

Timeline for LCI 226

This is a partial timeline for LCI 226. The main sources were the records of Harry Dean Salisbury (Dec 14, 1942 to Aug, 1944), those of Arden Lee Hunt (July 20, 1944 to April 13, 1945), and the LCI 226 Muster Rolls and Reports of Changes.

- Dec. 14, 1942, George Lawley shipyards, Boston, Mass. – LCI(L) 226 was commissioned. Crew No. 3068 (21 enlisted men and 3 commissioned officers) was assigned to her as follows: William Eugene Ballenger (F1c), David John Cummings (MoMM2c), Paul Fitzgerald (AS), James Gesualdi (S2c), Frank Burtrom Harris (AS), Cyril Morris Heaton (S2c), Clifford Clyde Kimball (S2c), John Billy Kitchens (S2c), Marion Easter Morgan (S2c), Walter Lee Postlethwait (S2c), Claude LaVerne Powell (RM3c), Robert Taylor Renner (SM3c), Orin Josiah Reynolds (S2c), Harry Dean Salisbury (F2c), Andrew Peterson Shubin (F2c), Stephen Siranides (AS), Delmer Spears (S2c), Carl Eugene Summers (AS), William Swidwa (F1c), John William Tatro (F3c), and Edwin Dobson Templeton (EM3c); with Ensign Henry Turney McKnight as Commanding Officer, Ensign Benjamin C. Florey as Executive Officer, and Ensign Russell C. Oakes as Engineering officer. Left Boston and headed for New York.
- Dec. 14+ Boston → Cape Cod Bay → Cape Cod Canal → Buzzards Bay → Long Island Sound → East River (“she skidded through New York’s Hell Gate in a winter storm and on a rip tide, without a pilot”) → New York City, Brooklyn Navy Yard.
- Dec. 25 to Jan. 1, 1943 – Manhattan Island, New York through Ambrose Channel out of New York where she sideswiped another ship during the blackout at night. Ran aground in the channel at Cape May, New Jersey. Delaware Bay → Delaware River → Chesapeake & Delaware Canal → Wolf Bay in an ice flow → Chesapeake Bay. Anchored off Annapolis, Maryland. Annapolis → Sandy Point → Cove Point → Solomons, Maryland.
- Dec. 31 – Muster Roll of the crew for 4th quarter 1942: 21 enlisted men. Between December 14 and now, Commanding Officer Henry McKnight was promoted from Ensign to Lieutenant (jg).
- Jan. 1, 1943 – Crew rating changes - David Cummings: MoMM2c to MoMM1c; Paul Fitzgerald: AS to S2c; James Gesualdi: S2c to SM3c; Frank Harris: AS to S2c; Cyril Heaton: S2c to SC3c; Walter Postlethwait: S2c to GM3c; Claude Powell: RM3c to RM2c; Robert Renner: SM3c to SM2c; Orin Reynolds: S2c to S1c; Stephen Siranides: AS to S2c; Delmar Spears: S2c to F3c; Carl Summers: AS to F3c; John Tatro: F3c to S2c; Edwin Templeton: EM3c to EM2c.
- January – Large-scale training operations in Chesapeake Bay
- Jan. 30 – Smashed a Coast Guard boat while leaving dock and then ran aground off old Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland. Baltimore → Little Creek, Virginia.
- Jan. 31 – Two men join the crew from Amph. Tr. Base NNYD, Portsmouth, VA: Walter Talmadge Bruce (AS) and Andrew Joseph Lenahan (S2c).
- Feb. 1 – Crew rating change - Paul Fitzgerald: S2c to Cox.
- Feb. 6 – Left Norfolk, Virginia, passed by Cape Henry, and headed out into the Atlantic Ocean in a Flotilla bound for Panama City, Florida.
- Feb. 7 – In the foggy morning, we got separated from the Flotilla and ran into a big storm off of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. With 3 other LCI’s, headed for Florida.
- Feb. 9 – Course: 235° True. Maintained darkened ship every night.
- Feb. 10 – Rejoined main body of the Flotilla near Palm Beach, Florida. Continued south and then west into the Straights of Florida, then received new orders to go through the Yucatan Channel and continue on southeast to the Panama Canal.
- Feb. 16 – Arrived 0519. Docked at Mount Hope, Colón, Canal Zone.
- Feb. 18 – Being towed by the USS Apache.
- Feb. 25 – Passed through the Panama Canal to Balboa. Course changed to 208° T. at 2325.

Feb. 26 – Left Panama Bay and headed for Borabora, French Polynesia in the Pacific Ocean.
Feb. 28 – Course: 265°. General Quarters (G.Q.) called each dusk and dawn.
Mar. 5 – Set Condition II (Watch and Watch)
Mar. 6-16 – Course: from 252° to 260° T. Speed: from 8.5 to 9 knots.
Mar. 19 – Arrived at Borabora, French Polynesia.
Mar. 27 – Left Borabora and headed for American Samoa. Course: 248° T. Speed: 10.
Mar. 28 – Passed Wapikaa Island about 0500 on starboard side.
Mar. 31 – Muster Roll of the crew for 1st quarter 1943: 21 plus gain of 2 = 23 enlisted men.
Apr. 1 – Arrived at Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa. Crew rating changes - Walter Bruce: AS to S2c; Cyril Heaton: SC3c to SC2c; Clifford Kimball: S2c to S1c; John Kitchens: S2c to S1c; Andrew Lenahan: S2c to F3c; Marion Morgan: S2c to GM3c; Walter Postlethwait: GM3c to S2c; Robert Renner: SM2c to SM1c; Orin Reynolds: S1c to QM3c; Harry Salisbury: F2c to S1c; Delmer Spears: F3c to F2c; Carl Summers: F3c to F2c; William Swidwa: F1c to MoMM2c.
Apr. 2 – Harry Salisbury was injured (got a large cut on his head requiring stitches) while servicing the 20 MM anti-aircraft gun with George Postlethwait.
Apr. 4 – Left Pago Pago and headed for Suva, Fiji Islands. Course: 231° T. Speed: 10.
Apr. 5 – Crossed the International Date Line at 0500 (now Apr. 6) in convoy of 15 LCI's, 4 LST's, and 2 Mine Sweepers. Course: 256° T. Speed: 10.
Apr. 8 – Arrived this morning in Suva Harbor, Fiji. Someone from deck gang stole a little fox terrier dog to join the crew.
Apr. 12 – Left Suva and headed for Nouméa, New Caledonia.
Apr. 14 – Course: 240° +/- Speed: 12.
Apr. 15 – Arrived at Nouméa, New Caledonia. The dog abandoned ship, never to be seen again.
Apr. 20 – Left Nouméa and headed for Sydney, Australia.
Apr. 20-25 – Five days of monsoon weather while crossing the Tasman Sea. All but three were sick.
Apr. 25 (Easter Sunday) – Arrived this morning at Port Jackson, Sydney, Australia. Moored at Woolloomooloo Docks.
May 5 – Five men join the crew for temporary duty from LCI 28: Gottfried J. Fischer (S1c), Donald B. McCabe (EM3c), John T. Nihill (SK2c), Benjamin J. Rausa (SF3c), and M. Yeager (SK2c).
May 13 – At Port Stevens, Australia. Practiced beaching 13 times.
May 14 – Practiced beaching 16 to 18 times.
May 15 – Had ship's inspection by a Commander. Port side went on weekend liberty.
May 17 – Beached a few times with Australian troops and then went south to Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. Starboard side went on liberty and got drunk.
May 18 – Left Newcastle at 0830 and returned to Port Stevens. Very rough sea.
May 19 – Prepared to get underway at 0400 in blowing rain and very rough sea to try to tow LCI 227 off the beach where she washed ashore and was left by the tide. The bow anchor got caught in the coral and the anchor cable broke trying to pull it free.
May 20 – Fixed a towing bridle for towing LCI 227 off the beach.
May 22 – Had Captain's inspection.
May 23 – Crewmen Frank Harris and William Swidwa went AOL (absent over leave).
May 24 – Donald Leon Macy (PhM2c) joins the crew for temporary duty from LCI 225. Took on 54 men to transport north. LCI 227 still stuck high and dry on the beach.
May 25 – Left Port Stevens at 0730. Very rough sea. LCI 228 dropped out of convoy.
May 26 – Traveling north. Passed Cape Byron at 1254.
May 27 – Arrived at Toorbul Point, Queensland, Australia.
May 29 – Four crewmen transferred to the USS Henry T. Allen: Walter Talmadge Bruce (S2c), Andrew Peterson Shubin (F2c), Stephen Siranides (S2c), and John William Tatro (S2c).
May 31 – Went to Redcliffe to take on water. Some crewmen got liberty.

June 1 – Jack Axsom Dyer (MM1c) joins the crew from the USS Rigel. Between March 31 and now, Crew rating change - William Ballenger: F1c to SC3c.

June 3-20 – Went to Brisbane, Queensland, Australia and was there for a couple of weeks. Secured alongside the USS Rigel for repairs.

June 5 – Archie Erwin Eggleston (F1c) joins the crew from Receiving Station Navy 134. Crewmen Frank Harris and William Swidwa reported aboard after being AOL (absent over leave) for 12 days.

June 7 – Temporary crewman M. Yeager (SK2c) transferred to LCI 29.

June 13 – Ensign Oscar Landon Miles replaced Ensign Russell C. Oakes as Engineering Officer.

June 16 – Crew rating changes - Paul Fitzgerald: Cox to BM2c; Frank Harris: S2c to AS; William Swidwa: MoMM2c to F1c.

June 21 – Entered Peters Slip, dry dock.

June 24 – Paul Gilliam Hatcher (QM3c) joins the crew from ATC Navy 146.

June 28 – En route from Brisbane to Cairns, Australia in task force. Passed Barren Island on starboard side about 2000. Course: 309 Speed: 9 +/-

June 30 – Muster Roll of the crew for 2nd quarter 1943: 23 plus gain of 9 (6 are temporary duty) minus loss of 5 (1 was temporary duty) = 27 enlisted men (5 are temporary duty). List of non-enlisted passengers: L.P. Hurndall (Lieutenant Commander), O.P. Norman (Lieutenant Commander), E.S. Dootson (Ensign D-V(S)), L.S. Flaherty (Ensign D-V(S)), A.J. Mentzal (Ensign SC-V(G)).

June 28 to mid-July – Brisbane → Townsville → Cairns, Australia. Starboard gear box went out and arrived at Cairns a day and a half after the task force. Beached the ship to look at the screws while tide was out. Could not get off beach. An LCT snapped a 6” manila line and the next day a tug tried unsuccessfully. Tried for 3 or 4 nights at high tide before getting her off the beach.

