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2 July 1945

From: Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Transmitting of for June, 1945.
Enclosure: (A) June, 1945, War Diary of Commander
LST Flotilla FIFTEEN.

1. War Diary for June, 1945, is transmitted herewith as
enclosure (A).


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LST Flotilla FIFTEEN, composed of LST Groups FORTY-THREE, FORTY-FOUR, and FORTY-FIVE, is attached to the SEVENTH Amphibious Force, U. S. SEVENTH Fleet.

The next higher echelon in the chain of command is the Commander, U. S. SEVENTH Amphibious Force.

All operations during June, 1945, are in Zone minus nine time.

1 June 1945.

The Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN in U.S.S. SPENCER (CGC 36) is in Morotai, Netherlands East Indies, operating as Attack Unit Commander for Brunei Bluff and Muara Island Assault Units in accordance Commander Task Group 78.1 (Rear Admiral Forrest B. Royal, USN, Commander Amphibious Group SIX) Brunei Attack Order, and in accordance CTU 78.1.17 and CTU 78.1.18 (Captain Leon J. Manees, USN, Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN) Brunei Bluff and Muara Island Landing Attack Order.

Held conference with personnel of the Brunei Bluff Assault Unit, including Commander Control Unit, Commander Support Unit, LST Beaching Officers and assigned representatives ashore, commanding officers of assigned ships, boat wave guide officers, and representatives of the 20th Brigade, NINTH Australian Division.

2 June 1945.

At anchor, Morotai, Netherlands East Indies.

Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN with representatives of his Staff attended critique for Brunei Attack Group conducted by Commander Amphibious Group SIX in U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT (AGC 3) and offered criticism of rehearsal of his assigned task units previously conducted on 31 May, 1945.

3 June 1945.

At anchor, Morotai, Netherlands East Indies.

Attended preliminary Press Conference aboard U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT (AGC 3) and presented summary of Brunei Bluff and Muara Island Attack plans.

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4 June 1945.

At 1230 underway in U.S.S. SPENCER on signal from OTC, Commander Task Group 78.1, and proceeded to take station relative to U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT as guide. At 1400 departed Morotai, Netherlands East Indies, in accordance with Sortie Plan of ComPhibGroupSIX Movement and Approach Order A605-45.

0800

1200

2000

Lat.

02-48 N

Long.

127-42 E

5 June 1945.

Lat. 03-41 N

04-03 N

04-33 N

Long. 126-35 E

126-09 E

125-18 E

6 June 1945.

Lat. 05-26 N

05-47 N

06-27 N

Long. 124-06 E

123-32 E

123-08 E

7 June 1945.

Lat. 07-02 N

07-08 N

07-15 N

Long. 121-32 E

120-51 E

119-41 E

8 June 1945.

Lat. 07-21 N

07-40 N

07-45 N

Long. 118-04 E

117-44 E

117-04 E

9 June 1945.

Lat. 07-08 N

06-46 N

05-58 N

Long. 115-47 E

115-23 E

114-46 E

10 June 1945.

At 0400 entered Brunei Bay with main body of Brunei Attack Group. At 0427 and upon signal "Deploy" assumed tactical command of TU 78.1.17 and TU 78.1.18.

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At 0750 issued order "Land the Landing Force" for Brunei Bluff.

At 0804 issued order "Land the Landing Force" for Muara Island.

At 0923 assault completed on Muara Island.

At 0932 assault completed on Brunei Bluff.

Unloading of all ships and craft continued throughout day.
Details covered in action report.

11 June 1945.

Unloading continues.

Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN assigned as OTC for departing
convoy, TU 78.1.92.

12 June 1945.

Shifted flag to LST 574.

Proceeded to anchorage in Brunei Bay and assumed cruising
formation with ships of TU 78.1.92.

Underway at 1600 for Morotai.

0800

1200

2000

Lat.

05-20 N

Long.

114-45 E

13 June 1945.

Lat.

06-32 N

07-11 N

07-49 N

Long.

115-25 E

115-57 E

116-48 E

14 June 1945.

Lat.

07-38 N

07-15 N

07-07 N

Long.

117-48 E

118-14 E

119-22 E

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15 June 1945.

Lat.	07-05 N	06-50 N	06-53 N
Long.	120-57 E	121-58 E	122-34 E

16 June 1945.

Lat.	05-41 N	05-23 N	04-49 N
Long.	123-58 E	124-20 E	125-01 E

17 June 1945.

Lat.	04-05 N	03-49 N	03-09 N
Long.	126-01 E	126-25 E	127-13 E

18 June 1945.

Lat.	02-07 N
Long.	128-11 E

At 1200 arrived Morotai and proceeded to Blue Beach for loading. Assigned other ships of unit to slots on Blue Beach for loading.

19 - 20 June 1945.

At Morotai, Netherlands East Indies, preparing ships for movement as first resupply echelon for Brunei Bay.

21 June 1945.

Departed Morotai as OTC of TU 78.1.92 as resupply echelon for Brunei Bay.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.			02-34 N
Long.			127-53 E

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22 June 1945.

Lat.	03-35 N	03-53 N	04-30 N
Long.	126-45 E	126-21 E	125-26 E

23 June 1945.

Lat.	05-26 N	05-47 N	06-32 N
Long.	124-04 E	123-41 E	122-50 E

24 June 1945.

Lat.	07-02 N	07-04 N	07-10 N
Long.	121-19 E	120-47 E	119-41 E

25 June 1945.

Lat.	07-24 N	07-53 N	07-42 N
Long.	118-03 E	117-40 E	116-54 E

26 June 1945.

Lat.	06-55 N	06-39 N	05-59 N
Long.	115-43 E	115-31 E	114-48 E

27 June 1945.

At 0700 arrived Brunei Bay.

28 - 29 June 1945.

In Victoria Harbor, Brunei Bay, unloading equipment and personnel of NINTH Australian Division at Labuan Island.

30 June 1945.

Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN assigned as OTC of TU 76.20.2 comprising unloaded shipping from Brunei Bay to Lingayen, Leyte, and Morotai.

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30 June 1945.

Underway at 1200 in LST 574 for Morotai with TU 76.20.2.

0800

1200

2000

Lat.

05-56 N

Long.

114-48 E

The following ships of LST Flotilla FIFTEEN took part in the Brunei Attack: LST's 574, 573, 626, 709, 751, 922, 1025 and 1027.

LST's 703, 753 and 777 assigned to ComPhibGroup EIGHT now staging for forthcoming operations.

Remaining ships of LST Flotilla FIFTEEN are operating in the Philippine - Netherlands East Indies area.

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