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THROUGH THE LENS

JANUARY 9, 1945: A Soldier from the 2d Battalion, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division operates a communications set at a temporary command post in Lupis, Luzon, Philippine Islands.



WEEK IN REVIEW

Su **JANUARY 9, 1945:** The 37th Infantry Division is one of four U.S. Army divisions to land at Luzon's Lingayen Gulf as part of the Sixth Army's operations to liberate the Philippines.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The following account of the Luzon landings appeared in the official World War II history of the 37th Infantry Division, written by Maj. Stanley Frankel.

"The 129th Infantry and 148th Infantry Regiments, each with two battalions abreast, hit the beach at 0930. The landing barges grounded on sand bars about twenty-five yards from shore and the men waded through the choppy surf. Lanky First Sergeant Passoni, Company E, 129th Infantry, strode from his Higgins boat first. The water barely went over his cartridge belt, so the other men quickly followed. Suddenly someone shouted, "Hey! Help Waterhouse, the -300 radio operator, he's in trouble!" The combination of the heavy radio and the surging waves kept knocking Waterhouse down so Sergeant Passoni reached out his hand and lifted him out of the water by the back of his shirt as a mother cat lifts a kitten in her mouth. Waterhouse spurted a geyser of salty water and, with an expression of thankfulness and submission, allowed himself to be carried to shallow water."

