

By: NDC NARA Date: Dec 31, 2012

4 July 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

- From: Commander Task Group 76.20.
(Commander LST Flotilla TWENTY-FOUR)
- To : Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
- Via: (1) Commander Task Force 76.
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force)
(2) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
- Subject: Action Reports, OBOE SIX subsidiary operations -
WESTON, MEMPAKOL, KLAIS POINT, SERIA, and LUTONG.
- Reference: (a) Com7thPhib conf ltr FE25/A16-3(1), Serial 0563
dated 10 March 1945.
- Enclosure: (A) Action Report of Commander Task Unit 76.20.20
(Commander LSM Flotilla SEVEN) for WESTON Operation. *M-Ser 130965*
(B) Action Report of Commander Task Unit 76.20.40
(Commander LCS(L) Flotilla ONE) for MEMPAKOL and
KLAIS POINT operation. *P 2*
(C) Individual Action Reports of Commander Task Unit
76.20.50 (Commander LCI(L) Flotilla EIGHT) for
LUTONG Operation; CTU 76.20.51; CTU 76.20.52 (CO LST 562);
CTU 76.20.53 (Com LCT Gr 74); CTU 76.20.54 (CO PC 1120);
CTU 76.20.55 (Com LCI(R) Gr 20); LSTs 573, 667; LCI(L)
546; LCI(R)s 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051

1. Enclosures (A) through (D) are enclosed herewith in compliance with Reference (a).

2. OBOE SIX Subsidiary Operations proceeded according to schedule. Performance of personnel was highly commendable and reflects great credit on the Commanding Officers for their speedy and efficient completion of the operations.

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LCS (L) FLOTILLA ONE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

USS LCI(L) 778, Flagship
20 June 1945

From: Commander Task Unit 76.20.40.
(Commander LCS(L) Flotilla ONE)
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Group 76.20.
(2) Commander Task Group 78.1.
(Commander Amphibious Group SIX)
(3) Commander Task Force 78.
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force)
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet).
Subject: Landing at MEMPAKOL, KLIAS POINT, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.
Reference: (a) Article 762, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib conf. ltr FE25/A16-3, Serial 0563 of
10 March 1945.

PART I

7-0649
At 0800(I) on 17 June 1945, Commander LCS(L) Flotilla ONE was informed by CTG 76.20 (S.O.P.A. and 7thPhibFor representative, BRUNEL area) that the 9th Australian Division was contemplating a landing at MEMPAKOL, KLIAS POINT, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO. This objective was to be a shore-to-shore movement employing LVT's and LCM's supported by close-in fire support craft of LCS(L) Flotilla ONE. The target date was indefinite and depended upon the availability of vehicles and landing craft. Instructions were received by this command to assume the duties of CTU 76.20.40 and to commence preliminary operations as required.

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At 1300(I), 17 June 1945, Lieutenant Commander TANKRED, RAN, Officer-in-Charge of the Hydrographic Unit, was detailed to survey the channel and beach approaches and to lay the necessary buoys. He was also instructed to obtain any enemy information possible from natives seen in the target area. This mission was to commence at 0800(I), 18 June 1945, and was completed at 1500(I) the same date. The channel was reported to be narrow, to have a strong northerly set but to have a minimum depth of eleven feet. The beach was reported to be hard sand with a gradient of 1 in 25, and to be suitable for beaching any type of landing craft.

At 1000(I), 18 June 1945, the Commanding General, 9th Australian Division, held a joint conference and it was decided that the landing would occur, that the army forces involved would consist of one battalion of the 24th Brigade

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plus two companies of reconnaissance troops from the 6th Cavalry, plus assigned artillery. The conference was then adjourned until 1730 the same date to await any report received from the Hydrographic Unit. At the 1730 conference the Hydrographic Survey Party reported that they had found MEMPAKOL clear of enemy but with indications that they had left quite recently. Native reports were conflicting in that one report was to the effect that an enemy party of one officer and thirty men had evacuated the town by lorry that very morning while another report was to the effect that the larger party had evacuated upon arrival of the Hydrographic Unit. It was further determined that the only known enemy were (a) a party of fifty at KANILAN, distant about five miles by trail from MEMPAKOL, and (b) a party of three to five at MELIKEI, distant five miles up the SUNGEI KLIAS.

