

## TRIBUTE

OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS ME<br>BLACK AS THE PIT FROM POLE TO POLE, I THANK WHATEVER GODS MAY BE, FOR MY UNCONQUERABLE SOUL. FOR I AM THE MASTER OF MY FATE, I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL.

"TOJO, COUNT YOUR MEN"

THE ROAD TO VICTORY WAS PAVED BY THE LEYTE AND OKINAWA CAMPAIGNS; LEYTE WAS THE WEDGE AND OKINAWA THE BLOW THAT BROKE THE BACK OF THE JAPANESE MIGHT. WE ARE PROUD TO SAY THAT THE 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION, OF WHICH THIS COMPANY IS A MEMBER, PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BOTH CAMPAIGNS. OUR DIVISION, THOUGH IT SUFFERED THE HEAVIEST CASUALTIES IN THE PACIFIC, NEVER LOST ITS AGGRESSIVE SPIRIT AND FAITH IN ITS LEADERS. FOX COMPANY DID ITS PART AND SOMETIMES MORE, ALWAYS CARRYING THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY WITH THE BATTLE CRY, "NOW TOJO, COUNT YOUR MEN!"

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## DEDICATION

THIS BOOK IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO "OUR BUDDIES" WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SO WE AND THEIRS MAY HAVE A BETTER WORLD IN WHICH TO LIVE.

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## "THE FIGHTING FOXES"



WITH DUFFEL BAGS MARKED "A" AND "B" SLUNG OVER THEIR BACKS THE NEW RECRUITS MARCHED DOWN THE ROAD OF CP. ADAIR, OREGON TO THE YELPING SOUND OF "HUP', TOOP', THREEP, FOUR" OF THE BURLY SERGEANT LOADING THEM.
IT WAS THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF MEN TO ARRIVE THE SEPT DAY IN '42, TO BEGIN THE FORMATION OF THE 96TH DIVISION. WITH THIS NEW CROP OF GREEN MEN JUST OUT OF CIVVIES, CO. F WAS BORN AND ITS INITIAL TRAINING PROGRAM BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER; THROUGH 26 WEEKS OF ROUGH BASIC IN THE MUD AND SNOW OF OREGON, WE LEARNED THE ART OF SELF-DEFENSE WITH AND WITHOUT OUR WEAPONS. THE TRAINING WAS HARD BUT MOST OF US CAME THROUGH. IN FEB. '49, OUR TRAINING BECAME MORE INTENSIVE WITH WORK IN THE FIELD EMPLOYING MOSTLY INDIVIDUAL TEAMWORK WITH THE SQUAD, BY PLATOONS AND THEN THE COMPANY WORKING AS A UNIT IN PERFECT PRECISION. THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY MAN DOING HIS JOB AT JUST THE OPPORTUNE TIME WAS EMPHATICALLY STRESSED AND TAUGHT. FOR THE FIRST TIME WE WERE SUBJECTED TO OVERHEAD FIRE BY GOING THROUGH THE INFILTRATION COURSE. SLIDING IN THE MUD THROUGH THE 50-YARD LONG COURSE AS THE MACHINE GUN BULLETS ZINGED INCHES OVER OUR HEADS. DYNAMITE BLOWING UP ON ALL SIDES OF US, WE SWEATED THE LENGTH OF THE COURSE TILL WE SLID INTO THE SAFETY OF A DEEP DITCH HALF FILLED WITH WATER MARKING ITS END. CLOSE COMBAT AND CITIES COURSES WERE ALSO INTRODUCED.

ON MAY 12, WE MOVED BY TRUCK CONVOY TO FT. LEWIS, WASHINGTON FOR TRAINING IN CLOSE COMBAT JUNGLE FIGHTING. WE MADE GOOD AND THE DIVISION WAS CALLED TO MANEUVERS IN THE DUSTY SANDS OF BEND, OREGON ON JULY 14TH. WE MOVED THROUGH SOME OF THE PRETTIEST COUNTRY IN THE WEST, OVER THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS, VIEWING OUR COUNTRY'S MOST BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL FORESTS, PARKS AND FAMOUS LAKES. MANEUVERS PROVED PRETTY TOUGH, AND WE EXPERIENCED THE MOST GRUELING PART OF OUR STATESIDE TRAINING ON THE THREE-WEEK PROBLEM.

ON 12 AUGUST 1943, WE WERE AT CAMP ADAIR, OREGON AGAIN THIS TIME FOR A REST PERIOD BEFORE CORPS MANEUVERS. WE CELEBRATED THE DIVISIONS FIRST ANNIVERSARY HERE WITH FAMOUS MOVIE STARS AS OUR GUESTS AND ENTERTAINERS. A GIGANTIC SHOW WAS PUT ON FOR THE OCCASION WITH PLENTY OF FIREWORKS.

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OUR REST WAS VERY SHORT AND ON SEPTEMBER 2ND, WE MOVED ON TO BEND MANEUVER AREA AGAIN TO BEGIN THE CORPS SERIES WITH TWO OTHER DIVISIONS FROM OREGON. THE RED AND BLUE ARMIES BATTLED TILL NOVEMBER 2ND, AND OUR DIVISION CAME THROUGH WITH FLYING COLORS BEING ACCLAIMED BY THE IV CORPS COMMANDER, GENERAL PATCH, FOR ITS EXCELLENT WORK IN TEAMWORK NECESSARY IN COMBAT. MOVING ON AGAIN TO CAMP WHITE, OREGON, WE RESUMED OUR GARRISON LIFE AGAIN, PLENTY TIRED AND WORN-OUT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER, A FURLOUGH ROSTER WAS POSTED, THE MORALE WAS BOOSTED 100\%. IN MARCH, 1944 , REPLACEMENTS BEGAN TO ARRIVE FROM ASTP SCHOOLS IN THE EAST TO FILL THE COMPANY. EXTENSIVE TRAINING WITH PHYSICAL ROUGHNESS TESTS BEGAN IN PREPARATION FOR WHAT'S TO COME. THESE TESTS WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED BY THE ARMY GROUND FORCES TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN PHYSICAL FITNESS. HERE WAS THE TEST OF THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST BEFORE GETTING INTO THE REAL THING. AT THE SAME TIME, PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE FOR A NEW AND SPECIAL TRAINING FOR OUR DIVISION. WE WERE NOW CLASSIFIED AS A COMBAT DIVISION PREPARED TO FIGHT. THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF TRANSFORMING OUR DIVISION INTO AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT DIVISION BEGAN. CLIMBING CARGO NETS AND STUDYING THE WAYS AND MEANS OF MAKING AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING WERE AT FIRST TAUGHT ON DRY LAND AND THROUGH TRAINING FILMS. ON APRIL 1ST, WE WERE ON THE MOVE AGAIN. AND THIS TIME TO SUNNY CALIFORNIA AT CP. SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA FOR DRY RUN LANDINGS WITH ACTUAL USE OF LCVP'S (LANDING CRAFT, VEHICLE, PERSONNEL). IT WAS MADE MORE REAL WITH PLANES STRAFING AND MORTAR ROUNDS FALLING CLOSE BY IN SIMULATION OF ARTILLERY. SWIMMING LESSONS WITH CLOTHES AND FULL BATTLE DRESS ON WAS DIFFICULT, AND JUMPING FROM A 30 FOOT TOWER INTO THE WATER BELOW FULLY EQUIPPED WAS NO CINCH.

