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**U. S. S. KENMORE (AK-221)**

Reg. No. 152

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WAR DIARY

September

This ship attached to Commander Squadron EIGHT, Pacific Fleet.

1 September 1944

Moored starboard side to pier Baker-7, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Undergoing routine yard repairs.

2 September to 17 September 1944

Moored as before. Undergoing yard repairs.

17 September 1944

1114 Shifted berths to Dry Dock #2, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H. to scrap and painting ship's bottom.

20 September 1944

1132 With scrapping and painting of ship's bottom completed shifted berths to Able 12, Pearl harbor, T. H. 1612 In accordance with orders of Port Director of 14th Naval District, Underway enroute Honolulu, T. H. 1634 Passed clear of entrance of Pearl Harbor, set course -154° T. 1642 Changed course to 096° T. standard speed 10 knots. 1702 Commenced maneuvering to enter Honolulu Harbor, T. H. 1738 Passed through entrance to Honolulu, T. H. 1810 Moored port side to pier 31-A, Honolulu, T. H. 1919 Commenced loading cargo.

21 September to 23 September 1944

Moored as before. Port routine. Continued loading cargo.

23 September 1944

0145 Completed loading cargo in all holds.

24 September 1944

0728 Shifted berths to port side of Pier 8 Honolulu, T. H. 1215 Commenced embarking troop personnel. 1455 Completed embarking of troop personnel.

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25 September 1944

1256 In accordance with orders of Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier #PD 106-T dated September 24, 1944 got underway. 1312 Passed out of entrance channel to Honolulu, T. H. Commenced maneuvering to form convoy. 1806 Convoy formed and in position. Convoy disposition five columns, Interval between ship's 1000 yards, distance between ships 700 yards. This ship in position 41 acting as Commander Convoy and Convoy Guide. Convoy consisting of S.S. James Buchanan, S. S. Aury Lowell, U.S.S. Situla, S. S. Simon Bomberger, S. S. Auson Burlingame, S. S. Gulfport, S. S. Irving S. Scott, S. S. George Vancouver, S. S. Felix Hathaway, S. S. William S. Clark, S. S. Samuel Brannon, S. S. Henry V. Alvarado, with escorts U. S. S. Griswold, U.S.S. Carlson, and U.S.S. Cummings acting as Commander Escort and as CTU-168.7. Set course 270° T, standard speed 10 knots. 2246 Changed base course to 246° T.

2000 Position: 20° 55' N 158° 27' W

26 September 1944

0100 Retarded all clocks one half hour to conform with zone plus ten time. 0412 Changed base course to 261° T. 0648 reduced standard speed to nine knots. 1321 Altered base course to 260° T.

0800 Position: 20° 28' N 160° 56' W  
1200 Position: 20° 22.5' N 160° 36' W  
2000 Position: 20° 13' N 162° 58' W

27 September 1944

0100 Retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone plus eleven time. 0723 Changed base course to 258° T. Increased convoy speed to 9.5 knots. 1229 Changed base course to 260° T. 1805 Exercised convoy at emergency turns.

0800 Position: 19° 49' N 165° 07' W  
1200 Position: 19° 35' N 165° 50' W  
2000 Position: 19° 17' N 167° 11' W

28 September 1944

0555 Exercised convoy at emergency turns. 0847 U. S.S. Griswold reported submarine contact bearing 075° T distance 1500 yards. 0855 U.S.S. Griswold reported contact negative. 1300 Changed base course to 257° T. 1830 Exercised convoy at emergency turns.

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0800 Position: 19° 06' N 169° 15' W  
1200 Position: 18° 56' N 169° 57' W  
2000 Position: 18° 38' N 171° 19' W

29 September 1944

0100 Retarded all clocks one half hour to conform with zone plus eleven and one half time. 0524 Exercised convoy at emergency turns. 1208 Increased convoy speed to 10 knots. 1520 Reduced convoy speed to 9 knots. 1730 Increased convoy speed to 9.5 knots. 1830 Exercised convoy at emergency turns.

0800 Position: 18° 14' N 173° 23' W  
1200 Position: 18° 02' N 174° 05' W  
2000 Position: 17° 45' N 175° 32' W

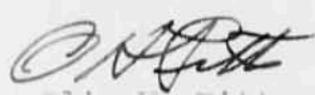
30 September 1944

0530 Exercised convoy at emergency turns. 0612 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots. 0650 S.S. Gulfport fell astern of convoy to make repairs to steering gear, U.S.S. Griswold left station to screen S. S. Gulfport. 1843 Exercised convoy at emergency turns. 2200 Crossed International Date Line, advanced all clocks 24 hours to October 1, 1944. 1944 Changed base course to 254° T.

0800 Position: 17° 17' N 177° 34' W  
1200 Position: 17° 10' N 178° 18' W  
2000 Position: 16° 50' N 179° 42' W.

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:



Olin H. Pitts.  
Lieut., Comar., D-M, USNR  
Commanding

H. A. RANKIN.  
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.  
Navigator.



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## WAR DIARY

October

This ship assigned to Commander, Service Squadron EIGHT,  
Pacific Fleet.

2 October 1944

Note. This ship crossed International Date Line at 2200, September 30, 1944 and advanced clocks 24 hours.

In accordance with orders of Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier #PD106-T dated September 24, 1944, cruising in convoy enroute Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. Convoy disposition five columns, interval between ships 1000 yards, distance between ships 700 yards. This ship in position 41 acting as convoy commander and convoy guide. Convoy consisting of S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN, S.S. AMY LOWELL, U.S.S. SITULA, S. S. SIMON BAMBERGER, S.S. AUSON BURLINGAME, S.S. GULFPORT, S. S. IRVING S. SCOTT, S.S. GEORGE VANCOVER, S.S. FELIX HATHAWAY, S. S. WILLIAM S. CLARK, S. S. SAMUEL BRANNON, S. S. HENRY V. ALVARADO, with escorts U.S.S. GRISWOLD, U.S.S. CARLSON, and U.S.S. CUMMINGS acting as Commander Escort and as CTU-168.7. Standard speed 8 knots, base course 254° T. 0000 S. S. Samuel BRANNON dropped astern of convoy formation with engine trouble, capable of making 7.5 knots speed. 0045 By order of Commander Escort, U.S.S. GRISWOLD dropped astern to screen S. S. SAMUEL BRANNON. 0100 Retarded all clocks one hour to conform with zone minus twelve. 0212 Reduced convoy standard speed to 7 knots so S. S. SAMUEL BRANNON could keep station astern of convoy formation. 0513 S. S. SAMUEL BRANNON completed engine repairs, returning to assigned position at maximum speed. 0751 S. S. SAMUEL BRANNON in convoy position, U.S.S. GRISWOLD resumed screening position. 0812 U.S.S. SITULA, Vice Commodore temporarily relieved this ship as convoy commander and convoy guide. 0814 This ship commenced maneuvering to take position 44 for refueling U.S.S. CUMMINGS. 0840 This ship in position 44, U.S.S. CUMMINGS left screening position and fell astern to refuel. 0945 U.S.S. CUMMINGS along side to refuel. 0959 Commenced discharging fuel to U.S.S. CUMMINGS. 1108 Completed discharging fuel to U.S.S. CUMMINGS, having discharged 33,000 gallons. 1115 With all lines and fuel lines aboard, U.S.S. CUMMINGS commenced maneuvering to resume screening position, and this ship commenced maneuvering to resume position 41. 1215 U.S.S. CUMMINGS resumed screening position. 1330 This ship in position 41. Relieved U.S.S. SITULA as convoy commander and convoy guide.

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1830 Exercised convoy at emergency turns.

0800 Position: 16° 23' N 178° 16' E  
 1200 Position: 16° 08' N 177° 37' E  
 2000 Position: 15° 45' N 176° 15' E

3 October 1944

0545 Exercised convoy at emergency turns. 0918 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots. 1014 U.S.S. CUMMINGS reported submarine contact bearing 002° T distance 1200 yards. All hands to general quarters. Executed emergency turn 45° to port course 211° T. 1022 Executed emergency turn of 45° to port to course 149° T. 1035 Executed emergency turn of 45° to port to course 121° T. U.S.S. CUMMINGS reported contact negative. Secured from general quarters. Commenced making turns to resume base course. 1104 Resumed base course 256° T. standard speed 10 knots. 1756 Changed convoy course to 250° T. 2109 Exercised convoy at emergency turns. 2221 Changed convoy course to 256° T.

0800 Position: 15° 10' N 173° 53' E  
 1200 Position: 15° 03' N 173° 23' E  
 2000 Position: 14° 35' N 172° 08' E

4 October 1944

0100 Retarded all clocks one half hour to conform with zone minus eleven and one half. 0823 Changed convoy course to 252° T. 0830 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots. 0937 Sighted convoy hulled down on horizon bearing 130° T, distance 12 miles, identified as friendly. 1310 Increased convoy speed to 9.5 knots. 1315 Altered convoy course to 251° T.

0800 Position: 14° 08' N 169° 55' E  
 1200 Position: 13° 52' N 169° 03' E  
 2000 Position: 13° 25' N 167° 42' E

5 October 1944

0800 Changed convoy speed to 238° T. 1217 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots. 1244 Changed convoy course to 246° T. 1845 This ship's radar made contact on target consisting of seven ships bearing 168° T distance 42,000 yards. Target unidentified. 1900 Increased convoy speed to 9.5 knots.

0800 Position: 12° 52' N 165° 36' E  
 1200 Position: 12° 29' N 165° 02' E  
 2000 Position:

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6 October 1944

0100 Retarded clocks one half hour to conform with zone minus eleven. 0335 Radar contact bearing 220° T distance 17 miles, possible land. 0405 Sighted Eniwetok Atoll bearing 275° T distance 12 miles. Commenced maneuvering convoy to lay off Eniwetok entrance until daybreak. 0702 All ships to enter Eniwetok independently. 0743 Passed abeam entrance buoy. 0846 Anchored in berth Oboe 5, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

7 October 1944

0100 Advanced all clocks to conform with zone minus twelve and Eniwetok time.

8 October to 27 October 1944

Anchored as before. Port routine.

27 October 1944

0827 In accordance with orders of port director moored port side to U.S.S. GEMSBAK in berth how-2 to refuel. 1210 Completed refueling. Received 125,885 gallons fuel oil. 1341 Shifted berths to berth Oboe 5, Eniwetok Atoll.

28 October 1944

Anchored as before. Port routine.

29 October 1944

1108 In accordance with orders of shipping control office, forward Area, Central Pacific routing instructions dated 28 October 1944, got underway enroute Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. 1211 Passed out of entrance to Eniwetok Atoll, maneuvering to join convoy formation. 1300 Set course 218° T, standard speed 9 knots. 1350 Changed course to 287° T. 1400 Several of troop class passengers were cleaning their firearms when one 45 caliber pistol accidentally discharged. The bullet striking PFC Ralph E. EOFF, ASN #19177545 Fourth Air Base Operation section, in the left thigh fracturing the femur, the injured man was taken to sick bay and the bullet removed. Request was made by radio to Eniwetok Atoll for a plane to evacuate patient to Base Hospital. 1432 Reduced standard speed to 7 knots. 1700 Convoy in formation. Convoy disposition three columns. Intervals between ship's 1000 yards, distance 700 yards. Convoy consisting of S. S. FRANCIS WARDWELL (Commander Marshall Anderson, U.S.N.(Ret), acting as convoy commander and convoy guide (21), U.S.S. KENMORE(31), S.S. Michael Casey (41), S. S. John Deere (22), S. S. Thaedeus Lowell(32), with escorts U.S.S. PC600 (Escort Commander), U.S.S. SC 645 and U.S.S. PC 572. Convoy course 287° T, standard speed 10.5 knots. 1800 Changed convoy course to 268° T.

2000 Position: 11° 25' N 162° 21' E

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30 October 1944

0100 Retarded all clocks one half hour to conform with minus eleven and one half zone. 0740 Sighted friendly convoy bearing  $320^{\circ}$  T distance 13 miles. 1225 PBV (B73) from Eniwetok Atoll arrived to transport patient from this ship. 1231 Reduced speed to half ahead and commenced maneuvering to take position astern of convoy. 1238 Stop, making further changes in course and speed to facilitate lowering of boat for transfer of patient to PBV (B73). 1326 Steaming on course  $240^{\circ}$  T to facilitate landing of PBV, full speed ahead. 1334 Executed  $90^{\circ}$  turn to starboard to course  $330^{\circ}$  T forming a slick for PBV to land. 1337 PBV landed successfully off our port quarter in a rough sea. Changed course to  $010^{\circ}$  T. 1347 Lowered boat into water with patient aboard. Boat shoved off for PBV. 1402 Patient transferred from boat to rubber life raft tended by PBV. 1407 Patient aboard PBV. 1413 Take off of plane was attempted at about 45 air knots. A swell caught the port wing float tearing it off and throwing the plane into a violent right skid from which recovery was impossible. Plane hit on right float tearing it off and part of wing. Bow caved in badly and plane began sinking immediately. Crew of plane abandoning ship. Boat standing by to pick up survivors. 1418 All hands of PBV (B73) and patient aboard boat returning to ship. 1445 Hoisted boat and survivors of PBV (B73) aboard. Number and extent of injuries as yet undetermined. 1508 Full speed ahead, maneuvering to assume station in convoy. 1535 Medical Officer reports no injuries to crew of PBV (B73) or to patient. 1616 Assumed convoy station course.  $287^{\circ}$  T, standard speed 10.5 knots. 1825 Convoy exercised at emergency turns. 1903 Adjusted convoy course to  $270^{\circ}$  T.

0800 Position:  $11^{\circ} 14' N 159^{\circ} 01' E$   
1200 Position:  $11^{\circ} 14' N 158^{\circ} 17' E$   
2000 Position:  $11^{\circ} 16' N 157^{\circ} 15' E$

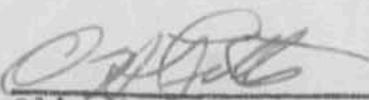
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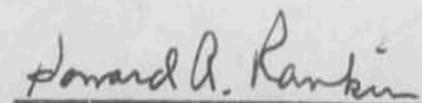
0100 Retarded all clocks to conform with minus eleven zone. 0732 Adjusted convoy course to  $268^{\circ}$  T. 1425 Commenced maneuvering to fall astern of convoy for firing exercises. 1443 Commenced firing all port batteries. 1535 Completed firing practice. Ammunition expended, 625 rounds 20 MM, 21 rounds 3"/50 cal. Commenced maneuvering to assume station in convoy. 1600 Convoy commenced zig zagging in accordance to plan #11, zig zag diagram of 1940, Mersigs. 1700 Assumed proper station in convoy.

