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IST GROUP 41 FLOTILLA 14
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1 January 1945.

From: Commander, LST Group FORTY-ONE.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - submission of.

1. LST Group FORTY-ONE composed of LSTs 672, 698, 745, 916, 917, 999, 564, 565(GF), 615, 689, 693, 918 and 1024 of Flotilla FOURTEEN, FIFTH Amphibious Force, Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

2. LSTs 565, 693 anchored Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, staging for operations in accordance with Commander Task Group 77.9 Movement Order A174-44 and Commander Task Force 78 Operation Plan 103-44 and CANF SWPA Operation Plan 17-44. LST 689 on detached duty, others have not reported.

1 January 1945.

0645 Underway for White Beach.
0810 Beached White Beach, commenced loading troops and cargo.

2 January 1945.

1917 Retracted from White Beach.
2010 Anchored just off White Beach.

3 January 1945.

0835 Underway to load LVTs.
0902 Anchored, commenced loading LVTs.
1107 Underway to shift anchorage.
1124 Anchored about 2000 yards off White Beach.

4 January 1945.

0800 Underway to shift anchorage.
1030 Anchored in LST anchorage.

5 January 1945.

At Anchor.

6 January 1945.

0850 Underway for sortie in accordance with
Commander Task Unit 77.9.12 Movement Order 9-44.
1630 Rendezvoused with Commander Task Unit 77.9.12 at
Lat. 10-37N Long. 125-43E.
1705 Formed C1 Cruising Disposition.

Position 2000 Lat. 10-20N Long. 125-20E.

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7 January 1945.

Positions	0800	Lat. 9-15N.	Long. 124-17E.
	1200	Lat. 9-01N.	Long. 123-49E.
	2000	Lat. 8-55N.	Long. 122-53E.

8 January 1945.

Positions	0800	Lat. 10-48N.	Long. 121-54E.
	1200	Lat. 10-04N.	Long. 121-42E.
	2000	Lat. 10-48N.	Long. 121-23E.

9 January 1945.

Positions	0800	Lat. 12-22N.	Long. 120-57E.
	1200	Lat. 12-47N.	Long. 120-33E.
	2000	Lat. 13-23N.	Long. 119-43E.

10 January 1945.

Positions	0800	Lat. 15-04N.	Long. 119-17E.
	1200	Lat. 15-22N.	Long. 119-08E.
	2000	Lat. 16-36N.	Long. 119-18E.

11 January 1945.

0315 Entered Lingayen Gulf.
0958 Anchored off Blue Beaches.
1100 Launched LVTs.
1123 Underway for White Beach area.
1211 Anchored off White Beach.
1607 Underway for White Beach.
1650 Beached White Beach 3.
1715 Retracted due to heavy current and nearly broaching.
1733 Anchored off White Beach awaiting orders.
1814 Underway for White Beach.
1850 Beached White Beach 2. Commenced unloading troops and cargo.

12 January 1945.

0210 This ship retracted from White Beach because of enemy shell fire bursting on and near the ship.
0250 Anchored off White Beach.
0815 Underway for White Beach.
0850 Beached White Beach 2.
0902 Retracted, not close enough to beach.
0944 Beached White Beach 1.
1020 Retracted, still too far from Beach.
1113 Anchored off White Beach.
1348 Underway to White Beach.
1435 Beached White Beach 2, in old slot continued unloading.
1750 Retracted from the Beach.

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1840 Joined Task Unit 79.14.7 in accordance with Commander Task Unit
77.9.12 Voice Dispatch 121715(I).

Position 2000 Lat. 17-21N. Long. 120-14E.

13 January 1945.

Positions 0800 Lat. 16-27N. Long. 119-13.5E.
1200 Lat. 16-02N. Long. 119-09 E.
2000 Lat. 14-40N. Long. 119-25 E.

14 January 1945.

Positions 0800 Lat. 12-49N. Long. 119-32E.
1200 Lat. 12-54N. Long. 120-07E.
2000 Lat. 12-12N. Long. 120-52E.

15 January 1945.

Positions 0800 Lat. 10-30N. Long. 121-42E.
1200 Lat. 9-57N. Long. 121-54E.
2000 Lat. 9-10N. Long. 122-24E.

16 January 1945.

Positions 0800 Lat. 9-03N. Long. 123-58E.
1200 Lat. 9-13N. Long. 124-19E.
2000 Lat. 9-38N. Long. 124-58E.

17 January 1945.

1145 Anchored 1ST anchorage Leyte Gulf.

18 January 1945.

At Anchor.

19 January 1945.

At Anchor.

20 January 1945.

1723 Underway to beach at White Beach.

1759 Anchored off White Beach.

21 January 1945.

0707 Underway for Orange Beach.

0934 Anchored off Orange Beach.

1405 Underway to Orange Beach.

1425 Beached Slot "D" Orange Beach, commenced loading troops and cargo.

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22 January 1945.

Beached Orange Beach.

23 January 1945.

Beached Orange Beach.

24 January 1945.

1649 Retracted from the Beach.
1825 Anchored near Berth 21 1ST Anchorage.

25 January 1945.

0750 Underway for sortie in accordance with Commander Task Group 78.3
Top Secret Mailgram 221527 January 45.
0830 Formed Cruising Disposition C7.

Positions 1200 Lat. 10-50N. Long. 125-18E.
2000 Lat. 09-43N. Long. 125-03E.

26 January 1945.

Positions 0800 Lat. 8-55N. Long. 123-15E.
1200 Lat. 9-03N. Long. 122-37E.
2000 Lat. 9-27N. Long. 122-18E.

27 January 1945.

Positions 0800 Lat. 10-30N. Long. 121-47E.
1200 Lat. 10-54N. Long. 121-42E.
2000 Lat. 11-59N. Long. 120-59E.

28 January 1945.

Positions 0800 Lat. 12-52N. Long. 120-32E.
1200 Lat. 13-06N. Long. 120-07E.
2000 Lat. 13-49-30N. Long. 119-38E.

29 January 1945.

0710 Anchored off LaPaz, Zambales Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands.
1050 Underway to get in closer to Red Beach.
1145 Anchored off Red Beach.
1310 Underway to beach at Red Beach.

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1325 Anchored off Red Beach.
2110 Underway for Red Beach.
2153 Hit Sand Bar.
2210 Retracted.
2235 Hit Sand Bar.
2307 Retracted.
2345 Anchored.

30 January 1945.

0100 Underway for Red Beach.
0137 Went over Sand Bar and successfully beached Red Beach 3,
commenced unloading troops and cargo.
1325 Retracted from beach and proceeding to anchorage area.
1350 Anchored LST Anchorage area.
1805 Underway in accordance with Commander Task Unit 78.3.4,
1716(I) Voice Dispatch.
1815 Formed Cruising Disposition C7.

Position 2000 Lat. 15-00N. Long. 119-41E.

31 January 1945.

Positions 0800	Lat. 13-52N.	Long. 119-15E.
1200	Lat. 13-06N.	Long. 119-26E.
2000	Lat. 12-41N.	Long. 120-36E.

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