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18 February 1945

From: The Commander Task Unit 78.3.2.
(Commander Transport Division 100)
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Group 78.3.
(Commander Amphibious Group NINE).
(2) Commander Task Force 78.
(Commander Amphibious Forces SEVENTH Fleet)
(3) The Commander Seventh Fleet.

Subject: Action Report - Phase I, MARIVELES - CORREGIDOR
Landings 15 February 1945.

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1. Forwarded.
2. Basic information regarding this operation contained in my confidential serial 0116 of 16 February 1945.
3. It is suggested that enclosure (F) and this serial be reclassified as CONFIDENTIAL.

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Al6-3/LCI (L) 966
Serial No. 02
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17 February 1945

From: Commanding Officer, LCI (L) 966
To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Unit 78.3.2
(2) Commander Task Group 78.3
(3) Commander Task Force 78
(4) Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force
(5) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action, Report of
MARIVELES - CORREGIDOR Operation - PHASE I

References: (a) Article 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib Conf. Ltr. Serial 0212, dated
17 February 1944.
(c) ALNAV 215 December 1944.

Part I (Omitted)

Part II As Flagship and column guide, this ship sortied from Subic Bay, Luzon, at 1800, 14 February 1945 and proceeded in convoy by route Longfellow arriving in Transport Area at 0900, 15 February 1945, off Mariveles Bay, Luzon, Philippines. At Signal "Deploy" as guide ship of Wave 4 of Landing Ship Echelon, we proceeded to beach. Approximately 300 yards from beach, we took station on Left Flank and stood by until all ships of our wave beached, disembarked troops, and retracted. At 1035 we went alongside LCI(G) 226 and removed 3 wounded Army personnel. Considerable small arms fire was seen coming from high ground on Left Flank. At 1045, we left beach area and placed Army casualties aboard LST 667 at 1140. We then proceeded to Northern end of Transport Area and joined ships of our group. At 1537 we rejoined return convoy and returned to Subic Bay, arriving at 1920, 15 February 1945, without incident.

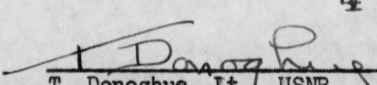
Part III While in Transport Area, three shell bursts were seen approximately 250 yards off Starboard beam, in area of APD and LCP. Also while in beach area, small arms and light machine gun fire was seen close aboard on Port side and off Bow. No enemy targets were seen within range and no ammunition was expended by this ship.

Part IV There were no casualties to personnel or material aboard this vessel.

Part V Dangerous situation existed in boat lane as a result of large number of LVT's forming-up before Wave 4 was through area.

Part VI Conduct of Ship's Personnel was excellent.

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Commanding Officer.

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LCI 980/A9
Serial 14-45

16 February 1945

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To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Unit 78.3.2
(2) Commander Task Group 78.3
(3) Commander Task Group 78
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
Subject: Action Report - MARIVELES-CORREGIDOR Operation.
Reference: (a) Article 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations, (1920).
(b) Com7thPhib. Conf. Ltr. FE25/A16-3(3), Serial
0212 of 17 February 1944.

1. In accordance with CTG 78.3 Operation Plan 4-45 this ship transported 195 men and 8 officers of the 151st Infantry from Subie Bay, Luzon, P.I. to Mariveles Bay, Luzon, P.I. on 15 February 1945. This ship was included in Phase I of the operation which consisted of transporting and landing 5,668 Troops of the 38th Infantry Division at Mariveles Bay on 15 February 1945.

