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U. S. S. LST 573
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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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