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August 22 - 23 - 24, 1991



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WELCOME TO OUR 3rd 658 AMPHIBIOUS BATTALION REUNION

These past three plus years of letter writing and phone calls have paid off handsomely as you can see by our list of current addresses and sadly by our list of deceased comrades. Thanks a million to all of you who have helped locate our comrades.

My satisfaction comes from my personal contact with each person listed - some by phone and some by letters. Best of all those I've seen in person. I now feel that I know you all so much better than I ever did while in the service. It makes all the work involved well worth it.

We have come together this week to renew old acquaintances - live once again old times - relax and enjoy each others friendship.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st Cocktail Party and get together 658 Headquarters. (See bulletin board)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd. Garden Tour - Bus loading 0900 hours in parking lot. Return 1500 hours.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd "658 OPEN" Golf Outing. See bulletin board for times and particulars. Shopping bus will leave as requested. See desk or 658 Hdqtrs.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th. Free day. Shopping, Swimming, Touring area - ASSOCIATION MEETING. See bulletin board for times. BANQUET - 1900 hours COCKTAILS 1800 hours

Display area will be open all days to browse, talk or just relax.

0900 - 1500 1900 - ?

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HELP, INFORMATION, DIRECTIONS, PLEASE CHECK WITH HEADQUARTERS ROOM.

WE WANT YOU ALL TO ENJOY THIS REUNION - SO DO IT - THAT'S AN ORDER!

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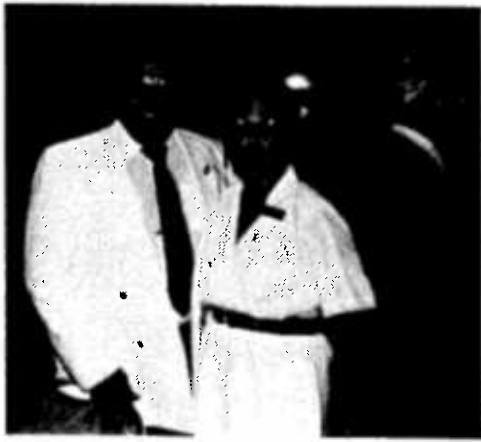
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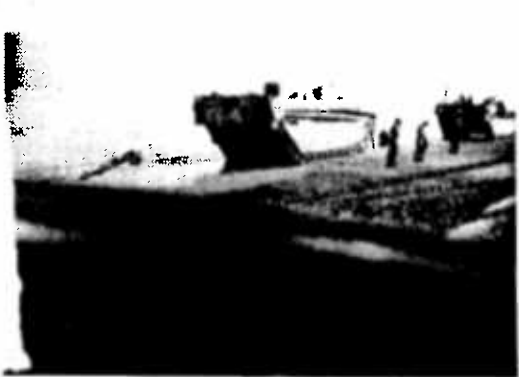
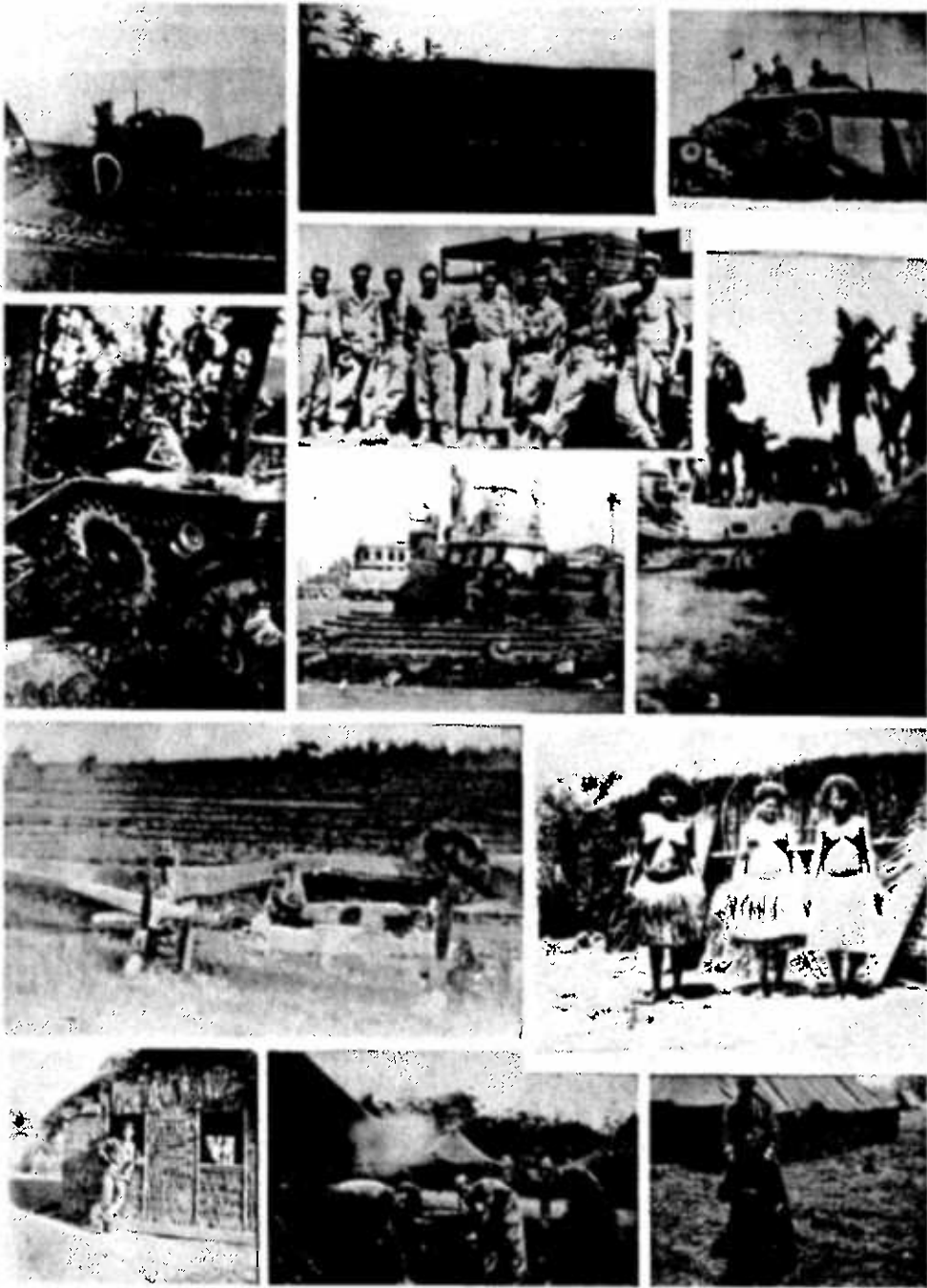
PAUL TAYLOR











Two U.S. Marines rest while amphibious assault vehicles are unloaded Saturday at a Beaufort base. Continued shipments bolster allied forces. Pool photo



"We better stop fillin' in our foxholes when we move up, Willie. Regimental Headquarters has been raisin' the devil."



"Now that ya mention it, it does sound like th' patter of rain on a tin roof."

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658 HISTORY



U.S. ARMY

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To many of you our History is incomplete as many of your personnel experiences are not accounted for but that is due to the lack of communication between your Officers and the Battalion Headquarters.

Part of "B" companys activities are blank while they were on special assignment with other Divisions.

I will try to put together the segments you send me and will try to verify them and print them .

I know for a fact of many things that have happened that certainly should be a part of our history so please send me some of your personnel experiences and about the date they took place. I know MAX WALTER and STAN MARUT have somethings to tell that would make your hair stand up if you have any.

I can tell you of the HEADHUNTERS encountered on some of the lesser Islands and the time RON COOK and HAROLD BOSTEN went swimming when thier tractor decided to try to run on the bottom of a bay.

We have many of this kind of stories so send them in to me and lets see what happens.

Some of the names to remember are BOUGAINVILLE, MUNDA, NEW GUINEA, NEW BRITAIN, ADMIRALTIES, LUZON, MINDORA-SAN JOSE, MINDANAO-ZAMBOANGA,, SANGA SANGA. BONGAO, JOLO JOLO, PANAY and LEYTE-TACLOBEN AS STARTERS.

