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HEADQUARTERS, 658TH AMPH TRAC BN
APO 715

7 November, 1945

SUBJECT: After-Action Report - W-5 Operation. 13 Apr - 4 July 45

TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343.

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1. Units Engaged.

- a. Assault Echelon: Company "A" (minus one (1) platoon), 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion. Hq & Hq & Sv Co, (-), 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.
- b. Rear Echelon: Detachment Hq & Hq & Sv Co, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

2. Staging Area: Mindoro, P.I.

3. Embarkation Date.

- a. Assault Echelon: 13 April 1945
- b. Rear Echelon : 24 April 1945

4. Landing Operation.

- a. See Field Order No. 3, this Hq, attached hereto.
- b. Enemy resistance: Nil.
- c. Casualties:

- 1) Personnel - None.
- 2) Vehicular - None.

d. Execution of Operation.

- 1) Plan of assault changed at H - 15 hours to GREEN beach, PARANG, Mindanao, P.I. from WHITE and BLUE beaches, BAIABANG, Mindanao, P.I.
- 2) H-Hour: 0900 hours.
- 3) Assault Elements: RCT 19/2, 24th Infantry Division.
Support Elements: RCT 21/1, 24th Infantry Division.
- 4) Landing Formation: No change (See FO #3).

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5) Mission: To move rapidly inland to high ground about 600 yards to main highway. Steep embankment at tractor line stopped all LVT's. Infantry disembarked at this point.

e. Rear echelon debarkation date: 28 April 1945.

f. Bivouac Area: Approximately 100 yards inland from GREEN beach.

5. Subsequent Operations in connection with V-5 Operation.

a. Reconnaissance Mission No. 1.

1) Troops: Five (5) LVT's, 658th Amph Trac Bn.

Elements 24th Rcn Troop.

2) Mission: Reconnaissance of shore line and barriers south to south branch Mindanao River. Mission accomplished.

3) Dates: 17 - 18 April 1945.

4) Enemy encountered: None.

5) Casualties: Personnel - None.

Vehicular - One (1) LVT damaged beyond repair not due to enemy action.

b. Reconnaissance Mission No. 2.

1) Troops: Three (3) LVT's, 658th Amph Trac Bn.

Elements 24th Rcn Troop.

2) Mission: Reconnaissance of shore line and barriers north to Tugapangan. Mission accomplished.

3) Date: 17 April 1945.

4) Enemy encountered: None.

5) Casualties: Personnel - None.

Vehicular - One (1) LVT sunk on coral.

c. Movement of Battalion to COTABATO, Mindanao, P.I.

1) Troops: 658th Amph Trac Bn (-).

One (1) Platoon, 80th Chemical Mortar Co.

2) Date: 20 April 1945.

3) Type of Movement: By LVT via water route.

4) Enemy action: None.

5) Casualties: Personnel - None.

Vehicular - One (1) LVT 4 sunk in Mindanao River. Caused by punctured pontoon. Cargo lost: Three (3) tons of 80 mm. mortar ammunition.

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d. Movement of Battalion from COTABATO to PARANG, Mindanao, P.I.

- 1) Troops: 658th Amph Trac Bn (-).
- 2) Date: 25 May 1945.
- 3) Type of Movement: By LVT via water route.
- 4) Enemy action: None.
- 5) Casualties: None.

e. Service Missions.

1) Missions.

- a) MP Detail, Hq, X Corps.
- b) QM Detail, X Corps QM Dump.
- c) Provisional Truck Company, Hq, X Corps.

2) Inclusive Dates: 10 May to 1 July 1945.

6. Departure Date:

- a. All elements: 2 July 1945 for ILOILO, Panay, P.I.

7. Record of Events.

- a. Attached hereto an extract of record of events for units included in V-5 Operation.

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- Incl #1 - Field Order No. 3.
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Inclosure #2

RECORD OF EVENTS

V-5 Operation

Date	Unit	Events
13 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Bn less Co "B" and one (1) plat, Co "A", loaded aboard LST's 614, 717, 719 and 775 at 1000 hrs for permanent change of station. Anchored in harbor SAN JOSE, MINDORO, P.I.
14 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Convoy left harbor at SAN JOSE, MINDORO, P.I. at 1130 hrs.
17 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Elements of Bn disembarked from LST's 614 and 719 at 0820 hrs. Landed assault elms of RCT 19/2, 24th Inf Div on GREEN beach, PARANG, MINDANAO, P.I. at 0900 hrs encountering no opposition. Elms of Bn atchd 24th Rcn Troop reconnoitered north of PARANG to TUGAPANGAN encountering no opposition. Other elms of Bn atchd 24th Rcn Troop reconnoitered south of PARANG at COLLOC, MARIGABATO POINT, BANISILAN POINT, mouth of Mindanao River, vic of COTABATO and coastal area south to LATANG. No enemy troops observed. Elms of Bn disembarked from LST's 717 and 775 at 1115 hrs and landed trs of RCT 21/1 on GREEN beach at 1200 hrs. Bn bivouaced in vic of PARANG.
18 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Rcn elms continued on mission south of PARANG to LENEK. No enemy trs observed. Returned to bivouac area at 1800 hrs.
19 Apr 45	Hq & Sv Co and Company "A"	LVT's engaged in moving supplies from GREEN beach to Div dumps.
20 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Broke bivouac and moved to COTABATO, MINDANAO, P.I. via water. Arrived 1930 hrs. Cargo carried included one (1) Platoon, 80th Chemical Mortar Co and ammunition. One (1) LVT sunk in Mindanao River. Cargo lost: Three (3) tons 80 mm. mortar ammunition.

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(Incl #2 - Record of Events, V-5 Operation - cont'd)

Date	Unit	Events
21 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Bn assigned security missions of roads and bridges in vic of COTABATO and of city of COTABATO.
22 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Bn relieved of security missions by elms of 31st Inf Div.
27 Apr 45	Hq & Sv Co and Company "A"	Units engaged in unloading supplies at COTABATO, MINDANAO, P.I.
30 Apr 45		
28 Apr 45	Battalion (-)	Rear echelon arrived at PARANG, MINDANAO, P.I. and moved via water to COTABATO, MINDANAO, P.I. Closed in area at 1800 hrs.
5 May 45	Battalion (-)	Bn relieved from attachment to 24th Inf Div per Secret message 4-11, Hq, X Corps.
19 May 45	Battalion (-)	Two (2) sections, 2nd Plat, arrived at PARANG from PALAWAN by LSM.
25 May 45	Battalion (-)	Bn left COTABATO, MINDANAO, P.I. at 1000 hrs via sea for PARANG, MINDANAO, P.I. Arrived and bivouaced 1500 hrs.
27 May 45	Company "A"	2nd Plat (less two (2) sections) arrived at PARANG, MINDANAO, P.I. from PALAWAN by LSM.
2 June 45	Battalion (-)	Operated provisional truck company (twenty-three (23) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Ton 6 x 6) transporting supplies from beach to dump areas.
30 June 45		
1 July 45	Battalion (-)	All personnel on Temp Dy released to Bn control. Bn relieved of provisional truck detail.
2 July 45	Battalion (-)	Bn broke bivouac at 0900 hrs and embarked on LSM's 6, 48, 58, 181, 226, 315 in POLLOC HARBOR, PARANG, MINDANAO, P.I. Departed 1800 hrs for permanent change of station.
4 July 45		Bn relieved attachment X Corps and relieved assignment to Eighth Army and assigned Sixth Army per par 1c Letter Order 6-8 file AG 322 (SU)(FD) Hq, Eighth Army, dtd 14 June 45.

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