



Places of Significance in the History of the 11th Airborne Division in World War II



PLACE	EXPLANATION
<p>1. Camp Mackall, N.C.</p>	<p>a) Place of activation of the 11th Airborne Division per CO, HQS, 11A/B Div., dated 25 Feb 1943.</p> <p>b) Home of the 11th A/B Div. from 25 Feb 1943 to 2 Jan 1944 during the period of basic, unit and combined training.</p>
<p>2. Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, N.C.</p>	<p>Air base where the 11th A/B Div. underwent glider training while stationed at Camp Mackall, N.C. from 1 Feb 1943 to June 1943.</p>
<p>3. Knollwood Field, N.C.</p>	<p>Air base in the Southern Pines / Pinehurst Area where the Knollwood Airborne Maneuvers by the 11th A/B Div. took place from Dec 6 to 13 1943.</p>
<p>4. Camp Polk, L.A.</p>	<p>a) The division moved from Camp Mackall, N.C. to Camp Polk, L.A. on 2 Jan 1944 and remained until 20 April 1944.</p> <p>b) Expert Infantry, Army Ground Force Artillery and Combat Intelligence tests were conducted during this period.</p> <p>c) The division underwent ground maneuvers from 3 Feb 1944 to 20 Feb 1944.</p> <p>d) Upon the successful completion of the ground maneuvers the division underwent preparation for overseas movement.</p>
<p>5. De-Ridder Army Air Base</p>	<p>De-Ridder, L.A., near Camp Polk, the first 11th A/B Div. jump school, was conducted during the March and April 1944.</p>
<p>6. Camp Stoneman, C.A.</p>	<p>Pittsburgh, C.A. where the division was staged for embarkation overseas from 20 Apr 1944 to 2 May 1944.</p>
<p>7. Milne Bay, New Guinea</p>	<p>A water stop, and the only stop per ship when the division was transported from the U.S. to its final destination in New Guinea.</p>

<p>8. Oro Bay, New Guinea</p>	<p>a) The port of debarkation for the division during May and June 1944. b) The scene of amphibious training for the division during its stay in New Guinea.</p>
<p>9. Buna-Dobodura Area, New Guinea</p>	<p>a) An airstrip located about 5 miles inland from Oro Bay. The first overseas location for the division. b) The 2nd 11th A/B Div Jump School was organized in June 1944. c) Amphibious, jungle, airborne and intensified combat training was conducted by the division in preparation for the engagement.</p>
<p>10. Nadzab, New Guinea</p>	<p>The home of the 54th Troop Carrier Wing – attached to the division for joint airborne operations and training.</p>
<p>11. Humboldt Bay, New Guinea</p>	<p>Where the Alamo Scout School was located and which a few members of the 11th A/B Div attended.</p>
<p>12. ANGAU – Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit</p>	<p>Higatura, New Guinea was where the ANGAU Jungle Training School was located. Students returned to teach jungle lore in their own units.</p>
<p>13. Leyte Island, Philippines</p>	<p>The 11th A/B Div was first physically committed on the island of Leyte on 18 Nov 1944 in the King II Operation. It fought (33 days of combat) and remained until 27 Jan 1945.</p>
<p>14. Bito Beach, Leyte</p>	<p>The beach upon which the division made its amphibious landing on Leyte.</p>
<p>15. Tarragona and Abuyog, Leyte</p>	<p>The barrios on the extremities of Bito Beach that the amphibious landing was made. Also, the site of the division rest camp after its withdrawal from combat.</p>
<p>16. Dulag, Burauen, Leyte</p>	<p>The jumping-off line of the 511th PIR, the first unit committed on Leyte.</p>
<p>17. San Pablo Air Strips</p>	<p>In the vicinity of Burauen which was the scene of Japanese parachute attack on 6 Dec 1944.</p>
<p>18. Albuera, Ormoc Valley and Ormoc Bay, Leyte</p>	<p>The final division objective on Leyte, reached 24 Dec 1944.</p>
<p>19. Catabagan, Takin, Patog, Anonong, Manarawat and Mahonag, Leyte</p>	<p>a) Places of major contact with the enemy as the division pressed inland through the jungles and mountains during Nov and Dec 1944.</p>

