

OPERATIONAL RECORD OF USS LST 762  
3 NOVEMBER 1950 - 31 AUGUST 1954

The Following summary of ship's movements was developed from copies of deck logs of the USS LST 762 obtained from the National Archives. The ship was re-commissioned at Astoria, OR on 3 November 1950 because of the outbreak of the Korean War.

**1950**

3 November - Moored to Pier 8, USNS, Tongue Point, Astoria, OR. Ships present: APL 49 (SOPA) and various other ships of the Columbia River Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet. 1445 - Mustered ship's crew for the commissioning exercise. 1515 - Marched crew to the APL 49 for commissioning exercise. 1530 - Captain J.D. Shaw, USN, Commander of United States Naval Station, Tongue Point, Astoria, OR and the commissioning party of the Naval Station reported aboard the APL 49 for the ceremony. Captain J.D. Shaw read to the assembled officers and crew, Columbia river Group Memorandum Number 23-50 dated 1 November 1950. Pursuant to the above order the colors were executed and the Commission Pennant hoisted, this placing this ship in full commission as the LST 762. Lieutenant William B. Marty, USNR, prospective Commanding Officer read BuPers Dispatch Number Pers 111409174Z dated October 1950 and in accordance with such order accepted command of the USS LST 762. 1545 - At the direction of the Commanding Officer, the Executive Officer set the watch with Ensign J.T. Shea, USNR as Officer of the Deck.

8 November - 1330 - Lt(jg) Paul G. Kelleher, USNR reported aboard for duty.

14 November - Moored to Pier 8 USNS Tongue Point undergoing activation period in company with various units of the Columbia River Group. 0831 - Underway in accordance with Trials Officer to conduct general drills, anchorage drills, and calibrate compasses. 1443 - Returned to mooring at Pier 8, Tongue Point.

16 November - 0832 - Underway for Operating Area Able, Columbia River, to conduct boat and anchorage drills and test bow doors and ramp. 1506 - Moored to Pier 8.

20 November - 0630 - Underway for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, WA with USS LST 825. 2342 - Passed Cape Flattery light abeam to starboard at 3 1/2 miles. Entered Strait of Juan De Fuca.

21 November - 1529 - Moored to Pier 6, Puget Sound Naval Yard, Bremerton, WA.

**1951**

10 January - Moored to Pier 6, PSNY, Bremerton, WA. 2130 - Lt(jg) Wayne H. Terry reported aboard for duty.

11 January - 0944 - Underway for Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, WA. 1453 - Moored to pier at Naval Ammunition Depot. Ships present include Navajo Victory, USS LST 1084. SOPA in USS LST 762.

13 January - 0725 - Underway for San Diego, CA in accordance with COMBREMGRU dispatch of 9 January 1951 and ADCOMPHIBPAC serial one of 6 January 1951. Steaming in company with USS LST 1084.

15 January - 0158 - Starboard boat broke loose. 0252 - Starboard boat cut away from davits and allowed to drift free and away from ship.

16 January - 1030 - Captain and Engineering Officer inspected deck fractures starboard side, frame 75. 1613 - standing by while USS LST 1084 effects minor repairs.

17 January - Steaming in Company with LST 1084.

18 January - 0402 - Steaming various courses and speeds to enter San Francisco Bay. 0624 - Moored at Berth 55, Naval Shipyard, Hunters Point, San Francisco, CA. Ships present include USS Helena, USS Toledo, USS Boxer, and USS Curtis.

19 January - 1548 - Underway for San Francisco Naval Shipyard. 1625 - Moored to Berth 6, Hunters Point, San Francisco Naval Shipyard alongside USS LST 1084.

6 February - Moored as before. 1533 - Fire on USS Union (AKA 106). Mustered fire and rescue party, 3<sup>rd</sup> Section. 1538 - Secured fire and rescue party.

13 February - 1415 - Received LCVP-1 aboard. 1457 - Underway for Naval Fuel Annex, Point Molate, CA. 1940 - Moored to Berth Charlie, Naval Fuel Annex, Point Molate.

