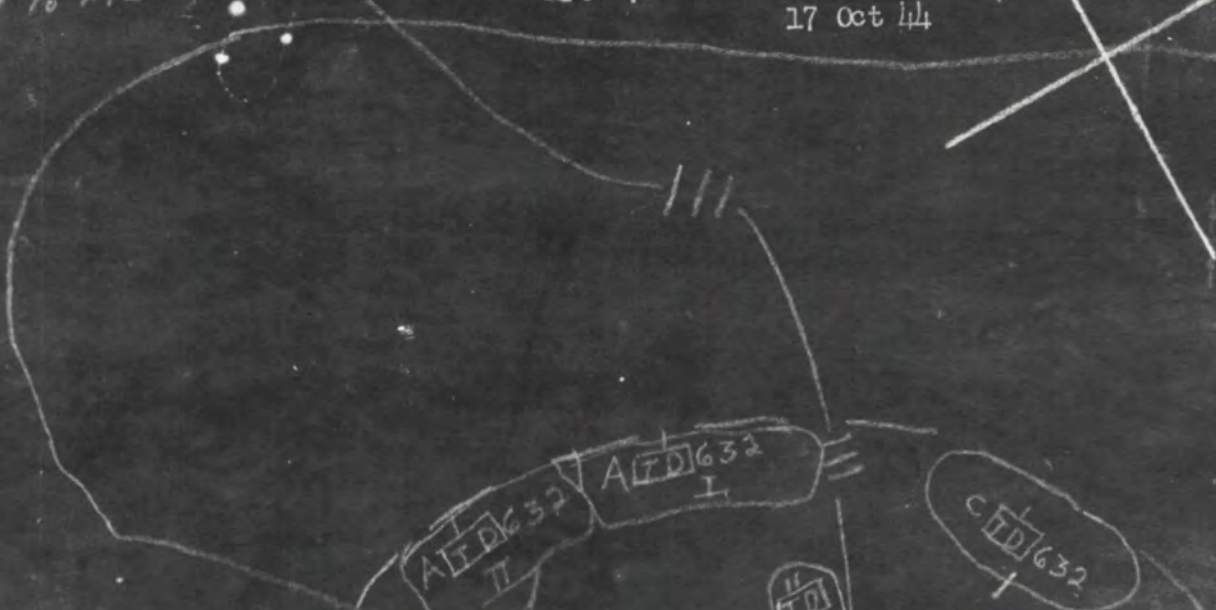
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PLAN "A" - Defense of IBH for Tk Atk

IBH

1. Tk atk within 34 RCT Z of A
  - a. C Co will occupy combat pos in gen area indicated, on Bn order, to destroy atk.
  - b. A Co in res will be prepared to reinforce C Co or to destroy armd atk within 19 RCT Z of A.
  - c. Rcn Co cont asgd missions and be prepared to ambush armd vehicles on near approaches or in IBH on order.
  - d. Hq Co will establish defense and AT ambush on routes of approach to Bn Assy Area.
2. Tk atk within 19 RCT Z of A
  - a. A Co will occupy combat pos in gen area No. one or No. two on Bn order.
  - b. C Co in res will be prepared to reinforce A Co in pos area Nos. one or two with a portion or all of its force; or destroy armd atk within its Z of A.
  - c & d. Same as above.

