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727TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION

From 1 November 1944

TO 6 November 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 Nov	Tractors on same mission transporting supplies on Palo River route.	
			2 Nov	Battalion completes night road march from bivouac on Red Beach to the town of Carigara, a distance of 33 miles, in about two and one half hours and took up a defensive position for the night.	
			3 Nov.	<p>Battalion moves to bivouac area, two miles NW of Carigara.</p> <p>Tractors carry personnel and supplies via Carigara Bay to forward positions vicinity Capoocan.</p> <p>Tractors make amphibious landing of a reinforced company of 34th Inf. on beach four miles N of Capoocan. Position became untenable and tractors evacuated unit back to Capoocan.</p> <p>One tractor received a 47 MM hit in sponson. Little damage, no casualties.</p>	
			4 Nov	<p>Tractors employed in ferrying troops, casualties and light vehicles across river two miles W of Carigara while Engineers are constructing Pontoon bridge.</p> <p>Tractors continue hauling troops and supplies for 34th Inf. from Carigara to Capoocan by water route through Carigara Bay.</p>	
			5 Nov	Hauling supplies via Carigara Bay to 34th Inf. at Capoocan continues. Other tractors continue ferrying activities at bridge building site.	

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			6 Nov	Majority of tractors employed in same supply mission. Others are still on ferrying mission across the river.	
			7 Nov	Tractors perform same mission as on previous day.	
			8 Nov	Some tractors continue on mission of previous day. A force of other tractors proceed by water to Calubian, Uson Pt. and Tuktuk with supplies for Amphibian Tanks making a Reconnaissance of those areas and Rabin Point.	
			9 Nov	Supply to 34th Infantry at Capoocan via Carigara Bay continued. Tractors return to Battalion Bivouac area from supply mission to Calubian and other points. Co "B" loaded on LST's at Pie Beach, Humboldt Bay at 0930.	
			10 Nov	A force of tractors make an amphibious landing with the 1st Battalion, 34th Inf. on the beach at a point three miles N. of Pinamopoan. Other tractors hauling supplies to dumps at Capoocan for 34th Inf. Battalion moves to bivouac area located at Capoocan. Convoy of Co "B" departs Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea for Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea.	

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			11 Nov	<p>Tractors leave on mission to supply 1st Bn., 34th Inf. in vicinity of Agahang. Proposed route: by water, to Calubian, S on Naga River to Consuegra, thence overland to Agahang.</p> <p>Tractors make overnight stop at Calusi.</p> <p>Other tractors dispatched to 34th Inf. at Capocan for supply of forward units.</p>	
			12 Nov	<p>Tractors continue on mission to 1st Bn., 34th Inf. and advance with battalion to Consuegra, thence to Agahang. Return from Forward position to Calubian awaiting fuel and maintenance parts.</p> <p>Tractors pick up forced-down artillery liaison pilot and observer at barrio of Leyte. Pilot's name - 2nd Lt. Boone, USA., Artillery observer - 1st Lt. Sauer, USMC., both of the 24th Corps. Tractors proceed to Calubian.</p> <p>Tractors again dispatched to 34th Inf for supplies and evacuation of casualties vicinity of Capocan.</p>	
			13 Nov	<p>Tractors dispatched to Calubian with necessary fuel and parts. Tractors at Calubian salvage artillery liaison plane.</p> <p>X Corp tractors on supply mission to 19th Inf. Tractors used in jungle in support of Inf. units. Using tractors in unsuitable terrain resulted in deadlining 2 tractors for five days.</p> <p>LST's, Co "B", arrived at Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea at 0500. Company disembarked there with vehicles, etc at 0930.</p>	

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<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>				
			14 Nov	<p>Tractors returned to Capoocan from Calubian with casualties of 1st Bn., 34th Inf.</p> <p>Group of six tractors carrying supplies for 1st Bn., 34th Inf. started for Consuegra. Halt for night at barrio of Leyte due to mechanical trouble, proceeding to destination at daybreak.</p>	
			15 Nov	<p>Tractors again dispatched to S-4, 34th Inf., for supply missions vicinity of Capoocan. Tractors return from Consuegra to Calubian and await fuel for return trip to Capoocan. Tractors dispatched with necessary fuel from Capoocan for return of all tractors to bivouac area.</p> <p>Tractors on original mission for 1st Bn., 34th Inf. return with forced-down plane and party of eight including Mayor of barrio of Leyte, Mr. Minusa, and Senator at large, Rafael Martines. Tractors transported civilian authorities to Carigara for transportation to Tacloban as ordered by President Osmena and General MacArthur.</p>	
			16 Nov	<p>Tractors return from Consuegra with casualties and captured Jap naval pilot. Prisoner turned over to G-2, 24th Inf. Div. Another group of tractors sent with supplies and medical personnel to Consuegra.</p>	