14 February - 0602 - Underway for San Diego, CA in company with LST 1084.

16 February - Arrived San Diego. 1547 - Moored to Buoys 43 and 44 alongside USS LST 803.

17 February - Shifted mooring to Buoys 9 and 10. USS Satyr (ARL-23) moored alongside.

24 February - 0815 - Inspection party from ADCOMPHIBPAC came aboard. 0820 - Exercised crew at general quarters. 1105 - Inspection party left ship. Secured from all drills.

2 March - 0721 - Underway for pontoon causeway, Beach Charlie, South San Diego Bay. 1400 - Moored to causeway. 1420 - Took aboard two jeeps, gasoline, and one drum of lube oil. 1429 - Under for moorings. 1528 - Three men thrown in water from BM 9. 1540 - All three recovered and sent to sickbay. No one suffered any ill effects. 1558 - Moored between BMs 9 and 10.

5 March - 0925 - Underway for San Clemente Island. 2020 - Arrived at San Clemente Island and anchored in Wilson Cove.

6 March - 0553 - Underway for Concrete ramp at Wilson Cove Pier. 0650 - Married to concrete ramp. 0728 - Completed discharging vehicles. 0735 - Underway for Wilson Cove Pier. 0850 - Moored to pier. Commenced discharging 7 drums of gasoline, 1 oil drum, 1 air compressor. 0915 - Completed discharging cargo. 1059 - Shifted to anchorage off Wilson cove.

7 March - 0045 - Lines securing 2 LCVPs parted. Boats adrift with Stanke, F.O. aboard. After drifting one mile toward shore. Stanke let go both anchors; maintained radio contact with the ship. Stanke started engine with aid of starting fluid and returned to ship at 0245.

8 March - 0835 - Commanding Officer held meritorious mast on Stanke, F.O. SA, USN, and commended him for his action in returning small boats after they had broken loose on

7 March 1951. 1133 - Married to ramp at Wilson Cove. 1330 - Commenced loading vehicles. 1430 - Completed loading vehicles. 1900 - Departed for San Diego, CA.

9 March - Arrived San Diego. 0835 - Anchored in South San Diego Bay. 1042 - Commenced unloading vehicles from tank deck. 1100 - Completed unloading vehicles. 1335 - Moored to south side Navy Pier, Naval Supply Depot, San Diego.

10 March - 0800 - Commenced unloading vehicles and cargo. 1310 - Completed unloading vehicles and cargo. 1420 - 75 passengers reported aboard with bags and hammocks, records and accounts, for their transfer to USS Piedmont (AD-17).

12 March - Underway for Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, CA in company with USS LST 735.

13 March - Steaming as before. 0845 - Commenced test firing of 20MMs. 0910 - Completed test firing.

14 March - Arrived Naval Supply Center, Oakland, CA. 0942 - Moored to Pier 4. 1030 - Debarked all passengers with records and baggage. 1040 - Commenced unloading cargo. 1415 - Completed unloading cargo.

15 March - 0903 - Underway for Mare Island Naval Ammunition Depot, Vallejo, CA. 1636 - Moored to Berth 9, Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

5 April - 1212 - Underway for Dry Dock no. 4, Mare Island. 1250 - Ship centered over keel blocks and securely moored to dock. 1415 - Completed pumping out dry dock.

17 April - 1330 - Made preparations for leaving dry dock. 1521 - Cleared dry dock. 1538 - Moored to Berth 21 South, Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

10 May - 1000 - Underway from Berth 21, South, Mare Island. 1400 - Completed calibration of compasses. 1412 - Anchored in San Pablo Strait. 1509 - Underway. 1640 - Moored to San Pablo Bay Radar Calibration dock. 1710 - Underway. 1755 - Moored to Berth 22, Mare Island.

14 May - 0751 - Shifted mooring to Berth 19, Mare Island, alongside USS LST 735.

21 May - 1055 - Shifted mooring to Berth 9, Mare Island.

22 May - 0600 - Underway for Port Chicago to load ammunition. 0830 - Moored to Berth 2 Naval ammunition Depot, Port Chicago, CA. 156 - Completed loading ammunition. 1208 - Underway. 1707 - Passed under San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. 1748 - Moored to Berth E, Pier 4, Naval Supply Center, Oakland, CA.

