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637th TD Bn
BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND
29 November 1944
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FIELD ORDER

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Maps: Mil Survey LUZON; 1:25 000, sheets 3159 IISW & 3159 II SE
LUZON, 1:50 000; LINGUYEN, MANAOAG, AGUILAR, SAN CARLOS sheets.

1. (a) See Intelligence annex.

(b) SIXTH ARMY with supporting Air and Naval forces lands on S-day in LINGUYEN-DAMORTIS-SAN FERNANDO area.

(1) XIV CORPS lands in LINGUYEN-DAGUPAN area with divisions abreast: 40th Inf Div on right (west); 37th Inf Div on left (east). Elements of I CORPS will be on our left (east) flank.

(2) Supporting troops:

6th Ranger Bn
754th Tk Bn
251st AAA Group
951st AAA AW Bn
672d Amphibious Tractor Bn
757th FA Bn 155 How
1 Btry 517th FA Bn 155 G
1st FA Sound Ranging Plat
2 Companies 82d Chem Bn
544th Eng B & S Regt
295th Joint Assault Sig Co
25th War Dog Plat
Survey Plat 670th Topo Co
Det 88th Sig Bn

Aircraft spotting Party # 15

2. 637th TD Bn assigned XIV CORPS, attached 37th Inf Div for operational control, lands on S-Day and thereafter on either beach as directed and occupies assembly area in Div Res approximately 1/2 mi N of BINMALEY (see overlay).

It will be prepared:

(a) With 1 company to support advance of 129th Inf to RJ E of DAGUPAN, or 148th Inf to road-block S of PAPAGUEYEN.

(b) From positions S of CALMAY RIVER to defend CEHL and Div East boundary from attack by hostile armor.

(c) To reinforce beach defenses in landing area.

3. (a) Co A will land on S-Day and proceed immediately to Bn assembly area in Div Res.

It will be prepared to support with 1 plat the advance of the 148th Inf to road-block S of PAPAGUEYEN.

It will be prepared to support with 1 plat the movement of 129th Inf to RJ E of DAGUPAN.

It will have available on short notice a motorized reconnaissance detail not to exceed one (1) 1/2 T C/R to move S of CALMAY RIVER via BINMALEY-SAN CARLOS RD on special mission later to be made known.

(b) Co B (less 1 plat) will land on S-Day and proceed immediately to Bn assembly area in Div Res.

It will be prepared to move 1 plat to support beach defense of Div landing area.

Remainder of Co B will land on S/2 and join company.

(c) Co C (less 1 plat) will land on S/2 and proceed to Bn assembly area in Div Res. It will be prepared to support beach defense of Div landing area.

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- (d) Rcn Co will land on S/2 and proceed to Bn assembly area in Div Res.
- (e) Hq Co (less Adv Dets) will land on S/2 and establish its initial echelon (all sections) at Bn assembly area.
- (f)
 - (1) Commanders of all echelons will take advantage of every opportunity to exploit all weaknesses discovered in hostile dispositions.
 - (2) All ground gained will be consolidated and held at all costs. Withdrawal from advanced or front line positions will be made only on order from this headquarters.
 - (3) All commanders will insure adequate preparation of defense against day and night counter-attack by hostile armor.
 - (4) Vigorous and aggressive patrolling will be maintained at all times to insure continued contact with the enemy and to give early warning of counter-attacks and of hostile armor. Night patrolling will be coordinated with all units concerned.
 - (5) Units scheduled to arrive on far shore in successive echelons will post guides at Shore Party Command Post to meet and lead their arriving units to positions. Commanders of All arriving units or their representatives will report to Shore Party Command Post.
 - (6) No weapons (except Anti-Aircraft Arty) will be fired at any aircraft except from positions actually being attacked from the air.
 - (7) Companies or parts thereof arriving on far shore on S-Day and S/1 will report hourly their positions to S-3 as SOP, until further order.
 - (8) Report of positions by pre-arranged code will be made by all Company CO's to S-3 hourly whenever a company is detached from the Bn assembly area or on a special mission, unless specifically prohibited from doing so by radio silence.
 - (9) ROAD PRIORITIES:
 - (a) When Tank Destroyers have first priority on all roads, Tank Destroyer commanders will not exercise this right except when engaged on combat missions.
 - (b) BINMALEY-SAN CARLOS RD:
 - (1) 1st priority to 148 Inf and attached and supporting units until CALMAY RIVER crossing has been cleared by force moving to road-block S of PAPAGUEYEN.
 - (2) 2d priority to 129 Inf for force moving to DAGUPAN.
 - (10) All personnel will be advised that one of the purposes of the PHILLIPINE CAMPAIGN is to liberate the Filipinos. Every effort will be made to safeguard the lives and property of the Filipino people, compatible with the tactical situation. However, no consorting or loitering with, talking to, or association with natives will be permitted except in line of duty or for intelligence reasons. Enemy agents and spys will be numerous among the civilian populace, in all probability, posing as sympathizers with U.S. forces.
 - (11) No rations or other supplies, clothing or equipment will be given to civilians by soldiers. Our dumps must be guarded against pilfering by civilians as well as guarded from the enemy.

