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Subject: Action Report - LUTONG Operation, 19 to 22 June 1945.

Reference: (a) Article 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib conf ltr, serial 0563, of 10 March 1945.
(c) CTU 76.20.50 R.T. message 220330.

Enclosure: (A) Action Report - LUTONG Operation of U.S.S. SC 732. - MISSING

I. In company with T.U. 76.20.50, the U.S.S. PC 1120 and U.S.S. SC 732, comprising the Control Unit of the Lutong Operation, (T.U. 76.20.54) left Brunei Bay, Borneo at 1630 Item on 19 June 1945. Enroute to objective, both vessels were used in screen.

II. At 0702 Item, on signal "DEPLOY" from O.T.C., both vessels proceeded to take station on line of departure, 2500 yds. off Lutong air strip. Some difficulty was encountered, as had been anticipated, in finding exact station. U.S.S. LCS(L) 58, who was acquainted with objective area, anchored, and U.S.S. PC 1120, after checking bearings, anchored on a line of bearing and distance from her. As it became brighter with the rising sun, and objects on the beach became visible, it was evident that both ships were about 400 yds. too far to the North. Both vessels shifted anchorage and the U.S.S. SC 732 anchored on the other two. The line of departure was reported established at 0738. Signal "DEPLOY" had been anticipated at 0630 Item and forty-five minutes had been planned for establishing L.O.D. Evidently the slight delay in this phase did not affect the timing of the operation.

After all LSTs were anchored on station, and were nearly unloaded of LVTs, this command confirmed that the beaching time of the first waves (0930 Item) could be met.

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All four waves of landing craft were dispatched from the line of departure exactly on schedule. Time of beaching as follows:

<u>WAVE NO.</u>	<u>TYPE L.C.</u>	<u>LEFT L.O.D.</u>	<u>PLANNED TIME OF BEACHING</u>	<u>ACTUAL TIME OF BEACHING</u>
1	12 LVTs	0911	0930	0930:20
2	12 LVTs	0914	0933	0932:15
3	6 LVTs*	0917	0936	0935
4	12 DUKWs	0926	0945	0942

*Plus 2 Free DUKWs

Time of landing of each wave, and brief remarks of beaching conditions as found by wave guides were reported to C.T.U. 76.20.50 during the landing phase. All waves reported no enemy opposition.

C.T.U. 76.20.50 ordered the landing of the second assault at 1017, and this landing was largely controlled by the beachmaster.

III. No ammunition was expended by this unit, and no enemy opposition was observed.

IV. No damage resulted to either of the control vessels from the operation.

V. Communications were on the whole satisfactory. If wave guides on each flank had been provided with SCRs, instead of left flank guides only, the U.S.S. SC 732 could have been of more material help in controlling waves. As usual, the use of date time groups were not used for the first few minutes during the actual first assault landing, due to pressure of time. The call sign of the L.C.C. . proved cumbersome and confusing. It is suggested that a two-syllable call sign is more practical where used often and quickly.

VI. This command has observed the group of LVTs used in several operations. If given proper handling by the wave guides, they invariably turn in an excellent performance. Their time of landing, and the uniform deployment of their waves prove they received this guidance, which is the more commendable, as this operation was unrehearsed.

The support unit maneuvered into position on time, and what is more important, stayed on position. Their course and line of bearing to the beach looked exactly right from this vessel, and the timing was very satisfactory.

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Both units of this command, and all departments of this vessel carried out their assignments in a capable manner.

At 1800 on 21 June 1945, the U.S.S. PC 1120, and U.S.S. SC 732 screened the returning echelon to Brunei Bay, arriving and detached at 0830, 22 June 1945.

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