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From: The Commanding Officer, LCI (L) 684
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet
Via: Commander LCI (L) Group 44
Commander Task Unit, Group 78.6
Commander Task Force 78
Commander SEVENTH Fleet

Subject: Action Report--LEYTE ISLAND Operation

Reference: (a) Article S74(6), U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920
(b) Com7thphib conflt. of 17 February 1944;
Serial: 0212

1. All phases of this operation were carried out in conformance with Operation Plan.
2. No enemy action was encountered on this initial beaching.
3. On 12, November, while moored starboard side to, at ARL 8 for availability, Japanese "Val" made run on the above ship from Port beam. At 500 yards, gun #2 and 4 opened fire, and tracers were seen to pass through mid-section of enemy aircraft. At 1432, said plane crash-dived into our ship striking 2 feet below the waterline on Port Quarter, and bomb exploded under stern. Ship was showered with gasoline and wreckage of aircraft, with no fire resulting. Our Chief Boatswain Mate and 2 workmen from the ARL 8 wounded and immediately removed to sick bay of ARL 8. No serious injury to any other member of crew. Upon signal for assistance, LCI (L) 977 secured along our Port side (lines #1,2,3,4) and proceeding to tow to beach. LCI (L) 978 secured along starboard side (lines #1,2,3,4). Ship was beached on White beach, Leyte Island. Fantail carried away. Extensive underwater and structural damage.
4. The approximate Latitude and Longitude of the above action was 125° W. 11° 15' N.

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