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U.S.S. LST 523

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander LST Group 49.
(2) Commander LST Flotilla SEVENTEEN.
(3) Commander Landing Craft, ELEVENTH Amphibious Force.
(4) Commander ELEVENTH Amphibious Force.
(5) Commander Task Force 122.
(6) Commander United States Naval Forces, European Waters.

Subject: Action report - 19 June 1944. (Written from memory)

Part I

1. In the assault phase of this operation, this ship was assigned to the Western Task Force, Follow up Force "B".

2. After the initial landing, this ship became a part of the Shuttle Force.

Part II

1. On 19 June 1944, at 1245, orders were received from Convoy Commander to anchor in anchorage area off UTAH beach.

2. At 1300, orders from the USS BAYFIELD directed us to beach prior to 1330.

3. At 1303 dropped anchor in ten fathoms of water to swing ship in order to make proper approach for beaching.

4. At 1310 underway preceeding to beach.

5. At 1315 terrific explosion of mine.

Part III

1. The ship broke into just forward of the superstructure; the stern stopped dead in the water and began to settle. The bow continued to make headway for approximately six hundred yards.

2. The Commanding Officer was suspended from the hal-yards by his right leg and was unable to observe the actions of the crew.

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