0800 Position  $11^{\circ} 16' N 154^{\circ} 59' E$   
1200 Position  $11^{\circ} 16' N 154^{\circ} 19' E$   
2000 Position  $11^{\circ} 11' N 152^{\circ} 56' E$

APPROVED:

EXAMINED:

  
Olin H. PITTS,  
Lieut. Cdr. D-M, USNR.  
COMMANDING.

  
Howard A. RANKIN,  
Lt. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.  
NAVIGATOR.

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November 1944

This ship assigned to Commander Service Squadron EIGHT, Pacific Fleet.

1 November 1944

In accordance with orders of Shipping Control Office, Forward Area, Central Pacific, routing instructors dated 28 October 1944, steaming in convoy enroute from Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands to Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. Convoy disposition three columns. Interval between ships 1000 yards, distance 700 yards. Convoy consisting of S. S. FRANCIS WARDELL(21), (acting as convoy guide, with Commander Marshall Anderson U.S.N. (Ret) aboard acting as Convoy Commander), U.S.S. KENMORE(31), S.S. MICHAEL CASEY(41), S. S. JOHN DEERE (22), S. S. THADEDUS LOWELL (32), with escorts U.S.S. PC 600 (Escort Commander), U.S.S. SC. 645 and U.S.S. PC 572. Convoy course 270° T, standard speed 10.5 knots, zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 zig zag diagrams of 1940, Mersigs. 0100 Retarded clocks one half hour to conform with zone minus ten and one half. 0820 Ceased zig zagging and resumed new base course 268°T. 1600 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with zig zag plan #11 of zig zag diagrams of 1940, Mersigs. 1917 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 2343 Sighted unidentified surface craft distance 8 miles bearing 280° T. 2350 Executed emergency turn of 45° to port to course 223° T. 2356 Executed emergency turn of 45° to port to course 178° T.

0800 Position: 11° 06' N 150° 46' E  
 1200 Position: 11° 04.5' N 150° 02' E  
 2000 Position: 11° 02' N 148° 35.5 E

2 November 1944

0006 Vessel identified as friendly, resumed base course. 0100 Retarded clocks one half hour to conform with zone minus ten. 0500 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of zig zag diagrams of 1940, Mersigs. 0716 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0720 Changed course to 290° T. 1245 Commenced maneuvering to fall astern of convoy to refuel U.S.S. SC 645. 1320 In fueling position astern of 33, commenced refueling U.S.S. SC 645.

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2 November 1944 - continued

1428 Completed refueling U.S.S. SC 645, commenced maneuvering to resume station in convoy. 1528 Resumed proper station 21, in convoy. 1600 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of zig zag diagrams of 1940, Mersigs.

0800 Position: 11<sup>0</sup> 00' N 145<sup>0</sup> 59' E  
1200 Position: 11<sup>0</sup> 03' N 145<sup>0</sup> 16.5' E  
2000 Position: 11<sup>0</sup> 08' N 143<sup>0</sup> 48' E

3 November 1944

0720 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots. 0738 Radar contact bearing 073<sup>0</sup> T distance 30,000 yards. 0740 Sighted target bearing 073<sup>0</sup> T distance 28,000 yards, identified a friendly. 1425 Sighted convoy hull down on horizon bearing 200<sup>0</sup> T distance eleven miles. 1525 U.S.S. PC 572 identified convoy as friendly. 2000 Increased convoy speed to 10 knots. 2130 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 2145 Changed base course to 257<sup>0</sup> T. 2200 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of zig zag diagrams of 1940, Mersigs.

0800 Position: 11<sup>0</sup> 08' N 141<sup>0</sup> 45' E  
1200 Position: 11<sup>0</sup> 05' N 141<sup>0</sup> 12.5' E  
2000 Position: 11<sup>0</sup> 06' N 140<sup>0</sup> 12.5' E

4 November 1944

0100 Retarded all clocks one half hours to conform with zone minus nine and one half. 1147 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1212 Changed base course to 219<sup>0</sup> T. 1300 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 zig zag diagrams of 1940, Mersigs.

0800 Position: 10<sup>0</sup> 43' N 138<sup>0</sup> 09' E  
1200 Position: 10<sup>0</sup> 29' N 137<sup>0</sup> 19' E  
2000 Position: 09<sup>0</sup> 25' N 136<sup>0</sup> 23.5' E

5 November 1944

0020 Adjusted base course to 218<sup>0</sup> T. 0100 Retarded clocks one half hour to conform with zone minus nine. 0623 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0630 Changed course to 190<sup>0</sup> T. 0640 S.S. THADDEUS LOWELL was detached from convoy with escort U.S.S. PC 572. 0650 Sighted Babelthau, Palau Islands bearing 240<sup>0</sup> T. distance 40 miles. 0653 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots. 0720 Sighted ships at anchor in Kossol Roads bearing 270<sup>0</sup> T distance 13 miles. 0800 Changed course to 284<sup>0</sup> T, increased convoy speed to 8.5 knots. 0924 Changed convoy course to 260<sup>0</sup> T. 0945 Commenced forming convoy in one column. This ship in position (23). 1038 Convoy Commander ordered all ships to act independently and to proceed to anchorage

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5 November 1944 - continued

in Kossol Roads. 1107 Entered entrance channel to Kossol Roads. 1201 Anchored in berth 64 Kossol Roads, Palau Islands.

0800 Position:  $07^{\circ} 47'.5$  N  $138^{\circ} 08'$  E

6 November 1944.

Port routine. 2345 With sky overcast with frequent squalls and wind of 25 knots with gusts of 35 to 40 knots let go port anchor.

7 November 1944

Anchored as before. Throughout 20-24 watch, gales blowing with heavy rain squalls. Average wind velocity 50-55 knots with gusts of 65 knots. Maneuvered with engines to relieve strain on anchor.

8 November 1944 to 10 November 1944

Anchored as before. Port routine.

10 November 1944

Anchored as before. 1643 In accordance with Port Director, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands, dated 10 November 1944 got underway. 1735 Passed clear of entrance channel, maneuvering to form convoy. 1840 Convoy in formation of equilateral triangle enroute Peleliu Island. Interval between ships 1000 yards, distance 700 yards. Convoy consisting of U.S.S. KENMORE in position 11, (acting as convoy guide), S.S. UNITED VICTORY (12), U.S.S. KERN, (midway between stations 21 and 22), with ocean escorts U.S.S. DEEDE (Commander Escort Division 16 and officer in Tactical Command of Convoy) and U.S.S. STADFIELD base course  $110^{\circ}$  T, standard speed 8 knots. 2030 Changed base course to  $180^{\circ}$  T. 2330 Changed base course to  $215^{\circ}$  T.

2000 Position:  $07^{\circ} 43.5'$  N  $135^{\circ} 01'$  E

11 November 1944

0400 Changed course to  $305^{\circ}$  T. 0430 Sighted Peleliu Island bearing  $315^{\circ}$  T, distance 14 miles. 0545 Approaching Peleliu Island. Ships of convoy with orders to act independently. Commenced maneuvering lying off Purple Beach awaiting orders. 1500 Commenced disembarking officer and enlisted personnel of Navy 3254. 1757 Completed disembarking personnel of Navy 3254. 1810 In accordance with Port Director Peleliu Island set base course  $210^{\circ}$  T proceeding at one third speed to western coast of Anguar Island. 2000 Commenced maneuvering lying off western coast of Anguar Island.

12 November 1944

Continued maneuvering lying off Western coast of Anguar Island.

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12 November 1944 - continued.

0415 Sighted small craft, range 500 yards, bearing 142° T, craft was crossing bow on collision course. 0418 Sent visual message to craft in series of danger signals, no response from small craft. 0419 Small craft answered blinker. Stopped engine, engine full astern. 0420 Collision with small patrol craft. This ship on course 085° T, speed two knots. 0421 Sounded fire and collision quarters. Small craft drifted aft from bow, struck aft of midships on port side. 0423 Craft drifted off bow to position 500 yards on Port beam. Turned on boat flood lights to aid injured ship. 0427 Craft identified as U.S.S. PC 1260. Intercepted voice radio transmission when PC 1260 informed screen commander they were abandoning ship. 0428 Launching LCVP with damage control party to assist PC 1260. Secured from fire aid collision quarters. 0437 LCVP proceeding to PC 1260. 0518 LCVP returned to ship with seventeen enlisted personnel of PC 1260. Craft not seriously damaged. No personnel casualties. PC 1260 was holed in midship engine room area. Hole was wedge shape extending about three feet into main deck, and reaching about four feet below the waterline. Taking water slowly in engine room. U.S.S. WINTER (DE25) came alongside to render assistance to PC 1260. This ship proceeding to Yellow Beach, Anguar Island to discharge passengers. No damaged was sustained by this vessel. 0632 Commenced disembarking Army troop personnel. 0700 Preliminary investigating officers from ComCortDiv 26 reported aboard. Held brief investigation of collision circumstances. 0740 Investigation officers left the ship. 1009 Completed disembarking army troop personnel. 1010 Lying to off Yellow Beach. Anguar Island commenced discharging cargo.

13 November 1944

Lying to off Yellow Beach, Anguar Island discharging cargo. 0954 Moored to buoy #1 off Yellow Beach, Anguar Island, continued discharging cargo.

14 November to 18 November 1944.

Moored to buoy #1 off Yellow Beach, Anguar Island, discharging cargo.

18 November 1944.

0015 Completed discharging of all cargo. 0708 Underway from buoy #1, Anguar Island, maneuvering to lie to off Yellow Beach, Anguar Island. 0956 In accordance to orders of Port Director set base course 038° T speed 10 knots enroute Purple Beach Peleliu Island. 1013 Changed course to 290° T. 1017 Changed course to 085° T. 1040 Changed course to 080° T. 1041 Changed course to 070° T. 1100 Arrived Purple Beach, Peleliu Island, maneuvering lying to awaiting orders from Port Director. 1655 In accordance with orders of Port Director of Peleliu dated 18 November 1944 took departure from Purple Beach, Peleliu Island enroute

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18 November 1944 - continued.

Kossol Roads, Palau Island. Formed convoy consisting U.S.S. KENMORE in position 21, U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES in position 11 acting as convoy guide, and U.S.S. CAPTIVATE acting as screening escort and officer in tactical command. Convoy course 072° T, standard speed 7 knots. 1930 Changed base course to 036° T, reduced convoy speed to 5 knots.

19 November 1944

0445 Increased convoy speed to 10 knots. 0551 Changed base course to 290° T. 0628 Changed base course to 310° T. 0655 Entered entrance to Kossol Road, Palau Islands. 0747 Anchored 1500 yards southwest of berth 91, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands.

20 November to 24 November 1944.

Anchored as before. Port routine.

24 November 1944

1158 Shifted berths to berth 82 Kossol Road, Palau Island.

25 November to 29 November 1944.

Anchored as before. Port routine. Held formal investigation of collision with U.S.S. PC 1260 of November 12, with Captain M. H. ANDERSON, USNR as Senior Investigating officer.

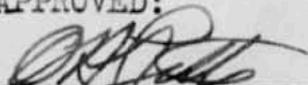
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1630 In accordance with Port Director, Kossol Road, despatch #290020 got underway proceeding out of Kossol Road enroute Anguar Island. 1644 Passed clear of entrance to Kossol Road. Steaming single with ocean escort U.S.S. PC 466. Set base course 108° T, standard speed 6 knots. 1720 Changed base course to 100° T. 1735 Changed base course to 107° T. 1930 Changed base course to 186° T. 2015 Altered base course to 182° T. 2105 Changed base course to 170° T. 2340 Changed base course to 215° T.

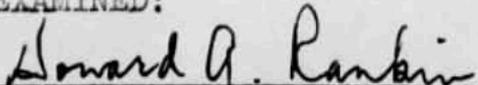
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0027 Changed base course to 230° T. 0036 Changed base course to 200° T. 0540 Changed base course to 290° T, increased standard speed to 10 knots. 0615 Changed base course to 295° T. 0630 Arrived off Yellow Beach, Anguar Island, awaiting orders to commence loading.

APPROVED:

  
Olin HV Pitts,  
Lt. Cdr. D-M, USNR.  
Commanding.

EXAMINED:

  
Howard A. RANKIN,  
Lt. (jg) D-V(G), USNR.  
Navigator

WAR DIARY

December 1944

This ship assigned to Commander Service Squadron EIGHT, Pacific Fleet.

1 December 1944 to 5 December 1944.

In accordance with orders of Port Director Kossol Roads, Palau Islands, lying too off Yellow Beach, Anguar Island awaiting orders from Island Commander to commence loading cargo and passengers. Making various changes in course and speed maneuvering to keep inside of protective screen with dim running lights burning during darkness.

5 December 1944

1040 Commenced loading cargo. 1600 In accordance with Island Commander Anguar, advanced all clocks one hour to conform with minus ten time.

6 December 1944 to 9 December 1944.

Lying off Yellow Beach, Anguar Island continuing cargo operations. 1800 Embarked officer and enlisted personnel of 18-84th Army Engineers.

10 December 1944

1000 Completed loading cargo. 1215 In accordance with orders of Island Commander Anguar Island, commenced maneuvering proceeding to Orange Beach, Peleliu Island. 1300 Arrived off Orange Beach, Peleliu Island awaiting orders to load passengers. 1630 Embarked officer and enlisted personnel of Argus 20. 1700 Retarded all clocks one hour to conform with minus nine time.

Proceeding to Purple Beach, Peleliu to receive sailing orders from Port Director. 1730 In accordance with routing instructions Port Director Kossol Roads, Palau Island dated 10 December 1944, took departure from Peleliu Island enroute Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. Formed convoy consisting of U.S.S. Kenmore (acting as Convoy Commodore and convoy guide), in position 21, U.S.S. Kern in position 11, with U.S.S. P.C. 1587 acting as escort. Set base course 079° T, standard speed 10 knots. 1742 Reduced standard speed to 9 knots. 1919 Changed base course to 035° T, reduced standard speed to 5 knots.