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HEADQUARTERS
658TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
CAMP BOWIE, TEXAS

10 April 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 1)

1. Activation of 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.--In compliance with paragraph III, General Orders Number 13, Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, dated March 25, 1943, the activation of the 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion as of 0001, April 10, 1943, with station at Camp Bowie, Texas, and its assignment to the Tank Destroyer Basic Unit Training Center, is announced.
2. Assumption of command.--Under the provisions of paragraph 4, AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
3. Appointment of Staff.--The following appointments to the staff, this headquarters, are announced:
 - a. Executive officer-- Captain WILLIAM O. WYATT, 0303275, Cav., 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
 - b. Adjutant (S-1)--Captain DONALD S. MCGOWAN, 0364471, Cav., 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
 - c. Intelligence officer (S-2)--Captain ALBERT H. NOSUR, 0264243, FA, 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
 - d. Plans and training officer (S-3)--Captain THOMAS S. LEITCH, 0341325, FA, 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
 - e. Supply officer (S-4)--Captain CHARLES F. ATWELL, 0397206, FA, 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

/s/ HAROLD C. BROWNELL
/t/ HAROLD C. BROWNELL
Major, FA
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
658th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
CAMP BOWIE TEXAS

BATTALION HISTORY

APRIL 1943

- 10 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: ACTIVATION per General Order #13, Headquarters, Tank Destroyer Center, Camp Hood, Texas, dated 25 March 1943. Commanding Officer: Harold C. Brownell, Major, Field Artillery. STRENGTH: thirty six (36) Officers; twenty (20) Officers attached. One hundred and forty one (141) Enlisted Men assigned as Cadre. GROUP: 17th Tank Destroyer Group. COMMANDING OFFICER: Henry B Margeson, Lt. Colonel, Field Artillery.
- 11 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Received two hundred and ninety filler replacements from Reception Center, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, per paragraph #9, Special Order #83, Headquarters, Fort Sheridan, IL.
- 12 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Received three hundred and forty six (346) filler replacements from Reception Center, Fort Custer, MI, per paragraph #14, Special Order #85, Fort Custer, Michigan.
- 13 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Thirty five (35) Enlisted Men attached to Battalion Cadre from 605th Tank Destroyer Battalion to activate 667th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Total strength of Cadre attached: Thirty five (35) Enlisted Men.
- 14 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion Commander gave an introductory and welcoming lecture to the Officers and Enlisted Men of the Battalion.
- 21 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Lt1 Colonel HENRY B. MARGESON, relieved of 17th Tank Destroyer Group. COLONEL IRA BLACK assumes command.
- 23 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Thirty (30) Enlisted Men attached to Battalion to activate 667th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Strength of attached Cadre: Sixty five (65) Enlisted Men.
- 24 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion held a fire drill at 1600 hours, manner of performance: Very good.
- 30 April 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion Strength: Thirty Six (36) Officers assigned, twenty (20) Officers attached. Eight hundred and fifty nine (859) Enlisted Men. Net increase: Seven hundred and eighteen (718) Enlisted Men.
- 5 May 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion went on a three day bivouac in the training area. Left Battalion area, Camp Bowie, at 1840 hours and arrived at bivouac area at 2030 hour. Distance marched: Five (5) miles. Weather: Warm. Morale: Excellent.
- 6-7 May 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion .22 Calibre Rifle, practice firing.
- 8 May 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion returned to Battalion area in Camp Bowie from Bivouac area. Left at 0430 hours and arrived in garrison at 0620 hours. Distance marched: Five (5) miles. Weather: cloudy. Morale: Excellent.

- 10 May 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion fired .30 Calibre Rifle, practice and record course.
- 15 May 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion moved out of Cantonment area and moved into bivouac area at Camp Bowie, Texas to await movement order to North Camp Hood, Texas. Left Cantonment area at 0720 hours and arrived in bivouac area at 0800 hours. Distance traveled: Two and five-tenth (2.5) miles. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.
- 16 May 1943 Camp Bowie, Texas: Battalion moved from bivouac area at Camp Bowie Texas, and marched by motor convoy to bivouac area at North Camp Hood, Texas. Left Camp Bowie, Texas at 0812 hours and arrived at North Camp Hood, Texas at 1313 hours. Distance travelled: ninety two (92) miles. Roads: Good. Weather: Cloudy. Morale: Excellent.
- 25 May 1943 North Camp Hood, Texas: Twenty (20) Officers relieved attachment and reported to Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center.
- 31 May 1943 North Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion left bivouac area at 1835 hours and moved into Cantonment area at North Camp Hood at 1855 hours. Distance travelled: Two (2) miles by motor convoy. Roads: Fair. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent. Strength: Thirty six (36) Officers, seven hundred and eighty three (783) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Twenty (20) attached Officers, sixty six (66) Enlisted Men.
- 3-8 June 1943 North Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion fired .30 Calibre Machine Gun for practice and record.
- 18 June 1943 North Camp Hood, Texas: Colonel IRA BLACK relieved of command of 17th Tank Destroyer Group. Lt. Colonel QUIKLEY assumed command.
- 21-23 June 1943 North Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion fired .50 Calibre Machine Gun in practice firing.
- 28 June 1943 North Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion moved from Cantonment area at North Camp Hood to bivouac area at 1530 hours by motor convoy. Distance: Three (3) miles. Roads: Fair. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.
- 30 June 1943 North Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion moved from bivouac area at North Camp Hood, Texas at 0845 hours by motor convoy to Camp Hood, Texas. Arrived at 0945. Distance travelled: Twenty (20) Miles. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent. Strength: Thirty six (36) Officers, One (1) Warrant Officer, and seven hundred and forty five (745) Enlisted Men. Increase: One (1) Warrant Officer. Decrease: Thirty eight (38) Enlisted Men.
- 3 July 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Eleven (11) Officers assigned to the Battalion. Joined Battalion at 1100 hours.
- 8 July 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Captain ALPIN relieved of assignment on 26 June 1943. Capt. ALFORD joined Battalion to replace Capt. ALPIN as Battalion Surgeon on 2 July 1943. Capt. ALFORD, Battalion Surgeon transferred from this Battalion on 8 July 1943. Battalion without a Battalion Surgeon.

17 July 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Twenty three (23) Enlisted Men of the Battalion received Good Conduct Medals per Special Order #37, Headquarters, 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

31 July 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Forty seven (47) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, eight hundred and twenty four (824) Enlisted Men. Increase: Eleven (11) Officers, seventy six (76) Enlisted Men.

11 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Company "C" fired .22 Calibre submount practice on Pilot Knob 1000 inch Anti-Tank Range. Private KOCH - ASN 36591495, was accidentally shot through the left wrist and was taken to the Station Hospital, Camp Hood, Texas. Accident occurred at 1225 hours. Co. "A" fired .30 Calibre Machine Guns at Surprise Targets on Brown Creek Range Number 2.

16 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Co. "A" fired .45 Calibre Thompson Submachine Gun. Co. "A" also fired .30 Calibre Machine Gun in night firing.

17 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Co. "A" fired .50 Calibre Machine Gun at Moving Targets. Percentage of hits for Company: Thirty Four Percent (34%)

18 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Headquarters Company fired .50 Calibre Machine Gun in Field Firing and .30 Calibre Machine Gun in Night Firing.

25 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Co. "A" fired the .300 Calibre and the .50 Calibre Machine Guns on Anti-Aircraft Range. Headquarters Company fired .50 Calibre Machine Gun on Jack's Mountain Gas Car Range.

26 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Headquarters Company fired .30 Calibre and .50 Calibre Machine Guns on Sugar Loaf Mount Anti-Aircraft Range.

27 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Company "A" fired .50 Calibre Machine Gun using Ground Mounts at Jack's Mountain Moving Target Range.

30 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Gun crews fired .50 Calibre submount on the M-10 Tank Destroyers.

31 Aug. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Company "A" gun crews fired the Three Inch Guns at Tama Moving Target Range Number 2. Gun crews fired .30 Calibre Machine Gun submounts on Three Inch Gun on M-10 Destroyers. Strength: Forty seven (47) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, seven hundred and twenty (720) Enlisted Men. Decrease: One Hundred and four (104) Enlisted Men.

4 Sept. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Company "A" gun crews fired the Three Inch using Armour piercing Ammunition at Tama Moving Target Range.

5 Sept. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion left Cantonment area at 1630 hours, arrived at Battle Conditioning Course Number 3 at 1710 hours. Movement made by motor convoy. Roads: Good. Morale: Excellent.

6-10 Sept. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion participated in Battle Conditioning Training at Battle Conditioning Course Number 3.

11 Sept. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion left Battle Conditioning Course Number 3 at 1300 hours for Cantonment area on foot. Distance: Six (6) miles. Weather: Warm. Morale: Excellent.

20 Sept. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started eight week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

30 Sept. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Forty seven Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, seven hundred and seventeen (717) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Three (3) Enlisted Men.

10 Oct. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion relieved of assignment to the 17th Tank Destroyer Group and assigned to the 21st Tank Destroyer Group. COMMANDING OFFICER 21st Tank Destroyer Group: Colonel SILLIMAN.

12 Oct. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion underwent inspection of Inspector General. Results: Excellent.

18 Oct. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 12th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

19 Oct. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion participated in Camouflage and demolitions demonstration. Weather: Cloudy.

25 Oct. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 13th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

31 Oct. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Forty six (46) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and sixty seven (667) Enlisted Men. Decrease: One (1) Officer, fifty (50) Enlisted Men.

3 November 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Private EUGENE L. STONE, 36592328, was killed by explosion of eighty five (85) pounds of forty percent (40%) TNT at 1155 hours, 3 November 1943 at Egypt Hollow, Camp Hood, Texas. Private First Class SAMUEL J. BOWLSBT, 36591287 was killed by explosion of eighty five pounds of forty percent (40%) TNT at 1155 hours, 3 November 1943 at Egypt Hollow, Camp Hood, Texas.

8 Nov. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 15th week of Tank Destroyer Unit training Center Training Program.