It was planned at the 1730 conference to land a reconnaissance party in force at MEMPAKOL on the morning of 19 June 1945, and to follow this up with the main body immediately unless the reconnaissance party encountered resistance.

CTU 76.20.40 requested the following craft to be made available by CTG 76.20. The LCI(L) 778 (Flagship of ComLCS(L)Flot1), the LCI(S) 1071 and the LCI(G) 23. Six (6) LCM's and one LCM gunboat were provided by the 593rd EB and SR, U.S.A. Loading commenced at 0700(I), 19 June 1945, with the 43rd Brigade being loaded in LCM's (total 500) and the 6th Cavalry units in the LCI(L) 778 and LCI(S) 1071 (127 in each LCI, total 254). This unit left VICTORIA TOWN, LABUAN ISLAND, at 0930(I) and arrived at the objective at 1100 when the first wave consisting of two LCM's landed without opposition. The objective had been subjected to long range artillery bombardment from LABUAN ISLAND just prior to the landing.

The other four LCM's landed at 1100(I), without opposition, and established a modified beachhead. The LCI's landed at 1130(I). At 1400 the Landing Force Commander reported the troops firmly established ashore and CTU 76.20.40 retired from the area with the LCI's. An army patrol had been sent up the river using the LCM(G) and two LCM's to establish an outpost at MELIKEI.

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PART II
Narrative of Events


0700 - At Chick Pontoon Dock VICTORIA TOWN loading troops and equipment.
0945 - Underway with LCI(L) 778, one (1) LCM gunboat, 6 LCM's, LCI(S) 1071 and LCI(G) 23.
1000 - Shore artillery from LABUAN ISLAND bombarding MEMPAKOL, KLIAS POINT, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO. Many shots observed falling short of the target.
1045 - LCI(L) 778, LCI(S) 1071 anchored off landing beach while the LCI(G) 23 and LCM gunboat proceeded into firing position.
1100 - LCM's landed assault wave on beach. No opposition.
1110 - LCI(L) 778, followed by LCI(S) 1071 beached and discharged troops.

PART III

No ammunition was expended.

There were no casualties.

Notwithstanding the short notice and the necessity for oral planning the operation came off on schedule and with no complications. The performance of personnel was excellent.


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COMMANDER LCI (L) FLOTILLA EIGHT
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

25 June 1945.

From: CTU 76.20.50 (Commander LCI(L) Flotilla EIGHT).
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) CTG 76.20 (Commander LST Flotilla TWENTY FOUR).
(2) CTG 78.1 (Commander Amphibious Group SIX).
(3) CTF 76 (Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).
(4) CTF 77 (Commander SEVENTH Fleet).

Subject: Action Reports, LUTONG, BORNEO, Operation, 20 June 1945,
Forwarding of

7-01648
Enclosure: (A) Action Report, CTU 76.20.50. (Com LCI Flot 8). *M-serial 129973*
(B) Action Report, CO LCI(L) 546. *M-serial 128326*
(C) Action Report, CTU 76.20.51. (Com LSM Flot 7). *M-serial 129502*
(D) Action Report, CTU 76.20.52. (CO LST 562). *M-serial 132191*
(E) Action Report, CO LST 573. *P. 6*
(F) Action Report, CO LST 667. *P. 8*
(G) Action Report, CTU 76.20.53. (Com LCT Group 74). *P. 12*
(H) Action Report, CTU 76.20.54. (CO PC 1120). *M-serial 134274*
(I) Action Report, CO SC 732. *P. 13*
(J) Action Report, CTU 76.20.55 (Com LCI(R) Group 20). *P. 15*
(K) Action Report, CO LCI(R) 71. *M-serial 133310*
(L) Action Report, CO LCI(R) 72. *M-serial 129503*
(M) Action Report, CO LCI(R) 74. *M-serial 133259*
(N) Action Report, CO LCS(L) 46. *M-serial 134270*
(O) Action Report, CO LCS(L) 58. *M-serial 134285*
(P) Action Report, CO LCS(L) 60. *M-serial 134286*
(Q) Action Report, CO LCI(M) 431. *M-serial 132685*
(R) Action Report, CO LCI(M) 359. *M-serial 133265, 132684*
(S) Action Report, CO LCI(L)(S) 985. *P. 16*

1. Enclosures (A) to (S) inclusive forwarded herewith.
2. The classification of Enclosure (L) is lowered to Confidential.
3. The Action Report of LCI(L)(S) 961 is not available due to operational commitments. It will be forwarded when received.

