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WAR DIARY

JULY 1944

1 July 1944. (Zone-1000).

Operating under orders from CTF 53, Operations Plan A-162-44. Task Organization Southern Force (TF 53) under command of Rear Admiral Conolly. This ship in Tractor Group 3 (TG 53.16) under command of Captain Carter, in flagship DD 644. LST Unit 3 under command of Commander Busck in flagship LST 488, Squad. 15, Div. 2, Sec. 3. At anchor in assigned berth # 733 Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, awaiting instructions for provisioning and fueling and watering.

2 July 1944:

Remained at anchor moving as necessary to take on provisions, fuel and water. On 2 July 1944 received Mailgram No. 212005 dated 21 May 1944 from COMLSTFLTFOURTEEN. This ship placed in LST Flotilla Fourteen. Date of commissioning Flotilla, 21 May 1944, under command of Captain E.A. Seay, USN, (58721); Flotilla Pennant hoisted on LST 610. Mailgram No. 161701 dated 16 May 1944 from COMLSTGROUPFORTY received this date. This ship placed in LST GROUP 40 which was placed in commission on 16 May 1944 under command of Commander David W. Hardin, USN, (57588), temporary flagship LST 661.

3 July to 14 July 1944.

On 3 July shifted anchorage to berth # 655 in obedience to orders from CTF 53.16. Transferred 3.9 tons frozen, 3.3 tons chilled, 3.4 tons dry provisions and 7856 gallons diesel oil, 6775 gallons fresh water to the following ships: YMS 237, PC 1125, LCI 467, YMS 136, AN 6, PC 549, SC 667, SC 724, SC 1273, SC 564, SC 521, PC 555.

15 July 1944:

At 1004 got underway for invasion of Guam, Marianas Islands in obedience to Mailgram Order No. 092359 dated 11 July 1944 from CTG 53.16. Operations Plan A-162-44, Attack Plan A-165-44. Task Organization: Southern Force (TF 53) under command of Rear Admiral Conolly. This ship in Tractor Group 3 (TG 53.16) under command of Captain Carter in flagship DD 644. LST Unit 3 under command of Commander Busck in flagship LST 488, Squad 15, This ship in Div. 2, Section 3. At 1400 formed up as follows:

DD 644  
PC 555

<u>LCI</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LCI</u>
466	117	70	125	488	467
464	447	219	269	241	469
	207	247	343	399	472
471	123	118	220	449	473
Holly	Aloe	324	29	244	71

Distance and interval 500 yards. The following escorts were formed in circle spacing about the convoy: PC 1125, SC 725, SC 1273, PC 549, YMS 237, YMS 216, YMS 195, YMS 242, YMS 184, YMS 136, SC 504, SC 521, SC 724. At 1442 went to General Quarters for drill, secured at 1632.

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16 July 1944:

From 0755 to 0823 exercised at firing practice, 107 rounds of 40 MM and 969 rounds of 20 MM expended. From 0845 to 1000 exercised at tactical maneuvers. Positions: 0800 Lat. 11° 52'N. Long. 159° 21'E.  
1200 Lat. 11° 57'N. Long. 158° 58'E.  
2000 Lat. 12° 09'N. Long. 157° 55'E.

17 July 1944:

From 0845 to 1115 exercised at tactical maneuvers. From 1340 to 1537 exercised at tactical maneuvers. Positions: 0800 Lat. 12° 24'N. Long. 156° 11'E.  
1200 Lat. 12° 32'N. Long. 155° 39'E.  
2000 Lat. 12° 29'N. Long. 154° 38'E.

18 July 1944. (Zone-1000)

At 1600 set clocks back one hour to zone -10 time.  
Positions: 0800 Lat. 12° 42'N. Long. 153° 00'E.  
1200 Lat. 12° 52'N. Long. 152° 22'E.  
2000 Lat. 13° 05'N. Long. 151° 08'E.

19 July 1944.

Transferred 1235 gallons of diesel oil and 1535 gallons of fresh water to YMS 216. Positions: 0800 Lat. 13° 18'N. Long. 149° 13'E.  
1200 Lat. 13° 17'N. Long. 148° 44'E.  
2000 Lat. 13° 14'N. Long. 147° 47'E.

20 July 1944:

0805 - 0840 exercised at fire drills and tested all equipment. 1215 a task force including two aircraft carriers and 4 cruisers and 6 destroyers sighted on port bow. Identified as friendly. 1630 - 1745 exercised at tactical maneuvers. Positions: 0800 Lat. 13° 12'N. Long. 146° 32'E.  
1200 Lat. 13° 04'N. Long. 146° 19'E.  
2000 Lat. 13° 24'N. Long. 145° 34'E.

21 July 1944:

W - Day, Invasion of Guam. 0115 sighted Guam and observed flares bearing 230°T. and at 0245 observed heavy tracer fire over island. 0500 went to General Quarters formed up in approach formation as follows:

<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>
207	247	343	399	117	70	125	488
123	118	220	449	447	219	269	241
	Holly Aloe	334	29	244	71		

At 0525 arrived in rendezvous area. At 0530 observed occasional bombardment of shore by our Cruisers and Battleships. Transport division sighted on starboard quarter. At 0615 LST's 334, 29, 244, 71, and Holly and Aloe left formation remaining behind this formation. At 0625 opened bow doors and ramp. At 0641 arrived in initial area and launched small boat with Boat Wave Officer and party. At 0715 to 0732 observed heavy bombardment of beach by ships and group of 30 planes. 0726 arrived in launching area and at 0734 first LVT was launched from this ship. At 0745 completed unloading 13 LVT's and 6 Ducks a total of 284 tons. At 0816 got underway and proceeded in formation to vicinity of transport area where we lay-to for remainder of the day. At 0833 received report by radio that first wave had landed on beach without opposition. At 1844 formed up in normal cruising disposition and maneuvered in vicinity west of Guam for remainder of the night.



