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San Francisco, Cal.

AK-197/A12/WFH
Serial No. 06

17 May 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. ltr. 1GL-45 dated 1 Jan. 1945.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary for month ending 30 April 1945.

1. In accordance with above reference (a) enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

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WAR DIARY

19 April 1945

1530 - Commissioned at Brown Shipyard, Houston, Texas.
Reported to CTU 23.8.2 Capt. C.L. BOLTON, USN,
COTCLant.

Plus 5 time zone.

20 April 1945

Moored at Brown Shipyard, Houston, Texas.
2000 - Underway enroute Baytown, Texas.

21 April 1945

Moored at Humble Oil Dock, Baytown, Texas.
0800 - Underway enroute Galveston, Texas.
1200 - Moored at Pier 41, Galveston, Texas.

22 April 1945

Moored Pier 41, Galveston, Texas.

23 April 1945

Moored Pier 41, Galveston, Texas.
0800 - Underway, leaving harbor.
1200 - Swinging ship at entrance to Galveston Channel.
2000 - Moored Pier 42, Galveston, Texas.

24 April 1945

Moored Pier 42, Galveston, Texas.

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25 April 1945

Moored Pier 42, Galveston, Texas.

26-27 April 1945

Anchored Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas.

28 April 1945

Underway from 0715 to 1444; maneuvered outside Galveston Channel to test fire and swing ship.

Expended 4 rounds 3"50 AA.
70 rounds 20 MM.

1444 - Anchored Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas.

29 April 1945

0755 - Got underway from Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas, for 24 hour test run.

1200 - Lat. 28°	46.5'N	94°	29'W
2000 - Lat. 27°	38 'N	94°	46'W

30 April 1945

0840 - Completed test run and moored Pier 19, Galveston, Texas. Reported for shakedown to CTU 23.8.2.

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Enclosure (A) War Diary for month ending 31 May 1945. .

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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WAR DIARY

1 May 1945

Anchored Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas. Underway 0821 to 1644 steaming outside entrance to Galveston Channel for shakedown under CTU 23.8.2., Captain C.L. BOLTON.

Plus 5 zone time.

2 May 1945

Anchored Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas. Underway from 0809 to 1616 steaming outside entrance to Galveston Channel for shakedown.

3 May 1945

Anchored Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas. Underway from 0823 to 1641 steaming outside entrance to Galveston Channel for shakedown.

4 May 1945

Anchored Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas. Underway from 0836 to 1706 steaming outside entrance to Galveston Channel for shakedown.

5 May 1945

Anchored in Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas. Underway from 0841 to 2045. Made target practice runs. Expended 15 rds 3"50 AP at surface target, 30 rounds 3"50 AA and 990 rds 20MM at sleeve. Completed shakedown and enroute Brown Shipyard, Houston, Texas, for post shakedown availability.

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6, 7, & 8 MAY 1945

Moored Brown Shipyard, Houston, Texas, for post Shakedown availability.

9 May 1945

Completed post shakedown availability and steamed to Galveston, Texas. 1618 Moored Pier 19, Galveston, Texas.

10 May 1945

Moored Pier 19, Galveston, Texas. Reported to ComServLant.

11 May 1945

At 1000 shifted from Pier 19 to Bolivar Roads, Galveston, Texas. At 1300 got underway enroute from Galveston, Texas to Gulfport, Miss. obedient to CNO conf. dispatch to Port Director, NOLA 141415 of 5 May 1945.

Position

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
2000	29° - 32.5'N	93° - 02.5'W

12 May 1945

Underway from Galveston, Texas, to Gulfport, Miss.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	28° - 37'N	91° - 00'W
1200	28° - 39'N	90° - 33.3'W
2000	29° - 00'N	88° - 58'W

13 May 1945

Underway from Galveston, Texas, to Gulfport, Miss.
0843 Moored West Pier, Gulfport, Miss.

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WAR DIARY

14-15-16 May 1945

Moored West Pier, Gulfport, Miss. Loading cargo of beer and coca cola.

17 May 1945

Moored West Pier, Gulfport, Miss. 1251 Underway, enroute Panama Canal in obedience to CNO conf. dis. to Port Director NOLA 141415 of 5 May 1945.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
2000	29° - 39'N	88° - 29'W

18 May 1945

Underway from Gulfport, Miss. to Panama Canal.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	27° - 50'N	87° - 50'W
1200	27° - 13'N	87° - 23'W
2000	26° - 01'N	86° - 43'W

19 May 1945

Underway from Gulfport Miss. to Panama Canal.

