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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

15 October 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of August 1945

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August 1945.

4 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

1540 - This ship was placed in full commission at pier No. 41, Galveston, Texas.

5 August 1945 to 8 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Operated on independent duty, stowing ship's gear and stores, making preparations for shakedown operations. On 8 August 1945 proceeded to outside Galveston Bay to conduct structural firing of 3"/50 gun. Expended four (4) rounds of target ammunition, no structural defects evident.

9 August to 14 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Undergoing shakedown training under Commander Training Group, Galveston, Texas. Conducted anti-aircraft gunnery exercises using 20MM machine guns. Expended 8,440 rounds of H.E.T. and H.E.I. ammunition.

14 August to 22 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Undergoing post shakedown availability at Texas Coast Shipyard, Galveston, Texas.

23 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Underway from Galveston, Texas, to New Orleans, Louisiana. Operating independently in obedience to CNO despatch 211705 of May 1945.

position:	1200	2000
Latitude:	78° 45' N	28° 35' N
Longitude:	94° 05' W	92° 30' W

24 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

1847 - Arrived New Orleans, Louisiana; moored starboard side to, section 3, Naval Supply Depot.

25 August 1945 to 30 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Loading general cargo at Naval Supply Depot, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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31 August 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Underway from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Pearl Harbor via
Coco Solo, C.Z. Operating independently. 1552 Took departure
from entrance buoy, South Pass, Mississippi River.

Position.	2000
Latitude:	28° 13' N
Longitude:	88° 41' W

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September 1945.

1 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

Steaming as before:

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	26° 12' 7" N	25° 29' N	24° 12' N
Longitude:	87° 39' 0" W	87° 21' W	86° 43' W

2 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

Steaming as before:

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	22° 38' N	22° 02' N	20° 57' N
Longitude:	85° 34' 5" W	85° 09' W	84° 27' W

3 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

Steaming as before:

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	19° 08' N	18° 34' N	17° 22' N
Longitude:	83° 20' W	82° 51' W	82° 18' W

4 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

Steaming as before:

Position:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	15° 12' N	14° 34' N	13° 07' N
Longitude:	81° 02' W	80° 39' W	80° 32' W

5 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

1850 - Moored starboard side to pier No. 4, Naval Base, Coco Solo, C.Z.

Position:	0800
Latitude:	10° 51' N
Longitude:	80° 13' W

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6 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

Moored as before. Taking on fuel and provisions.

7 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

1216 - Underway from Coco Solo, C.Z., to Pearl Harbor, T.H. Operating independently. 1408 Entered Panama Canal. 2207 Took departure from approach buoy, South end, Panama Canal.

8 September 1945 (Zone plus 5)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	06° 58' N	06° 54' N	06° 51' N
Longitude:	80° 13' W	81° 00' W	82° 50' 5" W

9 September 1945 (Zone plus 5½)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	06° 59' N	07° 13' N	07° 46' N
Longitude:	85° 12' W	85° 55' W	87° 34' W

10 September 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	08° 37' N	08° 55' 5" N	09° 05' N
Longitude:	89° 24' W	90° 05' 5" W	91° 36' 5" W

11 September 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	09° 55' 5" N	10° 10' N	10° 42' N
Longitude:	93° 55' W	94° 36' W	96° 15' W

12 September 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
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12 September 1945 (continued)

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	11° 30' N	11° 43' N	12° 08' N
Longitude:	98° 34' W	99° 21' W	100° 41' 5" W

13 September 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	12° 41' N	12° 55' N	13° 21' N
Longitude:	102° 42' 5" W	103° 23' 5" W	104° 43' 5" W

14 September 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	13° 56' N	14° 08' N	14° 24' N
Longitude:	106° 43' W	107° 22' 5" W	108° 43' W

15 September 1945 (Zone plus 7½)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	14° 54' 5" N	15° 06' 5" N	15° 41' 5" N
Longitude:	110° 43' W	111° 24' W	112° 51' W

16 September 1945 (Zone plus 7½)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	16° 19' N	16° 28' 5" N	16° 49' N
Longitude:	115° 08' W	115° 54' 0" W	117° 37' W

17 September 1945 (Zone plus 7½)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	17° 23' N	17° 28' 5" N	17° 49' 5" N
Longitude:	119° 57' 5" W	120° 43' W	122° 22' 0" W

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18 September 1945 (Zone plus 8)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	18° 18' N	18° 27' 5" N	18° 40' N
Longitude:	124° 48' W	125° 37' 0" W	127° 11' W

19 September 1945 (Zone plus 8)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	19° 09' 5" N	19° 17' N	19° 37' 5" N
Longitude:	129° 34' 0" W	130° 27' W	137° 10' 5" W

20 September 1945 (Zone plus 8½)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	20° 03' N	20° 06' N	20° 18' N
Longitude:	134° 38' 5" W	135° 26' W	137° 10' W

21 September 1945 (Zone plus 9)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	20° 34' 7" N	20° 20' N	20° 40' N
Longitude:	139° 42' W	140° 32' W	142° 14' W

22 September 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	21° 02' N	21° 04' N	21° 05' N
Longitude:	144° 52' W	145° 45' W	147° 12' 5" W

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23 September 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Steaming as before.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	21° 10' 5" N	21° 12' 5" N	21° 18' N
Longitude:	149° 22' 5" W	150° 04' 0" W	151° 37' 5" W

24 September 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Steaming as before. 1830 Sighted Moui Island, Hiwain Islands, bearing 235° true, distance 60 miles.

