

"ANNEX F"

HISTORICAL Report of the Brunei Bay (OBOE SIX)

OPERATION: Z-Day

On the target date Z-day 10 June 45, J day for the Mariana Island phase of the operation, "A" Company LVT's disembarked with transported troops and equipment of the 2/15 Aust Inf Bn from LST's at 0815 and moved to the line of departure in accordance with the prearranged naval assault landing wave diagram. The three successive assault waves hit White Beach exactly on the timetable schedule. Troops and artillery equipment were debarked from LVT's, and proceeded to move inland. "A" Company moved to the prearranged assembly area on Red Beach to await further orders. The landing was unopposed and the island free of any enemy troops. The Company suffered one casualty, Tec 4 Donald E Westwood 33100223 from indiscriminate firing by Australian troops.

picked up survivors of motor boat sunk in Burnei Bay. LVT's also aided Engineer Demolation Team in blowing up beach obstacles.

On the same day, 10 June 45, "B" Company LVT's disembarked from LSTS off Talwan Island at 0730 for the scheduled landing on Brown Beaches. The landing hour was designated as D Hour which was set at 0915. The fifty two LVT's in the first four assault waves crossed the line of departure at the prearranged time and landed troops and artillery equipment of the 2/43 and 2/Aust Inf Bns on D Hour. All LVT's then moved to the preassigned assembly area to await movement orders for the subsidiary landing on Hamilton Pennisular.

At 1700, on Z Day 2nd Platoon "B" Company moved into Victoria Harbor for the assault landing at Horel Point.

Immediately upon arrival in Red Beach assembly area A Company prepared to perform missions as assigned in 727th Amph Tractor Bn Field Order #2. The mission consisted of the following: 1st Platoon LVT's hauled supplies and artillery equipment to forward elements, 2nd Platoon LVT'S bayed wire to forward troops, moving on the left flank, while other LVT's provided supporting fire, 3rd Platoon LVT's performed identical mission as the 2nd Platoon to the troops moving forward on the right flank of the island. The remaining LVTs moved troops across swampland in the center of the island, and provided transportation for Aust RCN troops circling the island. Upon completion of the above missions LVT's assisted in unloading of LST's, employed as prime movers for vehicles traveling through swampland, and

On Hamilton Pennisular. Platoon waves proceeded under artillery and machine gun fire to land the Aust Rda Sqn troops on the objective at the prescribed time. Light enemy small arms fire was encountered. No casualties. This platoon continued to operate with the Aust Rda Sqn in evacuating casualties replenishing supplies, and laying signal cable across Victoria Harbor.

The 1st Platoon hauled all classes of supplies to front line units. All Company "B" LVT's returned to Company C.P. for the night.

The following day, Z Plus "1", "A" Company continued unloading of LST's and LSM's. The entire company aided Aust Beach Group in unloading bulk supplies so that LST's could retact on schedule. Company "A" then loaded on some LST's for the return trip to Moratai and participation in the coming Choe Two Operation.

During the period 11 June to 14 June "B" Company hauled supplies to forces on Hamilton Point; unloaded LSMS; evacuated wounded natives from Horel Point; laid signal cables and transported Naval Intelligence personnel for an investigation of a partially submerged Japanese ship lying in Victoria Harbor.

On 15 June twenty seven LVT's loaded on LST's in Victoria Harbor for the scheduled landing on the Bornea mainland. Two days later the above troops carrying LVT's landed Australian forces at Weston Borneo. Troops were discharged at the railhead southeast of the town. One LVT's was swamped and nine others became bogged down in mud. Remaining seventeen LVT's reloaded on LST's for the return trip to Lahuan Island.

On 18 June thirty LVT's loaded on LST's and departed for participation in the Sutong operation. Two days

later on 20 June Australian troops were put ashore as pre Naval landing schedule. No opposition was encountered. All LVT's reloaded late in the afternoon and left Lustong on the following day.

During the early morning of 21 June a Jap force made a night Bazoka attack on the beach head at Laluran Island. 1st Platoon sentry gave the alarm and the attack was repulsed by 50 caliber machine guns mounted on LVT's. The attack lasted one hour after which fifteen enemy dead were counted in the company area. Our casualties were as follows: John D. Casey 34515425, Killed in Action, and Frank J. Miller, 37626609 woulded in action. Personnel of the 593 Eng Boat and Shore Regt and Seabee thanked and praised "B" Company troops for sounding the alarm and their expert handling of LVT Machine guns.

During the period 22 June to 27 June Company "B" performed limited troop and supply movements as directed by the 9th Aust Division. On 28 June Company "B" loaded on LST's for shipment to Lenguayan Gulf, Luzon.

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