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SHIP CHARACTERISTICS


Commissioned: 23 March 1944.

HULL

Length Overall: 328 feet 0 inches.
Length on Waterline: 316 feet 0 inches.
Beam (extreme): 60 feet 0 inches.
Drafts at time of test: Fwd. 6 feet 9 inches.
                     Aft. 12 feet 9 inches.
Limiting displacement: 4,080 tons.
Displacement at time of test: 3,502 tons.

MAIN PROPULSION PLANT

Main Engines: Two General Motors Diesels, type: 12 - 567 A. One per main shaft.
Propellers: Two are installed in ship.
Main Shafts: Two are installed in ship.
Ships Service Generators: Three - 100 KW. 230 volts, D.C. units are installed.
OVERALL SUMMARY

I. Target Condition After Test.
   (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.
       There was no flooding, hence no change in drafts or list.
   (b) Structural damage.
       HULL
       None.
       MACHINERY
       No comment.
       ELECTRICAL
       There was no structural damage in way of electrical equipment.
   (c) Other damage.
       HULL
       Not observed.
       MACHINERY
       No comment.
       ELECTRICAL
       No damage occurred to electrical equipment due to Test B.
II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.

(a) Heat.

HULL
None.

MACHINERY
No evidence.

ELECTRICAL
There was no evidence of heat in way of electrical equipment.

(b) Fires and Explosions.

HULL
None.

MACHINERY
No evidence.

ELECTRICAL
There were no fires or explosions in way of electrical equipment.

(c) Shock.

HULL
None.

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No evidence.

ELECTRICAL

There was no evidence of shock in way of electrical equipment.

(d) Pressure.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

No evidence.

ELECTRICAL

There was no evidence of pressure in way of electrical equipment.

(e) Effects peculiar to the Atomic Bomb.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None.

ELECTRICAL

There were no effects peculiar to the Atom Bomb noted in way of electrical equipment.

III. Results of Test on Target.
(a) Effect on machinery, electrical, and ship control.

HULL
Not observed.

MACHINERY
Machinery was not affected by Test B, as far as can be determined by visual inspection. It was not practicable to operate any machinery on this vessel after Test B.

ELECTRICAL
No damage was apparent to electrical machinery or ship control.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

HULL
Not observed.

MACHINERY
No comment.

ELECTRICAL
No damage was apparent.

(c) Effect on watertight integrity and stability.

HULL
None.

MACHINERY
No comment.
ELECTRICAL

No electrical damage affected watertight integrity or stability.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

HULL

None.

MACHINERY

None, except for possible effects of radioactivity.

ELECTRICAL

No electrical damage affected personnel or habitability.

(e) Effect on fighting efficiency.

HULL

The sole effect on this ship is that resulting from radiological contamination.

MACHINERY

None, except for possible effects of radioactivity. As the ship was fully operable, it is believed that she could have evacuated the contaminated area without being seriously affected.

ELECTRICAL

No electrical damage affected the fighting efficiency of the vessel.

IV. Summary of Observers' Impressions and Conclusions.
HULL
No comment.

MACHINERY
LST 545 was outside the effective range of the explosion during Test B.

ELECTRICAL
No damage due to Test B was evident on any electrical equipment on this vessel. It appears that present electrical equipment has sufficient shock resistance to withstand conditions existing at the distance of this vessel from the blast.

V. Preliminary Recommendations.

HULL
None.

MACHINERY
None.

ELECTRICAL
None.
GENERAL SUMMARY OF HULL DAMAGE

I. Target Condition After Test.
   (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.
       There was no flooding, hence no change in drafts or list.
   (b) Structural Damage.
       None.
   (c) Other damage.
       Not observed.

II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.
   (a) Heat.
       None.
   (b) Fires and Explosions.
       None.
   (c) Shock.
       None.
   (d) Pressure.
       None.
(e) Effects peculiar to the Atom Bomb.

None.

III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on machinery, electrical, and ship control.

Not observed.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

Not observed.

(c) Effect on watertight integrity and stability.

None.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

None.

(e) Effect on fighting efficiency.

The sole effect on this ship is that resulting from radiological contamination.

IV. General Summary of Observers' Impressions and Conclusions.

No comment.

V. Preliminary General or Specific Recommendations of Inspection Group.

None.

