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From: Commander, Task Unit 78.5.8 (Commander, LCI(G) Group 45)
To : Commander in Chief, UNITED STATES Fleet

Via : (1) Commander, Task Group 78.5 (Commander, Amphibious Group EIGHT)
(2) Commander, Task Force 78 (Commander, SEVENTH Amphibious Force)
(3) Commander, SEVENTH Amphibious Force
(4) Commander, SEVENTH Fleet

Subject: Action Report - SAN FABIAN Attack Force - BLUE Beach ONE and TWO, Close-in Fire Support Unit

Reference: (a) CTG 78.5 Attack Order No. 2-44
(b) CTF 78 Operation Plan No. 103-44
(c) CANF,SWPA Operation Plan No. 17-44

Enclosure:
(A) Action Report LCI(G) 64 - M-ser. 116438
(B) " " " 69 (Previously photostated) M-serial 107823
(C) " " " 226 - p.3
(D) " " " 230 - p.6
(E) " " " 337 (Previously photostated) M-serial 107534
(F) " " " 338 - p.10
(G) " " " 341 (Previously photostated) M-serial 106124

1. Enclosures (A) through (G) are forwarded herewith. The LCI(G) 225 advises that her report has already been forwarded.

2. Task Unit 78.5.8 was composed of the following vessels: LCI(G) 64 and 69 (Gunboats), LCI(G) 225.226.230,337,338 and 341 (Rocket ships). LCI(G) 64 and 69 proceeded to the objective area with CTU 77.2.8 (Hydrographic and Minesweeping Unit) and the Rocket Ships proceeded with CTG 78.5.

3. Commander, Task Unut 78.5.8 reported to CTG 78.5 at Ø615 9 January and all ships in this Task Unit were in formation by ØSØØ, maneuvering to seaward of the line of departure to BLUE Beach TWO.At Ø85Ø this Task Unit was on station 5ØØ yards to shoreward of the Line of Departure and at Ø9ØØ commenced its approach to the Beach, ahead of the leading wave of LVT's.

4. At Ø917 the Rocket Ships commenced launching ranging salvos and as the beach came within range, launched salvos in accordance with previous instructions and standard operating proceedure. The LCI(G)64 gave the range by using their Radar.

5. At about 5ØØ yards from the beach, the LCI(G) 64 and 69 turned to

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the left and right flanks respectively and opened fire with all guns, straffing the flanks and firing on targets of opportunity. As the LCI(G) 226.337,338 and 341 completed launching their rockets, they turned left and right and followed the LCI(G) 64 and 69 along the flanks. The LCI(G) 230 and 225 retired to the Transport area and stood by as fire fighting ships.

6. The LCI(G) 64,226 and 337 patroled the left flank of BLUE Beach ONE as far as the BUED River and LCI(G) 69,338 and 341 the right flank of BLUE Beach TWO as far as the DAUGUPAN River. Results of both patrols were negative. No enemy was seen and no fire received from the shore.

7. The LCI(G) 226,337,338 and 341 then proceeded to load 288 rockets each. All ships stood off the beach awaiting call fire or further orders. There being no further action, all ships this Unit anchored off BLUE Beach at sunset 9 January 1945.

8. The weather was clear with a light wind from the land. This wind clouded the beach with smoke and dust and reduced visability at the shoreline. For this reason, many rockets fell short because the ships could not see the splash of their ranging salvos. It is recommended that all Rocket Ships be equiped with surface search Radar and Accessory Control Units so that each ship can determine its exact distance from the shore line.

9. There was only minor resistance from the air. No battle damage or injury to personnel was received during the time covered by this report. There was no serious failure in any ammunition. It was noted that some rockets failed to leave their lauchers. This point is covered in individual reports. All personnel performed their duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

10. On the departure of CTG 78.5, this Unit reported to CTF 78. Ships were returned to SAN PEDRO BAY in various echelons commencing 10 January.

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From: Commanding Officer, LCI(R) 226.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Unit 78.5.8(A).
(2) Commander Task Group 78.5.
(3) Commander Task Force 78.
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Action Report, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon Operation.