2. This ship loaded on 14 February 1945. At 1715, 14 February 1945, the convoy got underway, formed up in convoy cruising disposition C-1 and proceeded to its destination on prearranged courses, steaming at 6 knots. At 1013, 15 Feb. 1945, this ship beached on assigned beach using 75 fathoms of cable out to stern anchor. The depth of water was too shallow to achieve a dry landing and the troops had to wade through approximately 50 yards of water about 2 feet deep. Lines were run out from each ramp to assist the troops. The troops were slow in leaving and the delay held the ship on the beach until the next wave came in. The USS LSM 34 beached to our starboard and dropped its stern anchor over our cable. The troops were all ashore at 1019 and this ship began retracting. The delay caused by the anchor cables crossing, held this ship from proceeding out to the transport area until 1031. At 1604 this ship formed up with the first retirement echelon and proceeded at 9 knots to Subie Bay, arriving at anchorage at 2000.

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Serial 14-45

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Subject: Action Report - MARIVELES - CORREGIDOR Operation.

3. This ship was engaged in no activity with enemy units of any kind. Gun batteries on Corregidor Island, fired approximately three rounds at the convoy and small arms fire was observed coming from shore on the way into the beach but no hits were sustained by this ship.

4. All personnel performed their duties fully and competently.

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From: Commanding Officer, LCI(L) 687
To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet
Via : C T U 78.3.2
Via : C T G 78.3
Via : C T F 78
Via : Commander Seventh Amphibious Force
Via : Commander Seventh Fleet

Subject: Action Report. Mariveles, Bataan, P.I.

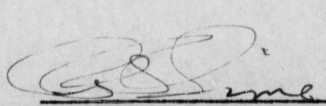
References: (a) Article 874(6), U.S.Navy Regulation, 1920
(b) Com 7th Phib, Conf., Ltr.

1. Convoy composed of APD'S, LST'S, LSM'S, LCR'S, and LCI'S escorted by DD's and LCS' departed from Subic Bay, Luzon P.I. to attack, and secure Mariveles Harbor Area of Luzon P.I. The Forces assigned to LCI(L) 687 were composed of 80 men and 2 officers H Company 151st Infantry, 44 men and 1 officer G Company 151st Infantry, 18 men and 6 officers 151st Infantry Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 14 enlisted men Regimental Headquarters 151st Infantry, 17 men and 1 officer 113th Medical Corp, 9 enlisted men, 2nd Battalion Medical Corp, 3 men 1 officer 139th Field Artillery, 5 men and 1 officer Jasco, 4 men and 1 officer Photo Unit, a total of 13 officers and 194 men were embarked at Rifle Range Beach, Subic Bay, Luzon P.I. at 1330 14 February, 1945. We departed from Subic Bay at 1715 14 February 1945. We complied with black-out regulations while underway. Course changes, speed changes, conditions of alertness were encoded and sent by visual or High Frequency radio.

2. There were no enemy attacks while enroute to Mariveles Harbor Area. At 0730, 15 February 1945 we received orders by high frequency radio that H hour was changed from 0900 to 1000. At 0915 while in the forward transport area awaiting orders to proceed into harbor and beach, we observed three rounds fired from a shore battery on Corregidor. This fire did not damage any of the Task Force. The battery was silenced by counter fire from our warships. At 1012, 15 February 1945 we beached and began disembarking troops. At 1015 we completed disembarking troops and retracted from beach. While underway, into, and leaving, beach we observed small arms fire from concealed snipers. A DD and several LCS' were returning fire from snipers. Results of sniper or return fire not known. As we neared the harbor entrance while proceeding to rendezvous area, after unloading, we observed an explosion on an LSM. Cause of explosion or damage caused not known. At 1545 we departed Mariveles Harbor Area and returned to Subic Bay. Arrived at Subic Bay at 1915, 15 February 1945.

3. No rounds fired.

4. Machinery and equipment performed to standard. Ship sustained no damage.


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From: Commanding Officer, U. S. S. LCI(L) 609
To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet
Via: (1) Commander Task Unit 78.3.2
(2) Commander Task Group 78.3
(3) Commander Task Force 78 (Seventh Amphibious Force)
(4) Commander Seventh Fleet
Subj: Mariveles Bay, Luzon Operation, Action Report of U. S. S.
LCI(L) 609
Ref: (a) Article 574(6), USN Regs., 1920
(b) Com7thPhib confltr., Serial 0212, dated 17 Feb 1944

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), we are submitting herewith the action report of the U. S. S. LCI(L) 609 on the Mariveles Bay, Luzon Operation.

