

U.S.S. LCI(L) 5

Reg. No.
U.S. No. 3 0400

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3 March, 1944

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet ✓
Via: Commander Task Group 81.3
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.
Reference: (a) Paragraph 5 of Operation Plan 147-43
(b) NavNav Confidential Ltr. 1CE-43
(c) NavNav Confidential Ltr. 2CL-43
(d) LCI(L)G1/A16-3, Serial 013-44 of 5 February 1944

1. This ship on 20 January, 1944 took aboard men from the following units of the Fifth Army: Company "C", 540th Engineers; Battalion Headquarters, 540 Engineers; 74th Signal Battalion; Company "A", 504th Military Police; 66th Ordnance Regiment; Regimental Headquarters, 540th Engineers, and 1st Naval Beach Battalion. Men and officers from the above named units aboard totalled one-hundred and seventy-four (174).

2. On 21 January, 1944 at 0500 this ship got underway from assigned anchorage and proceeded in compliance with operation Plan.

3. At 0025 on 22 January, 1944 this ship lay to in accordance with previous orders and awaited orders to proceed to Red Beach as a unit of the Fourth Assault Wave.

4. At 0225 this ship proceeded to Red Beach as a unit of the Fourth Assault Wave. At 0253 this ship beached and immediately began disembarking troops. Disembarkation was completed at 0320, and immediately retraction began. This ship was fortunate in that troops were put ashore in water less than three feet deep, and also that no direct assistance from any vessel or boat was required. Enemy resistance to the landing was practically nil.

5. U.S.S. LCI(L)5 returned to the Rendezvous Area and at 0835 on 22 January, 1944 began the return trip to the Naples Area. At 1920 on 22 January, 1944 the ship anchored in Pozzuoli Bay. At 0100 U.S.S. LCI(L) 5 received verbal orders from N.O.I.C., Naples to immediately proceed to Castellammare di Stabia, Italy to take aboard troops. At 0130, 23 January, 1944 the ship got underway for Castellammare, Italy, and at 0222 anchored off Castellammare. At 1550, 23

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January, 1944 in accordance with orders from N.O.I.C., Naples this ship proceeded to Pozzuoli, Italy. At 1800, the ship docked at Pozzuoli, Italy.

6. Between 23 January, 1944 and 2 February, 1944 two follow-up trips to Anzio, Italy were made.

7. In all this operation the U.S.S. LCI(L) 5 sustained no casualties to passengers or personnel. There were no damages to the ship.

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