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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 76.20.50
(2) Commander Amphibious Group SIX (CTG 78.1)
(3) Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force (CTF 78)
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
Subject: Action Report, U.S.S. LST 562 - LUTONG, ^{Borneo,} 20 June 1945.
Reference: (a) Article 874(6) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib Conf. 1tr, FE25/A16-3(1), Ser. No. 0563 dated 10 March 1945.

Part I - General Narrative:

1. Sailed from Brunei Bay, Borneo at 1630, 19 June 1945 as a member of Task Unit 76.20.50, conforming to ComLCT(L)Flot-8 Landing Attack Order No. 1-45. Our mission was to transport, protect and establish ashore in LUTONG Area of North Borneo, the 2/15 Battalion of the 20th Brigade, 9th Australian Division, and other units designated to participate in the landing. Our cargo consisted of: 12 LVTs, 2 Dukws and 500 troops and officers. This ship carried no bulk cargo.

Part II - Chronological Order of Events:

2. Sailed from Brunei Bay, Borneo at 1630(I), 19 June 1945 and arrived off LUTONG, North Borneo at 0630(I), 20 June 1945. 0740 - let go the bow anchor 600 yards west of the line of departure and commenced trying to cast off LCT 1310, which this ship had in tow. 0750 - This ship was rammed by LCT 1310 and a hole of about six inches square was put in our hull at frame 58 some ten feet above the water line. 0755 - Cast off tow. 0820 - Commenced discharging 2 Dukws and 12 LVTs. 0832 - Naval gunfire bombardment commenced. 0912 - First wave dispatched for the beach. 0914 - Second wave dispatched. 0917 - Third wave dispatched. 0926 - Fourth wave dispatched. 0928 - Signal given to shift fire inland off of the beach. 0930 - First wave hit the beach virtually unopposed. 0955 - Commenced loading reserve troops in LCVs. 1042 - All LCVs returned from transporting reserves to beach. No casualties were suffered by either personnel or boats. 1445 - began reloading LVTs. 1614 - Completed loading LVTs. Crimson Beach was secure and this ship was ready to depart upon orders

Part III - Remarks on Performance of Ordnance Material:

3. No ordnance material was used.

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Part IV - Brief Resume of Battle Damage:

4. There was no damage done as a result of enemy action; however we were rammed by an LCT and a small hole was put into this ship's hull at frame 58 about 10 feet above the water line.

Part V - Special Comments:

5. None.

Part VI - Personnel Performance and Casualties:

6. All hands performed their duties smoothly and efficiently. I especially wish to commend the coxswains on their successful landing of the reserve troops without a casualty. The surf was heavy and the beach "pock-marked" with shell holes, which made the landing very difficult. This ship suffered no casualties.

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