July 1 – Oscar Landon Miles was promoted from Ensign to Lieutenant (jg).

July 24 – Only have 3 engines running out of the 8.

Early July to Aug 19 – Six weeks in Cairns, Australia getting repairs and training with Australian troops.

Aug. 1 – Crew rating change - Orin Reynolds: QM3c to QM2c.

Aug. 16 – Crew rating changes - William Ballenger: SC3c to SC2c; David Cummings: MoMM2c to MoMM1c; Frank Harris: AS to S2c; John Kitchens: S1c to Cox; Andrew Lenahan: F3c to S2c; Walter Postlethwait: S2c to GM3c; Harry Salisbury: S1c to F1c; Delmer Spears: F2c to F1c; Carl Summers: F2c to S1c; William Swidwa: F1c to MoMM2c.

Aug. 19-25 – Cairns, Australia → Milne Bay, New Guinea, very rough trip. Transported amphibious scouts under the command of Lt. Frank Merideth.

Aug. 27 – Three temporary crewmen transferred to LCI 28: Gottfried J. Fischer (S1c), John T. Nihill (SK2c), and Benjamin J. Rausa (SF3c).

Aug. 28 – Robert John Brendel (Cox) joins the crew from T.O. # 16 Serial P66.

Late August – The deck gang painted a pair of alligator jaws at the bow. Transported some natives, American sailors, Aussie officers, the amphibious scouts, and supplies to Kola Bay, Fergusson Island, which is a gasoline dump for PT boats. Returned to Milne Bay the next morning. Returned too late to go on the first landings at Lae, New Guinea (where LCI 339 and LCI 341 were hit by bombs – LCI 339 was lost). The USS Rigel is our flag ship.

Sep. 1 – Cyril Morris Heaton (SC2c) transferred to USS Riegel FFT Navel Base on Kiriwina Island. Two men join the crew for temporary duty from LCI 29: L.J. Hook (M2c) and H.B. Lowry (M2c). Crew rating changes - Archie Eggleston: F1c to MoMM2c; Frank Harris: S2c to S1c; Clifford Kimball: S1c to Cox.

Sep. 5 – Picked up some Aussie troops (9th Army – called “The Rats of Tobruk” in Africa) in Buna, New Guinea to take to Lae.

Sep. 6 – D Day + 2 at Lae, New Guinea. Operating with destroyers Flusser and Henley. Going into Red beach, LCI 224 slowed down and we hit her in the stern, making a small hole in our bow. Landed

- troops at 0130. The beachhead was already secured so no enemy fire. The 11th Airborne Paratroopers were dropped behind our landing there. Then returned to Milne Bay.
- Sep. 15 – Went to Salamaua, New Guinea and brought back Aussie troops (6th Army) that had been in New Guinea for 11 months. Went to Buna.
- Sep. 16 – Lieutenant (jg) William L. Harned replaced Ensign Benjamin C. Florey as Executive Officer.
- Sep. 21 – Left Buna and picked up Aussie troops (9th Army) at Lae to take to Finschhafen.
- Sep. 22 – **D Day at Finschhafen, New Guinea.** Called to battle stations at 0400. Destroyers shelled the beach nicely beforehand. At 0440, the LCI's followed the small boats in to the beach, firing at the beach on the way in, and disembarked troops. Jap sniper fire and mortar fire were very heavy. Three LCI's lost their ramps on the beach and a couple were hit by enemy fire. We were fired upon by a plane. Returned to Buna with some wounded Aussies.
- Sep. 24 – Went to Salamaua and picked up some American troops (41st Division) and brought them back to Oro Bay.
- Sep. 27 – Left Buna at 1215, went to Oro Bay. Picked up some sailors and officers to take to Milne Bay.
- Sep. 29 – Jack Axsom Dyer (MM1c) transferred to LCI 30.
- Sep. 30 – Two crewmen transferred to ComSerForLant for assignment to Amphib bases: John Billy Kitchens (Cox) and Robert Taylor Renner (SM2c). Muster Roll of the crew for 3rd quarter 1943: 27 plus gain of 3 (2 are temporary duty) minus loss of 7 (3 were temporary duty) = 23 enlisted men (4 are temporary duty).
- Oct. 1 – Left Oro Bay and went to Milne Bay. Conard Joseph Conway (SM3c) joins the crew from LCI 26. Crew rating changes - James Gesualdi: SM3c to SM2c; Frank Harris: S1c to SC3c; Andrew Lenahan: S2c to S1c.
- Oct. 7 – Temporary crewman Donald L. McCabe (EM3c) transferred to LCI 28.
- Oct. 16 – Left Milne Bay and went up to Goodenough Bay. Went into beach and talked with the natives. Crew rating change - Marion Morgan: GM3c to GM2c.
- Oct. 18 – Returned to Milne Bay and just as we arrived, were ordered to go to Buna.
- Oct. 19 – Left Buna at 0500 and went to Lae.
- Oct. 20-24 – Took troops from Lae to Langemak Bay which is just south of Finschhafen, and disembarked them around 0400. On return to Lae, we were fired upon by a plane. Stood G.Q. 0400 to 1000. Proceeded to Milne Bay. Left Milne Bay and went to Good Enough Bay.
- Oct. 26 – Left Good Enough Bay and went to Cape Sudest which is near Oro Bay.
- Oct. 27 – Left Cape Sudest at 0730 in the rain.
- Oct. 31 – Paul Gilliam Hatcher (QM3c) transferred to LCI 224.
- November – Was made flag ship of Group 19 (in Flotilla 7) for awhile.
- Nov. 1 – Crew rating change - Paul Fitzgerald: BM2c to BM1c.
- Nov. 5 – Five men join the crew from ATC Navy 146: John Joseph Pusateri (S2c), Thomas Tracy Roberts (S2c), Ira Lamar Sargent (S2c), Carl Junior Sherrill (S2c), and Jack Dempsey Shook (S2c).
- Nov. 17 – Two temporary crewmen transferred to LCI 72: L.J. Hook (M2c) and W.B. Lowry (M2c).
- Nov. 30 – Three men transferred to ComSerForLant for assignment to Amphib bases: William Eugene Ballenger (SC2c), Orin Josiah Reynolds (QM2c), and Edwin Dobson Templeton (EM2c).
- Dec. 11 – Three men join the crew from Naval Receiving Barracks, Shoemaker, CA: Eugene Cleason Myers (S2c), Edwin John Warwick (S2c), and Edward Frank Zelinski (S2c).
- Dec. 24 – At 1800, went to a nearby cape and picked up 210 U.S. Marines (veterans of Guadalcanal) and an Alsatian Shepard dog, trained to sniff out Japs 100 yards away.
- Dec. 26 – **D Day at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.** At first light the beach was bombed from the air and shelled by cruisers, destroyers, and the new “rocket ships”. Fog and smoke for about one mile, visibility was zero. Then the LCI's went in and disembarked the troops in waist-deep water.
- Dec. 27 – Lieutenant (jg) Oscar Landon Miles replaced Lieutenant (jg) Henry Turney McKnight as Commanding Officer and Ensign Benjamin C. Florey (who was replaced by William L. Harned on September 16) was brought back as Engineering Officer.

Dec. 31 – Two men transferred to ComSerForLant for assignment to Amphib bases: David John Cummings (MoMM1c) and Marion Easter Morgan (GM2c). Muster Roll of the crew for 4th quarter 1943: 23 plus gain of 9 minus loss of 9 (3 were temporary duty) = 23 enlisted men (1 is temporary duty).

Jan. 1, 1944 – Went to Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Crew rating changes - Clifford Kimball: Cox to QM3c; Eugene Myers: S2c to EM3c; Thomas Roberts: S2c to F2c; Harry Salisbury: F1c to MoMM3c; Ira Sargent: S2c to S1c; Jack Shook: S2c to S1c; Delmer Spears: F1c to MoMM3c; Carl Summers: S1c to Cox; Edwin Warwick S2c to S1c.

Jan. 5 – Took some Aussies to Cape Cretin.

Jan. 9 – Made two trips to Good Enough Island for practice landings.

Jan. 22 – Thomas Tracy Roberts (F2c) transferred to LST 464 for hospitalization and never returned.

Jan. 24 – Status change: Donald Macy (PhM1c) changed from temporary to permanent duty.

Feb 1 – Crew rating changes - Robert Brendel: Cox to BM2c; Archie Eggleston: MoMM2c to MoMM1c; Edwin Warwick: S1c to SC3c.

Feb. 2 – Picked up Navy and Army personnel from the USS Rigel to take on leave.

Feb. 3 – At Milne Bay, New Guinea

Feb. 4 to mid-March – Took the men going on leave to Sydney, Australia where we stayed a couple weeks on leave, and then returned to New Guinea. It was a fairly rough trip going down and a very rough trip coming back, running into a storm on our last night out.

Mar. 1 – Lieutenant (jg) Oscar Landon Miles was made Division Commander (there are now 6 LCI's in our division). Crew rating change - Andrew Lenahan: S1c to Cox.

Mar. 16 – Paul Fitzgerald (BM1c) transferred to Base Hospital #13 Navy 817.

Mar. 21 – Paul Fitzgerald (BM1c) returned from Base Hospital #13 Navy 817.

Mar. 22 – Paul Fitzgerald (BM1c) transferred to Base Hospital #13 Navy 817.

Mar. 24 – Harry Salisbury tore a 3-inch gash under his left arm requiring 4 stitches.

Mar. 26 – Robert Brendel (BM2c) transferred to Base Hospital #13 Navy 817.

Mar. 26-28 – Trained with troops.

Mar. 28 – Paul Fitzgerald (BM1c) returned from Base Hospital #13 Navy 817.

Mar. 31 – Muster Roll of the crew for 1st quarter 1944: 23 plus gain of 2 (from hospital) minus loss of 4 (to hospital) = 21 enlisted men.

Apr. 1 – Crew rating changes - Frank Harris: SC3c to SC2c; Eugene Myers: EM3c to EM2c; Carl Summers: Cox to SM3c.

Apr. 3 – Two men join the crew from Com LCI(L) Flot 7: Earl A. Smith (MoMM1c) and William Raymond Wellbrink (Cox).

Apr. 4 – Frank Lawrence Juarez (F1c (EM)) joins the crew from Com LCI(L) Flot 7.

Apr. 7 – Salvatore Lopez (Cox) joins the crew from Com LCI(L) Flot 7. Picked up troops at Cape Cretin in the morning to take to Lae to practice landings. Port propeller pitch broke down and had to turn back. Went alongside LST 453 and got the pitch to 44”.

Apr. 16 – Crew rating change - Walter Postlethwait: GM3c to GM2c.