11 December 1944

0032 Changed base course to 007° T. 0213 Changed base course

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11 December 1944 - continued.

to 021° T. 0552 Sighted Kossol Roads, Palau Island bearing 290° T distance 10 miles. Changed base course to 290° T. 0557 Increased standard speed to 7 knots. 0724 Entered Kossol Roads entrance channel. 0824 Anchored in berth 70, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands.

12 December 1944

1514 In accordance with orders of Port Director Kossol Roads routing instructions dated 12 December 1944, underway from berth 70, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. 1620 Took departure from Kossol Roads enroute Guam, Mariana Islands, set base course 060° T standard speed 11.5 knots. U.S.S. Seid acting as escort and officer in Tactical Command. 1647 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #6 of U.S. Fleet Edition USF 10A. 1950 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 2000 Changed base course to 054° T. 2010 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #6 of U.S. Fleet Edition 10A. 2313 Steering gear out of order, stopped all engines. 2324 Steering gear repaired, all engines ahead standard (11.5 knots).

2000 Position: 08° 10' N 135° 16.5 E

13 December 1944.

0230 Reduced standard speed to 10.5 knots. 1805 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1815 Changed course to 062° T. 1825 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #6 U.S.F. 10A. 1920 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.

0800 Position: 09° 20' N 136° 55' 5 E  
1200 Position: 09° 40' N 137° 11' E  
2000 Position: 10° 06' N 138° 00' E

14 December 1944

0620 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #8 USF 10A. 1714 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.

0800 Position: 11° 12' N 139° 47' E  
1200 Position: 11° 26'.5 N 140° 21' E  
2000 Position: 11° 59' N 141° 25' E

15 December 1944

1324 Changed base course to 072° T. 1335 Radar contact bearing 100° T distance 37 miles, believe to be Guam Island. 1350 Changed base course to 085° T. 1425 Sighted land bearing 104° T distance 25 miles. 1520 Changed course to 074° T. 1609 Changed course to 1050 T. 1643 Commenced maneuvering to enter Apra Harbor,

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15 December 1944 - continued

Guam Island. 1720 Entered entrance channel to Apra Harbor.  
1806 Moored to buoys T1 and T2, Apra Harbor Guam Island, Marianas.

0800 Position: 12° 59' N 143° 11' E  
1200 Position: 13° 15' N 143° 45' E

16 December 1944

0000 Commenced discharging cargo. 0812 Commenced disembarking troop personnel. 1000 Completed disembarking troop personnel.

17 December 1944

Port routine. Continued discharging cargo.

18 December 1944

0800 Completed discharging cargo.

19 December 1944

Port routine.

20 December 1944

1630 Embarked 229 enlisted personnel and 7 officer personnel. Commenced loading cargo. 1900 Completed loading cargo.

21 December 1944

0713 Shifted berths to starboard side of U.S.S. Manileno, (IN142) in berth 118 to receive fuel. 1713 In accordance with Port Director, Guam, routing orders #148 dated 21 December 1944, underway from starboard side of U.S.S. Manileno, berth 118, Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas, enroute Ulithi Islands. 1744 Passed clear of entrance channel. Commenced maneuvering to form convoy. 1900 Convoy in formation of two columns, interval between columns 1000 yards, distance between ships 700 yards. Convoy consisting of S. S. Sea Flasher (Convoy Commander and Convoy guide) in position 21, S.S. Perida in position 22, and U.S.S. Kenmore in position 11 with U.S.S. Jack Miller (Escort Commander) and U.S.S. P.C. 582 acting as escorts. Base course 262° T, standard speed 10 knots.

2000 Position: 13° 25' N 144° 20' E

22 December 1944

0300 Changed base course to 241° T. 1400 Held firing practice

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22 December 1944 - continued

on port battery. Expended 30 rounds of 30 caliber, 240 rounds of 20 MM, 20 rounds of 3"/50 caliber, and 5 rounds of 5"/51 caliber ammunition, no casualties. 2330 Convoy Commander detached this ship from convoy with orders to proceed to Ulithi Islands with U.S.S. P.C. 582 acting as escort. Changed course to 178° T.

0800 Position: 12° 49' N 142° 18' E  
1200 Position: 12° 29' N 140° 37' E  
2000 Position: 10° 49' N 140° 22' E

23 December 1944

0554 Upon direction of escort, changed course to 280° T to pass clear of friendly convoy. 0612 Clear of friendly convoy, changed course to 178° T. 0637 Increased standard speed to 11 knots. 0700 Changed base course to 133° T. 0710 Sighted Ulithi Islands bearing 180° T distance 9 miles. 0943 Changed base course to 178° T. 1021 Changed base course to 247° T. 1037 Changed base course to 258° T. 1059 Changed base course to 270° T. 1119 Entered entrance channel to northern anchorage, Ulithi Islands. 1200 Anchored in berth 151, northern anchorage, Ulithi Islands.

0800 Position: 10° 22' N 139° 41' E

24 December 1944

Port routine. 0859 Disembarked 229 enlisted personnel and 7 officer personnel of U.S. Navy Casu 51.

25 December 1944

1728 In accordance with Port Director Navy 3011 routing instructions dated 25 December 1944 for Convoy, Ulithi - Palau #27, underway from berth 151 enroute Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. 1808 Passed clear of entrance channel. Set course 118° T, standard speed 10 knots. Commenced forming convoy. 1829 Changed course to 165° T. 1836 Convoy in formation of two columns. Interval between columns, 1000 yards. Convoy consisting of U.S.S. Kenmore (Convoy Commander and Convoy guide), in position 21, S. S. William J. Duane in position 11, with escorts U.S.S. Bull (Escort Commander) and U.S.S. Blessman. Base course 165 T, standard speed 10 knots. 1945 Changed base course to 262° T. 2335 Changed base course to 219° T.

2000 Position: 09° 43' N 139° 45'.5 E

26 December 1944.

0800 Increased standard speed to 11 knots. Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #6 of zig zag diagrams of 1940. 1230 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1245 Changed course to 270° T. 1250 Reduced standard speed to 10 knots.

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26 December 1944 - Continued

1315 Changed course to 274° T. 1320 Increased standard speed to 10.5 knots. 1400 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #24 of zig zag diagrams of 1940. 1401 Radar contact of convoy of ships bearing 226° T distance 25 miles. 1500 Sighted convoy hulled down on horizon bearing 180° T distance 16 miles. Convoy identified as friendly. 2256 Reduced standard speed to 10 knots.

0800 Position: 08° 22' N 138° 07'.5 E  
1200 Position: 07° 47' N 137° 39' E  
2000 Position: 07° 45' E 136° 23' E

27 December 1944

0200 Reduced standard speed to 5 knots. 0440 Radar contact of land bearing 240° T distance 37 miles. 0650 Changed course to 250° T. 0700 Sighted Babelthaup Island bearing 241° T distance 25 miles. 0709 Increased standard speed to 10 knots. 0715 Changed base course to 245° T. 0824 Reduced standard speed to 5 knots. 0855 Entered entrance channel to Kossol Road, Palau Islands. 0927 Anchored in berth 88, Kossol Road, Palau Islands.

28 December 1944

1732 In accordance with Port Director Kossol Roads, Palau routing instructions dated December 28, 1944, underway from berth 88, Kossol Roads, Palau enroute Peleliu, Palau Islands. 1800 Passed out of entrance channel, set base course 104° T, standard speed 9 knots. Commenced forming convoy. 1900 Convoy formed in two columns, interval between columns, 1000 yards. Convoy consisting of U.S.S. Kenmore (Convoy Commander and Convoy guide) in position 11, U.S.S. Kern in position 21. U.S.S. Device acting as escort. 1945 Changed base course to 186° T, reduced standard speed to 5 knots. 2005 Changed base course to 184° T.

2000 Position: 07° 45' N 134° 45' E

29 December 1944

0224 Increased standard speed to 9 knots. 0230 Changed base course to 214° T. 0620 Changed base course to 320° T. 0659 Changed base course to 300° T. 0714 Reduced standard speed to 7.5 knots. 0715 Sighted Peleliu Island bearing 350° T distance 12 miles. 0800 Changed base course to 310° T, all ships of convoy acting independently. 0823 Heavy rain squall, visibility reduced to 1000 yards. Commenced making various changes in course and speed lying off Peleliu Island.

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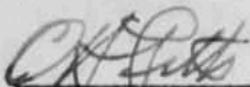
29 December 1944 - continued.

1020 Visibility increased to 30,000 yards. Reported arrival to Port Director, Peleliu Island. Received order to lie off Island inside of screen area to await orders to commence loading passenger personnel and cargo.

30 December 1944 to 1 January 1945.

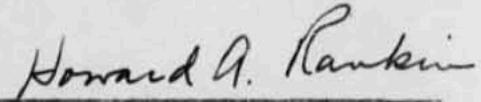
Lying off western shore of Peleliu Island inside of screen area awaiting orders from Port Director to commence loading.

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W A R D I A R Y

January 1945

This snip attached to Commander Service Squadron EIGHT,  
Pacific Fleet.

1 January 1945.

In accordance with orders of Port Director Kossol Roads, Palau Islands dated 28 December 1944, lying to off Western Coast of Peleliu Island awaiting orders from Port Director Navy 3252 to commencing loading operations. 2015 In accordance with orders of Port Director Navy 3252 commenced loading cargo. Maneuvering to keep inside of screened area, burning navigational lights during darkness. Using minus ten time.

2 January 1945

Continued loading cargo from small craft. Maneuvering keeping inside of screened area. 1117 LST 226 moored port side to along starboard side to discharge cargo.

3 January 1945

1100 Commenced to embark personnel of 81st Army Infantry Division. 1105 LST 226 completed discharging cargo. Shoved off from along starboard side. 1221 Completed loading cargo. 1300 U.S.S. DEVICE (AM-220) moored along starboard side to receive water. 1332 U.S.S. DEVICE completed receiving water and shoved off from along starboard side. 1643 Completed embarking 57 officers and 907 enlisted personnel of 81st Army Infantry Division. 2050 In accordance with Assistant Port Director Navy 3252 routing instructions dated 1-3-45, commenced maneuvering proceeding to a point one mile south of Peleliu Island to form convoy. 2118 Took departure from Peleliu Island enroute Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. 2140 Formed convoy disposition one column, distance between ships 700 yards, this ship in station 11 acting as convoy guide. Convoy consisting of U.S.S. KENMORE (AK-221), U.S.S. NEMASKET (AOG10) in position 12, U.S.S. BERITA (AN41) in position 13, with ocean escort U.S.S. BELFAST (DE10) acting as officer in Tactical Command. Set base course 080° T, standard speed 9 knots. 2200 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #1 of USF10A. 2348 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 2355 Changed base course to 037° T.

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0005 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #1 of USF10A.  
0300 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.

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0310 Changed base course to 008° T. 0320 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #1 of USF 10A. 0605 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0615 Changed base course to 286° T. 0625 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #1 of USF 10A. 0643 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0647 Reduced standard speed to 6.5 knots. 0657 Adjusted base course to 289° T. 0658 Changed base course to 301° T. 0700 Increased standard speed to 9 knots. 0713 Passed into entrance channel Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. 0756 Anchored in berth 90, Kossol Road, Palau Islands. Commanding officer reported to Port Director, awaiting further orders.

5 January 1945 to 11 January 1945.

Anchored in berth 90, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands awaiting orders from Port Director.

11 January 1945.

0732 In accordance with routing instructions of Port Director, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands for Kossol Roads - Manus Convoy #4 dated 10 January 1945, proceeding out of channel to join Task Unit 94.18.8 formation. 0808 Passed clear of channel, took departure. Set course 126° T to join Task Unit formation. 0900 Task Unit 94.18.8 (U.S.S. Rotanin(AK-108) flagship) in formation of three columns, interval between columns 700 yards, distance between ships 700 yards. Task Unit consisting of S.S. Perida (21), S.S. Michael Casey (22), U.S.S. ROTANIN(AK-108), (Task Unit Commander and Task Unit guide)(31), S.S. Sea Flasher (32), S.S. John Deere (33), U.S.S. KENMORE(AK-221) (41), and S. S. THOMAS C. POWERS (42) with ocean escorts consisting of U.S.S. JACK MILLER(DE 41)(Escort Commander), U.S.S. CARAVEN(AM-157), and U.S.S. DEVICE(AM-220) in screening positions. Set base course 126° T, standard speed 10.5 knots. 1854 Task Unit slowed to 5 knots upon orders of Task Unit Commander. 2035 Task Unit increased speed to 10.5 knots upon orders of Task Unit Commander. 2120 Task Unit slowed to 9 knots.

1200 Position: 07° 29' N 135° 11' E  
2000 Position: 06° 51' N 136° 02' E

12 January 1945.

0700 Task Unit increased speed to 10 knots.

0800 Position: 05° 52' N 137° 26' E  
1200 Position: 05° 22' N 138° 03' E  
2000 Position: 04° 46' N 139° 05' E

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1400 U.S.S. JACK MILLER left screening position and held practice firing. 1500 U.S.S. JACK MILLER resumed proper screening position.

0800 Position: 03° 26' N 140° 56' E  
1200 Position: 03° 02' N 141° 29' E  
2000 Position: 02° 17' N 142° 30' E

14 January 1945

2000 Changed Task Unit course to 134° T.

0800 Position: 01° 06' N 144° 01' E  
1200 Position: 00° 03' N 144° 27' E  
2000 Position: 00° 14' S 145° 38' E

15 January 1945

0424 Radar contact on land, Manus, Admiralty Islands, bearing 170° T distance 38 miles. 0625 Upon orders of Task Unit Commander Task Unit formed in formation of two columns for entering port. This ship in position (23). Commenced maneuvering to enter Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island. 0942 Anchored in berth 7 Seeadler Harbor, Manus, Admiralty Islands.

0800 Position: 01° 51' S 147° 15' E

16 January 1945

1140 In accordance with operations office, Navy 3205, movement order 99-45 dated 16 January 1945 in reference to Kossol Port Director despatch proceeding out of harbor. 1220 Passed clear of harbor entrance set base course 000° T, standard speed 11 knots. 1225 Changed base course to 117° T, took departure from Manus Island, cruising singly enroute Noumea, New Caledonia. 1319 Changed base course to 182° T. 1341 Changed base course to 220° T. 1450 Changed base course to 218° T. 1910 Changed base course to 174° T.