OUR FIRST PHASE OF AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING COMPLETED, WE MOVED FURTHER SOUTH TO CP. CALLAN, CALIFORNIA ON 30 APRIL. HERE WE BOARDED SHIPS AT SEA TO WORK IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. NAVY ON A LANDING AS IT WOULD ACTUALLY BE DONE. OUR STAY WAS NOT TOO LONG FOR ON JUNE 26 WE HOPPED THE NORTHBOUND TRAIN TO CP. BEALE, CALIFORNIA. GOING THROUGH MORE INFILTRATION COURSES, RIFLE RANGES TO ZERO RIFLES AND CLOSE FIGHTING TOOK UP MOST OF OUR TIME. OVERSEAS FURLOUGHS WERE ALSO GIVEN TO THOSE ELIGIBLE. PREPARATIONS FOR OVERSEAS WERE FIRST BEGUN HERE, AND ON JULY 16, WE MADE OUR LAST STATESIDE HOP TO CP. STONEMAN, CALIFORNIA, OUR STAGING AREA. WE WERE ISSUED OUR NEW EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING, TAILORED TO FIT, AND ONE WEEK LATER, JULY 22ND A DAY NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN, OUR COMPANY MOVED BY TRUCK CONVOY THROUGH THE FAIR CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA TO THE P.O.E.


JULY 23, 1944, THE LAST MAN HAD BOARDED THE SHIP, THE GANGPLANK WAS LIFTED AND EARLY THAT COOL EVENING, WE STOOD ON THE DECK OF THE U.S.S. SEA MARLIN AND WATCHED THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE DISAPPEAR IN THE FOG AND DUSK. OUR TRIP PROVED TO BE ENJOYABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES (EXCEPT FOR A FEW SEASICK ONES). THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT AND THE SEA VERY CALM THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SIX-DAY JOURNEY. WE ENJOYED MUSIC BY THE 96TH DIVISION BAND ON TOPSIDE. ALONG THE RAILS, THE DREAMY BOYS WATCHED THE FLYING FISH. JULY 28 WE PASSED DIAMOND HEAD AND DEBARKED IN HONOLULU BARRACKS LATE THAT AFTERNOON AND SET UP IN OUR NEW AREA APpROPRIATELY CALLED "HUT CIty". THE NEXT MONTH AND A HALF WE TOOK MORE AND LONGER HIKES INTO THE MANY STEEP HILLS SURROUNDING OUR CAMP, JUNGLE FIGHTING AND DRY-RUN AMPHIBIOUS LANDINGS OFF THE ISLAND OF MAUI. BUT IT WASN'T ALL WORK. WE HAD FUN ON OUR OFF HOURS IN HONOLULU SWIMMING AT WAIKIKI BEACH, DANCING WITH THE WAHINES AT MALUHIA, THE BREAKERS, VICtory CLUB, AND TAKING PICtures with HAWAIIAN HULA GIRLS.


EARLY IN SEPT, PALLETIZING AND LOADING DETAILS BEGAN IN PREPARATION FOR OUR FIRST OPERATION. OUR DRY-RUN TRAINING WAS OVER, THIS WAS IT. ON SEPT. 15, WE LEFT HAWAII AND ITS BEAUTIFUL GIRLS AND BEACHES TO MOVE TO OUR TARGET, YAP, ON THE GOOD SHIP U.S.S. WARHAWK. WE CROSSED THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE ON 19 SEPT. AND ARRIVED AT ENIWETOK ON THE $25^{\text {TH. }}$. HERE WE RECEIVED ORDERS OF OUR CHANGE OF TARGET AND ON THE FOURTH DAY WE LEFT THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND SILHOUETtED IN THE NIGHt UNDER A BRIGHT MOON GLISTENING ON THE WATER. ON OCT. 1ST, WE "POLLYWOGS" WERE INITIATED IN THE "ANCIENT ORDER OF THE DEEP" AND DULY SWORN IN AS "SHELLBACKS" WHEN WE CROSSED THE EQUATOR AT 2216 HOURS AT $153^{\circ}$ 43" EAST. THE INITIATION WAS PERFORMED ON ALL, FROM THE GENERAL ON DOWN TO THE PRIVATE. KITCHEN SLOP, PADDLES AND HOSES WERE USED TO MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT. WE ARRIVED AT MANUS ISLAND IN THE ADMIRALTY'S GROUP ON OCT. 3RD, OCCASIONALLY GETTING PASSES TO GO ASHORE FOR A BALL GAME OR BEER. OUR NEW TARGET WAS ANNOUNCED A FEW DAYS LATER AS LEYTE, P.I. TO JOIN WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR'S MASSED FORCES TO HELP IN THE FULFILLMENT OF MAC'S PROMISE "I WILL RETURN". THE TASK FORCE WAS FORMED, OUR COMPANY LOADED ON THE U.S.S. L.S.T. \#1024 AND MOVED ON TO OUR NEW DESTINATION ON 11 OCT.


CHRONOLOGICAL DATA AND EVENTS OF LEYTE, P.I.

20TH OCT 44
"A" DAY

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28 OCT 44

UNDER COVER OF NAVAL AND AIR BOMBARDMENT, WE DEBARKED
FROM OUR L.S.T. AND LOADED ON AMPHI-TRACS FOR THE INITIAL ASSAULT LANDING OF LEYTE. WE LANDED ON BLUE BEACH \#2 IN THE VICINITY OF DULAG AT 1006 HOURS AGAINST SLIGHT ENEMY RESISTANCE. WE ADVANCED 2500 YARDS INLAND BEFORE SETTING UP A DEFENSIVE POSITION FOR THE NIGHT.

OUR ADVANCE CONTINUED WITH NO ORGANIZED RESISTANCE.
LITTLE ENEMY OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED AS WE MOVED THROUGH THE LITTLE TOWN OF TIEBAU.

THE ENEMY HAD EVACUATED THE TOWN OF ANIBUNG AS WE SCURRIED THROUGH.

WE CONTINUED OUR ADVANCE THROUGH ANIBUNG TO PIKAS, KNOCKING OFF A JAP PATROL ON OUR WAY. MET THE FIRST FILIPINO GUERILLAS HERE WHO FURNISHED US WITH INFORMATION OF THE ENEMY.

INFESTED WITH JAPS, FOX COMPANY ATTACKED THE TOWN OF TABONTABON. MET OUR FIRST ORGANIZED ENEMY RESISTANCE. SET UP A DEFENSIVE POSITION AROUND THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE TOWN AND PREPARED TO ATTACK THE NEXT DAY.

AT 100 HOURS, WE MADE OUR ASSAULT ON TABONTABON AGAINST A STRONG AND STUBBORN ENEMY. THE CITY PROPER WAS CAPTURED AT 1200, THE ENEMY SCATTERING TO THE TALL KUNAI GRASS FIELDS OUTSIDE THE TOWN. TANKS WERE USED IN SOME INSTANCES TO ASSIST IN COVERING UP OF JAP EMPLACEMENTS DUG UNDER NATIVE HUTS.

THE FINAL MOP-UP OF TABONTABON AND VICINITY, ANNIHILATING ALL REMAINING NIPS IN RANGE. TOWN WAS DECLARED SECURE AND WE CONTINUED OUR ADVANCE.