Positions.

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	24° - 02.5'N	85° - 58.5'W
1200	23° - 25'N	85° - 52'W
2000	22° - 14'N	85° - 38'W

20 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	20° - 40'N	84° - 16'W
1200	20° - 11'N	83° - 50'W
2000	19° - 15'N	

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21 May 1945

0300 Set clocks ahead one hour to plus 4 zone time.

Position

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	17° - 57.5'N	82° - 09'W
1200	17° - 30.1'N	81° - 47'W
2000	16° - 35'N	81° - 19'W

22 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	15° - 01.5'N	80° - 42'W
1200	14° - 35'N	80° - 34'W
2000	13° - 31'N	80° - 30'W

23 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	11° - 54'N	80° - 14'W
1200	12° - 26.5'N	80° - 22'W
2000	11° - 25.5'N	79° - 58'W

24 May 1945

0725 Arrived Christobal, Panama Canal Zone.
1050 Set clocks back one hour to plus 5 zone time.
Moored Coca Solo, C.Z. awaiting passage thru canal.

25 May 1945

1014 Got underway and proceeded thru Canal.
1905 Departed Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, and set course enroute to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, in accordance with Fort Director, Balboa, Conf. Dispatch 241940 May 1945.

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26 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	60° - 50'N	80° - 24'W
1200	60° - 28'N	81° - 02'W
2000	60° - 21'N	82° - 27'W

27 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	60° - 10'N	84° - 36'W
1200	60° - 07'N	85° - 17'W
2000	60° - 19'N	86° - 42'W

28 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	60° - 34'N	88° - 48.5'W
1200	60° - 37'N	89° - 12.5'W
2000	60° - 46'N	90° - 26'W

29 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	60° - 58'N	92° - 23'W
1200	70° - 10'N	92° - 58'W
2000	70° - 12'N	94° - 25'W

30 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	70° - 30'N	96° - 38'W
1200	70° - 29'N	97° - 31'W
2000	70° - 41.5'N	98° - 53'W

31 May 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	80° - 4'N	100° - 56'W
1200	80° - 9'N	101° - 39'W
2000	80° - 19'N	103° - 01'W

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1 July 1945

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Serial No. 08

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To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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WAR DIARY

1 June 1945

Operating under ComSerRon8, Pacific Fleet. Enroute from Panama Canal Zone to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in accordance with Port Director, Balboa, Conf. Despatch 241940 of May 1945. Time zone - plus six.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	8° - 34'N	105° - 05'W
1200	8° - 38.5'N	105° - 46'W
2000	8° - 58'N	107° - 41'W

2 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	9° - 11'N	109° - 52'W
1200	9° - 13'N	110° - 34'W
2000	9° - 14'N	112° - 03'W

3 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	9° - 20'N	114° - 32'W
1200	9° - 31'N	115° - 19'W
2000	9° - 47'N	116° - 45'W

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to plus seven time zone.

4 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 02'N	118° - 55'W
1200	10° - 06.5'N	119° - 35'W
2000	10° - 23'N	121° - 07.5'W

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5 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 45.5' N	123° - 25.5' W
1200	10° - 46.5' N	124° - 11' W
2000	10° - 47' N	125° - 43' W

6 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 47' N	128° - 08' W
1200	10° - 48' N	128° - 53' W
2000	10° - 51' N	130° - 20' W

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to plus eight time zone.

7 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 58' N	132° - 34' W
1200	11° - 00' N	133° - 18' W
2000	10° - 56' N	134° - 52' W

8 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 52' N	137° - 16' W
	10° - 57' N	137° - 59' W
	10° - 57' N	139° - 52' W

9 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 56' N	141° - 47' W
1200	10° - 54.5' N	142° - 35' W
2000	10° - 56' N	144° - 02.5' W

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10 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 56'N	146° - 39'W
1200	10° - 56'N	147° - 21'W
2000	10° - 56'N	148° - 59'W

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to plus nine time zone.

11 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 56.5'N	151° - 17'W
1200	10° - 56.5'N	151° - 55'W
2000	10° - 50'N	153° - 10'W

12 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 46.5'N	155° - 02'W
1200	10° - 48.5'N	155° - 41'W
2000	10° - 42'N	156° - 49'W

13 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 37'N	158° - 11'W
1200	10° - 38'N	159° - 18'W
2000	10° - 34'N	160° - 31'W

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to plus ten zone time.

