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LSM 217/A16-3  
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U.S.S. LSM 217  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.

REG NO 10381  
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1 September 1945.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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

Subject: War Diary - Month of August 1945.

References: (a) Cominch FFL/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152, 29 October 1943.  
(b) Art. 712 and 874(6) U. S. Navy Regulations 1920.  
(c) Com7thPhib conf. ltr. Serial 0212 of 15 Feb. 1944.  
(d) ComAdCom7thPhibFor FE25/A16-3, Serial 2565 of 18 October 1944.

1. On 1 August 1945 this command was beached at Olongapo, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. to discharge cargo in compliance to CTG 76.6 message 270030. U.S.S. LSM 217 O.T.C. in company with U.S.S. LSM 127.

1 August 1945 - Beached as before, unloading completed and task unit dissolved.

2 August 1945 - Drydocked in AFD 28, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. for minor hull repair.

3 August 1945 - Dry docked in AFD 28 as before until 1605. 1633. Beached at Olongapo, Subic Bay to await further orders.

4-5-6 August 1945 - Beached asbefore, awaiting orders.

2. On 7 August 1945 this command received CTG 76.3 speed letter of 7 August, serial 2676, ordering U.S.S. LSM 217 as O.T.C. in company with U.S.S. LSM 127 to proceed to Lingayen Gulf, take two loads to Aparri, Luzon, then return Lingayen Gulf and load for Mindoro; upon discharge Mindoro to return Subic, with possible load at Mindoro. All in compliance with Com7thPhib 271055 July.

7 August 1945 - Underway in compliance with CTG 76.3 speed letter of 7 August 1945, serial 2676. 0800. Posit 14°48.6'N, 120°17.3'E. 1200. Posit 14°48.9'N, 120°15.4'E. 2000. Posit 14°45'N, 120°03'E.

8 August 1945 - Arrived off San Fernando at 0854 and proceeded to White Beach, Lingayen Gulf, in compliance to orders from Port Director, San Fernando. 1234. Beached on White Beach, Lingayen Gulf. 1745. Commenced loading cargo, and passengers of Company "B", 727th Amphibious Tractor Battalion. 1945. Completed loading 6 LVTs (107 ton), 18 men, 1 officer.

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9 August 1945 - 1620. Underway to Aparri, Luzon, P.I., in compliance to orders from Port Director, San Fernando, Luzon. 0800. Posit 16°08.2'N, 120°10'E. 1200. Posit 16°36.5'N, 120°16.4'E. 2000. Posit 17°16'N, 120°20.5'E.

10 August 1945 - 0800. Posit 18°28.5'N, 121°34.5'E. 1011. Beached at Linao Beach, Aparri and discharged cargo and personnel. 1500. Underway to return to Lingayen Gulf with U.S.S. LSM 127 in column astern. 2000. Posit 18°45'N, 121°04'E.

11 August 1945 - Proceeded to White Beach, Lingayen Gulf. 1135. Beached to load cargo and passengers.

12 August 1945 - 0820. Six LVTs (107) ton, 18 men aboard. 1300. Underway as O.T.C. in company with U.S.S. LSM 127 to Aparri, Luzon, P.I., in compliance to orders from Port Director, San Fernando, Luzon, P.I. 0800. Posit 16°36'N, 120°10'E. 1200. Posit 16°14.8'N, 120°18.8'E. 2000. Posit 17°41'N, 120°14'E.

13 August 1945 - 0700 Discharged cargo at Linao Beach, Aparri, Luzon, P.I., then anchored off Linao Beach. 1005. Underway for Lingayen Gulf with U.S.S. LSM 127 astern. 1200. Posit 18°25'N, 121°35'E. 2000. Posit 18°09'N, 120°22'E.

14 August 1945 - Arrived and moored to pontoon dock at Port Sual, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., at 0730. 1010. Remoored bow on to dock to facilitate loading. 1305. Commenced loading general cargo. Loading progresses very slowly due to small turning space on dock and type of cargo being loaded. 0800, 1200, 2000 posit 16°04.1'N, 125°05.8'E.

15 August 1945 - Loading continues. Posit Port Sual pontoon dock.

16 August 1945 - Loading completed at 1700. 175 ton general cargo aboard, also 65 enlisted men and two officers of MTB Base No. 6. Posit Port Sual Dock.

17 August 1945 - At 0635 got underway for Mangarin Bay, Mindoro. 0800. Posit 16°10'N, 120°23'E. 1200. Posit 16°36'N, 120°05'E. 2000. Posit 15°13'N, 119°39'E.