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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : Commander in Chief United States Fleet.  
Via : C.T.U. 78.1.12, (ComLSTFlot7)  
C.T.U. 78.1.1 (ComLSTFlot7)  
C.T.G. 78.1 (ComPhibGrp6)  
C.T.F. 78 (Com7thPhib)  
Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action Report - Oboe One (1) Operation

Reference: (a) SEVENTH Amphibious Force Letter, serial  
0563 of 10 March 1945.

PART ONE

1. As ordered by Attack Order No. A604-45 and as a unit of Task Unit 78.1.12 this vessel staged at Moratai. Loading was accomplished at Blue Beach on 24 April 1945 where personnel and equipment of the RAAF Airfield Construction Squadron Number Eight (8) was embarked as follows:

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|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Number of vehicles.....  | 67.....  | 433 tons |
| Number of personnel..... | 323..... | 40 tons  |
| Bulk Cargo.....          |          | 30 tons  |
| Mobile Cargo.....        |          | 133 tons |

2. This vessels mission being to transport and land, as directed by above attack order, embarked personnel and equipment on Tarakan Island, Borneo.

PART TWO

1. This vessel departed Moratai, on 27 April 1945 as the fourth ship in column two of section one, Oboe one(1) Attack Force, and arrived at anchorage, Tarakan Is. Borneo, at 0554. At about 0630 LST 562 reported a torpedo had passed under or past her port bow. A few minutes later another was reported to have hit U.S.S. Rushmore on port side glancing off without damage. LST 562 reported a small submarine surfaced under her stern. No information was received of any damage from torpedoes or anything further on the submarine. At about 0700 destroyers commenced shelling the beaches. About 0800 LCI Gunboats and Rocket Ships commenced bombardment of the landing beaches supported with bombings by B-24's. This bombardment was followed

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closely at 0830 by the first wave of troops in LCT's and LCVP's. Subsequent waves followed in LCVP's and LSM's. LST's with pontoons were beached about 0915 and LCI's came alongside them to discharge their troops ashore via their pontoon causeways. LCI gunboats and destroyers continued shelling targets of opportunity. Both of this ship's LCVP's were ordered to report to HMAS Westralia where they assisted with disembarkation. Our boats reported they were subjected to ineffective enemy mortar and machine gun fire near the beaches.

2. This ship discharted its cargo on 6 May 1945 at the pontoon dock. Unloading was commenced at 1706 hours and completed at 1830 hours.

3. At the time of submission of this report this vessel is remaining in the objective area as a hospital evacuation ship. Casualties aboard this date are seventeen (17) Australian army patients.

PART THREE

1. At the time of submission this report no ammunition has been expended.

PART FOUR

1. No battle damage was suffered by this vessel.

PART FIVE

1. Delay in unloading at the objective area was occasioned by the very poor condition of the beach. A soft mud beach with a gradient too shallow for LST's necessitate revision of unloading schedules.

PART SIX

1. All personnel performed their duties well and there were no casualties suffered by this ship.

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