VI. Instructions for loading the vessel specified the following:

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Details of the actual quantities of the various items aboard are included in Report 7, Stability Inspection Report, submitted by the ship’s force in accordance with “Instructions to Target Vessels for Tests and Observations by Ship’s Force” issued by the Director of Ships Material. This report is available for inspection in the Bureau of Ships Crossroads Files.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HULL DAMAGE

A. General Description of Hull Damage.
   No damage was observed.

B. Superstructure.
   No damage was observed.

C. Turrets, Guns, and Directors.
   No damage.

D. Torpedo Mounts, Depth Charge Gear.
   Not applicable.

E. Weather Deck.
   No damage.

F. Exterior Hull.
   No damage.

G. Interior Compartments (above w.l.).
   No damage.

H. Armor Decks and Miscellaneous Armor.
   Not applicable.

I. Interior Compartments (below w.l.).
   No damage.

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J. Underwater Hull.
   No damage.

K. Tanks.
   No damage.

L. Flooding.
   No damage.

M. Ventilation.
   No damage.

N. Ship Control.
   No damage.

O. Fire Control.
   No damage.

P. Ammunition Behavior.
   No damage.

Q. Ammunition Handling.
   No damage.

R. Strength.
   No damage.

S. Miscellaneous.
   No comment.
J. Underwater Hull.
   No damage.

K. Tanks.
   No damage.

L. Flooding.
   No damage.

M. Ventilation.
   No damage.

N. Ship Control.
   No damage.

O. Fire Control.
   No damage.

P. Ammunition Behavior.
   No damage.

Q. Ammunition Handling.
   No damage.

R. Strength.
   No damage.

S. Miscellaneous.
   No comment.
SECTION II - MACHINERY

GENERAL SUMMARY OF MACHINERY DAMAGE

I. Target Condition After Test.
   (a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.
       No data taken by machinery group.
   (b) Structural damage.
       No comment.
   (c) Other damage.
       No comment.

II. Forces Evidenced and Effects Noted.
   (a) Heat.
       No evidence.
   (b) Fires and explosions.
       No evidence.
   (c) Shock.
       No evidence.
   (d) Pressure.
       No evidence.
   (e) Effects apparently peculiar to the atom bomb.
       None.
III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on machinery and ship control.

Machinery was not affected by Test B, as far as can be determined by visual inspection. It was not practicable to operate any machinery on this vessel after Test B.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

No comment.

(c) Effect on water-tight integrity and stability.

No comment.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

None, except for possible effects of radioactivity.

(e) Total effect on fighting efficiency.

None, except for possible effects of radioactivity. As the ship was fully operable, it is believed that she could have evacuated the contaminated area without being seriously affected.

IV. General Summary.

LST 545 was outside the effective range of the explosion during Test B.

V. Preliminary Recommendation.

None.
A. General Description of Machinery Damage.

(a) Overall condition.

The overall condition of the machinery was not changed by Test B, as far as can be determined by visual inspection. There was a few inches of water in the bilges of the main and auxiliary engine rooms after Test A. This is considered to be normal leakage during the extended absence of the crew.

(b) Areas of major damage.

None.

(c) Primary cause of damage in each area of major damage.

There was no apparent primary damage.

(d) Effect of target test on overall operation of machinery plant.

Test B had no apparent effect upon the overall operation of the machinery plant.

NOTE: No machinery on this vessel was operated after Test B.

B. Boilers.

Apparently undamaged. Visual inspection showed no evidence of any damage to the one heating boiler. All piping, valves, gages, etc., are intact.

C. Blowers.

No apparent damage.
D. Fuel Oil Equipment.
   No apparent damage.

E. Boiler Feedwater Equipment.
   No apparent damage.

F. Main Propulsion Machinery.
   No apparent damage.

G. Reduction Gears.
   No apparent damage.

H. Shafting and Bearings.
   No apparent damage.

I. Lubrication System.
   No apparent damage.

J. Condensers and Air Ejectors.
   Not Applicable.

K. Pumps.
   No apparent damage.

L. Auxiliary Generators (Turbines and Gears).
   Not Applicable.

M. Propellers.
   Not inspected. The propellers were not visible from the surface of the water. There is no reason to believe that they were damaged.
N. Distilling Plant.
   No apparent damage.