	b) The 152 AA Bn set up relay radio stations at each of these barrios along the division routes of advance.
20. Lubi and Manarawat Air Strips, Leyte	a) Site of first combat jump by units of the 11 th A/B Div (A Battery, 457 th PFA Bn and elements of C Co, 187 th GIR) in Dec 1944. b) Place of air evacuation of battle casualties from the jungle fighting by L4s and L5s. c) Scene of silk-lined foxholes made from parachutes.
21. Lake Danao, Bugho, La Paz and Patog, Leyte	Barrios where elements of the 188 th PIR fought and/as were located during the Leyte Campaign in Nov and Dec 1944.
22. Mindoro Island, P.I.	The staging area for the 511 th RCT from 25 Jan to 3 Feb 1945 prior to the parachute drop on Tagaytay Ridge, Luzon.
23. Luzon Island, Philippines	After the Leyte Campaign, the 11 th A/B Div was next committed in Southern Luzon in the MIKE VI Operation on 31 Jan 1945. It remained on Luzon until 11 Aug 1945.
24. Nasugbu, Luzon	a) The vicinity in which the 11 th A/B Div (-) invaded Southern Luzon on 31 Jan 1945. b) Site of the first 11 th A/B Div cemetery erected during the Luzon Campaign.
25. Tagaytay Ridge, Luzon	The drop zone of the RCT* on Luzon on 3 Feb 1945, and the scene of much fighting by all elements of the division. *”What RCT?!” -Colonel Edward H. Lahti
26. Mt. Aiming, Mt. Cariliao, Mt. Baulao, Aga / Aga Pass, Imus, Las Piñas and Paranaque, Luzon	Towns and points of sustained fighting from 31 Jan to 4 Feb 1945 enroute to Manila.
27. Highway 17 (Nasugbu to Manila), Luzon,	The beachhead of the 11 th A/B Div was astride this highway from 31 Jan to 4 Feb 1945. *”What outfit led the way? The 511 th .” -Colonel Edward H. Lahti
28. Manila, Luzon	a) The 511 th RCT entered Manila 4 Feb and with 2 nd BN, 187 th GIR* seized Southern Manila and contacted the 1 st Calvary Div 10 Feb 1945.

	<p>*"Horse Crap! When we entered Manila 2nd BN, 187th was NOT attached." -Colonel Lahti</p> <p>b) The 187th RCT was selected to garrison Manila during June 1945.</p> <p>c) On 4 July 1945 the 11th A/B Div football team, representing the U.S. Army, played the Navy at Rizal Stadium- Score 0-0.</p>
29. Nichols Field, Ft. McKinley and Mabato Point, Luzon	Scenes of intensified sustained combat by the 3 RCT's of the 11 th A/B Div from 10 to 21 Feb 1945.
30. Los Baños, Luzon	<p>Scene of liberation of 2,147 civilians and prisoners of war held there on 23 Feb 1945. B Co, 511th PIR, 1st Bn (-) 511th PIR and Div reconnaissance platoon and 1st Bn, 188th participated in the operation.</p> <p>*"188th never got near." -Colonel Edward H. Lahti</p>
31. Laguna de Bay, Luzon	The large bay east of Manila used by the Div with Amtracs to aid in the liberation of the internees at Los Baños Prison Camp on 23 Feb 1945.
32. Mt. Sungay, Sulpoc, Talisay, Mt. Bijang, Santo Thomas and Tanauan, Luzon	Places of action during the period 24 Feb to 22 Mar 1945 by 511 th PIR, 187 th GIR and FA units of 11 th A/B Div
33. Ternate and Pico de Loro Area, Luzon	Places of action in reducing this area South of Manila Bay from 1 Mar to 3 Apr 1945 by 1 st Bn 188 th PIR and 472, 457 FA Bns.
34. Cuenca, Mt. Macolo, Bukel Hill, Dita, San Jose, Lipa, Sulac, Talisay, Sapac and Malaraya Hill*, Luzon	<p>Places of action by the 187th GIR in the reduction of Mt. Macolod and vicinity defenses in Southern Luzon from 23 Mar to 20 April 1945</p> <p>*"3rd BN, 511th took Malaraya Hill while attached to 187th." -Colonel Edward H. Lahti</p>
35. Mt. Malepunyo, Mt. Dalaga and Mt. Wataasna, Luzon	Scene of final sustained fighting in Southern Luzon by the 11 th A/B Div, April 1945
36. Lemery, Luzon	The site of the division rest camp after the cessation of fighting in Southern Luzon; operation from May to August 1945.
37. Batangas, Luzon	<p>a) The site of the second 11th A/B Div cemetery on Luzon.</p> <p>b) A supply point of the division during the Southern Luzon action.</p>