2000 Position: 03° 13' S 147° 13' E

17 January 1945

Throughout night had numerous radar contacts on friendly vessels. 0305 Radar contact on Long Island bearing 305° T distance 40 miles. 0315 Radar contact on Talakiwa bearing 165° T distance 39.5 miles. 0404 Changed base course to 184° T. 0530 Sighted Talakiwa Island bearing 140° T distance 8 miles. 0545 Sighted Long Island bearing 258° T distance 10 miles.

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0752 Changed base course to 147° T. 0911 Changed base course to 139° T. 1116 Changed base course to 147° T. 1300 Changed base course to 113° T. Encountered numerous friendly vessels throughout day.

0800 Position: 05° 35' S 147° 26' E  
1200 Position: 06° 19' S 147° 55' E  
2000 Position: 06° 55' S 149° 13' E

18 January 1945

0100 Changed base course to 110° T. 1230 Changed base course to 162° T. 1400 Held firing practice on all guns. Expended 6 rounds 3"/50 star shells, 41 rounds 3"/50 A.A., 725 rounds 20 MM., and 3 rounds 5"/51.

0800 Position: 07° 40' S 151° 14' E  
1200 Position: 07° 52' S 152° 00' E  
2000 Position: 08° 29' S 153° 14' E

19 January 1945

0100 Advanced clocks one hour to minus eleven time. 1830 Changed base course to 155° T. Encountered numerous friendly vessels throughout day.

0800 Position: 09° 15' S 155° 03' E  
1200 Position: 09° 37' S 155° 42' E  
2000 Position: 10° 54' S 156° 29' E

20 January 1945

Encountered numerous friendly vessels throughout day.

0800 Position: 13° 10' S 157° 19' E  
1200 Position: 13° 55' S 157° 41' E  
2000 Position: 15° 13' S 158° 25' E

21 January 1945

1630 Changed base course to 124° T. Continued to encounter friendly vessels throughout day.

0800 Position: 17° 09' S 159° 20' E  
1200 Position: 17° 41' S 159° 39' E  
2000 Position: 18° 45' S 160° 32' E

22 January 1945

1637 Radar contact on land, New Caledonia, bearing from 055° T

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to 095° T distance 44 miles. 2245 Changed course to 128° T.

0800 Position: 19° 48' S 162° 05' E  
1200 Position: 20° 11' S 162° 40' E  
2000 Position: 20° 53' S 163° 49' E

23 January 1945

0400 Sighted New Caladonia bearing 073° distance 15 miles.  
1213 Changed base course to 101° T. 1330 Sighted Amede Lighthouse  
bearing 088° T distance 15 miles. 1409 Changed course to 104° T.  
1416 Changed base course to 141° T proceeding to Noumea, via Bulari  
Passage. 1704 In accordance with orders of Port Director, Noumea,  
moored port side to U.S.S. KANGAROO (IX121) in berth Able -8, Great  
Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia with orders to fuel to capacity.

0800 Position: 21° 59' S 165° 24' E.

24 January 1945

1030 In accordance with orders of Port Director shifted berths  
to able 7, Great Roads. 1320 In accordance with orders of Port  
Director, shifted berths to pier #7, Nickel Works, Noumea, New  
Caledonia. 1327 Disembarked all passengers. Commenced discharging  
cargo.

25 January 1945

Port routine. 1630 Completed discharging cargo. 1745 Commenced  
loading cargo.

26 January 1945

0600 Completed loading cargo. 0720 In accordance with orders  
of Port Director, Noumea shifted berths to Able-7, Great Roads.

27 January 1945

Anchored as before. Port routine.

28 January 1945

0900 Embarked two officers and 113 enlisted passengers. 1445  
In accordance with routing instruction of Port Director Noumea, New  
Caledonia, proceeding out of Noumea, New Caledonia via Bulari Passage  
enroute Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. 1702 Passed clear of Bulari  
Passage, set base course 229° T, standard speed 11 knots, Cruising  
independently enroute Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. 1722 Changed  
base course to 283° T. 1906 Changed base course to 311° T. 2130  
Reduced standard speed to 10.5 knots.

2000 Position: 22° 23' S 165° 38' E

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29 January 1945

0556 Changed base course to 304° T. 1600 Changed base course to 348° T. 1700 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of U.S. Navy zig zag diagrams of 1940.

0800 Position: 20° 48' S 163° 55' E  
1200 Position: 20° 29' S 163° 12' E  
2000 Position: 19° 19' S 162° 25' E

30 January 1945

0145 Radar contact on friendly vessel bearing 033° T distance 17 miles on course 186° speed 18 knots. 0155 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0217 Ship abeam to starboard, continued zig zagging. 0305 Changed base course to 006° T. 0647 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1300 Changed base course to 044° T. 1430 Changed base course to 008° T.

0800 Position: 17° 08' S 162° 14' E  
1200 Position: 16° 21' S 162° 06' E  
2000 Position: 14° 58' S 162° 29' E

31 January 1945

1233 Changed base course to 000° T. 1625 Sighted Santa Anna Island bearing 312° T distance 27 miles. 2020 Changed base course to 304° T.

0800 Position: 12° 47' S 162° 39' E  
1200 Position: 12° 00' S 162° 52' E  
2000 Position: 10° 30' S 162° 50' E

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February 1945

This ship assigned to Commander Service Squadron EIGHT,  
Service Force, Pacific.

1 February 1945.

In accordance with routing instructions of Port Director,  
Noumea, New Caledonia dated 28 January 1945, cruising singly enroute  
Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. Base course  
277° T, standard speed 10 knots. Keeping time to conform with minus  
eleven zone. 0140 Radar contact, land bearing 136° T distance 9  
miles, land bearing 330° T distance 17 miles. 0419 Changed base  
course to 310° T. 0820 Changed base course to 268° T. 0824 Sighted  
Guadalcanal Island bearing 262° T, distance 30 miles, entered Lunga  
Channel. 1233 Inaccordance with Port Director, Guadalcanal, anchored  
in berth 11, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. 1500 Inaccordance with  
orders of Port Director, Guadalcanal, shifted berths to Cruz Dock,  
Guadalcanal. 2040 Commenced loading cargo.

0800 Position: 09° 23' S 160° 57' E

2 February to 5 February 1945.

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo. Port routine.

5 February 1945

Moored as before. loading cargo. 0630 Ceased loading cargo  
and shifted berths to anchorage Able Three. 0730 Continued loading  
cargo.

6 February 1945

1600 Completed loading cargo. 1745 Embarked officer and enlisted  
personnel for passage.

7 February 1945

0557 Inaccordance with routing instructions of Commander Naval  
Base, South Solomon Islands dated 6 February 1945, underway enroute  
Manus, Admiralty Islands. U.S.S. P.C. 1242 took position ahead  
acting as escort. U.S.S. KENMORE acting as O.T.C. Set base course  
008° T, standard speed 11 knots. 0632 Changed base course to 295°  
T. 0859 Changed base course to 242° T. 1230 Inaccordance with  
routing instructions detached U.S.S. P.C. 1242 to return to Guadal-  
canal. 1300 Changed base course to 280° T. Commenced zig zagging  
inaccordance with plan #11 of 1940 zig zag diagrams. 1900 Ceased  
zig zagging and resumed base course. 1935 Changed base course to  
275° T.

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2000 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of 1940 zig zag diagrams. 2009 Changed base course to 298° T. During night had frequent friendly radar contacts on surface ships.

0800 Position: 09° 22' S 159° 30' E  
1200 Position: 09° 20' S 159° 84' E  
2000 Position: 09° 12' S 158° 32' E

8 February 1945

0255 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0300 Changed base course to 247° T. Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of zig zag diagrams of 1940. 0437 Radar contact on ship bearing 195° true distance 14 miles, range closing fast. 0530 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 0555 Sighted ship bearing 201° T distance 6 miles, identified as friendly. 0800 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of zig zag diagrams of 1940. 1300 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. Changed base course to 323° T. 1430 Changed base course to 288° T. 1500 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #11 of zig zag diagrams of 1940. 1800 Reduced standard speed to 10.5 knots. 2015 Reduced standard speed to 10 knots.

0800 Position: 08° 54' S 155° 38' E  
1200 Position: 08° 47' S 154° 43' E  
2000 Position: 08° 08' S 153° 25' E

9 February 1945

0654 Sighted four friendly ships hulled down on horizon bearing 275° T distance 12 miles. 1326 Reduced standard speed to 9.5 knots. 1400 Changed base course to 290° T. 1700 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.

0800 Position: 07° 35' S 151° 35' E  
1200 Position: 07° 27' S 150° 50' E  
2000 Position: 07° 00' S 149° 33' E

10 February 1945

0100 Retarded clocks one hour to conform with minus ten time. 0027 Radar contact on land bearing 275° T distance 45 miles. 0340 Sighted east coast of British New Guinea, bearing 290° T, distance 12 miles. 0400 Radar contact on Umboi Island bearing 319° T distance 11 miles. Encountering numerous friendly vessels on opposite parallel course while passing through Vitiaz Strait. 0549 Changed base course to 327° T. 0924 Changed base course to 355° T. 1208 Reduced standard speed to 9 knots.

0800 Position: 05° 47' S 147° 38' E  
1200 Position: 05° 15' S 147° 27' E  
2000 Position: 03° 48' S 147° 20' E

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11 February 1945

0100 Radar contact on land bearing  $336^{\circ}$  T, distance 45 miles.  
 0140 Changed base course to  $335^{\circ}$  T. 0213 Changed base course to  $000^{\circ}$  T. 0306 Changed base course to  $011^{\circ}$  T. Sighted Manus Island bearing  $000^{\circ}$  T distance 40 miles. 0332 Changed base course to  $000^{\circ}$  T. 0410 Changed base course to  $041^{\circ}$  T, increased standard speed to 11 knots. 0633 Changed base course to  $000^{\circ}$  T. 0703 Changed base course to  $284^{\circ}$  T. 0747 Reduced standard speed to 9 knots. Approaching entrance to Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island. 0855 Entered Seeadler harbor. 0947 Inaccordance with Port Director Manus, moored port side to U.S.S. LEOPARD (IX-122) to receive fuel. 1401 Shifted berths to anchorage 218, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island.

12 February 1945

1030 Inaccordance with movement order #412-15 of operations office Navy 3205 dated 12 February 1945, underway proceeding out of Harbor enroute Peleliu, Palau Islands. 1118 Clear of harbor. U.S.S. WILLMORTH (DE-638) took station ahead acting as escort. Set base course  $000^{\circ}$  T standard speed 11 knots. 1124 Changed base course to  $331^{\circ}$  T. 1200 Commenced zig zagging inaccordance with plan #6 of USF 10A. 1505 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1515 Changed base course to  $315^{\circ}$  T. 1520 Commenced zig zagging inaccordance with plan #6 of USF 10A.

1200 Position:  $01^{\circ} 50' S$   $147^{\circ} 16' E$   
 2000 Position:  $00^{\circ} 46' S$   $146^{\circ} 14' E$

13 February 1945

1252 Reduced speed to 10.5 knots. 1750 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1800 Changed base course to  $307^{\circ}$  T. 1810 Resumed zig zagging inaccordance with plan #6 of USF 10A. 2000 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.

0800 Position:  $00^{\circ} 47' N$   $144^{\circ} 29' E$   
 1200 Position:  $01^{\circ} 16' N$   $143^{\circ} 55' E$   
 2000 Position:  $02^{\circ} 15' N$   $142^{\circ} 51' E$

14 February 1945

0500 Commenced zig zagging inaccordance with plan #6 of USF 10A. 1327 Reduced standard speed to 9.5 knots. 1510 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course. 1520 Changed base course to  $296^{\circ}$  T. 1530 Commenced zig zagging inaccordance with plan #6 of USF 10A. 2000 Ceased zig zagging and resumed base course.

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0800 Position: 03° 35' N 141° 03' E  
1200 Position: 03° 58' N 140° 30' E  
2000 Position: 04° 39' N 139° 19' E

15 February 1945

0500 Commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan #6 of USF 10A. 1400 Altered base course to 293° T. 2000 Ceased zig zagging resumed base course. Increased standard speed to 9.5 knots. 2010 Changed base course to 290° T. 2130 Changed base course to 284° T.

0800 Position: 05° 36' N 137° 38' E  
1200 Position: 05° 49' N 137° 09' E  
2000 Position: 06° 23' N 136° 17' E

16 February 1945

0453 Radar contact on land bearing 316° T distance 37 miles, identified as Babelthaup Island, Palau Islands. 0502 Increased standard speed to 10.5 knots. 0650 Sighted Babelthaup Island bearing 320° T distance 20 miles. 0705 Changed base course to 295° T. 0720 Changed base course to 266° T. 0815 Arrived off Orange Beach, Peleliu Island, Palau Islands awaiting orders from Port director. 0940 Disembarking officer and enlisted troop personnel. 1145 In accordance with orders of Port Director, Peleliu, commenced maneuvering keeping inside screen area between Anguar Island and Peleliu Island discharging cargo into small craft. Burning running lights during hours of darkness.

17 February to 21 February 1945.

Lying to off Orange Beach, Peleliu Island, Palau Islands distance two to four thousand yards, maneuvering to keep inside of screened area while discharging cargo into small craft.

21 February 1945

0845 Completed discharging cargo from all holds. Lying to awaiting orders from Port Director to commence loading cargo.

22 February 1945

Lying to as before.

23 February 1945

0900 In accordance with orders of Port Director, Peleliu Island, Palau Islands commenced loading cargo from small craft.

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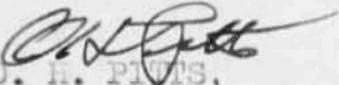
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24 February to 28 February 1945

Lying to off Peleliu Island, Palau Islands loading cargo from small craft.

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Commanding.

EXAMINED:

  
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Reg. No. 398 <sup>280</sup>

R. S. No. \_\_\_\_\_

W A R D I A R Y

March 1945

This vessel assigned to Commander Service Squadron Eight, Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

1 March 1945

In accordance with orders of Port Director, Peleliu, Palau Islands, lying to off Orange Beach, Peleliu Island, keeping inside of screened area, loading cargo from small craft. Keeping time in accordance with minus ten zone. 0955 Completed loading cargo. 1300 Embarked 670 enlisted personnel and 19 officer personnel of 16th Field Depot U.S.M.C. 2118 In accordance with routing instructions of Port Director Navy 3252 dated 12 March 1945, took departure one mile south of Peleliu enroute Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. Set base course 078° T, standard speed 9 knots. YMS 266 acting as escort in screening position ahead. 2330 Changed base course to 036° T.