24 May - 1639 - Underway for San Diego, CA steaming independently.

26 May - Arrived San Diego, CA. 2030 - Moored to BMs 45 and 46.

27 May - 1500 - USS LST 735 moored port side.

28 May - USS LST 973 and USS LST 914 moored starboard side. USS LST 735 departed.

31 May - 0810 - Shifted mooring to Navy Pier, Naval Supply Center, San Diego.

1 June - 1000 - Broke flag COMLSTDIV 32, LCdr. W. B. Harlin.

6 June - 0853 - Shifted mooring to BMs 45 and 46 alongside LST 914.

7 June - Received pontoons from USS Sphinx (ARL-24) and shifted mooring to BMs 57 and 58.

10 June - 1344 - Underway for Marine Beach. 1431 - Beached at Marine Beach, San Diego Bay. 1650 - Commenced loading vehicles and troops. 1939 Underway for Coronado Roads. 2057 - Anchored in Coronado Roads. 2157 - Underway for San Clemente Island in company with LSTs 735, 692, 1048, LSMs 547, 546, 161, 316, and two warping tugs.

11 June - 1012 - Anchored at Wilson Cove, San Clemente Island. 1249 - Shifted anchorage to receive LVTs on bow ramp. 1350 - Last LVT returned to water. 1510 - to marry pontoon in northwest harbor, San Clemente Island. 1545 - Married to pontoon causeway. 1620 - Commenced disembarking Marine equipment and personnel.

1841 - Underway in company with USS LST 735 en route to San Diego.

12 June - 0623 - Arrived at San Diego, CA. Beached at Marine Beach. 0715 - Commenced loading Marine vehicles and personnel. 0945 - Completed loading vehicles and personnel. 1353 - Underway for Coronado Roads. 1550 - Anchored in anchorage 147, Coronado Roads. 1825 - Underway in company with USS LST 735 en route to San Clemente Island.

13 June - Arrived San Clemente Island. 0814 - moored to USS LST 561, Northwest Harbor, San Clemente Island. 0900 - Commenced off-loading troops and vehicles. 1025 - Completed off-loading troops and vehicles. 1054 - Underway for San Diego, CA. 1911 - Arrived San Diego. Moored to buoys 44 and 45 alongside LSTs 898, 975, and 1048.

15 June - 1628 - Underway for San Clemente Island.

16 June - Arrived at San Clemente Island. 0745 - Married to causeway. 0807 - Commenced loading Marine troops and vehicles. 0852 - Completed loading. 0915 - Underway for Coronado Roads. 1616 - Anchored in Coronado Roads at anchorage 134.

17 June - 1536 - Underway for San Diego Harbor. 1701 - Beached at Marine Beach. 1733 - LSM 546 rammed starboard side while attempting to beach on our starboard side. LSM did not drop stern anchor. Point of impact occurred in the vicinity of frame 22. LSM 546 caused frames and bulkheads to be bent in the vicinity of frame 22 and ripped a hole approximately five feet long in hull at juncture with main deck. 1750 - Commenced unloading Marine vehicles and troops. 1913 - Completed unloading. 1940 - Underway for San Clemente Island.

18 June - Arrived at San Clemente Island. 0629 - Moored to causeway. 0832 - Completed loading Marine vehicles and personnel. 0840 - Underway for San Diego. 1642 - Arrived at San Diego. Beached at Marine Beach. 1740 - Commenced unloading vehicles and troops. 1831 - Completed off-loading. 1856 - Retracted from beach. Underway for Northwest Harbor, San Clemente Island.

19 June - Steaming as before. 0530 - Made preparations for receiving pontoons on starboard side from USS Sphinx (ARL-24). 0551 - Anchored in Northwest Harbor. 0850 - Pontoon causeway to starboard side. 1245 - Shifted anchorage to load port side pontoon. 1514 - Pontoon secured to port side. 1540 - Took warping tug in tow. 1830 - Underway for San Diego.

20 June - Arrived San Diego. 0741 - Standing off Marine Beach. 0744 - Cast off warping tug and pontoons. 1005 - Moored alongside USS LST 735 at Buoys 45 and 46.

22 June - 0818 - Shifted mooring to alongside USS LST 845 at Berth 55, Pier 5, Naval Shipyard, San Diego.

2 July - 0734 - Underway for training exercises with USS LST 735. 1629 - Returned to mooring at Buoy 8, North San Diego Harbor.