14 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 30'N	162° - 19'W
1200	10° - 28.5'N	162° - 52.5'W
2000	10° - 25'N	164° - 03'W

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15 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 22'N	165° - 48'W
1200	10° - 21'N	166° - 22'W
2000	10° - 12.5'N	167° - 34'W

16 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 30'N	169° - 30'W
1200	10° - 06'N	170° - 03'W
2000	10° - 00'N	171° - 14'W

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to plus eleven time.

17 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	9° - 51'N	173° - 01'W
1200	9° - 48'N	173° - 24'W
2000	9° - 42.5'N	174° - 25'W

18 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	9° - 35'N	175° - 47.5'W
1200	9° - 31.5'N	176° - 15'W
2000	9° - 25'N	177° - 12.5'W

19 June 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	9° - 10'N	178° - 45.5'W
1200	9° - 7'N	179° - 10'W
2000	9° - 01'N	179° - 54'E

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to plus twelve zone time.

1900 - Crossed 180th Meridian.

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21 June 1945

0000 - Having crossed international date line advanced date to June 21, 1945, and changed to minus 12 time zone.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	8° - 50'N	178° - 29'E
1200	8° - 47'N	178° - 01'E
2000	8° - 40'N	177° - 05'E

22 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	8° - 27'N	175° - 23'E
1200	8° - 27.5'N	175° - 41'E
2000	8° - 18.5'N	173° - 26'E

23 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	7° - 59'N	171° - 41'E
1200	8° - 00'N	171° - 04'E
2000	8° - 30'N	169° - 57'E

24 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	9° - 22'N	168° - 03.5'E
1200	9° - 38'N	167° - 30'E
2000	10° - 08'N	166° - 22'E

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to minus eleven zone time.

25 June 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 44.5'N	164° - 38.5'E
1200	10° - 53'N	164° - 02'E
2000	10° - 48.5'N	164° - 03'E

26 June 1945 - 30 June 1945

0500 - Retarded clocks one hour to minus ten time zone.

0823 - Arrived Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

1800 - Advanced clocks 2 hours to minus twelve time zone.

From 26 June to 30 June, anchored in Eniwetok awaiting instructions to proceed to Guam.

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1 August 1945

AK-197/A12/WFH
Serial No. 011

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To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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WAR DIARY

1 July 1945

Anchored in Eniwetok Atoll awaiting orders to proceed to
Guam Island to discharge cargo.
-12 time zone

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U.S. Pacific Fleet

2 July 1945

Enroute Eniwetok Atoll to Guam Island in accordance with orders
received from Commander Eniwetok Atoll on 2 July 1945.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
2000	11° - 12.5'N	161° - 49'E

3 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	11° - 33'N	159° - 49'E
1200	11° - 39'N	159° - 11'E
2000	11° - 50'N	159° - 44'E

4 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	12° - 07'N	155° - 34'E
1200	12° - 18'N	154° - 53'E
2000	12° - 35'N	153° - 36'E

0500 Retarded clocks one hour to minus eleven (-11) time zone.

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WAR DAIRY

5 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	12° - 49.5' N	151° - 46.5' E
1200	12° - 51' N	151° - 09' E
2000	13° - 01' N	149° - 53' E

6 July 1945

0500 Retarded clocks one hour to minus ten (-10) time zone.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	13° - 35' N	147° - 54' E
1200	13° - 26' N	147° - 19' E
2000	13° - 36' N	146° - 14' E

7 July 1945 - 12 July 1945

Moored to Dock "T", Apra Harbor, Guam Island discharging cargo.

13 July 1945

Anchored Apra Harbor, Guam Island awaiting orders.
1215 Departed from Guam Island enroute to San Francisco, Cal. in accordance with CincPac secret despatch of 12 July 1945.

Position

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
2000	13° - 07' N	145° - 30' E

14 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	13° - 00' N	147° - 44' E
1200	12° - 55' N	148° - 26' E
2000	12° - 46' N	149° - 43' E

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15 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	12° - 29'N	151° - 50'E
1200	12° - 25'N	152° - 35'E
2000	12° - 15.5'N	153° - 54'E

16 July 1945

0300 Advanced clocks one hour to minus eleven (-11) time zone.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	12° - 07'N	156° - 02'E
1200	12° - 04'N	156° - 53'E
2000	11° - 48'N	158° - 17'E

17 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	11° - 21'N	160° - 39'E
1200	11° - 13'N	161° - 26'E
2000	11° - 39'N	162° - 45'E

18 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	13° - 10'N	164° - 25'E
1200	13° - 45'N	164° - 48'E
2000	14° - 40'N	166° - 09'E