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(12) All civilians who cannot produce guerilla credentials must be disarmed.

(13) All captured enemy dumps or warehouses must be kept under close and immediate guard so that looting by civilians is prevented and essential supplies are not dissipated.

4. See Adm O # 1 to FO # 8, this headquarters.

DP all supplies initially at Bn assembly area.

5. (a) Index #1 to Div SOI, effective 15 December 1944.
Annex # 8, "Signal Communications" (Attached Adm O # 1).
SOP Signal Communications, 15 Oct 1944, 37th Inf Div.

Radio silence will be observed by all elements effective upon embarkation. Silence will be lifted only on order Commander Naval Forces.

(b) CPs:

(1) 637th TD Bn closes BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND at 0900 on 13 Dec 1944, and opens aboard LSM 12 at 0900 on 13 Dec 1944.

(2) On far shore:

637th TD Bn initially N of BINMALEY (see overlay).

Companies: To be reported immediately upon establishment.

(c) CHECK POINTS:

(1) 1/25 000 scale maps will be known as MAP NO 1.

SHEET 3159II SE

A - N end of bridge at BINMALEY (97.39-39.62)

B - Dead end of Rd on W bank of CALMAY RIVER at old ferry crossing W of DAGUPAN (03.85-41.55)

C - RJ on BINMALEY-SAN CARLOS RD directly S of bridge over CALMAY RIVER (99.00-37.50).

SHEET 3259 III SW

D - CR of routes 256 and 261 E of DAGUPAN (05.95-41.70)

E - RJ at ANOLID (11.00-42.55)

F - RJ at BUED (10.05-38.30)

(2) 1/50 000 scale maps will be known as MAP NO 2

SHEET 3159II

A - N end of bridge at BINMALEY (97.37-39.52)

B - Dead end of Rd on W bank of CALMAY RIVER at old ferry crossing W of DAGUPAN (03.85-41.55)

C - RJ on BINMALEY-SAN CARLOS RD directly S of bridge over CALMAY RIVER (99.17-37.45)

SHEET 3259III

D - CR of routes 256 and 261 E of DAGUPAN (05.95-41.70)

E - RJ at ANOLID (11.00-42.55)

F - RJ at BUED (10.05-38.30)

G - RJ NE of SANTA BARBARA (13.80-37.10)

SHEET 3158 I

H - RJ W of PAPAGUEYAN on BINMALEY-SAN CARLOS RD (02.40-33.55)

I - RJ at BULDON (04.10-25.20)

J - RJ S of AGUILAR (93.52-22.30)

K - RJ at BACABAC (91.15-32.85)

SHEET 3258 IV

L - RJ at BULOG on DAGUPAN-SAN CARLOS RD (08.20-34.60)

M - RJ SE of SAN CARLOS (07.70-26.30)

N - RJ at GOMEZ (S of MALASIQUI) (14.90-24.40)

O - RJ extending S from CATABLAN (23.15-33.00)

(d) Axis of Signal Communications: (see overlay)

Watches will be synchronized with ship's time immediately prior to debarkation.

In all communications ashore use Time Zone "Item".