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USS LST 118
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28 June 1944

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Group 53.16.
(2) Commander Task Force 53.

Subject: Action - Report of.

1. At 1755 minus 10 zone time 17 June 1944 in Latitude 13°24'N and Longitude 148°23'E on course 142°T speed eight (8) knots in Task Group 53.16 consisting of LST's 70, 117, 118, 123, 125, 207, 219, 220, 241, 247, 269, 343, 399, 447, 449, and 488, LCI's 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 472, and 473, Agenor, Aloe, and Holly as main body of formation and Stemble, PC 549, PC 555, PC 1125, SC 504, SC 521, SC 667, SC 724, SC 727, SC 1273, YMS 136, YMS 184, YMS 195, YMS 216, YMS 237, YMS 242 as screen. (Task Group Commander Captain G.B. Carter, U.S.N. in U.S.S. Stemble) word was received by voice radio (SCR) from task group commander of approach of enemy planes from starboard. Went to General Quarters. Guns were manned almost immediately. This ship was on the port of the main body of the formation attack by three Japanese torpedo planes (Kate) was from the starboard course of attacking planes being about 070°(t). Started firing at about 1758. Two planes passed ahead and one passed astern all at a distance of about eight hundred yards. All three were fired on but none were observed to be hit by this ship's guns. Last plane in attack after having passed ahead was seen to be hit in the engine by fire probably from LST 220 and was seen to take fire, crash and burn about 5000 yards bearing about 080°(t) from this ship.

2. No torpedo tracks were seen but last plane in attack was seen to launch a torpedo from a height of about fifty feet about three hundred yards ahead of center of main body of formation. The LCI 468 ahead and in center of the main body of the formation was observed to suffer an explosion in the bow shortly thereafter.

3. No strafing was observed.

4. All guns functioned perfectly. All ammunition was perfect.

5. Gunfire of this ship and of other ships in vicinity seemed to be very poor. Most tracers were observed to be behind and below all targets.

6. This ship suffered no casualties.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship Lat. 13°24'N - Long. 148°23'E U.S.S. LST-118

Date 17 June 1944

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) Yes

2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Eye
(If by Radar state type of set) - - - - -

(a) Lookout (s) or special equipment detector operator(s)

- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(Name) (Rate) (Service No.)

made initial contact by - - - - -
(sound), (radar), (SMSD), (MAD), (Sight)

3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles, less 5 miles) Less 5 miles

4. Number of planes Three

5. Speed & altitude (High and fast, intermediate and fast, low and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow) Low and Slow

6. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) Torpedo (Kat) Type of attack Torpedo

7. Guns firing Yes Size 40MM and 20MM Number 6 - 40MM & 18- 20MM

8. Method of control Tracer Method spotting - - - - -

8. Ammunition expended 825 rds. 20MM and 49 rds. 20MM

9. Percent service allowance expended 20MM - 1.8% - 40MM - 0.58%

10. Approximate time tracking to first shot Immediate

11. Approximate time of first hits - - - - -

12. Approximate time first shot to last shot Two minutes

13. Approximate position angle open fire 5°

14. Approximate position cease fire 20°

15. Approximate bearing first shot 40° relative

16. Approximate bearing last shot 320° relative

17. Approximate range first shot 800 yards

18. Approximate range last shot 1200 yards

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19. Approximate altitude of bomb release _____ Type bomb _____

20. Approximate range torpedo release _____ 800 yards _____ Size of torpedo _____

21. Hits on ship None - Was ship strafed No - Size gun _____

22. Number near bomb missed _____ Casualties from near missed _____

23. Planes shot down --sure _____ Possible _____ Damage _____

By what size gun _____

24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available One plane is known to be shot down.

