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1 August 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the Month of July, 1945 - Submission of.
Reference: (a) CominCh Serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted:

14 July 1945

1430 Vessel officially placed into active commission at Navy Dock, Westwego, La., By Comdr. E. G. EIBAND, USNR, representing the Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District. Lt. Carlton W. CROCKER, Jr., USNR, assumed command of ship pursuant to BuPers despatch orders of 30 November 1944, under Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District, and Commander, Task Force 23.

15 July 1945

0708 Underway in accordance with orders of IndMan, 8ND, dated 11 July 1945, on various courses and speeds down Mississippi River en route to U. S. Naval Supply Depot, New Orleans, La., Section #7 for purposes of taking on supplies.

16 July 1945.

0840 Commenced loading at Naval Supply Depot, New Orleans, La. 2030 Secured from taking on supplies.

17 July 1945.

0731 Underway to swing ship and calibrate radio direction finder in Mississippi River in accordance with orders of IndMan, 8ND, dated 11 July 1945. 0952 Completed Adjustment of magnetic compasses. 1011 Anchored mid-stream Mississippi River, off Chalmette Fueling Station, New Orleans, La. 1137 Completed calibration of radio direction finder. Took on fuel and proceeded to Quarantine Anchorage. 2009 Anchored.

18 July 1945.

Underway from Quarantine Anchorage, New Orleans, La., for Naval Ammunition Depot, proceeding downstream on various courses and speeds to conform with the channel. 0957 Moored at Naval Ammunition Depot, New Orleans, La. 1029 Started loading ammunition. 1131 Secured taking on ammunition. Ammunition aboard as follows: 252 rounds of 3"50 Cal. AA, 52 rounds of armor piercing 3"50 Cal., 13140 rounds of 20 mm AA, 2 short cartridges 3"50 Cal., 1 Destructor I.F.F., 120 Test Primers, 3000 rounds of 30 cal., 5000 rounds 22 cal., 2400 rounds 45 cal., (blanks), 50 rounds of 12 gauge shotgun shells, 7 Very pistols, 600 Very pistol ammunition, 48 signal rockets, 2 Abandon Ship signal kits. 1139 Underway from Naval Ammunition Depot on various courses and speeds for Quarantine Anchorage. 1309 Anchored at Quarantine Anchorage, New Orleans, La.

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19 July 1945.

1210 Underway from Quarantine Anchorage, New Orleans, La., for Galveston, Texas, in accordance with Movement Order No. 359, CominCh Serial 0757 of 13 March 1943.

20 July 1945.

0800 Position: Lat. $28^{\circ}43'$, N. Long. $89^{\circ}21'$ W. Underway from Pilottown, La., downstream Mississippi River via Southwest Pass for Gunnery Area, 13 miles off Southwest Pass, bearing 165° True, in accordance with Movement Order No. 359 on routing issued by Port Director, 8ND, New Orleans, La. Fired 20 mm guns and 3"50 Cal. guns in firing area. 120 rounds of 20 mm ammunition expended, 4 rounds of 3"50 Cal. AA expended. No casualties. 1200 Position: Lat. $28^{\circ}43'$ N., Long. $90^{\circ}7'$ W. 2000 Position: Lat. $28^{\circ}59'$ N., Long. $91^{\circ}59'$ W.

21 July 1945.

Underway as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $29^{\circ}38.5'$ N., Long. $92^{\circ}19.5'$ W. 0923 Anchored in Bolivar Roads General Anchorage No. 4, Galveston, Texas, in accordance with orders of Port Director, Galveston, Texas.

22 July 1945.

0944 Underway from Bolivar Roads Anchorage No. 4, Galveston, Texas, for Todd-Galveston Drydocking co., Galveston, Texas, in accordance with IndMan, 8ND, order dated 16 July 1945, for purposes of having bottom inspected, sand-blasted, and painted. 1351 Drydock pumped dry, ship balanced on blocks.

23 July 1945.

Drydocked in No. 2 Drydock of Todd-Galveston Drydocking Co., Galveston, Texas.

24 July 1945.

Drydocked as before.

25 July 1945.

0743 Undocked ship from No. 2 Drydock of Todd Galveston Drydocking Co., Galveston, Texas. Underway under tow for U.S.N. Deperming Station, Pier 41, Galveston, Texas. Moored and underwent deperming. 1210 Underway from Pier No. 41 for Pier No. 39, Galveston, Texas. 1235 Moored to Pier 39, Galveston, Texas.

26 July 1945

Moored as before.

27 July 1945.

Moored as before.

28 July 1945.

0851 Underway from Pier No. 39, Galveston, Texas, for Compass compensating range area, two miles off Galveston South Jetty Light, in accordance with orders of Port Director, New Orleans, La., dated 16 July 1945. 1121 Completed swinging ship and computing R.D.F. error, proceeding into Galveston harbor. 1501 Moored to Pier No. 42, Galveston, Texas.