Apr. 20-22 – Took U.S. Army troops (1st Battalion, 186th Infantry) up to the Admiralty Islands and gave them a few hours on shore before hitting Hollandia. Ran into a storm on the way to Hollandia.

Apr. 22 – **D Day at Hollandia, New Guinea.** Landed the troops, leading the second wave of LCI's at Red Beach. We were covered by carrier planes. Commanding Officer Oscar Landon Miles and others went ashore, found Jap headquarters before the Army did, and gathered souvenirs.

Apr. 23 – Escorted an Army tug at 4 knots to Aitape (some escort: we only had three 20 MM guns).

Apr. 28 – Robert Brendel (BM2c) returned from Base Hospital #13 Navy 817.

Apr. 30 – Three men transferred to ComServForLant FAA to return to the States : Frank Burtrom Harris (SC2c), Andrew Joseph Lenahan (Cox), and Delmer Spears (MoMM3c).

May 1 – Crew rating changes - Donald Macy: PhM1c to CPhM(AA); John Pusateri: S2c to S1c; Harry Salisbury: MoMM3c to MoMM2c; Carl Sherrill: S2c to S1c; Jack Shook: S1c to GM3c; Edward Zelinski: S2c to S1c.

May 7 – Walter Lee Postlethwait transferred to Hospital Navy 722.

May 16 – Crew rating changes - Claude Powell: RM2c to RM1c; Edwin Warwick: SC3c to SC2c.

May 23 – Crew rating change - Harry Salisbury: MoMM2c to MoMM3c.

May 24 – William McKinley Runion (S2c) joins the crew from Com LCI(L) Flot 7.

May 27 – **D Day at Biak Island.** Landed U.S. Army troops (163rd Infantry) at Bosnik Bay. We were in the first wave (instead of the second wave) at the end of rock jetty because the small boats and tanks had landed one mile away. Luckily, B-24's had bombed the 6" guns at the end of the jetty. Heavy opposition from the beach.

May 31 – Two men transferred to ComServForLant FAA to return to the States: Paul Fitzgerald (BM1c) and James Gesualdi (SM2c). Took reinforcements to Biak Island 3 days ahead of schedule.

June through August – Went to Bostrem Bay (Alexishafen), New Guinea for rest, repairs, and running shuttle trips. Also escorted some more tugs to Aitape.

June 12 – Walter Postlethwait (GM2c) returned from Hospital Navy 722.

June 16 – Crew rating change - Frank Juarez: F1c to EM3c.

June 19 – Richard Porter Crout (S2c) joins the crew from Com LCI(L) Flot 7.

June 23 – Frank Juarez transferred to LCI(L) 340 for temporary duty.

June 22 – Left Humboldt Bay (Hollandia) and went to Bostrem Bay (Alexishafen) for general repairs.

June 30 – Muster Roll of the crew for 2nd quarter 1944: 21 plus gain of 8 (2 from hospital) minus loss of 7 (1 to hospital) = 22 enlisted men. Three men transferred to ComServForLant FAA to return to the States: Archie Erwin Eggleston (MoMM1c), Walter Lee Postlethwait (GM2c), and William Raymond Wellbrink (Cox).

July 1 – Crew rating changes - Clifford Kimball: QM3c to QM2c; John Pusateri: S1c to F1c.

July 15 – Four men join the crew from Com LCI(L) Flot 7: Elvie Fields (StM3c), Weldon Sylvester Royer (S2c), Andrew August Sommerer (S2c), and Raymond Lee Steele (S2c).

July 19 – Arrived this evening in Bostrem Bay (Alexishafen). There are about 30 LCI's with their ramps let down on the beach. We are in Flotilla 7, LCI Group 19, Division 38. LCI 28 is the flag ship. Group Commander is on LCI 25.

July 20 – Two men join the crew from Com LCI(L) Flot 7: Floyd Cecil Hagewood (S2c) and Arden Lee Hunt Jr. (S1c(SM)).

July 25 – Pulled alongside LST 455 and in the process, ran into another LCI and sank its motor boat.

July 27 – Moved alongside LCI 25.

July 31 – Two men transferred to ComServForLant FAA to return to the States: Clifford Clyde Kimball (QM2c) and Carl Eugene Summers (SM3c).

Aug. 1 – Crew rating changes - Conard Conway: SM3c to SM2c; Arden Hunt: S1c to SM3c; Salvatore Lopez: Cox to BM2c; William Runion: S2c to S1c; Ira Sargent: S1c to Cox.

Aug. 4 – Lieutenant (jg) William L. Harned replaced Lieutenant (jg) Oscar Landon Miles as Commanding Officer. We have 2 new officers: Lieutenant (jg) Bennett Coulson is Executive Officer and Ensign Jack W. Joyce replaced Ensign Benjamin C. Florey as Engineering Officer. Left Bostrem Bay at 1700 on a shuttle run to Finschhafen, taking men returning to the States, 8 Aussie officers, and mail.

Aug. 5 – Arrived at Finschhafen at 1400. Trip was in very rough water with a strong headwind and rain. Left at 1800 to return to Bostrem Bay with mail and some Aussie troops. The starboard quad is out.

Aug. 6 – Arrived at Bostrem Bay at 1400. Let off Aussie troops.

Aug. 7 – Pulled alongside LST 455.

Aug. 8 – Carl Summers and Kimball left the crew to return to the States. For Summers it was a 30-day leave but when he arrived, he spent 3 months in a hospital with malaria and then was sent home. Harry Salisbury also left about this time.

Aug. 9 – Went into a floating dry dock at 1000. Found a full barrel of oil jammed between the starboard screw and the skid.

Aug. 9-11 – Scraped and painted the bottom of the ship.

Aug. 12 – Left dry dock at 0800 with starboard quad still out.

Aug. 13 – Five men join the crew from Rs. So. Annex, N.O.B., Norfolk, VA: Robert Richard Carter (S2c), Lawrence Melvin DeVore (S2c), John Kapral (S2c), Elmer Raymond Leasure Sr. (S2c), and Howard William Majeskie (S2c).

Aug. 15 – Harold Edward Jordan (StM2c) joins the crew from USNRB, Shoemaker, CA.

Aug. 16 – Crew rating change - Harry Salisbury: MoMM3c to MoMM2c.

Aug. 24 – Anchored out in bay waiting to enter dry dock.

Aug. 25 – Entered dry dock. Put on anti-fossil coat and worked on screw.

Aug. 26 – Left dry dock and returned to beach, next to LCI 25. Took on water. Got anchor caught in the anchor cable of an LST.

Aug. 28 – Went out into Bostrem Bay. Compensated the compass. Had G.Q. and a fire drill.

Aug. 29 – Came alongside L 591 for water, fuel, oil, and supplies.

Aug. 30 – Cast off from L 591 and returned to the beach. Anchored out in Bostrem Bay tonight. Rained.

Aug. 31 – Harry Dean Salisbury (MoMM2c) transferred to ComServForLant FAA to return to the States. Got underway at 0600. Form 18 – three divisions with 7 LCI's in each. We are the last ship in the column for the third division, behind LCI 224. Water is calm.

Sep. 1 – Changed course several times. Had G.Q. in afternoon. Arrived at Hollandia at 1600. Anchored out by ourselves. Crew rating changes - Richard Crout: S2c to S1c; Weldon Royer: S2c to F1c; Andrew Sommerer: S2c to S1c; Raymond Steele: S2c to F1c.

Sep. 2 – Were to leave at 1800 but we didn't because the exhaust water line was broken. Left Hollandia at midnight alone.

Sep. 3 – Arrived at Topia, New Guinea at 1000. Took on U.S. Army troops at 1600 (troops had to come out into waist-deep water to board).

Sep. 4 – Went out to sea several miles and returned to practice beaching. Had G.Q. on the way in. Hit the beach at 0800 and troops disembarked in waist-deep water.

Sep. 5 – Took on fuel, oil, and water from a tanker. Went alongside LCI 224 but water was so rough we anchored out.

Sep. 7 – Commanding Officer William Harned went swimming with the crew.

Sep. 9 – Took on troops and their supplies at 0400. Water very rough. Anchored out.

Sep. 10 – Left Topia at 0800 in a large convoy of about 5 LST's, 6 destroyers, 20 LCI's, and 4 PC's. The Wasacak is the flag ship. Speed: 8 knots. Passed Hollandia tonight.

Sep. 11 – Heading north. Combined with another task force. Now in a convoy of about 90 ships. Water is calm. Very dark at night.

Sep. 12 – Rained nearly all day. Passed Biak Island between 1200 and 1600. Crossed the equator at 1830

Sep. 13 – This morning 4 aircraft carriers and 5 cruisers joined the convoy.

Sep. 15 – **D Day at Morotai Island.** In the morning, cruisers and destroyers shelled the beach and aircraft strafed it. Very little opposition. At 0845, after 2 hours of shelling, the LCI's hit the beach and troops disembarked in shoulder-deep water. Then we got stuck on the coral bottom. Two other LCI's tried but could not pull us off until a bulldozer came out into 4-foot-deep water and helped push. No Japs nearby. Then headed back for Hollandia, New Guinea.

Sep. 16 – In a convoy of about 10 LCI's. No rough water. A few short rain squalls. Speed: 12 knots. Crew rating change - Eugene Myers: EM2c to EM1c.

Sep. 17 – Short rain squalls this morning. Crossed the equator at 0800. Biak Island seen most of the day on our starboard side. At about 1600, the port screw gear box burned out and we fell out of the convoy. LCI's 25 and 27 stayed back to assist us.

Sep. 18 – Being towed by LCI 27 with a double cable. Speed: 10 knots.

Sep. 19 – Arrived at Hollandia at 0400 and anchored way back in the bay.