3 July - 0743 - Underway for Coronado Roads for training exercises with USS LST 735. 1538 - Returned to mooring at Buoy 8, North San Diego Harbor.

5 July - 0825 - Underway with observing party on board to conduct tactical maneuvers. 0950 - Maneuvered to avoid fishing boat. 1550 - Returned to mooring at Buoy 8.

6 July - 0803 - Underway for operating area MM14 to conduct gunnery exercises and other drills. 1602 - Returned to mooring at Buoy 8.

7 July - 0753 - Underway with observers on board to conduct exercises with USS LST 735. 1157 - Returned to mooring at Buoy 8.

9 July - 0843 - Underway for training area MM17 in Coronado Roads to conduct training exercises. 1643 - Anchored at Berth 134, Coronado Roads.

10 July - 0822 - Underway for ship handling exercises. 1105 - Returned to anchorage in Coronado Roads. 1502 - Underway for operating areas KK33 and KK34 in company with USS LST 735.

11 July - Conducted various exercises with LST 735.

12 July - Underway in company with USS LST 735 conducting exercises. 1456 - Anchored near Bear Berth 133, Coronado Roads.

13 July - 0728 - Underway to conduct training exercises. 1833 - Moored in nest with LSTs 819, 825, 1082, and 735 at Buoys 45 and 46, South San Diego Harbor. SOPA is in USS Curtiss (AV4).

17 July - 0836 - Underway for Silver Strand, South San Diego Bay to conduct loading and unloading LVTs. 1553 - Anchored in anchorage 508.

18 July - Anchored as before. 0930 - Commenced loading and off-loading LVTs over bow ramp as per training program. 1330 - LVTs secured from drills.

19 July - Conducted practice beaching at South Strand, San Diego Harbor. Returned to Anchorage 508.

20 July - Conducted salvage exercises and beaching exercises under simulated casualty conditions. Returned to Anchorage 508.

21 July - 0839 - Shifted mooring to BMs 45 and 46 alongside LSTs 819, 825, and 1082. 1210 - Lt(jg) James Kaufman reported aboard for duty

23 July - Conducted pontoon causeway exercises in South San Diego Bay. Returned to Anchorage 508.

24 July - 0812 - Underway for Coronado Roads for schedule exercises with USS LST 845. Conducted beaching exercise on Silver Strand. 1624 - Anchored in Coronado Roads anchorage 160.

25 July - 0801 - Underway for LVT training exercises. 1131 - Anchored in Coronado Roads. 1452 - Lt(jg) Leo P. Bauerlein reported aboard for duty. 2220 - Underway for beaching by radar and retracting.

26 July - 0040 - Anchored in Coronado Roads. Conducted exercises loading and off-loading LVTs at anchorage.

27 July - Continued beaching and LVT loading and off-loading exercises with LST 845.

28 July - Completed beaching and LVT training. 1210 - Underway for Buoys 45 and 46, San Diego Harbor. 1338 - Moored alongside USS LST 819 at buoys.

3 August - LST 819 departed. Anchored as before with LST 1082.

4 August - LST 825 tied up alongside.

7 August - Shifted mooring to Pier 1, US Naval Station, San Diego.

13 August - 1200 - Lt. Henry M. Dent detached from this command.

14 August - Shifted mooring to Buoys 4 and 46 with LSTs 1082 and 825.

17 August - 1727 - Underway for Pearl Harbor, TH in company with USS Sphinx (ARL-24).

27 August - Arrived Pearl Harbor. 1700 - Moored to Pier K5, US Naval Supply Center.

12 September - 1245 - Departed Pearl Harbor for Yokosuka, Japan in company with USS Sphinx (ARL-24).

29 September - Arrived at Yokosuka, Japan. 1140 - Moored to Berth 17 in Dry Dock No. 6. 1230 - Lt(jg) Bernard G. Wald reported aboard for duty. SOPA is RAdm Perry aboard USS Essex (CV-9).

1 October - Shifted mooring to alongside USS Sphinx (ARL-24) at Berth D-4, inner Yokosuka Harbor.

6 October - Moored as before at Berth D-4 in nest with USS Sphinx (ARL-24) and USS LST 772. 1200 - Lt. P. G. Kelleher transferred to nearest RecSta in continental US for release from active duty. 1321 - Underway for Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan for training exercises in company with LSTs 527, 758, and 803.

