

ANNEX G

HISTORICAL REPORT OF THE BALCHPAPAN OPERATION (AHOE TWO)

On 1 July 45, of Day, Company "A" and attached battalion personnel transporting troops of the 2/27 Aust Inf Bn in the first Bn in the first three assault waves hit Green Beach on H hour. Sixteen LVTS transporting troops and equipment of the 2/15 Aust FA Regt landed on Green Beach with the seventeenth wave. Enemy resistance consisted of mortar, dual purpose artillery, and sniper fire. The one casualty suffered during the day occurred immediately after landing when TEC 4 Robert P. Ullman 39166426 was killed by sniper fire.

1st Platoon LVT's supplied twelve tractors to transport mortar and ammunition supplies to the forward positions of the 2/14 Aust Inf Bn. one LVT was

casualty and when Dayton F. Davis 29142771 was wounded by mortar fire. All LVTs not employed performed maintenance for further planned amphibian operating

On 3 July thirteen LVT's were dispatched to transport artillery personnel, ammunition and field pieces to Sepinggang air strips three miles NE of Babkapan, Bornea. LVTS' were harrassed by enemy artillery and sniper fire.

On 4 July twenty five LVTS made the supply run to Sepinggang air strip and the twentythree of the twenty five that left the previous day returned to the battalion C.E. The thirteenth LVT was lost in the high surf on the return trip Enemy artillery and sniper fire again encountered. Eight LVP's were assigned to loaded LCT's on Green Beach.

During the period 5 July to 11 July Company "A" performed the following tasks LVT's dispatched daily to transport artillery weapons and supplies to forces at managara Ketyee, and Sepinggang and Mangaro Air strips, other LVT's were unloading LCT's at Green Beach.

After 11 July the battalion set up in bivouac to await saving orders On 17 17 July LST's were provided and LVTS were loaded for trip to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon.

stationed Green Beach it evacuated casualties to LCVP's lying 500 yards offshore.

The 2nd Platoon hauled troops, weapons and ammunition to front line positions. This platoon continued to move supplies from beach dumps throughout the day.

The 3rd Platoon carrying 2/5 Aust F.A. Regt transported artillery pieces to positions in hills adjoining beach.. These tractors furnished fire support while weapons were being put into position. The Platoon remained with units of the 2/5 Aust FA Regt for towing of artillery weapons to advanced positions and keeping unit supplied with ammunition from beach supply points.

All LVT's available move into preassigned assembly area for the night.

On the following day LVT's were dispatched to transport ammunition and rations to front line troops. A second