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727TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

From 1 December 1944

TO 4 December 1944

Place Leyte, P.I.

<u>TIME</u>		<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Time Dated</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>				
			1 Dec	<p>Tractors detailed to 32nd Division dispatcher at Capoccan employed on supply runs to Pinamopoan from Capoccan and Carigara.</p> <p>Calubian based tractors continue supply and evacuation for 1st Battalion 34th Inf. at Consuegra.</p> <p>Tractor aiding Air Corp Technical Intelligence Unit at Villalon on salvage of Jap Naval Plane.</p>	
			2 Dec	<p>Tractors again made available to 32nd Div. dispatcher and perform mission as on Previous day.</p> <p>Calubian based tractors continue supply and evacuation for 1st Bn 34th Inf at Consuegra.</p>	
			3 Dec	<p>Tractors move artillery Bn from Calasian Point to Pinamopoan.</p> <p>Tractors load LCM's (shore to ship) off Capoccan.</p> <p>Tractors haul supplies from Capoccan to dumps located at Pinamopoan.</p> <p>Tractors continue supply and evacuation for 1st Bn 34th Inf. at Consuegra.</p> <p>Tractors returning to Calubian from Davao with survivors of a B-25 shot down by enemy fire. The names of the flyers listed below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">71 Rcn Group A-3</p> <p>Pilot 1st Lt. Robert O. Stoebauer Co-Pilot 1st Lt. Kenneth O. Thompson Rad. Oper S/Sgt Engino O. Rocco</p>	

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			4 Dec	<p>Supply and evacuation for 1st Bn 34th Inf Regiment via Naga River continues.</p> <p>Tractors with forced-down flyers arrive at Calubian for transfer to LCM's.</p> <p>Tractors report to 32nd Div dispatcher at Capoocan.</p>	
			5 Dec	<p>Tractors transport troops of 32nd Division from Capoocan to Pinamopoan.</p> <p>Tractors on ship-to-shore supply of ammunition for artillery unit at Capoocan.</p> <p>Tractors on supply run from Carigara to Capoocan and Pinamopoan.</p> <p>Tractors evacuating 1st Bn 34th Inf. from Consuegra via river to Calubian.</p>	
			6 Dec	<p>Tractors haul supplies as directed by 32nd Div. Dispatcher.</p> <p>Tractors continue evacuation of 1st Bn. 34th Infantry Regiment troops from Consuegra.</p>	

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In	Out				
			7 Dec	<p>Bn released from attachment to 32nd Div. and now under direct control of X Corps.</p> <p>Bn takes over control of Co. "A", 826th Amphibian Tractor Battalion and form provisional battalion. 826th to support 1st Cavalry Division as directed by Bn. Commander. This Battalion to continue supply of tractors to 32nd Division through X Corps.</p> <p>Six tractors assigned permanently to X Corps for use by staff and special missions. Four of these left in evening to transport troops from Pinamopon to Calubian.</p> <p>Assigned tractors sent to 32nd Division dispatcher at Capocan.</p> <p>Lt. Wendell F. Blake witnesses Jap landing at San Isidor and Oaha. This information relayed to X Corps. Tractors evacuating remaining units (Approximately one company) of 1st Bn 34th Infantry from Consuegra arrives shortly after enemy landing sighted. Lt. Col. Clifford of 1st Battalion 34th Infantry Regiment takes over control of tractors and personnel for defense of Calubian.</p> <p>Bn radio net used by Col. Clifford for communication to X Corps, 24th Inf. Division, and 34th Inf. Regt. Traffic heavy and net operating on a 24 hour schedule.</p>	

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			8 Dec	<p>Calubian based tractors deployed on high ground to and around town to augment fire and manpower of Col. Clifford's small force. Bn radio net still on 24 hour schedule handling urgent messages to and from Col. Clifford.</p> <p>Two remaining tractors at X Corps plus six more dispatched to our liaison officer at Corp used to carry X Corps forward echelon to Pinamopan. Two tractors left at Pinamopan under G-4, X Corp control.</p> <p>Tractor quota for 32nd Div. sent to their dispatcher at Capocan.</p>	
			9 Dec	<p>Calubian based tractors hold same positions as on previous day. Radio net continues handling heavy traffic for Infantry unit and Corps and Division Commanders.</p> <p>X Corp tractors transport X Corp Commander and staff to Pinapopan and remain there under general's control. Tractors also dispatched to 24th Inf. Division and 21st Inf Regiment.</p> <p>Required number of tractors sent to 32nd Division dispatcher.</p>	