- Sep. 20 – Left Hollandia at 1900 with LCI's 224 and 225 to take mail and three passengers to Milne Bay. Running on one screw as port quad is still not working. Took on passengers: John Dawson (StM1c) transportation to LCI 341, Robert Lloyd Hoover (F2c(EM)) transportation to LCI 23, and Edward Matthew Hope (F2c(EM)) transportation to LCI 71.
- Sep. 21 – Sea is quite choppy. Dropped off 2 Aussie officers at Aitape at 1600 and resumed trip.
- Sep. 22 – Water very rough, washes clear over the bow. Passed Blup Blup Island and volcanoes Bam and Manum. Speed: 7 knots. At 1400, LCI 224 went on ahead.
- Sep. 23 – Arrived at Alexishafen at 1100. Only a few ships here, Australians have left. Went alongside the Achilles for supplies and parts for the gear box. Went to the beach and got water and a lot of beer. Left at 1800 for Finschhafen. Water a little rough.
- Sep. 25 – Arrived at Finschhafen just after midnight and had to wait until dawn to go in. Rained hard. This evening took on 50 sailors and supplies to take to Milne Bay.
- Sept. 26 – Left Finschhafen at 0700 with LCI's 224 and 225. Still on one screw, making 6-7 knots.
- Sep. 27 – Passed Buna and Cape Sudest this morning. Rough water, strong winds, 10-foot waves.
- Sep. 28 – Water and wind much quieter. Arrived at Milne Bay just after sunset. Many ships here. Came alongside LCI 224 in Stringer Bay.
- Sep. 29 – Went 5 miles across the bay to Gamadoda and returned. Anchored on beach.
- Sep. 30 – Working crew removed both ramps and the 20 MM gun from the bow. Moved farther down the beach and tried to have a barbeque but the meat didn't get done in time. Muster Roll of the crew for 3rd quarter 1944: 22 plus gain of 12 minus loss of 6 = 28 enlisted men.
- Oct. 1 – Crewmen Arden Hunt, Ira Sargent, and Jack Shook hitchhiked to the air strip about 20 miles away. Crew rating change - Howard Majeskie: S2c to S1c.
- Oct. 3 – Went into a big floating dry dock, along with LCI 225.
- Oct. 3-11 – In dry dock for repairs and painting.
- Oct. 10-11 – All signalmen and quarter masters attended classes.
- Oct. 12 – Left dry dock at about 0800 with LCI 225. Anchored out in the bay. About 10 of the older crewmen got leave to go to Sydney, Australia.
- Oct. 14 – Departing passenger: John Dawson (StM1c) transferred to Navy 717 for further transportation.
- Oct. 15 – At 0800, the crewmen going on leave went ashore. Elvie Fields (StM3c) transferred to ComSuborComdServPac FAA. Crew rating changes - Robert Carter: S2c to S1c; Elmer Leasure: S2c to F1c.
- Oct. 16 – The crewmen going to Sydney left on another LCI. Very hot today.
- Oct. 17 – Crewman Howard Majeskie got the end of a finger cut off by an LCV (small boat) coming alongside.
- Oct. 18 – Came into the dock at Ladava for repairs along with LCI 225.
- Oct. 18 to Nov. 2 – At the dock for repairs and conversion into a rocket ship. Had 2 twin 50 caliber machineguns installed and a 40 MM gun put on the bow. Waiting for rocket racks and a new gear box to arrive from the States.
- Oct. 20 – Probable day the crewmen on leave arrived in Sydney, Australia.
- Oct. 21 – Departing passengers: Robert Lloyd Hoover (F2c(EM)) and Edward Matthew Hope (F2c(EM)) transferred to LCI 612 for further transportation.
- Oct. 26 – Crewman Jack Shook returned. Instead of going on leave to Sydney, he had been in a local hospital with malaria. Two women were on the quarterdeck with the officers. Very hot.
- Oct. 28 – Conard Conway and Andrew Sommerer went over to a tanker. Rained some.
- Nov. 1 – Starboard section went to fire school and had real building fires to put out. Lieutenant (jg) Bennett Coulson, the Executive Officer, returned from Australia. Crew rating changes - Lawrence DeVore: S2c to S1c; Floyd Hagedwood: S2c to S1c; John Kapral: S2c to S1c.
- Nov. 2 – Port section went to fire school. Left working dock with LCI 225 and went across the bay to Stringer Bay where LCI 224 was. Hot every day, but nights are cool.
- Nov. 2-18 – At Stringer Bay, waiting for gear box and rocket racks to arrive. Did lots of painting.

Nov. 11 – Our railing was smashed by an LCT as it left the beach.

Nov. 13 – A working party went to Gamadoda and got a washing machine.

Nov. 18 – Left the beach with the tide. The rocket racks have arrived from the States.

Nov. 19 – Went to Gamadoda and got 22 rocket racks and then went to the working dock at Ladava.

Nov. 20-29 – Got the rocket racks installed and wired. There are 44 rocket racks, 22 on each side of the ship. Each rack shoots 12 rockets. The ship can shoot 528 rockets before having to reload.

Nov. 22 – The crewmen on leave returned from Sydney, Australia with lots of stories to tell.

Nov. 25 – Got the washing machine working for the first time. Temp: 125° at 0800.

Nov. 28 – Five men join the crew from Naval Supply Depot, Navy 167: Billy Earl Claxton (S1c), William Charles Cummings (S1c), Marion Ray Thompson (S1c), Alexander Van Kirk (S1c), and John Thomas Zeallor (S1c).

Nov. 30 – Left working dock at 0900. Took on 20,000 gals of diesel fuel. Left Ladava and went to Stringer Bay. Went alongside LCI's 224 and 225. Got our first rockets, 20 boxes, and 96 boxes of 40 MM shells. Temp: 120°.

Dec. 1 – Left Stringer Bay for Shortland Island, 50 miles away, to practice shooting the rockets and guns. Arrived at Shortland Island at 1100. Shot off about 100 rockets. Very powerful, chipped paint off the deck when leaving the racks. Returned to Stringer Bay at 1730. Crew rating changes - Robert Brendel: BM2c to BM1c; Howard Majeskie: S1c to QM3c; Weldon Royer: F1c to F2c.

Dec. 3 – This morning LCI's 224 and 225 left for Leyte, Philippines. We are still waiting for a gear box. Went out and compensated the compasses.

Dec. 7 – The crew bought a radio-phonograph for \$200.00 so we all paid \$6.25 each {32 x 6.25 = 200}.

Dec. 8 – Our gear box arrived on LCI 434 from Australia. Went to the dock at Ladava for installation.

Dec. 8-15 – At the pontoon dock at Ladava for repairs to engines and gear box, and painting.

Dec. 10 – Temperature: 121° at 0700.

Dec. 11 – Crewman Andrew Sommerer came in drunk tonight. Crewman Weldon Royer and one of the new crewmen spent tonight in the brig for going into the women's hut.

Dec. 15 – Left pontoon dock at 1530. Went to Stringer Bay and got several hundred rockets by 1730.

Dec. 16 – Left Stringer Bay at 0700 for Leyte, Philippines. Both quads work well. Stopped at Shortland Island and shot off rockets from every rack and also tested all the other guns. Sea is very calm.

Dec. 17 – Passed Buna just after midnight. Sea is very calm. Passed Finschhafen late tonight.

Dec. 18 – Passed Alexishafen this morning. Water a little rough. Passed Bagabag, Manam, Bam, and Blup Blup Islands.

Dec. 19 – Very rough water and windy. Passed Aitape at noon. Arrived at Humboldt Bay, Hollandia at 2200. Hundreds of ships here. Hot here.

Dec. 21 – Loaded 1500 rockets. Five men join the crew: Ernest Ashbaugh Jr. (S1c(FC)) from LST 699, Cellan Presley Goodwin (S1c(QM)) from ComAdCom7thPhibFor (R/B Trim), Seymour Hoffman (S1c) from LST 699, Gerard Thomas Hurley (PhM1c) from LST 457, and Bennie Lee Tucker (GM3c) from LCI 431.

Dec. 22 – Took on fuel and 50 smoke rockets. Donald Leon Macy (CphM(AA)) transferred to Navy V-12 Unit, Univ. of Penn., Philadelphia, PA. The combat unit photographer came aboard and will take photos of the next invasion. Left Hollandia at noon with LCI 225 for Sansapor, New Guinea.

Dec. 23 – Rained the whole midnight watch, with a strong wind. We are the lead ship. Passed Windy and Biak Island tonight.

Dec. 24 – Water very calm now.

Dec. 25 – Arrived at Sansapor at 0800. About 40 ships here. Commander Day taught us all about rockets

Dec. 26 – Went up the coast about 3 miles and practiced firing rockets and all guns.

Dec. 27 – Went out with LCI 225 and practiced firing rockets.

Dec. 28 – Took on water, fuel, and 30 days provisions from AO 50. At about 1900, two Jap planes flew over. The ships opened up on them and they fled.

- Dec. 30 – G.Q. was sounded at 0100. A twin motor Jap bomber flew over and was shot down by the ships. All ships left Sansapor at 0330 for the Philippines. We are behind LCI 690, the flag ship of Squad 66. Will pick up more ships at Leyte for the invasion of Luzon. Only 12 rocket ships.
- Dec. 31 – Had shooting practice this morning. Speed: 8 knots. The convoy practiced making turns after making a big smoke screen. It worked well. Muster Roll of the crew for 4th quarter 1944: 28 plus gain of 10 minus loss of 2 = 36 enlisted men. During December, Commanding Officer William L. Harned was promoted from Lieutenant (jg) to Lieutenant.
- Jan. 2, 1945 – Now north of the equator. The combat photographer took a single picture of all hands on board. A Jap submarine was reported in the area. Two destroyers found it, dropped depth charges but didn't get it, and then chased it over the horizon.
- Jan. 3 – Combined with another convoy with 2 aircraft carriers in it. Rained hard but short this afternoon.
- Jan. 4 – Water full of swells. About 1600, a small convoy from Manus with some rocket ships join us. Saw Letye ahead of us at sunset. Had G.Q. twice tonight when enemy planes were spotted.
- Jan. 5 – Passed through Surigao Strait, south of Leyte, and then went southwest through the Mindanao Sea, passing south of Negros.
- Jan. 6 – Water is quite choppy. Have G.Q. 10 minuets before sunrise and sunset until one hour after.
- Jan. 7 – Heading north through the Mindoro Straights. Had G.Q. a few times. A Jap plane was shot down at the front of the convoy. This morning about 75 of our B25's flew over on a raid. Passed Mindoro. The convoy shot down a couple of Jap planes tonight.
- Jan. 8 – A Jap plane attacked one of the carriers and was shot down. It tried to crash into the carrier but missed. A Jap Zero strafed the convoy and was later shot down.
- Jan. 9 – **D Day at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippines.** Entered the gulf at 0200, engines ahead $\frac{1}{3}$. Water very calm and moon is out. Went to G.Q. at 0500. Cruisers, destroyers, and 3 battleships began shelling the beach at first light. There was an air attack and we almost hit a Jap Zero. The convoy shot down several planes. A destroyer was hit by a bomb and another ship set on fire by being crashed dived by a plane. At 0900 we went in to about 200 yards from the beach and fired all our rockets. We were nearly hit by Jap shells, got sprayed by the splashes. Then 200 Army tank tractors that float went in followed by the troops in small boats. Had another air attack at 1300.
- Jan. 10 – Had more air attacks but not close. Tonight we and other LCI's anchored in a circle around the flag ship, Fremont, to watch for small boats. Were to shoot all boxes in the water with tommy guns.
- Jan. 11 – This morning a water buffalo swam right alongside us. The crew would not let it be shot.
- Jan. 12 – Had another air raid this morning. One dropped a bomb and 2 crash dived on ships setting an APD on fire.
- Jan. 13 – Got provisions from an APA transport. A Jap plane dropped a bomb just missing another APA and we were the next closest ship. At 1800 left Lingayen Gulf for Leyte, along with 20 other ships.
- Jan. 14 – Heading south down the coast of Luzon in a convoy of about 40 ships, mostly LST's with about 8 LCI's and an aircraft carrier (USS Salamaua: CVE-96).
- Jan. 15 – While underway, went alongside several LST's to pick up 140 units of blood plasma and took them to the aircraft carrier who had casualties (15 killed and over 80 injured) from a kamikaze that crashed their flight deck. This evening LCI 338 brought us mail, our first in 2 months. Passed by Mindoro tonight. Crew rating changes - Jack Shook: GM3c to GM2c; Andrew Sommerer: S1c to SM3c; Edwin Warwick: SC2c to SC1c.
- Jan. 16-17 – En route to Leyte. Sea is a bit rough from strong wind and it rained.
- Jan. 18 – Arrived at Leyte at 0900. Philippine natives came alongside and traded with us.
- Jan. 19 – Anchored alongside LCI 340, with LCI's 224, 225, 227, and LCS 27. Rained a lot.
- Jan. 20 – Went alongside a liberty ship to get provisions for 6 LCI's.
- Jan. 21 – Unloaded provisions to other LCI's. Went into dry dock this evening to get port screw fixed.
- Jan. 22 – Got out of dry dock at 1600 and anchored near LCI 28, our Flot flag ship.
- Jan. 23 – Had more repair work done.
- Jan. 24 – Took on fuel, water, rockets, and ammo.