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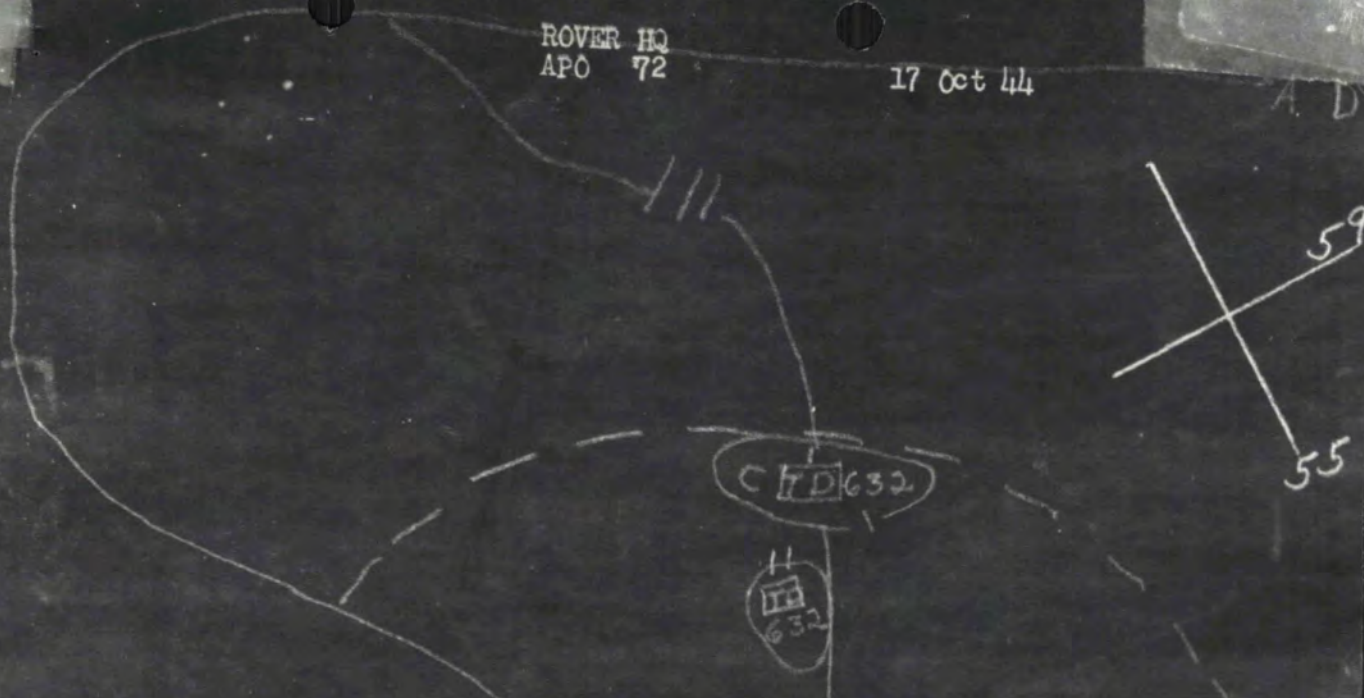
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PLAN "B" - Support of Atk on Hill 522

- a. C Co fr gen pos area indicated will support the atk on Hill 522 by direct fire on Bn order; will be prepared to establish Ln and Comm with suptd Inf; will be prepared to displace a portion of its force fwd if necessary to accomplish mission.
- b. A Co, in res, fr pos in readiness in present area will be prepared to destroy armd atk within 24 Div L T Z of A.
- c. Rcn Co n/c.

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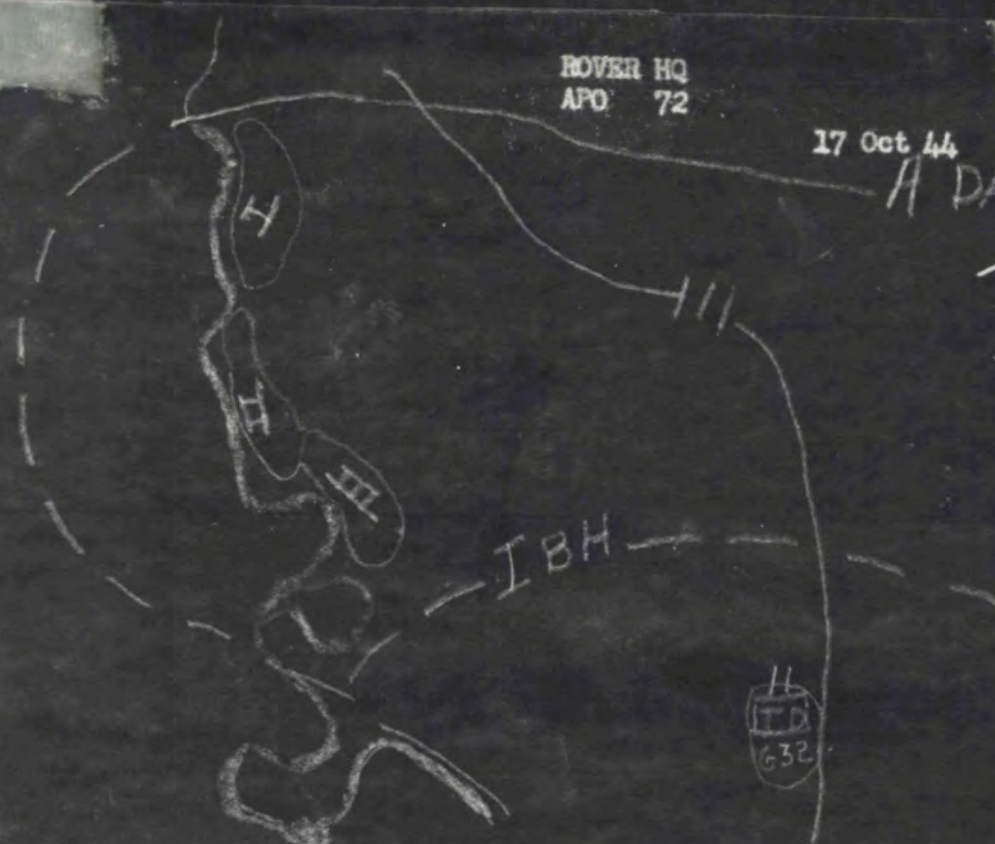
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Plan "C" - Support of Palo R crossing by direct fire and defense of Palo R IBH fr Tk atk.