15 Nov. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 16th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

22 Nov. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 17th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

29 Nov. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 18th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

30 Nov. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Fifty (50) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and fifty six (656) Enlisted Men. Increase: Four (4) Officers. Decrease: Eleven (11) Enlisted Men.

3 Dec. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion granted fourteen (14) day furloughs for fifteen percent (15%) of Enlisted Men.

13 Dec. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 20th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

25 Dec. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Each Company of Battalion held Christmas Party in Company Day Rooms. Weather: Rainy. Morale: Excellent.

30 Dec. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started three day refresher course in Battle Conditioning at Battle Conditioning Course Number 2, Camp Hood, Texas.

31 Dec. 1943 Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Fifty two (52) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and five (605) Enlisted Men. Increase: Two (2) Officers. Decrease: Fifty one (51) Enlisted Men.

5 Jan. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: All Companies fired .30 Calibre Carbine on Gatesville Range.

10 Jan. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 24th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

17 Jan. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 25th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

24 Jan. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 26th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

31 January 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Technician Fifth Grade EUGENE L. LINSEMAN, 36592019, absent sick (LD) Station Hospital, Camp Hood, Texas to death at 0655 hours. Strength: Fifty one (51) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, five hundred and ninety four (594) Enlisted Men. Decrease: One (1) Officer, Eleven (11) Enlisted Men.

2 Feb. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion inspected by Major General HESTER, Commanding General, Tank Destroyer Center.

7 Feb. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 28th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

10 Feb. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion relieved of assignment to 21st Tank Destroyer Group and assigned to 23rd Tank Destroyer Group. COMMANDING OFFICER: Colonel SARGENT.

14 Feb. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 29th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

21 Feb. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion started 30th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

29 Feb. 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Forty six (46) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and one (601) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Five (5) Officers. Increase: Seven (7) Enlisted Men.

13 March 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion participated in 33rd week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Center Training Program.

17 March 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion watched Air Bombing Demonstration by P-39s, P-40s, A-20s, B-25s. Morale: Excellent.

25 March 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion participated in 35th week of Tank Destroyer Unit Training Program.

31 March 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Strength: Forty eight (48) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and eight (608) Enlisted Men. Increase: Two (2) Officers, seven (7) Enlisted Men.

3 April 1944 Camp Hood, Texas: Battalion arrived at entraining point for permanent change of station to Ford Ord, California. Departed Camp Hood, Texas at 1200 hours. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

6 April 1944 Fort Ord, Ca.: Battalion arrived at Fort Ord at 0730 hours. Weather: Clear. Morale: Excellent.

7 April 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion assigned to 13th Armored Group for land training in Amphibious Operations.

10 April 1944: Fort Ord, CA: Battalion celebrated first anniversary of ACTIVATION.

12 April 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion held Formal Retreat Parade. Troops were reviewed by Lt. Colonel Brownell, Battalion Commander.

15 April 1944 Fort Ord, AC: 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion converted to 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, per General Order #1, Headquarters, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, dated 15 April 1944. Strength: Fifty (50) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, six hundred and seven (607) Enlisted men. Increase: Two (2) officers. Decrease One (1) Enlisted Man.

15 April 1944

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 1

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AG 322 (23 March 44) O-B-I-GNGCT-M, War Department dated 28 March 1944 this battalion is hereby converted to 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion effective this date.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AG 322 (23 March 44) O-B-I-GNGCT-M, War Department dated 28 March 1944 Reconnaissance Company of this Battalion is hereby disbanded. Personnel and equipment will be disposed of as directed by this Headquarters.

By order of Lt. Col. BROWNELL:

DAVID W. INGRAM
Capt., FA
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/David W. Ingram
/t/David W. Ingram
Captain, FA Adjutant

- 15 April 1944 Fort Ord, CA: CONVERSION: Pursuant to authority contained in Letter, File: AG# (23 MARCH 44) O-B-I-BNGCT-N, War Department, dated 28 March 1944, the 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion is hereby converted to the 658 Amphibian Tractor Battalion, with permanent station at Fort Ord, CA. DEACTIVATION: Pursuant to authority contained in Letter, File: AG322 (23 Mar 44) O-B-I-BNGCT-N, War Department, dated 28 March 1944, Reconnaissance Company of this Battalion is disbanded.
- 27 April 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Lt. General McNair inspected the Battalion in training.
- 30 April 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Strength: Forth three (43) Officers, five hundred and thirteen (513) Enlisted Men.
- 9 May 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Officers and Enlisted Men of the Battalion threw live Hand Grenades on the Hand Grenade Course.
- 10 May 1944 Ford Ord, CA: Officers and Enlisted men of the Battalion went through Chlorine Gas Chamber and the Night Infiltration Course.
- 16 May 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion moved to the new area from Block #253 to Block #55. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.
- 25 May 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion participated in Basic Medical Test. Rating: Very Satisfactory.
- 31 May 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Strength: Forty five (45) Officers, five hundred and twenty two (522) Enlisted Men. Increase: Two (2) Officers, nine (9) Enlisted Men.

9 June 1944

General Order
Number 2

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, Subject, "Re-organization of Units Under New Tables of Organization" and T/O & E 17-125, T/O & E 17-126 and T/O & E 17-127 Company "C" of this Battalion is hereby deactivated effective this date.
2. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, Subject, "Re-organization of Units Under New Tables of Organization" this Battalion and Medical Detachment is hereby reorganized under T/O & E 17-126 effective this date.
3. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, Subject, Re-organization of Units Under New Tables of Organization" Headquarters and Service Company of this Battalion is hereby reorganized under T/O & E 17-126 effective this date.
4. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, Subject, "Re-organization of Units Under New Tables of Organization Companies "A" and "B" of this Battalion are hereby reorganized under T/O & E 17-127 effective this date.

By order of Lt. Col. BROWNELL:

EDWARD D. MILLER
2nd Lt. AUS, Adjutant

OFFICIAL: Edward D. Miller, 2nd Lt., AUS Adjutant

- 2 June 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion participated in Army Ground Forces Physical Fitness Tests. Battalion percentage: Ninety two percent (92%). Weather: Fair: Morale: Excellent.
- 9 June 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, Subject: "Reorganization of Units Under New Tables of Organization" and T/O & E 17-125, T/O & E 17-126 and T/O & E E-127 Company "C" of this Battalion is hereby de-activated effective this date. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, Subject: "Reorganization of Units Under New Tables of Organizations" this Battalion and Medical Detachment is hereby reorganized under T/O & E 17-125 effective this date. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, "Reorganization of Units Under New Tables of Organization" Headquarters and Service Company of this Battalion is hereby reorganized under T/O & E 17-126 effective this date. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter File AGF 320.3/36 (R) (11 October 1943) GNGCT dated 11 October 1943, Subject: "Reorganization of Units Under New Tables of Organization" Companies "A" and "B" of this Battalion are hereby reorganized under T/O & E 17-127 effective this date.
- 19 June 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion relieved of assignment to 13th Armored Group and assigned to 18th Armored Group per Telegram, Headquarters III Corps. COMMANDING OFFICER 18th Armored Group: Colonel WILLIAM S. TRIPLETT.
- 26 June 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion participated in Second Week of Sea Training.
- 30 June 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Strength Forty five (45) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, five hundred and twenty nine (529) Enlisted Men. Increase: One (1) Warrant Officer, seven (7) Enlisted Men.

31 July 1944

GENERAL ORDER #3

1. Assumption of Command: Under the provisions of paragraph 4, Army Regulations 600-20 the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

/s/ FRED A RATHKE
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE
Major, Cav. Commanding

- 4 July 1944 Ford Ord, CA: Battalion participated in Amphibian Parade with 18th Armored Group.
- 10 July 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion moved from East Garrison, Fort Ord to new area in Main Garrison, Fort Ord. Weather: Warm. Morale: Excellent.
- 20 July 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion participated in usual Garrison duties.

30 July 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Major FRED A. RATHKE, O-273410 assumes command of Battalion per General Order Number 3, this Headquarters. Strength: Forth three (43) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, five hundred and fifty eight (558) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Two (2) Officers. Increase: One (1) Warrant Officer, twenty nine (29) Enlisted Men.

2 Aug. 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion received Movement Orders from War Department, Washington, D. C. WD 370.5 (1 August 1944) OBSEM to be prepared to move to San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

10 Aug, 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Usual Garrison duties plus preparation for overseas movement.

20 Aug. 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Usual Garrison duties plus preparation for overseas movement.

31 Aug. 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Strength: Twenty (20) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers Four hundred and eighty (480) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Twenty three (23) Officers, eighty (80) Enlisted Men.

7 Sept. 1944 Fort Ord, CA: Battalion left Fort Ord at 1020 hours and arrived at Camp Stoneman, Pittsburgh, California at 1720 hours. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

21 Sept. 1944 Camp Stoneman, CA: Battalion completed Staging Area processing. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

22 Sept. 1944 Camp Stoneman, CA: Battalion departed from Camp Stoneman, CA. at 1330 hours and boarded S. S. Catalina 1430 hours for San Francisco Port of Embarkation. Arrived San Francisco Port of Embarkation at 1830 hours. Boarded United States Army Transport Mormacsea at 1830 hours. Morale: Excellent. Conduct of Troops: Superior.