19 July 1945

0300 Advanced ship's clocks one hour to minus twelve (-12) time zone.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	15° - 27.5'N	167° - 47'E
1200	16° - 25'N	168° - 32'E
2000	17° - 17'N	169° - 40'E

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20 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	18° - 45'N	171° - 43.5'E
1200	19° - 12'N	172° - 25.5'E
2000	20° - 05.5'N	173° - 45.5'E

21 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	21° - 36.5'N	175° - 36'E
1200	22° - 02.5'N	176° - 15.5'E
2000	22° - 49'N	177° - 29'E

22 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	23° - 57'N	179° - 15'E
1200	24° - 22'N	179° - 52'E
2000	25° - 11.5'N	179° - 58'W

22 July 1945

Crossed International Date Line at Lat. 24° - 23'N, Long. 180° - changed date to 22 July 1945.

0300 Advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus eleven zone time.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	26° - 16'N	177° - 23'W
1200	26° - 26.5'N	176° - 53'W
2000	26° - 50'N	175° - 58'W

23 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	27° - 57'N	175° - 54'W
1200	28° - 27'N	175° - 35.5'W
2000	29° - 28.5'N	173° - 56'W

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24 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	31° - 01'N	172° - 57'W
1200	31° - 08.5'N	172° - 15'W
2000	31° - 17.5'N	170° - 55'W

25 July 1945

0300 Advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus ten time zone.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	31° - 34.5'N	168° - 47'W
1200	31° - 38.5'N	167° - 37'W
2000	31° - 58'N	165° - 50'W

26 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	32° - 43.3'N	163° - 07'W
1200	35° - 59'N	162° - 14'W
2000	33° - 30.5'N	160° - 29.5'W

27 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	34° - 13.5'N	157° - 29'W
1200	34° - 23'N	156° - 32'W
2000	34° - 41'N	154° - 39'W

28 July 1945

0300 Advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus nine time zone.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	35° - 15'N	152° - 03'W
1200	35° - 31.5'N	151° - 03'W
2000	36° - 01.5'N	149° - 08'W

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29 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	36° - 31' N	146° - 14.5' W
1200	36° - 37.5' N	145° - 14' W
2000	36° - 54' N	143° - 19' W

30 July 1945

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	37° - 15.5' N	140° - 30' W
1200	37° - 22.5' N	139° - 29' W
2000	37° - 38' N	137° - 32' W

31 July 1945

0300 Advanced clocks one hour to plus eight time zone.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	37° - 58.5' N	134° - 52' W
1200	37° - 59' N	133° - 59' W
2000	38° - 00' N	132° - 13' W

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c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

1 September 1945

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Serial No. 013

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

Reference:(a) PacFlt Conf. ltr. 1CL-45 dated 1 Jan. 1945.

Enclosure:(A) War Diary for month ending 31 August 1945.

1. In accordance with above reference (a) enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

U. S. S. MUSCATINE (AK 197)

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WAR DIARY

1 August 1945

Enroute to San Francisco, Calif. from Guam Island in accordance with CincPac Adv. Hdq. secret despatch #121747 of July 1 1945. plus 8 time zone

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Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	37° - 54' N	129° - 48' W
1200	37° - 44' N	128° - 54.5' W
2000	37° - 41' N	127° - 15' W

2 August 1945

1538 - Arrived San Francisco Calif.
1700 - Advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus seven zone time.

3 August 1945 to 17 August 1945

Moored Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, loading cargo.

18 August 1945

1148 - Took departure from San Francisco enroute to Ulithi, Caroline Islands in accordance with ComWestSeaFron. conf. movement order #659 C and R.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
2000	37° - 46.5' N	124° - 55' W

19 August 1945

Steaming enroute from San Francisco to Ulithi, Caroline Islands.