- a. A Co fr initial pos in readiness in pres area will be prepared to support the crossing of the Palo R by direct fire by committing a portion or all of its forces in one or all of the gen pos areas indicated; will destroy tk atk on River IBH fr pos areas; on Bn order.
- b. C Co from initial pos in readiness in pres area will, on Bn order: destroy tk atk within 24 Div LT Z of A; reinforce A Co with a portion of its forces; take over a portion of A Co sector.
- c. Rcn and Hq - n/c.

Plan "D" - Close direct fire support of assault on Palo.

- a. A Co, on Bn order, will be prepared to: continue or initiate close direct fire support of assault Inf by committing a portion of its forces across the Palo R when mission cannot be accomplished fr pos indicated and where suitable fords are available.
- b & c. n/c.

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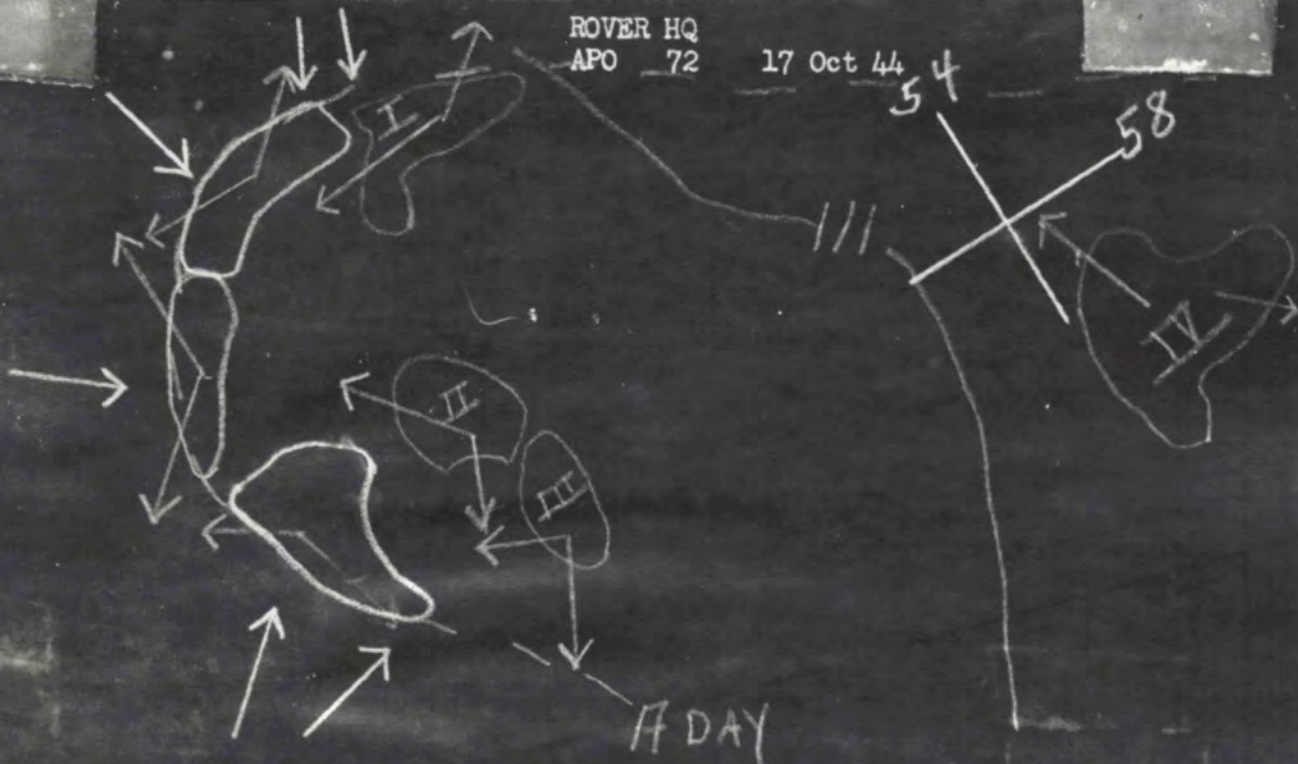