2 March 1945

0230 Changed base course to 007° T. 0456 Increased standard speed to 10.5 knots. 0554 Reduced standard speed to 6.5 knots. 0602 Sighted Kossol Roads, Palau Islands bearing 320° T distance six miles. Lying to awaiting instructions to enter port. 0700 Proceeding into Kossol Roads. 0759 Anchored in berth 79, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. Commanding Officer reported arrival awaiting further orders.

3 March to 9 March 1945

Anchored as before. Awaiting orders from Port Director.

9 March 1945

Anchored as before. 1400 Embarked 67 enlisted personnel and one officer personnel of 16th Field Depot U.S.M.C.

10 March 1945

Anchored as before. 1657 In accordance with routing instructions of Port Director, Kossol Roads, for Kossol Roads - Ulithi Convoy #27, underway proceeding out of Kossol Roads. 1730 Abeam of entrance buoys, took departure enroute Ulithi Islands. Set base course 124° T, standard speed 10.5 knots. Commenced forming cruising disposition for convoy. 1753 Changed base course to 122° T. 1755 Convoy in cruising formation of two columns, consisting of U.S.S. KENMORE (acting as convoy commander and convoy guide) in

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position 11 and S. S. Gabriel Duval (21), YMS 325 in screening position ahead acting as escort. 1800 Reduced standard speed to 9.5 knots. 2245 Increased standard speed to 10 knots.

2000 Position:  $07^{\circ} 37' N$   $135^{\circ} 00' E$ .

11 March 1945.

0550 Radar contact on friendly ships bearing  $020^{\circ} T$  distance 21 miles. Passing on opposite parallel course. 1311 Changed base course to  $039^{\circ} T$ . 1452 Radar contact on ship bearing  $306^{\circ} T$  distance 12 miles. 1456 Sighted ship hull down on horizon bearing  $306^{\circ} T$  distance 11 miles. Identified as friendly.

0800 Position:  $07^{\circ} 25' N$   $136^{\circ} 28' E$   
1200 Position:  $07^{\circ} 22' N$   $137^{\circ} 43' E$   
2000 Position:  $08^{\circ} 14' N$   $138^{\circ} 38' E$

12 March 1945.

0540 Radar contact on ships lying in southern anchorage, Ulithi Islands. 0600 Radar contact on land, identified as Pig Island, bearing  $012^{\circ} T$  distance 30 miles. 0652 Changed base course to  $000^{\circ} T$ . 0654 Reduced standard speed to 9 knots. 0708 Sighted Pig Island bearing  $018^{\circ} T$ , distance 15 miles. 0714 Changed base course to  $040^{\circ} T$ , increased standard speed to 10 knots. 0749 Changed base course to  $020^{\circ} T$ . 0820 Changed base course to  $040^{\circ} T$ . 0855 Changed base course to  $008^{\circ} T$ . 0910 Engines slow ahead, SC 758 signalled to slow down as he had routing instructions for convoy to proceed to Saipan. 0930 SC 758 alongside and passed routing instructions aboard. 0935 In accordance with routing instructions of Port Director Navy #3011, detached YMS 325 with orders to proceed into Ulithi. SC 758 took position ahead of convoy acting as escort. 0955 Changed base course to  $034^{\circ} T$ , engines ahead standard speed, 9 knots. 1000 Took departure from Ulithi Islands enroute Saipan, Marianas Islands, in accordance with Port Director Navy #3011, dated 11 March 1945. Maneuvering to clear Islands. 1030 Received Port Director Navy #3011 despatch 120015, ordering convoy to enter harbor and anchor, standing off awaiting verification of conflicting instructions. 1115 Proceeding to entrance Mugai channel standing into anchor. No verification of orders. 1130 Received despatch 120130 from Port Director cancelling his 120015, and orders to carry out routing instructions. 1145 Took departure from Ulithi Islands enroute Saipan Islands. Set base course  $072^{\circ} T$ , standard speed 9 knots. 1206 Formed convoy in cruising formation of two columns, interval between columns 1000 yards. Convoy consisting of U.S.S. KENMORE (acting as convoy commander and convoy guide) in position 21 and S. S. Gabriel Duval (11) S. G. 758 in screening positions ahead. Changed base course to  $040^{\circ} T$ . 1400 Changed base course to  $058^{\circ} T$ . 1430 Increased standard speed to 10 knots.

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16 March to 18 March 1945.

Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

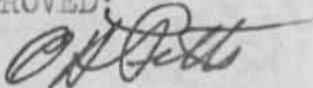
18 March 1945.

Moored as before. 0245 Completed discharging cargo. 1350  
In accordance with orders of Port Director, shifted berths to  
berth L-82, Saipan Harbor to await further orders.

19 March 1945 to 1 April 1945.

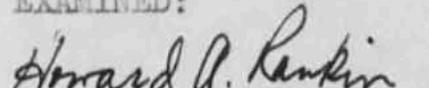
Anchored as before, awaiting further orders from Port Director,  
Saipan, Marianas Islands.

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EXAMINED:



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April 1945

This ship assigned to Commander Service Squadron Eight, Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

1 April 1945

Anchored in berth L-79, Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Marianas keeping time in accordance with minus ten time zone, awaiting for further orders from Port Director Navy #3254. 0910 In accordance with orders of Port Director Navy #3254, shifted berths to L-41, Saipan Harbor.

2 April 1945

Anchored as before. Port routine.

3 April 1945

1700 In accordance with orders of Port Director navy #3254, shifted berths to pier A-3 Tanapag Harbor, Saipan to commence loading cargo and troop personnel.

4 April 1945

1200 Commenced loading cargo in all holds.

5 April 1945

Continued loading cargo. Port routine.

6 April 1945

1255 Completed loading cargo. 1745 Embarked 564 enlisted personnel and 72 officer personnel of 318th Fighter Group, U.S. Army Air Force.

7 April 1945

0722 Underway passing clear of Tanapag Harbor, Saipan proceeding out of Saipan Harbor, in accordance with routing instructions of Port Director Navy #3254 dated 6 April 1945, enroute Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands. 0736 Passed clear of submarine net, Saipan Harbor. Set base course 231° T standard speed 10 knots. U.S.S. George DE-697 took station ahead acting as escort. 0910 Changed base course to 223° T. Increased standard speed to 10.5 knots. Zigzagging during daylight hours in accordance with plan #6, USF 10A. 1415 Changed base course to 187° true. 1820 Changed base course to 190° T. 2145 Changed base course to 246° T.

0800 Position: 15° 10' N 145° 38' E  
 1200 Position: 14° 40' N 145° 06' E  
 2000 Position: 13° 27' N 144° 33' E

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8 April 1945

0000 Changed base course to 235° T. 0600 Commenced zigzagging during daylight hours in accordance with plan #6 of USF 10A. 0655 Reduced standard speed to 10 knots. 1300 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1425 Held firing practice on all batteries. Ammunition expended: 30 rounds of 3"/50 caliber AA, 2 rounds of 3"/50 caliber star shells, 5 rounds of 5"/51 common, 280 rounds of H.E.T. 20 MM, and 120 rounds of H.E.I. 20 MM. 1500 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6 USF 10A. Reduced standard speed to 10 knots.

0800 Position: 12° 05' N 142° 46' E  
1200 Position: 11° 44' N 142° 14' E  
2000 Position: 11° 03' N 141° 11' E

9 April 1945

0415 U.S.S. George DE-697, reported radar contact on land bearing 215° T distance 19 miles, believed to be Ulithi Islands. 0436 Engines ahead slow, maneuvering off eastern side of Ulithi Islands awaiting till daybreak to proceed into port. 0451 Changed base course to 180° T. 0706 Changed base course to 240°, engines ahead standard (10 knots). 0722 Detached U.S.S. George DE-697 with orders to proceed into port. 0725 Changed base course to 250° T. 0739 Maneuvering to enter Mugai Channel, Ulithi Islands. 0808 Entered Mugai Channel, Ulithi Islands, proceeding to berth 207 in accordance with orders of Port Director navy #3011. 0935 Anchored in berth 207 central anchorage, Ulithi Islands. Reported arrival to Port Director navy #3011, awaiting orders for further routing instructions.

10 April to 20 April 1945

Anchored as before. Port routine. Awaiting for further routing instructions from Port Director navy #3011.

20 April 1945

1735 In accordance with routing instructions of Port Director navy #3011 for Ulithi - Okinawa Convoy #2 underway proceeding out of Port to join convoy. 1813 Passed clear of entrance to Mugai Channel, maneuvering to take assigned position (41) in convoy. 2044 Convoy in formation of five columns, distance between ships 600 yards, interval between columns 900 yards. Convoy consisting of U.S.S. Adria AF-30 (11), U.S.S. LCI 708 (12), U.S.S. LC(FF) 532, (13), U.S.S. Degrasse(AK-223) (21), S.S. Benjamin Waterhouse (22), S.S. Robert M. Lafollette (23), U.S.S. Winterberry AN-56, (24), U.S.S. Lynx AK-100 (acting as convoy Commodore) (Lt. Cdr. J. M. Berrey, U.S.N.R.) and convoy guide) (31), U.S.S. Cetus AK-77 (32),

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S.S.S. Hall Young (33) U.S.S. YDG-10, (34), U.S.S. Kenmore(AK-221), (41), S.S. Mariscal Sucre (42), S.S. William R. Davie (43), U.S.S. Carina(AK-74) (Vice Commodore) (51), U.S.S. LCS 23 (52), U.S.S. LC(FF) 536 (53). Escorts consisting of U.S.S. Compton (DD-705) (Escort Commander, Comdesron 66, C.T.U. 94.18.20) (Captain Hartwig U.S.N.), U.S.S. Ralph Talbot DD-390, U.S.S. Schley APD-14, and U.S.S. Oliver Mitchell DE-417. Set convoy course 040° T, standard speed 9 knots. 2154 Changed convoy course to 320° T.

2000 Position: 10° 08' N 139° 56' E  
21 April 1945

0300 Changed convoy course to 325° T. 0848 Reduced convoy speed to 8.5 knots. 0913 Commodore exercised convoy at emergency turns. 1355 Sighted friendly convoy hulled down on horizon bearing 294° T, distance 14 miles. 1419 Changed convoy course to 333° T.

0800 Position 11° 45' N 138° 51' E  
1200 Position 12° 12' N 138° 21' E  
2000 Position 13° 17' N 137° 31' E

22 April 1945

0934 Commodore exercised convoy at emergency turns. 1022 Commodore exercised convoy at scatter fanwise maneuvers. 1027 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots.

0800 Position 14° 50' N 136° 31' E  
1200 Position 15° 16' N 136° 15' E  
2000 Position 16° 12' N 135° 37' E

23 April 1945

0445 Radar contact on friendly convoy bearing 101° T, distance 24 miles. 0735 Changed convoy course to 330° T. 0815 Increased convoy speed to 8.5 knots. 1409 Changed course to 325° T. 2009 Commodore exercised convoy at emergency turns.

0800 Position 17° 36' N 134° 46' E  
1200 Position 18° 07' N 134° 27' E  
2000 Position 19° 10' N 133° 41' E

24 April 1945

0100 Retarded all clocks one hour to conform with minus nine zone. 0454 U.S.S. Compton DD-705 (Escort Commander) reported sonar contact bearing 105° T distance 2900 yards. Left screening position to investigate. 0455 U.S.S. Compton DD-705 commenced dropping depth charges. 0456 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 0459 General quarters. Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. U.S.S. Oliver Mitchell DE-417 left screening position to join U.S.S. Compton DD-705 to investigate contact. 0533 Convoy resumed base course 325° T. 0547 Secured from general quarters. 0850 U.S.S. Compton DD-705 and U.S.S. Oliver Mitchell DE-417 resumed screening position. Contact presumably negative. 1029 U.S.S. Oliver Mitchell DE-417 reported possible submarine contact bearing 100° T distance 2800 yards, and left screening position to investigate.

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24 April 1945 - continued.

1030 Convoy executed 45° emergency to port. 1031 General quarters. 1034 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1038 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1053 Convoy resumed base course 325° T. 1055 U.S.S. Oliver Mitchell DE 417 reported contact lost and resumed station. 1658 U.S.S. Compton DD-705 reported possible submarine contact bearing 095° T distance 3000 yards, and left screening station to investigate. 1700 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1703 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to port. 1706 U.S.S. Compton DD-705 reported contact non-submarine. Convoy resumed base course 325° T. 1720 U.S.S. Compton DD-705 resumed screening position. 1829 Adjusted convoy course to 329° T. 1839 U.S.S. Ralph Talbot DD-390 reported submarine contact bearing 235° T distance 2500 yards. 1840 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard. 1841 U.S.S. Ralph Talbot DD-390 commenced dropping depth charges. 1842 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard. 1845 Convoy executed 45° emergency turn to starboard U.S.S. Schley APD-14 left screening position to assist U.S.S. Ralph Talbot DD-390 who reported contact definitely submarine. 1902 Convoy resumed base course 329° T. U.S.S. Ralph Talbot DD-390 and U.S.S. Schley APD-14 were ordered by Comdesron 66 to remain in area to destroy submarine until air coverage from Okinawa Shima reported.

0800 Position 20° 32' N 132° 34' E  
1200 Position 20° 57' N 132° 05' E  
2000 Position 22° 03' N 131° 22' E

25 April 1945

0613 Changed convoy course to 299° T. 0625 U.S. S. Schley APD-14 resumed screening position. 1248 Changed convoy course to 286° T. 1442 Reduced convoy speed to 8.5 knots. 1707 U.S.S. Ralph Talbot DD-390 resumed screening position. No reports on submarine contact intercepted aboard this ship. 2100 Changed convoy course to 336° T. 2125 Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots.