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U. S. S. LST 573
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22 June 1945

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From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LST 573
To : Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 76.20.52. (Commanding Officer, LST 562)
(2) Commander Task Unit 76.20.50. (Commander LCI(L)
Flotilla EIGHT.
(3) Commander Task Group 76.20.
(Commander LST Flotilla TWENTY-FOUR)
(4) Commander Task Force 76.
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).
(5) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action Report, U.S.S. LST 573 - Lutong Operation,
20 June 1945.

Reference: (a) Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force Conf. Ltr.
serial 0563 of 10 March 1945.

1. This ship participated in assault on Crimson Beach,
Lutong, Borneo, but did not engage in any actual combat with the
enemy.

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2. Personnel and equipment for the invasion were loaded in
Brunei Bay area. One (1) officer and 35 men of Company "B" 727th
Amphibian Tractor Battalion, U.S. Army, and 12 LVT's were loaded at
Brown Beach, Labuan Island, on 18 June 1945. Loaded 12 officers and
284 men of 2/13 Australian Infantry Battalion, and 4 officers and 126
men of 2/15 Australian Infantry Battalion, (Reserve Unit), both NINTH
Division, 1st Corps, at Red Beach, Muara Island, on 19 June 1945. Joined
invasion convoy in Brunei Bay at 1630 (ITEM) 19 June 1945. Arrived off
Crimson Beach daylight 20 June 1945. Disembarked officers and men of
2/13 Battalion in LVT's for initial assault. Reserve unit (2/15 Battalion)
remained on board. Re-loaded 15 LVT's and 46 attached personnel during
afternoon. Departed 1800 (ITEM) 21 June 1945 for return to Brunei Bay.
Arrived Brunei Bay shortly after daybreak 22 June 1945 and unloaded
Reserve unit in morning and LVT's and attached personnel in evening.


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U.S.S. LST 562
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23 June 1945

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CO LST 573 Conf. ltr.

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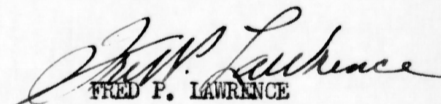
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From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LST 562, (CTU 76.20.52).
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 76.20.50, (Commander LCI(L)
Flotilla EIGHT)
(2) Commander Task Group 76.20, (Commander LST
Flotilla TWENTY-FOUR)
(3) Commander Task Force 76, (Commander SEVENTH
Amphibious Force).
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

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San Francisco, Cal.
21 June 1945.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) The Commanding Officer, U. S. S. LST 562,
(CTU 76.20.52).
(2) The Commander, LCI(L), Flotilla EIGHT (8),
(CTU 76.20.50).
(3) The Commander, LST Flotilla TWENTY-FOUR (24),
(CTG 76.20).
(4) The Commander, SEVENTH (7th) Amphibious Force,
(CTF 78).
(5) The Commander, SEVENTH (7th) Fleet.

Subject: Action Report on Lutong, Borneo Operation.

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

Enclosure: (A) Troops and Cargo Landed. P. 10

1. In this operation of Lutong, Borneo, (L Day) this ship served as a combat loaded and surgically staffed ship. Loading of troops and mechanized equipment was accomplished on Red Beach, Maura Island, Borneo, 19 June 1945. Additional troops were loaded from LCI 992 while this ship was at anchor in Brunei Bay, Borneo.