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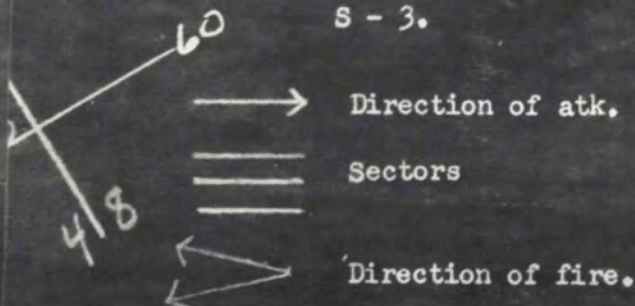
PLAN 'E' - Defense A-Day Obj fr Tk atk.

- a. A Co fr pos in readiness to be announced will, on Bn order, destroy any tk atk fr the So, W or SE on Palo fr gen pos areas indicated by sectors Red, Green and Black; will be in Bn res if atk develops fr other directions; will be prepared to reinforce C Co or take over new sector.
- b. C Co fr pos in readiness in pres area will, on Bn order, destroy any tk atk fr the N or fr the W, N of Palo R; will be prepared to reinforce A Co or be responsible for Green, Red or Black sectors on order; will occupy Blue pos with elements ordered; will be in res if A Co is committed.
- c. Rcn Co will continue asgd missions and be prepared for ambush of tks on order.

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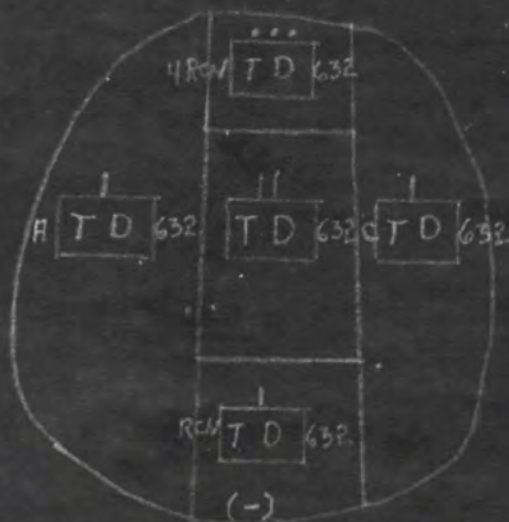
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PLAN "A" - Perimeter and Beach Defense

- a. The cmd and coordination of the A-Day inner perimeter defense is under CO 34 RCT.
- b. Hq Cmdt, as soon as practicable upon landing, will rpt to CO 34 RCT at the information center to receive instructions on Bn role and responsibilities; will be responsible for the defense of Bn rear echelon if combat echelon is committed; will coordinate perimeter defense of Bn Assy Area if combat echelon is not committed; will coordinate defense with adjacent units.
- c. If committed on beach defense, A Co with 1st Rcn Plt atchd and C Co with 3rd Rcn Plt atchd (atchment eff upon order of execution) will supplement beach defenses within respective initial Z's of A; Pioneer Plt will supplement rear echelon defense.
- d. Schematic diagram of Bn Assy Area is indicated showing sectors of responsibility with Bn assembled.

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SECTION - - III

A. IDENTITY OF FORCE.

1. Force, as used in this report, concerns a Tank Destroyer Company, organized under T/O 18-27 and T/E 18-27, W.D. 15 March 1944. Name:

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2. Strength of Organization:

T/O Authorization: 5 Off. - 124 EM  
Actual : 5 Off. - 125 EM

3. Roster of Officers:

Commanding Officer: ROBERT R. TIDEMAN, 1st Lt.,  
FA, O-888198.  
Executive Officer : HARRY A BEST, 1st Lt., FA,  
O-322074.  
Plat. Leader, 1st : JAMES A Mc LELLAND, 1st Lt.,  
FA O-1168371.  
Plat. Leader, 2nd : KENNETH L. SAVACOOOL, 1st Lt.,  
FA O-888309.  
Plat. Leader, 3rd : HOWARD S BERTRAM, 2nd Lt., FA,  
O-1686308.

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SECTION - - V

A. SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED.

1. Long range radio equipment for Company necessary to communicate with higher or supported Headquarters such as 193 radio.
2. Infantry elements should remain a safe distance from tanks or tank destroyer when in assault as the armor draws heavy small arms and mortar fire. Foot troops accompanying tanks should be so placed that they can forestall any enemy suicide attempts to neutralize tank fire power, at same time be out of line of fire.
3. Thorough reconnaissance of route of approach and assembly or bivouac area for destroyers should be made in this theatre as much of terrain will not carry heavy tracked vehicles. When supported units select assembly areas, a reconnaissance group or representative of the Tank Destroyer unit should be consulted.
4. Training with units to be supported is desirous prior to committment. If not possible, competent liaison should be established and be continous to acquaint supported unit of the characteristics, capabilities and method of employment.
5. Command channels should be respected so that immediate commanders are familiar with the disposition of each Tank destroyer. Responsibility of control cannot be delegated unless this is practiced.

