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From: Commanding Officer,
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 77.9.19
(2) Commander Task Unit 77.9.12
(3) Commander Task Group 77.9
(4) Commander Task Force 78
(5) Commander SEVENTH Fleet
(6) Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.

Enclosure: (A) The attached Action Report

Subject: Action Report, Submission of.

1. Submitted herewith enclosure (A) is the Action Report for this ship in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. on 11th and 12th of January 1945 inclusive.

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ACTION REPORT

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Thursday 11 January 1945
Zone (-) 9

Steaming b/c 162°T., s/s 6.5 kts., in Lingayen Gulf enroute from Leyte, P.I. to "Blue" Beach Area, San Fabian, Luzon, P.I. with elements of 44th Tank Bn., and 727th Amphibian Tractor Bn. aboard in company with LST's, Liberty ships and Escort vessels of Task Unit 77.9.12 --CTU Commander A.A. AGETON in U.S.S. LST 483. Condition of Readiness I set. 0800 posit Lat. 16°-17'N., Long. 120°-11'E. 0810 Flash "Red" control "Green" -- sighted one enemy aircraft bearing 170°T., elevation 45°, distant about 5 mi. which flew in southerly direction over Lingayen Transport Area. 1018 Anchored about 2 mi. off "Blue" Beach, Lingayen Gulf in 42 feet of water, set regular anchor watch. 1125 Commenced casting-off 8 LVT's into water, which proceeded to "Blue" Beach. 1200 posit Lat. 16°-07'N., Long. 120°-20'E. 1215 Underway to "White" Beach Area in accordance with orders from ComLSTFlot7 via CTU 77.9.12. 1300 Anchored about 1½ mi. off "White" Beach, Lingayen Gulf in 39 feet of water. 1315 Cast-off remaining LVT, previously disabled, which proceeded to "Blue" Beach. 1500 Set condition I-Mike. 1511 Underway to beach on "White 2" Beach. 1547 Beached on "White 2" to stb'd of LST 693. 1705 Retracted from beach and got underway to rebeach in more suitable slot. 1728 Beached on "White 2" to port of LST 1006. 1748 Commenced unloading Army tanks, vehicles and personnel. 1900 Flash "Red" control "Green", set cond. of Readiness I. 1905 Sighted AA fire over the San Fabian Transport Area bearing 300°T., distant about 6 mi. 1910 Sighted AA fire bearing 320°T., distant about 6 mi. 1915 AA fire observed off "Blue" Beach bearing 260°T., distant about 4 mi. 1930 Commenced making smoke. 1945 Flash "Red" control "Yellow". 2000 posit Lat. 16°-09'N., Long. 120°-24.8'E. 2013 Ceased making smoke. 2015 Sighted AA fire bearing 300°T., distant about 5 mi. 2041 Flash "White" control "Yellow", secured from General Quarters --set condition I-Mike. 2055 Bow had moved to port from causeway making it impossible to unload remaining vehicles and bulk cargo. Retracted from "White 2" Beach and got underway steaming various courses and speeds in anchorage. 2111 Flash "Red" control "Yellow", set condition of Readiness I. 2112 AA fire observed bearing 215°T., distant about 5 mi. 2130 Anchored 1½ mi. off "White" Beach, Lingayen Gulf in 36 feet of water. 2310 Flash "White" control "Yellow", secured from General Quarters -- set regular anchor watch. Jap artillery bombarding "White" Beach Area -- intense bombardment continued through-out the night. No ammunition expended this date.

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Friday 12 January 1945
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Anchored as before -- 1 1/2 mi. off "White" Beach, Lingayen Gulf in 36 feet of water -- approximately 50% unloaded awaiting further orders to come-in to beach. Regular anchor watch set. Enemy shells continued to burst in this vicinity and in the "White" Beach Area -- a fire was observed on beach near LST's on "White 1" Beach. 0205 Received R/T message from Beachmaster "White 2" -- "No ships are to beach at "White" Beach until further orders". 0250 Commenced making smoke. 0355 Ceased making smoke. 0445 Commenced making smoke. 0510 Secured fog generator ceased making smoke. 0618 Flash "Red" control "Yellow" -- set condition of Readiness I. 0625 Sighted AA fire over San Fabian Transport Area bearing 295°T., distant about 5 mi. 0650 Enemy aircraft strafed this area and then passed overhead, motor being clearly audible -- ships and shore batteries "White" Beach Area put-up AA barrage bearing approximately 100°T., distant about 1 1/2 mi. No hits were observed in either instance. 0700 Flash "Red" control "Green". 0747 Flash "White" control "Green", secured from General Quarters, set regular anchor watch. 0759 Flash "Red" control "Green" -- set condition I-Mike. Sighted one enemy fighter plane over Transport Area off "Blue" Beach bearing 275°T., elevation approximately 45°, distant about 5 mi., travelling in westerly direction -- AA barrage was put-up by ships in this area and by ships in the Lingayen Transport Area but no hits were observed. 0800 posit Lat. 16°-10'N., Long. 120°-24'E. 0828 Underway to beach on "White 2" Beach. 0841 Beached on "White 2" to stb'd of LST 918. 0843 Flash "White" control "Green", secured from General Quarters -- set modified anchor watch. 0920 Commenced unloading remaining Army vehicles and personnel and bulk cargo. 1200 posit Lat. 16°-09'N., Long. 120°-24.8'E. 1255 Completed unloading Army bulk cargo. 1310 Set condition I-Mike. 1317 Retracted from "White 2" Beach and got underway steaming various courses and speeds in anchorage. 1343 Anchored 2 mi. off "White" Beach, Lingayen Gulf in 48 feet of water. Set regular anchor watch. 1740 Underway in accordance with instructions from Commander Task Unit 77.9.12 to join convoy enroute from Lingayen Gulf to Leyte, P.I. in company with various LST's, LSM's, LCI's and Escort vessels. 1854 Flash "Red" control "Green" -- set condition of Readiness I. 1905 This ship took-up convoy posit 53, b/c 345°T., s/s 5 kts. OTC in U.S.S. LST 744 posit 31. 1930 Flash "Red" control "Yellow". 2000 posit Lat. 16°-19'N., Long. 120°-14'E. 2107 c/s 8 kts. 2233 c/c to 300°T. at Point "B" and took departure from Lingayen Gulf enroute to Leyte, P.I. Set condition of Readiness III. No ammunition expended this date.

- (a) Army units embarked: 44th Tank Bn; Hq. 727th Amphibian Tractor Bn.
- (b) 10 Army troop officers embarked for this operation.
- (c) 226 Army troop enlisted men embarked for this operation.
- (d) 920 Tons of Cargo (total) 110 Tons of Bulk Cargo
- (e) Vehicles aboard: LVT's-9; M4Tanks-11; M5Tanks-5; Half-Tracks-5; 2 1/2 T-Trucks-8; 1 T-Trailer-1; 3/4 T-Trucks-2; Jeeps-8

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