- Jan. 25 – Left Leyte at 0600 for Bataan, Luzon in a large convoy of 6 rocket ships, LST's, liberty ships, DD's, DC's, APD's, etc.
- Jan. 26-27 – En route to Bataan, Luzon. Speed: 5 knots. Sea is quite calm.
- Jan. 28 – Another convoy joins us this evening, mostly troops. Sea is a little choppy tonight.
- Jan. 29 – **D Day at San Antonio, Zambales, Luzon, Philippines.** Went to G.Q. at 0600. The destroyers did not shell the beach as there were natives there. On our way in, received orders not to fire on the beach. Natives had come out in dugout canoes and reported that there were no Japs in the area. Troops landed without firing a shot and were warmly greeted by cheering natives.
- Jan. 30 – Guarded the beach and other ships from Jap PT boat attack. Traded clothes to the natives for 10 chickens. The other 4 rocket ships returned tonight from shelling Grandy Island in Subic Bay.
- Jan. 31 – Ate the chickens we got from the natives. Most of the ships have left here.
- Feb. 1 – Crew rating changes - Cellan Goodwin: S1c to QM3c; Elmer Leasure: F1c to MoMM3c.
- Feb. 2 – Left this morning for Subic Bay which was taken Jan 30. Trip took 2 hours in an 8-knot convoy.
- Feb. 2-14 – Waiting in Subic Bay. Made visits to Grandy Island and swam there.
- Feb. 6 – Went back in a jetty at the farthest end of the bay to take on water. The entire crew got 2 hours of liberty. Were only 7 miles from the front lines. Artillery shells were fired over our heads at the mountain passes. Conard Conway fell at G.Q. tonight and broke his little toe.
- Feb. 7 – Got ice cream from LCS 49. Came alongside LCS 29 tonight.
- Feb. 14 – Loaded rockets this morning. Left Subic Bay at 1500 for Manila Bay. To fool the Japs in the mountains, we headed north until dark and then went south to Manila Bay.
- Feb. 15 – **D Day at Mariveles, Bataan, Luzon, Philippines.** At sunrise, our convoy of 6 LCI rocket ships and 6 LCS gun boats were about 6 miles from Corregidor Island at the mouth of Manila Bay. Mine sweepers had already swept the area. While passing Corregidor on our way to Mariveles Harbor, Japs fired at the ships with an 8-inch gun hid in a cave and nearly capsized one of the small boats carrying troops. That boat then came alongside us to transfer 4 badly wounded men. While still underway, they tied up alongside us and we got 3 of the men aboard but the 4th one died so they left him in the boat to throw on the beach. Went into Mariveles Harbor and fired all our rockets at the beach and also shelled it with the 40 MM and other guns. Then the troops landed. An LSM hit a mine which set it afire and blew a half-truck clear out of the ship killing the troops it held. Reloaded the forward rocket racks. Went alongside an LCI who had a doctor to treat the 3 wounded men we had picked up. Reloaded all rocket racks and anchored out in Mariveles Harbor tonight.
- Feb. 16 – **D Day at Corregidor Island, Philippines.** G.Q. was sounded at 0300 while still anchored in Mariveles Harbor because we were under attack by about 30 Jap suicide boats. Shells and tracers were flying all over the harbor. LCI 225 was hit by a 40 MM shell in their fog generator and drums. By the time it was over, LCS 7, LCS 26, LCS 49, and an LSM had been sunk (one of them right next to us), and LCS 27 was heavily damaged and on fire but had managed to beach herself. The LCT's picked up the survivors. Then we all went 6 miles out to sea and returned at dawn. Including the LSM that hit a mine yesterday, we lost about 200 men here. We left Mariveles Harbor at 0800 for Corregidor Island just 2 miles to the southeast. All morning our large ships had been shelling the island and our planes bombing and strafing it. On our way to the island, we were headed for a floating mine when an APD signaled us to stop, which we did, or else we may have hit it. From 0830 to 1000, our planes dropped airborne troops. We went in along with the other rocket ships and fired all our rockets and then strafed the caves and pill boxes, taking out several of them. Enemy fire from the beach was intense. LCI 340 was being hit by enemy fire and when their mast was shot off, they withdrew after firing only half their rockets. We were hit in 6 different places by 50 cal. machinegun fire at which point we backed out of there. C.O. William Harned had disobeyed a standing order stating not to fire at the beach after troops had landed but had done so at the request of an Army major because the pill boxes were causing many U.S. casualties. Later that day, Harned had to report to the fleet Commodore on the flag ship and explain his actions. William Harned was

later awarded the Silver Star for Bravery for his actions at Corregidor, as skipper of LCI 226. Tonight we headed back to Subic Bay. Crew rating change - Earl Smith: MoMM1c to CMoMM.

- Feb. 17 – Arrived at Subic Bay at 0200. Destroyers guard the mouth of the bay for Jap boats.
- Feb. 18 – Alongside LCI's 225 and 228.
- Feb. 19 – Services were held on the Fletcher for the men lost February 16th at Mariveles Harbor.
- Feb. 21 – LCI 778 brought us mail, our first in a month.
- Feb. 22 – Went to Olongapo to get water. Some got an hour of liberty. Took on fuel from AO 38.
- Feb. 23 – Took on eleven hundred rockets from AK 99. Got small stores and ships service off the Pollux for the 6 rocket ships and 2 LCS's. Went alongside LCI 225 here in Subic Bay.
- Feb. 25 – Went with LCI 340 to get general supplies from an LCT for all 6 LCI's. Left Subic Bay this evening for an unknown operation along with LCI's 225, 337, and 340. No other ships along to help fend off an attack.
- Feb. 26 – Arrived at Mindoro at 1300. Eugene Myers won the \$15 anchor pool. Went alongside LCI 342. Very windy here. Very large airport here with about 100 B24 Liberators and also other planes.
- Feb. 27 – Anchored on the beach this afternoon. Crewman Arden Hunt went ashore for 2 hours to watch the B24's come back from bombing Formosa and he got to go inside one and look it over.
- Feb. 28 – Left Mindoro at 1600 for an invasion on Lubang Island. Will land just 500 troops to take out a Jap radar station. Expect little opposition. We will guard the bay entrance with LCI 225 and a DE.
- Mar. 1 – **D Day at Lubang Island, Philippines.** H Hour: 0830. A DD and a DE shelled the beach, starting some large fires. Then some A-20's did some bombing. LCI's did not fire rockets. Troops landed without opposition. Left for Mindoro at 1600. Crew rating changes - Weldon Royer: F2c to F1c; Bennie Tucker: GM3c to GM2c.
- Mar. 2 – Arrived at San Jose, Mindoro at 0700.
- Mar. 5-6 – Crewman Arden Hunt was sick with flu symptoms and high fever.
- Mar. 7 – Lieutenant William L. Harned left to return to the States after giving the crew a farewell speech. Lieutenant (jg) Bennett Coulson is the new Commanding Officer. Ensign Jack W. Joyce became the Executive Officer and Ensign(D) Norman R. Anderson came on as Engineering Officer. Four crewmen transferred off: Billy Earl Claxton (S1c) and Floyd Cecil Hagewood (S1c) to LCI 340; Raymond Lee Steele (F1c) to LCI 341; and John Thomas Zeallor (S1c) to LCI 337.
- Mar. 8 – Left Mindoro at 0700 for an invasion on Mindanao. In a large convoy of mostly amphib except for a DD, DE, and a CL. Sea is very rough, washes up on the quarterdeck. One of the troops on an LSM fell overboard and was lost tonight.
- Mar. 10 – **D Day at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippines.** The DD and DE started shelling at first light, starting several large fires. At 0830, the LCI's and gun boats went in to shoot our rockets and guns at the beach. About 500 to 700 Japs here. In the afternoon, Japs shot mortar shells at the ships with near misses but no hits. Troops could not take the town today. Anchored at Condition II.
- Mar. 11 – Went on patrol at 0600. Stood by waiting to be called to throw rockets into the town but was not. Troops took the town this evening. More mortar shells were shot at ships by Japs in the mountains. We have patrol duty all night tonight with LCI 225 and LCS 30. Jap PT boats reported in the area.
- Mar. 12 – Japs are putting up stiff opposition. This morning went in to the town to help if needed and were shot at by Japs on the hill with light MM fire. Went alongside the flag ship, Rocky Mount, this afternoon. Japs shelled our beachhead from 1900 until 2100 with some shells landing in the water. Don't know how many casualties. LCI 225 left in a convoy tonight. Have patrol duty again all night tonight. About midnight, a Jap shell hit our oil & fuel storage on the beach starting large fire.
- Mar. 14 – Stood by all day. At 1800, two Jap planes dropped bombs on the beach. At 2300 went in and tied up to Zamboanga Pier with all LCI's and LCT's. LCS's did the patrolling.
- Mar. 15 – Tied to pier all day. This afternoon 2 floating mines came towards the pier so the LCI 337 demolition team towed them out a mile and blew them up. Anchored out tonight. Crew rating change - Jack Shook: GM2c to GM3c.

