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Serial: 009

U.S.S. L.S.T. 777  
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CONFIDENTIAL:

15 July 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Via : (1) Commander Task Unit 78.2.5 (ComLSTFlot22)  
(2) Commander Task Group 78.2 (ComPhibGr8)  
(3) Commander Task Force 78 (Com7thPhib)  
(4) Commander Task Force 70 (Com7thFleet)

Subject: Oboe two Operation, Assault on Balikpapan,  
Borneo - Action report of.

Ref: (a) Cominch Restr. Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3  
Serial 7152 of 29 October 1944.

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4. No action occurred enroute to objective area and no enemy aircraft were sighted.

5. Assault waves were landed at H-Hour and beach was found to be inferior for beaching LST's. Commenced unloading mobile cargo via LCM's and bulk cargo via Dukws on 2 July 1945 and completed unloading 3 July 1945.

6. This vessel remained in objective area as casualty evacuation ship handling a total of 160 casualties, until 15 July 1945.

7. Ordnance material not used, no ammunition expended.

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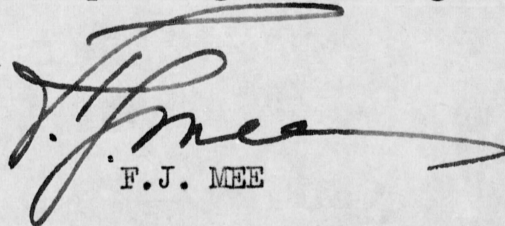
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From: Commander Task Unit 78.2.5.  
(Commander LST Flotilla TWENTY-TWO).  
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Via: (1) Commander Task Group 78.2.  
(Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT).  
(2) Commander Task Force 78.  
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).  
(3) Commander Task Force 70.  
(Commander SEVENTH Fleet).  
Subject: OBOE-TWO Operation, Assault on Balikpapan,  
Borneo - Action Report of.

1. Forwarded.

2. Bow to bow unloading from an LST into an LCT is extremely difficult, hazardous and laborious operation in waters where a sea or swell is running. It is recommended that thought be given to the design of a ramp extension for this particular method of unloading which would eliminate the possibility of vehicles being lost overboard or capsized when the ramps unavoidably separate due to pitching and rolling of vessels.

  
F.J. MEE

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From: Commander Task Group 78.2 (Commander Amphibious  
Group EIGHT).  
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Via : (1) Commander Task Force 78 (Commander SEVENTH  
Amphibious Force).  
(2) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.  
Subject: OBOE-TWO Operation - Assault on BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO -  
Action Report of.

1. Forwarded, concurring in the comments of paragraph 9  
of basic letter and paragraph 2 of first endorsement.

2. The subject report is hereby reclassified Secret  
as the basic report contains code names.

*A. G. Noble*  
A. G. NOBLE

cc: ComLSTFlot 22  
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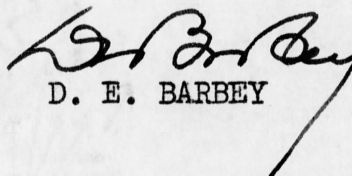
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THIRD ENDORSEMENT to:  
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From: Commander Task Force SEVENTY-EIGHT.  
(Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force)  
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Via: Commander SEVENTH Fleet.  
Subject: Action Report - OBOE TWO Operation,  
Assault on BALIKPAPAN.

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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT on:  
CO U.S.S. LST 777 conf.  
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From: Commander Seventh Fleet.  
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: Action Report - U.S.S. LST 777 - Assault  
on BALIKPAPAN.

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2. Classification of basic correspondence is  
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