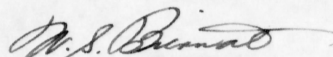
2. This ship departed from Brunei Bay, 19 June 1945, with LCT 1312 in tow. Arrived Lutong attack area, 20 June 1945, prepared for assault on Crimson Beaches one (1) and two (2). LVT's and DUKWS were launched with four of this ship's LCVP's acting as wave guides for waves three (3) and four (4). The remainder of assault troops were taken to the beach in small boats. One casualty was sustained. LYALL, C., Pte., NX 174686, 2/13 Australian Infantry Battalion, was drowned when one of the small boats was swamped by high running surf. The LCVP was not salvagable. One LCVP from this ship was used by the wave guide commander during the assault phase and later by the press. Two (2) LCVP's remained in the beach area for casualty evacuation. One hundred forty-nine (149) 2/15 Australian Infantry Battalion reserve troops and seven (7) officers remained on board. On L+1 day, the reserve troops were transferred to U. S. S. LST 562 by small boat and returned to Brunei Bay, Borneo. Twelve (12) DUKWS were re-embarked while this ship was at anchor. Departed Lutong area with LCT 1312 in tow, 21 June 1945. Arrived Brunei Bay, Borneo, 22 June 1945.

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3. No contact was made with enemy surface units or enemy aircraft. No ammunition expended. Ship's personnel and equipment satisfactory except for one (1) LCVF lost in beaching.


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ENCLOSURE (A).

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U. S. S. LST 667

T R O O P S A N D C A R G O L A N D E D

<u>UNITS LOADED</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>
* 2/13 AUST Inf Bn	56	3
2/15 AUST Inf Bn	149	7
1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn	31	1
15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt	132	5
SFCP	7	1
11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy RAE	39	1
2/27 Sup Dep Pl	10	1
Det 106 DUKW Coy	29	1
B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb	28	4
Air Sp Party	5	1
Det BBCAU	2	2
Det 9 Div Pro Coy	4	0
Det ATIS	0	1
Det FELO	0	1
Det B FS Sec	1	0
Det 34 FS Sec(EE)	1	0
Det 9 Div Postal Sec	2	0
727 Amph Trac Bn	17	0
Det ADOS Dump	2	0

Total Passengers: 544

Number of Vehicles: 28

Total Cargo: 8 Tons

Mobile Cargo: 8 Tons

Bulk Cargo: None

Gas Cargo: None

Explosives: None

* Reserves - remained on board and transferred (L+1) by small boats to U. S. S. LST 562 for return to Brunei Bay, Borneo.

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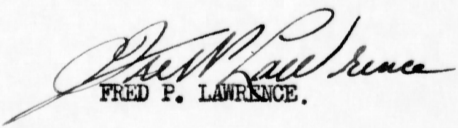
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314 dated 21 June 1945.

From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LST 562 (CTU 76.20.52).
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) The Commander, LCI(L), Flotilla EIGHT,
(CTU 76.20.50)
(2) The Commander, LST Flotilla TWENTY-FOUR,
(CTG 76.20).
(3) The Commander, SEVENTH Amphibious Force,
(CTF 78).
(4) The Commander, SEVENTH Fleet.

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22 June 1945

From: The Commander, Task Unit 76.20.53,
(Commander, LCT (6) Group SEVENTY-FOUR).
To: The Commander In Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander, Lutong Assault Unit. (CTU 76.20.50)
(2) SEVENTH Amphibious Force Representative, BRUNEI,
(CTG 76.20).
(3) Commander, SEVENTH Amphibious Force, (CTF 76).
(4) Commander, SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action report of vessels of Task Unit 76.20.53 -
LUTONG Operations, 20 June 1945.

Reference: (a) Art. 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations (1920).
(b) Com7thPhib. Conf. Ltr., FE25/A16-3(1),
Serial 0563, dated 10 March 1945.

29/ 1. Task Unit 76.20.53 composed of LCT's 1310, 1312,
1317, 1331 and two (2) LCM's departed Brunei Bay at 1630, 19 June,
after loading at Yellow Beach. Unit was towed to scene of Operat-
ions by LST's and LSM's. Speed of convoy, eight knots.

