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U. S. S. LST 326

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17 April, 1944.

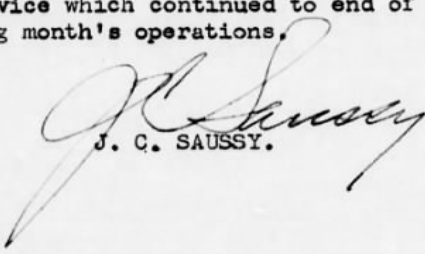
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From: Commanding Officer, U. S. S. LST 326.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary; submission of.
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1. The following remarks constitute the War Diary of this unit for March, 1944, attached to LST Group Three, Flotilla One, of the Eighth Amphibious Force:

This unit on detached duty for training maneuvers at Arzew, Algeria, until 0800, 3 March, 1944. Orders were received to join convoy and proceed to Naples, Italy, via Bizerta, Tunisia. Proceeded to Naples, Italy, in company with LST's 351 and 384 with convoy UGS 33 on assigned courses, detaching from UGS 33 at Bizerta, Tunisia, and proceeded with LST 351 and escorts to Nisida, Italy, arriving Nisida at 0600, on 8 March, 1944.

From this date to 23 March, 1944, this unit operating on Anzio Ferry Service. On 24 March, 1944, this unit in company with U.S.S. LST's 4, 358, 385, 352, 379, 377, and 16 detached from Ferry Service for one trip to Ajaccio, Corsica. On 27 March, 1944, this unit returned from Corsica and rejoined the Anzio Ferry Service which continued to end of month. Nothing eventful to report during month's operations.


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21 March (Continued)

and fifty-one vehicles. 1715 Underway to anchorage in Gulf of Pozzuoli. 1731 Anchored. 1810 Underway to Anzio, Italy in convoy of nine LST's and one merchant ship. OTC in USS LST 326. ~~2000~~ Position Lat. 40° 47' N.; Long. 13° 56' 45" E.

22 March 1944.

0627 Anchored off Anzio, Italy. 0645 Red Alert - General Quarters. 0652 White Alert - secured from General Quarters. 1114 Underway to Anzio, Harbor. 1124 Red Alert - condition 1-M set. 1136 White Alert. 1155 Moored bow to dock. 1247 Completed disembarkation of passengers and vehicles. 1255 Shells falling in harbor area. 1309 Completed loading six American Officers, ten English Officers, one hundred and twenty-eight American Enlisted Men, forty-one English Enlisted Men and twenty-seven vehicles. 1315 Underway to anchorage. 1350 Anchored. 1448 Underway to Gulf of Pozzuoli in convoy of nine LST's, OTC in USS LST 326. 1640 Gunnery practice. Ammunition expended - 578 rounds 20 MM, 60 rounds 40 MM and 7 rounds 3" 50 Cal. 1807 Red Alert - General Quarters. 1812 White Alert - secured from General Quarters. ~~2000~~ Position Lat. 40° 59' N.; Long. 13° 09' E.

23 March 1944.

0410 Anchored in Gulf of Pozzuoli. 0557 Underway to Naples. 0800 Moored bow to berth 36 Naples Harbor. 1230 Completed disembarkation of passengers and vehicles. 1305 Began loading.

24 March 1944.

0330 Completed loading sixteen American Officers, three hundred American Enlisted Men, sixty-four vehicles and 87 tons of ammunition, 31 tons of rations, 17 tons organizational equipment. 0713 Underway to form convoy to Ajaccio, Corsica, in convoy of eight LST's, OTC in USS LST 326. 0800 Position Lat. 40°

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24 March 1944. (Continued)

48' 30" N.; Long. 14° 17' 12" E. 1200 Position Lat. 40° 35' 40" N.; Long. 13° 44' E. 1700 Gunnery practice - ammunition expended, three rounds 3" 50 Cal. eight rounds 40 MM, two hundred and forty rounds of 20 MM. 2000 Position Lat. 40° 26' 20" N.; Long. 12° 23' E.

25 March 1944.

0800 Position Lat. 40° 57' 20" N.; Long. 10° 10' 30" E. 1200 Position Lat. 41° 09' 30" N.; Long. 09° 31' 30" E. 2000 Position Lat. 41° 52' 30" N.; long. 08° 42' 12" E. 2245 Anchored in harbor, Ajaccio, Corsica.

26 March 1944.

0708 Underway to berth. 0727 Moored bow to Quai de la Republique. 1455 Completed disembarkation of passengers, vehicles and unloaded cargo. 1510 Started loading vehicles. 2010 Completed loading 45 vehicles.

27 March 1944.

0720 French personnel aboard for transportation. Officers 13, and 440 enlisted men. 0830 Underway - leaving harbor. 0940 Convoy of eight LST's formed - enroute to Nisida, Italy. OTC in USS LST 326. 1108 Gunnery practice. Ammunition expended 14 rounds 40 MM, 130 rounds 20 MM. 1200 Position Lat. 41° 31' 36" N.; Long. 08° 44' 05" E. 2000 Position Lat. 41° 00' 15" N.; Long. 10° 04' 30" E.

28 March 1944.

0800 Position Lat. 40° 31' 25" N.; Long. 12° 17' 30" E. 1200 Position Lat. 40° 23' 00" N.; Long. 13° 02' E. 1956 Moored bow to berth # 4 Nisida, Italy. 2218 Began disembarkation of passengers and vehicles.

29 March 1944.

0430 Completed disembarkation of passengers and vehicles. 0625 Underway to anchorage in Gulf of Pozzuoli. 0650 Anchored.