23 Sept. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Left San Francisco Port of Embarkation at 0630 hours enroute overseas. Weather: Fair. Sea: Rough. Morale: Excellent.

24-29 Sept. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Usual ship board duties. Weather: Warm. Sea; Calm. Morale: Excellent.

30 Sept. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Strength Nineteen (19) Officers, one (1) Warrant Officer, four hundred and seventy nine (479) Enlisted Men. One (1) Officer, One (1) Warrant Officer and one (1) Enlisted Man on Detached Service at San Francisco Port of Embarkation. Weather: Warm. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

2 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Usual ship board duties. Battalion crossed Equator at 1300 hour. Officers and Enlisted Men participated in appropriate ceremonies. Weather: Warm. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

5 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Usual ship board duties, one day lost due to crossing of International Date Line.

9 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Anchored at Empress of Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island. Weather: Fair. Morale: Excellent.

13 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Left Island of Bougainville at 1330 hours. Weather: Warm. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

14 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Anchored off of Munda Air Strip, New Georgia Islands at 0800 hours.

15 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Left New Georgia Islands at 1500 hours. Weather: Warm. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

17 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Anchored at Finschhaven, New Guinea at 0600 hours.

18 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Debarked from ship at 1800 hours and moved to Camp Madison, Finschhaven, New Guinea by Motor Convoy. Battalion set up usual camp sit. Weather: Rainy. Morale: Excellent.

26 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Departed Camp Madison at 2 100 hours and reboarded U.S.A.T. Mormacsea. Weather: Cool and stormy. Morale: Good.

27 Oct. 1944 Aboard U.S.A.T. Mormacsea: Left Finschhaven, New Guinea at 0800 hours enroute to Cape Gloucester, New Britain. Weather: Warm. Morale: Excellent.

28 Oct. 1944 Cape Gloucester, New Britain: Debarked from U.S.A.T. Mormacsea at 1100 hours. Moved to bivouac area by motor convoy.

31 Oct. 1944 Cape Gloucester, New Britain Battalion attached to 40th Infantry Division, XIV Corps, 8th Army. Strength: Twenty (20) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and seventy seven (477) Enlisted Men. Increase: One (1) Officer, one (1) Warrant Officer. Decrease: Two (2) Enlisted men.

1-10 Nov. 1944 Cape Gloucester, New Britain: Usual camp duties. Battalion APO 17074 changed to APO 40.

17 Nov. 1944 Cape Gloucester, New Britain: 1st Lt. CARL B. BOOTH, o-435935, Battalion Surgeon promoted to the rank of Captain per paragraph number 16, Special Order Number 221, War Department. Date of Rank: 14 Sept. 1944.

23 Nov. 1944 Cape Gloucester, New Britain: Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by company messes. Weather: Hot. Morale: Excellent.

30 Nov. 1944 Cape Gloucester, New Britain: Strength: Twenty (20) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and seventy eight (478) enlisted men. Increase: One (1) enlisted man.

7 Dec. 1944 Cape Gloucester, New Britain: Battalion embarked at 1730 hours on LST numbers 267, 272, 1013, 610 and LSD number 6. Destination unknown, permanent change of station. Authority: Field Order Number 1. Headquarters, 40th Infantry Division. Weather: Stormy. Sea: Rough. Morale: Excellent.

9 Dec. 1944 Manus Island, Admiralty Group: Battalion anchored off Manus Island at 1500 hours. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

14 Dec. 1944 Departed Manus Island at 0700 hours.

18 Dec. 1944 Huen Gulf, New Guinea: Arrived Huen Gulf at 0630 hours for practice landings. Weather: Warm and clear. Morale: Excellent.

25 Dec. 1944 Manus Island, Admiralty Group: Christmas Day. Church Services held aboard ship. Usual Army Christmas Dinner. Weather: Warm. Morale: Excellent.

27 Dec. 1944 Aboard LSTs: Departed Manus Island at 1530 hours. Weather: Clear. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

31 Dec. 1944 Aboard LSTs: Strength: Twenty (2) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and eighty (480) Enlisted Men. Increase: Two (2) Enlisted men.

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. Landed at 0930 hours. Company "B" with 185th Regimental Combat Team Landing on Orange Beach at 0930 hours, advanced inland to 40th Infantry Division line of Defense. Casualties: Sergeant ELMER R. HALLEN, 36655281, wounded in action.

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

11 Jan. 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 Jan. 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 Jan. 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 MIZELLE, 13033334, headquarters and service company, crushed his right foot while working on an Amphibian Tractor. Morale of Troops: Excellent.

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

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

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

31 Jan. 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.

23 January 1945

Subject: Commendation

To: Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the officers and men of Company B, until recently attached to this organization, for their very fine cooperation prior to and during the days following our successful landing.

While there was practically no resistance initially, Captain Ladd and all men under his command willingly joined in and worked expeditiously to accomplish their mission.

The officers and men of this company conducted themselves in a soldierly manner at all times, and reflect fine training, organization and discipline.

May I wish you and Company B further success in future operations. I hope I may again have the pleasure of their attachment to this Combat Team.

/s/ JOHN B. MALONEY
/t/ JOHN B. MALONEY
Colonel, 185th Inf.,
Commanding.

1st. Ind.

HEADQUARTERS. 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 70, 29 January 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Company "B" 658th Amph. Trac. Bn.

I am proud to forward this commendation to the officers and men of your company.

I desire to add my appreciation to your excellent work. A job well done.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE
Major, Cavalry, Commanding

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

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

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

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

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

25 Feb. 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 Feb. 1945. Attached to 41st Infantry Division.

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

28 Feb. 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.

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 Mindoro Harbor, Mindoro, Philippine Islands.

6 March 1945 San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Company "B" broke bivouac and moved to load on LSTs for further operation. Company "A" less second platoon left Mindoro 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 Feb. 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 38591812, 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. Sergeant ELMER R. HALLEN 36655281 wounded in action.

13 March 1945 San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands: Battalion less Companies "A" & "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 Leyta, 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 0600 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, Philippine Islands at 0905 hours. Casualties: None.
- 18 March 1945 Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon relieved of attachment to 41st Infantry Division per VCG, 8th Army. Embarked on LSTs Numbers 743, 578, and 584 for further operations. Anchored off Zamboanga.
- 20 March 1945 Tigbauan, Panay, Philippine Islands: Company "A" less second platoon moved from bivouac area at Tigbauan and moved into bivouac at Arevalo, Panay, Philippine Islands, at 1400 hours.
- 20 March 1945 Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon departed anchorage off Zamboanga at 1100 hours for further operations.
- 22 March 1945 Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion overseas six (6) months. Officers and Enlisted Men authorized to wear one overseas bar per War Department Circular number 268, 1944.
- 22 March 1945 Dulag, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon arrived off Dulag, Leyte at 2330 hours. Attached to Americal Division for further operations per VCG, Commanding General 8th Army. Embarked on LSTs numbers 1035, 941, and 597 at 2330 hours. Anchored off Dulag, Leyte. Weather: Rainy. Conduct and Morale of troops: Excellent.
- 23 March 1945 Dulag, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon departed anchorage off Dulag, Leyte at 0150 hours for practice landings at Hinunangan Bay, Leyte. Arrived at Hinunangan Bay Leyte at 1700 hours. Weather: Rainy. Sea: Choppy. Morale: Very Good.
- 24 March 1945 Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands: Battalion Headquarters & Service Company to move to Mindoro, Philippine Islands by first available shipping. Urgently needed for further operations. TWX, Commanding General 8th Army.
- 24 March 1945 Hinunangan Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first platoon departed anchorage, Hinunangan Bay at 1710 hours for further operations. Weather: Rainy. Sea: Choppy; Morale: Excellent.
- 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 ZURYNETZ, 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 Cault,
- 27 March 1945 Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands: Company "B" less first Platoon landed Assault Troops of Company "B" 132nd Infantry on Cault, 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 & 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 & Service Company left Zamboanga at 1800 hours for permanent change of station per Secret TWX, 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: Non. Morale: Excellent.
- 28 March 1945 Arebello, 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. Transported troop 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.

Headquarters US Forces
APO 705
Special Service Office

11 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Commanding Officer, 658th Amphian Tractor.
(Attention:) Lt. Salus)

1. Commend detail of 14 EM in charge of Sgt. Traylor, for their prompt, cheerful, and accurate work in unloading beer ration for the troops in this area, under trying conditions.

2. Sgt. Traylor's detail was on duty from 2030, 10 March 1945 until 0650, 11 March 1945, during their tour no cases and no cans of beer were lost, either through carelessness or pilferage. In a difficult and tempting job, the discipline was exemplary.

3. Also wish to commend the men assigned to police duty on the Ducks used in the unloading. Their work insured the fair distribution of the beer to all troops.

/s/ DAVID N. BRADSHAW
/t/ DAVID N. BRADSHAW
Capt., Inf.
SSO

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HEADQUARTERS 41st INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 41

18 March 1945

AG 201.22

Subject: Commendation

TO: Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 717

1. It is my desire to commend the officers and men of your battalion who worked with the Division during the landing at Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I., on 10 and 11 March 1945.