Positions

	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	37° - 27.5' N	127° - 37' W
1200	37° - 32' N	128° - 27' W
2000	37° - 42' N	130° - 14' W

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20 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	37° - 33'N	133° - 08'W
1200	37° - 20'N	134° - 12'W
2000	37° - 15'N	136° - 12'W

21 August 1945

0400 - Retarded ship's clocks one hour to plus nine time zone.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	36° - 51'N	139° - 19' W
1200	36° - 41'N	140° - 17.5'W
2000	36° - 24'N	142° - 14' W

22 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	36° - 09'N	145° - 03'W
1200	35° - 54'N	146° - 00'W
2000	35° - 29'N	147° - 55'W

23 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	34° - 52'N	150° - 47'W
1200	34° - 40'N	151° - 53'W
2000	34° - 17.5'N	153° - 32'W

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24 August 1945

0500 - Retarded ship's clocks one hour to plus ten time zone.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	33° - 32'N	156° - 28'W
1200	33° - 14.5'N	157° - 22'W

25 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	31° - 51'N	161° - 46.5'W
1200	31° - 33'N	168° - 35'W
2000	31° - 02'N	164° - 18.5'W

26 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	30° - 02.5'N	166° - 48'W
1200	29° - 40'N	167° - 36.5'W
2000	29° - 00.5'N	160° - 08.5'W

27 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	27° - 52'N	171° - 49'W
1200	27° - 32.5'N	172° - 38'W
2000	26° - 52'N	174° - 17'W

0500 - Retarded ship's clocks one hour to plus eleven time zone.

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28 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	25° - 35'N	176° - 28.5'W
1200	25° - 09'N	177° - 10'W
2000	24° - 13.5'N	178° - 41'W

30 August 1945

Crossed 180th meridian. Changed date to August 30 1945.
0500 - Retarded ship's clocks one hour to minus twelve time zone.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	22° - 48'N	179° - 02'E
1200	22° - 34'N	178° - 23'E
2000	22° - 41'N	176° - 56'E

31 August 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	20° - 17'N	174° - 58.5'E
1200	19° - 47'N	174° - 19'E
2000	18° - 49.5'N	172° - 58'E

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2 October 1945

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CONFIDENTIAL

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

Reference:(a) PacFlt Conf. ltr. 1CL-45 dated 1 Jan. 1945.

Enclosure:(A) War Diary for month ending 30 September 1945.

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1 September 1945

Enroute San Francisco, California to Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, pursuant to ComWestSeaFron, confidential movement order #659, C and R. -12 Time zone.

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<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long</u>
0800	17° - 30'N	171° - 01.5'E
1200	17° - 07'N	170° - 21.5'E
2000	16° - 12'N	169° - 03'E

2 September 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	14° - 48'N	167° - 06'E
1200	14° - 17'N	166° - 32'E
2000	13° - 18.5'N	165° - 09'E

3 September 1945

1116 Sighted Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, bearing 270°(T), distance, seven (7) miles.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	11° - 54'N	163° - 12'E
1200	11° - 23.5'N	160° - 33'E
2000	10° - 51'N	161° - 00'E

4 September 1945

Retarded ship's clocks one hour to -11 time zone.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 44'N	158° - 21'E
1200	10° - 38.5'N	157° - 30'E
2000	10° - 33'N	155° - 48'E

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5 September 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10 ^o - 27'N	153 ^o - 17'E
1200	10 ^o - 17.5'N	152 ^o - 38'E
2000	10 ^o - 14'N	151 ^o - 00'E

6 September 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10 ^o - 14'N	148 ^o - 40'E
1200	10 ^o - 14'N	147 ^o - 54'E
2000	10 ^o - 14'N	146 ^o - 19'E

7 September 1945

Retarded ship's clocks one hour to -10 time zone.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10 ^o - 19'N	144 ^o - 02'E
1200	10 ^o - 16'N	143 ^o - 18'E
2000	10 ^o - 11'N	142 ^o - 12'E

8 September 1945

Arrived Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands. Anchored in berth 32.

9 September 1945

Shifted to berth 12, Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands.

10 September 1945

Anchored Ulithi Atoll, discharging cargo from #4 hold.

11 September 1945

1815 Departed Ulithi, enroute Leyte, Philippine Islands, pursuant to ComSerRon 10, dispatch 100624.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
2000	10 ^o - 02'N	139 ^o - 49'E

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12 September 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 27.5'N	137° - 31'E
1200	10° - 25'N	136° - 47'E
2000	10° - 29'N	135° - 16.5'E

13 September 1945

Retarded ship's clocks one hour to -9 time zone.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 38'N	132° - 54'E
1200	10° - 34'N	132° - 09'E
2000	10° - 34'N	130° - 39'E

14 September 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	10° - 26.5'N	128° - 22.5'E
1200	10° - 29'N	127° - 39'E
2000	10° - 31'N	127° - 02'E

15 September 1945

Arrived Leyte, Philippine Islands. Anchored berth 52, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

16 September 1945

Shifted to berth 31, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

17 September 1945 to 30 September 1945

Anchored in berth 31, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, awaiting orders of ComServDiv 72.