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SECTION - - VI

CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT

23 September to 29 September 1944 (Incl.)

Company received 8 half-tracks with T/E equipment: This period was devoted to preparing half-tracks for combat conditions, and to getting drivers and assistant drivers thoroughly conversant with their vehicles. Unsuccessful attempts were made on a practice loading and unloading of L.S.T.'s due to fact that beach area assigned us was too shallow to allow L.S.T.'s to run up on shore. All vehicles were waterproofed during this period.

30 September to 9 October 1944 (Incl.)

This period was devoted to preparations for future operation, for which A Co. was officially alerted. Details performed included final check on all equipment, personal and organization, dissemination of censorship regulations, combat loading of vehicles, exercises in tracking and sighting, and moving of heavy vehicles to an assembly area on the beach.

10 October 1944

Camp broken and company and remaining equipment moved to beach assembly area. L.S.T.'s landed and loading was initiated.

11 October 1944

Loading completed - vehicles made fast for water movement. Company personnel boarded ship. (L.S.T. #458) Commendation from Captain of ship received for conduct of troops and for efficient manner of loading under extremely adverse conditions and inclement weather.

12 October to 19 October 1944 (Incl.)

This period absorbed by water movement from point of embarkation to task force objective. Ship beached at HUMBOLDT BAY, 12 October, unloaded some casual passengers, loaded one of two D-8 Bulldozers attached to company for landing operation. Convoy formed and moved off 13 October. During the interim of the voyage classes were held on orientation and nature of operation about to take place, including detailed terrain studies of area operation was anticipated in. A large portion of time was devoted to maintenance of equipment.

20 October 1944

A-DAY. Schedule for our landing 14th wave (H-hour plus 65) Due to nature of beach, landing of our ship as scheduled was unsuccessful. Although attempts to find a suitable spot for landing were made throughout the day, none could be found and personnel remained on board that night. L.S.T.'s received enemy fire from what appeared to be 75-mm guns, but our ship was not hit. Two air raids during period.

21 October 1944

Some equipment unloaded by L.C.T.'s in morning. Balance unloaded from L.S.T. onto metal dock built by Engineers. Landing effected by 1400L. Company moved to an assembly area approximately 500 yds in from the beach and close to perimeter. Sniper fire heavy and continuous until dark. No casualties. No enemy infiltration into area during night. One air raid.

22 October 1944

Company moved forward to new area approximately 500 yds, east of Hill 522. Infantry perimeter just west of Hill 522. Firing thru out night by adjacent units. No enemy infiltration noticed. No ammunition expended by our men. One air raid during day.

23 October 1944

Lt Best reconnoitered new area and Co. and Bn. Hqs., Recon. Co. moved into it, alongside Hill 522 on south side. Sniper fire in area from several sides which continued thru out night, also cross fire from adjacent units. 2nd Platoon alerted and moved to 3rd En. 34th C.I. to counteract possible enemy tank attack. Move to new area was slowed down considerably due to difficulty encountered with terrain. Area we left was partly rice patties. No bottom to ground, and Destroyers bogged down easily. Thru out this whole area there is only one road for lines of communication, and this was heavily congested at all times with supply and combat vehicles. Maintaining inter-unit control almost impossible.

24 October 1944

Several air raids today. Two Jap two engine bombers flew in low over our area. Our A.A. fire was effective. One plane went down approximately one-half mile from us. Unable to determine whether it was from our fire only or fire from neighboring units. Complete Jap uniform with rifle and ammunition found just beyond perimeter in 3rd Platoon sector. Condition of clothing showed it had not been there for long. Sniper fire continues, always particularly heavy during air raid. Many natives in town and around our area - all are nervous jittery. Some have been hit by sniper fire - 4 were casualties from Jap booby traps placed in native house just beyond our perimeter. Battalion aid station treated these four casualties. One woman died while at our aid station. We took about 200 natives into perimeter and special dismounted guard placed around them as cautionary measure.

25 October 1944

Numerous Jap air raids thru out day and night. Very little observed activity on part of our planes. Saw two of our land based medium bombers which were first army planes observed. Lt Tideman with Platoon Leaders went to top of Hill 522 for observation of forward area in anticipation of future employment. P.L.O. now completely held by our troops. 5 Jap snipers killed on hill within 100 yds of our C.I. Sniper fire during air raids.