29 July 1945

Reported to Commander, Training Group, Gulf Area, (CTG. 23.22), at Pier No. 42

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29 July 1945 (Cont.)

Galveston, Texas, for shakedown in accordance with COTCLant Movement Order No. 320-45 of 8 May 1945. 1509 Underway from Pier #42, Galveston, Texas, for Bolivar Roads Anchorage, Galveston, Texas, in accordance with orders of Commander Training Group, Gulf Area, dated 22 July 1945. 1546 Anchored in Bolivar Roads Anchorage No. 4, Galveston, Texas.

30 July 1945.

Anchored in Bolivar Roads, Anchorage No. 4, Galveston, Texas, conducting general drills under shakedown program directed by Officer in Tactical Command, representing CTG. 23.22.

31 July 1945.

Anchored as before. 0936 Underway for firing area Baker, 40 miles southeast of Galveston South Jetty Light for shakedown firing exercises in accordance with orders of Commander Training Group, Gulf Area, under supervision of OTC, Lt. P. M. Brown, USN, and staff, representing CTG 23.22. 1200 Position: Lat. 29°07' N., Long. 94°37' W. 1352 Commenced firing 3"50 Cal. and 20 mm guns at sleeve towed by target plane. 1500 Securing from firing exercises, 55 rounds of 3"50 Cal. AA expended, 2461 rounds of 20 MM ammunition expended. 2000 Position: Lat. 29°11' N., Long. 94°25' W.

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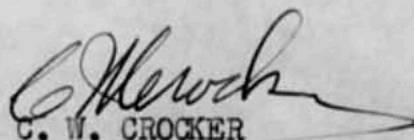
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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. FLEET.
Subject: War Diaries for the months of August, September and October - Forwarding of.
Reference: (a) COMINCH serial 7152 , dated 29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary for the month of August, 1945 dated 7 November 1945.
(B) War Diary for the month of September, 1945 dated 8 November 1945.
(C) War Diary for the month of October, 1945 dated 8 November 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded herewith.


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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. FLEET.
Subject: War Diary for the Month of August, 1945 - Submission of.
Reference: (a) COMINCH Serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted:

1 August 1945

Steaming on shakedown cruise in Gulf of Mexico, off Galveston, Texas, in accordance with orders of ComGroup, Gulf Area (CTG 23.22), dated 22 July 1945, under supervision O.T.C., Lt., T.M. Brown, representing CTG 23.22. Vessel attached to Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District, and Commander, Task Force 23. 0130 Anchored off shore of measured mile, Galveston, Texas. 0711 Underway running measured mile in Lat. $29^{\circ} 12' 20''$ N., Long. $94^{\circ} 55' 48''$ W. 0800 Position: Lat. $29^{\circ} 09' 00''$ N., Long. $94^{\circ} 55' 48''$ W. 1200 Position: Lat. $29^{\circ} 08' 00''$ N., Long. $94^{\circ} 57' 00''$ W. 1358 Concluded running measured mile. Conducting general drills under shakedown program. 1528 Proceeding into Galveston Harbor. 1632 Anchored in Bolivar Roads, Anchorage No. 4, Galveston, Texas.

2 August 1945

Anchored as before. 0900 Exercising at General Drills under direction of Lt., T.M. Brown, O.T.C., representing CTG 23.22.

3 August 1945

Anchored as before. 0900 Exercising at General Drills under direction of Lt., T.M. Brown, O.T.C., representing CTG 23.22. 1515 Underway from Bolivar Roads Anchorage, Galveston, Texas, for Texas Coast Shipyards, Galveston, Texas, for 4 day work availability in compliance with orders of CTG 23.22. 1601 Moored starboard side to Berth C., Texas Coast Shipyards, Galveston, Texas.

4 August 1945

Moored as before.

5 August 1945

Moored as before. Shipyard work in progress on vessel.

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6 August 1945

Moored as before. Shipyard work in progress on vessel.

7 August 1945

Moored as before. Shipyard work in progress on vessel.

8 August 1945

Moored as before. Shipyard work in progress on vessel.

9 August 1945

Moored as before. 0900 Postshakedown work availability ended. Vessel under direct operational control of The Chief of Naval Operations. 0940 Underway from Berth "C", Texas Coast Shipyard, Galveston, Texas for Gulfport, Miss., to load cargo, in compliance with orders of CNO Despatch 081505 of August 1945. 1200 Position: Lat 29° 17' N., Long. 94° 25.5' W. 2000 Position: Lat. 28° 56' N., Long. 93° 33' W.

