

"A" COMPANY JOURNAL
640th Tank Destroyer Battalion

7 Dec. 44.

Company left area to load on boats at 0900.

1st Platoon loaded on LSM 52 at 1200.

2nd Platoon loaded on LSM 53 at 1400.

8 Dec. 44.

3rd Platoon loaded on LSM 50 at 0830.

Left BORGAN BAY, NEW BRITAIN by water.

9 Dec. 44.

Arrived at MANUS ISLAND, 1700.

14 Dec. 44.

Left MANUS ISLAND at 0800.

18 Dec. 44.

Arrived at HUON GULF at 0600.

20 Dec. 44.

Left HUON GULF at 0800.

22 Dec. 44.

Arrived at MANUS ISLAND at 0830.

27 Dec. 44.

Left MANUS ISLAND at 1200.

9 Jan. 45.

Arrived at LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON, P.I. at 0900.

12 Jan. 45.

Tried to register guns on base point.

Received message from Brunner Easy that we are now under Div. control - FO 3, Par e.

16 Jan. 45.

Message from Battalion - Change to Column "B" and Authentication Chart "B", effective at 1000.

Company left rear bivouac area at LINGAYEN at 1650.

Arrived at forward CP at AGUIAR at 1800

21 Jan. 45.

Company left AGUIAR at 0900.

Company arrived at CAMILING at 1700.

22 Jan. 45.

Company left CAMILING, LUZON, P.I. via motor at 1000.

Company arrived at TIBAG, LUZON, P.I. at 1300.

23 Jan. 45.

Company left TIBAG, LUZON, P.I. at 0700.

Company arrived at DOLORES, P.I. at 1630.

25 Jan. 45.

Company was alerted to move by Bn. Ex. O. at 0900.

Company left DOLORES, LUZON, P.I. at 1000.

Company arrived at CAPAS, LUZON, P.I. at 1100.

CO notified that "A" Co. will work with the 108th Inf. VOCO.

26 Jan. 45.

Company left bivouac area on a combat mission at 1000.

Company returned to bivouac area, unable to fire because of artillery barrage at 1200.

Able Platoon called out for fire mission at 1530. At 1730 Platoon returned from fire mission. Fired on hill west of BAMBAN, LUZON, P.I. Results unknown.

27 Jan. 45.

Company was called out on a fire mission to support 108th Infantry at 0930. At 1730 Company returned from mission. Fired on enemy caves west of BAMBAN. Results unknown.

28 Jan. 45.

Charley Platoon called out on fire mission to support 108th Infantry at 0730.

Able Platoon and one section of Baker Platoon called out on fire mission to support 108th Infantry at 1130. At 1700 both Platoons returned from mission. Fired on enemy caves and hills west of BAMBAN.

29 Jan. 45.

Charley Platoon called on fire mission to support 108th Infantry at 0730. Platoon returned from mission at 1530. Fired on enemy caves in hills west of BAMBAN. Results unknown.

1 Feb. 45.

Company left CAPAS, LUZON, P.I. at 0015. Arrived at PINAGPANAAN, LUZON, P.I. at 1800. Vehicles traveled 59 miles. Company attached to 1st Cavalry Division.

2 Feb. 45.

Company left PINAGPANAAN, LUZON, P.I. at 1300. Arrived at MAYAPIYAP, LUZON, P.I. at 1500. Distance traveled by vehicles 10 miles.

5 Feb. 45.

Company left MAYAPIYAP, LUZON, P.I. at 0930. Arrived at SANTOL at 1700. Distance traveled by vehicles 54 miles.

6 Feb. 45.

Company left SANTOL, LUZON, P.I. at 0930. Arrived at GRACE PARK SUBDIVISION, MANILA, LUZON, P.I. at 1400. Distance traveled by vehicles 30 miles.

7 Feb. 45.

Company left GRACE PARK SUBDIVISION, MANILA, LUZON, P.I. at 1200. Arrived at DILIMAN DISTRICT, MANILA, LUZON, P.I. at 1300. Distance traveled by vehicles 6 miles. Company attached to 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

9 Feb. 45.

Company left DILIMAN DISTRICT, MANILA, LUZON, P.I. at 1600. Arrived at WACK WACK COUNTRY CLUB, MANILA, LUZON, P.I. at 1700. Distance traveled by vehicles 6 miles. Company attached to 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

11 Feb. 45.

2nd Section, 3rd Platoon sent on fire mission. Section returned from mission at 1430. Destroyed enemy OP in vicinity of GUADLUPE, LUZON, P.I.

12 Feb. 45.

One man wounded when he ran knife into his stomach diving into fox-hole while under enemy fire.

13 Feb. 45.

2nd Platoon called out on fire mission at 0730. At 1000 PFC Albert L. McGulley was killed as a result of sniper fire. Platoon returned from fire mission. Fired on enemy caves and gun emplacements. Results unknown.

14 Feb. 45.

1st Platoon called out on fire mission at 0800.
At 1000 2nd and 3rd Platoons called out on fire mission.
At 1600 1st Section of 1st Platoon returned from fire mission. Results - Killed 30 of the enemy.
At 1800 2nd and 3rd Platoons returned from fire mission. Results unknown. Vicinity of GUADLUPE, LUZON, P.I.

15 Feb. 45.

2nd and 3rd Platoons committed to street fighting at 1600. The enemy used Molotov Cocktails and Lunge Mines. None were effective.
At 1800 2nd and 3rd Platoons returned to bivouac area. Results unknown. Vicinity of HARRISON PARK, MAIATE, LUZON, P.I.
1st Platoon killed 25 enemy personnel in vicinity of MARIQUINA AND PASIG RIVER JUNCTION.