26 October 1944

Numerous Jap air raids thru out day. 3rd Platoon alerted and moved forward to join forward Infantry element, which was being held up by anti-personnel and tank mines. Lt Tiderman went forward to reconnoiter new area. Company moved to area just North of outskirts of PALO, in area with A Co. 44th Tank Bn., Bn. CP and Recon. Co. also moved in this position. Friendly small arms, M.G. and mortar fire heavy thru out day. 3rd Platoon released - could not be used - returned to Co. 1525I. 2nd Platoon released by 3rd Bn. C.T. and returned to company at 1630I. Pvt George D Meyers seriously wounded by wild or stray cal. 50, evacuated to Hospital. Source of shot not determined.

27 October 1944

Usual Jap air raids thru out day. They seem to be concentrating on beach or harbor. New S.C.P. on security measures issued by Bn. Kitchen joined company and B-rations replaced 10 in 1's. Combat patrols being sent out 3 times every day now to cover 500 yd. radius from perimeter. Special patrol sent out in search of snipers - neg. Sniper fire observed coming from hill approximately 600 yds away. Fire was delivered in our direction .50 cal. covered the observed position with fire. Received no more sniper fire from this point.

28 October 1944

Our 3rd Platoon and a Platoon of M-4 Tanks went forward vicinity Santa Fe at 0630I to find Inf. elements. Lt Tiderman accompanied 3rd Plat. to report to forward Inf. C.O. and also to reconnoiter for area closer to front lines, which have been advancing more rapidly last two days. Col. Fanning gave orientation on present situation to Officers and NCO's. Recon. and Re Co. moved forward 1045I. Co. moved forward 1126 I under Lt Best. We received orders to support 34th C.T. on direct fire missions as ordered, and to counteract any Jap tank attacks which were expected. Japs had blown two medium sized bridges between our position and A.L.G.L.I.G. Distance traveled 11 miles when we entered assembly area at East edge of A.L.G.L.I.G. Completion of repairs on the two blown-out bridges delayed our move forward. Highway littered with Jap equipment and dead. Lt Tiderman joined Co. as it was moving into area. 3rd Plat. in A.L.G.L.I.G. to guard 34th C.T. Co. moved into area. No snipers in vicinity.

29 October 1944

1225I Lt Tiderman received orders to send 1st Platoon forward immediately to support 34th C.T. He and 3rd Platoon (Lt Bertram) went forward. Order was alerted - support not needed as was expected - 3rd Platoon ordered by 34th C.T. to remain at 1st bridge vicinity J.W.I.L. on road on call in position of readiness. Lt Tiderman returned to Co. CP at 1321I. 3rd Platoon called on to front lines this side of J.W.I.L. but then ordered to return to Co. by darkness. Lt Bertram brought his Platoon into Co. perimeter at 1750I.

30 October 1944

Rainy season evidently starting. Has rained for several days. This makes cross country movement by Destroyers impossible except on very solid high ground. Almost all terrain observed so far will not meet these requirements. At 1110I Co. alerted and cleared area in 10 minutes moving towards front lines at JARO. Arrived JARO 1235I. Fighting about 500yds North of road. Received sniper fire. One Sherman tank hit in tube by Jap anti-tank gun. Went into assembly position in town. Sent observers forward and to flanks to watch for possible Jap tank attack. Lt Tideman with assault unit. Our combat patrol returned with native report approximately 60 Japs one and one-half miles south causing trouble to natives, killing some. Also 50 Japs reported by patrol three-fourths mile SE of our position. Strong perimeter set up expect Jap night flank or rear attack. We composed outer perimeter to south for one sector. Sniper fire thru-out night. No Jap attack.