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PATROLS SENT OUT AT KILING TO FEEL OUT THE ENEMY. JAPS ATTEMPTED TO INFILTRATE THROUGH OUR LINES AND WERE REPULSED.

IN A COLUMN OF DUCKS, WE MARCHED THROUGH DAGAMI MOVING UP IN RESERVE FOR THE SECOND BATTALION. DUG IN OUR POSITIONS IN THE TOWN FOR THE NIGHT.


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18 NOV 44

MEECHAM RIDGE, NAMED IN MEMORY OF LT. COL. MEECHAM 1ST BATTALION COMMANDER KILLED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE CAMPAIGN, WAS ASSAULTED AGAINST HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE FROM PILLBOXES STRUNG ALL ALONG THE TOP OF THE RIDGE. WE PUSHED 500 YARDS UP THE STEEP, DENSE HILL, AGAINST HEAVY ENEMY MACHINE GUN FIRE. WE HALTED OUR ADVANCE TO SET UP A DEFENSE POSITION FOR THE NIGHT. AN ATTEMPTED ENEMY COUNTERATTACK WAS REPULSED THAT NIGHT AT 2215. NINETEEN JAPS WERE KILLED BY THE "FIGHTING FOXES" IN THE BANZAI.

UNDER A HEAVY RAIN AND THROUGH MUDDY TRAILS, WE ADVANCED 300 YARDS UP MEECHAM RIDGE AGAINST STILL HEAVY RESISTANCE KNOCKING OFF NUMEROUS PILLBOXES.

THE FINAL ASSAULT ON MEECHAM RIDGE WAS MADE AND ALL ORGANIZED ENEMY RESISTANCE WAS BROKEN. DUG IN FOR 5 DAYS TO RECUPERATE AND PUT ON SOME FRESH CLEAN CLOTHES.

PATROLS WERE SENT OUT IN THE HILLS TO MOP-UP REMAINING JAPS STILL HIDING IN THE JUNGLE. FOOD AND SUPPLIES WERE A DIFFICULT PROBLEM AGAINST THE ROUGH TERRAIN AND MUDDY TRAILS.


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OUR ADVANCE CONTINUED TO PATOK AGAINST NO ENEMY RESISTANCE.
FOX COMPANY AS POINT MOVED UP THE MOUNTAINS TO FIND A SHORT ROUTE TO ORMOC. TRAILS SO MUDDY, IMPOSSIBLE FOR VEHICLES TO MAKE THE STEEP GRADES. CARIBOU, HORSES AND PLANES WERE USED TO GET SUPPLIES UP TO THE TROOPS. 13 REPLACEMENTS ARRIVE.


THANKSGIVING DAY 44

HOT TURKEY ARRIVES TO THE FRONT LINE TROOPS IN A FASHIONABLE MANNER PACKED IN MORMITE CANS. THE ROTTEN STUFF WAS BURIED IN A QUIET AND PEACEFUL SETTING INTO ONE FOXHOLE. C RATIONS WERE THEN SUPPLEMENTED FOR THE MEAL.

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JAPANESE IMPERIAL PARATROOPERS LAND ON BURAWAN AIR STRIP. COMPANY ORDERED TO DEFEND STRIP AND KNOCK-OFF THE AMAZON NIPS OCCUPYING THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE ON THE FIELD.

JAPS ANNIHILATED AND BASE RECAPTURED. AIR CORPS IN GRATITUDE TREATS US FINE AND GIVES US OUR FIRST HOT CHOW SINCE "ABLE DAY".

SITTING IN OUR FOXHOLES, WE RECEIVED OUR FIRST XMAS PACKAGES (BUT MOSTLY SPOILED). BEER ALSO ARRIVES AND ONE JOLLY GOOD TIME IS HAD. PATROLS SENT OUR DURING THE DAY.

LEYTE DECLARED SECURE, ALL ORGANIZED ENEMY RESISTANCE HAD CEASED. COMPANY CREDITED WITH 66 DAYS ON THE FRONT LINES WITH NO BREAK. PAY DAY FOR THE TROOPS - 10 BUCKS TO SPEND ON NOTHING.

LEFT DAGAMI AND ARRIVED AT GUIUAN, SAMAR ISLAND TO GUARD THE B24 AIRSTRIP. A WONDERFUL SET-UP HERE, FOOD AND QUARTERS WERE EXCELLENT.

LEFT SAMAR ISLAND AND RETURNED TO DAGAMI, OUR OLD HUNTING GROUNDS PRESUMABLY FOR A WELL-EARNED REST AND RECUPERATION. REPLACEMENTS BEGIN TO ARRIVE TO FILL UP OUR SMALL COMP ANY.

PALLETIZING DETAILS IMMEDIATELY BEGUN, NEW EQUIPMENT ISSUED.

F CO. MOVES TO THE BEACH NEAR DULAG SO WE'D BE NEARER AT HAND TO LOAD SHIPS.

LEFT THE SANDY BEACHES OF GULAG AND BOARDED SHIPS. COMPANY WAS ATTACHED FOR RATIONS AND QUARTERS ON THE U.S.S. LA PORTE (APA 151). DESTINATION STILL A SECRET BUT RUMORS GETTING PLENTY OF LISTENING EARS. DRY RUN LANDINGS WERE MADE AT A NEARBY ISLAND.

DESTINATION ANNOUNCED -- RYUKYUS ISLANDS; TARGET, OKINAWA

SHIMA (NEVER HEARD OF 'EM). SHIPS WIND UP, NOSE INTO the rough sea on the last lap of our run.

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ORIENTATION, PLANS AND PROBLEMS FOR THE ATtACK WERE GIVEN. G-2 ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF JAP FORCES ON THE ISLAND AS 60,000 TROOPS. SEA VERY ROUGH.

DATA AND EVENTS AT OKINAWA SHIMA
"L" MINUS 6 HOURS, SPEECHES GIVEN BY GENERAL "SMILING JIM" BRADLEY, COL. DILL AND BATTALION COMMANDERS ANNOUNCED TO TROOPS OVER SHIPS LOUD SPEAKER. AT 5 A.M. A STEAK BREAKFAST. THE BIGGEST TASK FORCE EVER ASSEMBLED FOR ONE OPERATION IN WAR HISTORY, PREPARED TO DEBARK ITS ASSAULT TROOPS AT 0600 HOURS. PRECEDED BY A TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT FROM LAND, SEA AND AIR, THE ASSAULTING UNITS LANDED AT "H" HOUR AT 0830 - A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY EASTER MORNING BETTER SPENT IN CHURCH AT HOME. IN ALL, THE ASSAULT WAS CARRIED OUT BY MORE THAN 1200 NAVAL VESSELS, 1500 PLANES, 4 ARMY AND TWO MARINE DIVISIONS. THE FIRST LANDING ON ANY JAPANESE HOMELAND ISLAND WAS UNDERWAY. WE WERE NO LONGER CALLED "LIBERATORS" BUT NOW "CONQUERORS". 382ND REGIMENT WAS IN DIVISION RESERVE. WE DEBARKED FROM OUR SHIP ON BEACH BROWN \#2 IN THE VICINITY OF KATEENA AT 1145. NO OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED At THE BEACH. WE MOVED INLAND ABOUT 1700 YARDS W HEN WE ENCOUNTERED A JAP PILLBOX WHICH HAD BEEN BY-PASSED BY THE FORWARD TROOPS.

