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CONFIDENTIAL:

From: Commanding Officer, USS LST 751.  
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Via : (1) Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN (CTU 78.1.18).  
(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 751 - BRUNEI BAY Operation,  
June 10 - 12, 1945.

Reference: (a) Article 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.  
(b) Com7thPhib Confidential ltr. FE25/A16-3(1),  
Serial 0563 dated 10 March 1945.  
(c) CTF 78 Operation Plan No. 11-45.  
(d) CTG 78.1 Attack Order No. A606-45.  
(e) CTU 78.1.18 Landing Attack Order No. 1-45.

1. This vessel was assigned to the WHITE Assault Unit (Task Unit 78.1.18), which was comprised of forces as outlined in reference (d), and whose mission was to transport elements of the 9th Australian Division to participate in the landings on MUARA Island in the BRUNEI BAY Area. This area was to be taken in order to permit the establishment of an advance fleet base and to protect oil and rubber resources in the North BORNEO area.

2. Preliminary operations were conducted by the Air Force, Cruiser Covering Group, Minesweeping Group and Hydrographic Group. These operations included the destruction of designated pre-ZEPHYRUS Day targets along with targets of opportunity; to protect the Attack Force against possible hostile surface forces that may attempt to interfere with the operation; to conduct a hydrographic survey of BRUNEI BAY, verify locations of existing navigational aids and hazards and to plant buoys in selected positions to aid the Attack Force.

3. The possibilities of a large-scale enemy attack on the participating Naval Forces was not likely, but small individual attacks by small submarines and suicide boats in the BRUNEI BAY area was practicable.

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Suicide attacks by single planes or by small group of planes were a possibility. There were no known enemy coast defense guns.

4. The following is a chronological order of events:

- 1200 - 15 May Loaded petrol and engineer construction frame work at BLUE Beach, MOROTAI.
- 1900 - 30 May Embarked 26 officers and 376 enlisted men of the 9th Australian Division and 2 officers and 39 enlisted men of the 727th Amphibious Tractor Battalion. Completed loading of vehicles, LVT's and equipment.
- 1200 - 4 June Departed Morotai, Netherlands East Indies, with BRUNEL BAY Assault Unit.
- 0430 - 10 June Arrived at Point PORK in BRUNEL BAY. Commander LST Group FORTY-THREE, aboard this vessel, took charge of the WHITE Assault Unit and proceeded over designated route to assigned anchorage.
- 0721 - Anchored off MUIARA Island in BRUNEL BAY.
- 0805 - Orders were received to "Land The Landing Force". Commenced discharging LVT's with Australian troops embarked therein. This vessel carried the Third Wave and provided and manned Guide Boats to guide that wave in to WHITE Beach.
- 0814 - Naval bombardment by Destroyers, LCS's and LCI's were supplemented by friendly aircraft bombing the target area.
- 0856 - First wave of LVT's started for beach.
- 0909 - Ceased support gun fire.
- 0916 - First wave landed on the beach - no opposition was observed by personnel on this vessel.
- 0919 - Second wave arrived at WHITE Beach.
- 0922 - Third Wave lands.

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1100 - 10 June USS LST 667 and USS LSM 203 beached on RED Beach.  
1415 - Got underway and proceeded to LST anchorage area  
THREE to discharge bulk cargo on barge provided  
for that purpose.  
2000 - Completed loading barge with bulk cargo.  
0819 - 11 June Got underway and beached at RED Beach.  
0930 - Discharged all vehicles and assigned cargo. Re-  
tracted from beach and anchored in LST Area THREE.  
1253 - Got underway and beached at RED Beach, to discharge  
remaining bulk cargo.  
0730 - 12 June Retracted from beach and anchored in LST Area THREE.  
1037 - Got underway and anchored in Area TARE.  
1600 - Got underway for MOROTAI, Netherlands East Indies.  
Officer-in-Tactical Command aboard USS LST 574.

5. This vessel unloaded the following vehicles and equipment  
on RED Beach.

<u>Vehicles &amp; Stores</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>DWT</u>
$\frac{1}{4}$ ton Jeep	14	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 6 x 6	2	10
3 ton	4	24
Misc. vehicles	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mech. vehicles	12	204
Trlrs. Jeep	14	5
Unit Stores		4
Ammunition		15
POL		60
Supplies		12
Engr		20
Water		9
Total	48	367

In addition, 12 LVT's were carried and landed on WHITE  
Beach, making up the Third Assault Wave. The LVT's were reloaded on  
this vessel on 11 June for return to MOROTAI, Netherlands East Indies.

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6. This vessel landed 28 Army Troop officers and 415 enlisted men. Of this number 2 officers and 39 enlisted men attached to 727th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, returned to MOROTAI aboard this vessel. The officers and men attached to this command carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner. This vessel suffered no personnel casualties.

  
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