10 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 28° 47.5' N., Long. 88° 58' W. 1200 Position: Lat. 28° 58' N., Long. 89° 02.5' W. 1916 Anchored 500 yards north of Ship Island, Mississippi Sound, eastward of channel leading into Gulfport Harbor while awaiting pilot.

11 August 1945

Anchored as before. 0600 Pilot aboard. Underway from anchorage off Ship Island, Mississippi Sound, for Gulfport, Miss. 0747 Moored port side to Section 6., Advance Base Depot Annex, West Pier, Gulfport, Miss. 1100 Cargo loading, consisting of cement, begun in No. 2 and No. 3 Holds. 1700 Secured cargo loading.

12 August 1945

Moored as before.

13 August 1945

Moored as before. 0800 Cargo loading of beer and construction machinery and equipment resumed in No. 1, 2, and 3 Holds. 1700 Secured from leading for the day.

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14 August 1945

Moored as before. 0800 Continued loading construction cargo and beer in No. 1, 2 and 3 Holds, and fresh and frozen provisions in No. 4 Hold. 1700 Secured loading for the day.

15 August 1945

Moored as before.

16 August 1945

Moored as before.

17 August 1945

Moored as before. 0800 Resumed loading of vehicles and beer in No. 1, 2 and 3 Holds. 1700 Secured loading for the day.

18 August 1945

Moored as before.

19 August 1945

Moored as before.

20 August 1945

Moored as before. 0800 Resumed loading heavy lifts of beer, and cement in Holds No. 2 and 3. 1700 Secured loading for the day.

21 August 1945

Moored as before. 0800 Resumed loading of beer in No. 2 and No. 3 Holds. 1700 Completed loading of cargo in all holds.

22 August 1945

Moored as before. 1033 Underway from Gulfport, Miss. for Cristobal, Canal Zone pursuant to orders of CNO despatch 081505 of August 1945. 1200 Position: Lat. 30° 11' N., Long. 88° 59.5' W. 2000 Position: Lat. 28° 53' N., Long. 88° 12' W.

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23 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $26^{\circ} 42'$ N., Long. $87^{\circ} 12.5'$ W.; 1200 Position: Lat. $26^{\circ} 02'$ N., Long. $87^{\circ} 12.5'$ W.; 2000 Position: Lat. $24^{\circ} 30'$ N., Long. $86^{\circ} 22'$ W.

24 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $22^{\circ} 42'$ N., Long. $85^{\circ} 04'$ W.; 1200 Position: Lat. $21^{\circ} 50'$ N.; Long. $85^{\circ} 11'$ W.; 2000 Position: Lat. $20^{\circ} 37'$ N., Long. $84^{\circ} 19'$ W.

25 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $18^{\circ} 31'$ N., Long. $83^{\circ} 05'$ W.; 1200 Position: Lat. $17^{\circ} 49'$ N., Long. $82^{\circ} 47'$ W.; 2000 Position: Lat. $16^{\circ} 50'$ N., Long. $82^{\circ} 11'$ W.

26 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $15^{\circ} 19'$ N., Long. $80^{\circ} 35'$ W.; 1200 Position: Lat. $14^{\circ} 30'$ N., Long. $80^{\circ} 32'$ W.; 2000 Position: Lat. $13^{\circ} 15'$ N., Long. $80^{\circ} 17'$ W.

27 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 57'$ N., Long. $80^{\circ} 01'$ W.; 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 06'$ N., Long. $79^{\circ} 53'$ W. 1602 Entering Cristobal Harbor, Limon Bay, Canal Zone. 1626 Proceeding to Colon Anchorage. 1644 Anchored in Colon Anchorage, Limon Bay, C.Z. awaiting docking orders. 1659 Docking orders received. Anchor aweigh. Proceeding to Coco Sole Naval Base, C.Z. 1725 Moored portside to Pier 1, Berth "B", Coco Sole, C.Z. for servicing.

28 August 1945

Moored as before. 0900 Fresh provisions and GSK items aboard from U.S. Naval Base, Coco Sole, C.Z. 1000 Commenced receiving fresh water from dock. 1015 Commenced fueling ship. Secured taking fresh water on board. 1345 Secured from fueling ship. 1710 Servicing of ship completed.

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29 August 1945


Moored as before. 1057 Underway from Pier No. 1, U.S. Naval Base, Coco Solo, Canal Zone, for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands in accordance with orders of Commander Panama Sea Frontier, dated 29 August 1945 by way of the Panama Canal. 1200 Underway in approaches to Gatun Locks, Panama Canal. 1227 Entering Gatun locks. 1358 Cleared Gatun Locks proper. Proceeding in Miraflores Lake through canal. 1845 Entering San Miquel Locks. 1920 Cleared San Miquel Locks. 1935 Entering Miraflores Locks. 2000 Proceeding through Miraflores Locks. 2057 Cleared Miraflores Locks. 2200 Completed passage through Panama Canal, steaming singly enroute to Subic Bay on routing issued by Port Director, Cristobal, C.Z.