10 October - Arrived Otaru. 0946 - Moored to LST 758 at Pier 2. SOPA is CTE 90.82 on USS Cavalier (APA-37). 0830 - Commenced loading vehicles. 1127 - Shifted to anchorage in Otaru Harbor.

13 October - 0635 - Underway from Otaru with USS Whetstone (LSD-27) and USS LST -758 en route to Mukawa, Hokkaido, Japan.

15 October - Arrived and anchored in anchorage area Monebetsu Boyochi Cove, Uchiura Wan. Ships present include LSTs 527 and 758, USS PCE 898, and USS Whetstone (LSD-27).

16 October - 1719 - Underway for Mukawa, Hokkaido, Japan in company with LST Division 33 composed of LSTs 758, 762, 803, and 527.

17 October - Arrived off Mukawa Beach. Laying to in outer tractor area. 1130 - Anchored in inner tractor area off Mukawa Beach. 1620 - Underway. 1825 - Beached on Red Beach Two. 2020 - Commenced off-loading troops and vehicles. 2049 - Completed off-loading.

18 October - 0518 - Returned to anchorage. 1912 - Underway for Yokosuka, Japan in company with LST Division 33 composed of LSTs 516, 527, 529, 762, 758, 803, 836, and USS Satyr (ARL-23).

21 October - Arrived Yokosuka, Japan. 0927 - Moored alongside LST 875, 836, and 803 at buoys D4 and D5. SOPA is COMSEVENTHFLT in USS New Jersey (BB-62).

27 October - Moored at D4 inner Yokosuka Harbor alongside LSTs 854 and 855.

31 October - 0755 - Lt(jg) John F. Kimberling detached from temporary additional duty aboard this ship and ordered to report to CO Landing Ship Flotilla Three.

1 November - Moored to LST 854, berth Dog 4 in inner harbor, Yokosuka, Japan. Shifted mooring to LST 836 at berth Dog 5.

5 November - Moored as before with LSTs 836 and 883.

7 November - Departed Yokosuka for Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan with LSTs 803, 1141, 855, and 854.



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William B. Marty, Lt - Commanding Officer (3 Nov 1950)  
Albert C. Jones, Lt - Executive Officer (25 Nov 1951)  
Wayne H. Terry, Lt(jg) - 1st Lt and Gunnery (10 Jan 1951)  
Leo P. Bauerline, Lt(jg) - Operations (25 Jul 1951)  
James K. Kaufman, Lt(jg) - Supply (21 Jul 1951)  
Bernard G. Wald, Lt(jg) - Engineering (29 Sep 1951)

**1951**

1 November - Moored to LST 854, berth Dog 4 in inner harbor, Yokosuka, Japan. Changed mooring to LST 836 at berth Dog 5.

5 November - Moored as before with LSTs 836 and 883.

7 November - Departed Yokosuka for Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan with LSTs 803, 1141, 855, and 854.

11 November - Arrived at Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan and moored in inner harbor with LST 527.

12 November - Loaded troops and vehicles.

14 November - Departed Otaru with US Army troops and vehicles for Mukawa, Hokkaido, Japan in company with USS Epping Forest (LSD 4), USS Gunston Hall (LSD 5), LSTs 854, 855, 887, 1141, 529, 527, and 803. OTC is COMLSTRON ONE in LST 762.