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TO 12 December 1944

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<u>TIME</u> In Out		<u>Serial</u> No.	<u>Time</u> Dated	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS</u>	<u>Action</u> taken —
			10 Dec	<p>Tractors based at Calubian, now under control of Col. Clifford 34th Inf. Regt., make amphibious landing of an Infantry Platoon at Villa Hermosa. Same tractors stand by for evacuation of troops if necessity arises. Two tractors of group at Villa Hermosa strafed, on return to Calubian. Radio traffic still heavy with new maintaining 24 hour schedule. Remaining tractors at Calubian take up defense positions against enemy ground and aircraft attack.</p> <p>Tractors again operating to Consuegra via Naga River for 128th Inf. Regt. Return to Calubian with three Jap prisoners.</p> <p>X Corp tractors haul ammunition from Calasian Point to Pinamopoan. Remaining tractors dispatched for use by staff Officers.</p>	
			11 Dec	<p>Tractors at Calubian under bombing and strafing attacks. Tractors continue trips via Naga River. Remaining tractors in position and standing by for use by commander 1st Battalion 34th Inf. Regt.</p> <p>Tractors sent to 32nd Division dispatcher at Capooacan for usual supply runs. Tractor arrives at bivouac area with Jap prisoner. Arranged for transportation of prisoner to G-2 X Corp.</p> <p>X Corp tractors used on previous day continued.</p>	

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In	Out				
			12 Dec	<p>(1) Calubian based tractors still deployed in support of Inf. Bn. Tractors standing by for proposed amphibious assault on Davao. Infantry unit at Calubian establishes communication with higher Hqs relieving Bn of 24 hour net schedule. Messages continue to be received due to our facilities being quicker.</p> <p>(2) X Corp tractors dispatched by our liaison officer on usual missions.</p> <p>(3) Tractors sent to 32nd Division dispatcher at Capocan for usual supply runs.</p>	
			13 Dec	<p>Calubian based tractors stand by in support of 1st Bn 34th Infantry. Tractors continue operating on supply route via Naga River to Consuegra for 32nd Inf. Div. units. Corps and 24th Division continue use of Battalion Radio Net for communication, with C.O. 1st Bn 34th Inf. Regt.</p> <p>X Corp tractors perform usual transport duties.</p>	
			14 Dec	<p>Battalion relieved from attachment to X Corps and revert to 6th Army control. The 788th Amph Tractor Battalion, replacement unit, took over Carigara bivouac area and thirty six tractors. Fourteen of the above mentioned tractors were transferred at Calubian. Calubian based personnel unable to reach Carigara bivouac area today, because of refusal by LCM coxswain to make trip. Col. Clifford appeals to coxswain to no avail after which he was arrested and confined. This affair caused a one day delay in Bn's move to staging area.</p>	

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<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>				
			15 Dec	Calubian based personnel arrived at Carigara after transfer of tractors to personnel of the 788th.	
				Battalion arrived at staging area site on Camiris Point between Palo and Tanauan.	
			16 Dec	The battalion (less "B" Company, who were staging at Sansapor for same operation) began preparations for the invasion of Luzon, Philippine Islands, under direct command of the Sixth Army.	
				Exchange of 36 tractors from "A" Company to 20th Armored Group was arranged for at Carigara where the "A" Company tractors were left for 788th Amph Tractor Battalion.	
				Return trip to our bivouac area was made by 20 mile water.	
				24 New Tractors were drawn.	
			17 Dec	Nil	
			18 Dec	Nil	
			19 Dec	Nil	
			20 Dec	Nil	
			21 Dec	Nil	
			22 Dec	Nil	
			23 Dec	Nil	
			24 Dec	Nil	
			25 Dec	Nil	
			26 Dec	Company "B", with the provisional company attached, embarked on IST's with all their vehicles at Sansapor in preparation for the invasion of Luzon.	
			27 Dec	IST's anchored off shore and remained in the bay until the formation of the convoy.	
			28-29	Same as 27th Dec.	
			30 Dec	Convoy departs Sansapor for invasion of Luzon.	