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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Via : (1) Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN,
(Commander Task Unit 78.1.18).
(2) Commander Amphibious Group SIX,
(Commander Task Group 78.1).
(3) Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force,
(Commander Task Force 78).
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

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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.

The following elements and attached units of the 9th Australian Division (less the 26th Australian Brigade) of the 1st Australian Corps were loaded on board at MOROTAI on 30 May 1945:

	Officers	Total other Ranks	Total all Ranks
2/15th Aust. Infantry Bn.	6	175	181
2/8th Aust. Field Regt. -det 15 Bty.	3	45	48
2/3rd Aust. AA Regt. -det 9 IAA Bty.	5	96	101
5th Aust. Fd. Survey Coy (AIF) 3 sec.	2	20	22
2/6th Aust. Sup. Depot Coy HQ	2	11	13
2/26th Aust. Sup. Depot Pl.	1	11	12
2/27th Aust. Sup. Depot Pl.	-	6	6
2/3rd Aust. Fd. Coy R.A.E. -det	-	10	10
Public Relations & Press, U.S.A.	-	2	2
Photographers, Med. Corps, U.S.A.	1	2	3
727th Amphib. Tractor Bn., U.S.A.	2	43	45
Totals	22	421	443

U.S. Navy personnel for transportation
to ComIGI(G) Group #45 FFA (Rec'd 2
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On 26 May and 30 May, cargo, vehicles, and equipment were loaded on board as follows:

	No.	DWT.		DWT.
Jeeps, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton	8	2	Unit Stores	18
Trucks, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton	3	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ammunition	15
Misc. Vehicles	1	10	POL	40
Trucks, 3 ton	4	27	Sups.	13
LVTs	13	247	Voyage only Rations	16
Trlrs.	8	37	Engr.	20
Guns (40mm)	6	13	Water	9
	43	353 $\frac{1}{2}$		136

Grand Total DWT 484 $\frac{1}{2}$

3. Landing At Objective. ZEBRA DAY.

The passage of IST 584, as part of Echelon G-6-D, Task Group 78.1, to the objective area was made without incident. At 0530 on ZEBRA Day

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went to general quarters. At 0548 upon orders from Section Guide, WHITE Assault Unit proceeded independently to assigned anchorages in LST Area TWO. At 0732 anchored in Berth 21, LST Area TWO, off WHITE Beach, MUARA ISLAND, BRUNEI BAY, BORNEO. At 0740 lowered LCVPs to be used as Wave Guide Boats for second assault wave on WHITE Beach and hydrographic duties on YELLOW Beach. At 0808 received order from CTU 78.1.18 to "Land the Landing Force", commenced unloading LVTs with assault troops. At 0820 completed unloading LVTs. LVTs proceeded to position at line of departure under guidance of Wave Guide Officers in LCVPs. At 0835 second assault wave assumed position at line of departure. At 0859 upon orders from Commander Control Unit WHITE second assault wave proceeded to WHITE Beach. At 0920 wave two landed on the beach. Upon arriving on beach second wave suffered two (2) casualties, one U.S. Army enlisted man with the LVTs received a flesh wound on shoulder, the other man, an Australian O/R, was reported killed. Fire believed to have been caused by own forces on beach. After assault landing, LCVPs reported to LST 667 and further assigned to Beachmaster, YELLOW Beach. At 1128 received signal from SOPA, Air Flash RED, Control GREEN. At 1132 upon orders from CTU 78.1.18 got underway and proceeded to LST Area THREE. At 1213 anchored in LST Area THREE, off RED Beach, SAPO POINT, MUARA ISLAND. At 1215 received all clear signal from SOPA, Flash WHITE, Control GREEN; secured from general quarters, set condition II. At 1345 LCI-701 moored to starboard side, transferred fifty seven (57) Australian troops to this vessel for the purpose of unloading cargo aboard; transferred to LCI, three (3) officers and sixteen (16) O/Rs, Australian troops, for the YELLOW Beach Command. At 1406 LCI-701 got underway. At 1431 upon orders from CTU 78.1.18 began unloading bulk cargo into LCMs at bow ramp. At 1433 transferred twenty-one (21) enlisted Navy passengers via LCVP from LST 574 to ComLCI(G) #45 FFA. At 1620 discontinued unloading bulk cargo due to strong current and ship swinging to the bow anchor, which made unloading very difficult. At 1632 underway maneuvering into position to anchor by stern anchor. At 1646 anchored with 150 feet cable out. Continued unloading cargo. At 1730 discontinued unloading operations of bulk cargo due to lack of availability of LCMs. At 1842 upon orders of CTU 78.1.18 got underway for Anchorage Area TARE and anchored in Berth 154 at 2006. Set Condition III and posted additional sentries to detect any approach of enemy suicide craft. At 2030 LCVPs reported that ship could not be reached before dark and permission was received for officers and crews to remain overnight on board LST 751.

ZEBRA + ONE DAY

At 0620 secured Condition III; set the special sea detail. Got underway for LST Area THREE. At 0805 received beaching instructions from Commander RED Beach Unit. At 0820 beached at RED Beach, MUARA ISLAND, to complete unloading. In beaching strong southerly current off SAPO POINT caused ship's port side forward to graze pier; no damage to ship, slight damage to pier. LCVPs returned from ZEBRA DAY assignments. Transferred one (1) O/R of the 2/19th Aust. Supply Cor. to HMAS KANIMBLA for hospitalization and disposition. At 0945 began unloading vehicles and guns from main deck. At 1025 completed unloading main deck. Remaining troop passengers left the ship. Made preparations for retracting. At 1032 off beach, proceeding to anchorage. At 1054 anchored in LST Area THREE. At 1142 received further orders from Commander RED Beach Unit to return to beach. At 1148 underway. At 1157 beached at RED Beach. Set and drift again caused port side of ship to strike pier; no damage to ship, slight damage to pier. At 1205 began unloading remainder of bulk cargo. At 1209 received signal from SOPA, Air Flash RED, Control GREEN; sounded general quarters. At 1217 received all clear signal from SOPA; secured from general quarters. At 1640 completed unloading all cargo. Australian unloading crew left the ship. At 1645 began loading LVTs for return transportation. At 1710 completed loading thirteen (13) LVTs; also received on board two (2) officers and forty seven (47) troops of the 727th Amphib. Tractor Bn., U.S. Army. At 1730 retracted from beach. At 1903 anchored in Berth 152, Anchorage Area TARE, BRUNEI BAY.

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ZEBRA + TWO DAY

At 1555 got underway as part of Echelon O-6-K, Task Group 78.1, for return
to MOROTAI.

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