16 November - Arrived at Mukawa and anchored in Mukawa Bay with ships of Task Unit 90.82.2.

18 November - Married to pontoon causeway at Red Beach. Returned to anchorage in Mukawa Bay.

19 November - Departed for Otaru, Hokkaido, Japan in company with LSTs 803 and 1141.

20 November - Arrived Otaru and anchored in inner harbor.

21 November - Departed Otaru for Yokosuka, Honshu, Japan in company with LST 803.

24 November - Arrived Yokosuka and anchored in outer harbor..

25 November - Lt. Albert C. Jones reported aboard for duty.

26 November - Moored in inner harbor, Yokosuka, with LST 803.

28 November - Moored as before with LSTs 803, 602, and 1138.

29 November - Moored at Naval Shipyard, Yokosuka with LSTs 883 and 602.

8 December - Moored with as before with LSTs 883, 602 and 1141.

11 December - Underway from Yokosuka for Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, steaming independently.

13 December - Anchored overnight at Suo Nada.

14 December - Departed Suo Nada for Sasebo, Japan. Arrived at Shimonoseki, Honshu, Japan anchorage.

17 December - Departed Shimonoseki for Sasebo.

18 December - Arrived at Sasebo. Anchored in harbor.

## **1952**

1 January - Anchored as before at Sasebo, Japan.

2 January - Departed Sasebo for Hokodate, Hokkaido, Japan in accordance with CTF 90 dispatch.

3 January - Anchored at Shimonoseki, Japan to effect safety measures to mast guy wires.

5 January - Departed Shimonoseki for Yokosuka, Japan in company with USS LSM 316.

7 January - Arrived at Yokosuka, Japan. Moored with LSM 316.

8 January - Changed moorings. Moored alongside USS Gunston Hall (LSD 5).

12 January - Moored with USS Gunston Hall and USS Wantuck (APD 125).

15 January - Moored at Naval Shipyard, Yokosuka, with PNS LST 843 (Philippines).

17 January - Moored with LST 855, inner harbor, Yokosuka.

18 January - Dry docked at US Navy Ship Repair Facility, Yokosuka for repairs.

24 February - Departed Yokosuka dry dock for Paengnyong Do, Korea in accordance with CTF 90 dispatch.

29 February - Sighted and rendezvoused with USS LST 742. Arrived and anchored in 12 fathoms one mile off eastern side of Paengnyong Do, Korea.

3 March - HMS Belfast arrived and anchored in harbor.

7 March - Departed Paengnyong Do for Sok To, Korea in company with USS Yuma (ATF 94). Beached on Sok To off western North Korea on sand beach with stern and bow anchors out.

8 March - Beached as before with opened bow doors and lowered ramp. Loading refugees and awaiting high tide to retract. Ship in readiness condition 3.

10 March - Departed from Sok To en route to Kunsan, Korea with 379 refugees and their personal effects.

11 March - Arrived at Kunsan and anchored off Kunsan Harbor.

12 March - Moved to anchorage in inner harbor, Kunsan.

13 March - Beached and married port side to sea wall to disembark refugees. Port side bow and stern wires parted. Let go bow anchor. Starboard bow door damaged. Hole reported in auxiliary engine room. Repair parties to scene. Commenced pumping water from auxiliary engine room. Passed wire from starboard side to sea wall. Passed 5 manila lines to sea wall. Stopped leak in engine room with soft patch. Secured pumping water from auxiliary engine room. Commenced disembarking refugees at 1024. 1232 damage control party reported ballast tank B-405 punctured. 1245 completed disembarking refugees. 1518 cast off all lines to sea wall and moved to anchorage. 1550 anchored in 3 1/2 fathoms. 1715 underway to beach to effect repairs to hull. 1752 unable to stay up on beach. 1753 underway to sand bar in Kunsan Harbor. 1808 beached 500 yds. off south west break water

14 March - Beached 200 yards off northwest breakwater, 300 yards off western boundary line, Kunsan Harbor. Undergoing emergency repairs to hull. 0230 completed repairs to hull in auxiliary engine room. 1819 underway to shift anchorage to sandbar 100 yards from breakwater in Kunsan Harbor to effect further repairs to hull at low tide.

15 March - 1607 underway for Paengnyong Do, Korea.

16 March - 1135 anchored in Paengnyong Do Harbor. 1300 Bai Byong Kyo, Korean interpreter transferred back to Q-126. 1636 underway for anchorage off Taechong Do.

17 March - 1357 underway for Paengnyong Do. 1452 anchored off the east coast of Paengnyong Do, Korea.

18 March - 1142 beached at Paengnyong Do. Opened bow doors and lowered ramp.

20 March - Shifted from beach to anchorage. 1351 held change of command ceremony. Lt. Albert C. Jones, USN relieved LCdr. William B. Marty as commanding officer.

21 March - LCdr. William B. Marty embarked on USS LST 561 as COMLSTDIV 12.

22 March - 0605 completed loading ROK Marines. 0615 underway from harbor. 1646 anchored 850 yards off east coast Paengnyong Do in 9 fathoms of water. 0930 opened bow doors and ramp for off loading troops. 1151 completed off loading troops.

