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From: Commander, LST Group FORTY-NINE.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary - month of February 1945.  
Enclosure: (A) Record of loadings.

1. The Group continued to operate in the cross channel shuttle service. Ships loaded at Portland and Southampton and discharged at Cherbourg, Le Havre and Rouen. On 2 February 1945 the Group Commander returned to Portland from temporary duty with Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Europe and resumed his duties as Representative of Commander, LST Flotilla SEVENTEEN.

2. LST 510 on 5 February 1945 while enroute from Le Havre to Portland with Commanding Officer acting as Commodore of Portland section of convoy collided with SS CHAPEL HILL VICTORY operated by U.S. War Shipping Administration. Collision occurred during darkness and in a fog. LST 510 suffered heavy damage to port bow and one fatal casualty. CHAPEL HILL VICTORY was in collision with LST 389 immediately following her collision with LST 510. LST 389 was badly damaged on her port side and lost one man overboard. In both collisions CHAPEL HILL VICTORY received damage to stem and bow plating. All ships made port without assistance. LST 510 after being made seaworthy by USS MELVILLE at Portland, proceeded to Falmouth on 15 February 1945 for repairs. It was estimated repairs would be completed on 1 May 1945.

3. ☐ No damage nor casualties were caused by enemy action during the month.

4. LST 510 suffered following damage in collision with CHAPEL HILL VICTORY: ☐

- (a) Bow cut through from main deck to waterline from frame 1 to frame 8 on port side.
- (b) Ramp cut in half vertically with port half completely torn away.
- (c) Longitudinals on port side distorted aft to frame 13.

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and hawse pipe crushed.(e) Bulkheads buckled in A-304-A and A-306-E. Tankdeck  
torn and buckled forward of frame 9. A-401-V and  
A-402-V punctured and flooded.(f) Bow 40mm mount and gun tub distorted. Port bow 20mm  
and elevated 20mm mount crushed.5. During the month of February 1945, the Group transported  
4,346 troops, 2,185 vehicles and 1,037 passengers as shown in enclosure (A).  
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