0800 Position 23° 40' N 130° 07' E  
1200 Position 23° 56' N 129° 36' E  
2000 Position 24° 19' N 128° 17' E

26 April 1945

0415 Sighted flares bearing 356° T identified as flares on southern coast of Okinawa Shima. 0626 Increased convoy speed to 9 knots. 0725 Sighted Okinawa Shima bearing 020° T distance 14 miles. 0753 Changed convoy course to 000° T. 0844 Changed convoy course to 020° T. 0900 U.S.S. Adria AF-30 was detached from convoy with orders to proceed to Kerama Islands and report to C.T.G. 51.15. 1019 Convoy formed in one column. 1040 Changed base course to 065° T. 1209 This ship

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26 April 1945 - continued

detached from convoy with orders to proceed to IE Shima to report C.T.G. 51.22 for further orders. Set base course 015° T, standard speed 11 knots. 1434 arrived off southern coast of IE Shima, Okinawa Gunto. Reported arrival to C.T.G. 51.22. Received orders to anchor. 1500 Anchored off southern coast of IE Shima. 1648 In accordance with despatch 260601 from C.T.U. 51.1.1 underway from IE Shima enroute retirement area Nago Wan, Okinawa Shima. In formation astern of U.S.S. Chilton APA-58 (C.T.U. 51.1.1). Base course 115° T standard speed 9 knots. 1810 Received orders from C.T. U. 51.1.1 to proceed independently into Nago Wan anchorage. 1848 Anchored in berth Easy-29, Nago Wan, Okinawa Shima. 2045 Enemy planes in vicinity. Flash red from C.T.U. 51.1.1, Manned battle stations. 2050 Flash white, secured from general quarters. 2100 Flash red. Manned all battle stations. 2110 Flash white. Secured from general quarters.

27 April 1945

0224 Flash red. Manned battle stations. 0240 Flash white. Secured from general quarters. 0344 Flash red. Manned battle stations. Commenced making smoke. 0402 Flash white. Secured from general quarters. Stopped making smoke.

28 April 1945

0922 In accordance with C.T.U. 51.21.9 despatch 272345 underway from Nago Wan enroute southwest coast of Okinawa. 0933 Base course 270° T, standard speed 4 knots. 1003 Changed course to 235° T. 1055 Changed course to 180° T. 1120 Changed base course to 150° T approaching anchorage. 1206 Anchored in berth H-178 off southwestern coast of Okinawa Shima. 1845 Received confidential letter from C.T.U. 51.22.2 attaching this vessel to Task Unit 51.22.2. Task Unit consisting of U.S.S. Lynx AK-100 (C.T.U. 51.22.2., Lt. Cdr. J. M. Berrey, U.S.N.R.) U.S.S. Carina AK-74, U.S.S. Kenmore AK-221, S. S. Benjamin Waterhouse, S.S. Robert La Follette, S.S. Mariscotti Sucre, S.S. William R. Davie. 1930 Flash red. Manned all battle stations. 1934 Commenced making smoke. 2221 Enemy aircraft bearing 110° T position angle 50°, altitude 5000 feet. Starboard batteries opened fire. 2222 Plane disappeared in smoke screen. 2227 Enemy plane bearing 290° T, position 45°, altitude 5500 feet. Port batteries opened fire. 2228 Plane disappeared in smoke screen. Ammunition expended: 422 rounds of 20 MM and 2 rounds of 3"/50 A.A.

29 April 1945

0220 Flash white. Secured from general quarters. Stopped making smoke. 0419 Flash red. Manned all battle stations. Commenced making smoke. 0510 Flash white. Secured from general quarters. 2107 Flash red. Manned all battle stations. 2355 Flash white. Secured from general quarters. Stopped making smoke.

30 April 1945

0210 Flash red. Manned all battle stations. Commenced making smoke. 0553 Flash white. Secured from general quarters. In accordance with C.T.G. 51.21

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April 30, 1945

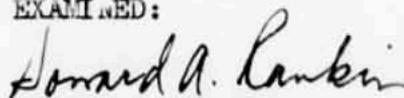
despatch 290658 underway enroute IE Shima. 0600 Set base course 355° T standard speed 11 knots. 0629 Flash red. Manned all battle stations. 0634 Flash white. Secured from general quarters. 0634 Changed course to 018° T. 0754 Approaching anchorage off southern coast of IE Shima. 0820 Anchored in berth M-40, southern coast of IE Shima. 1015 Disembarked personnel of 318th Fighter Group, U.S.Army. 1207 Commenced discharging cargo into small craft. 2210 Flash red. Manned all battle stations. Commenced making smoke. 2325 Flash white. Secured from general quarters.

APPROVED:



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Lieutenant Commander (DM), U.S.N.R.,  
Commanding.

EXAMINED:



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navigator.

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May 1945

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This vessel assigned to Commander Service Squadron Eight, Service Force, Pacific Fleet. Attached, for Okinawa Gunto, Nansei Shoto, operation, to Commander Task Unit 51.22.2 (CTU 51.22.2 Lieut. Comdr. J.M. Berrey, U.S.N.R., U.S.S. LYNX (AK-100)).

May 1, 1945

Anchored in Berth Mike-42, Ie Shima Anchorage, Ie Shima, Okinawa Gunto. Discharging cargo of the 318th Fighter Group, U.S. Army Air Force, into small craft. 0356 Flash Red. Enemy aircraft in the immediate vicinity. Commenced making smoke on order of CTG 51.22. Enemy aircraft overhead, shore anti-aircraft batteries opened fire. 0426 Flash White, ceased making smoke, secured from general quarters and continuing cargo discharging. 1609 Underway in accordance with CTU 51.21.8 despatch 010634, proceeding in company with S.S. Gretna Victory to Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima for night retirement after completion of duty in this area. All troop personnel and cargo having been discharged on Ie Shima. 1923 Anchored in Berth How-162, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.

May 2, 1945

Anchored as before, having frequent reports of enemy aircraft in the vicinity.

May 3, 1945

Anchored as before. 1420 Loaded aboard two captured Japanese radar vans for consignment to Joint Intelligence Center Pacific Ocean Areas, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Usual nightly enemy aircraft attacks.

May 4, 1945

Anchored as before. 0201 Flash Red, all hands to general quarters. 0342 Enemy aircraft circling transport anchorage, shore anti-aircraft batteries opened fire. One group of four bombs dropped by aircraft off port bow, bearing 000° true, distance 3000 yards. 0741 This vessel detached from Task Unit 51.22.2 and assigned to Commander Task Unit 51.29.29 (Commander H. Hanley) U.S.S. ROCKINGHAM (APA-229), for retirement to rear areas. Underway to join formation of convoy. 1030 Formed convoy. Convoy consisting of U.S.S. ROCKINGHAM (APA-229), Convoy Commander (Commander H. Hanley, USNR), U.S.S. KENMORE (AK-221), U.S.S. LYNX (AK-100), U.S.S. DeGRASSE (AK-223), S.S. SILVERBOW VICTORY, S.S. BENJAMIN WATERHOUSE, S.S. MARSICAL SUCRE, S.S. FLAGSTAFF VICTORY, S.S. EXCHANGE, S.S. GRETNA VICTORY, U.S.S. SHERBOURNE (APA-205), U.S.S. CETUS (AK-77), with escorts consisting of U.S.S. ISHERWOOD (DD-520) Escort Commander,

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(Commander Destroyer Squadron 98), U.S.S. STANLEY (DD-478), U.S.S. CONNOLLY (DD-306), U.S.S. BATES (APD-47), U.S.S. WATERS (APD-8), U.S.S. HERBERT (APD-22). Enroute Ulithi Islands, Western Carolines. Set condition of steaming Two. 1945 Secured from Condition Two.

May 5, 1945

Steaming as before.

May 6, 1945

Steaming as before. In accordance with Commander Task Force 51 despatch #050345 detached U.S.S. WATERS (APD-8), U.S.S. HERBERT (APD-22), with orders to proceed to Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands.

May 7, 1945 and May 8, 1945

Steaming enroute as before.

May 9, 1945

1201 Entered entrance channel, Ulithi Islands, Western Carolines. 1256 Anchored in berth 509. 1810 Discharged two captured Japanese radar vans aboard LCT 797 for further consignment to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

May 10, 1945

Anchored as before.

May 11, 1945

Anchored as before. 1230 Received aboard 32 enlisted personnel and 6 officer passengers for transportation to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1632 Underway in accordance with routing instructions of Port Director, Ulithi, Western Carolines, enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

May 12, 1945

Steaming as before. 0840 Sighted two vessels flying International Breakdown Signals. This vessel stopped engines to investigate and render any necessary assistance. Disabled ships identified as S.S. CUBA VICTORY and S.S. SAGINAW VICTORY. S.S. SAGINAW VICTORY reported collision occurred at 0415. Port side number two hold stove in to the hatch coaming, hole approximately 12 feet in width. Number two hold flooded. Ship is able to proceed at slow speed. Radio Guam was informed of the collision and orders requested shortly after the occurrence. S.S. CUBA VICTORY was observed to have rammed her bow, piercing the stem aft for approximately 20 feet. All damage above the waterline. This vessel able to proceed at slow speed. Upon request of disabled vessels this ship standing by until further orders received. Broke radio silence to inform Radio Ulithi of the accident and requested instructions and

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escorts for the disabled vessels. Ordered ships to proceed at best possible speed to Ulithi, Western Carolines. This vessel taking station 1500 yards on the port beam of the S.S. SAGINAW VICTORY. 1130 Commenced firing 20mm and 3"/50 Caliber guns at life raft sighted in water. Destroyed life raft. Ammunition expended; 4 rounds of 3" 50 caliber, 20 rounds of 20mm. No casualties. 1350 Upon receipt of orders from Radio Guam to disabled vessels to proceed to Ulithi, Western Carolines, and escort was enroute, this ship resumed standard speed and base course enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H., having ordered the S.S. CUBA VICTORY to remain with S.S. SAGINAW VICTORY.

May 13, 1945

Steaming as before. 1642 Ship identified as S.S. FRANK J. SPRAGUE requested services of Medical Officer. Upon investigation, S.S. FRANK J. SPRAGUE reported having patient with spinal fever, temperature 104°, constriction of neck muscles. Stopped engines and preparing to launch LCVP with Medical Officer and party. Boat left ship and went alongside S.S. FRANK J. SPRAGUE. 1812 Medical Officer returned to ship. Lt. R.R. MORRIS, MC, USNR, reported administering sedative to patient, and condition not critical. Resumed base course and standard speed enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

May 14, 1945 To May 27, 1945.

Steaming as before enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

May 27, 1945

Steaming as before. 1006 Moored Starboard side to S.S. PHINIAS BANNING, berth x ray 10, East Lock, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1137 Debarked transit passenger personnel.

May 28, 1945

Moored as before. 0900 Captain H. Kirby-Smith, USN, Representative of Commander Service Squadron Eight, and inspecting party came aboard for material inspection of all ship's departments. 1050 Captain H. Kirby-Smith and inspecting party left the ship.

May 29, 1945

Moored as before.

May 30, 1945

Moored as before. 0645 In accordance with routing instructions of Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier, dated 29 May 1945, underway from berth X ray 10, enroute to San Francisco, California.

May 31, 1945

Steaming as before. Enroute to San Francisco, California.

APPROVED:

*O. H. Pitts*

O. H. PITTS,  
Lieut-Comdr, (DM), USNR, Commanding.

EXAMINED:

*Howard A. Rankin*  
HOWARD A. RANKIN,  
Lt(jg), (D), USNR, Navigator.

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SHIP'S POSITIONS FOR MAY 1945

4 May 1945

1200 Position: 25°58'N 127°32'E  
 2000 Position: 24°56'N 128°26'E

5 May 1945

0800 Position: 23°23'N 129°47'E  
 1200 Position: 23°00'N 129°58'E  
 2000 Position: 21°50'N 130°57'E

6 May 1945

0800 Position: 20°02'N 132°23'E  
 1200 Position: 19°37'N 132°40'E  
 2000 Position: 18°26'N 133°39'E

7 May 1945

0800 Position: 16°38'N 135°01'E  
 1200 Position: 15°59'N 135°21'E  
 2000 Position: 14°52'N 136°08'E

8 May 1945

0800 Position: 13°22'N 137°25'E  
 1200 Position: 12°58'N 137°35'E  
 2000 Position: 11°56'N 138°22'E

9 May 1945

0800 Position: 10°31'N 139°43'E

11 May 1945

2000 Position: 10°07'N 140°11'E

12 May 1945

0800 Position: 10°35'N 142°06'E  
 1200 Position: 10°37'N 142°15'E  
 2000 Position: 10°47'N 143°07'E

13 May 1945

0800 Position: 11°07'N 145°14'E  
 1200 Position: 11°14'N 145°57'E  
 2000 Position: 11°27'N 146°55'E

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## W A R D I A R Y (cont'd)

SHIP'S POSITIONS FOR MAY 194514 May 1945

0800 Position:	12°17'N	148°47'E
1200 Position:	12°35'N	149°20'E
2000 Position:	12°48'N	150°30'E

15 May 1945

0800 Position:	12°35'N	152°38'E
1200 Position:	12°31'N	153°17'E
2000 Position:	12°19'N	154°34'E

16 May 1945

0800 Position:	11°49'N	156°33'E
1200 Position:	11°31'N	157°16'E
2000 Position:	11°26'N	158°40'E

17 May 1945

0800 Position:	11°19'N	160°38'E
1200 Position:	11°18'N	161°22'E
2000 Position:	11°03'N	162°47'E

18 May 1945

0800 Position:	10°56'N	164°44'E
1200 Position:	10°53'N	165°28'E
2000 Position:	10°50'N	166°56'E

19 May 1945

0800 Position:	10°46'N	169°02'E
1200 Position:	10°49'N	169°43'E
2000 Position:	11°03'N	170°56'E

20 May 1945

0800 Position:	11°30'N	172°49'E
1200 Position:	11°38'N	173°27'E
2000 Position:	11°55'N	174°42'E

21 May 1945

0800 Position:	12°41'N	176°15'E
1200 Position:	13°01'N	176°49'E
2000 Position:	13°26'N	178°05'E

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SHIP'S POSITIONS FOR MAY 1945

21 May 1945 (Meridan Day)

0800 Position:	14°15'N	179°49'E
1200 Position:	14°30'N	179°32'W
2000 Position:	14°56'N	178°21'W

22 May 1945

0800 Position:	15°37'N	176°31'W
1200 Position:	15°49'N	175°56'W
2000 Position:	16°20'N	174°36'W

23 May 1945

0800 Position:	16°47'N	172°35'W
1200 Position:	17°00'N	171°59'W
2000 Position:	17°23'N	170°33'W

24 May 1945

0800 Position:	17°49'N	168°26'W
1200 Position:	18°02'N	167°43'W
2000 Position:	18°22'N	166°04'W

25 May 1945

0800 Position:	18°47'N	164°07'W
1200 Position:	19°03'N	163°15'W
2000 Position:	19°21'N	161°56'W

26 May 1945

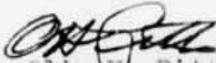
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1200 Position:	19°47'N	159°19'W
2000 Position:	19°46'N	158°46'W

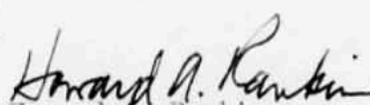
30 May 1945

1200 Position:	21°39'N	157°34'W
2000 Position:	22°05'N	156°46'W

31 May 1945

0800 Position:	24°06'N	154°48'W
1200 Position:	24°34'N	154°12'W
2000 Position:	25°26'N	152°40'W

  
Approved: Olin W. Pitts.  
Lt. Cdr., (DM), USNR,  
Commanding.

