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LST GROUP SIXTY-FIVE  
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Subject: War Diary, LST Group 65, for May, 1945.

31 May 1945.

4 May 1945

LST 589: Departed Parang, Polloc Harbor, for Mindanao.

LST 635: 0900 - 1130, Commander LST Group 65 assisted by LST 589 conducted Readiness for War Inspection.

LST 636: Arrived Parang, discharged passengers and mobile cargo; re-loaded for first Davao Gulf Re-supply Echelon.

5 May 1945

LST 591: Arrived at Biak, New Guinea, to await escorts.

LST 593: Departed San Pedro Bay, for Ormoc, Leyte; no cargo.

LST 635: 0340, departed Manila in Convoy NLY 121 enroute San Pedro Bay, Leyte; Commander LST Group 65 OTC.

Positions: 0800	14 - 17 N.	120 - 32 E.
1200	14 - 21 N.	120 - 02 E.
2000	13 - 36 N.	120 - 02 E.

LST 636: Completed loading at Parang of personnel and equipment of various Army units of 24th and 41st Division. Departed Polloc Harbor pursuant Commander Amphibious Group 8 Operation Order No. 1-45 in TU 78.2.56.

LST 637: Completed unloading operations at Tarakan Island, Borneo.

LST 719: Sailed from San Pedro Bay, Leyte, to Ormoc, Leyte, with officers and men of beach battalion. Arrived destination, beached and began loading operations.

6 May 1945

LST 591: Departed Biak, New Guinea, for Morotai, Island.

LST 593: Arrived Ormoc, Leyte, from San Pedro Bay; beached near Panalian Point to load cargo.

LST 635: Enroute Leyte.

Positions: 0800	12 - 18 N.	120 - 47 E.
1200	11 - 46 N.	121 - 02 E.
2000	10 - 45 N.	121 - 28 E.

7 May 1945

LST 598: Arrived San Pedro Bay, Leyte.

LST 635: Enroute Leyte.

Positions: 0800	09 - 19 N.	122 - 11 E.
1200	08 - 48 N.	122 - 38 E.
2000	08 - 58 N.	123 - 50 E.

LST 636: Arrived Davao Gulf as part of first Davao Gulf Re-supply Echelon. Beached at Taloma Beach (original beaching) and discharged passengers and cargo; no casualties. Departed Taloma for return to Parang, P. I.

LST 637: At anchor Tarakan Harbor, Borneo. Loaded LVT's used in first assault waves for return to staging area.

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Subject: War Diary, LST Group 65, for May, 1945.

8 May 1945

LST 635: 1900 arrived San Pedro Bay, Leyte.

Positions: 0800 09 - 46 N. 125 - 12 E.  
1200 10 - 09 N. 125 - 23 E.

LST 637: Enroute from Tarakan Island, Borneo, to Morotai Island.

LST 717: Loaded at Parang, Polloc Harbor, Mindanao.

Other LST Group 65 ships present were 589 and 720.

9 May 1945

LST 591: Arrived at Morotai Island, beached and discharged cargo from Manus.

LST 592: Departed for Ormoc, Leyte, to stage for Agusan, Macajalar Bay, Northern Mindanao.

LST 593: Departed Ormoc, Leyte, for Macajalar Bay, Mindanao.

LST 636: Arrived Polloc Harbor, Mindanao. Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Thomas M. Hayes, (D), U.S.N.R., was transferred to Navy Hospital for treatment. Lieutenant (jg) G. E. McCabe, (D), U.S.N.R., Executive Officer assumed command.

LST 717: Departed from staging area Polloc Harbor, Mindanao, for Talomo, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, operation.

LST 719: Sailed from Ormoc, Leyte, to make an assault landing at Macajalar Bay, Mindanao, with personnel and equipment of Co K and M, and Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 108th Inf.

10 May 1945

LST 591: Departed from Morotai, for Sansapor, New Guinea, to load a unit of the 22nd Fighter Squadron for Leyte. This unit of LST's was under Command of Commander LST Group 43.

LST 592: Arrived Agusan, Macajalar Bay, Northern Mindanao. Participated in initial assault. Unloaded and departed. Did not engage in actual combat with enemy.

LST 593: Arrived Macajalar Bay; made assault beaching; no actual combat with enemy; unloaded cargo from Ormoc; then departed for Cebu, P. I.

LST 637: While enroute to Morotai Island escort made submarine contact at east end of Siaoe Passage; made two runs on target; on second run, mouse traps were exploded and subsequent search failed to locate target. LST at General Quarters during attack and maneuvering in formation on order of O.T.C.

LST 719: Arrived Macajalar Bay, Mindanao. Participated in initial assault. Unloaded then departed for Cebu City, Cebu, P. I., with no passengers or cargo.

LST 720: Obtained fresh water at Balusao, Samar, then returned San Pedro Bay, Leyte.

11 May 1945

LST 635: Obtained fresh water at Balusao, Samar.

LST 636: Departed Polloc Harbor for Morotai Island; O.T.C. Commander LST Group 64.

LST 637: Arrived Morotai Island. Unloaded on Blue Beach LVT's and troops.

Immediately commenced back-loading of re-supply units and elements of Australian Army and RAAF for objective area (Tarakan Island)

LST 717: Arrived operation area Talomo, Davao Gulf, Mindanao, and unloaded. Departed from area.

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