O. Refrigeration Plant.
   No apparent damage.

P. Winches, Windlasses, and Capstans.
   No apparent damage.

Q. Steering Engine.
   No apparent damage.

R. Elevators, Ammunition Hoists, Etc.
   No apparent damage.

S. Ventilation (Machinery).
   No apparent damage.

T. Compressed Air Plant.
   No apparent damage.

U. Diesels (Generators and Boats).
   No apparent damage.

V. Piping Systems.
   No apparent damage.

W. Miscellaneous.
   No apparent damage.
GENERAL SUMMARY OF ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

I. Target Condition After Test.

(a) Drafts after test; list; general areas of flooding, sources.
   1. Drafts and list were the same as before test B.
   2. There was no flooding.

(b) Structural damage.
    There was no structural damage in way of electrical equipment.

(c) Other damage.
    No damage occurred to electrical equipment due to test B.

II. Forces Evident and Effects Noted.

(a) Heat.
    There was no evidence of heat in way of electrical equipment.

(b) Fires and explosions.
    There were no fires or explosions in way of electrical equipment.

(c) Shock.
    There was no evidence of shock in way of electrical equipment.
(d) Pressure.

There was no evidence of pressure in way of electrical equipment.

(e) Effects peculiar to the Atom Bomb.

There were no effects peculiar to the Atom Bomb noted in way of electrical equipment.

III. Effects of Damage.

(a) Effect on electrical machinery and ship control.

No damage was apparent to electrical machinery or ship control.

(b) Effect on gunnery and fire control.

No damage was apparent.

(c) Effect on watertight integrity and stability.

No electrical damage affected watertight integrity or stability.

(d) Effect on personnel and habitability.

No electrical damage affected personnel or habitability.

(e) Total effect on fighting efficiency.

No electrical damage affected the fighting efficiency of the vessel.

IV. General Summary of Observers Impressions and Conclusions.

No damage due to test B was evident on any electrical equipment on this vessel. It appears that present electrical equip-
ment has sufficient shock resistance to withstand conditions existing at the distance of this vessel from the blast.

V. Recommendations.

None.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRICAL DAMAGE

A. General Description of Electrical Damage.

(a) Overall condition.

The overall condition of the electric plant is the same as before the test.

(b) Areas of major damage.

None.

(c) Primary causes of damage in each area of major damage.

None.

(d) Effect of target test on overall operation of electric plant.

1. Ship's service generators: No effect.

2. Engine and boiler auxiliaries: No effect.

3. Electric propulsion: Not applicable.

4. Communications: No effect.

5. Fire control circuits: No effect.

6. Ventilation: No effect.

7. Lighting: No effect.

(e) Types of equipment most affected.

None.

B. Electric Propulsion Rotating Equipment.

Not applicable.
C. Electric Propulsion Control Equipment.
   Not applicable.

D. Ship's Service Generators.
   No damage.

E. Emergency Generators.
   Not applicable.

F. Switchboards, Distribution and Transfer Panels.
   No damage.

G. Wiring, Wiring Equipment and Wireways.
   No damage.

H. Transformers.
   No damage.

I. Submarine Propelling Batteries.
   Not applicable.

J. Portable Batteries.
   No damage.

K. Motors, Motor Generator Sets and Motor Controllers.
   No damage.

L. Lighting Equipment.
   No damage.
M. Searchlights.
   
   No damage.

N. Degaussing Equipment.
   
   No damage.

O. Gyro Compass Equipment.
   
   No damage.

P. Sound Powered Telephones.
   
   No damage.

Q. Ship's Service Telephones.
   
   Not applicable.

R. Announcing Systems.
   
   No damage.

S. Telegraphs.
   
   No damage.

T. Indicating Systems.
   
   No damage.

   
   Not applicable.

V. F. C. Switchboards.
   
   Not applicable.
SECTION IV

PHOTOGRAPHS

TEST BAKER

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AB-CR-227-289-129. View from off starboard bow after Test B.
AB-CR-227-289-125. View from off port quarter after Test B.
Upon inspection of the USS LST 545, no damage was found.

All rigging, main and auxiliary machinery, electrical equipment, and shell plating was found to be intact with no apparent damage from the test.
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