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Serial: 772

U.S.S. L.S.T. 467  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

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7 May 1945

From: The Commanding Officer, USS LST 467.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 78.1.12 (Commander LST  
Flotilla SEVEN).  
(2) Commander Task Unit 78.1.1 (Commander Transport  
and Landing Craft Unit).  
(3) Commander Task Group 78.1 (Commander Amphibious  
Group SIX).  
(4) Commander Task Force 78. (Commander SEVENTH  
Amphibious Force).  
(5) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action Report, USS LST 467.  
Tarakan Operation.  
1 May 1945.

References: (a) Article 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.  
(b) Com7thPhib conf. ltr., serial 0563 of 10 March 1945.

1. In accordance with Operation Plan No. 10-45, Attack Order No. A604-45, in the Tarakan Operation, the mission of this vessel was to launch wave three (3) of LVT's for the assault landing on Peter Day. Two (2) wave guide officers and one wave Commanding Officer were furnished by ship's company. Miscellaneous cargo, equipment, machinery and vehicles were delivered in compliance with operation schedule on Peter Day without mishap.

Preliminary to the operation firing practice was held, numerous general drills of all types with passengers and ship's company participating, and an unloading rehearsal were carried out.

There was no enemy action in so far as this vessel was concerned, except that on 2 May 1945 at 1240 one burst of enemy mortar fire exploded in the water twenty-five (25) yards on our starboard beam while anchored. There was no damage or casualties suffered.

Launching of LVT's was completed on schedule as were the small boats with wave guide officers. Everything went very well in all respects except that unloading was extremely difficult because of unfavorable beaches. Our cargo was difficult to man handle in the stream but was expeditiously unloaded when transportation was made available. Passengers and ship's company turned to and completed the job in good time.

The assigned mission of this vessel was successfully carried out.

2. The following radio watches were maintained during the operation:

X 122317

ENROUTE TO AND FROM OPERATION  
Dog Circuit - CW - Continuous

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Day 8705 KC  
12900 KC

Night 8705 KC  
4300 KC

OBCE I ATTACK GROUP COMMON - RT - CONTINUOUS

3367 KC

FLEET COMMON -RT - CONTINUOUS

34.8 Mcs

DURING OPERATION

DOG CIRCUIT - CW - CONTINUOUS

Day 8705 KC  
12900 KC

Night 8705 KC  
4300 KC

OBCE I ATTACK GROUP COMMON -RT - CONTINUOUS

3367 KC

LST VHF COMMON -RT-

35.6 Mcs

Our communications system performed satisfactorily throughout the operation.

3. The following ammunition was expended in firing practice on a towed sleeve prior to the operation:

.50 cal.  
20MM  
40MM  
3"50

364 rounds.  
2,118 rounds.  
346 rounds.  
2 rounds.

Performance of all guns and ammunition was excellent, except that one (1) .50 cal. gun ceased firing after seventy (70) rounds because of a broken barrel extension. The cause of this casualty was that the head spring was too tight. This part was replaced and one hundred twenty (120) additional rounds were fired without incident.

No guns were fired and no ammunition was expended during the operation.

During the firing practice one (1) sleeve was definitely shot down by this ship.

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4. There was no battle damage.
  5. No special comments.
  6. The performance of ship's company was noteworthy. All Hands turned to in unloading cargo. In every other respect personnel performance was excellent.
- No casualties were suffered.

Lieut. MILTON B. TAYLOR  
Commanding