31 October 1944

Several air raids close to us but no damage. 2nd and 3rd Plat. alerted. Lt. Best went with assault elements (2nd Bn. of 34th CT) to act as Liaison for company. Wheeled vehicles sent back to Bn. CP. 1022I. 1st Platoon alerted and attached to 3rd Bn., 34th CT for their operation against the enemy - working south and west of Highway 2. As nature of terrain restricted cross country movement by tracked vehicles - 1st Plat. remained on road in support by direct fire from that position. Lt Mc Lelland maintained contact with assault elements, thru 34th Cannon Co Liaison officer by F.M. radio. 2nd and 3rd Plats moved forward with reserves of 2nd Bn., 34th C.T. one round Jap mortar landed 25 yds to side of 3rd Plat - no damage. Infantry moved along fairly well until approximately 1100I when pinned down by Japs at a position in which they were well dug in and prepared to hold for at least a determined delaying action. Fighting was confined to strategic positions on road. Very little front. Infantry used some Sherman tanks, but due to nature of terrain only one could be used at a time. Japs employed anti-tank guns hitting two Shermans, one being disabled. Lt Tideman came up to front lines in afternoon and C.O. 2nd Bn. promised to use our M-10's on next days operation. Lt Savacool relieved Lt Best with assault elements at 1600I and his Plat remained in forward area with the 2nd Bn. Lt Best brought 3rd Plat and C.P. vehicles back to JARO. Lt Tideman remained forward until 1730I and then returned to Co. area with Lt Savacool and 2nd Plat. 1st Plat returned to Co. area 1700I were not employed.

1 November 1944

Native reported 50 Japs in Coconut grove 500 yds south of us. Recon. patrol sent out to investigate with Filipino guide. No Japs found here but patrol did sight about 50 Japs approximately 2 miles So. along side of road. 19th C.T. was working this area. 2nd Plat went forward 0730I to join 2nd Bn., and were committed in part. Lt. Savacool in his No. 1 Destroyer went forward of Infantry lines into Jap position, remaining there approximately 20 minutes and expending 56 rounds of HE ammunition by direct fire, mostly point blank range - 82



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- targets being pill boxes and machine gun emplacements and a column of Japs approximately 1500I yds N. and W., very good results were obtained the destroyer drew quite a bit of heavy machine gun fire. No casualties, this action was commended very highly by 2nd Bn. C.O.

2 November 1944

0600I Lt Tideman went forward to front lines to get estimate of situation, and to pick an assembly area close to forward troops. Lt Best brought Co. (2nd Plat) forward at 0715I to assembly area at TABO. Co. joined here by Bn. C.P. and elements of Recon Co. combat vehicles moved forward to C.P. established by Lt Tideman in TUNGA. Total distance travelled 5 miles. Lt Mc Lelleand received orders to relieve 2nd Plat., which was with forward elements, and he took his first Plat. forward at 0849I. 2nd Plat returned to fuel up and take on ammunition. No. 1 Destroyer showed many scars from heavy machine gun and A.P. slugs, and 2 Molotov cocktails which went off on plates below deck of Destroyer but caused no damage as no fire reached engine compartment. Some of M.G. slugs remained in armor embedded as deep as 1 inch - the slug still in perfect shape. Infantry with our 1st Plat moved forward into CARIGARA - No resistance offered. Company followed Infantry into CARIGARA, leaving TUNGA 1550I, arriving CARIGARA 1635I, and going into assembly and bivouac position. 1st Plat joined Co. 1650I. Distance travelled 6 miles. Terrain off road soft and boggy. Destroyer 31 has burnt out motor - .

3 November to 5 November 1944 (Incl)

Remained in bivouac area in CARIGARA for this period. Air raids each night. 4 November, six Jap bombs dropped near area. Received three .50 cal. M.G.'s and four .30 cal. M.G.'s to complete equipping each half track with one .30 cal. and one .50 cal. 3 November fire broke out in one of kitchen ranges. Pfc Manthey burned and evacuated.

6 November 1944

Moved to new area 0925I joining Bn. C.P., C Co., and Recon Co. Area just West of CARIGARA. Distance travelled one and four tenths miles. Perimeter established. Patrols sent out reported non-contact with Japs but natives say lots of them in hills across rice patties to our S.W. about 3500 yards. No enemy activity at night - some small arms fire from our own troops. Large reinforcements of Japs reported landed at ORMOC with heavy equipment including tanks and Artillery up to 150-mm rifles.

7 November 1944

S Sgt Montgomery shot in foot by accidental discharge of his carbine. No change in situation.

8 November 1944

Same area. No change in situation. Typhoon hit us during day

9 November 1944

Same area. Report received 6 Jap Destroyers and 4 P. ships outside of Straits to CARIGARA BAY off BILLIRIAN ISLAND and 300 barges via ORMOC moving north. Believed Japs planning landing CARIGARA BAY. Co. given mission of beach defense and areas reconnoitered for positions by officers and Plat Sgts. Received report fifteen P.T. boats sent out to intercept Jap combat force.

10 November 1944

Same area. Situation unchanged until 1500I when Co. was alerted. Japs are reported moving this way from hills and mountains. All positions of defense reinforced and perimeter strengthened. No Jap activity at night as anticipated.