30 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 6° 56' N., Long. 79° 46.5' W.; 1200 Position: Lat. 6° 33' N., Long. 80° 20' W.; 2000 Position: Lat. 6° 25' N., Long. 81° 50' W.

31 August 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 6° 14' N., Long. 83° 52.5' W.; 1200 Position: Lat. 6° 15' N., Long. 84° 36.5' W.; 2000 Position: Lat. 6° 17' N., Long. 85° 52' W.


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Reference: (A) COMINCH Serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted:

1 September 1945

Steaming enroute to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands from Colon, Canal Zone, in accordance with orders of Commander Panama Sea Frontier dated 29 August 1945. Vessel attached to Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet. 0800 Position: Lat. $06^{\circ} 32' N.$, Long. $88^{\circ} 14' W.$; 1200 Position: Lat. $06^{\circ} 35.5' N.$, Long. $89^{\circ} 03.5' W.$; 2000 Position: Lat. $06^{\circ} 48.5' N.$, Long. $90^{\circ} 25.5' W.$

2 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $07^{\circ} 06' N.$, Long. $92^{\circ} 31' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $07^{\circ} 10' N.$, Long. $92^{\circ} 53' W.$; 2000 Position: Lat. $07^{\circ} 17' N.$, Long. $94^{\circ} 19' W.$

3 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $07^{\circ} 32.5' N.$, Long. $96^{\circ} 15' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $07^{\circ} 38' N.$, Long. $96^{\circ} 56' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $07^{\circ} 52' N.$, Long. $98^{\circ} 7' W.$

4 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 02.5' N.$, Long. $100^{\circ} 15' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 05' N.$, Long. $100^{\circ} 58' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 11' N.$, Long. $102^{\circ} 24.5' W.$

5 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 24' N.$, Long. $104^{\circ} 15' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 24.8' N.$, Long. $105^{\circ} 24' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 37.5' N.$, Long. $106^{\circ} 48.5' W.$

6 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 56' N.$, Long. $108^{\circ} 51.5' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 03.8' N.$, Long. $109^{\circ} 23' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 15' N.$, Long. $110^{\circ} 48' W.$

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Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 23'N.$, Long. $112^{\circ} 36'W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 32.2'N.$, Long. $113^{\circ} 34.5'W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 36'N.$, Long. $114^{\circ} 46.5'W.$

8 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 48'N.$, Long. $117^{\circ} 07'W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 55.5'N.$, Long. $118^{\circ} 05'W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 03' N.$, Long. $119^{\circ} 30.5'W.$

9 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 08'N.$, Long. $121^{\circ} 48.6'W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 11'N.$, Long. $122^{\circ} 36'W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 24' N.$, Long. $124^{\circ} 05' W.$

10 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 40'N.$, Long. $126^{\circ} 15'W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 40'N.$, Long. $126^{\circ} 55'W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 44' N.$, Long. $128^{\circ} 22' W.$

11 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 45'N.$, Long. $130^{\circ} 20.5' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 36'N.$, Long. $130^{\circ} 33'W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 42'N.$, Long. $132^{\circ} 06.5'W.$

12 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 50'N.$, Long. $134^{\circ} 20'W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $11^{\circ} 01'N.$, Long. $135^{\circ} 18'W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $11^{\circ} 02'N.$, Long. $136^{\circ} 50.5'W.$

13 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $11^{\circ} 00'N.$, Long. $139^{\circ} 14'W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 53'N.$, Long. $140^{\circ} 16' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 53' N.$, Long. $141^{\circ} 54' W.$

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14 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 53' N.$, Long. $144^{\circ} 22' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 59' N.$, Long. $145^{\circ} 16' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 58' N.$, Long. $146^{\circ} 53.5' W.$

15 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 57' N.$, Long. $149^{\circ} 36' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $11^{\circ} 01' N.$, Long. $150^{\circ} 32' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 55' N.$, Long. $152^{\circ} 10' W.$

16 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 50' N.$, Long. $154^{\circ} 36' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 59.2' N.$, Long. $155^{\circ} 22.5' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 53' N.$, Long. $156^{\circ} 56.5' W.$

17 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 42.5' N.$, Long. $159^{\circ} 20' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 39' N.$, Long. $160^{\circ} 14' W.$ 1421 Gunnery practice on 3" 50-Cal. Gun. Rounds expended in training: 8 A.P., and 17 A.A. Total: 25 Rounds. 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 33' N.$, Long. $161^{\circ} 33.5' W.$