PILLBOX WAS KNOCKED OUT IN EARLY MORNING AND CONTINUED OUR MARCH THROUGH THE SHATTERED TOWNS.

THE 382ND NOT USED TO BEING A RESERVE REGIMENT WAS CALLED TO RELIEVE THE 381ST ON LINE. OUR COMPANY ENCOUNTERED THE FIRST ENEMY STRONGPOINT AT FUTEMA AND SUFFERED OUR FIRST CASUALTIES ON THE ISLAND.

COMPANY F BEGAN ItS ADVANCE ThRoUGH FUTEMA AND KAMIYAMA, BLOWING UP CAVES, PILLBOXES AND ENEMY EMPLACEMENTS CLEVERLY HIDDEN IN THE SLOPES OF THE NUMEROUS HILLS. SLIGHT ENEMY OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED IN OUR WORK. HALTED OUR ADVANCE FOR THE NIGHT TO DIG-IN.

THE FIRST HEAVY ORGANIZED RESISTANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED AS WE WENT THROUGH GINOWAN FROM HEAVILY FORTIFIED HILLS SURROUNDING THE TOWN. WHO SAID THE JAPS HAD NO HEAVY ARTILLERY. WE GOT OUR FIRST TASTE OF ENEMY ARTILLERY AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF IT IN that little valley. the Japs controlled high ridges and were RAINING MORTAR ROUNDS AND BUZZ BOMBS IN THEIR HEAVY BARRAGE. MACHINE GUN CROSS FIRE FROM THESE RIDGES FORCED US TO STAY PUT AFTER ADVANCING 900 YARDS UNDER THIS WITHERING FIRE. AN ESTIMATED JAP BATTALION WAS OPPOSING OUR IMMEDIATE FRONT.


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HEAVY RAINS BEGIN TO HARASS US IN RHYTHM WITH THE JAPS INCESSANT ARTILLERY. THE ASSAULT ON KAKIZU RIDGE NEAR THE TOWN OF KANIKU WAS LAUNCHED AT DAWN THROUGH HEAVY RAINS UP THE MUDDY, SLIPPERY HILL. WITH THE NIPS THROWING EVERYTHING THEY HAD AGAINST US, OUR ADVANCE WAS SLOW AND WE WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW TO OUR OLD POSITION. THE JAPS HAD ORGANIZED AND PUT IN EXCELLENT USE, THE STRONGEST LINE EVER SEEN IN THIS WAR. THIS LINE, CALLED THE NAHA-SHURI LINE, WAS A GROUP OF RIDGES EXTENDING EAST AND WEST FROM NAHA TO SHURI AND ENDING AT YONABARU TEN MILES TO THE EXTREME END OF THE ISLAND. UNDER THIS LONG RIDGE OF ROCK AND SHALE, CAVES CONNECTED BY LONG PASSAGEWAYS, CONCEALED THE HEAVY ARTILLERY GUNS OF THE JAPS WHICH WERE RUN ON TRACKS AND MADE MOBILE SO THEY COULD BE FIRED FROM ANY ONE OF THE MANY ENTRANCES WITHOUT REVEALING THEIR POSITIONS. THE TRAJECTORY OF OUR ARTILLERY MADE IT PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOCK OUT THESE POSITIONS. ROCKETS HAD TO BE USED TO BLAST THEM OUT. OUR CASUALTIES WERE VERY HIGH, THUS THIS VALLEY WAS APPROPRIATELY CALLED "DEATH VALLEY".

IN OUR FOXHOLES, UNDER OUR PONCHOS PROTECTED FROM THE HEAVY RAINS, WE RECEIVED THE STARTLING NEWS OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DEATH. THIS SAME DAY, THE 96TH DIVISION, "SECRET WEAPON" ON OKINAWA, WAS IDENTIFIED AND DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AS ONE OF THE UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THE BLOODY BATTLE OF OKI.

THE DAY OF THE BIG PUSH ON KAKIZU RIDGE. AFTER FIVE DAYS OF PREPARATION FOR THIS GREAT ASSAULT, IT WAS TAKEN IN A BLOODY HAND TO HAND GRENADE BATTLE, ALONG WITH "TOMBSTONE RIDGE", A KEY ENEMY OBSERVATION POST. THIS WAS THE FIRST HIGH GROUND CAPTURED AND WE COULD NOW OBSERVE THE GREAT NAHA-SHURI DEFENSES. NO IMPORTANT GAINS WERE MADE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

| 23 APR 45 | OUR SLOW ADVANCE TOOK US TO THE TOWN OF TANABARU WHICH WAS  <br>   <br>  ASSAULTED AGAINST STILL HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE. THE TOWN |
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|  | WAS TAKEN ON APRIL 25 TH. |

28 MAY 45

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THE FINAL ASSAULT ON HEN HILL MADE AND TAKEN WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES. DISORGANIZED AND BEATEN, THE JAPS BEGAN TO FLEE AND SCATTER UNDER OUR FIRE.

THE ASSAULT ON KOCHI WAS MADE AGAINST FIERCE ENEMY FIGHTING BUT TAKEN IN SPITE OF OUR HEAVY CASUALTIES. THE NAHA-SHURI DEFENSES WERE SMASHED AND THE JAPS SCURRIED OFF TO THE SOUTH TO THEIR SCATTERED POSITIONS.


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COMPANY WENT INTO RESERVE AND FOR MOST PART, TIME WAS SPENT PATROLLING THE TOWNS IN THE VICINITY, BLOWING UP CAVES, TOMBS AND ANY OTHER POSSIBLE JAP EMPLACEMENTS.

THE ASSAULT ON KAMIZATO MADE. TAKEN WITH BAYONETS AND HAND GRENADES .

THE FINAL ASSAULT ON THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF OKINAWA BEGINS. THE JAPS WERE GOING TO DEFEND THE ISLAND TO THE LAST MAN. THE COMPANY MOVED TO THE TOWN OF TWA BY FOOT. NO RESISTANCE WAS MET. WE DUG-IN FOR THE NIGHT TO COOL OUR DOGS.

ADVANCED TO YUZA AT THE SLOPES OF THE YUZA-DAKE AND YAEJUDARE ESCARPMENTS. THIS SOLID CORAL RIDGE, OVER 150 - FEET HIGH AND STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN, WAS FORTIFIED BY CAVES DUG INTO THE SIDE WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY, MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS DEFENDING THIS LAST STRONGHOLD HELD BY THE JAPS.

AGAINST HEAVY OPPOSITION FROM THE JAPS ON THE ESCARPMENT, WE ADVANCED 300 YARDS THROUGH THE TOWN OF YUZA.

