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COMPANY "B" 727TH AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BN.

21 June 1945

SUBJECT : Enemy Activity In Bivouac Area.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Australian Division.

1. In compliance with General Order #555 the following report is submitted;

On June 21st between the hours of 0505 and 0630, the 1st Platoon, parts of the 2nd & 3rd Platoon and Maintenance section of Co "B" 727th Amphibian Tractor Bn., repulsed an attack by Japanese Troops. At 0505 firing was heard from the left & right flanks as well as in front of our perimeter. The Platoon was instantly alerted by the guards, and all guns were manned on the tractors. At approximately 0510, a group of persons were observed setting fire to what was afterwards found to be a truck. It was first thought that this group was either an Australian Patrol or a group from the 593rd Eng Bn. At this time the fire had barely started, but fourteen men were counted proceeding parallel to our position, approximately 75 yards away. The fire by this time had gained sufficiently to light the area and it was discovered these people were Japanese Troops. A concentrated and controlled fire was immediately layed down and several were seen to drop. The rest rushed towards our positions and then stopped and fired directly into our area. We continued to fire on them with 50 and 30 Cal. Machine Guns as well as personal weapons. At approximately 0620 the enemy fire was silenced and three men advanced on their position and found 15 enemy dead. Our casualties consisted of one man killed and one man wounded in both legs. Japanese equipment consisted of one light Machine Gun, grenades, rifles, swords, and pistols.

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Major, Infantry
Executive Officer

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22 June 1945

NOTICE TO ALL MEN IN COMPANY:

Infiltration raid morning of 21st consisted of 2 groups of 50 Japs each. One group's mission was to attack the harbor area causing maximum damage and inflicting the highest possible casualties to our own troops.

The mission of the 2nd group was to attack the air port and to cause as much damage as possible and kill our own troops.

It is definitely known that the enemy originated from the pocket about 3 miles to our North.

Counted enemy dead yesterday morning were 49 one wounded.

The pocket was attacked yesterday with tanks, flame throwers and mortars and the position was taken by our troops. Very few enemy were found in the pocket some of whom were wounded. Also, one Jap female was captured with them.

During the night of 21st and 22nd June, 5 Japs were killed and one wounded. Also, Australiens had 3 killed and one wounded from their own Bren gun.

It is known that there are several Japs roaming about the island in small groups and probably hiding in thick growth and bushes.

Australiens are supposed to patrol different areas today. However, all US Troops are warned to be on the alert at all times and not to leave their area without permission and without arms.

The slightly wounded enemy in the patrol groups were ordered to kill at least one allied soldier before they were finished. The seriously wounded had been left in the pocket with instructions to commit Hari Kari.

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CASUALTY REPORT

Name Miller Frank J. Rank T/5 ASN 37626609
Co 1st
Organization 727th A.T.Bn. Race W Arm of Serv Inf SSN 732
Extra Pay for Awards None Body Recovered: Yes (☒) No ()
Date and Place Occured 21 June 1945 Victoria, Labuan Island, Borneo

BATTLE CASUALTY () SLIGHT (☒) SERIOUS () NOT HOSPITALIZED
KILLED IN ACTION () DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION ()
MISSING IN ACTION () WOUNDED IN ACTION (☒) CAPTURED ()
INJURED IN ACTION () DIED OF INJURIES () GASED ()

Explain Circumstances Bivouac area attack by Jap patrol.
Wounded both legs by small arm fire.

NON BATTLE CASUALTY () SLIGHT () SERIOUS
() DEAD () SICK () MISSING, NOT IN ACTION
() INJURED

Explain circumstances _____

LOD: YES () NO () FLYING STATUES: YES () NO ()

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE: RELATIONSHIP
Barbara Marjath Miller Mother
304 Lenhardt, Lemay, Missouri

Signature _____

Identity _____

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CASUALTY REPORT

Name ~~XXXXXX~~ Casey John D. Rank T/4 ASN 34515425

Organization Co. "B" Race W Arm of Serv Inf SSN 837
727th A.T.Bn.

Extra Pay for Awards None Body Recovered: Yes (X) No ()

Date and Place Occured 21 June 1945 Victoria, Labuan Island, Borneo.

BATTLE CASUALTY () SLIGHT () SERIOUS () NOT HOSPITALIZED
KILLED IN ACTION (X) DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION ()
MISSING IN ACTION () WOUNDED IN ACTION () CAPTURED ()
INJURED IN ACTION () DIED OF INJURIES () GASED ()

Explain Circumstances Blivou area was attack by Jap patrol.

Killed by wounds in body.

NON BATTLE CASUALTY () SLIGHT () SERIOUS
() DEAD () SICK () MISSING, NOT IN ACTION
() INJURED

Explain circumstances _____

LOP: YES (X) NO () FLYING STATUES: YES () NO ()

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE: RELATIONSHIP

Marion Lanham Casey Father Signature _____

Route #2, Enorll, S.C. Identity _____

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BURIAL RETURN

Army Form W3814
(Adapted)
(In pads of 33)

Date 21 Jun 1945

Place of Burial LABUAN WAR CEMETERY
(Name of Cemetery, if buried in Cemetery)

MAP REFERENCE LABUAN SOUTH SPECIAL 1/25,000 836 837

GRAVE NO. A A 3
(If buried in Cemetery)

ARMY NO. 34515425 RANK T/4

NAME CASEY (In block letters) INITIALS John D C

UNIT Coy 'B' 727th Amph Trac Bn RELIGION P

DATE OF DEATH 21/6/45 DATE OF BURIAL 21/6/45

PLACE OF DEATH Victoria LABUAN BORNEO

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION Dog Tags

Have effects (if any) been forwarded to D.R.O.? With Unit

Date effects forwarded to D.R.O. _____

Method by which grave was marked Large cross with particulars

(Signed) [Signature] **HQ I AUST**
Chaplain or O.i./c. Burials. Unit BEACH GP

NOTE: Where a Chaplain or burial officer renders a burial return, and is not in a position to verify the particulars shown thereon, he must invariably state on the form sent to the D.R.O., the authority responsible for supplying the details of identity, and, if possible, how these were obtained. Particulars on reverse side of this form should be completed where necessary.