18 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 28' N.$, Long. $164^{\circ} 21' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 27.8' N.$, Long. $165^{\circ} 12' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 17' N.$, Long. $166^{\circ} 42' W.$

19 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 01.5' N.$, Long. $169^{\circ} 03' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 59' N.$, Long. $169^{\circ} 52' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 51.5' N.$, Long. $171^{\circ} 24.5' W.$

20 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 39' N.$, Long. $173^{\circ} 44.5' W.$, 1200 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 32' N.$, Long. $174^{\circ} 30' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 18' N.$, Long. $176^{\circ} 05' W.$

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21 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 05' N.$, Long. $178^{\circ} 31.5' W.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 07.7' N.$, Long. $179^{\circ} 25' W.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 58' N.$, Long. $179^{\circ} 09.5' E.$

23 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 51.5' N.$, Long. $177^{\circ} 01' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 43.5' N.$, Long. $175^{\circ} 46' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 28' N.$, Long. $174^{\circ} 12' E.$

24 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 07.5' N.$, Long. $171^{\circ} 50' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 08.2' N.$, Long. $171^{\circ} 04' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $08^{\circ} 42' N.$, Long. $169^{\circ} 39' E.$

25 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $09^{\circ} 54' N.$, Long. $167^{\circ} 26' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 13' N.$, Long. $166^{\circ} 40' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 36' N.$, Long. $164^{\circ} 56.5' E.$

26 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $11^{\circ} 14' N.$, Long. $162^{\circ} 21.5' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 57' N.$, Long. $161^{\circ} 43' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 48.5' N.$, Long. $160^{\circ} 03' E.$

27 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 45' N.$, Long. $157^{\circ} 34' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 42' N.$, Long. $156^{\circ} 45' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 31' N.$, Long. $155^{\circ} 12' E.$

28 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 25' N.$, Long. $152^{\circ} 35' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 21' N.$, Long. $151^{\circ} 49' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 17' N.$, Long. $150^{\circ} 13' E.$

29 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 10' N.$, Long. $147^{\circ} 48' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 09' N.$, Long. $146^{\circ} 57' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 09' N.$, Long. $145^{\circ} 24' E.$

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30 September 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 03' N.$, Long. $143^{\circ} 03' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 06.4' N.$, Long. $142^{\circ} 18' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ} 05' N.$, Long. $140^{\circ} 36' E.$


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U.S.S. HERKIMER (AK 188)
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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8 November 1945

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. FLEET.
Subject: War Diary for the month of October, 1945 - Submission of.
Reference: (a) COMINCH serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted:

1 October 1945

Steaming independently, attached to Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet. Operating under orders of Commander Panama Sea Frontier, dated 29 August 1945, enroute to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands with cargo of construction equipment, beer and frozen provisions. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}30'N.$, Long. $138^{\circ}18'E.$ 1142 Spherical object floating in water, which was identified as a mooring buoy, sunk by gunfire as menace to navigation. 540 Rounds of 20 MM ammunition expended. 200 Rounds of 30-Cal. ammunition expended. No casualties. 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}24.2' N.$, Long. $137^{\circ}48' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}38.5' N.$, Long. $136^{\circ}28.5' E.$

2 October 1945

Steaming as before. 0614 Spherical object floating in water, which was identified as a mooring buoy, sunk by gunfire as a menace to navigation. 180 Rounds of 20 MM ammunition expended. No casualties. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}31' N.$, Long. $134^{\circ}27' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}27.2' N.$, Long. $133^{\circ}56' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}31' N.$, Long. $132^{\circ}36' E.$

3 October 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}34' N.$, Long. $130^{\circ}26' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}34' N.$, Long. $130^{\circ}11' E.$ 1800 Conducted semi-annual test of Pyrotechnics on board, in accordance with NavOrd-1187. Fired 4 red Hand Flares, 4 Blue Hand Flares; Verys' shells expended: 10 Red Star, 10 White Star, 10 Green Star. Test satisfactory. 2000 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}36' N.$, Long. $128^{\circ}57' E.$

4 October 1945

Steaming towards eastern Philippine Islands. 0800 Position: Lat. $10^{\circ}36'N.$, Long. $126^{\circ}29'E.$ 1200 Position: In Leyte Gulf at Lat. $10^{\circ}40' N.$, Long. $125^{\circ}47' E.$ 1225 Entering Suriago Straits. 2000 Position: In the Mindanao Sea at Lat. $09^{\circ}48.5' N.$, Long. $125^{\circ}10.5' E.$

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5 October 1945

Steaming in the Mindanao Sea as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 09° 03' N., Long. 123° 54.5' E. 1200 Position: Lat. 09° 00.5' N., Long. 123° 24.5' E. 1530 Entering the Sulu Sea. 2000 Position: Lat. 09° 12' N., Long. 122° 30' E.