FOX CO. MADE THE ASSAULT ON YAEJU-DAKE ESCARPMENT AND GAINED ITS SUMMIT WITH A HEAVY BARRAGE FROM OUR ARTILLERY. THE JAP POSITIONS IN THE RIDGE WERE BLOWN UP AND SEALED WITH THEIR OCCUPANTS.

| 19 JUN 45 | WE PUSHED FOR 5OO YARDS TO ARAGACHI WHERE WE MET HEAVY |
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|  | RESISTANCE FROM A SMALL POCKET OF JAPS IN THE TOWN. GEN. |
|  | BUCKNER, COMMANDER OF THE TENTH ARMY ON OKINAWA, WAS KILLED |
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|  | GENAP ARTILLERY WHILE AT A FORWARD OP IN THE MARINE SECTOR. |
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|  | KILLED BY AN ENEMY SNIPER WHILE OBSERVING THE LAST JAP |



SEPT 45
SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WERE BEING PLANNED TO MAKE OUR STAY ON MINDORO PLEASANT. THE CONSTANTLY FALLING RAIN SPOILED A LOT OF OUR FUN. THE CHOW WAS POOR, ATABRINE WAS GETTING TO BE THE BEST PART OF THE DAILY MEALS. BASEBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND CARD GAMES WERE THE DOMINANT GAMES. A LOT OF TIME WAS SPENT IN THE SACK TOO.

OCT 45
MARJORIE MAIN, THE SAND-PAPER VOICED PISTOL PACKIN' MOMMA FROM HOLLYWOOD, SELECTED BY THE 96TH DIVISION "DEADEYES" AS "OUR OCCUPATION GIRL" AFTER A COLORFUL CAMPAIGN. FIRST GROUP OF HIGH POINT MEN-WITH 70 OR MORE POINTS-LEFT THE DIVISION TO JOIN THE 31ST DIVISION ON MINDANGO, P.I. WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR THE GOOD OLD U.S. IN THE LATTER PART OF THE MONTH. 50 POINTERS FROM THE 3IST ARRIVE A FEW DAYS LATER.
???????? THE 96TH DIVISION MAKES THE HEADLINES AGAIN WHEN THEY ESTABLISHED THEIR BEACHHEAD SAN FRANCISCO ENCOUNTERING NO RESISTANCE EXCEPT FROM THE DOCK-FULL OF BOBBY-SOXERS TRYING TO INFILTRATE THROUGH OUR LINES. MARJORIE MAIN IS ON HAND, AND WITH OPEN ARMS, GREETS HER BOYS FIRING THREE ROUNDS INTO THE AIR.

NO ORGANIZED RESISTANCE HAD YET BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN OUR 6 DAY DRIVE THROUGH THE TOWNS OF LEYTE. IN LATE AFTERNOON ON OCTOBER 26, CO. F. ARRIVED AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF TABONTABON, A SMALL TOWN WHICH DIDN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH OF ANYTHING AT FIRST SIGHT. A RIVER RAN AROUND THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE CITY WHICH WE HAD TO CROSS TO MAKE OUR ENTRY INTO THE TOWN. THE ENEMY DID NOT TRY TO PUT UP ANY RESISTANCE AS WE BEGAN TO MAKE OUR WAY ACROSS TO THE OTHER BANK THROUGH KNEE-DEEP WATER. BUT THE JAPS HAD INTENTIONALLY LET US CROSS THE RIVER WITHOUT A FIGHT, FOR AS WE REACHED THE OTHER BANK, THEY BEGAN TO OPEN UP WITH THEIR MACHINE GUNS AND MORTARS WHICH WERE ALREADY ZEROED-IN ON OUR POSITION. IT WAS A HOT SESSION AS WE FINALLY OPENED UP ON THEIR POSITIONS TO OUR FRONT AND SNIPERS HIDDEN IN TREES, BUSHES AND BUILDINGS ON OUR RIGHT FLANK. THE EVENING SUN WAS SETTING, OUR POSITION TOO PRECARIOUS TO LODGE THERE FOR THE NIGHT. WE WITHDREW ONCE MORE ACROSS THE STREAM FOR 500 YARDS TO DIG-IN. OUR CASUALTIES WERE SLIGHT BUT THINGS LOOKED TOUGH. THE NIGHT WAS SPENT QUIETLY BUT TO MOST OF US, THE TENSENESS AND ANXIETY PROLONGED THE HOURS.

OUR ARTILLERY BOYS STAYED UP ALL THAT NIGHT AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING POUNDING THE JAP POSITIONS WITH HEAVY SHELIS ZOOMING OVER OUR HEADS. AT 1000 HOURS THAT MORNING WE BEGAN OUR ADVANCE UPON THE SMALL AND NOW BATTERED TOWN TO ROUT OUT THE JAPS. OUR SKIRMISH LINE MOVED FORWARD ENCOUNTERING NO NIPS AS WE PROCEEDED THROUGH THE TOWN EXCEPT FOR ONE LONE ONE-HE WAS DEAD. WE HAD DRIVEN TO THE EXTREME EDGE OF TOWN WHERE WE CAME UPON A FILIPINO CHURCH. JUST PAST THE CHURCH, THE 1 ST AND $2 \mathrm{ND} \quad \mathrm{PLATOONS}$ WHICH WERE IN THE ASSAULT, HAD REACHED THE OUTSKIRTS WHEN THE JAPS OPENED FIRE WITH THEIR MACHINE GUNS AND MORTARS FROM THEIR NEW POSITIONS HIDDEN IN THE TALI KUNAI GRASS AND SMALL SHACKS. WE WERE PINNED DOWN BY THIS INCESSANT FIRING AND WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW TO THE CENTER OF TOWN AND AWAIT TANKS TO SUPPORT OUR NEXT ADVANCE.

TWO M-7 TANKS ARRIVED IN LATE AFTERNOON THAT DAY. WHILE THE $3 R D$ PLATOON GAVE PROTECTION TO THE TANKS, THE M-7'S MOVED FORWARD AND OPENED-UP POINT BLANK ON A GROUP OF BUILDINGS WHERE THE JAP POSITIONS WERE BELIEVED TO BE. AFTER FIRING ALI THEIRAMMO, THE TANKS WITHDREW AND WE RETAINED OUR SAME POSITIONS IN THE TOWN FOR THE NIGHT. WE RECEIVED OUR FIRST CASE OF RATIONS IN TWOAND HALF DAYS, AND OUR FIRST ENGINEERS WATER SINCE "A" DAY. AS WE WERE DIGGING IN FOR THE NIGHT, THE JAPS BEGAN TO GIVE OUT WITH A HOWLING SOUND, RINGING THE CHURCH BELLS AND BLOWING BUGLES. OUR CURIOSITY WAS AROUSED AND WE LOOKED UP FROM OUR SWEATING WORK OF DIGGING OUR HOLES FOR THE NIGHT. THE JAPS WERE RUSHING TOWARDS US WITH BAYONETS FIXED, FIRING POINT BLANK FROM THE HIPS AND THROWING HAND GRENADES IN ALL DIRECTIONS, STILL SCREAMING AND HOLLERING IN THEIR MAD BANZAI CHARGE. OUR MORTARS THREW UP FLARES TO LIGHT THE DARK SKY, OUR MACHINE GUNS, BAR'S, M-1'S, CARBINES, TOMMY GUNS, GRENADES (AND OLD SHOES) BEGAN THEIR INCESSANT FIRING, SCREAMING THEIR DEATH NOTES TO THE ONCOMING JAPS. THE FRAY LASTED ONLY TEN MINUTES, SOME OF THE SMART JAPS STILL ON THEIR FEET, WITHDREW TO THEIR FORMER POSITIONS IN THE TALL GRASS TO SLEEP IT OFF. AS WE STOOD GUARD THAT NIGHT IN OUR FOXHOLES, WE COULD HEAR THE NIPS IN THE WEEDS GATHERING UP AND DRAGGING THEIR DEAD AND WOUNDED AWAY. THE NEXT MORNING WE FOUND 12 GOOD JAPS BUT NO DOUBT THERE HAD BEEN MORE KILLED IN THAT NIGHTS RAID.