2. The aggressive spirit and fine cooperation displayed by your officers and men gave material assistance to the Division in the successful accomplishment of its missions. Their work has left the officers and men of this Division with a high regard for the combat spirit and efficiency of your organization.

/s/ JENS A. DOE
/t/ JENS A. DOE
Major General, U.S. Army,
Commanding

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

1 April 1945 Macatul, Negros, P.I.: Company "A" less second platoon left bivouac area at Macatul and embarked on LST number 934 at Bacoloc, 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, P.I. at 1030 hours.

2 April 1945 Sanga Sanga, P.I.: 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, P.I. and anchored in harbor at 0700 hours.

4 April 1945 San Jose, Mindoro, P.I.: Following letter was received from Captain LADD, commanding officer, Company "B". Subject: Letter from Captain LADD, Company "B" Commander.

E X T R A C T

In our landing at Talisay, Cebu, P.I. 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 woodenslabs on loose snad, which made them difficult to observe. Farther inland 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 track 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 neggerhead 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-battle 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"

EXTRACT

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, P.I.: 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, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon, Company "A" had annual Inspector General's inspection.
- 6 April 1945 Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I.: 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, P.I.: First platoon Company "B" embarked on LST number 459 for further operations at 1000 hours.
- 9 April 1945 Jolo Island, P.I.: First platoon Company "B" disembarked from LST number 459 and landed Assault Troops of the 41st Infantry Division on Jolo Island at 0925 hours. No enemy resistance encountered. Set up bivouac area.
- 10 April 1945 San Jose, Mindoro, P.I.: 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 Jolo Island, P.I.: First platoon Company "B" embarked on LSMs numbers 39, 40 and 42 for return to Zamboanga, Mindanao.
- 12 April 1945 Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I.: First Platoon Company "B" disembarked from LSMs and set up bivouac area.
- 13 April 1945 San Jose, Mindoro, P.I.: 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, P.I. at 1130 hours for further operations
- 17 April 1945 Parang, Mindanao, P.I.: 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 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 Sinjay River, north branch of Mindanao River to 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, P.I.: 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 Linck, 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, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon embarked on LSMs at 2000 hours. Conduct and Morale of Troops: Excellent.
- 20 April 1945 Cebu, Cebu, P.I.: 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 Davao 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, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" engaged in security of roads, bridges and city in the Cotabato area.
- 22 April 1945 Cotabato, Mindanao, P.I.: 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, P.I.: 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, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" engaged in unloading supplies at Cotabato.
- 30 April 1945 Cotabato, Mindanao, P.I.: 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.

HEADQUARTERS 185th INFANTRY
APO #40

6 April 1945

Subject: Commendation

TO: Commanding Officer, 658th Amphibian Tractor Bn., APO #717

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the officers and men of Company A, until recently attached to this organization, for their very fine cooperation prior to and during the days following our successful landings on the Islands of Panay and Negros, P.I.

At all times, and without hesitation, Captain Ward and all men under his command willingly joined in and worked expeditiously to accomplish their mission. Their work was a definite determining factor in the rapid advance of our troops.

The officers and men of this company conducted themselves in a soldierly manner at all times, and reflect fine training, organization and discipline.

May I wish you and Company A further success in future operations. I hope I may again have the pleasure of their attachment to this Combat Team.

/s/ JOHN B. MALONEY
/t/ JOHN B. MALONEY
Colonel, 185th Inf.,
Commanding

1st. Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 658th Amph. Trac. Bn., APO #72, 16 April 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, Company A, 658th Amph Trac Bn.

1. It is with great pleasure that I forward this commendation to the officers and men of your command.

2. Your devotion to duties is highly commendable.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

1 May 1945 Cebu, Cebu, P.I.: 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, P.I.: 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 VDCG, Commanding General, 8th Army

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

7 May 1945 Ormoc, Leyte, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon broke bivouac and embarked on LSTs numbers 592 and 933 at 1030 hours for further operation. Anchored in Ormoc Bay, Leyte, P.I.

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

10 May 1945 Agusan, Mindanao, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon landed Assault Troops of the 108th Regimental Combat Team, 40th Infantry 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, P.I.: Second Platoon Company "A" relieved of duty with 532nd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment.

25 May 1945 Puerto Princessa, Palawan, P.I.: Second Platoon Company "A" embarked on LSMs to return to Company control. Departed 1200 hours.

25 May 1945 Parang, Mindanao, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" and second platoon Company "A" left bivouac area at Cotabato, Mindanao at 0600 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, P.I.: Second platoon Company "A" disembarked from LSMs at Parang, Mindanao at 1200 hours. Returned to control of Company "A" and battalion.

31 May 1945 Parang, Mindanao, P.I.: 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.

3 June 1945 Maluka, Mindanao, P.I.: 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, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Corporal RUSSEL H. ANDERSON, 37584618, Company "A", seriously injured as a result of accidental .45 Calibre gunshot wound in left side.

16 June 1945 Parang, Mindanao, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" attended funeral services for Corp. 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, P.I.

21 June 1945 Parang, Mindanao, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" attended formation at 1300 hours for presentation of Soldiers Medal to Technical Sgt. HARRY W. LESTER, 35384825, Headquarters & Service Company, for heroism at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. 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, P.I.: 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, P.I.: First Platoon Company "B" disembarked from LSMs sy 1200 hours and moved to bivouac area at Iloilo, Panay.

27 June 1945 Agusan, Mindanao, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon departed Agusan, Mindanao at 1200 hours. Weather: Clear. Sea: Calm.

29 June 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Battalion Strength: Twenty two (22) officers. Two (2) Warrant Officers, four hundred and thirty six (456) Enlisted Men. Increase: Three (3) Officers. Decrease: Twelve (12) Enlisted Men.

1 July 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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, P.I.: 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, D-348278; 1st Lt. EUGENE J. GARIBALDI, D-1300633; Master Sgt. RAYMOND J. KLINE, 20347074; First Sgt. PAUL C. TAYLOR, 33036429; Technical Sgt. CHARLES M. BECKWITH, 19044332; Sgt. LESTER L. BROWN, 6656078; Technician Fifth Grade HERRY C. DE POYSTER, 20366944; Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAM E. FLICKENGER, 33036603; Technician Fifth Grade DAVID P. KELLY, 16007463; Private First Class CARL A. ANDERSON, 7032319; Private ROBERT B. PORTER, 20426276.

2 July 1945 Parang, Mindanao, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" arrived at Tigbauan, Panay and disembarked at 1000 hours and proceeded to bivouac area.

9 July 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I." 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, APO 310, dated 1 July 1945; for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao, P.I. during the period 10 April 1945 to 1 July 1945.

17 July 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion held formal retreat formation. Soldiers Medal was presented to Sergeant LAWRENCE J. WOOD, 31269766, Company "B" by the Battalion Commander for heroism at Lingayen, Luzon, P.I., on 13 January 1945. Headquarters & Service Company was the color company.

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

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

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

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

31 July 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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.

1 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Company "B" was the color Company.

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

7 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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, P.I. with 160th Infantry, 40th Infantry Division.

14 August 1945

- 9 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion held formal retreat formation, Headquarters & Service Company was the color Company.
- 11 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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, P.I.: Conduct and Morale of Troops: Excellent.
- 13 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon embarked on LSMs numbers 150, 130, 18 at 1600 hours for further operations per Secret TWX, commanding General, 40th Infantry Division dated 11 August 1945. First platoon Company "B" attached to Company "A".
- 14 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Second and third platoons Company "A" embarked on LSTs 580, 582, 838 and 916 to participate in landing exercises at Negros, P.I. with the first and second Battalions 185th Infantry Division.
- 15 Aug. 1945 Legaspi, Luzon, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon disembarked from LSMs at 1015 hours. Moved to bivouac area and set up camp.
- 16 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Second and third platoons Company "A" disembarked from LSTs at 1800 hours. Landing exercises at Negros, P.I. called off.
- 17 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion received twenty five (25) Enlisted Men as replacements per Personnel Requisition Number 376, Headquarters, 6th Army.
- 20 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Major FRED A. RATHKE, Battalion Commander, promoted to the rank of Lt. Col. per paragraph 1, Special Order 218, Headquarters, 6th Army, dated 14 August 1945.
- 21 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" (-first platoon) held formal retreat formation. Technician Fifth Grade DUDLEY OLIVER, 36591812, Headquarters & Service Company was formally presented with the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action at Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I., on 10 March 1945.
- 28 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Aug. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Corporal Harry G. Straley, 36591806, Company B, Technician Fifth Grade Delos L. Rogers, 36592246, Company B

THRU: Commanding Officer, Company B, 658th Amph. Trac. Bn. APO 715.

- It has come to my attention, that through the timely efforts on the part of you two, three U.S. soldiers were saved from drowning in the surf near Arungan, Mindanao, P.I., on 14 June 1945. Your courage and valor in driving your LVT into dangerous surf and thereby saving the lives of these men is to be highly commended.

