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Subject: Action Report, U.S.S. LST 584 - OKINAWA 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 references (a) and (b), subject action report is submitted herewith.

2. Loading.

Elements of the 2nd/7th Australian Field Regiment, 26th Infantry Brigade, 9th Australian Division, and units of the 2nd Australian Beach Group, total of 365 troops, were loaded on board at MOROTAI ISLAND on 23 April 1945. On 22-23 April, cargo, vehicles, and equipment were loaded on board as follows: twenty-two (22) vehicles, three (3) tanks; tons bulk 116½; total tons 329½. This vessel loaded pontoons at MANUS on 11 April for the purpose of bridging the mud bank from the LST ramp to the beach at the objective.

3. Landing at Objective.

The passage of LST 584 to objective was made without incident. At 0430 on Peter Day went to general quarters. Proceeding to assigned anchorage in LST Area TWO. At 0541 anchored in Berth 9. At 0555 torpedo wake reported crossing bow from port to starboard. At 0630 launched pontoons. At 0700 LCVP No. 2, to be used as Bowser Boat for LVTs in assault wave, left the ship. At 0710 pontoons secured to starboard side. At 0730 Commander LST Group 44 came aboard to direct beaching and approach operations for Cypsies. At 0811 on orders from LCC got underway to beach. Underway at full speed on orders from LCC. At 0850 Bowser Boat returned to ship, mission completed without incident. At 0916 felt forefoot touching bottom and continued approach at full speed on heading 042°(T). (Upon coming to final stop ship swung to heading 037°(T). Immediately tried to fishtail ship back to proper heading, but due to ship being so firmly embedded in mud, this was impossible.) At 0918 let go causeway through three (3) cleared openings in obstacles and stopped all engines. At 0919 LST 584 beached in Slot 2, Red Beach Two, TARAKAN ISLAND, BORNEO. (First LST to beach.) Causeway continued through slot and beached at 0920. No obstacles were encountered in this slot. At 0925 started preparations for securing causeway to bow ramp. At 1010 causeway installed in place, ready for operation. At 1022 LCI 634 came alongside to starboard and disembarked troops. At 1038 LCI 1076 came alongside to port and disembarked troops. At 1100 LCI 634 left starboard side. At 1130 LCI 1076 left port side. At 1135 began disembarkation of troops and vehicles aboard. At 1345 commenced unloading tank deck vehicles on orders from Beachmaster. At 1500 completed unloading vehicles on tank deck. At 1510 started unloading main deck. At 1615 completed unloading main deck. At 1620 began unloading bulk cargo from tank deck. At 2215 completed unloading tank deck with the exception of approximately 25 tons. At 2230 began attempting to shift causeway to ramp of LST 171, but due to tide ebbing was unable to do so. At 0040 on Peter + One Day sounded general quarters due to heavy enemy artillery fire. Several near misses within 10 to 25 yards of ship caused showering of shrapnel on main deck. At 0090 enemy fire ceased on beaching area. At 0055 secured from general quarters.

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4. Retraction.

At 0730 on Peter + One moved causeway from ramp of LST 594 to LST 171. At 0740 began pumping water and fuel overboard. At 0811 LCI 625 came alongside to port to assist ship off beach. At 0815 started backing full on engines. At 0820 stopped all engines. LCI 626 came alongside to starboard to assist. At 0829 backing full, LCIs also backing to pull ship off beach. At 0840 stopped pumping water and fuel. Total of 40,062 gallons (146 tons) of fuel and 3080 gallons (13 tons) of water pumped overboard. At 0900 LCI 625 reversed position by backing alongside to port. Commenced backing to no avail. At 1055 secured main engines upon orders from ComLSTGroup 44; who later gave orders to the effect that no attempt would be made to retract until next spring tide on 11 May 1945.

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