ON THE THIRD MORNING, PATROLS WERE SENT OUT ABOUT THE TOWN TO PICK OFF JAP EMPLACEMENTS AND BURN DOWN NATIVE HUTS WITH ENEMY FOXHOLES DUG BENEATH THEM. AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 "A" COMPANY WHICH WAS PUT OUT AS SECURITY AROUND THE TOWN, ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY AS THE JAPS BEGAN TO DROP HEAVY MORTARS ON THEM. TWO LIGHT TANKS CAME UP TO SOFTEN THESE POSITIONS AND WE WERE CALLED TO SUPPORT THIS SECURITY COMPANY. THE TWO TANKS HAD BEEN KNOCKED OUT BY THE ENEMY AS THE $1 S T$ AND $3 R D$ PLATOONS OF FOX COMPANY WERE COMMITTED INTO THE ASSAULT AGAINST THIS LAST JAP STRONGPOINT IN TABONTABON. AS THE $2 N D \quad$ PLATOON, WHICH WAS IN RESERVE CAME UP TO THE RIGHT FLANK OF OUR LINES, THEY ENCOUNTERED INTENSE JAP MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM THEIR RIGHT FLANKS. THE 2ND PLATOON THEN WITHDREW TO JOIN UP WITH OUR OWN LINES TO BEGIN THE FINAL ASSAULT.

A CORNFIELD TO OUR IMMEDIATE FRONT WAS OUR OBJECTIVE FOR THE DAY. INTENSE ENEMY OPPOSITION AND DARKNESS OF NIGHT FALLING ON US QUICKLY, HELD UP OUR INTENDED ADVANCE AND WE HELD OUR POSITION TO DIG-IN FOR THE NIGHT. A RECORD TIME FOR FOXHOLE DIGGING WAS ATTAINED THAT NIGHT AS THE JAPS WERE STILL POURING LEAD ON US. ALL NIGHT LONG OUR ARTILLERY KEPT UP A CONSTANT BARRAGE FALLING 25 YARDS OUTSIDE OUR PERIMETER TO KEEP THE JAPS FROM ATTEMPTING TO INFILTRATE THROUGH OUR LINES. WE THREW HAND GRENADES TO SUPPLEMENT THE INTERVALS OF SECONDS BETWEEN THE FALLING ARTILLERY ROUNDS AND HELP SUPPORT THE HEAVY BARRAGE. IT RAINED ALL THAT NIGHT AND WAS MOST UNWELCOME. RUNNING WATER SHOULD ONLY BE HAD IN HOTELS.

THE NEXT MORNING, G-2 HAD ESTIMATED THERE WERE 250 DEAD JAPS SCATTERED THROUGH THE TOWN AND THE REST HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THEIR POSITIONS. BULLDOZERS CAME IN THE BURY THE NIPS AS WE GATHERED UP OUR CASUALTIES. THE 3RD PLATOONS MOVED OUT AS POINT FOR THE COMPANY AS WE BEGAN OUR MARCH TO KILING. AFTER THE BLOODIEST AND FIERCEST BATTLE WE HAD YET ENCOUNTERED ON LEYTE AGAINST A WELL-ORGANIZED ENEMY, THE TOWN WAS TAKEN AND DECLARED SECURE AS WE TOOK TO THE ROAD AGAIN.

## "MEECHAM RIDGE"

"MEECHAM RIDGE". NAMED IN MEMORY OF LT. COL. MEECHAM 1ST BATTALION COMMANDER KILLED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE LEYTE CAMPAIGN WAS ASSAULTED ON NOVEMBER 4TH AGAINST HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE FROM PILLBOXES AND SPIDER HOLES DUG INTO ITS RIDGES. THE 1ST AND 3RD PLATOONS HAD ADVANCED TO NEAR THE TOP OF THE HILL WHEN MACHINE GUNS AND MORTARS FROM THE HIDDEN ENEMY PILLBOXES ON THE TOP OF THE HILL BEGAN TO RAKE THE OPEN FIELD TO THEIR FRONT PINNING DOWN BOTH PLATOONS. THE $2 N D$ PLATOON MOVED OFF TO THE LEFT OF THE RIDGE TO SEEK OUT THE ENEMY SNIPERS WHO FIRST BEGAN TO HARASS THE TROOPS IN THEIR ADVANCE ON THE HILL. UPON MAKING A THOROUGH SEARCH, THE SNIPERS COULD NOT BE LOCATED. THE PLATOON THEN RETURNED TO WHERE THE $1 S T$ AND $3 R D$ PLATOONS WERE STILL MEETING GREAT OPPOSITION TO BECOME COMPANY RESERVE. AGAIN THE SNIPERS BEGAN TO OPEN FIRE ON OUR LINES AND FOR THE SECOND TIME THE $2 N D \quad$ PLATOON WENT OUT TO ROUT THE ENEMY FROM THEIR ROOSTING PLACES. ON REACHING THE SUMMIT OF THE HILL, A JAP PILLBOX WAS LOCATED IN A SHALLOW SLOPE OF THE HILL. THE ESTIMATED ARMAMENT IN THIS FORTIFICATION WAS A HEAVY MACHINE GUN, A LIGHT MACHINE GUN, AND ONE KNEE MORTAR. THE POSITION WAS DECLARED ELEMENTARY AND THE PLATOON WAS ORDERED BACK IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPANY STILL PINNED DOWN BY THE DEFENDERS.

WHILE WE WERE DUG IN OUR POSITIONS, AT 2215 THAT NIGHT, THE JAPS LEFT THEIR POSITIONS SCREAMING AND SCREECHING IN A BANZAI CHARGE. THE COMPANY WAS ON THE ALERT AND, AS THE ONCOMING NIPS CAME CLOSER, HOT LEAD FROM OUR MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLES STOPPED THEM IN THEIR ATTEMPTED COUNTER-ATTACK. THE FIGHTING LASTED ONLY 15 MINUTES; OUR COMPANY ACCOUNTED FOR 19 DEAD JAPS AND SCORES OF WOUNDED. THE REST OF THE NIGHT WAS SPENT IN QUIET SOLITUDE EXCEPT FOR THE ZOOMING OF OUR ARTILLERY SHELLS RACING TO THE ENEMY LINES.

THE NEXT DAY, A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL FROM THE 2ND PLATOON WENT OUT TO LOCATE MORE PILLBOXES. APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS FROM THE COMPANY FRONT, A GROUP OF
PILLBOXES HAD BEEN SPOTTED AFTER CAUSINGA FEW CASUALTIES AMONG THE PATROL. NOT BEING EQUIPPED TO KNOCK-OFF THE POSITIONS, THE PATROL RETURNED TO THE COMPANY PERIMETER AND REPORTED ITS FINDINGS TO THE CP.