Mar. 16 – **D Day at Saoroc Point, Basilan Island, Philippines.** Left at 0800 for Basilan Island, 40 miles to the south. LCI 337 and us are the only rocket ships. Troops are in the LCS's. Arrived at 1100 and shot our rockets at the beach. No enemy fire. Returned to Zamboanga at about 1400 and tied to the pier. This evening, Japs captured our PT base up the point a ways (the PT's got out just in time).

Mar. 17-23 – Waiting at Zamboanga, tied to the pier most of the time. LCI 227 left on the 20th.

Mar. 20 – Howard William Majeskie (QM3c) transferred to LCI 362. Vernon Leroy Pierce (F1c (MoMM)) joins the crew from LCI 362.

Mar. 24 – Went to Red Beach. Loaded all our rockets (about 1550) on an LCM who went to the beach, unloaded 250 of them, and then returned to give the rest back to us. Went alongside the Rocky Mount and LCI 778. Got our first mail in over a month. Anchored out tonight.

Mar. 25 – Left Zamboanga at 1800 for Leyte in about a 15-ship convoy. Will miss the next operation.

Mar. 27 – Sea is very choppy. We're trying to reach Leyte ahead of a big storm with 40 mph winds. Arrived at Leyte at 2300. Crewman Marion Thompson won the \$90 anchor pool. Very cool and rainy here.

Mar. 30 to Apr. 3 – Availability alongside the repair ship Oglala.

Mar. 31 – Muster Roll of the crew for 1st quarter 1945: 36 plus gain of 1 minus loss of 5 = 32 enlisted men. During this quarter, Commanding Officer Bennett Coulson was promoted from Lieutenant (jg) to Lieutenant.

Apr. 1 – Crew rating changes - Conard Conway: SM2c to SM1c; Gerard Herley: PhM1c to CPhM (AA).

Apr. 2 – Raymond Farparan (S1c) joins the crew from LCS(L) Flotilla One Staff FFA.

Apr. 3 – Went into AFD 3 Dry Dock at 1600. Scraped and painted.

Apr. 4 – Left dry dock at 1600.

Apr. 5 – Lieutenant Bennett Coulson left to return to the States. Ensign Jack W. Joyce was promoted to Ensign(D) and is the new Commanding Officer. Ensign(D) Norman R. Anderson became the Executive Officer and Ensign Dick Hayes came on as Engineering Officer.

Apr. 6 – We took some officers to the Henry T Allen (AG 90). Mr. Green was aboard today.

Apr. 8 – Left Leyte at 0800 for Mindoro in a convoy of 10 LCI's, an LCS, and a PC. Went north through the shallow straight between Leyte and Samar. Sea is very calm. Had target practice at a sleeve pulled by a plane.

Apr. 9 – Sea is very calm. Arrived at Mindoro at 1600. Tenderfoot O Gang is here. We had a lot of mail here but LCI 224 took it to Leyte, not knowing we were coming here. Beached tonight.

Apr. 11 – From 0700 until 1500, along with other LCI's, did a dry run. Went back to the beach tonight.

Apr. 13 – Arden Lee Hunt (SM3c) transferred to LCI 72 because they needed another signalman.

Apr. 14 – Left Mindoro at 1100 in a convoy for an operation on Mindanao. Sea is calm. Harold Edward Jordan (StM2c) transferred to ComNavSectBase Navy No. 3100 FFT (Summary Court Martial).

Apr. 15 – Crew rating change - Richard Crout: S1c to SC3c.

Apr. 16 – Passed Zamboanga this afternoon and went east across Moro Gulf. Sea is calm.

Apr. 17 – **D Day at Polloc Harbor, Mindanao, Philippines.** Polloc Harbor is about 160 miles east of Zamboanga, by the town of Parang. Arrived this morning while destroyers were shelling the beach. Anchored in Polloc Harbor tonight.

Apr. 19 – Stayed here at Polloc Harbor while LCI's 71, 72, 74, 338, and LCS 50 left for Morotai Island. Elmer Raymond Leasure (MoMM3c) transferred to LST 245 for hospitalization.

May 1 – **D Day on Tarakan Island, Dutch East Indies.**

May 27 – Two men transferred to nearest Receiving Ship or Station: Claude LaVerne Powell (RM1c) and William Swidwa (MoMM2c).

May 31 – James Ivan Poore (RM2c) joins the crew from LCI 22.

June 11 – Elmer Raymond Leasure (MoMM3c) returned from R/S Navy #3149 after hospitalization.

June 12 – Eight men join the crew from LCI 337: Benjamin Franklin Carder (S2c), Manuel Castillo (S2c), Samuel Lee Chapman (StM2c), Lawrence Peter Fambrini (EM3c), Jack Edward Foster (GM1c), James Robert Gregson (SC3c), Joshua Wayne Higgins (S1c(FC)), Joseph Wilbert Preston (SC2c).

June 30 – Muster Roll of the crew for 2nd quarter 1945: 32 plus gain of 11 (1 from hospital) minus loss of 5 (1 to hospital) = 38 enlisted men.

July 1 – **D Day at Balikpapan, Borneo.** Located on the Southeast coast of Borneo.

July 10 – Three men transferred off: Conard Joseph Conway (SM1c) and Ira Lamar Sargent (Cox) to nearest Receiving Ship; and Eugene Cleason Myers (EM1c) to Receiving Ship San Francisco for class convening 8/01/45. Left for Morotai Island.

July 13 – Arrived at Morotai Island. Edwin John Warwick (SC1c) transferred to nearest Receiving Ship. Robert L. Burns (S1c (QM)) joins the crew from R/S Navy 3149.

July 14 – Left for Manicani Island in Leyte Gulf, Philippines.

July 15 to September 8 – At the dock at Manicani Island in Leyte Gulf for repairs. LCI 72 is here for the same repairs. We both got 8 new diesel engines, radar, SCR, radios, a \$4700 compass (Gyro) Sperry, deck plates reinforced amidships, and more.

July 15 – Crew rating changes - Manuel Castillo: S2c to S1c; Weldon Royer: F1c to MoMM3c; William Runion: S1c to GM3c; Edward Zelinski: S1c to Cox.

July 18 – Benjamin Franklin Carder (S2c) transferred to LCI 225.

July 19 – Two men join crew: Charles W. Emery (MoMM2c) from LCI 225 and George C. Wotton (MoMM1c) from LCI 224.

July 21 – Five men transferred off: Robert John Brendel (BM1c), Salvatore Lopez (BM2c), and Earl A. Smith (CMoMM) to nearest Receiving Ship; Jack Dempsey Shook (GM3c) and Bennie Lee Tucker (GM2c) to Receiving Ship San Diego for class convening 10/01/45.

Late July – Ensign(D) Jack Joyce was replaced by Lieutenant (jg) R. S. Woodard as Commanding Officer.

Aug. 1 – Crew rating changes - Cellan Goodwin: QM3c to QM2c; Gerard Hurley: CPhM(AA) to PhM1c.

Aug. 3 – Two men join the crew from ComAdCom7thPhibFor: Verlin L. Breedlove (S2c(GM)) and Clifford H. Willett (MoMM3c).

Aug. 6 – Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

Aug. 7 – Two men transferred to nearest Receiving Ship: John Joseph Pusateri (F1c) and Carl Junior Sherrill (S1c).

Aug. 8 – Three men join the crew from ComAdCom7thPhibFor: James H. Jackson (EM2c), Joe Kandarich (BM2c), and Kenneth L. Miille (MoMM3c).

Aug. 9 – Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

Aug. 14 – V-J Day. Japan surrenders.

Aug. 15 – Rupert C. Wade (SM2c) joins the crew from ComAdCom7thPhibFor.

Aug. 17 – Joe B. Thomas (F1c(MoMM)) joins the crew from ComAdCom7thPhibFor.

Aug. 21 – Rupert C. Wade transferred to USNFH #114 Navy #3149 for hospitalization.

Aug. 24 – Charles W. Emery (MoMM2c) transferred to USNFH #114 Navy #3149 for hospitalization and never returned.

Aug. 30 – Two men join the crew: John A. Homuller (F2c) from USS Henry T. Allen, and Walter W. Swanson (S2c(RM)) from ComAdCom7thPhibFor.

Sep. 1 – Crew rating change - Verlin Breedlove: S2c to S1c(GM).

Sep. 7 – Rupert C. Wade returned from Flt. Hospital #114 Navy #3149.

Sep. 9 – James Ivan Poore (RM2c) transferred to nearest Receiving Ship.

Sep. 10 – Left at 0900, passed out of the torpedo net at Guiuan Harbor and went to Tolosa, Leyte, about 50 miles to the west along with LCI 72. Reported to Com LCI Flot 7. We have no orders.

Sep. 10 to Oct. 20 – Waiting in San Pedro Bay, Leyte.

Sep. 15 – Crawford Bown (RT3c) joins the crew from ComPhibsPac-PHIL.T.O. #100.

Sep. 30 – Richard Porter Crout transferred to LCI 72.

Oct. 1 – Crew rating changes - Samuel Chapman: StM2c to StM1c; Lawrence Fambrini: EM3c to EM2c; Raymond Farparan: S1c to GM3c; John Homuller: F2c to F1c(MoMM); Elmer Leasure: MoMM3c to MoMM2c; Joseph Preston: SC2c to SC1c; Walter Swanson: S2c to S1c(RM); Clifford Willett:

MoMM3c to MoMM2c; George Wotton: MoMM1c to CMoMM(AA). Muster Roll of the crew for 3rd quarter 1945: 38 plus gain of 14 (1 from hospital) minus loss of 16 (2 to hospital) = 36 enlisted men.