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<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>				
			17 Nov	<p>Our battalion is relieved from attachment to 24th Inf. Div. and attached to the 32nd Inf. Division.</p> <p>Tractors from Consuegra arrive with casualties of 1st Bn., 34th Inf. at Calubian. Overnight halt at Calubian due to seriousness of litter cases.</p> <p>Tractors leave Capoocan with supplies for Consuegra. Other tractors transport Filipino workers.</p>	
			18 Nov	<p>Tractors arrive from Calubian with casualties.</p> <p>Tractors haul 39th QM War Dog Plat. and supplies for 127th Inf. Regt from Capoocan to Pinamopoan. Reload with troops and supplies of the 128th Inf. Regt. and proceed to Consuegra.</p>	
			19 Nov	<p>Tractors leave in afternoon from Capoocan carrying 7th Portable Hospital to Consuegra. Hurrican warnings, rough sea, and mechanical trouble necessitated return to Capoocan at approximately 2000.</p> <p>Tractors continue supply of 32nd Div. units at Pinamopoan.</p> <p>39th QM War Dog Platoon returned by tractors to Capoocan.</p> <p>A provisional company of 4 First Lts and 124 enlisted men attached to Company "B" for the purpose of training in amphibious operation and accomplishment of assigned mission on Luzon operation. Approximately 50 LVT's were shipped to Company "B" for training of provisional Company.</p>	

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			20 Nov	<p>Tractors leave with 7th Portable Hosp. for Consuegra. Typhoon causes tractors to make overnight halt at Culasi three miles south of point.</p> <p>Tractors haul ammunition for 127th and 128th Inf. Regts. to Pinamopoan. Return trips utilized for carrying casualties, back to Capoocan. These missions to Pinamopoan made under heavy small arms fire.</p> <p>Tractors return from Consuegra with Casualties.</p> <p>More tractors leave for Consuegra carrying supplies for 1st Bn 34th Inf.</p>	
			21 Nov	<p>Tractors continue supply to 127th and 128th Inf. to Pinamopoan under considerable enemy fire. Casualties returned to Capoocan on return trips.</p> <p>Mission of supply and evacuation for 1st Bn. 34th Inf. at Consuegra continues. 7th Port Hosp. transported to destination at Consuegra.</p>	
			22 Nov	<p>Tractors continue supply to Pinamopoan. Sgt Williams received chest wound on his second trip to Pinamopoan.</p> <p>Tractors continue supply mission for 1st Bn 34th Inf. at Consuegra.</p> <p>Bn moved to new bivouac area on beach two miles west of Carigara. Capoocan bivouac area became untenable due to continued Japanese Artillery shelling. Bivouac site was adjacent to gun positions of the 210 AAA. Bn requested to be netted with gun positions to add 50 Cal. MG's fire-power in that area.</p> <p>Company "B" relieved from assignment to 8th Army and assigned to 6th Army; attached to 6th Infantry Division for all purposes.</p>	

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			23 Nov	<p>Tractors continue supply run from Capoccan to Pinamopoan. Impossible to haul ammunition from Pinamopoan to Colasion point dump due to heavy machine gun fire.</p> <p>Tractors lay signal cable from Pinamopoan to Capoccan.</p> <p>Tractors unload LCM's off Colasian Point and take artillery ammunition to shore dumps.</p> <p>Supply and evacuation mission for 1st Bn. 34th Inf. continued.</p>	
			24 Nov	<p>Tractors supplying and evacuating for 1st Bn, 34th Inf. LCM's now operating from Capoccan to Calubian. Tractors now operating between Calubian and Consuegra via Naga River.</p> <p>Capoccan to Pinamopoan run continues with supplies for 127th and 128th Inf. Regts.</p> <p>Bn Maintenance and more of "A" Company arrive at Leyte. Bivouac off Highway #1 between Pawing and Tacloban.</p>	

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			25 Nov	<p>Tractors load LCM's destined for Calubian with supplies and fuel.</p> <p>Tractors continue supply run from Capoocan to Pinamopao under constant small arms fire.</p> <p>Tractors lay signal cable from Pinamopao to Calasian Point under enemy fire.</p> <p>Tractors used for supply trips between Carigara and Capoocan. Road impassable to traffic.</p> <p>Tractors at Calubian continue trips to Consuegra with supplies and return with casualties.</p>	
			26 Nov	<p>Capoocan to Pinamopao supply route for 32nd Division units still operating. Tractors receive artillery and small arms fire on this run.</p> <p>Tractors load battalion of 128th Infantry Regt. from Capoocan to LCM's lying off shore.</p> <p>Carigara to Capoocan supply route used through out the day.</p>	
			27 Nov	<p>Tractors dispatched to Capoocan for use by 32nd Division. These tractors used on supply mission to and from Capoocan, Pinamopao, and Carigara.</p> <p>Tractors based at Calubian shuttling supplies to Consuegra and returning with casualties and troops 1st Bn. 34th Inf.</p> <p>Tractors from Calubian arrive at Villalon to salvage Jap naval plane submerged in Biliran strait.</p>	

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			28 Nov	<p>Dispatching of tractors at Capoocan under control of 32nd Division continued. Capoocan, Carigara, and Pinampoan dumps used.</p> <p>Calubian based tractors still performing mission for 34th Inf. Regt.</p> <p>Tractor at Consuegra swamped in Naga, beyond salvage and abandoned.</p>	
			29 Nov	<p>Supplies again hauled to and from dumps at Capoocan, Pinampoan, and Carigara under control of 32nd Div.</p> <p>Calubian based tractors on usual missions.</p>	
			30 Nov	<p>32nd Division dispatcher sending tractors to and from usual supply dumps.</p>	