I am proud to have such men as you under my command. You are a credit to the service.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

APO 41

18 August 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NO. 99)

E X T R A C T

Award of the Bronze Star MedalII

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), ab Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lt. LOWELL HARDIN, (O1822268), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindanao, P.I., on 10 March 1945. During the landing of the assault waves under fire of enemy artillery and mortars, First Lt. Hardin noticed one of the vehicles of his command hung on a coral reef and that the enemy had apparently spotted this particular vehicle for they began to adjust fire on it. First Lt. Hardin's vehicle and one other went to the disabled vehicle's assistance. He dove into the water with a clevis and fastened two cables together thus enabling the two vehicles to tow the disabled vehicle off the reef. By his disregard for his own personal safety and his outstanding devotion to duty, First Lt. Hardin saved both the crew and the vehicle for but a few minutes later enemy shells fell on the exact spot where the vehicle had been. Home address: Mrs. Cora M. Hardin (mother), 1724 North LaFontaine St. Kokomo, Indiana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL DOE:

WILLIAM C. BRANTON
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Actg. Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL: /s/ D.C. BLAKE
/t/ D.C. BLAKE
Lt. Col., A.G.D. Adjutant General

21 August 1945

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: Technician Third Grade Walter Yeager Jr.,
Medical Detachment, 658th Amph. Trac. Bn.
APO 715

1. I wish to take this opportunity to highly commend you on your tireless and conscientious manner in which you have performed your duties during the past operations.
2. I am mindful of your attention to wounded Filipinos during the landing on Luzon, your act probably saved several lives.
3. I recognize your ability in the treatment of the sick and wounded.
4. The battalion is indeed fortunate in having a loyal and devoted soldier serving his country so well.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

to; Technician Fourth Grade Albert H. Metz,
Medical Detachment, 658th Amph. Trac. Bn.
APO 715.

1. It has come to my attention that during the operations of the 1st Platoon, Company B on Mindanao you, the only member of the Medical Detachment present carried out your duties in a highly commendable manner.
2. I wish to compliment you on your tireless efforts in administering to the Platoon.
3. Your devotion to duty makes you an outstanding soldier.
4. I am highly pleased to have a soldier of your caliber in the battalion.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE
Major, Cavalry
Commanding

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Tec. 5 James J. Matousek, Jr.
Co. B., 658th Amph. Trac. Bn.
APO 715

1. It has been brought to my attention that you have been instrumental in recovering four (4) 55 gallon drums of gasoline which were reported stolen from the Battalion Gasoline Dump.
2. The fact that you conducted prompt investigation without orders indicates your interest in the conservation of government property.
3. Your act is within keeping of the high standards maintained by soldiers of the United States Army. You are a credit to the service.

/s/ FRED A. RATHKE
/t/ FRED A. RATHKE
Lt. Co., Cavalry
Commanding

RESTRICTED HEADQUARTERS AMERICAL DIVISION APO 716

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 173

23 August 1945

SILVER STAR - AwardsII

E X T R A C T

II - SILVER STAR. -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918), a Silver Star for gallantry in action at Cebu, P.I., is awarded to the following named officer:

CAPTAIN DANIEL LADD O1169209, Field Artillery, United States Army. Leading his company of amphibious vehicles which were carrying the infantry for the assault landing on Cebu on 26 March 1945, CAPTAIN LADD found the beach to be heavily mined and thick with antitank obstacles. Due to enemy mortar fire landing near the water edge explosion of the mines were believed to be mortar fire. Seventeen of the amphibious vehicles were damaged by mines. As a result of the assault waves bogged down and many infantrymen dismounted from the vehicles. Mines were pressure type set for both personnel and vehicles. Realizing the absolute necessity of getting the vehicles moving forward, CAPTAIN LADD dismounted from his own vehicle which was out of action and proceeding through the heavily mined beach in spite of the danger of detonating the mines, reorganized the remaining vehicles into waves. He then commanded another vehicle and led the reorganized waves forward to the objective. By his actions he not only aided in accomplishing a difficult mission, showing complete disregard for his own safety, but he instilled confidence and determination in the men about him. Home address: Mrs. Payson Merrill (mother), Glen Head, New York.

By COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD:

M.M. MAGEE
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL: /s/ W.A. MORELAND
/t/ W.A. MORELAND
Major, AGD, Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS AMERICAL DIVISION APO 716

24 August 1945

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 174

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

E X T R A C T

By direction of the President, under the provision of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 1944), a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men:

Tech. Sgt. Eugene M. Anderson 32634128, Infantry, United States Army. At Cebu on 26 March Sgt. Anderson voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, accompanied a medical aid man into the midst of an enemy mine field to rescue two wounded infantrymen. After first aid had been administered by the aid man, Sgt. Anderson, together with another enlisted man, assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to the evacuation point on the beach. During this evacuation, he made two trips through an enemy mine field. Home address: Mrs. Marion Anderson (mother) 47 Simmons Street, Staten Island, New York.

Private First Class Joel W. Skinner 38563854, Infantry, United States Army. At Cebu on 26 March 1945 Private Skinner voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, accompanied a medical aid man into the midst of an enemy mine field to rescue two wounded infantrymen. After first aid had been administered by the first aid man, Private Skinner, together with another enlisted man, assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to the evacuation point on the beach. During the evacuation he made two trips through an enemy mine field. Home address: Mrs. Reba Dean Skinner (wife), Route No. 2, Snyder, Oklahoma.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD:

M.M. MAGEE
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. A. MORELAND
/t/ W. A. MORELAND
Major, AGO
Adjutant General

2 Sept. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Sept. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Sept. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion assumed control of Japanese Prisoner of War Camp at Santa Barbara Stockade, Iloilo, Panay.
- 8 Sept. 1945 Legaspi, Luzon, P.I.: Captain DANIEL LADD, 01169209, 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 Sept. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" (-first platoon) engaged in maintenance of weapons and vehicles. Morale: Excellent.
- 20 Sept. 1945 Legaspi, Luzon, P.I.: First Sgt. BEN H. LAYTON, 20923255, awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Zamboanga, Mindanao, P.I. on 10 March 1945.
- 22 Sept. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Sgt. 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, P.I. Staff Sgt. 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, P.I.
- 30 Sept. 1945 Legaspi, Luzon, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon engaged in maintenance of weapons and vehicles. Morale: Excellent.
- 30 Sept. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion Strength: Nineteen (19) Officers, two (2) Warrant Officers, five hundred twenty nine (529) Enlisted Men. Increase: Eleven (11) Enlisted Men. Decrease: Two (2) Officers.

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS AMERICAL DIVISION APO 716

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 182

14 September 1945

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

E X T R A C T

By direction of the President, under the provisions of executive order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 44), a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy at Cebu, P.I., is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Giorno 36655338, Infantry, United States Army. On 26 March 1945 Technician Giorno, with the assistance of four enlisted men, rushed to the aid of a wounded soldier. While under constant hostile rifle and machine gun fire. Technician Giorno, with the assistance of the four enlisted men, succeeded in evacuating the wounded soldier safely to cover and in wiping out an enemy machine gun nest. Technician Giorno's actions aided greatly in the accomplishment of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Giorno (mother), 2444 West Huson St. Chicago, IL

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD:

M. M. HAGEE
Col. GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL: /s/ W. A. MORELAND
/t/ W. A. MORELAND
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

R E S T R I C T E D

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 114

25 September 1945

E X T R A C T

Section III

Awards of the Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Eighth Army, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sgt. Raymond J. Kline, 20347074, Infantry (Armored) United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands from 25 February 1945 to 1 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Celeste Kline (Wife), 3223 East Fairmount Ave. Baltimore, Maryland.

BY COMMAND OF LT. GENERAL EICHELBERGER:

CLOVIS E. BYERS
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ E. S. GRAHAM
/t/ E. S. GRAHAM
Lt. Col, AGD
Actg. Adjutant General

Major THOMAS S. LEITCH, (0340325), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on New Britain, Luzon, Philippine Islands and Southern Philippine Islands from 1 November 1944 to 28 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy M. Leitch, (wife), 1118 Street Joseph Boulevard, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN R. MAHIN, (36591560), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 13 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Annabelle Mahin, (mother), 20438 Danbury, Detroit Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN B. NEWLAN, (36650011), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 13 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mattie Belle Dummitt, (mother), General Delivery Morris, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES A. ORTON, (36814280) Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao and Sulu Archipelago, Philippine Islands from 17 March 1945 to 22 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Orton, (mother), 1013 Dawson Road, Albany, Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade LEONARD J. SHAFER, (36591749), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Palawan, Pangay, Negros, Philippine Islands from 24 February 1945 to 4 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Shafer, (mother), 14345-Chaple St., Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade WESLEY A. SMITH, (34259679) Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Mindanao and Sulu Archipelago, Philippine Islands from 17 March 1945 to 22 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ethel B. Smith, (mother), Route #1, Trenton, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM C. WILLIAMSON, (34260946) Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 13 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mr. William E. Williamson, (father), Route No. 1, Fort Payne, Alabama.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL JOHNSON:

FRANK C. MCCONNELL
Brig Gen, USA
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ ROBERT E. QUIN
/t/ ROBERT E. QUIN
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.....III

Section III - Award of the Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Southern Islands Area Command (Provisional), to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT F. BASL, (19122416), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Palawan, Philippines Islands, from 24 February 1945 to 25 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary Ann Bas., (mother), Route #1, Box 217, Stayton, Oregon.