THE THIRD DAY ON MEECHAM RIDGE, FOX COMPANY TOOK OFF IN EARLY MORNING TO ATTACK THE PILLBOXES TO THEIR IMMEDIATE FRONT. TANKS HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP TO SUPPORT THE ATTACK AND BOMBARD THE ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS BEFORE MOVING INTO THE ASSAULT. THE 3RD PLATOON ON THE LEFT, 2ND IN THE MIDDLE AND $1 S T$ ON THE RIGHT, WERE PREPARED FOR THE ORDER TO ATTACK. THE $2 N D \quad$ LATOON THEN TOOK OFF IN THE ASSAULT MOVING OFF TO THE RIGHT OF THE RIDGE, ATTACKING THE PILLBOXES FROM THE FLANK, WHILE THE $1 S T$ RETAINED THEIR POSITION AS RIGHT FLANK SECURITY. THE 3RD PLATOON STOOD FAST TO PROTECT THE LEFT FLANK OF THE ASSAULTING PLATOON. THE 2ND PLATOON, WITH 3 LIGHT TANKS, ONE BEING A FLAME THROWER TO BURN OUT THE JAPS IN THEIR HEAVY LOG ENFORCED EMPLACEMENTS, MOVED FORWARD GUIDING THE TANKS TO THEIR TARGETS. AS THIS ASSAULT WAS BEING MADE, THE $1 S T$ AND $3 R D$ PLATOONS RUSHED FROM THEIR POSITIONS IN THE ATTACK KNOCKING OFF JAP PILLBOXES ON THEIR FORWARD ADVANCE THROUGH THEIR SECTOR. THE 2ND PLATOON REACHED THEIR OBJECTIVE, BLOWING UP THE JAP
INSTALLATIONS AND CLEARING OUT THE REMAINING NIPS WHO WERE BEING CHASED FURTHER UP THE MOUNTAIN IN CONFUSION AND DISORDER.

ALL ORGANIZED RESISTANCE HAD THEN BEEN REMOVED AND THE REST OF OUR PERIOD ON THE RIDGE WAS SPENT IN PATROLLING THE AREA, KILLING OFF A FEW REMAINING JAPS WHO ESCAPED THE FRACAS. ON NOVEMBER18, THE $1 S T$ AND 3RD PLATOONS MARCHED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN ROAD TO PATOK, OUR NEXT AREA, WHILE THE 2ND PLATOON WENT AROUND THE LEFT FLANK CLOSING UP MORE PILLBOXES WHICH HAD BEEN BY-PASSED SO THEY COULD NOT BE REOCCUPIED.
$\underline{\text { "HEN HILL", OKINAWA }}$
"HEN HILL", A STRONGLY DEFENDED RIDGE ALONG THE NAHA-SHURI LINE ON OKINAWA, COMMANDED A VERY GOOD OBSERVATION POST FOR THE JAPS TO OBSERVE OUR LINES AND THEY COULD ZERO IN THEIR ARTILLERY ON OUR POSITIONS. THE CAPTURE OF THIS IMPORTANT HILL WAS IMMINENT, AND FOX COMPANY IS PROUD TO HAVE HAD ONE OF THE MAJOR PARTS IN THE CAPTURE OF THIS ESSENTIAL COMMANDING HILL.
"DICK HILL", AFTER A BITTER STRUGGLE, WAS SECURED ON 17 MAY. AFTER TAKING THIS ENEMY STRONGPOINT, THE COMPANY MOVED FORWARD TO TAKE "HECTOR HILL" AFTER A BATTLE WHICH LASTED ONLY A FEW HOURS. OUR NEXT MOVE WAS TO ATTACK "HEN HILL" FROM WHICH WE HAD BEEN GETTING SUCH HEAVY FIRE DURING OUR FIGHTING ON DICK AND HECTOR HILLS.

ON 19 MAY, FOX COMPANY WAS PREPARED TO ASSAULT THE RIDGE. THE STRUCTURE OF THIS HILL WAS BOUNDED BY TWO STEEP KNOLLS WITH A FLAT PLATEAU IN THE MIDDLE. ALONG THIS HILL, THE JAPS HAD MACHINE GUNS AND MORTARS STRUNG ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE RIDGE. ON THE REVERSE SIDE ALONG THE SLOPE AND BASE WERE THE JAPS DUG-IN TRENCHES AND INTER-LOCKING FOXHOLES. AN ARTILLERY BATTERY SITUATED JUST BEHIND THESE JAP EMPLACEMENTS HAD BEEN KNOCKED OUT BY ARTILLERY. THE 1 ST PLATOON PUSHED OFF FROM HECTOR HILL AND TOOK TO THE LEFT FLANK OF THE HILL, THEIR OBJECTIVE TO TAKE THE LEFT KNOLL, WHILE THE THIRD CAME UP FROM THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE PLATEAU. THE $2 N D \quad B E I N G$ IN RESERVE, DUG-IN ON TOP OF HECTOR HILL TO GIVE SUPPORTING FIRE TO THE ADVANCING PLATOONS. THE TWO ASSAULTING PLATOONS REACHED THE BASE OF THE HILL WITH LITTLE OPPOSITION. THEY THEN STORMED UP THE STEEP SLOPE TO TAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE OBJECTIVES. THE COMPANY ON OUR RIGHT FLANK DID NOT REACH THEIR OBJECTIVE IN THEIR SECTOR LEAVING OUR RIGHT FLANK EXPOSED FOR ATTACK AND ENEMY GRENADES.

RATHER THAN GIVE UP THEIR NEWLY GAINED GROUND, THE TWO PLATOONS DUG IN THEIR POSITIONS ON THE TOP OF THE HILL UNDER THE CONSTANT BARRAGE OF HAND GRENADES COMING OVER THE CREST OF THE HILL FROM THE JAPS ON THE REVERSE SLOPES. THAT NIGHT A STRONG AND HEAVY BATTLE OF GRENADES ENSUED BETWEEN BOTH FORCES. CASUALTIES WERE VERY HEAVY ON OUR SIDE DURING THE NIGHTS BATTLE. AT THIS TIME, IT STARTED RAINING AND CONTINUED TO FALL FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THE $1 S T$ AND $3 R D$ PLATOONS STOOD THEIR GROUND WHILE UNDER FIRE FROM THE JAPS AT ALL TIMES. THREE DAYS LATER, A SQUAD FROM THE 2ND PLATOON ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE KNOLL ON THE RIGHT FLANK. AS THE PATROL REACHED THE CREST OF THE KNOLL, THE JAPS BEGAN THEIR BARRAGE OF HAND GRENADES AND SNIPING. BEING UNDER SUCH HEAVY FIRE THE SQUAD WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW.