  
Examined: Howard A. Rankin.  
Lt.(jg), (D), USNR,  
Navigator.

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WAR DIARY  
July 1945

REG. NO 498  
R. S. NO  
REG. SHEET NO 164

This vessel assigned to Commander Service Squadron EIGHT, Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

July 1, 1945

Anchored at discretion in Naval Anchorage #12, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, Calif. 1022 Underway, enroute to Hunters Point. 1108 Commenced calibration of radio direction finder, swinging ship to port. 1145 Completed calibration, proceeding to Alameda, Calif. 1253 Moored starboard side to Pier #5, Encinal Terminal, Alameda, Calif.

July 2, 1945

Commenced cargo operations.

July 3 - 6, 1945

Continued cargo operations.

July 7, 1945

1408 Took aboard advanced troop detail of 120 men.

July 8, 1945

0551 Underway proceeding to Pier #7 San Francisco, Calif. 0714 Moored starboard side to Pier #7 San Francisco, Calif. 1400 Embarked 906 enlisted personnel, 57 officers. 1649 In accordance with movement order #517-CNR of ComWestSeaFrontier, dated 7 July 1945 underway from Pier #7 proceeding through submarine nets and main ship channel enroute to Pearl Harbor T.H. Steaming with dimmed navigation lights during darkness.

July 9 - 11, 1945

Steaming as before.

July 12, 1945

2040 Sighted bobbing white light in water bearing 065°(T), distance 7 miles. 2048 Altered course to 062°(T) to investigate unidentified light. Believed to be downed aircraft. 2116 Engines slow ahead. Conducted search of area by searchlight. All hands quiet to listen for distress signals in the water. 2120 Sighted oil slicks. 2154 Swinging ship in large circles. Cruising at slow speed, continuing search of area. 2159 Radar reported faint echo bearing 270°relative, distance 5,000 yards. Contact lost, unable to reestablish. 2213 Engines full speed ahead, resumed base course. Abandoning search. 2314 Broke radio silence to inform Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier of possible plane sinking, stating

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latitude and longitude, sighting of light and oil slick.

July 13 - 15 1945

Steaming as before.

July 16, 1945

Steaming independently as before. 0630 Lying off entrance to channel, Pearl Harbor, T.H. manueving to await pilot boat one and one half miles off entrance buoy. 0834 Proceeding to approach channel, Pilot at the conn. 0915 Moored starboard side to SS ROBIN WENTLEY, Berth A-13, Bishops Point, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1005 Debarked 22 passenger officers and 106 enlisted personnel.

July 17, 1945

Moored as before. 1212 Embarked 104 enlisted personnel, 20 officers. 1500 Underway proceeding to clear entrance channel, standing out of harbor, in accordance with routing instructions for convoy PD 500-T. Convoy consisting of USS KENMORE (AK-221) Convoy Commodore; with escorts, USS PG 1547, Escort Commander (Lt. George M. BROOKS, USNR), USS PC 812 in screening stations. 1702 Commenced gunnery exercises, firing port and starboard anti-aircraft batteries at tow plane targets. 1757 completed gunnery exercises. Ammunition expended: 36 rounds of 3"50 caliber, 720 rounds of 20MM. No casualties. Steaming enroute Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands with dimmed navigational lights showing.

July 18, - 24, 1945

Steaming as before.

July 25, 1945

Steaming as before. 1000 Exercised at General Quarters for firing practice. Firing port and starboard anti-aircraft batteries at free ballons. 5"51 Caliber battery at floating surface target. 1110 Completed exercises, Ammunition expended: 23 rounds of 3"50 caliber AA, 5 rounds of 3"51 Caliber AP, 5 rounds of 5" 51 caliber common projectile 274 rounds of 20 MM. No casualties.

July 26, 1945

Steaming as before.

July 27, 1945

Steaming as before. 0855 Sighted Eniwetok Island bearing 316°(T), distance 16 miles. 1010 Entering deep entrance channel. 1104 Anchored in Berth I-10, Able anchorages, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

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July 28, 1945

0715 Underway in accordance with routing instructions from Port Director for Task Unit 96.6.7 Proceeding out deep entrance channel. Task Unit composed of USS KENMORE (AK-221) (CTU 96.6.7), USS PC 1547 Escort Commander (Lt. George M. BROOKS USNR), USS PC 812, USS PC 1149. Steaming enroute to Guam, Marianas Islands.

July 29, 1945

Steaming as before.

July 30, 1945

Steaming as before. 1000 Exercising at firing practice. Firing port and starboard 3"50 caliber batteries. 1042 Secured from firing practice, ammunition expended: 24 rounds of 3"50 caliber Magnetic Impulse Fused AA.

July 31, 1945

Steaming as before. 1717 Exercising at firing practice, firing port and starboard anti-aircraft batteries at tow plane target. 1808 completed gunnery exercises. Ammunition expended: 32 rounds of 3" 50 caliber AA, 720 rounds of 20MM. One material casualty, gun #9, broken trigger.

Examined

*Howard A. Rankin*  
Howard A. RANKIN  
Lieutenant (jg) D, USNR  
Navigator

APPROVED:

*O. H. Pitts*  
O. H. PITTS  
Lieut. Cdr., USNR  
Commanding.

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8 July 1945:  
 2000 - 37° 38'N - 123° 02'W

9 July 1945:  
 0800 36° 18'N 124° 59'W  
 1200 35° 46.5'N 125° 48'W  
 2000 35° 17.5'N 127° 41'W

10 July 1945:  
 0800 34° 32.5'N 130° 22'W  
 1200 33° 58'N 131° 11.5'W  
 2000 33° 28.5'N 132° 58'W

11 July 1945:  
 0800 32° 44'N 135° 33'W  
 1200 32° 15'N 136° 20'W  
 2000 31° 39'N 138° 03'W

12 July 1945:  
 0800 30° 43'N 140° 31.5'W  
 1200 30° 06'N 141° 20'W  
 2000 29° 21'N 143° 01'W

13 July 1945:  
 0800 28° 21'N 145° 11'W  
 1200 27° 58'N 146° 04.5'W  
 0800 27° 12'N 147° 36'W

14 July 1945:  
 0800 26° 00'N 150° 12'W  
 1200 25° 33'N 151° 00'W  
 2000 24° 42.5'N 152° 25'W

15 July 1945:  
 0800 23° 21'N 154° 38'W  
 1200 23° 00'N 155° 19'W  
 2000 22° 15'N 156° 42'W

17 July 1945:  
 2000 20° 31'N 158° 00'W

18 July 1945:  
 0800 19° 14'N 159° 36'W  
 1200 19° 08'N 160° 23'W  
 2000 18° 47.5'N 161° 51'W

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19 July 1945:  
 0800 18° 14'N 164° 12.5'W  
 1200 17° 58'N 165° 04'W  
 2000 17° 38'N 166° 40'W

20 July 1945:  
 0800 17° 02'N 169° 08.5'W  
 1200 16° 52'N 169° 53'W  
 2000 16° 28'N 171° 26'W

21 July 1945:  
 0800 15° 39'N 173° 58'W  
 1200 15° 25'N 174° 45'W  
 2000 14° 51.5'N 176° 14'W

22 July 1945:  
 0800 13° 49'N 178° 26'W  
 1200 13° 41'N 179° 09'W  
 2000 13° 11'N 179° 26'W

Advanced ship's clocks 24 hours.

24 July 1945:  
 0800 12° 13'N 177° 09'E  
 1200 11° 50'N 176° 29'E  
 2000 11° 21.5'N 175° 02'E

25 July 1945:  
 0800 10° 37'N 172° 27'E  
 1200 10° 19'N 171° 45'E  
 2000 9° 50'N 170° 10'E

26 July 1945:  
 0800 9° 47'N 167° 30'E  
 1200 10° 02'N 166° 44'E  
 2000 10° 33'N 165° 07'E

27 July 1945:  
 0800 11° 00'N 162° 31'E

28 July 1945:  
 1200 11° 15.5'N 161° 49'E  
 2000 11° 29'N 160° 19'E

29 July 1945:  
 0800 11° 50'N 157° 58'E  
 1200 11° 49'N 157° 07'E  
 2000 12° 08'N 155° 35'E

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30 July 1945:

0800	12° 38'N	153° 10'E
1200	12° 36'N	152° 27'E
2000	12° 55'N	150° 53'E

31 July 1945:

0800	13° 25'N	148° 27'E
1200	13° 22'N	147° 50'E
2000	13° 40'N	146° 11'E

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SEP 1 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the month of August 1945.

War Diary - August 1945

This vessel assigned to Commander Service Squadron EIGHT, Service force, Pacific Fleet.

August 1, 1945

Steaming as before. 0652 Passed abeam entrance channel buoy port Apra, Guam, Marianas Islands. 0727 Moored to Berth #5, Port Apra, Guam, Marianas Islands. 0815 Disembarking enlisted passenger personnel and discharging cargo.

August 2, 1945

Moored as before. 1737 Underway, proceeding through outer channel in accordance with routing instructions of Port Director, Guam, Marianas Islands. Enroute independently to Saipan, Marianas Islands.

August 3, 1945

Steaming as before. 0723 Passed abeam submarine nets, entering Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Marianas Islands. 0753 Anchored in Berth L-57, Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Marianas Islands. 1640 Disembarked troop officers and enlisted passenger personnel. Total of 26 officers and 156 enlisted personnel.

August 4, 1945 through August 6, 1945

Anchored as before.

August 7, 1945

Moored as before. 1735 Underway, proceeding to Tanapag Harbor, Saipan. 1943 Moored alongside pier Able two (2), Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas Islands. 2135 Flash Red, Air Raid drill. General Quarters. 2147 Flash White. Secured from general quarters.

August 8, 1945

Moored as before. 2034 Flash Red. Air raid drill. 2053 Flash White. Secured from drill.

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August 9, 1945 through August 10, 1945

Moored as before. 0935 Secured cargo operations #3 hold temporarily while divers from U.S. Naval Base, Saipan removed two (2) incendiary bombs located between ship and dock, in thirty-five (35) feet of water. 1055 Operation completed, both bombs recovered. 1200 Commenced cargo operations.

August 11, 1945 through August 16, 1945

Moored as before.

August 17, 1945

Moored as before. 0735 Commenced embarking officer and enlisted passenger personnel. Total of 60 officers and 910 enlisted personnel. 1352 Underway, proceeding to outer harbor, Saipan, Marianas Islands. 1443 Anchored in Berth Mike ten (10), Saipan, Marianas Islands. 1745 Underway in accordance with routing instructions of Port Director, Saipan. Steaming independently with ocean escort, USS PC 571 in screening position. This ship convoy Commodore, convoy enroute to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

August 18, 1945 through August 21, 1945

Steaming as before.

August 22, 1945

Steaming as before. 0000 At this point, in accordance with routing instructions, Navigational lights were turned on to be burned from sunset to sunrise. 0907 Passed abeam entrance buoy East Channel Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 0934 Anchored in Berth Queen Eight (8), Able anchorage, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

August 23, 1945

Anchored as before.

August 24, 1945

Anchored as before. Underway, proceeding through outer channel in accordance with routing instructions of Port Director, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, for task unit 96.5.18. Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. Steaming independently with ocean escort PCE 870 in screening position. This ship convoy Commodore.

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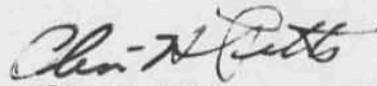
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August 25, 1945 through August 31, 1945

Steaming as before. Navigational lights burning from sunset to sunrise.

  
Olin H. PITTS,  
Commanding.

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U.S.S. KENMORE (AK-221)

1 October 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the month of September 1945.

War Diary - September 1945

This vessel assigned to Commander Service Froce,  
U.S. Pacific Fleet.

September 1, 1945

Steaming as before, independently with ocean escort  
U.S.S. P.C.E. 870 in screening position. This ship convoy Commodore,  
designated as Commander Task Unit 96.5.18, enroute to Pearl Harbor,  
T.H. Navigation lights burning from sunset to sunrise. 0938 S.S.  
CAPE MATAPAN passed abeam to port, distance one-half (1/2) mile.  
1609 Passed abeam U.S.S. CALVERT (APA-36), distance two (2) miles.

September 2, 1945

Steaming as before. 1044 Entering Pearl Harbor  
entrance Channel. 1053 Passed abeam submarine nets. 1127 Moored  
starboard side Mike-3, Southeast Lock, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1515 Commenc-  
ed unloading U.S. Mail from #4 hold. 1730 Completed discharging mail from  
#4 hold. 1828 Commenced taking aboard U.S. Mail in #4 hold. 1928  
Completed taking aboard U.S. Mail. 1940 Fresh water tanks filled.

September 3, 1945

Moored as before. 0650 Underway from Mike-3 Pearl  
Harbor, T.H., in accordance with routing instructions of Port  
Director, dated 2 September 1945. Proceeding to outer channel.  
0733 Clear of entrance channel. 1000 Departure, enroute to San  
Francisco, California, U.S.A. Steaming independently with Ocean escort  
U.S.S. P.C. 603 ahead in screening position. 1112 U.S.S. P.C. 603  
departed to return to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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1 October 1945

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September 4, 1945 to September 11, 1945

Steaming as before. 0950 Sighted Southern Farrallon Islands. 1140 Approaching Examination Vessel, San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 1218 Entering Main Ship channel, San Francisco, California. 1255 Passed beneath Golden Gate Bridge, entering San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 1410 Commenced debarking troops. 1450 Completed debarking troops.