17 Feb. 45.

Left WACK WACK COUNTRY CLUB, LUZON, P.I. at 1500. Arrived at MAIATE, LUZON, P.I. at 1600. Distance traveled 7 miles.
At 0900 2nd and 3rd Platoons returned from fire mission vicinity of HARRISON PARK. Results unknown.

19 Feb. 45.

2nd and 3rd Platoons called out on fire mission at 0800.
Sgt. Davidsen killed by enemy sniper fire at 1800. 2 EM slightly wounded as a result of sniper fire.
At 1830 3rd Platoon returned from fire mission. No firing.
2nd Platoon returned from fire mission at 1930. Fired on enemy strong points - results unknown - HIGH COMMISSIONERS HOME, MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

20 Feb. 45.

2nd and 3rd Platoons called out on fire mission at 0800. At 0830 the 1st M-10 in 3rd Platoon hit a land mine injuring fire EM. Platoons returned to bivouac area at 1800. Fired on enemy strong points. Results unknown. HIGH COMMISSIONERS HOME, MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

21 Feb. 45.

2nd and 3rd Platoons called out on fire mission at 0800. At 0900 1st Platoon detached to 2nd Squadron, 12th Cavalry as Division Reserve - in vicinity of ARTESIAN WELLS, MARAQUINA RIVER, LUZON, P.I. At 1800 2nd and 3rd Platoons returned from fire mission. Fired on enemy strong points near ARMY AND NAVY CLUB, MANILA, LUZON, P.I. 8 enemy killed as they were coming out of building. Also building blasted and pill boxes knocked out.

22 Feb. 45.

2nd and 3rd Platoons called out on fire mission at 0800. At 1800 2nd Platoon returned from fire mission. Fired on enemy strong points. Results unknown. MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

At 1830 3rd Platoon returned from fire mission. Fired on enemy strong points. Results unknown. Vicinity of BURNHAM GREEN, MANILA HOTEL, LUZON, P.I.

23 Feb. 45.

2nd and 3rd Platoons called out on fire mission at 0800. At 1800 2nd Platoon returned from mission. Fired on enemy strong points - results unknown. Fired in vicinity of BURNHAM GREEN, MANILA, HOTEL, LUZON, P.I. 3rd Platoon did not return but stayed out.

24 Feb. 45.

Gourley, Robert L., PFC KIA 1900 22 Feb.

4 MM wounded in action as a result of enemy sniper and machine gun fire.

At 0800 2nd Platoon called out on fire mission. 2nd and 3rd Platoons returned from mission at 1800. Fired on enemy strong points. Results unknown. MANILA HOTEL AREA, MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

25 Feb. 45.

2nd platoon called out on fire mission at 0730. 3rd Platoon called out on fire mission at 0800. 3rd Platoon returned from fire mission at 1600. Did not fire. 2nd Platoon returned from mission 1730. Fired on enemy strong points. Results - killed 8 enemy personnel as they were coming over wall of WALL CITY, MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

26 Feb. 45.

2nd Plat. called out on fire mission at 0700. Platoon returned at 1700. Fired on enemy strong points. Results unknown. Vicinity of MANILA HOTEL, MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

27 Feb. 45.

Charley Platoon called out on fire mission at 0630. At 0730 Lt. Thompson set off a booby trap which fractured sinial above right eye and lacerated buttock. Charley Platoon returned from mission at 1530. Fired on enemy strong points. Results unknown. UNIVERSITY OF PHILLIPINES, MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

28 Feb. 45.

Charley Platoon called out on fire mission at 0745. Platoon returned from fire mission at 1300. Fired on enemy strong points - results unknown. MANILA, LUZON, P.I.

2 Mar. 45.

Company left MANILA, LUZON, P.I. at 1000. Arrived WACK WACK COUNTRY CLUB, MANILA, LUZON, P.I. at 1100. Distance traveled by vehicles 7 miles.

8 Mar. 45.

Able Platoon working with 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Baker Platoon working with 12th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

At 1000 Able Platoon received fire mission in vicinity of hill east of BM 11. Results unknown.

9 Mar. 45.

1st Platoon sent on fire mission to support 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at 0700. Fired on enemy caves on hill east of BM 11. Returned 1700. Results unknown.

2nd Platoon in support of 12th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division sent on fire mission at 1400. Fired on enemy strong points in vicinity of LUZON BUS ROAD. Remained in 12th Regiment bivouac area for the night. Results of mission unknown.

10 Mar. 45.

1st Platoon sent on mission at 0700 to support 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Fired on enemy caves on hill east of BM 11. Returned 1500. Results unknown.

2nd Platoon sent on mission with 12th Cavalry Regiment opening up LUZON BUS CO. ROAD. Accomplished opening up 3/4 of the way to ANTIPOLO, LUZON, P.I. Destroyed one 75mm enemy field piece and killed 25 enemy personnel and destroyed two six-inch mortars.

11 Mar. 45.

2nd Platoon aiding progress of 12th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in opening up LUZON BUS CO. ROAD. Fired on enemy pill boxes and strong points. Results - killed 30 enemy personnel.

12 Mar. 45.

1st Platoon in support of 12th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, relieved. 1st Platoon returned to Company area.

2nd Platoon in support of 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, relieved. 2nd Platoon returned to Company bivouac area.