Reference: (a) Article 874(6), U.S. Navy Regulations 1920.
(b) Com7thPhib conf. ltr. serial 0212 of 17 Feb. 1944.
(c) CANF SWPA Operation Plan 17-44.
(d) Commander Task Force 78 Operation Plan 103-44.
(e) Commander Task Group 78.5 Attack Order 2-44.

Enclosure: missing (A) Anti-Aircraft Action Report Form. -M-ser, 113624

1. (a) On 9 January 1945 elements of the Sixth United States Army were landed at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. It was the duty of Naval Forces, under Commander Seventh Fleet and consisting of Task Forces 77, 78, and 79, to transport, protect, and land by ship to shore amphibious operation these army forces.

(b) This vessel was one of six LCI(R)'s making up Task Unit 78.5.8(A) under Lieut. Goodman. It was the duty of this unit to provide close fire support for the landing on Blue Beach in accordance with Annex B of reference (e) and Annex C of reference (d).

2. (a) This vessel departed Sansapor, New Guinea at 1800 on 30 December in convoy with elements of Task Group 78.5. Arrived off Leyte Island and were joined by remaining units of Task 78.5 about 1800 4 January 1945.

(b) This convoy in company with convoy of Task Force 79 and convoy of Task Group 78.1 proceeded from Leyte, through Mindanao Sea thence north through Sulu Sea into South China Sea along West Coast of Luzon to arrive at north end of Lingayen Gulf at 0225 on 9 January 1945.

(c) Several enemy air attacks were made on convoy while underway to objective but only one plane came within range of this ship and was fired on. On the morning of 8 January one enemy fighter, flying low at high speed, made run down columns of transports and turned sharply to east. When plane turned it was bearing 045 relative from this ship at distance of about 1500 yards. The order was given to commence firing and one 40 MM, two 50 Cal., and two 20 MM fired on plane until it was out of range. Plane may have been hit but was not shot down.

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(d) This vessel with Task Unit 78.5.8(A) deployed from convoy about 0600 9 January and proceeded to take station off Blue Beach 500 yards to shoreward of PC Station vessels. Unit was on station at H-40 or 0850. During deployment several enemy planes were over area but none in range of this ship.

(e) At 0900 when "one" flag was executed on control vessel and first LVT wave started toward beach this ship with five other LCI(R)'s of Unit got underway for beach on heading of 150°T speed four (4) knots. First range rocket was fired at estimated range of 1500 yards, second at range of 1350, Third at range of 1250, and fourth range rocket hit beach and first salvo (44 rockets) was fired (time 0925). While on steady course and speed toward beach seven (7) more salvos (44 rockets each) were fired at 20 second intervals, then three salvos were fired at 37 second intervals and the last salvo was fired at 0929. It was then noticed that several projectiles about the size of a five-inch shell were hitting in the water from 25 to 100 yards off the bow - all engines were backed full and the order given to commence straffing the beach. All guns (one 40MM, three 20MM and four 50 cal.) opened fire at beach and tree tops. Straffing fire was maintained one minute and all engines stopped. When first two boat waves had passed, this vessel came about and proceeded along left edge of boat lane to vicinity of station vessel and commenced reloading 288 rockets.

(f) At about 1400 on 9 January, low fast-flying enemy plane dropped bomb astern of transport bearing 315° relative from this ship. Plane was fired on and beleived damaged.

(g) Around 1900 on 9 January there were enemy planes over area. This ship was underway to east of transport area. About 1915 two enemy planes came within range and were fired on - no hits observed.

(h) Enemy planes were again over area on the morning of 10 January. At 0715 one plane came within range and was fired on but no hits were certain.

(i) On 11 January no enemy planes were within range of our guns.

(j) Again on the morning of 12 January enemy planes were over area. One plane came within range and was fired on but no hits were certain.

(k) On 13 January this vessel departed Lingayen Gulf Area to return to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

3. (a) Performance of ordnance equipment was satisfactory. Only four rockets out of total five hundred and twenty eight failed to fire.

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(b) The only undesirable feature of ordnance equipment was frequent jamming of 50 Cal. air-cooled twin mount guns.

(c) Ammunition expenditure as follows:

4.5 inch HE rockets	- 524	
40 MM	- 330	rounds
20 MM	- 480	"
50 Cal.	- 400	"

4. No battle damage was suffered by this vessel.

5. The performance of personnel aboard this ship was more than satisfactory. The interest, and willingness to perform any duties required, that was shown by all officers and men is to be commended.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Chief of Naval Operations.

