

**U. S. S. LST 457**  
**c/o Fleet Post Office,**  
**San Francisco, California**

Beached on the 12th at Gamadodo and loaded the 25th Special CB's. The ship got underway for Cairns, Australia on the 16th, reaching destination two days later on the 18th. Beached at Smith's Landing, and loaded Australian troops and equipment. Retracted on the 21st and anchored. After lying to at anchor for five days, the ship got underway for Milne Bay N.G. on the 26th. Heavy seas were encountered while crossing the Coral Sea causing some of the Pad eyes holding the pontoons to be torn loose. The ship arrived at Milne Bay on the 31st and anchored off Waga Waga.

JUNE 1945: Shoved off for Morotai Island on the 3rd of June. Stopped enroute at Biak Island to beach and take on water on the 8th, retracted and continued to steam for Morotai on the 9th. Arrived at Morotai on the 12th, beached at Doroeba, unloaded cargo and troops, retracted and proceeded to anchor. From the 12 to the 21st the ship underwent routine maintenance and provisioning in preparation for the coming operation. At Blue Beach Morotai on the 21st the ship loaded with Australian combat troops and equipment, Loading completed on the 23rd when the ship retracted and steamed out of the harbor with LCT 1301 in tow for rehearsal of the coming operation. The tow was cast off on the 24th and the ship returned to the anchorage at Morotai Moluccas, having circumnavigated Morotai Island. Took LCT 1301 in tow on the 26th and got underway for Balikpapan Borneo. The remainder of the month was spent enroute to Borneo.