

The following official commendation to Task Group 77.11 was issued January 9, 1945 for action under attack on December 28 to 30, 1944, in the Philippine Islands. Beach Jumper Units 6 and 7 were among the units assigned to this Task Group. SO/2c Wilmer Cochran provided this copy from his service record while assigned to Beach Jumper Unit 6.

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COMMANDER TASK GROUP 77.11
and COMMANDER LCI(L) FLOTILLA 24
U.S.S. LCI(L) 624, Flagship

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9 January 1945

From: The Commander TASK GROUP 77.11.
To : TASK GROUP 77.11.

Subject: Commendation of Personnel.

1. During the Task Group movement from LEYTE GULF, P.I. to MANGARIN BAY, MINDORO, P.I., as a part of U plus 15 Echelon to MINDORO, and while under continuous attack by enemy aircraft from 28 to 30 December 1944, the officers and men of this Task Group, the majority of them in action for the first time, displayed a resourcefulness, coolness and courage in keeping with the finest traditions of the Naval service. The accurate and intensive fire of their guns accounted for not less than ten enemy planes shot down, and the damage of others, and assisted greatly in minimizing losses from enemy action. Their prompt and effective response to emergencies resulted in the rescue of over four hundred survivors of stricken ships and the saving from loss by fire of the Task Group's tender and command ship. All are entitled to a merited "Well Done."

2. It is a pleasure and privilege to have officers and men of such caliber serving under my command.

3. Commanding officers of MTB's, LCI(L)'s and B.J Units of this Task Group are hereby directed to make certified copies of this letter for forwarding with next fitness report of officers and for enclosure in service record jackets of men concerned.

A. VERNON JANNOTTA,
Commander, U.S.N.R.

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