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Subject: War Diary for Month of July 1945.

USS SC 637 as escort. Speed of advance set at eight knots.

Positions: 0800: At anchor in Subic Bay.

1200: At anchor in Subic Bay.

2000: 14°05' N; 124°00'08" E.

Sunday, 22 July 1945.

Underway enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. At 1420 received written orders from Port Director, Lingayen, to proceed to beach at San Fabian, Luzon. At 1731 beached at San Fabian, Luzon, alongside LSM's 65 and 237. This command designated as OTC while operating with LSM 64, 65 and 237.

Positions: 0800: 16°13' N; 119°33' 30" E.

1200: 16°31' 45" N; 119°55' 20" E.

2000: Beached at San Fabian, Luzon.

Monday, 23 July 1945.

After loading cargo of six LVT's and elements of 727 Amtrack Battalion Company B, retracted from beach at 0912 and proceeded to San Fernando, Luzon to await sailing orders from Port Director, Lingayen. 1713 weighed anchor and departed San Fernando as OTC with LSM's 64, 65, and 237 bound for Aparri, Luzon, unescorted; speed 10 knots.

Positions: 0800: 16°09' N; 120°24' E.

1200: 16°33'10" N; 120°15'35" E.

2000: 17°03'18" N; 122°22' E.

Tuesday, 24 July 1945.

Underway as OTC with LSM's 64, 65, and 237, bound for Aparri, Luzon. At 1215 anchored off Linao Light at Aparri to await unloading instructions. Discharged cargo of LVT's in the stream. At 1724 weighed anchor to return to San Fernando.

Positions: 0800: 18°43'48" N; 120°58'30" E.

1200: 18°23' N; 121°36' E.

2000: 18°38'18" N; 121°21' 36" E.