Technician Fifth Grade LEO G. CABANAW, (36592187), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Cabanaw, (mother), 26420 Kean Avenue, Inkster, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade ALBERT J. HILL, (36592041), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 10 March 1945 to 15 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence Hill, (mother), 28506 Bohn Hawk, Garden City, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade JOSEPH S. KARPINSKI, (42008114), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Parang, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, from 13 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Victoria Karpinski, (mother), 393 Morningside Ave., Fairview, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant RAY C. KREAGER, (36591598), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippines Islands, from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jeannette Kreager, (wife), 2956 Central, Detroit, Michigan.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.....III

Section III - Award of the Bronze Star Medal

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec II, Bul 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Southern Islands Area Command (Provisional) to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant DAVID I. BITTER, (32693666) Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Luzon and Mindanao, Philippines Islands, during the period 9 January 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sadie Bitter, (mother), 1719 67th St., Brooklyn, New York.

Technical Sergeant HARRY W. LESTER, (35384825), Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands, during the period 24 February 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Lester, (wife), 136 Bachtel Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade STEPHEN S. SANDERS, (37210481), Infantry (ARMORED), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands, during the period 24 February 1945 to 30 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Milburn Sanders, (father), Winfield, Kansas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL JOHNSON:

FRANK C. MCCONNELL
Brig Gen, USA
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ ROBERT E QUIN
/t/ ROBERT E QUIN
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 716

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16 September 1945

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

E X T R A C T

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 44), a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands, is awarded the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Third Grade Walter Yeager Jr. 36592262, Medical Department, United States Army. At Cebu on 26 March 1945 Technician Yeager, assisted by two other enlisted men acting as stretcher bearers, while under enemy fire, went to the assistance of two wounded infantrymen in an enemy mine field. Technician Yeager administered first aid and, knowing that the area was heavily mined with anti-personnel and anti-vehicular mines, helped evacuate the two wounded men by making two trips through the mine field to the evacuation point. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Yeager (mother), 4623 Helan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD:

M. M. MAGEE
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. A. MORELAND
/t/ W. A. MORELAND
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

E X T R A C T

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (sec II Bul 3 WD 44), a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Michael M. Cavanaugh 36592343, Infantry, United States Army. At Cebu on 26 March 1945 Technician Cavanaugh with the assistance of four enlisted men rushed to the aid of a wounded soldier. While under constant hostile rifle and machine gun fire, Technician Cavanaugh, with the assistance of the four enlisted men succeeded in evacuating the wounded soldier to cover and in wiping out an enemy machine gun nest. Home address: Mrs. Helen Irene Cavanaugh (wife), 1037 Lonita Avenue, Flint, Mich.

Sergeant Floyd D. Harris 36655061, Infantry, United States Army. At Cebu on 26 March 1945 Sergeant Harris with the assistance of four enlisted men rushed to the aid of a wounded soldier. While under constant hostile rifle and machine gun fire Sergeant Harris with the assistance of the four enlisted men succeeded in evacuating the wounded soldier safely to cover and in wiping out an enemy machine gun nest.

Technician Fifth Grade Norbert E. Rosynck, 36814443, United States Army. At Cebu on 26 March 1945 Technician Rosynck with the assistance of four enlisted men rushed to the aid of a wounded soldier. While under constant hostile rifle and machine gun fire Technician Rosynck with the assistance of the four enlisted men succeeded in evacuating the wounded soldier safely to cover and in wiping out an enemy machine gun nest. Home address: Mrs. Hattie Rosynck (mother), 719 East Auer Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD:

M. M. MAGEE
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W.A. MORELAND
/t/ W.A. MORELAND
Major, AGD
Adjutant General

10 Oct. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" (-first platoon) engaged in usual camp duties. Morale: Excellent.

10 Oct. 1945 Legaspi, Luzon, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon engaged in usual camp duties. Morale: Excellent.

18 Oct. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" (-first platoon) participated in formal retreat formation at which Bronze Star Medals were presented to Tech. Sgt. EUGENE M. ANDERSON, 32634128, Headquarters & Service Company for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Talisay, Cebu, P.I.; Tech. Sgt. HARRY W. LESTER, 35384825, Headquarters and Service Company for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindoro and Mindanao, P.I. Tech. Third Grade WALTER YEAGER, JR. 36 59262, Headquarters & Service Company for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Talisay, Cebu, Philippine Islands; Tech. 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 Oct. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Lt. Col. FRED A. RATHKE, O-274310, 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-340-325 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. Tech. Fourth Grade CHARLES A. ORTON, 36814280, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindanao and Sulu Archipelago, Philippine Islands; Staff Sgt. RAY C. KREAGER, 36591598, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippine Islands; Tech. 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 Lts. KENNETH F. LYNCH, O-1825426; HELENA I. NOBLE, O-1014740, CARL E. NEWMAN, O-1822430; ROY L. VAUGHAN, 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 Oct. 1945 Legaspi, Luzon, P.I.: Captain DANIEL LADD, O-1169209, awarded the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action at Talisay, Cebu, P.I. Staff Sgt. DAVID I. BITTER, 42693666, Medical Detachment, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Luzon and Mindanao, P.I. 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, P.I.

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

22 Oct. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Oct. 1945 Legaspi, Luzon, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon departed port of Legaspi at 1500 hours. Weather: Clear. Sea: Calm. Morale: Excellent.

30 Oct. 1945 Dulag, Leyte, P.I.: Company "B" less first platoon disembarked at Dulag, Leyte at 0830 hours. Set up bivouac area at 1000 hours. Company attached to 418th Field Artillery Group, APO 932.

31 Oct. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion Strength: Fourteen (14) Officers, four hundred and eighty six (486).

2 Nov. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 LSTs for movement to Leyte, P.I.

3 Nov. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Bronze Star Medals presented to Staff Sgt. ALBERT F. BASL, 19122416 and Tech. Fourth Grade WESLEY R. SMITH, 3429679, during Special formation of Headquarters & Service Company.

4-10 Nov. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Nov. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Company "A" participated in parade at Iloilo City in celebration of tenth anniversary of the Philippine Commonwealth.

16 Nov. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: 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 Nov. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Usual camp duties plus preparations for movement to Leyte, P.I.

28 Nov. 1945 Iloilo, Panay, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" (-first platoon) loaded on LSTs numbers 945, 46 2, 474, 629 and 694 in Iloilo Harbor at 1200 hours, left Iloilo harbor at 1200 hours, left Iloilo Harbor at 1500 hours. Movement made as permanent change of station to Leyte, P.I.; 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.

HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN ISLANDS AREA COMMAND
(Provisional)
Office of the Commanding General
APO 932

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer
658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion
APO 715

1. Corporal George S. Matthews, 20366539, is hereby commended for the excellent work performed as commander of an LVT of Company A, 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, engaged in unloading ammunition and supplies at Port Sual, Luzon, Philippine Islands from 15 January 1945 to 6 February 1945.

2. In making this commendation, I wish to express my personal appreciation for the exemplary manner in which Corporal Matthews performed his duties.

BASIC: Ltr/Hq, SISAC (P), APO 932
SUBJ: Commendation

1st Inf.

/s/ HORACE HARDING
/t/ HORACE HARDING
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding
TSL/avb

HEADQUARTERS, 658th Amph Trac Bn, APO 715, 23 November 1945

TERU: Commanding Officer, Company A, 658th Amph Trac Bn, APO 715.

TO: Cpl. George S. Matthews, ASN 20366539, Company, 658th Amph Trac Bn, APO 715.

1. I am pleased to forward the attached commendation to you. The manner in which you performed your duties at Port Sual, Luzon, P.I. and through out the entire period of your assignment to this battalion reflects great credit upon yourself.

2. It has been an honor to have had men such as yourself serving in this command.

THOMAS S. LEITCH
Major, F.A.
Commanding

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27 October 1945

BRONZE STAR MEDAL - AWARDS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419 (Section II, Bulletin 5, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces Western Pacific, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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Technician Fourth Grade NEAL Y. McDOWELL (32269225), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippines, ~~against~~ from 5 March 1945 to 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Bernice Jane McDowell (Wife), 315 Hickory Lane, Haddon Field, New Jersey.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

EDMOND H. LEAVEY
Major General, USA
Deputy Commander and
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. H. DANIELSON
/t/ C. H. DANIELSON
Major General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Bronze Star Medal - Awards..... I

E X T R A C T

I. BRONZE STAR MEDAL - AWARDS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces Western Pacific, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant MELVIN C. CUFFS (33035918), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in Mindoro and Mindanao, Philippines, from 24 February 1945 to 30 June 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. Home address: Mrs. James H. Muckle (Stepmother), 715 North 7th Street, Apollo, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STYER:

EDMOND H. LEAVEY
Major General, USA
Deputy Commander and
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. R. DANIELSON
/t/ C. R. DANIELSON
Major General, USA
Adjutant General

30 Nov. 1945 , Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: Battalion less Company "B" (-first platoon) disembarked from LSTs at Telegrafo, Leyte and moved to bivouac area 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.

HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN ISLANDS AREA COMMAND 8 November 1945
Provisional
Office of the Commanding General APO 932

AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: Commanding Officer
 658th Amphibious Tractor BATTALION
 Apo 715

1. Technician Fifth Grade Ralph C. Detwiler is hereby commended for superior performance of his duties at Port Sual, Luzon, P.I., from 15 January 1945 to 6 February, as an assistant driver of an LVT of Company A, 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, engaged in unloading ammunition and supplies.

2. It gives me great pleasure to extend recognition of Technician Fifth Grade Detwiler's superior performance of duty. To it I add my personal appreciation of his efforts in furtherance of the war effort.

/s/ HORACE HARDING
/t/ HORACE HARDING
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

BASIC: LTR/Hq, SISAC (P), APO 932, 8 Nov. 45
Subject: Commendation

1st Ind.

TSL/vng

HEADQUARTERS, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715, 13 November 1945

THRU: Commanding Officer, Company A, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715

TO: Technician Fifth Grade Ralph C. Detwiler, 36591964,
Company A, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715

1. I wish to take this opportunity to add my commendation for your outstanding performance of duty during the period of this battalion's operations at Port Sual, Luzon, P.I.

2. The conscientious manner in which you executed all assigned missions is a great credit to yourself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. I am highly pleased to have you as a member of this command.

THOMAS S. LEITCH
Major, FA
Commanding

2nd Inf.

Company A, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715, 14 November 1945

TO: Technician Fifth Grade Ralph C. Detwiler, 36591964, Company A, 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, APO 715

It gives me great pleasure to note the recognition, by higher headquarters, of your superior performance of duty in carrying out your assigned missions.

/s/ ALBERT M. RIDLON
/t/ ALBERT M. RIDLON
1st Lt., Infantry
Commanding

1 Dec. 1945 Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: 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 Dec. 1945 Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: 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 (Provisinal). Headquarters, 32nd Anti-Aircraft Brigade per paragraph 1, General Orders Number 31, Headquarters, 32nd Anti-Aircraft Brigade, APO 932, dated 30 November 1945.

3 Dec. 1945 Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: Captain JESSIE R. WARD, O-1166203, Capt. CARL B. BOOTH, O-43935, First Lt. ALBERT M. RIDLON, O-1824684, First Lt. RUEL P. SCOGGINS, O-1823947, and Second Lt. 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 Dec. 1945 Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: Battalion engaged in preparation for movement to the United States under Readjustment Regulations.

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

20 Dec. 1945 Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: Usual camp duties and continued preparation for movement to the United States.

24 Dec. 1945 Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: 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 Sgt. 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 Dec. 1945 Telegrafo, Leyte, P.I.: Battalion received usual Army Christmas Dinner prepared by mess personnel of the Companies.

27 Dec. 1945 White Beach, Tacloban, Leyte, P.I.: 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 Dec. 1945 Aboard U.S.S. Albemarle: Battalion participated in "Happy Hour" sponsored by the Ship's Chaplain in celebration of New Year's 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.

Camp Stoneman, CA.

1 Jan. 1946 Aboard U.S.S. Albemarle: Usual Shipboard duties. Morale: Excellent.

5 Jan. 1946 Aboard U.S.S. Albemarle: Ship crossed International Date Line.

8 Jan. 1946 Aboard U.S.S. Albemarle: Ship narrowly missed striking a floating mine. Mine was detonated by Naval Gun Crews with 20 MM and 40MM Gun Fire.

11 Jan. 1946 Aboard U.S.S. Albemarle: Battalion participated in Farewell Happy Hour sponsored by the Ship's Chaplain. Troops were addressed by the Ship's Commanding Officer, C. H. Duborg, Capt. United States Navy.

13 Jan. 1946 Camp Stoneman, CA: Ship arrived at San Francisco, CA. Port of Embarkation at 0755 hours. Troops moved from Ship to Camp Stoneman via ferry, arrived at Camp Stoneman at 1730 hours for processing pending shipment to individual separation centers.

15 Jan. 1946

Camp Stoneman, CA: Battalion deactivated per letter, Subject:
"Inactivation of Certain Army Air, Ground and Service Forces Type
Units (Category IV) File: Ag 322 (20 Nov. 4 5) OB-I-SPMOU-M War

Department, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D.C.
dated 26 November 1945. and processing Orders Number SFS-201,
File SP1AE-SCS (DD) Army Service Forces, San Francisco Port of
Embarkation, Camp Stoneman, Pittsburgh, California, dated 13
January 1945

Alfred W. Morin
2nd Lt., Infantry
Historian

THOMAS S. LEITCH
Major, F. A.,
Commanding



"Sure I got seniority. I got busted a week before you did."



"... forever, Amen. Hit the dirt!"

TANK BATTALIONS OF THE US ARMY.

658th AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

Constituted 19 February 1943 in the Army of the United States as the 658th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Activated 10 April 1943 at Camp Bowie, Texas. Converted and redesignated 15 April 1944 as the 658th Amphibian Tractor Battalion. Inactivated 13 January 1946 at Camp Stoneman, California. Redesignated 827th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 20 January 1947.

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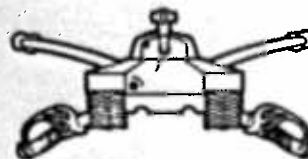
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COAT OF ARMS

None

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None



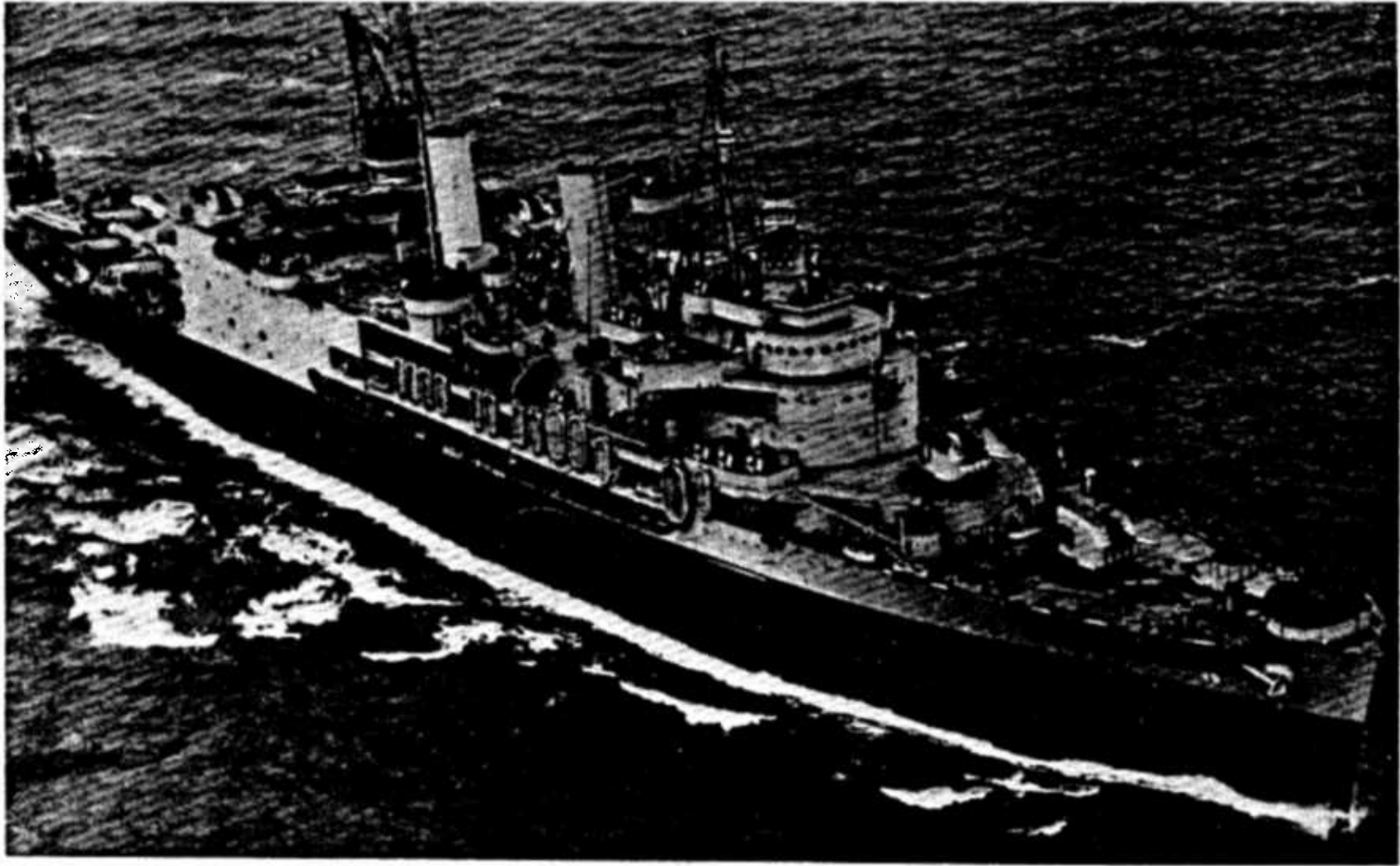
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