Position.	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	21° 27' N	21° 29' N	21° 29' 5" N
Longitude:	153° 47' W	154° 47' W	156° 04' W

25 September 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

0751 - In obedience to Commander Training Command, Pearl Harbor, T.H., despatch 241944 of 24 September 1945, conducted anti-aircraft gunnery exercises using 3"/50 gun and 20MM machine guns. Rounds expended: 3"/50 AA, 40; 20MM H.E.T., 1026; 20MM H.E.I., 2054. 1554 Moored starboard side to S.S. ARIZONAN in berth X-12, East Lock, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

26 September 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

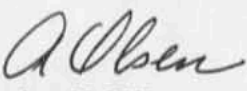
Moored as before.

27 September 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

1705 - Shifted to pier V-4 to discharge refrigerated cargo.

28 September 1945 to 30 September 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Remained port side to pier V-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H., discharging refrigerated cargo.


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October 1945.

1 October to 7 October

Moored to Pier V-4, Pearl City Peninsula, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Zone time plus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1209 Shifted to Berth X-10, East Lock, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

7 October to 11 October

1130 Shifted to Berth K-3, Navy Supply Depot, Pearl Harbor.

11 October to 19 October

0646 Underway enroute to Honolulu, T.H. 0846 Moored to Pier 40 E, Army Supply Depot, Honolulu, T.H.

19 October to 20 October

1600 Underway independently, enroute to Tarawa, Gilbert Islands.

20 October to 23 October

1900 Retarded clocks one-half hour to conform with time zone plus 11.

23 October to 24 October

1900 Retarded clock one-half hour to conform with time zone plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

24 October to 27 October

1900 Retarded clocks one-half hour to conform with time zone plus 12.

27 October to 29 October

0000 Crossed International Date Line. Advanced clocks 24 hours to conform with time zone minus 12.

29 October to 30 October

1315 Anchored in Betio Anchorage, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands.

30 October to 31 October

1509 Underway independently enroute to Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands.

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Ship's Position

October 1945.

19 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:			20° 41' N
Longitude:			157° 59' W

20 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	19° 18' N	19° 04' N	18° 23' N
Longitude:	159° 22' W	159° 54' W	161° 16' W

21 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	17° 19' N	17° 00' N	16° 20' N
Longitude:	163° 11' W	163° 51' W	165° 11' W

22 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	15° 03' N	14° 39' N	13° 52' N
Longitude:	167° 14' W	167° 54' W	169° 14' W

23 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	12° 34' N	12° 09' N	11° 12' N
Longitude:	171° 14' W	171° 54' W	173° 43' W

24 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	9° 58' N	9° 35' N	8° 44' N
Longitude:	174° 59' W	175° 32' W	176° 42' W

25 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	7° 26' N	7° 02' N	6° 20' N
Longitude:	178° 09' W	178° 38' W	179° 43' W

NOTE: Crossed International Date Line.

27 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	5° 43' N	5° 15' N	4° 10' N
Longitude:	178° 20' E	177° 54' E	176° 55' E

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Ship's Position

28 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	2° 45' N	2° 28' N	1° 59' N
Longitude:	175° 10' E	174° 44' E	174° 03' E

29 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	1° 22' N	1° 25' N	
Longitude:	173° 17' E	172° 53' E	

30 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:			1° 59' N
Longitude:			172° 34' E

31 October

	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	4° 01' N	4° 28' N	5° 13' N
Longitude:	171° 59' E	171° 47' E	171° 33' E

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November 1945.

1 November to 7 November

Steaming independently enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, to Majuro, Marshall Islands. Zone time, minus 12.

Position:

0800	6° 45' N	171° 50' E
1200	7° 10' N	170° 59' E

1536 Anchored in Berth #14, Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands.

7 November to 8 November

0802 Underway independently enroute from Majuro, Marshall Islands to Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Position:

1200	7° 22' N	170° 47' E
2000	8° 04' N	169° 34' E

8 November to 12 November

Position:

0800	9° 17' N	167° 42' E
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1112 Anchored in Berth A-1, Roi Island Anchorage, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

12 November to 19 November

1007 Underway independently enroute from Roi Island to Kwajalein Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

1500 Anchored in Berth 19-K, Kwajalein Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

19 November to 20 November 1945

1636 Underway independently enroute from Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Position:

2000	8° 55' N	167° 15' E
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November 1945

20 November to 21 November

Position:

0800

9° 46' N

164° 19' E

1200

10° 05' N

163° 41' E

2000

10° 40' N

163° 29' E

21 November to 30 November

0920 Anchored in Berth P-5, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

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