6 October 1945

Steaming in the Sulu Sea as before. 0800 Position: Lat. 10° 50' N., Long. 121° 36' E., 1200 Position: Lat. 11° 30' N., Long. 121° 16' E. 1555 Entering Mindoro Straits. 2000 Position: Lat. 12° 34' N., Long. 120° 46' E.

7 October 1945

Steaming in the South China Sea. 0800 Position: Lat. 14° 40.5' N., Long. 120° 12' E. 0903 Entering Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. 0957 Anchored in Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. 1200 and 2000 Positions: Anchored in Berth 119 Subic Bay, P. I.

8 October 1945

Anchored as before, in Subic Bay, P. I. 1607 Underway to shift berth in Subic Bay. 1650 Anchored in berth No. 70, Subic Bay, P.I. in compliance with verbal orders of Port Director, Subic Bay, P. I.

9 October 1945

Anchored in Subic Bay, P. I. 0600 Preparing to discharge reefer cargo from No. 4 Hold to LCMS' fast on port quarter, for transportation to N.S.D., Subic Bay, P. I. 1345 Stevedore Gang from 24th. Naval Construction Battalion commenced unloading reefer cargo. 1730 Secured unloading reefer cargo for the day.

10 October 1945

Anchored in Subic Bay, P. I. 0830 Stevedore Gang from 24th. N.C.B. resumed unloading reefer cargo from No. 4 Hold to LCMS' fast on port quarter for transportation to N.S.D., Subic Bay. 1710 secured unloading for the day.

11 October 1945

Anchored in Subic Bay, P.I. 0800 Stevedore Gang from 24th. N.C.B. resumed unloading reefer cargo from No. 4 Hold to LCMS' fast on port quarter for transportation to N.S.D., Subic Bay, P.I. 1750 Completed unloading reefer cargo from No. 4 Hold.

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12 October 1945

Anchored in Subic Bay, P.I. 0845 Underway from Berth No. 70 for fueling from alongside tanker "SHENANDOAH" in Berth No. 129 in compliance with verbal orders of Port Director, Subic Bay, P. I. 0947 Moored starboard side to port side of tanker "SHENANDOAH". 1005 Commenced taking fuel aboard. 1330 Completed fueling ship. 1400 Underway from alongside tanker "SHENANDOAH" for berth No. 151 in accordance with verbal orders of Port Director, Subic Bay, P.I. 1441 Anchored in Berth 151, Subic Bay, P.I.

13 October 1945

Anchored in Subic Bay, P. I. 1649 Underway from Subic Bay, P.I. for Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, on orders of Port Director, Subic Bay, P.I. dated 13 October 1945 in accordance with COMSERVPAC Despatch 022050 of October 1945. 2000 Position in South China Sea: Lat. $14^{\circ} 40' N.$, Long. $119^{\circ} 50' E.$

14 October 1945

Steaming in South China Sea as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $16^{\circ} 36' N.$, Long. $119^{\circ} 43.5' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $17^{\circ} 10' N.$, Long. $119^{\circ} 51.5' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $18^{\circ} 17' N.$, Long. $120^{\circ} 07' E.$

15 October 1945

Steaming as before in South China Sea. 0800 Position: Lat. $19^{\circ} 22' N.$, Long. $120^{\circ} 45' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $19^{\circ} 48' N.$, Long. $121^{\circ} 24' E.$ 1646 Entering Philippine Sea. 2000 Position: Lat. $20^{\circ} 20' N.$, Long. $122^{\circ} 27' E.$

16 October 1945

Steaming in Philippine Sea. 0800 Position: Lat. $21^{\circ} 25' N.$, Long. $123^{\circ} 32' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $21^{\circ} 41.5' N.$, Long. $123^{\circ} 53' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $22^{\circ} 20.5' N.$, Long. $124^{\circ} 45' E.$

17 October 1945

Steaming in the Pacific Ocean. 0800 Position: Lat. $23^{\circ} 06' N.$, Long. $126^{\circ} 30' E.$ 1200 Position: Lat. $23^{\circ} 27' N.$, Long. $126^{\circ} 53.5' E.$ 2000 Position: Lat. $24^{\circ} 12' N.$, Long. $127^{\circ} 50' E.$

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18 October 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $25^{\circ} 41'$ N., Long. $127^{\circ} 20'$ E. 1200 Position: Lat. $26^{\circ} 27'$ N., Long. $127^{\circ} 29'$ E., 2000 Position: Lat. $27^{\circ} 36'$ N., Long. $127^{\circ} 47'$ E.