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San Francisco, California

1 November 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. ltr. 1CL-45 dated 1 Jan. 1945.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary for month ending 30 September 1945.

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1 October 1945

Anchored in berth 31, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, issuing cargo and awaiting further orders of ComSerDiv 72.
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2 October 1945 to 22 October 1945

Anchored in berth 31, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

23 October 1945

Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 1700, Departed Leyte enroute Sasebo, Japan pursuant to ComSerDiv 72, Speedletter 67-45 of 21 October.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
2000	10° - 34'N	125° - 28'E

24 October 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	11° - 58'N	126° - 12.5'E
1200	12° - 36'N	126° - 17'E
2000	13° - 57'N	126° - 32'E

25 October 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	15° - 48'N	126° - 46'E
1200	16° - 24'N	126° - 54'E
2000	17° - 24'N	127° - 02'E

26 October 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	19° - 20.5'N	127° - 15.5'E
1200	19° - 53.5'N	127° - 21'E
2000	21° - 19'N	127° - 26'E

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27 October 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	23° - 14'N	127° - 35'E
1200	23° - 45.5'N	127° - 41'E
2000	24° - 49'N	127° - 47.5'E

28 October 1945

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	26° - 08'N	128° - 16'E
1200	26° - 40'N	128° - 20'E
2000	27° - 52'N	128° - 04'E

29 October 1945

1157 Sighted horned mine. Expended eight (8) rounds 3"50 AP and seven hundred fifty-three (753) rounds 20mm ammunition firing at mine. 1245, Sank mine.

<u>Positions</u>	<u>Lat.</u>	<u>Long.</u>
0800	29° - 40'N	128° - 19'E
1200	30° - 15'N	128° - 37'E
2000	31° - 15.5'N	129° - 14'E

30 October 1945

1250, Arrived Sasebo, Japan. Anchored in berth 7, Sasebo Harbor, Japan.

31 October 1945

Anchored in berth 7, Sasebo Harbor, Sasebo, Japan.

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San Francisco, California

1 December 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: War Diary - Submission of.
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. ltr. 1CL-45 dated 1 Jan. 1945.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary for month ending 30 November 1945.
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1 November to 30 November 1945

Anchored in berth 7, Sasebo, Japan, issuing cargo and awaiting further orders of ComSerRon 10. -9 Time Zone.

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5 October 1945

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Factual History of the U.S.S. MUSCATINE (AK-197) -
Forwarding of.

Reference: (a) AlFac 202.

Enclosure: (A) Ship's History.

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U. S. S. MUSCATINE (AK 197)

FACTUAL HISTORY

The MUSCATINE was accepted by the U.S. Navy in Beaumont, Texas, and was converted into a naval auxiliary under the direction of Supervisor of Shipbuilding, U.S. Navy, at Brown Shipbuilding Co., Houston, Texas. The ship was commissioned in the Houston yard on 19 April 1945.

The U.S.S. MUSCATINE (AK-197) sailed to Galveston, Texas, and reported to Commander Auxiliary Vessel's Shakedown Group. Shakedown was completed on 5 May and the ship returned to Brown Shipyard in Houston for post-shakedown availability. During the commissioning and shakedown period the ship was under the control of Cotclant. After completing post-availability on 9 May 1945, the ship returned to Galveston, Texas, to await orders.

On 11 May 1945, the U.S.S. MUSCATINE departed from Galveston for Gulfport, Mississippi, where it arrived 14 May. The ship was assigned to Commander Service Squadron Eight, Service Force, Pacific Fleet. Fully loaded with beer, coca cola syrup, and a coca cola bottling unit, the ship left Gulfport on 17 May for Christobal, Panama Canal Zone. The ship arrived at Christobal 24 May, and transit of the canal was made on 25 May.

Departing Balboa on 25 May 1945, the U.S.S. MUSCATINE proceeded to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, arriving 26 June. On 2 July the ship was further routed to Guam for discharge. The vessel arrived in Guam on 7 July, discharged cargo, and departed for San Francisco on 13 July.

Arriving in San Francisco 2 August, the ship berthed at Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, where it was loaded with miscellaneous amphibious fleet issue cargo. The MUSCATINE left San Francisco 18 August for Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, where, upon arrival 8 Sept., the vessel reported to ComSerRonTen. Refrigerated cargo was discharged at Ulithi, and the ship departed 11 September for Leyte, Philippine Islands.

During the course of hostilities the U.S.S. MUSCATINE had no encounter with the enemy, and the ship has suffered no casualties.