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Historical Data

199^d TANK BN. (U.S.)

192nd Tank Battalion (U.S.)
Story of Lt. Holland

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Col. Theo. Wickard, c.o. Maj. Maynard G. Snell, ex.;
Capts Russell C. Thorman S-1 Donald Hanes Harold W. Collins,
Co. C. 1st Lts. William L. Cockrum Co. C; (trfd to 194th), 1st
Lt. George A. Van Arsdall, Hq 2d Lts. Charles E. Bennett, Hq.
Jacques V. Merrifield, Hq. Co., Harry B. Black, (trfd to 194);
2d Lt. Arthur A. Holland A.; Leroy A. Scoville; Capt. Alvin C.
Poweleit, MC. Maj. W. D. Nelson, ex. Maj. John C. Morley, S-2
Capt. A. Burholt, S-3; Capt. R. H. Schwass, S-4; Capt. F. Bruni,
Co. A. Capt. W. Write, Co A KIA 12/24/41; Capt. R. Sorenson, Co.
B; Capt. Edwin Rue, Liaison ofcr; 1st Lt. K. Blumfield, died
on hike, Co. A; 1st Lt. J. Bushaw, Hq Co; 1st Lt. W. Gentry, Co.
C; 1st Lt. E. F. Gibson, w/to Aust. Hq Co; 1st Lt. Mosiman, MC,
1st Lt. Willie Heard, Co. B; 2d Lt. R. J. Bartz WIA Co. C; 2d Lt
D. R. Bertran, Hq Co; 2d Lt. J. D. Beyers, ; 2d Lt. R. E.
Danca, Hq Co; 2d Lt J. S. Hay, Hq Co; 2d Lts. H. A. Hennings, M.
Kennedy, Hq. H. R. Lafon (from 194 Co D); M. S. McDowell, Co B;
B. R. Morin, B; H. Knox, A; W. M. Reed, KIA; A. B. Rue; T. S.
Savage A; T. A. Scoville, A; 2d H. Slicer, C; E. G. Winger, Hq
& B KIA, Tuol;

Fought up north with 26th Cav. but had little action. On
Dec. 30, 1941 at Zaragosa Co. A deployed-3d plat. on rt, then 2d,
1st. 3d plat. hit by c 100-300 bicycle troops at night & then
tanks destroyed them all. Lt. Reed KIA was in 1st tank. Pvt.
Underwood, his driver, stayed with him in ditch till he died, was
captured & well treated for his gallantry. (Co. C lost 1 tank
near Camp 1).

At Malaban Holland had 1st plat. Co. A with 11th Inf. Co. C
was at Baliuag & had 1st tank duel with enemy. Jap tanks lost 9
because they could not stand against U. S. tanks.

Joined 194th at Guagua. Lost 2 tanks at Lubao Pvt....?
Reediman, driver of tank dazed when machine hit & tore lef of Hart.
He came to & drove out. Hart survived but died in Bilibid of in-
fected tooth. At Lubao Holland said they thought they were be-
hind MLR but learned the PA had w/d 2 miles.

At Lavac Junction deployed but had no contact. Small fight
at Hermosa. Then they went to bivouac on P-B rd. Thence to beach
defense for 2 weeks from Pilar to Limay. Jan 20-to Abucay line.
Then covered W/D Jan 24. No action. Went to rest area on lost
road c KP 148.

c Jan. 26-to road patrol on west coast. Then Holland, ordered to
Tuol with 4 tanks & 2 half tracks. Spent night at 11th div. CP
they left half tracks there & proceeded to join 45th. At 3 pm.
attacked & rode thru Trail 7 to otherside of pocket. Lost 1 tank
but men got out safely. Later lost another on which Bianchi rode
but snoked it out. Cpl Satterlac later 2d Lt rode a tank in &
operated mg. Got DSC & Pfc. Anderson, the driver got DSC & a
sergeantcy. He was 1st draftee to get DSC & received much publi-
city at home. His town floated bond issue for him. One sgt. of
Holland's WIA in the pocket. Spent rest of war in hosp.

Bo. B relieved Holland. Lt. Winger KIA (Collins said by Filipinos as he left his damage tank). Later Co. C relieved B. Co. C had fought at Agloloma & lost 1 tank & crew. Japs filled it with dirt.

After Agloloma & Tuol Co. A went to Bobo Pt., Co. C to 11th Div. & Co. B to Gen. Weaver & Tank Group Headquarters.

Co. C 194th came west on T 8 cut off & defended at Pantingan (relieved 45th at top of hill evening of April 8).

Co. D came to PI with 192d but was transferred to 194th. 192d arrived c Nov. 20, 1941.

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The 31st Reserve Division under Col Clifford Blusnel, AUS

The 71st Reserve Division under Col Clyde A. Sellech, AUS

The 91st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen Luther Stevens, AUS

The South Luzon Force was under the command of Brig. General George Parker. It consisted of one Regular Army unit, the 194th Tank Battalion; one Philippine Scout unit, the 86th Field Artillery; the 1st and the 2nd Philippine Constabulary Regiments, and three Philippine Army Divisions:

The 1st Regular Division under Brig. Gen. Fidel Segundo, PA

The 41st Reserve Division under Brig. Gen. Vicente Ldm, PA

The 51st Reserve Division under Col. Albert M. Jones, AUS

The Visayan-Mindanao force was commanded by Col. William F. Sharp, with headquarters in Mindanao, and it contained no Regular Army units. It had one Philippine Scout Regiment, the 43rd Infantry; the 3rd Philippine Constabulary Regiment, and three Philippine Army divisions:

The 61st Reserve Division, under Col. Bradford G. Chynoweth, USA.

The 81st Reserve Division, under Col. Guy E. Fort, PA

The 101st Reserve Division, under Col. Joseph P. Vachon, PA.

There were also elements of other divisions including the 2d Infantry, the 73rd Infantry and the 93rd Infantry.

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