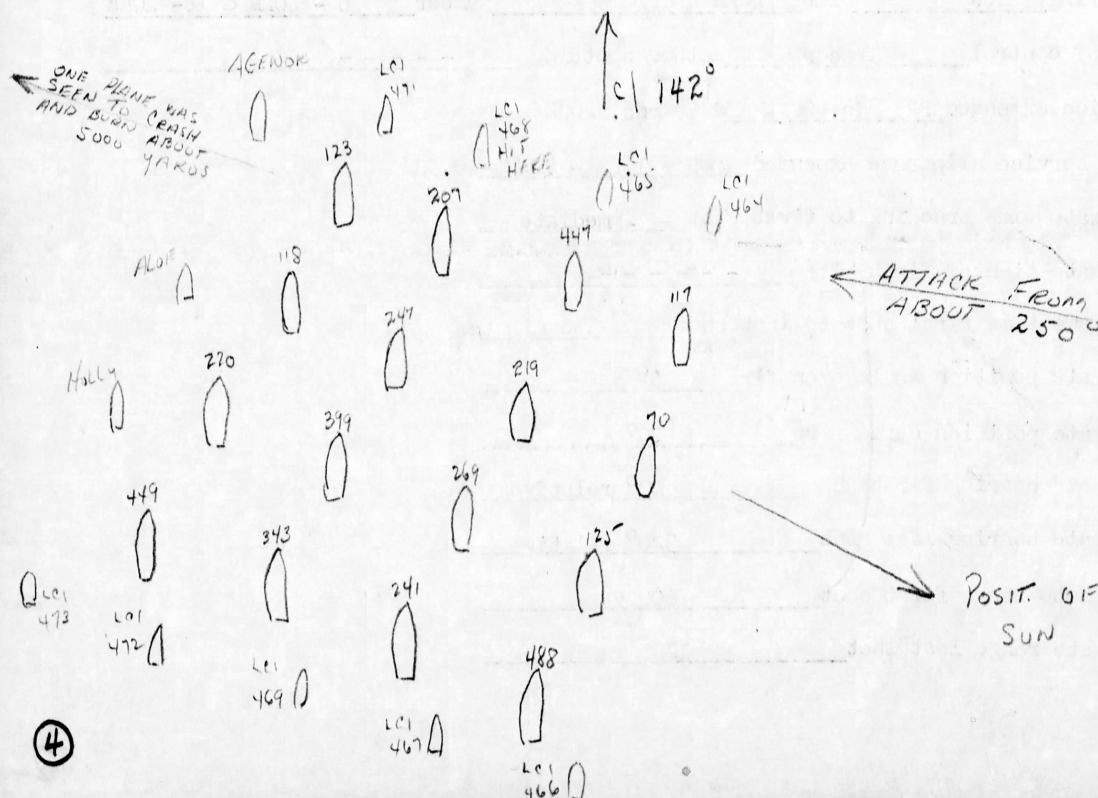
This ship not believed to have hit.

25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor) Excellent

26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive) _____

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun.
- (c) Indicate own maneuvers.



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L.S.T. FLOTILLA FIVE
THIRD AMPHIBIOUS FORCE
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
Office of the Commander

18373
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California,

4 July 1944.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
C.O., U.S.S. LST-118 conf.
ltr. dated 28 June 1944.

From: Commander Task Group 53.16 (Captain G. B.
Carter, U.S. Navy, Commander L.S.T. Flotilla
FIVE).
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via: (1) Commander Task Force 53.
(2) Commander in Chief, United States Pacific
Fleet.

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1. Forwarded.

2. By copy of this endorsement Commanding Officer,
U.S.S. LST 118 is directed to drill his gun crews in the abso-
lute necessity for LEADING a target of this type when bringing
same under fire by automatic weapons.

3. Classification of basic letter is changed to
SECRET.

G. B. Carter
G. B. CARTER.

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C.O. USS LST 118.

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to
CO, USS LST 118 Conf.
Ltr., of 28 June 1944.

From: Commander Group THREE, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet,
(Commander Task Force FIFTY-THREE).
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet,
(Commander Task Force FIFTY-ONE).
(2) Commander FIFTH Fleet, (Commander Task Force FIFTY).
Subject: Action - Report of.

1. Forwarded.

W. E. Moore
W. E. MOORE,
Chief of Staff.

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CO, USS LST 118.

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THIRD ENDORSEMENT to
CO, USS LST 118 Conf.
Ltr., of 28 June 1944.

From: Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
To : Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Via : Commander FIFTH Fleet.

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W C Mott
W. C. MOTT,
By direction.

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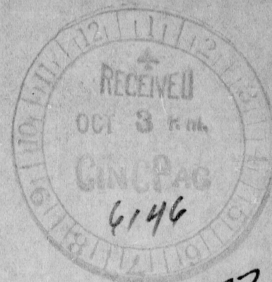
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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT to
CO, USS LST 118 Conf.
Ltr., of 28 June 1944.

From: Commander FIFTH Fleet.
To : Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Action - Report of.
1. Forwarded.

A. C. Davis
A. C. DAVIS,
Chief of Staff.

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