2. Unit arrived off objective 0630, 20 June, cast off
tows and assumed assigned positions. All LCT's beached at 1050,
but a sandbar approximately 100 yds. from shore prevented unloading.
All retracted and after considerable difficulty, skillful maneuver-
ing, and dragging bottom for about 300 yds., all successfully
beached and discharged cargo. Unloading completed at the following
times: LCT 1317 - 1119; LCT 1312 - 1145; LCT 1310 - 1152; LCT 1331-
1740. LCM's beached and unloaded approximately 1300.

3. Unit departed Lutong area 1800, 21 June, in tow and
returned to Brunei Bay at 0900, 22 June. LCM's remained in Lutong
area. Speed of convoy, eight knots.

4. No enemy action was encountered.

5. Total amount of cargo carried to objective was 142
tons. Cargo distributed as follows:

LCT 1310 - 36 tons, mobile; 21 personnel
LCT 1312 - 36 tons, mobile; 17 personnel
LCT 1317 - 32 tons, mobile; 26 personnel
LCT 1331 - 36 tons, mobile; 25 personnel
LCM's - 2 tons, mobile; 2 personnel.

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(2) Commander Task Unit 76.20.50(Commander LCI(L) Flot 8).
(3) Commander Task Group 76.20.
(4) Commander Task Force 76(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).
(5) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
References: (a) Article 874(6) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib conf. ltr. Serial FE25/A16-3(1), 0563 of 10 March 1945.
Subject: Action Report, USS SC 732-Lutong Operation, 21 June 1945.

1. This vessel moved from Brunei Bay at 1630 item 20 June 1945 with Task Unit 76.20.50(Lutong Assault Unit), screening convoy under orders Screen Commander in the USS Hart. The assignment of this vessel at the objective was to establish with the PC 1120 a line of departure running 003°(T)-183°(T), 800 yards long, 2500 yards off the beach at Lutong air drome.

2. At 0600 Item 21 June 1945, the convoy executed speed zero upon arrival off Lutong. This vessel came under direct operational control of Commander Task Unit 76.20.54(Control Unit), and at 0644 Item proceeded to establish line of departure. The line of departure was established at 0741 Item. All waves were dispatched on schedule.

3. There was no enemy opposition affecting this vessel. This vessel expended no ammunition. Personnel of this command performed in a satisfactory manner.

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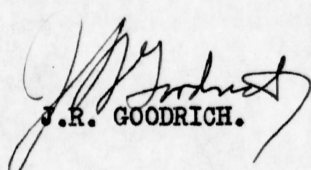
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Flotilla EIGHT).
(2) Commander Task Group 76.20.
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From: Commander Task Unit 76.20.55 (Commander LCI(R) Group TWENTY).
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Via: (1) Commander Task Unit 76.20.50 (Commander LCI(L) Flotilla EIGHT).
(2) Commander Task Group 76.20 (Com7thPhib. Rep. - Brunei).
(3) Commander Task Force 76 (Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action Reports, Vessels of Task Unit 76.20.55 - Lutong -
Miri Operation, Borneo, 20 June 1945.

Reference: (a) Article 762, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib Conf. ltr., serial 0563 of 10 March 1945.

Enclosures: (A) Action Report, U.S.S. LCI(R) 71. M-Ser. 133310
(B) Action Report, U.S.S. LCI(R) 72. 129803
(C) Action Report, U.S.S. LCI(R) 74. 133259
(D) Action Report, U.S.S. LCS(L) 46. 134270
(E) Action Report, U.S.S. LCS(L) 58. 134285
(F) Action Report, U.S.S. LCS(L) 60. 134286
(G) Action Report, U.S.S. LCI(M) 431. 132685
(H) Action Report, U.S.S. LCI(M) 359. 133265 and 132684
(I) Action Report, U.S.S. LCI(S) 985. p. 16
(J) Action Report, U.S.S. LCI(S) 961. Missing

1. This letter constitutes the endorsement to the action reports of the commanding officers of Task Unit 76.20.55.

2. There are no comments on these reports.

3. All commanding officers carried out their missions in a highly commendable manner.

Robert E. Sargent
ROBERT E. SARGENT

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To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 76.20.55.
(2) Commander Task Unit 76.20.50.
(3) Commander Amphibious Group Six (CTG 78.1).
(4) Commander Seventh Amphibious Force (CTF 78).
(5) Commander Seventh Fleet.

