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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Via: (1) The Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force.  
(2) The Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

Subject: Shore Bombardment in support of land forces to west of Rosario, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 14 and 15 January 1945, report of.

Reference: (a) ComAdmCom7thPhib rest. ltr. 2823 of 12 November 1944.  
(b) Com7thPhibFor conf. ltr. 0212 of 17 February 1944.  
(c) Com7thFlt Op-Order 17-44.  
(d) Com7thPhibFor Op-Order 103-44.  
(e) Fire Control Grid Chart, Operational Sheet "AQ" for Central Luzon Area (Advance Copy).  
(f) CTF 78 voice message 1416041 of January 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Reference (f).  
(B) Small chart to scale indicating ship's position and target area during course of the first bombardment.  
(C) Small chart to scale indicating ship's position and target area during course of the second bombardment.  
(D) Voice radio log (4340KCs) for period 1935-I, 14 January 1945 through 1400-I, 15 January 1945.  
(E) Voice radio message from CTF78.

1. On 14 January 1945 while operating on inner anti-submarine screen, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands, under tactical command of ComDesRon 54 in U.S.S. REMY this vessel received enclosure (A) and proceeded to fire support area "Easy" (see enclosure (B)) to relieve the U.S.S. McDERMUT on station. At 1704-I relieved the USS McDERMUT on station without establishing satisfactory communications with the shore fire control party. However, the USS McDERMUT remained in the general area, assisting to effect proper communications. At 1800-I established good voice contact with both CTF 78 and shore fire control party, enclosure (A) having been in error as to frequency, which frequency was corrected to 4340KC. Reported to shore fire control party for fire assignment, standing by awaiting orders.

2. At 1935-I received fire assignment from shore fire control party and commenced immediate preparations to conduct bombardment (see enclosure (D)). At 1954½-I commenced fire using indirect fire, CIC conning with prearranged spotting pattern as indicated in enclosure (B). Selected level fire from the stable element utilizing five gun salvos was employed and fifteen salvos were fired. CIC obtained S.G. radar navigational fix and checked and reset with plot on first, fourth, eighth and twelfth salvos. The target elevation as indicated on the grid chart was set in plot. No observation was possible by the shore fire control party or by this ship. Battery performance was excellent and 75 rounds were expended with no casualties. Ceased firing at 2016½-I and awaited further orders.

3. At 0130-I, 15 January 1945, the shore fire control party indicated that an early morning fire assignment for this ship plus another destroyer and

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three LCIs (rocket) would be made. At 0720-I target assignment for LCIs and their operating area was received and shortly thereafter target assignment for this vessel and the USS CLAXTON was received (see Enclosure (D)).

4. At 0802½-I the USS HOWORTH commenced firing on assigned target area in accordance with previous instructions from the shore fire control party. The ship laid to during the firing. The identical procedure as indicated in paragraph 2 above was followed with good results. No exact observations were possible by the shore fire control party or this vessel but the fire appeared to be accurate and effective. Spotting was in accordance with a prearranged plan as indicated in enclosure (C) and forty five-gun salvos were fired with no casualties. Battery performance was excellent. Ceased firing at 0830-I.

5. At 1328-I on January 1945 this vessel was relieved by the USS DASHIELL in accordance with orders from CTF 78 and ordered to report to CTF 77.7 (outer screen commander, Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands). Enclosure (E) was received from CTF 78 indicating that the operations just completed had been successful. No further comment is deemed warranted as doctrine was strictly followed and no special remarks indicated.

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