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TO 4 July 1945

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| | | | 1 July | <p>Company "A"</p> <p>Killed in action:</p> <p>Ullman, Robert P., T/4, 39166426</p> <p>on Green Beach Klandasan, Borneo.</p> <p>Company "A" lands on Green Beach at 0900 moderate enemy resistance. Landing successful.</p> | |
| | | | 2 July | <p>Company "A" returned to control of 7th Aust Div from Infantry Battalion. One man wounded by enemy mortar shell fragment.</p> <p>Davis, Clayton F., T/5, 39142771</p> <p>LVT's used to haul arty pieces, ammunition and supplies.</p> | |
| | | | 3 July | <p>Company "A" tractors go to Sepingang airstrip to haul supplies forward to 2/14 Bn.</p> <p>10 tractors haul Arty pieces by sea coast to Sepingang Airstrip.</p> <p>Enemy Arty fired 10 rounds over head at Co C.P.</p> | |

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| X X X | | | 4 July | Company "A" 10 tractors haul Arty Ammunition to Sepinggang Airstrip. | |
| | | | | 8 Tractors haul 20 tons rations for 21 Inf Bde. | |
| | | | | 4 Tractors to Beachmaster to unload ICT's. | |
| | | | | 8 Tractors haul 2,000 rounds of Arty Ammo to Sepinggang Airstrip. | |
| | | | | 7th Div Password 7th Div Intell Summary #1 7th Div Atis Detachment | File File |
| | | | | 1 Tractor sunk by surf off green beach. No casualties. | |
| X | | | 5 July | Company "A" 10 Tractors haul Arty pieces and ammunition up coast for Sepinggang airstrip to Manggar Ketchiel. | |
| | | | | 2 Tractors haul Arty Ammo to Manggar Ketchiel. | |
| | | | | 7th Div Intell Summary #2 | |
| | | | | Message to 1st Aust Corps re rear detachment on moving to Luzon P.I.. | |
| | | | | Company "B" arrives at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon P.I. | |
| | | | | Hq & Sv Co left Morotai Penninsula and loaded on IST's. | |
| | | | 6 July | Company "A" 10 tractors haul 2,000 rounds Arty Ammo to Manggar Ketchiel. | |
| | | | | 15 tractors haul 3,000 rounds Arty Ammo to Sepinggang Airstrip. | |
| X | | | | Co "B" disembarked at San Fabian, Luzon, P.I. | |

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| X | | | 7 Jul | Company "A" Entire day used to repair LVT's Message from 1st Aust Corps to 727th Amph Tractor Bn. Rear Echelon departed for Luzon. | |
| X | | | 8 Jul | Company "A" 22 Tractors haul Arty Ammo to Manggar Ketchel. 7th Aust Div Intell Summary #5 | |
| X | | | 9 Jul | Company "A" 11 tractors haul Arty Ammo to Manggar Ketchel. 7th Div Intell Summary #6 7th Div Anti Dengue Info. 7th Div Password Message re no swimming in fresh water - vehicle speeds - Reconnaissance. | |
| X | | | 10 Jul | Company "A" 11 tractors haul Arty Ammo to Manggar Ketchel. 7th Div Intell Summary #7 Message re enemy material, looting " " dogs for Medical examination " " burials. | |

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| | | | 11 Jul | <p>Company "A" 10 tractors haul Arty Ammo from Manggar Ketchel to Manggar Airstrip.</p> <p>All tractors relieved from work on 12 July by order Maj Rice G-2 7th Aust Division.</p> <p>Message from Col Hudson Beach Group may load LVT's on July 12th.</p> <p>7th Aust Div Intell Review #1</p> | |
| X | | | | | |
| | | | 12 Jul | <p>7th Aust Div Intell Summary #8</p> <p>Message from 1st Aust Corps to 7th Aust div info 727th Amph Tractor Bn. LST's to be designated to go to Leyte and Lingayen with 727th Amph Tractor Bn.</p> | |
| X | | | | | |
| X | | | 13 Jul | 7th Aust Div Intell Summary #9 | |
| X | | | 14 Jul | <p>Coordinates of new Div CP</p> <p>Password</p> <p>Message from 93rd Div at Morotai re Payrolls.</p> <p>Routine Orders 7th Aust Div.</p> <p>7th Aust Div Intell Summary #10</p> | |
| X | | | 15 Jul | <p>Commanding Officer in conference with Maj Gen Milford.</p> <p>Oral message from Capt Gray USN on USS Key, DE #348 - 727th Amph Tractor Bn. to load on LST's 666, 753, 673.</p> | |
| X | | | | | |

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| X | | | 16 Jul | Nil | |
| | | | 17 Jul | 2nd Plat Co "A" loads on LST | |
| | | | 18 Jul | 1st Plat Co "A" loads on LST | |
| | | | 19 Jul | Nil | |
| | | | 20 Jul | 3rd plat and Co Hqs Co "A" load on LST | |
| | | | | Message to Capt Mec USN to effect all LVT's loaded. | |
| | | | | Hq and Service Company arrived off San Fernando Luzon, P.I. | |
| | | | | Radiogram from Commanding General 8th Army received attaching Bn to XIV Corps. Convoy to proceed to Aparri, Luzon, P.I. | |
| | | | 21 Jul | Co "A" Sailed from Balikpapan. | |
| | | | 22 Jul | Hq and Service Co arrives at Aparri, Luzon disembarks and makes camp at "Linao Point" Linao Light house. | |
| | | | 23 Jul | Co "B" loads part in LSM's at San Fabian. | |
| | | | 24 Jul | Co "B" unloads at Aparri, Luzon, P.I. | |
| | | | 25 Jul | Nil | |
| | | | 26 Jul | Nil | |
| | | | 27 Jul | Nil | |
| | | | 28 Jul | Nil | |
| | | | 29 Jul | Nil | |
| | | | 30 Jul | Co "A" disembarks at Linao Point, Aparri, Luzon, P.I. | |
| | | | 31 Jul | Nil | |