

USS LCI(L)#17
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From: Commanding Officer, USS LCI(L)#17
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet
Via : Commander Task Group 81.4
Commander Task Force 81
Commander Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters
Subject: Report of Amphibious Operations during Landings near Cape D'Anzio, Italy, Participated in by this ship.

1. With 173 troops and 8 officers aboard from the 540th and 387th Engineers and 504th Military Police Battalions, Senior Officer, Captain D. E. Casey, this ship weighed anchor and got underway at 0500 21 January from Castellamare Bay and formed up with LCI(L)s of Convoy NAM-1. Rendezvoused with LSTs and LCTs and proceeded via prescribed route to Assault Area.
2. Arrived in transport area at 0032, 22 January, where with other LCI(L)s of fourth wave to Green Beach, lay to until ordered by Wave Control Commander on Charlie Reference Vessel to proceed to beach.
3. At 0225 proceeded to beach in company with other 4th wave LCI(L)s. After passing Charlie Reference Vessel, formed line abeam on LCI(L) 9 and headed for Green Beach Reference vessel which was passed at 0250. When ship struck outer bar, about 450 feet offshore, ramps were lowered and headway of ship caused ramps to be catapulted into sea. Ship came to rest on beach about 200 feet from beach at 0254.
4. Man was sent ashore with line to test depth of water and it was found to be too deep for troops with heavy equipment to wade through. Rubber boats and a DUKW which was sent from the beach by the first Army officer ashore were used to disembark the troops. The last 20 troops were taken ashore by an LCVP which was hailed. The last man was disembarked at 0437, at which time the ship began to retract. The anchor was secured at 0440.
5. Proceeded via swept channel to rendezvous area, near William Reference Vessel arriving at 0623 and lay to until 0846 when return convoy to Pozzouli was formed. Joined convoy and proceeded via prescribed route to Pozzouli Gulf where arrived and anchored at 1857.
6. At 0840, 23 January weighed anchor and proceeded into Pozzouli harbor where moored at 0910. At 1340 proceeded to fueling pier in harbor to replace adulterated fuel and take on water. Left fueling pier at 1900 and proceeded to pozzouli Gulf where anchored at 1915.
7. At 0754, 24 January weighed anchor and proceeded to Pozzouli harbor where moored at 0810. Directed to proceed to Nisida to procure a ramp from LCI(L) 39. Got underway from Pozzouli at 1057, proceeded and moored in Nisida Harbor at 1124. Afternoon spent in taking ramp from LCI(L) 39 and in Maintenance and repair.
8. At 0830, 25 January got underway from Nisida, proceeded to Pozzouli Harbor where moored at 0855.

9. 26 - 27 January engaged in maintenance and upkeep.
10. 28 January directed to fuel to 12,000 gallons and water capacity and upon completion, to proceed to Naples Harbor to take cargo of ammunition and rations for transport to D'Anzio. Got underway at 1400, proceeded to Naples where moored at 1528.
11. From 1630, 28 January to 1600, 29 January loaded ninety-two (92) tons of ammunition and ten(10) tons of rations in troop compartments. At 1716, 29 January cleared dock and proceeded out of harbor. At 1740 fire on the exhaust pipe insulation of # 7 engine reported from the engine room. It was extinguished by CO 2 extinguisher at 1745. Off Pozzouli joined convoy of LCI(L)s coming from Pozzouli and proceeded to D'Anzio. At 1021, 30 January anchored off D'Anzio to await call for unloading as directed by Commander Task Group 81.3.
12. At 1028, 31 January weighed anchor, proceeded to jetty in D'Anzio Harbor where moored at 1036. Ammunition and rations were unloaded from 1047 to 1533. Cleared jetty and reported to Commander Task Groups 81.14 and 81.4 and was directed to anchor off Green Beach.
13. Remained at anchor till 1019, 2 February.
14. There were no casualties suffered by personnel of this ship.
15. No action encountered during period.
16. Damage to ship:
Lose of both starboard and port ramps.
Lose of starboard ramp roller.
Lose of starboard and port ramp cables.
Broken inboard port ramp cable pulley.

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