Via : Commander Task Unit 78.5.8A.
Commander Task Unit 78.5.8.
Commander Task Group 78.5(Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT).
Commander Task Force 78 (Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force).

Subject: Action Report - SAN FABIAN Action.

Reference: (a) Article 874(6) USN Regulations.
(b) Com7thPhib Conf. ltr. FE26/A16-3(3) serial 0212 of 17 February 1944.

1. LCI(G) 230 was a part of the Support Unit of the SAN FABIAN Attack Force, BLUE BEACH TWO. It proceeded in company with Task Unit 78.5.8A from SAN PEDRO BAY at Ø6ØØ, 4 JANUARY 1945, which joined Task Group 78.5 convoy at 1645 same date. From this point 15 miles South West of HOMONHOM ISLAND, Task Uint 78.5.8A proceeded in company with Task Group 78.5 to a point in LINGAYEN GULF Lat 16° lon 120° 12'. At Ø62Ø, 9 January it departed the convoy and proceeded independently to seaward of the line of departure, BLUE BEACHES ONE and TWO, where it rendezvoused with Task Unit 78.5.8. At Ø84Ø, word was passed by Commander Task Unit 78.5.8A to take station 5ØØ yards shoreward of line of departure at proper interval. This ship was 4ØØ yards from LCI 225 on the port beam and 4ØØ yards from LCi 341 on the starboard beam in the center of BLUE BEACH TWO, approach lane. At Ø9ØØ, first wave of LVT's left the line of departure on the run into the beach. When LVT's closed astern, course was set 038.5° True for BLUE BEACH TWO and speed was adjusted from time to time to keep same closed on this ship. At Ø912 word passed by Commander Task Unit 78.5.8 that range was 14ØØ yards. The first range rocket was fired and observed to be approximately 7ØØ yards short. At intervals averaging 3Ø seconds, the other three range rockets were fired. The forth was observed to be about 4ØØ yards short. At Ø918 word was passed by Commander Task Unit 78.5.8 that range was 12ØØ. First salvo was fired and observed to be 3ØØ yards short. At Ø919, second salvo was observed fired and obsefved to be 1ØØ yards short. Third salvo was observed to hit just off the beach. Fourth salvo hit on beach. The last eight salvoes were released on approximately 38 seconds intervals. On finishing the Twelfth salvo, the ship was approximately 3ØØ yards off the beach. All contacts were lighted off and approximately twelve rockets were launched from the launchers. At Ø926 40MM strafing of the beach was commenced. At Ø93Ø, 40MM strafing ceased, and the ship was set on a course for the south flank of

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the approach lane; and from there course was set to a position seaward of Transport area. At Ø95Ø, fire fighting stations were sounded and fire fighting gear was assembled for immediate use. At 1Ø2Ø LCI(G) 230 was in station seaward of BLUE BEACH Transport area and awaiting orders.

The night of 9 January the LCI(G) 230 anchored approximately 1 mile bearing 218° True from the mouth of DAGUAPAN RIVER. At 19ØØ enemy ZEKE type plane flew off starboard beam to the south at an estimated 15ØØ yards range. Guns number 1, 2 and 3 and starboard .50 calibar gun fired. Bursts were noted in vicinity of plane. No hits nó hits noted.

The night of 10 January, this ship anchored 1ØØØ yards off USS FREMONT bearing 130° as part of the screen for the Task Group flagship against enemy suicide swimmers and suicide boats. Opened fire, as per orders, on all boxes coming within range during the night.

At Ø71Ø on the morning of 12 January, enemy ZEKE type fighter dived on this ship. The bow 40MM gun watch was ordered to fire by the O.O.D. Rapid and accurate fire by this gun caused the plane to pull out of dive and retire.

At 14ØØ 13 January, this ship was ordered to proceed to TOLOSA, LEYTE, P.I. for further duties. At 18ØØ, this ship departed LINGAYEN GULF, P.I. In accordance with Commander Task Group 78.1 visual message of 13 January 1945, time group 13Ø7ØØ.