26 March - Transferred medical supplies to LST 914. Seven enlisted men and one officer of HELRON ONE, Unit Three came aboard for transportation to Yokosuka, Japan. Loaded ammunition.

27 March - Departed anchorage and steamed to anchorage one-half mile off west entrance to Sok To. Offloaded ammunition to LCM alongside. 1312 underway for Yokosuka, Japan in accordance with CTF 90 dispatch.

31 March - Arrived Yokosuka, Japan. 1810 moored alongside LSTs 529 and 602.

3 April - Moored at Berth 5, Yokosuka Harbor alongside LST 1146 and USS Rupertus (DD851).

5 April - Moved to Dry Dock No 5, Yokosuka.

19 April - Backed out of dry dock and moored to buoys D-3, Yokosuka Harbor.

24 April - Moored as before with LST 1138 alongside.

2 May - Moored at Berth D-1, Yokosuka alongside USS Sphinx (ARL 24), USS Atlas (ARL 7), and LST 1083.

7 May - Departed Yokosuka en route to Pearl Harbor, T.H. in company with USS Sphinx (ARL 24).

22 May - Arrived Pearl Harbor. Moored alongside USS Sphinx at Berth 24.

24 May - Departed Pearl Harbor en route to San Diego, California in company with USS Sphinx.

4 June - Arrived San Diego. Moored with USS Sphinx at Pier P, NAS San Diego.

6 June - Shifted to BM 43 and 44, San Diego Harbor.

10 June - Shifted to Pier No. 4, US Naval Station, San Diego alongside LST 1096.

29 June - Departed San Diego for San Clemente Island for UDT training.

30 June - Arrived San Clemente Island. Anchored Northwest Harbor in 10 fathoms of water.

3 July - Departed San Clemente Island for San Diego. 1055 UDT commenced boat hoisting and lowering exercise. 1831 moored to BM 12 San Diego Harbor.

6 July - UDT Team of 5 officers and 36 enlisted men came aboard. Departed San Diego for San Clemente Island.

7 July - Arrived San Clemente Island and anchored in Northwest Harbor.

11 July - Departed San Clemente Island for San Diego. 1800 moored to BM 43-44 alongside LST 1138.

14 July - Conducted beaching operation at Area Baker with LST 887. Anchored in South San Diego anchorage area.

15 July - Loaded pontoons port and starboard sides. Anchored as before.

16 July - Conducted pontoon launching and marrying operations at Beach Nine. Anchored in Berth 178, Coronado Roads anchorage.

17 July - Conducted pontoon causeway operations at Beach 10. Fueled at Naval Fueling pier, San Diego. Anchored at South San Diego anchorage.

21 July - Anchored in North San Diego Harbor.

22 July - Departed San Diego for Seattle, Washington. Loaded 6 LVTs at camp Del Mar. Steaming in company with LST 1138 and LSMRs 409 and 525. COMLSTRON ONE in LST 1138.

27 July - Arrived Seattle, Washington. Moored to Berth Fox, Pier 91 with LSMR 409.

28 July - Moved from Pier 91 through locks to Lake Washington to anchorage with LST 1138 and LSMRs 525 and 409.

3 August - Launched 5 LVTs from tank deck.

4 August - Departed Lake Washington Anchorage. Rammed wooden debris and piling with starboard bow at University Bascule bridge. Moored to Berth 2, Pier 90, Seattle, Washington.

5 August - Moved to Pier 6, Berth B at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington.

6 August - Entered dry dock, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton.

13 August - Left dry dock and moored to Pier 90, Seattle, Washington.

15 August - Departed Seattle en route to Oakland, California. Steaming independently.

18 August - Arrived Naval Supply Center, Oakland. Moored to Berth B-1.

20 August - Departed Oakland for San Diego, California.

22 August - Arrived San Diego and moored at BM 15 and 16.

25 August - Underway for beaching operation on Silver Strand beach lane 7. Anchored in Coronado Roads anchorage.

26-27 August - Conducted beaching, towing, and tactical exercises with LST 1138. Anchored in Coronado Roads.

28 August - Conducted training exercises as per COMLSTDIV 34 Op orders in vicinity of Pyramid Cove, San Clemente, Island with LSTs 1138, 758, and 802. OTC is COMLSTDIV 34 in LST 1138. 2304 underway for San Diego in company with LSTs 1138, 758, and 802.