September 12, 1945

Moored as before.

September 13, 1945

Moored as before. 0740 Underway from Pier seven (7), San Francisco, California, enroute to Kaiser Ship Yard #3, Richmond, California. 0810 Maneuvering to enter Richmond Ship Yard Channel. 0915 Moored starboard side S.S. ERIC HAUSEN, Berth five (5), Finger piers, Kaiser Ship Yard #3, Richmond, California.

September 14, 1945 to September 18, 1945

Moored as before. 0920 Preparing to move to drydock. 0940 Underway to Drydock. 1125 Ship resting on drydock keel, Drydock #1, Kaiser #3, Richmond, California.

September 19, 1945 to September 20, 1945

Drydocked as before. 1430 Drydock gates opened, preparing to leave drydock. 1551 Passed over sill of drydock underway to Pier. 1608 Moored port side Finger Pier #7, Kaiser Yard #3, Richmond, Calif.

September 20, 1945 to September 27, 1945

Moored as before. 0700 Preparing to get underway. Underway from Finger Pier #7, Richmond, California, enroute to Naval anchorage #12, San Francisco, Bay, California. 0950 Compass adjusters came on board. Commenced swinging ship. 1050 Completed compass compensation. 1122 Anchored Berth #9, Naval anchorage #12. 1649 Anchored in Berth #5, Naval anchorage, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California.

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September 27, 1945 to September 30, 1945

Anchored as before. In Berth #5, Naval anchorage  
#12, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California.

*O. H. FIVTS*  
O. H. FIVTS

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1 November 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the month of October 1945.

War Diary - October 1945

This vessel assigned to Commander Service Force,  
U. S. Pacific Fleet.

October 1, 1945

Anchored as before in Berth #5, Naval anchorage #12, San Francisco, California. 0809 Underway, proceeding to Pier #38, San Francisco, California. 0930 Commenced embarking passenger personnel. 1145 Completed embarking passenger personnel. Total: 47 Officers and 772 enlisted men. 1545 Underway from Pier #38, San Francisco, California, proceeding to outer channel. 1600 Passed beneath Golden Gate Bridge. 1901 Took departure San Francisco, California in accordance with dispatch order from Commander Western Sea Frontier, enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, Ryukus Islands.

October 2, 1945 to October 7, 1945

Steaming as before with navigational lights burning at full brilliancy from sunset to sunrise. 0020 Ship identified as CENTROL VICTORY passed abeam to port, distance ten (10) miles.

October 7, 1945 to October 11, 1945

Steaming as before. Vessel laboring greatly to strong gale. 2300 Winds decreasing.

October 11, 1945 to October 20, 1945

Steaming as before. 0235 Ship identified as U.S.A.T. URUGUAY passed abeam to port, distance five (5) miles.

October 20, 1945 to October 22, 1945

Steaming as before. 0958 Passed abeam to starboard Kita Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, distance 17 1/2 miles. 1200 Passed abeam to port, Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, distance 18 miles.

October 22, 1945 to October 24, 1945

Steaming as before. 1058 Passed abeam to port, Okino Daito Shima, Borodino Islands, distance seven and one-half (7 1/2) miles.

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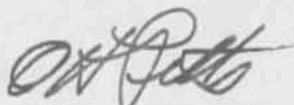
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October 24, 1945 to October 25, 1945

Steaming as before. 0710 Proceeding into entrance channel of Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima. 0752 Entering channel. 0905 Anchored in Berth Love 62. Southern anchorage Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, Southwestern Islands.

October 25, 1945 to October 31, 1945

Anchored as before. 1425 Preparing to get underway. 1511 Underway from Berth Love 62 Southern anchorage, Buckner Bay, Southwestern Islands in accordance with dispatch orders from Port Director, Okinawa dated 31 October 1945. 1620 Took departure Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima, enroute to Shanghai, China with escorts PC 804, escort Commander and PC 594 in screening position. Commanding Officer of U.S.S. KENMORE (AK-221) as O.T.C.

  
O. H. PITTS

cc:

CominChPacFlt  
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Positions - Month of October

<u>October</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
1			37° 51'N 123° 14'W
2	36° 39'N 125° 42'W	38° 54'N 126° 32'W	39° 20'N 128° 49.5'W
3	40° 12'N 131° 40'W	40° 28'N 132° 37'W	41° 02'N 134° 26'W
4	41° 33'N 137° 01'W	41° 46'N 137° 53.5'W	42° 15'N 139° 32'W
5	42° 37'N 141° 50'W	42° 49'N 143° 45'W	43° 02'N 145° 42'W
6	43° 22'N 149° 18'W	43° 32'N 150° 01'W	43° 33'N 152° 01'W
7	43° 40'N 154° 57'W	43° 47'N 155° 56'W	43° 42'N 157° 55'W
8	43° 34'N 160° 55'W	43° 23'N 161° 42'W	43° 14'N 163° 10'W
9	43° 07'N 165° 09'W	43° 01'N 166° 49'W	43° 03'N 168° 37'W
10	42° 53'N 171° 11'W	42° 45'N 171° 37'W	42° 28'N 172° 26'W
11	42° 12'N 173° 47'W	41° 57'N 172° 45'W	41° 51'N 172° 46'W
12	41° 33'N 173° 32'W	40° 42'N 174° 21'W	40° 03'N 175° 54'W
13	39° 03'N 178° 12'W	38° 25'N 178° 42'W	37° 56'N 179° 30'E
14	Crossed International Date Line		
15	37° 32'N 176° 45'E	37° 21'N 175° 56'E	37° 07'N 174° 41'E
16	36° 50'N 172° 10'E	36° 39'N 171° 22'E	36° 12'N 169° 42'E

Positions - Month of October

<u>October</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
17	35° 24'N 167° 10'E	35° 12'N 166° 18'E	34° 53'N 164° 30'E
18	34° 07'N 161° 48'E	33° 33'N 160° 56'E	32° 59'N 158° 57'E
19	32° 21'N 156° 22'E	32° 06'N 155° 40'E	31° 25'N 154° 15'E
20	30° 25'N 151° 22'E	30° 00'N 150° 32'E	29° 30'N 149° 11'E
21	28° 03'N 146° 11'E	27° 36'N 145° 29'E	26° 42'N 144° 03'E
22	25° 28'N 141° 45'E	25° 00'N 141° 02'E	24° 14'N 139° 25'E
23	24° 20'N 136° 42'E	24° 23'N 135° 52'E	24° 29'N 134° 10'E
24	24° 37'N 131° 52'E	24° 40'N 131° 06'E	25° 00'N 129° 26'E
31			25° 48'N 127° 24'E

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the month of November 1945.

War Diary - November 1945

This vessel assigned to Commander Service Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

November 1, 1945

Steaming as before, enroute to Shanghai, China, with ocean escorts PC 594 and PC 804 in screening position. This ship acting as convey commodore. Steaming with running lights burning at full brilliancy from sunset to sunrise.

November 2, 1945

Steaming as before. 0646 Passed abeam Barron Islands, distance ten (10) miles. 0806 Passed abeam Lukon Island, distance eight (8) miles. 1038 Passed abeam Bonham Island light. 1330 Proceeding up Yangtze river to anchorage off Grass Island. 1715 Anchored off southeast Knoll of Grass Island, Yangtze River, China.

November 3, 1945

Anchored as before. 0610 Preparing to get underway to Shanghai, China. 0629 Underway. 0744 Anchored off Woosung. 0858 Underway from Hwangpoo River entrance, proceeding up Hwangpoo River to Shanghai, China. 1052 Anchored between buoy #14 and #15, Hwangpoo River, Shanghai, China.

November 4, 1945

Moored as before. 1800 Commenced transferring troop passengers and receiving troops. 2000 Completed transferring and receiving troop passengers. Total of 218 enlisted personnel debarked and 12 Officers.

November 5, 1945

Moored as before. 1200 Commenced disembarking and embarking passengers. 1710 Completed disembarking passengers. 1720 Completed embarking passengers.

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-----November 6, 1945 - November 8, 1945

Moored as before. 0905 Preparing to get underway. 1045 One officer passenger detached. 1220 Pursuant to orders of Commander Task Unit 70.2.3, Lt. Archie S. BROWN, S(I), USNR was detached from this ship in custody of Lt. M. N. KELLEY, USNR. 1307 Underway from buoys #14 and #15, Hwangpoo River, Shanghai, China proceeding down Hwangpoo River. 1429 Approaching mouth of Yangtze River. 1835 Anchored at mouth of Yangtze River.

November 9, 1945

Anchored as before. 0605 Anchors aweigh, underway according to routing orders from C.T.F. #73, enroute to Hong Kong, China. 0821 Passed abeam Bonham Island light. 0832 Passed abeam Lukon Island. 1230 Passed abeam Bonham Island.

November 10, 1945 - November 11, 1945

Steaming as before. 0505 Passed abeam to port Yoge Jima Retto, distance 20 miles. 0800 Passed abeam convoy of ships identified as Transport Division #9. 1936 Passed abeam to port convoy of ships identified as Transport Squadron #17. 1807 Passed abeam to starboard Kocho To. 1850 Exchanged calls with U.S.S. SUSQUAHANNA (AOG-5).

November 12, 1945

Steaming as before. 0550 Exchanged calls with U.S.S. VALENTINE (AF-47). 1000 Exchanged calls with CHARLES E. BROWN (DE-46).

November 13, 1945

Steaming as before. 0700 Radar contact of China Coast, bearing 310°(T), distance 29 miles. 0935 H.M.S. K-572 ahead as escort proceeding up entrance channel to Hong Kong Bay. 1100 H.M.S. K-572 left as escort. 1154 Anchored in berth U.S. #6, Western Anchorage, Hong Kong Bay, China. 1505 Commenced disembarking troop personnel.

November 14, 1945 - November 16, 1945

Anchored as before. 0800 Completed embarking passenger personnel. 0830 Preparing to get underway. 1026 Underway from berth U.S. #6, Hong Kong, China in accordance with dispatch orders dated 16 November 1945 from C.T.F. #74, enroute to Manila, P. I. 1230 Took departure Hong Kong, China.

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November 17, 1945 - November 18, 1945

Steaming as before. 1208 Sighted Western Luzon Islands, P. I., bearing 106°(T), distance 50 miles. 1818 Passed abeam convoy of four (4) L.C.I.'s, distance 12 miles. 1828 Exchanged calls with U.S.S. OTTAWA (AK-101).

November 19, 1945

Steaming as before; passing along west coast of Luzon Is. 0544 Passed abeam Corregidor Is., distance six (6) miles. 0755 Proceeding up approach channel to Manila Bay, P. I. 1012 Anchored in berth #40 Manila Bay, P. I.

November 20, 1945

Anchored as before. 1045 Preparing to get underway. 1057 Underway from berth #40, Manila Bay, P. I. in accordance with dispatch orders dated 19 November 1945, from Port Director, enroute to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. 1100 Proceeding out channel. 1258 Passed abeam Corregidor Island. 1317 Passed abeam Lo Monja Is. 2137 Passed abeam U.S.S. OCKLAWAHA (AO-84), distance one-half mile.

November 21, 1945

Steaming as before. 0035 Passed abeam U.S.S. SAN SABA (APA-232), distance 20 Miles. 0055 Passed abeam U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31), distance five (5) miles. 1635 Exchanged calls with U. S. Army Hospital ship MARI GOLD. 2017 Passed abeam Fuga Island, distance 7 1/2 miles.

November 22, 1945 - November 26, 1945

Steaming as before. 0637 Sighted land bearing 063°(T), distance 49 miles. 1150 Passed abeam Minami Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

November 27, 1945 - November 30, 1945

Steaming as before. Encountering several merchant ships and exchanging calls.

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November 1, 1945

0800	26° 54'N	125° 32'E
1200	27° 27'N	125° 07'E
2000	28° 34'N	124° 08'E

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November 2, 1945

0800	30° 34'N	122° 56'E
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November 9, 1945

0800	30° 44'N	122° 21.5'E
1200	30° 34'N	123° 01'E
2000	38° 21'N	123° 49'E

November 10, 1945

0800	27° 37'N	124° 54'E
1200	26° 48'N	125° 33'E
2000	25° 39'N	124° 40'E

November 11, 1945

0800	24° 00'N	122° 55'E
1200	23° 24'N	122° 23'E
2000	22° 20'N	121° 25'E

November 12, 1945

0800	21° 40'N	119° 38'E
1200	21° 42'N	118° 46'E
2000	21° 39'N	117° 07'E

November 13, 1945

0800	21° 47'N	114° 32'E
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November 16, 1945

2000	21° 03'N	115° 10'E
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November 17, 1945

0800	19° 14'N	116° 32'E
1200	18° 51'N	116° 50'E
2000	17° 54'N	117° 25'E

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November 18, 1945

0800	16° 28'N	118° 20'E
1200	16° 00'N	118° 47'E
2000	15° 12'N	119° 38'E

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November 20, 1945

2000	15° 03'N	119° 31'E
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November 21, 1945

0800	17° 21'N	118° 38'E
1200	17° 10'N	120° 05'E
2000	18° 44'N	121° 20'E

November 22, 1945

0800	18° 02'N	123° 26'E
1200	18° 01'N	124° 11'E
2000	19° 05'N	125° 46'E

November 23, 1945

0800	19° 50'N	127° 59'E
1200	20° 01'N	128° 44'E
2000	20° 28'N	130° 02'E

November 24, 1945

0800	21° 15'N	132° 20'E
1200	21° 32'N	133° 05'E
2000	21° 57'N	134° 23'E

November 25, 1945

0800	22° 34'N	136° 29'E
1200	22° 38'N	137° 06'E
2000	22° 57'N	138° 11'E

November 26, 1945

0800	23° 55'N	140° 39'E
1200	23° 59'N	141° 34'E
2000	24° 18'N	142° 58'E

November 27, 1945

0800	25° 02'N	145° 17'E
1200	25° 19'N	146° 09'E
2000	25° 42'N	147° 32'E

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**CONFIDENTIAL** November 28, 1945

0800	26° 09'N	149° 55'E
1200	26° 20'N	150° 42'E
2000	26° 26'N	152° 16'E

November 29, 1945

0800	26° 46'N	154° 57'E
1200	29° 13'N	155° 46'E
2000	27° 18'N	157° 21'E

November 30, 1945

0800	27° 32'N	159° 41'E
1200	27° 36'N	160° 30'E