19 October 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $29^{\circ} 21'$ N., Long. $128^{\circ} 18'$ E. 1200 Position: Lat. $29^{\circ} 51'$ N., Long. $128^{\circ} 35'$ E. 2000 Position: Lat. $30^{\circ} 37'$ N., Long. $128^{\circ} 27'$ E.

20 October 1945

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Lat. $32^{\circ} 04'$ N., Long. $129^{\circ} 08'$ E. 1200 Position: Lat. $32^{\circ} 41'$ N., Long. $129^{\circ} 30'$ E. 1559 Entering Sasebo Bay, Kyushu, Japan. 1700 Moored to Buoy No. 18, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. Commenced operating under orders of Representative of Commander Service Division 103 at Sasebo, Japan.

21 October 1945

Moored to Buoy No. 18, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.

22 October 1945

Moored to Buoy No. 18, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. 1527 Underway from Buoy No. 18 Sasebo Harbor for Berth ITEM-6, Sasebo Naval Repair Basin, Kyushu, Japan, in accordance with verbal orders of Port Director, Sasebo, Japan for purpose of discharging cargo. 1614 Moored to Berth ITEM-6, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.

23 October 1945

Moored to Berth ITEM-6, Sasebo, Japan. 0200 Stevedores from 153rd. Port Company, U.S. Army commenced unloading heavy lifts from the deck and No.1 Hold. 0800 Commenced issuing beer from No. 3 Hold via small craft to ships in area in accordance with written orders of Commander Unit ABLE Service Division 103, dated 22 October 1945. 1730 Secured from issuing beer from No.3 Hold and unloading heavy lifts from No.1 Hold for the day.

24 October 1945

Moored to Berth ITEM-6, Sasebo, Japan. 0858 Resumed issuing beer from No. 3 Hold. 1305 Stevedores from 153rd. Port Company, U.S. Army commenced unloading cement from No.3 Hold. 1700 Secured unloading beer and cement for the day.

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25 October 1945

Moored to Berth ITEM-6, Sasebo, Japan. 0830 Resumed issuing beer from No. 3 Hold. 1700 Secured issuing beer for the day.

26 October 1945

Moored to Berth ITEM-6, Sasebo, Japan. 0805 Resumed issuing beer from No. 3 Hold. 0915 Stevedores from 153rd Port Company, U.S. Army commenced loading cement from the dock into No. 3 Hold. 1640 Secured loading cement. 1705 Secured issuing beer for the day.

27 October 1945

Moored to berth ITEM-6, Sasebo, Japan. 0600 Stevedores from 153rd Port Company, U.S. Army commenced shoring up cargo in No.3 Hold. 1115 Stevedores completed shoring up cargo. 1200 Ship's auxiliary boiler observed overheating by the auxiliary Watch. 1203 Commenced fighting fire developing around upper boiler casing. 1242 While attempting to extinguish the fire in the ship's auxiliary boiler, possibly caused by burning carbon deposits ignited by overheating caused by apparent operational failure of stack switch, BENNETT, Frank, MoMM2c(T), 245 43 85, V6, USNR and ESDALE, Fred (n), MoMM2c(T), 826 23 34, V6, USNR were severely injured and burned by violent explosion of the boiler. The cause of the explosion is of undetermined origin, but it was possibly caused by water spray flashing into steam on contact with heated surfaces. 1314 Fire in and around the boiler completely extinguished. Lt.(jg), R. L. TURNER, MC, USNR from AP-112 and Lt.(jg), SCHAB, MC, USNR, from U.S. NAVY HOSPITAL SHIP, SAMARITAN aboard to render medical assistance to injured men. 1340 Injured men transferred to U. S. Hospital Ship, SAMARITAN for treatment and disposition. 1415 Underway from Berth ITEM-6, Sasebo, Japan for anchorage No. 8 in accordance with verbal orders of Port Director, Sasebo, Japan. 1515 Anchored in anchorage No. 8, Sasebo Harbor, Japan.

28 October 1945

Anchored in Anchorage No.8, Sasebo Harbor, Japan. 1310 In accordance with orders of Commander Service Division ONE-ZERO-THREE ABLE an informal Board of Investigation composed of Lieutenant Commander, I. J. FRANKEL, USN, Commander Service Division ONE-ZERO-THREE ABLE, Maintenance Officer, aboard to inspect damaged boiler. 1515 Investigation completed. Lieutenant Commander, I. J. FRANKEL left the ship.

29 October 1945

Anchored in anchorage No. 8, Sasebo, Japan.