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22 July 1944:

Cruised in vicinity west of Guam and within sight of land throughout the day. At 1542 left formation on orders from O.T.C. and went alongside the Cruiser St. Louis and transferred 5008 rounds of 40 MM ammunition and 5040 rounds of 20 MM ammunition. At 1808 got underway from side of Cruiser St. Louis, rejoined LST Tractor Group 3 formation and cruised throughout the night in vicinity west of Guam.

23 July 1944:

Remained in vicinity of Guam during the day and cruised in vicinity west of Guam throughout the night.

24 July 1944:

Remained in vicinity of Guam throughout the day. At 1623 went alongside of U.S.S. Wharton took on 2½ tons of provisions, 4075 gallons of fresh water and 175 smoke pots and 10 barrels of fog oil for further transfer to the beach. At 1921 beached at Red Beach and remained on beach overnight awaiting arrangements to unload a portion of our mobile cargo.

25 July 1944:

Remained on Red Beach # 2, Guam Island. Continued unloading vehicles and cargo. At 1735 one of three ships generators failed. A broken con rod broke through the block casting putting the generator beyond possible repair by ships force.

26 July 1944:

Remained on Red Beach # 2, Guam Island for unloading. At 0500 Japanese counter attack was observed with mortar shells landing in water on beach. Some small arms fire hit this ship but there were no injuries. At 0725 commenced taking on casualties from beach. (120 enlisted men and 4 officers). At 1730 received orders from O.T.C. to retract from beach as conditions on beach were unsatisfactory. This order was canceled at 1247 and we remained on the beach until 1402 when we retracted on orders from O.T.C. and lay to in transport area west of Guam. At 1604 transferred 10 stretcher cases and 3 ambulatory cases to U.S.S. Wharton. At 1805 formed up in LST cruising formation and cruised in vicinity west of Guam for remainder of the night.

27 July 1944:

Remained in vicinity west of Guam and off Red Beach during the day. 1336 - 1500 transferred all remaining casualties (total of 111) to U.S.S. Rixie. 1225 - 1658 LST's 247, 118 transferred all their unloaded ammunition to this ship. At 1800 anchored in Berth # 228 Asan Anchorage, LST's 219, 269 moored alongside overnight and transferred all their cargo ammunition to this ship. Total ammunition received during the day:

5"38 Powder Cases	859 each.
5"38 AAC	463 each.
5"38 AA MK 35	109 each.
5"38 Common	32 each.
8"55 Fuzes	725 each.
40 MM	309 Boxes.
20 MM	151 Boxes.
50 Cal.	42280 Rounds
4.5 Rocket Bodies	112 each.
4.5 Rocker Motors	56 each.
Mark 137 fuzes.	18 each.

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28 July 1944:

At 0650 beached at Red Beach # 2, Agana, Guam, Marianas Islands and commenced unloading remaining cargo. Completed unloading 284 tons mobile and non-mobile at 1700. Remaining cargo, Naval Ammunition only. At 1728 retracted from beach and proceeded to vicinity of Fire Support Area # 3 where we lay to for the night. At 1836 enemy motar fire was observed falling in the LST beaching area. LST's on beach were ordered to retract and proceed to Fire Support Area # 3. Enemy motar fire appeared to be 90 MM and fell as far as 2000 yards off the beach where LST's had been laying-to during the day. All ships of Tractor Group 3, CTG 53.16, left this area today, except LST's 343, 447, 71, 334, 244, 29 and this ship.

29 July 1944.

0911 - 1130 transferred 200 gallons of lube oil, 7500 gallons of diesel oil, 480 rounds 50 cal. , 720 rounds: 20 MM; 96 rounds; 40 MM to PC 555. At 0924 transferred spare gun parts to LCI 471. 0955 - 1123 transferred 112 boxes 4.5 rocket bodies, 56 boxes 4.5 rocket motars, 18 boxes 4.5 fuzes to LCI 464. Shifted to transport area where we remained with steerageway for remainder of the night. CTG 53.16 changed flag to LST 343 this date.

30 July 1944:

0723 moored alongside LST 343 and received aboard as cargo 120 rounds Mark 6 and 60 rounds Mark 7 depth charges and at 1041 got underway remaining within transport area. At 1320, DD 573 came alongside to receive ammunition but was unable to accept delivery because of heavy sea. 1345 - 1650 transferred 60 rounds Mark 7 and 82 rounds Mark 6 depth charges to barge for delivery to U.S.S. Cape Trinity. At 1830 formed up as follows and cruised in vicinity west of Guam for remainder of the night.

U.S.S. Stemble

SS Cape Trinity	LST 71
SS South African Victory	LST 220

31 July 1944:

Remained in transport area during the day. 0905 - 1230 transferred 7040 gallons of diesel oil to PC 549. 1345 - 1630 received on board from

LCT 966:	5"38 Star	251 rounds.
	5"38 Smoke	7 rounds.
	5"38 Powder	250 rounds.
	Mk XV Fuzes	950 rounds.

At 1830 formed up as follows and cruised in vicinity west of Guam for remainder of the night.

U.S.S. Stemble

<u>LST</u>	<u>LST</u>
71	343
244	220
334	29

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