

LCT Flotilla EIGHT
SEVENTH Amphibious Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

S-E-C-R-E-T

30 March 1945

MOVEMENT ORDER NO. 04-45

TASK ORGANIZATION

(a) ESCORT UNIT

As can be arranged

(b) LCT UNIT ONE

LCT's 941 - 949 - 952

Lt.(jg) J. D. YOUNG

(c) LCT UNIT TWO

LCT's 254 - 255

Lt.(jg) T. M. McCrary

(d) LCT UNIT THREE

LCT's 359 - 391 - 393

Lt.(jg) R. C. TOLLAFIELD

(e) LCT UNIT FOUR

LCT's 248 - 920

Lt.(jg) C. J. HUNT

1. Air and submarine attacks may be expected between Biak and Morotai.
2. LCT units will depart for new assignments relieving LCT units in unloading and back loading duties.
3. (a) ESCORT UNITS cannot be definitely assigned. Officer in Charge of LCT Units will contact Port Directors at Biak, Sansapor and Morotai for escorts.
(b) LCT UNIT ONE will depart at 1300, 30 March 1945, for Biak. On arrival request from Port Director first available escort for Sansapor and Morotai. On arrival at Sansapor, time permitting, take on load for Morotai. Before departing from Woendi, take aboard forty (40) drums of Diesel fuel to be used in case adverse weather slows down the convoy, exhausting the normal fuel supply.
(c) LCT UNIT TWO will depart with LCT Unit One and proceed to Sansapor under orders of Officer in Charge, LCT 952. On arrival at Sansapor, report to Acting Commander LCT Group 23 for local unloading and back loading duties.
(d) LCT UNIT THREE will depart with first available escort from Morotai to Woendi via Sansapor. Before departure take aboard thirty (30) drums of Diesel fuel for emergency use. In case of unusual delay in obtaining an escort from Morotai to Biak via Sansapor, take escort from Morotai to Biak direct. Upon arrival Woendi, report to Commander LCT Flotilla EIGHT for repairs and further assignment.
(e) LCT UNIT FOUR when properly relieved by LCT Unit Two, will prepare to depart from Sansapor for Biak by first available escort, after loading aboard personnel and equipment of the Port Director Unit at Sansapor. On arrival at Woendi, unload personnel and equipment of the Port Director Unit and report to Commander LCT Flotilla EIGHT for repairs and further assignment.
- (x) (1) Task Units dissolved upon completion of assigned movement.
(2) Officers-in-Charge are responsible for safe navigation of their own ships.
(3) Fire will not be opened while embarked without orders from the ship in which craft may be, nor when proceeding under own power, during hours of darkness unless actually attacked and enemy within range.
(4) Darken ship from sunset to sunrise except where local requirements dictate otherwise.
(5) LCT's will operate under Naval Control Only. Full cooperation with Army authorities, consistent with orders from Naval Authority and proper safeguards for craft, is enjoined.

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4. Fuel, water and provision before departure.

5. (a) For enemy contact use 1683 G or plain language in emergency. Be prepared to exchange recognition signals with war vessels and small craft of the Army Transportation Service.
- (b) Use ~~ZONE~~ ITEM Time except in headings of despatches.
- (c) LCT's guard 4010 Kcs. voice. Radio silence is mandatory except for enemy contact or important operational traffic.
- (d) Commander LCT Flotilla EIGHT in APC-4.

DISTRIBUTION

CTF 76 (4) - CTF 78, CTG 76.9,
CTG 76.6, ComLCTFlots, Escorts,
ComLCTGrp 22, 23, 24 - All LCT's.

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Commander LCT Flotilla EIGHT.