- Oct. 6 – Three men transferred to R/S Navy #3149: Cellan Presley Goodwin (QM2c), Elmer Raymond Leasure (MoMM2c), and George C. Wotton (CMoMM(AA)).
- Oct. 10 – Four men join the crew from AdComPhibsPac-PHIL: Leo Albertis Bowker (RdM3c), Robert R. Bumgarner (F1c), Walter E. Frederick (RdM3c), and Howard E. Strauch (F2c).
- Oct. 12 – Two men transferred to nearest R/S: Vernon Leroy Pierce (F1c(MoMM)) and Marion Ray Thompson (S1c).
- Oct. 15 – Crew rating changes - Robert Burns: S1c to QM3c; Kenneth Miille: MoMM3c to MoMM2c; Joe B. Thomas: F1c to MoMM3c.
- Oct. 19 – Five men transferred off: Robert R. Bumgarner (F1c), John A. Homuller (F1c(MoMM)), and Joe B. Thomas (MoMM3c) to LCI 564; Walter W. Swanson (S1c(RM)) and Rupert C. Wade (SM2c) to LCI 1002. Six men join the crew: Orval L. Bidy (MoMM3c), George F. Bushnell (MoMM3c), and Theodore R. Presley (MoMM3c) from LCI 564, Ralph Lee Cartwright (MoMM2c) from LCI 620, Lloyd C. Cummins (RM1c) and John D. Kershaw (SM2c) from LCI 1002. Crew rating change - Robert Carter: S1c to SM3c.
- Oct. 20 – Howard E. Strauch (F2c) transferred to LCI 620.
- Oct. 21 – Left Leyte at 1000 for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii along with rocket ships LCI's 71, 72, and others.
- Oct. 30 – Arrived at Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.
- Nov. 2 – Left Eniwetok for Pearl Harbor.
- Nov. 13 – Arrived at Pearl Harbor, being towed after loosing one or more engines.
- Nov. 21 – Left Pearl Harbor for San Diego, California.
- Dec. 1 – Crew rating changes - Leo Bowker: RdM3c to RdM2c; Ralph Cartwright: MoMM2c to MoMM1c; Joe Kandarich: BM2c to BM1c.
- Dec. 2 – Arrived at San Diego, being towed as one or more engines were out. Ten men transferred off: Orval L. Bidy (MoMM3c) and Theodore R. Presley (MoMM3c) to PSC Norman, OK; Leo Albertis Bowker (RdM2c) to PSC Lido Beach, NY; Ralph Lee Cartwright (MoMM1c) to PSC St. Louis, MO; Lawrence Melvin DeVore (S1c) and Seymour Hoffman (S1c) to PSC Great Lakes, IL; Jack Edward Foster (GM1c) and Joseph Wilbert Preston (SC1c) to Bremerton, WA; James Robert Gregson (SC3c) to PSC Bainbridge, MD; and Clifford H. Willett (MoMM2c) to PSC Shoemaker, CA.
- Dec. 3 – Crew rating changes - Walter Frederick: RdM3c to RdM2c; Alexander Van Kirk: S1c to SC3c.
- Dec. 6 – Alexander Van Kirk (SC3c) transferred to PSC Sampson, NY.
- Dec. 8 – Two men transferred off: George F. Bushnell (MoMM3c) to PSC Lido Beach, NY; and Lloyd C. Cummins (RM1c) to PSC Great Lakes, IL.
- Dec. 13 – John D. Kershaw (SM2c) transferred to R/S San Francisco FURAS CWSF.
- Dec. 14 – Edward Frank Zelinski (Cox) transferred to R/S San Diego FURAS CWSF.
- Dec. 15 – Two men transferred off: Kenneth L. Miille (MoMM2c) to PSC Shoemaker, CA; and William McKinley Runion (GM3c) to R/S San Diego FRUAS CWSF. Crew rating changes - Crawford Bown: RT3c to RT2c; William Cummings: S1c to SC3c; John Kapral: S1c to Cox.
- Dec. 16 – John Kapral (Cox) transferred to R/S San Diego FURAS CWSF
- Dec. 23 – Five men join the crew from R/S Camp Elliot San Diego, CA TADCEN: Robert P. Arender (RM2c), Nelson D. Christian (S1c), Robert E. Cox (S1c), Wayne Morgan (S1c), and James E. Moore (S1c).
- Jan. 1, 1946 – Walter E. Frederick (RdM2c) transferred to PSC Great Lakes, IL. Muster Roll of the crew for 4th quarter 1945: 36 plus gain of 15 minus loss of 30 = 21 enlisted men.
- Jan. 10 – Joshua Wayne Higgins (S1c(FC)) transferred to PSC New Orleans, LA for discharge.
- Jan. 29 – Two men transferred off: Crawford Bown (RT2c) to R/S Camp Elliot San Diego, CA CWSF FURAS; and Lawrence Peter Fambrini (EM2c) to PSC Shoemaker, CA for discharge.

- Jan. 30 – Two men transferred to R/S Camp Elliot San Diego, CA CWSF FURAS: Ernest Ashbaugh (S1c(FC)) and Raymond Farparan (GM3c).
- Feb. 1 – Two men transferred off: Joe Kandarich (BM1c) to PSC Shoemaker, CA for discharge; and Weldon Sylvester Royer (MoMM3c) to PSC Bainbridge via Camp Elliot for discharge. Crew rating changes - Verlin Breedlove: S1c to GM3c; Manuel Castillo: S1c to Cox; James Jackson: Em2c to EM1c.
- Feb. 4 – Nelson D. Christian (S1c) transferred to PSC Terminal Island, CA for discharge.
- February 5 – LCI(R) 226 was decommissioned at San Diego, California.
- Feb. 5 – Eight men transferred to R/S TADCEN Camp Elliott San Diego FURAS CWSF: Robert P. Arender (RM2c), Robert L. Burns (QM3c), Manuel Castillo (Cox), Samuel Lee Chapman (StM1c), Robert E. Cox (S1c), William Charles Cummings (SC3c), Gerard Thomas Hurley (PhM1c), and James E. Moore (S1c).
- Feb. 7 – Last five crewmen transferred to R/S TADCEN Camp Elliott San Diego FURAS CWSF: Verlin L. Breedlove (GM3c), Robert Richard Carter (SM3c), James H. Jackson (EM1c), Wayne Morgan (S1c), and Andrew August Sommerer (SM3c).
- March 13, 1947 – LCI 226 was sold.

LCI 226 Crewmen

Original Crewmen (“Plank Owners”)

C.O. - Henry Turney McKnight [12/14/42 to 12/27/43] {Ens.→Lt.(jg)} (New York)
X.O. - Benjamin C. Florey [12/14/42 to 9/16/43; 12/27/43 to 8/04/44 as E.O.] {Ens.} (Texas)
E.O. - Russell C. Oakes [12/14/42 to 6/13/43] {Ens.}

Ballenger, William Eugene [12/14/42 to 11/30/43] {F1c→SC3c→SC2c} (Cincinnati, OH)
Cummings, David John [12/14/42 to 12/31/43] {MoMM2c→MoMM1c} (Chicago, IL)
Fitzgerald, Paul [12/14/42 to 5/31/44] {AS→S2c→Cox→BM2c→BM1c} (St. Louis, MO)
Hospitalization: 3/16/44 to 3/21/44 and 3/22/44 to 3/28/44.
Gesualdi, James [12/14/42 to 5/31/44] {S2c→SM3c→SM2c} (New York, NY)
Harris, Frank Burtrom [12/14/42 to 4/30/44] {AS→S2c→AS→S2c→S1c→SC3c→SC2c}
(Louisville, KY)
Heaton, Cyril Morris [12/14/42 to 9/01/43] {S2c→SC3c→SC2c} (Philadelphia, PA)
Kimball, Clifford Clyde [12/14/42 to 7/31/44] {S2c→S1c→Cox→QM3c→QM2c} (Detroit, MI)
Kitchens, John Billy [12/14/42 to 9/30/43] {S2c→S1c→Cox} (Columbia, SC)
Morgan, Marion Easter [12/14/42 to 12/31/43] {S2c→GM3c→GM2c} (Baltimore, MD)
Postlethwait, Walter Lee [12/14/42 to 6/30/44] {S2c→GM3c→S2c→GM3c→GM2c}
(Charleston, WV) Hospitalization: 5/07/44 to 6/12/44.
Powell, Claude LaVerne [12/14/42 to 5/27/45] {RM3c→RM2c→RM1c} (Portland, OR)
Renner, Robert Taylor [12/14/42 to 9/30/43] {SM3c→SM2c} (Pittsburgh, PA)
Reynolds, Orin Josiah [12/14/42 to 11/30/43] {S2c→S1c→QM3c→QM2c} (Los Angeles, CA)
Salisbury, Harry Dean [12/14/42 to 8/31/44] {F2c→S1c→F1c→MoMM3c→MoMM2c→
MoMM3c→MoMM2c} (Des Moines, IA)
Shubin, Andrew Peterson [12/14/42 to 5/29/43] {F2c→S} (Los Angeles, CA)
Siranides, Stephen [12/14/42 to 5/29/43] {AS→S2c} (Brooklyn, NY)
Spears, Delmer [12/14/42 to 4/30/44] {S2c→F3c→F2c→F1c→MoMM3c} (Charleston, WV)
Summers, Carl Eugene [12/14/42 to 7/31/44] {AS→F3c→F2c→S1c→Cox→SM3c} (Louisville,
KY)
Swidwa, William [12/14/42 to 5/27/45] {F1c→MoMM2c→F1c→MoMM2c} (Detroit, MI)
Tatro, John William [12/14/42 to 5/29/43] {F3c→S2c} (Chicago, IL)
Templeton, Edwin Dobson [12/14/42 to 11/30/43] {EM3c→EM2c} (San Francisco, CA)

The Commanding Officers (C.O. or Skipper) of LCI 226

Henry Turney McKnight	December 14, 1942 – December 27, 1943
Oscar Landon Miles	December 27, 1943 – August 4, 1944
William L. Harned	August 4, 1944 – March 7, 1945
Bennett Coulson	March 7, 1945 – April 5, 1945
Jack W. Joyce	April 5, 1945 – late July, 1945
R. S. Woodard	late July, 1945 – February 5, 1946

The Executive Officers (X.O.) of LCI 226

Benjamin C. Florey	December 14, 1942 – September 16, 1943
William L. Harned	September 16, 1943 – August 4, 1944
Bennett Coulson	August 4, 1944 – March 7, 1945
Jack W. Joyce	March 7, 1945 – April 5, 1945
Norman R. Anderson	April 5, 1945 – February 5, 1946

The Engineering Officers (E.O.) of LCI 226

Russell C. Oakes	December 14, 1942 – June 13, 1943
Oscar Landon Miles	June 13, 1943 – December 27, 1943
Benjamin C. Florey	December 27, 1943 – August 4, 1944
Jack W. Joyce	August 4, 1944 – March 7, 1945
Norman R. Anderson	March 7, 1945 – April 5, 1945
Dick Hayes	April 5, 1945 – February 5, 1946

Replacements

Officers:

Anderson, Norman R. [2nd Quarter 1945 to February 1946] {Ens(D)→Lt.(jg); E.O.→X.O.}
Coulson, Bennett [8/04/44 to 4/05/45] {Lt.(jg)→Lieut.; X.O.→C.O.}
Harned, William L. [9/16/43 to 3/07/45] {Lt.(jg)→Lieut.; X.O.→C.O.} (Kentucky)
Hayes, Dick [mid-1945 to February 1946] {Ens.}
Joyce, Jack W. [8/04/44 to July 1945] {Ens.→Ens.(D); E.O.→X.O.→C.O.}
Miles, Oscar Landon [6/13/43 to 8/04/44] {Ens.→Lt.(jg); E.O.→C.O.}
Woodward, R. S. [July 1945 to 2/05/46] {Lt.(jg); C.O.}