29 August - Arrived San Diego Harbor and moored to BM 15-16.

3 September - Conducted gunnery exercise of San Diego. Returned to BM 15-16.

4 September - Conducted beaching exercises and operational readiness inspection by Capt. J.N.O. Kaufman, COMLSTRON ONE. Moored in outer harbor.

5 September - Conducted gunnery exercises off San Diego. Moored to BMs 10 and 11 with LST 742.

8 September - Departed San Diego for Oceanside, California to embark 14 LVTS, 1 officer and 40 enlisted men for LVTs. Returned to Coronado Roads for night anchorage. Ships present include LSTs 516, 802, 803, 854, and 855 in accordance with COMTRANSDIV 11 training order.

11 September - Embarked 268 troops from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine division with 14 LVTs in tank deck. Departed for Aliso Canyon, California in company with LSTs 516, 802, 803, 854, and 855.

12 September - Arrived and anchored at Camp Del Mar. Disembarked LVTs. Returned to San Diego and moored alongside LST 1110 at BM 10-11.

16 September - Gunnery practice near San Diego.

27 September - Departed San Diego for Camp Del Mar and night anchorage in accordance with COMLANSHIPFLOT ONE movement order.

28 September - Married to causeway and loaded 200 enlisted Marine personnel and 7 officers with 155 mm howitzer equipment. Proceeded to Long Beach, California and anchored in berth N-2.

1 October - Shifted berths to berth 58, Naval Supply Depot, San Pedro, California.

3 October - Departed for Aliso Canyon steaming in company with USS Flicker (AMS 9), Swan (AMS 7), Bobolink (AMS 2), Incredible (AM 249), Dextrous (AM 341), Ptarmigan (AM 316) and Deliver (ARS 23) in accordance with COMINERON 5 Op Order 4-52, COMPHIBGRU OpOrder 2-52.

4 October - Arrived at Aliso Canyon and anchored in 12 fathoms of water.

5 October - Shifted berth to anchorage C-3 off Aliso Canyon (Oceanside, California).

6 October - SOPA COMINERON 5 on USS LST 762.

10 October - Proceeded to landing ship area Able. Conducted helicopter landings and takeoffs. Launched DUKWs. Unloaded at causeway. Proceeded to anchorage off Oceanside.

11 October - Conducted helicopter landings and takeoffs. Helicopter Unit 13 detached to proceed to home base. Proceeded to NSD, San Pedro, California.

12 October - Arrived at NSD San Pedro and moored to berth 57.

13 October - Departed for San Diego in accordance with COMINERON 5.

14 October - Arrived San Diego Harbor and moored to BM 10-11.

3 November - Departed San Diego for Point Sal, California in accordance with CONTRANSDIV 11.

4 November - Arrived off Point Sal and anchored in 10 fathoms of water.

5-6 November - Conducted beaching operations. USS Sandoval (APA 194) present.

7 November - Departed Point Sal anchorage for San Diego steaming independently.

8 November - Arrived San Diego and moored to BM 11-12.

15 November - Shifted berths to US Naval Station, San Diego.

13 December - Departed San Diego for Terminal Island (Long Beach, CA). Arrived at Terminal Island and moored to fuel dock.

14 December - Shifted to Pier 1 Naval Shipyard, Terminal Is., Long Beach.

15 December - Conducted sea trials and returned to Long Beach anchorage area.

16 December - Shifted to Pier 1, Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA. LST 1078 moored alongside.

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8 January - Moored as before. LST 1110 moored alongside.

9 January - Entered Dry Dock No. 2, Long beach.

26 January - Left dry dock and moored at Pier 2, Naval Shipyard, Long Beach.

2 February - Moored as before with LST 602 alongside.

16 February - Loaded ammunition at US Naval Ammunition Depot, Seal Beach, CA. Anchored in Los Angeles Harbor.

18 February - Departed Los Angeles Harbor for San Diego. Moored in south San Diego Bay at BM 55-56.

19 February - Departed San Diego Harbor for Silver Strand Beach, Coronado, to assist LSTs 1146 and 692 which are aground at Silver Strand Beach. Returned to mooring BM 12-13 San Diego Harbor alongside LST 1048.