2. A chronological list of events follows:

4 January
Ø6ØØ - Underway from SAN PEDRO BAY in company with Task Unit 78.5.8A.

8 January
Ø812 - Scored hits on enemy "TONEY" type fighter with starboard twin .50 calibar guns. Left vicinity smoking and was seen to fall under attack by USN "Hellcat" fighter.

9 January
Ø62Ø - Deployed from convoy in company with Task Unit 78.5.8A.
Ø82Ø - Rendezvoused off BLUE BEACH Line of Departure with Task Unit 78.5.8.
Ø85Ø - In station 5ØØ yards shoreward of Line of Departure.
Ø9ØØ - Commenced run to BLUE BEACH TWO.
Ø912:XX No 1 Range Rocket fired.
Ø912:15 No 2 Range Rocket fired.
0912:20 No 3 Range Rocket fired.

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Ø914:15 - No 4 Range Rocket fired.
Ø918 - Salvo 1 fired
Ø919 - Salvo 2 Fired
Ø92Ø:15 - Salvo 3 fired
Ø92Ø:45 - Salvo 4 fired
Ø921:15 - Salvo 5 fired
Ø922 - Salvo 6 fired
Ø922:3Ø - Salvo 7 fired
Ø923:1Ø - Salvo 8 fired
Ø924 - Salvo 9 fired
Ø924:3Ø - Salvo 10 fired
Ø925:1Ø - Salvo 11 fired
Ø925:45 - Salvo 12 fired
Ø925:5Ø - "Launcher cleaning" salvo of 12 fired.
Ø926 -Commenced strafing beach with 40MM.
Ø93Ø - Ceased fire. Reversed course and retired.
Ø95Ø - Fire stations sounded.
1Ø2Ø - Laying off 1ØØØ yards seaward of BLUE BEACH Transport Area.
19ØØ - Fired at enemy "ZEKE" type fighter plane with guns number 1,2, and 3 and starboard twin .50 calibar gun.

10 January
18ØØ - Anchored 1ØØØ yards bearing 130° True off USS FREMONT as part of screen against enemy suicide swimmers and boats.

12 January
Ø71Ø - Dived on by enemy ZEKE type fighter plane. Accurate fire from No 1 gun caused plane to retire.
14ØØ - Ordered to proceed to TOLOSA, LEYTE, P.I. by Commander Task Group 78.1.
18ØØ - Departed LINGAYEN GULF in company with Task Unit 78.5.8A

3. Out of 528 rockets loaded, 518 left the projectors and ten misfired. Misfires believed due to faulty contact. The number two Range Rocket apparently landed short, as it began turning end over end after leaving the launcher.

One hundred and twelve rounds of 40MM ammunition were expended in strafing the beach. No defects noted in either ammunition or gun.

4. This ship suffered no casualties of any type in the operation. Nine salvoes of rocket fire covered an area 4ØØ yards wide and 8ØØ yards deep from the water's edge. No resistance was noted from the enemy, except for light small arms fire from the south flank of BLUE BEACH TWO.

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5. Shortly after retiring from the assault lane, a bad leak was discovered in one underwater exhaust line, which resulted in cutting out of one engine to pulg leak. No other defects noted. Assault Run was made at engineering idling speed of 250 r.p.m/with adjustment in pitch from time to time to maintain station with LVT assault wave, and other rocket ships. Pitch change orders were given direct from bridge to throttle via sound power telephone.

6. The bearing of the officers and men of the ship was commendatory throught. All hands performed their duties coolly and efficiently. No casualties were incurred by this ship.

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From: Commander Task Unit 78.5.8 Able
(Commanding Officer U.S.S. LCI(G) 338).
To : Commander - in - Chief U. S. Fleet.
Via : Commander Task Unit 78.5.8.
Commander Task Group 78.5.
Commander Task Force 78.
Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force.
Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Task Unit 78.5.8 Able Action Reports CENTRAL LUZON Operation.

Reference: (a) Article 762, U. S. Navy Regulations 1920.
(b) Com 7th Phib conf. ltr. FE25/A16-3(3), Serial 0212, 17 February, 1944.

