

... 16 LST's and 2 APB's was formed by Commander Amphibious Group 9 Dispatch 310724 of 21 August 1945. This convoy was formed under command of Commander V. ... King, USN, Commander LST Group 67 who had orders to deliver the ships at Batangus, Luzon, P.I., on 5 September. This vessel was included in that convoy, and got underway 3 September, and arrived at Batangus on schedule.

Remaining overnight at Batangus, Luzon, the convoy increased to 63 LST's and 2 APB's as Task Unit 35.2.2 with Commander Task Unit, Captain A.C. Seay, USN, in LC(FF) 425, who ordered the unit underway at 0700 of 6 September.

Proceeding at the base speed of nine knots, the convoy passed Lingayen Bay, Luzon, late that evening and was joined by 4 additional ships. While steaming north of Luzon, reports began arriving of typhoon developments. All ships were ordered to set typhoon conditions, batten down and secure all cargo and maintain maximum watertight integrity. On 11 September, an explosion, believed to be a floating mine ripped seams and flooded the tank deck of LST 936. She was forced to fall out of convoy and set course for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, escorted by a screening vessel which relieved her of 192 personnel to ensure a larger margin of safety.

Heights surrounding Sagami Bay, Honshu, Japan, were sighted at 1150 of 15 September. The convoy proceeded into Tokyo Bay where this vessel anchored at 2026.

The following morning Captain Bast attended a conference aboard the U.S.S. LC(FF) 425 and received tentative instructions for the YOLO. The ship was to be assigned to the Yokohama area under CTF 33 and our duties were to be quite similar to those performed during the Okinawa operation with but few exceptions. Issues were to be made to small craft more on an emergency basis, however. Officers and enlisted men from various naval units were to be berthed and messed aboard the ship until permanent facilities could be established on the beach. For this purpose the ship was moored to Berth One, Center Pier, Yokohama docks on 16 September. Almost immediately, the Shore Patrol unit moved aboard with 60 enlisted men and 16 officers. Shortly thereafter, 77 SeaBees, and 7 officers reported aboard to await transportation to a rear area. This group was transferred two days later. On 21 September the Post Director unit moved aboard and comprised a group of 138 enlisted men and 22 officers.

During the last half of the month, 27 small craft were issued over 31 tons of fresh and dry provisions.

The month of October was begun with routine ship's work, maintenance, repairs, and continuance of our duties as a barracks ship for naval contingents ashore in Yokohama and as a provision ship for small craft in the area.

In accordance with ComServDiv 102 dispatch of 13 October, 1945, the YOLO was designated as the official Yen exchange agency for the Yokohama area. Between that date and the first of January 1946, approximately two hundred thousand dollars were exchanged.

On 16 October, E.C. McGowan, Ens. (SC) USNR, reported aboard with his staff of six men for duty as Supply Officer to relieve Lt.(jg) E. Davis.

A total of 90 tons of fresh and dry provisions were issued to 119 ships during October. Issues of fresh provisions in small quantities were received from time to time throughout the month from departing transports.

In an effort to make the transient facilities more satisfactory during the forthcoming cold weather, hot water lines were installed in the topside showers, and the washrooms were enclosed.