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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Unit 78.2.8.
(2) Commander Task Group 78.2.
(3) Commander Task Force 78.
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force)
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
Subject: Action Report, U.S.S. LCI (R) 331----
BALIK PAPAN Operation, 1 July 1945.
References: (a) Article 874(6) U.S. Naval Regulations 1920.
(b) Com SEVENTH Phib Conf. ltr., FE25/A16-3(1)
Serial 0363 dated 10 March 1945.
(c) Oboe-Two Operation Plan #6-45, dated 9
June 1945.

Part I In accordance with Annex D, Appendix III of reference (c), This ship was assigned to support the Amphibious landing of the Oboe-Two Attack Group (TG 78.2) at Balik Papan, Borneo Island, 1 July 1945. Included with this ship in the close Support Unit (TU78.2.8) were LCI (R)'s 230, 73, 34, 31, 338, 226, 337, LCI (G)'s 21, 22, 24, 61, 66, 67 and LCS (L)'s 50, 8, 27, 28, 29, 30, 41, 43, 44, 48. The mission of this ship was two rocket bombardments of Red Beach. This mission was carried out successfully. Prior to the second rocket bombardment light enemy fire was observed in the vicinity of this unit. On the completion of the primary mission, the ship reloaded the forward rocket launchers and retired to the rendezvous area awaiting further orders.

Part II The following is a chronological order of the events of F-Day, 1 July 1945:

Ø555 - Deploy, left convoy. LCS(L) 50, LCI (R)'s 73, 34, 31, 338, 331, 226, and 337 Starboard column in that order proceeding to station on Line of Departure at Red, Yellow, and Green Beaches.

Ø72Ø - Arrived at Line of Departure with Port column including LCI (R) 230, LCI (G)'s 21, 22, 24, 61, 66, and 67.

Ø722 - In station on line of departure. LCI (R) 230 to starboard and LCI (R) 226 to port.

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Ø73Ø - Proceeding at six knots on course 352° T.
for first rocket bombardment.

Ø737 - Commenced firing rockets. Twelve salvos
at fifteen second intervals were fired to
get a concentrated fire 800 yards inshore.

Ø74Ø - End of first rocket bombardment. Beach
was strafed by the 40 MM gun. 510 rockets
and 12 rounds of 40 MM were expended.

Ø745 - Returning to line of departure.

Ø755 - On line of departure.

Ø818 - Light enemy fire observed falling in area.

Ø83Ø - Proceeding into Beach on second Rocket
Bombardment. On course 350° T. Speed
4 knots.

Ø837 - Commenced firing rockets. Twelve salvos with
a twenty second interval were fired.

Ø841 - Ceased firing rockets. 40 MM strafing beach.

Ø842 - Ceased strafing. 483 rockets and 12 rounds
40 MM were expended. Proceeding to anchorage.

Ø925 - Anchored with ships of TU 78.2.8.

1Ø29 - Observed enemy shell fire falling around
Unit.

1Ø32 - Shifted anchorage 2500 yards to eastward.

Part III The performance of ordnance equipment was satis-
factory. There were no jams or other casualties.

Ammunition Expended:

Barrage Rockets- - - - - 993

40 MM - - - - - 24 Rounds

Part IV

This ship incurred no battle damage.

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Part V It is recommended that one ship supplying the
rocket range for a group of ships be continued whenever possible.

Part VI The performance of the crew of this ship was cool
and courageous. There were no casualties due to enemy action.

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