Enclosure:
(A) CTU 78.5.8 Able, Memorandum 7 January, 1945. p. 11
(B) C.O. LCI(G) 338, Action Report LUZON Operation, 14 January, 1945. M-ser. 109379
(C) C.O LCI(R) 226, Action Report LUZON Operation, 14 January, 1945. -p.3
(D) C.O. LCI(G) 230, Action Report LUZON Operation, 17 January, 1945. -p.6
(E) C.O. LCI(G) 337, Action Report LUZON Operation, 13 January, 1945.-M-ser. 107534
(F) C.O. LCI(L) 341 Action Report LUZON Operation, 17 January, 1945. M-serial 108124

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1. Enclosures (B), (C), (D), (E), (F) are forwarded herewith. The action report from the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. LCI(R) 225 has not at this time been received through the mail.

2. Errors have been noted in forwarding addressees in enclosures (C) and (D).

3. Task Unit 78.5.8 Able was composed of rocket LCI's 225, 226, 230, 337, 338, and 341. LCI's 225 and 226 departed Sansapor, New Guinea 30 December 1944 with Task Group 78.5, the remainder of the unit joined the task group off Leyte, 4 January, 1945.

4. The Ships of the unit carried out their assignment in accordance with Enclosure (A). The performance of the Ships was excellent, not with standing the fact that this was the first operation for LCI 225 and 226 and the unit commander was not able to hold a meeting before the operation.

5. There were no causulities to Ships or personnel of the unit.

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MEMORANDUM

From: CTU 78.5.8 Able.
To : TU 78.5.8 Able.

1. Basic plan of attack remains the same as shown in Attack Order 2 - 44.

2. Rocket boats will take position as shown in attached diagram. This means there will be approximately 333 yards between Ships and the flank Ships will be 167 yards inside of sides of the boat lane. It is expected that the LVT waves will pass inside of the flank rocket Ships.

3. Ships will take stations 500 yards shoreward of the control PC's. As LCI 230, 337, 338, and 341 are known to have inaccurate compasses an attempt must be made to line up while approaching the beach and before firing. Ships will maintain station and course on LCI 338. It is expected that Ships will have to run on one screw until they reach rocket range, at that time we will make 200 R.P.M. on both screws to hold Ships steady for the first eight salvos covering 400 yards. The Ships will slow as necessary for the remaining five hundred yards of the run to allow the LVT to catch up. All ships will stop approximately 300 yards off the beach and turn Ship slightly in the direction of departure in order that aft guns may bear on beach. Rocket Ships must not block path of LVT unnecessarily. Ships will return any fire from beach being careful not to endanger freindly troops. No Ship must break off run without orders, it would endanger the livers and success of the landing. Should any Ship ground on a sand bar it will fire all remaining rockets and wait until both waves are past before backing off.

4. All Ships will make good speed in moving clear of boat lanes after first two waves of LVT have passed thru. Upon reaching flanks proceed up the side of boat lanes keeping clear of DD supporting fire. LCI 230 and 225 will proceed to seaward of Transport Area "B" and await instructions. LCI 337, 226, 338, and 341 will move far enough clear of the beach to reload forward projectors safely and rapidly.

5. Ranges will be furnished by CTU 78.5.8. All Ships will use their own range rockets freely as a basis for firing first salvo. Ships must note that the beach is slightly closer on the right flank and that ranges will probably be taken from that side.

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6. Use SCR as little as possible as the circuit will be crowded. The bull horn, which most Ships have, is useful for controlling your guns, talking to beat waves, and close communication. Ships are reminded to s tow all loose gear before firing.

7. Report all casualities to Ship or personnel to me immediately. Ensign J. R. Brown (HC) USN will be aboard LCI 338 to help with personnel casualities.

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From: Commander Task Group 78.2 (Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT, SEVENTH Fleet.)
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Force 78 (Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force.)
(2) Commander Task Force 77 (Commander SEVENTH Fleet).

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2. Analysis of reported failure of rockets would indicate only one ship having excessive failures.

3. All of close support ships appear to have conducted themselves well under enemy air attacks.

4. Task Group 78.5 (Blue Beach Attack Group)(Commander Amphibious Group EIGHT, SEVENTH Fleet) was under command of Rear Admiral W. M. FECHTELER, USN.

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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.

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THIRD ENDORSEMENT on:
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of 31 March 1945.

From: Commander Seventh Fleet.
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

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