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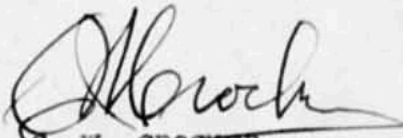
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30 October 1945

Anchored in anchorage No. 8, Sasebo, Japan. 0928 Underway from anchorage No. 8 for Buoy No. 25 in accordance with Port Director, Sasebo, Japan Despatch 291520 of October 1945. 1000 Buoy No. 25 observed to be occupied. 1029 Moored to Buoy No. 17, Sasebo, Japan awaiting further orders from Port Director, Sasebo, Japan. Ship assigned twenty-one (21) day availability to repair auxiliary boiler in accordance with Commander Service Division ONE-ZERO-THREE ABLE Despatch 291045 of October 1945. 1325 Repair party aboard from U.S.S. YOSEMITE (AD-19) to commence boiler repairs. 1640 Repair party left the ship.

31 October 1945

Moored to Buoy No. 17, Sasebo, Japan. 0800 Underway from Buoy No.17 to anchorage No. 14 for temporary berthing in accordance with Port Director, Sasebo, Japan despatch of 301350 of October 1945. 0848 Anchored in anchorage No.14, Sasebo, Japan. 1005 Repair party aboard from U. S. S. YOSEMITE (AD-19) to work on the auxiliary boiler. 1320 Underway from anchorage No. 14 for buoy No. 25 in accordance with verbal orders of Port Director, Sasebo, Japan. 1359 Moored to buoy No. 25, Sasebo, Japan. 1555 Repair party left the ship.


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To : The Chief of Naval Operations.
Subj: War Diary for the month of November, 1945 - Submission of.
Ref : (a) COMINCH serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.
1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is submitted:

1 November 1945 (Zone -9)

Moored to Buoy 25, Sasebo Bay, Kyushu, Japan for 21 day work availability to repair ship's auxiliary boiler in accordance with Commander Service Division 103 Able despatch 291045 of October 1945. Vessel attached to Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, operating in Seventh Service Squadron. Ship 80 per cent loaded with cargo of construction equipment and beer.

2 November 1945

Moored as before. 0910 Unloaded two dump trucks (2½ Ton), Serial No. 22562 and 22560 from forward main deck, No. 1 hold, onto U.S.S. LSM 271, fast on starboard side, in accordance with CominPac DESPATCH 010457 November 1945.

3 November 1945

Moored as before.

4 November 1945

Moored as before.

5 November 1945

Moored as before.

6 November 1945

Moored as before.

7 November 1945

Moored as before.

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Moored as before.

9 November 1945

Moored as before.

10 November 1945

Moored as before.

11 November 1945

Moored as before. 1324 Underway from Buoy No. 25, Sasebo, Japan, to go alongside U.S.S. TOMBIGBEE (AOG-11) in Berth No. 5 for purposes of taking on fresh water. 1355 Moored alongside U.S.S. TOMBIGBEE in Berth No. 5. 1406 Commenced receiving fresh water from TOMBIGBEE. 1625 Completed taking fresh water having received 32,270 gallons. 1643 Underway from TOMBIGBEE in Berth No. 5 for Buoy No. 25 in compliance with ComServDiv 103 Able despatch 100825 of November 1945. 1715 Moored to Buoy No. 25, Sasebo, Japan.

12 November 1945

Moored as before.

13 November 1945

Moored as before.

14 November 1945

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17 November 1945

Moored as before.

18 November 1945

Moored as before.

19 November 1945

Moored as before.

20 November 1945

Moored as before. 1614 Repairs on auxiliary boiler completed this date with following exceptions: stack switch, air solenoid, steam temperature switch, steam pressure switch, low fire cut out, and out fire relay. These items on order. Manual operation of auxiliary boiler possible without them.

21 November 1945

Moored as before pending sailing orders.

22 November 1945

Moored as before.

23 November 1945

Moored as before.

24 November 1945

Moored as before.

25 November 1945

Moored as before.

26 November 1945

Moored as before.

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27 November 1945

Moored as before.

28 November 1945


Moored as before.

29 November 1945

Moored as before.

30 November 1945

Moored as before.


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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy, Washington, 25, D.C.
Subj: History of U.S.S. HERKIMER (AK-188).
Ref : (a) ALPAC 202-45, Forwarding of the history of ships.

1. The following is a summary of the history of this vessel to
date:

- Built by - Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc.
- Launched at - Superior, Wis., 2 July 1944.
- Type - Diesel Driven, Cargo Vessel (3 Dry Hatches and 1 Refer).
- Speed - 12 Knots.
- Complement - 8 Officers and 61 Enlisted men.
- Commissioned at - New Orleans, La., 14 July 1945.
- Shakedown at - Galveston, Texas by U. S. Naval Training Group, Galveston Area, 30 July 1945 to 4 August 1945.
- Loaded at - Gulfport, Miss. and departed for Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, 22 August 1945 via the Panama Canal.

cc: CinCPac, Pearl.

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