Crewmen who started before 7/10/45 (date last campaign ended):

Ashbaugh, Ernest Jr. [12/21/44 to 1/30/46] {S1c(FC)}
Brendel, Robert John [8/28/43 to 7/21/45] {Cox→BM2c→BM1c} (Louisville, KY)
Hospitalization: 3/26/44 to 4/28/44.
Bruce, Walter Talmadge [1/31/43 to 5/29/43] {AS→S2c} (Columbia, SC)
Carder, Benjamin Franklin [6/12/45 to 7/18/45] {S2c}
Carter, Robert Richard [8/13/44 to 2/07/46] {S2c→S1c→SM3c} (Albany, NY)
Castillo, Manuel [6/12/45 to 2/05/46] {S2c→S1c→Cox}
Chapman, Samuel Lee [6/12/45 to 2/05/46] {StM2c→StM1c}
Claxton, Billy Earl [11/28/44 to 3/07/45] {S1c} (St. Louis, MO)
Conway, Conard Joseph [10/01/43 to 7/10/45] {SM3c→SM2c→SM1c} (Cleveland, OH)
Crout, Richard Porter [6/19/44 to 9/30/45] {S2c→S1c→SC3c} (Jackson, MI)
Cummings, William Charles [11/28/44 to 2/05/46] {S1c→SC3c} (New Haven, CT)
DeVore, Lawrence Melvin [8/13/44 to 12/02/45] {S2c→S1c} (Cleveland, OH)
Dyer, Jack Axsom [6/01/43 to 9/29/43] {MM1c} (Dallas, TX)
Eggleston, Archie Erwin [6/05/43 to 6/30/44] {F1c→MoMM2c→MoMM1c} (Cleveland, OH)
Fambrini, Lawrence Peter [6/12/45 to 1/29/46] {EM3c→EM2c}
Farparan, Raymond [4/02/45 to 1/30/46] {S1c→GM3c}
Fields, Elvie [7/15/44 to 10/15/44] {StM3c} (SW Pacific area)
Foster, Jack Edward [6/12/45 to 12/02/45] {GM1c}
Goodwin, Cellan Presley [12/21/44 to 10/06/45] {S1c→QM3c→QM2c}
Gregson, James Robert [6/12/45 to 12/02/45] {SC3c}

Hagewood, Floyd Cecil [7/20/44 to 3/07/45] {S2c→S1c} (Nashville, TN)
Hatcher, Paul Gilliam [6/24/43 to 10/31/43] {QM3c} (Nashville, TN)
Higgins, Joshua Wayne [6/12/45 to 1/10/46] {S1c(FC)}
Hoffman, Seymour [12/21/44 to 12/02/45] {S1c}
Hunt, Arden Lee Jr. [7/20/44 to 4/13/45] {S1c→SM3c} (Indianapolis, IN)
Hurley, Gerard Thomas [12/21/44 to 2/05/46] {PhM1c→CPhM(AA)→PhM1c}
Jordan, Harold Edward [8/15/44 to 4/14/45] {StM2c} (Providence, RI)
Juarez, Frank Lawrence [4/04/44 to 6/23/44] {F1c→EM3c} (New York, NY)
Kapral, John [8/13/44 to 12/16/45] {S2c→S1c→Cox} (Newark, NJ)
Leasure, Elmer Raymond Sr. [8/13/44 to 10/06/45] {S2c→F1c→MoMM3c→MoMM2c}
(Greenburg, PA) Hospitalization: 4/19/45 to 6/11/45.
Lenahan, Andrew Joseph [1/31/43 to 4/30/44] {S2c→F3c→S2c→S1c→Cox} (New York, NY)
Lopez, Salvatore [4/07/44 to 7/21/45] {Cox→BM2c} (Charleston, WV)
Macy, Donald Leon [5/24/43 to 12/22/44] {PhM2c→PhM1c→CPhM(AA)} (Omaha, NE)
Majeskie, Howard William [8/13/44 to 3/20/45] {S2c→S1c→QM3c} (Pittsburgh, PA)
Myers, Eugene Cleason [12/11/43 to 7/10/45] {S2c→EM3c→EM2c→EM1c} (Harrisburg, PA)
Pierce, Vernon Leroy [3/20/45 to 10/12/45] {F1c(MoMM)}
Poore, James Ivan [5/31/45 to 9/09/45] {RM2c} (Houston, TX)
Preston, Joseph Wilbert [6/12/45 to 12/02/45] {SC2c→SC1c}
Pusateri, John Joseph [11/05/43 to 8/07/45] {S2c→S1c→F1c} (Columbus, OH)
Roberts, Thomas Tracy [11/05/43 to 1/22/44] {S2c→F2c} (Atlanta, GA)
Royer, Weldon Sylvester [7/15/44 to 2/01/46] {S2c→F1c→F2c→F1c→MoMM3c} (Harrisburg, PA)
Runion, William McKinley [5/24/44 to 12/15/45] {S2c→S1c→GM3c} (Cincinnati, OH)
Sargent, Ira Lamar [11/05/43 to 7/10/45] {S2c→S1c→Cox} (Atlanta, GA)
Sherrill, Carl Junior [11/05/43 to 8/07/45] {S2c→S1c} (Raleigh, NC)
Shook, Jack Dempsey [11/05/43 to 7/21/45] {S2c→S1c→GM3c→GM2c→GM3c} (Raleigh, NC)
Smith, Earl "A" [4/03/44 to 7/21/45] {MoMM1c→CMoMM} (Omaha, NE)
Sommerer, Andrew August [7/15/44 to 2/07/46] {S2c→S1c→SM3c} (Pittsburgh, PA)
Steele, Raymond Lee [7/15/44 to 3/07/45] {S2c→F1c} (Birmingham, AL)
Thompson, Marion Ray [11/28/44 to 10/12/45] {S1c} (Cincinnati, OH)
Tucker, Bennie Lee [12/21/44 to 7/21/45] {GM3c→GM2c} (Georgia)
Van Kirk, Alexander [11/28/44 to 12/06/45] {S1c→SC3c} (Pittsburgh, PA)
Warwick, Edwin John [12/11/43 to 7/13/45] {S2c→S1c→SC3c→SC2c→SC1c} (Milwaukee, WI)
Wellbrink, William Raymond [4/03/44 to 6/30/44] {Cox} (New Orleans, LA)
Zeallor, John Thomas [11/28/44 to 3/07/45] {S1c} (Philadelphia, PA)
Zelinski, Edward Frank [12/11/43 to 12/14/45] {S2c→S1c→Cox} (Chicago, IL)

Crewmen who started after 7/10/45 (date last campaign ended) – saw no action on LCI 226:

Arender, Robert P. [12/23/45 to 2/05/46] {RM2c}
Bidby, Orval L. [10/19/45 to 12/02/45] {MoMM3c}
Bowker, Leo Albertis [10/10/45 to 12/02/45] {RdM3c→RdM2c}
Bown, Crawford [9/15/45 to 1/29/46] {RT3c→RT2c}
Breedlove, Verlin L. [8/03/45 to 2/07/46] {S2c→S1c→GM3c}
Bumgarner, Robert R. [10/10/45 to 10/19/45] {F1c}
Burns, Robert L. [7/13/45 to 2/05/46] {S1c→QM3c}
Bushnell, George F. [10/19/45 to 12/08/45] {MoMM3c}
Cartwright, Ralph Lee [10/19/45 to 12/02/45] {MoMM2c→MoMM1c}

Christian, Nelson D. [12/23/45 to 2/04/46] {S1c}
Cox, Robert E. [12/23/45 to 2/05/46] {S1c}
Cummins, Lloyd C. [10/19/45 to 12/08/45] {RM1c}
Emery, Charles W. [7/19/45 to 8/24/45] {MoMM2c}
Frederick, Walter E. [10/10/45 to 1/01/46] {RdM3c→RdM2c}
Homuller, John A. [8/30/45 to 10/19/45] {F2c→F1c(MoMM)}
Jackson, James H. [8/08/45 to 2/07/46] {EM2c→EM1c}
Kandarich, Joe [8/08/45 to 2/01/46] {BM2c→BM1c}
Kershaw, John D. [10/19/45 to 12/13/45] {SM2c}
Miille, Kenneth L. [8/08/45 to 12/15/45] {MoMM3c→MoMM2c}
Moore, James E. [12/23/45 to 2/05/46] {S1c}
Morgan, Wayne [12/23/45 to 2/07/46] {S1c}
Presley, Theodore R. [10/19/45 to 12/02/45] {MoMM3c}
Strauch, Howard E. [10/10/45 to 10/20/45] {F2c}
Swanson, Walter W. [8/30/45 to 10/19/45] {S2c→S1c(RM)}
Thomas, Joe B. [8/17/45 to 10/19/45] {F1c→MoMM3c}
Wade, Rupert C. [8/15/45 to 10/19/45] {SM2c} Hospitalization: 8/21/45 to 9/07/45.
Willett, Clifford H. [8/03/45 to 12/02/45] {MoMM3c→MoMM2c}
Wotton, George C. [7/19/45 to 10/06/45] {MoMM1c→CMoMM(AA)}

Temporary Duty Crewmen

Fischer, Gottfried J. [5/05/43 to 8/27/43] {S1c}
Hook, L. J. [9/01/43 to 11/17/43] {M2c}
Lowry, H.B. [9/01/43 to 11/17/43] {M2c}
McCabe, Donald B. [5/05/43 to 10/07/43] {EM3c}
Nihill, John T. [5/05/43 to 8/27/43] {SK2c}
Rausa, Benjamin J. [5/05/43 to 8/27/43] {SF3c}
Yeager, M. [5/05/43 to 6/07/43] {SK2c}

Name [dates aboard ship] {service ratings} (place of enlistment)

Ratings: AS = Apprentice Seaman, BM = Boatswain's Mate (Bos'n), BM3c = Coxswain (Cox),
EM = Electrician's Mate, F = Fireman, FC = Fire Controlman, GM = Gunner's Mate,
M = Metalsmith, MM = Machinist's Mate, MoMM = Motor Machinist's Mate,
PhM = Pharmacist's Mate, QM = Quartermaster, RdM = Radarman, RM = Radioman,
RT = Radio Technician, S = Seaman, SC = Ship's Cook, SF = Shipfitter, SK = Storekeeper,
SM = Signalman, StM = Steward's Mate
1c = 1st class, 2c = 2nd class, 3c = 3rd class; C before = Chief (eg. CPhM).