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LST 466, Flagship,
19 July 1945.

From: Commander Task Unit 78.2.74 (Commander LST Flotilla SEVEN).
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Group 78.2 (Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT).
(2) Commander Task Force 78, (Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).
(3) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
Subject: Action Report Task Unit 78.2.74, Resupply of BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO,
19 July 1945.
Reference: (a) Article 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib Conf. ltr., Ser. 0563 of 10 Mar. 1945.
(c) ComPhibGrp8 Operation Plan 6-45.

1. This task unit was formed at Balikpapan on 5 July and composed of LSTs which were unloaded and ready to depart for Morotai. Since LST 466(PF) was loaded with low priority equipment and was not unloaded, it was necessary for Task Unit Commander to shift his flag to LST 168. The original composition of the unit follows: LST 168(P), 181, 245, 579, 714, 753, 911, 673, 471 and 456 escorted by USS BAILEY, USS HOWARD and SC 698. At time of departure LST 456 did not meet anticipated unloading time and was left at Balikpapan with SC 698. Upon its arrival at Morotai on 10 July TU 78.2.75 composed of LSTs 456, 466, 470, 474(P) and 910 joined TU 78.2.74. LSTs 666 and 935 which participated in the assault landing at Balikpapan joined at Morotai. The following substitutions at Morotai were made: 475 for 471, 1035 for 456, 168 for 703, 590 for 714. LSTs 666 and 1035 were loaded with elements of NABU 12 and the others with elements of SEVENTH Australian Division and supporting forces for the resupply of Balikpapan. Upon the return of LST 466 to Morotai from Balikpapan Commander Task Unit 78.2.74 (Commander LST Flotilla SEVEN) shifted his flag back to LST 466. Upon departure Task Unit 78.2.74 consisted of the following: LST 466(PF), 168, 181, 245, 470, 474, 475, 579, 590, 666, 673, 753, 910, 911, 935, 1035 and SS LOUIS ARGUELO, SS CLEVELAND FORBES, SS LUNA, SS LUDINGTON and SS HORACE LURTON. The escort, consisting of USS FRAZIER, (F), USS BAILEY, USS SMITH, USS EDWIN A. HOWARD and USS RUTHERFORD, was under command of Commander Destroyer Squadron 14.

2. The first section of this task unit departed Balikpapan at 1900 5 July and arrived Morotai 1700 9 July. Task Unit 78.2.75 arrived Morotai from Balikpapan the morning of 10 July. LSTs were loaded at Blue Beach Morotai on the following schedule: 9 July, LSTs 666 and 935; 10 July, LSTs 168, 181, 245, 475, 579, 590, 673, 911, 1035 and 11 July, LSTs 466, 470, 474, 753 and 910. Task Unit 78.2.74 departed Morotai 1700 12 July and arrived Balikpapan at 1600 16 July. The following LSTs proceeded to Brown Beach, in the inner harbor at Balikpapan: 168, 181, 245, 475, 753 and 935. Other ships of the unit anchored in outer harbor for the night. Beached ships were unloaded during the night and all except

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LST 181 retracted prior to noon of 17 July. LST 181 retracted the morning of 18 July. At 0800 17 July LSTs 466, 666, 910 and 1035 proceeded to Brown Beach and beached prior to noon. LSTs 466 and 910 unloaded and retracted that afternoon. LSTs 666 and 1035, loaded with NABU L2 equipment, were slower unloading. LST 1035 retracted at 0945 19 July and LST 666, upon departure of TU 76.16.5 on 20 July was still being unloaded on Brown Beach. About 1100 17 July LSTs 470, 474, 579, 590, 673 and 911 arrived in inner harbor and beached on Brown Beach as slots became available. All ships except LSTs 666 and 1035 were unloaded and retracted by 1630 18 July. Upon retracting all ships anchored in the inner harbor and awaited sailing orders. The following ships backed loaded LVTs and attached personnel; LSTs 666, 673, 753, 911 and 935. LST 579 back loaded 2 Matilda tanks. Merchant ships in the convoy remained at anchor in outer harbor awaiting orders to unload.

3. No ammunition expended.
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