THE NEXT DAY THE 2ND PLATOON RELIEVED THE BATTERED 3RD PLATOON ON THE PLATEAU OF "HEN HILL". FOR THE NEXT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS, THE PLATOONS WAITED IN THEIR POSITIONS ON THE HILL TILL THE RAIN WOULD STOP AND AN ATTACK COULD BE MADE. DURING ALL THIS WAITING, PITCHING CONTESTS WITH HAND GRENADES GOING OVER THE CREST OF THE HILL IN EACH DIRECTION BY BUCKETFULLS, KEPT BOTH SIDES BUSY. AN ATTACK WAS PLANNED FOR MAY 30 AT 1230 HOURS. THE $2 N D \quad$ PLATOON WAS TO TAKE THE KNOLL ON THE RIGHT FLANK WHILE THE 1ST AN $3 R D$ PLATOONS GAVE SUPPORTING FIRE. AS THE $2 N D \quad$ PLATOON REACHED THE TOP OF THE KNOLL, THE JAPS STARTED ANOTHER BARRAGE OF HAND GRENADES AND SNIPERS OPENED UP ON THE EXPOSED MEN. THE 1ST AND 3RD PLATOONS WERE ALERT AND PICKED OFF THE SNIPERS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE 2ND PLATOON WAS ENGAGED IN A GRENADE BATTLE, BUT IT WAS TOO HOT FOR THE NIPS WHO WERE FORCED TO TAKE COVER IN THEIR CAVES. SATCHEL CHARGES WERE THEN USED TO CLOSE UP THE ENTRANCES TO THE CAVES SEALING THE JAPS INSIDE. SOME OF THE NIPS WHO HAD NO TIME TO TAKE TO THE CAVES, RAN ACROSS THE OPEN FIELD. THEY WERE QUICKLY DISPATCHED TO THEIR DISHONORABLE ANCESTORS. THE $2 N D \quad$ LAATOON PROCEEDED TO GO AROUND TO THE FRONT OF THE HILL BLOWING UP THE REMAINING JAP CAVES AND FINISHING OFF THE FEW LEFT BEHIND IN THE SCRAMBLE. "HEN HILL" WAS CAPTURED AFTER TEN DAYS OF GRUELING COMBAT AND OUR ADVANCE CONTINUED SOUTHWARD. THIS WAS THE FINAL BREAK UP OF THE NAHA-SHUMI LINE.

## ARAGACHI

AFTER THE YAEJU-DAKE ESCARPMENT HAD BEEN TAKEN AND ALL JAP POSITIONS WERE SEALED UP ON THIS CORAL ROCK FORTIFICATION, FOX COMPANY CONTINUED ITS ADVANCE ON ARAGACHI, THE LAST TOWN IN THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND STILL HELD BY A POCKET OF NIPS. THEY STILL THOUGHT THEY WERE NOT BEATEN AND WE HAD TO PROVE IT TO THEM.

AT 1700 ON 20 JUNE, THE 2ND AND 3RD PLATOONS PUSHED OFF FROM THE ESCARPMENT IN THE ASSAULT WITH THE 1ST PLATOON RETAINING THEIR POSITION ON THE RIDGE IN RESERVE TO GIVE SUPPORTING FIRE. THE 2ND PLATOON TOOK TO THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE TOWN WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERED A JAP EMPLACEMENT INSIDE AN ANCIENT OKINAWA TOMB. THIS SOLID ROCK FORMATION REQUIRED SIX SATCHEL CHARGES TO SEAL IT UP, BLOWING UP SIX JAP OFFICERS AND A HEAVY MACHINE GUN WHICH THEY USED TO DEFEND THEIR POSITION. LOG PILLBOXES AND SPIDER HOLES WERE DUG AROUND THIS FORTIFICATION AND THEY HAD TO BE BLOWN UP SINGLY TO ANNIHILATE THE JAPS HIDDEN INSIDE TO ALLOW THE PLATOONS ADVANCE.

At THE SAME TIME, THE 3RD PLATOON MOVING OFF TO ATTACK FROM THE LEFT FLANK OF THE TOWN, MET LITTLE RESISTANCE AND HAD REACHED THEIR OBJECTIVE. THE LEFT FLANK OF OUR LINES WERE CONSTANTLY EXPOSED AS THE COMPANY GIVING THIS FLANK PROTECTION HAD BEEN PINNED DOWN BY ENEMY SNIPERS. THE JAPS HAD BUILT DUMMY FORTIFICATIONS OF CORAL ROCK TO DRAW AWAY OUR FIRE FROM THEIR EMPLACEMENTS IN THE NATIVE HOMES. AT 1800 , THE TOWN WAS SECURED AND THE BATTALION CAME ON LINE AT THE OUTSKIRTS AS THE FLEEING JAPS TOOK OFF ACROSS THE OPEN FIELD UNDER OUR FIRE. THEY WERE BEING CONVINCED, BUT FAST. NIGHT WAS FALLING FAST, AND SMOKE GRENADES AND FLARES HAD TO BE USED AS WE DUG IN OUR POSITION FOR THE NIGHT. A FEW JAPS ATtEMPTED TO INFILTRATE THROUGH OUR LINES BUT THE ATTACKS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

THE NEXT DAY, PATROLS WERE SENT OUT TO A JAPANESE WATER POINT A MILE FROM THE TOWN AND CAUGHT QUITE A FEW OF THE NIPS IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION. THIS WAS THE LAST OF THE JAP DEFENDERS ON OKINAWA, WHO BATTLED TO THE LAST MAN FOR EVERY FOOT OF GROUND THEY LOST. FOX COMPANY WAS CREDITED FOR 280 JAPS - BEING PROMOTED IN THE FIELD AS THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA CAME TO AN OFFICIAL CLOSE ON JUNE 23RD. THE NEXT 6 DAYS, WE PATROLLED BACK ALONG OUR CONQUERED FIELDS TO POLICE-UP BYPASSED JAPS AND SEAL CAVES WHICH MIGHT HAVE JAPS HIDDEN INSIDE. WE THEN TOOK HOT SHOWERS IN OUR REST AREA NEAR TOMUSA TO TAKE THE STINK OF BATTLE OUT OF OUR PORES. MOVIES WERE ALSO ENJOYED.


OUR COMPANY MEDICAL AID MEN
SPECIAL TRIBUTE SHOULD BE GIVEN AND CITED TO OUR COMPANY MEDICAL AID MEN, WHO, WITH JUST A FIRST AID KIT AND THEIR COURAGE, FOUGHT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH US IN ALL OUR PATROLS AND BIG PUSHES ON LEYTE AND OKINAWA. IN THE BITTEREST OF THE FIGHTING THEY WERE RIGHT UP THERE WITH US CLOSE AT HAND TO ADMINISTER TREATMENTS TO THE WOUNDED. THEY ACCOMPLISHED MIRACLES IN THEIR DUTY OF MERCY, WITH JUST A BANDAGE AND A PAIR OF SCISSORS, PATCHING UP THE WOUNDED UNDER THE MOST PRECARIOUS
SITUATIONS. UNFALTERINGLY, THEY WORKED FEVERISHLY UNDER ENEMY FIRE TO EASE THE SUFFERING AND SHOCK BEFORE EVACUATION TO THE BATTALION AID STATION IN THE REAR. ON THE BATTLEFIELD IN THE PUSH ON TABONTABON, THE BREAK THROUGH OF THE NAHA-SHUMI LINE, AND THE SCALING OF YAEJU-DAKE ESCARPMENT, THESE MEN CARRIED RIGHT ON THROUGH WITH THEIR WORK AND KNOCKING OFF THEIR SHARE OF JAPS ALONG THE WAY.

THEY ARE CALLED NON-COMBATANTS IN THE BOOKS, BUT TO US THESE BRAVE MEN ARE THE BACKBONE OF A LINE COMPANY LIKE OURS, FIGHTING HEROES OF MERCY WHICH THE FRONT LINE SOLDIER COULD NOT DO WITHOUT. THEY'RE OUR BOYS AND OUR HATS ARE OFF TO THESE MEN, SOME OF WHOM WERE WOUNDED OR KILLED WHILE PERFORMING THEIR GRATUITOUS SERVICE TO OUR TROOPS WHICH WE CAN NEVER FORGET.

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