2. On Wednesday, 14 February 1945, at 1800, we departed Subic Bay, Luzon as part of Task Unit 78.3.2.

3. At 1009, 15 February, we beached at Mariveles and disembarked 15 officers and 150 enlisted men of the 151st Infantry, U. S. Army. No enemy opposition was encountered enroute or on the beach. We retracted at 1016 and proceeded to tow LCI(L) 1018 from the beach returning to transport area at 1115 joining return convoy to Subic Bay, Luzon.

4. There were no enemy contacts made and we had no casualties.

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Lieut., USNR

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From: The Commanding Officer
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet
Via: (1) Commander Task Unit 78.3.2
(2) Commander Task Group 78.3
(3) Commander Task Force 78
(4) Commander Seventh Amphibious Force
(5) Commander Seventh Fleet

Subject: BATAAN-CORREGIDOR Operation, Action Report on

References: (a) Art 874(6) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920
(b) Com7thPhib conf. ltr. FE25-A16-3(3) - serial 0212 dated 17 February 1944
(c) Commander Task Group Seventy-Eight Point Three Operation Plan 4-45

1. The following information on subject operation is submitted herewith:

- (A) Troops
151st Infantry - 160 men
- (B) Officers - 11
- (C) Cargo - None
- (D) Weapons carried
Rifles, machine guns and small mortars

2. Troops for this operation were embarked at Subic Bay, Luzon at 1230 on 14 February 1945. The troops reported aboard without rations and it was necessary for this ship to subsist them for one meal. No difficulty was encountered in the loading.

3. This ship joined formation proceeding to objective area at 1820 on 14 February. Enroute to the objective area no enemy air, surface or submarine craft were encountered. At 0900 on 15 February 1945 we were lying to in the transport area awaiting orders to proceed to the beach. While in this area several artillery shells fired from Corregidor fell very close to the APDs who were lying to 600-700 yards on our starboard side. No damage was sustained by this ship. The batteries on Corregiddr were quickly silenced by Cruiser fire.

4. At 0957 received orders to proceed to the beach and at 1019 beached at Marviles, Luzon. No difficulties

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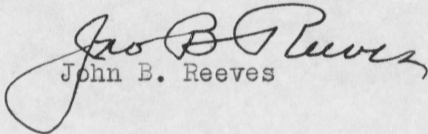
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were encountered in the approach to the beach. The troops were disembarked very efficiently and at 1025 this ship had retracted and was proceeding out of Marvilles Harbor. The close support fire from LCS(L)s and LCI(R)s was excellent. The flanks of the beaching area were under constant fire during the assault phase, making it practically impossible for Jap snipers to harass the troops. No fire from the beach was observed during the assault.

5. After clearing the beach this ship returned to the transport area. At 1600 joined formation for return to Subic Bay, Luzon. Arrived Subic Bay at 1900. No enemy action was encountered during the return trip.

6. This ship suffered no personnel or engineering casualties during the operation.

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CTU 78.3.2 Serial 0118
of 18 February 1945.

From: Commander Task Group 78.3 (Commander Amphibious Group NINE).
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Force 78.
(2) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action Report - Phase I, MARIVELES - CORREGIDOR Landings
15 February 1945.

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Chief of Staff.

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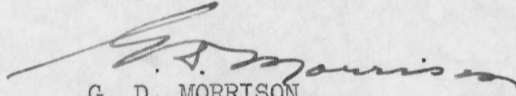
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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on:
CTU 78.3.2 conf. ltr.,
serial 0118 of 18 Feb.,
1945.

From: Commander Task Force SEVENTY-EIGHT.
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force)
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via: Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
Subject: Action Report - Phase I, MARIVELES - CORREGIDOR
Landings 15 February 1945.

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serial 0118 of 18 Feb.,
1945.

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To: ✓ Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

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