<p>38. Lipa, Luzon</p>	<p>a) A town in Southern Luzon, in the vicinity of which the 11th A/B Div Base Camp was located after combat from May to August 1945</p> <p>b) The third division Jump School was organized in May 1945, as was a glider school to train replacements to the division.</p> <p>c) The division held a review on 9 June 1945 for General Joseph W. Stillwell</p> <p>d) The reorganization of the division under a new TO&E was accomplished in June 1945.</p> <p>e) Training, preparation for the next engagement, took place during this period.</p>
<p>39. Aparri, Luzon</p>	<p>A town and airfield at the mouth of the Cagayan River in Northern Luzon. It was the DZ on 23 June 1945 for the Gypsy Task Force, composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Bn and Co's G and I of 511th PIR • Battery C of 457th B FA Bn • 1st Platoon, Co C, 127th Engineers • 2nd Platoon, 221st Medical Company • Teams from Div CWS, 511th Signal Co, 711th Ordnance and personnel of 511th Prcht Maintenance Co. <p>These units remained in this vicinity until 1 June 1945.</p>
<p>40. Okinawa Island</p>	<p>This island was the jumping off site of the 11th A/B Div from 11 Aug to 30 Aug 1945</p>
<p>41. Japan</p>	<p>The home of the 11th A/B Div on occupational duty in Japan from 30 Aug 1945 to April 1949.</p>
<p>42. Atsugi, Japan</p>	<p>The landing area of the 11th A/B Div in Japan on 30 Aug 1945</p>
<p>43. Tokahoma, Honshu, Japan</p>	<p>The Headquarters of the 11th A/B Div from 31 Aug to 14 Sept 1945.</p> <p>*"But of the 511th PIR (from) 30 Aug 1945." - Colonel Edward H. Lahti</p>
<p>44. Sendai (and Camp Schimmelphennig), Honshu, Japan</p>	<p>a) Home of HQs, 11th A/B Div and 187th GIR from 14 Sept 1945 to Feb 1946.</p> <p>b) Home of the 188th PIR, 127th Engineers, and Prcht. Maint. Co from Feb 1946 to April 1949</p>
<p>45. Tanome, Honshu, Japan</p>	<p>Site of the fourth 11th A/B Div Prcht and Glider School, established from Oct 1945 to July 1946</p>

46. Sapporo (and Camp Crawford), Hokkaido, Japan	HQs 11 th A/B Div, Special Troops, 187 th GIR established there from Feb 1946 to Apr 1949
47. Morioka, Honshu, Japan	HQs, 511 th PIR established there from Sept 1945 to Jan 1947
48. Hachinohe (and Camp Haugen), Honshu, Japan	The permanent camp of the 511 th PIR from Jan 1947 to April 1949 BEST IN JAPAN: "A camp built under the supervision of 511 th PIR officers and was rated the best camp in Japan by GHQ inspection team in June 1947. This confirmed by a visit by our corps commander from Sendai." -Colonel Edward Lahti
49. Muroran, Hokkaido, Japan	The permanent camp of the 152 nd AA Bn from Apr 1946 to its deactivation in the summer of 1947.
50. Jimmachi (and Camp Tounghans), Honshu, Japan	Named after 1LT Raymond M. Younghans who was killed in action on 31 March 1945. The permanent camp of the 11 th A/B Div Artillery (674 AA Bn) from Sept 1945 to Feb 1949.
51. Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan	The location of the 1 st Bn, 187 th GIR in the early stages of the occupation. Upon the opening of the new camp at Camp Crawford, Sapporo, the 187 th GIR maintained a detachment there continuously as guards to the many Japanese repatriates that were returned to the port at Hakodate.
52. Bihoro, Hokkaido, Japan	The location of the 3 rd Bn, 187 th GIR in the early stages of the occupation before moving in the fall of 1946 to Camp Crawford, Japan.
53. Yamoto (and Carolus Field), Honshu, Japan	The airfield was named after Captain Charles Carolus who died in a training exercise when the glider he was piloting was hit by another glider outside Parauaque, Luzon. The location of the 11 th A/B Div Jump, Glider and Air Transportability Schools upon the move from Yancome in July 1946.
54. Noboribetsu, Hokkaido, Japan	The home of the 11 th A/B Div Rest Hotel for troops in Northern Japan from 1946 to 1949.
55. Aomori, Honshu, Japan	The location of 3 rd Bn, 511 th PIR in Northern Honshu in the early days of the occupation.
56. Tonzawa, Honshu, Japan	The location of the 675 th FA Bn in the early days of the occupation before moving to Jimmachi.

57. Akita, Honshu, Japan	The location of the 457 th FA Bn in the early stages of the occupation.
58. Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan	A sea port on the Sea of Japan on the island of Hokkaido where the 11 th A/B Div troops in Sapporo and vicinity received perishable foods. It was also a repatriation center for repatriated Japanese soldiers.

- **On 30 Aug 1945, 511th PIR – Yokohama**
- **On 4 Sept 511th PIR relieved by 1st Calvary**
- **On 15 Sept arrived Morioka with responsibilities for Iwate prefecture as Senior Regimental Commander. Artillery General had 2 prefectures; Infantry Assistant Division Commander had 2; Senior Commander was also Military Governor.**
- **On 1 Jan 1945 511th PIR assumed responsibility for Aomori prefecture from 81st Division and gave 3rd Battalion, 511th PIR the mission for the strategic location. Aomori was the Southern terminus for the Hokkaido-Honshu RR Ferry.**

www.511pir.com