11 November 1944

Same area - No change in situation. In morning many of our planes overhead in formation, going toward ORMOC. (appeared to be over 300 in number - mostly or all Navy planes) Information received later reported large Jap reinforcement convoy demolished great number of Japs killed. Planes also reported strafing and bombing 15 mile long Jap column of heavy equipment, tanks and artillery. Much damage done.

12 November to 14 November 1944 (Incl)

Same area. Situation unchanged. Destroyer 31 back to Co. Jap plane dropped many anti-personnel bombs which hit pontoon bridge close to us. Believed to be going after heavy artillery near us. Our artillery is pouring tremendous amount of fire into Japs.

15 November 1944

32nd Division moving up to front. Bn. Hqs. and Co. C attached to 32nd Division. A Co. still attached to 24th Division and still on beach defense mission.

16 November 1944

No change. One Jap bomb dropped close to our area.

17 November 1944

Situation same. Bn. Hqs. and C Co. and Recon. Co. moved out of area and went forward to join 32nd Division. Perimeter closed. Japs bombed to east and west of our area.

18 November 1944

Jap plane over area again. Dropped bombs south of us. Lt Tideman went on recon. for new area, but condition of road, due to continual rain of last two weeks and heavy traffic, would not permit travel by our Destroyer vehicles.

19 November 1944

Company moved to new area on beach approximately 500 yds. north of old area. Still a beach defense mission.

20 November 1944

Company spent day on pioneer work improving road and making route of egress. Company alerted 1655I to move immediately to 32nd Division C.P., in vicinity of CAPOCCAN VILLAGE. Report that Japs broke thru. Company attached to 32nd Division per VCOG, X Corps. Arrived 32nd Div. C.P. 1905I in torrential rainstorm. Company was broken up and placed at strategic spots around C.P. perimeter, forming road blocks, beach defense and perimeter defense. No Jap attack that night as was anticipated.

21 November 1944

To remain with 32nd Division to be held as Division reserve troops. Some combat activity just south of Division C.P.

22 November 1944

Company alerted to move forward on 5 minute notice. 1022I Japs sighted on road east of perimeter. Alert called off. 1125I 1st section, 3rd Platoon sent to guard Division emergency ration dump approximately one-half mile to the rear at 1445I. Released from this mission and returned at 1505I. Reason for release: They drew enemy artillery fire as soon as they arrived at dump. C/Sgt Glennon and C/Sgt Walsh each in command of one half-track and combat crew left area at 0900I. Mission to protect wire laying teams moving forward. They killed 14 Japs and knocked out 2 M.C.'s, on mission. Remained with C Co. overnight as roads were too bad to permit their return. At 1730I, 2 Jap artillery shells landed on edge of area. No casualties. Roads now are almost out of commission due to heavy rains and traffic.

23 November 1944

Had roast turkey for dinner. 1225I Jap shell landed about 100 yds. away in Div. C.P. Some casualties. Enemy planes over area several times during day.

24 November 1944

Two Jap artillery shells landed in Bay about 100 yds from us. 1730I to 1800I four enemy planes came in over area. Three shot down by ground troops. One was shot down by P-38. We received credit for one zero which we got right over our area. Later in evening several Jap shells fell near area to our west. Jap planes overhead during night. No bombs dropped.

25 November 1944

Situation unchanged. Jap art. shells landed near us in Bay. One Jap plane near area early in evening. Dropped bombs in water and appeared to crash in Bay.

26 November 1944

At 0700I 1st section, 3rd Plat. sent to guard Div. Emergency ration dump. Drew no hostile fire this time. At 1230I two Jap planes shot down over area. One by P-38 and one by A.A. unit. Co. alerted to be on watch for Jap suicide troops. Three Jap transport planes landed behind lines with approximately 75 men. Planes found but no Japs. Jap forward observer discovered operating in disguised in native fishing boat in CARIGAMA BAY. More Arty. shells in area.

27 November 1944

Jap shells landed just across road again. About 2300I, about eight Jap planes came over and dropped large incendiary bombs along shore to our west.

28 November 1944 to 29 November 1944

No change.

30 November 1944

Japs dropped some bombs east of us at 0500I. Company ordered to move to B Co area at TUNGA. Wheeled column and half-tracks under Lt Best left at 1530I. Destroyer column under Lt Tideman at 1600I. Can travel on beach at low tide only. Company closed into new area at 1826I. Distance travelled: 10.3 miles.

1 December 1944

Lt Best left with quartering party composed of Platoon Sgts. at 0905I for area in vicinity of Battalion C.P. near JARO. Returned at 1305I. Company ordered to move to new area at 1445I. Departed 1527I and arrived at 1610I. In rest Camp near GALOTAN.