Subject: Action Report; Lutong, Borneo, 19-21 June 1945.

References: (a) Commander Amphibious Group Six (CTG 78.1)
conf. serial 0241 of 31 May 1945.
(b) Commander Seventh Amphibious Force conf.
serial 0563 of 10 March 1945.
(c) Com7thPhib conf. ltr. serial 0212 of 17 Feb.
1944.
(d) Com7thPhib conf. ltr. serial 0351 of 18 March
1944.
(e) ComAdComd7thPhib restr. ltr. serial 2565 of
18 Oct. 1944.
(f) ComAdComd7thPhib restr. ltr. serial 2823 of
12 Nov. 1944.
(g) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920, Art. 712, 874(6).
(h) CominCh restr. ltr., serial 7152 of 29 Oct.
1943.
(i) Alnav 215-44.

Enclosure: Executive Officer's Report. P. 17

1. This vessel participated in the Lutong, Borneo operation, proceeding from Brunei Bay, Borneo, on 19 June 1945 and arriving at objective area 20 June 1945.

2. Upon arrival at objective area, we took our assigned position on right flank of line of departure and, after assault units had beached, moved in toward the beach to render any assistance possible to small boats.

3. No contact was made with the enemy and no ammunition was expended.

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From: The Executive Officer, USS LCI(L) 985
To : The Commanding Officer, USS LCI(L) 985

Subject: Action Report, 19-21 June inclusive.

1. Left Brunei Bay Area in accordance with orders from CTU 76.20.50 1620 19 June 1945.
2. Arrived Lutong, Borneo 20 June.
3. Stood by off beach during initial landing.
4. At anchor off beach during night of 20-21 June.
5. No contact was made with the enemy forces. No ammunition was expended.

B. B. Thornton
B.B. Thornton Ensign, USNR

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander Task Unit 76.20.
Subject: Minesweeping at Seria, B.N.B. - Report of.

1. U.S.S. YMS-340, 313 and 259 conducted minesweeping operations off Seria, B.N.B., on 29 June 1945.

2. Due to impossibility of navigation, no accurate plot of passes was made. However, the first pass was made from area TENOR with fire at Seria bearing 155° True on course 175° True. A dan bouy was planted in thirty fathoms of water on this track. Sweep was continued on this course until within five miles of the beach when another dan bouy was planted about 2000 yards west of Kuala Belait. Two more passes were made east of these dan bouys so that an area 1800 yards wide had been covered to forty feet with negative results.

3. Gear was recovered three miles north and 1500 yards west of latter dan bouy and restreamed at twenty feet. A pass was made on course 180° True to within 4000 yards of the beach. Then on course 085° True to a point about 2000 yards north of Kuala Belait. Sweepers then changed course to 000° True and ran out to a point 10000 yards from the beach changed course to 270° True and continued west to form a rectangle. This rectangle was thoroughly explored to twenty feet with negative results.

4. One floating mine was sighted and detonated by gunfire at a point ten miles from the beach. This mine was not cut by any of the sweepers present. It is believed that this may indicate the presence of another deep (50-60 feet) field similar to that at Miri and at approximately the same distance from the beach (9 miles).

5. It is believed that there are no mines present in this area that would endanger vessels with a draft of less than 30 feet.

6. Prior to leaving Brunei Bay two passes were made along entrance track and in vicinity of spot where USS CALDWELL (DD-605) was damaged. Sweep was made at 60 feet with negative results although YMS-313 lost gear on what may be a sunken wreck.

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(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force)
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via: Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
Subject: Action Reports, OBOE SIX subsidiary operations -
WESTON, MEMPAKOL, KLAIS POINT, SERIA, and LUTONG.
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From: Commander Seventh Fleet.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: Action Reports, LST Flotilla TWENTY-FOUR - OBOE SIX
subsidiary operations - WESTON, MEMPAKOL, KLAIS POINT,
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