

AK207/A12  
 Serial 06.

U. S. S. RICHLAND (AK 207)

c/o Fleet Post Office  
 San Francisco, Calif.  
 30 June 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL

From: Commanding Officer.  
 To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, Washington, D.C.  
 Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Ser. 7152, 29 Oct. 1943.

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Date 1 June 1945.

Being at peace with Germany and not on a basis of actual service prior to June 1945, this will cover the first war diary of U.S.S. RICHLAND AK 207, Isaac Hills 3rd, Commanding. Final conversion at Brown's Shipyard, Houston, Texas. Commissioned 4 May and shakedown in Galveston. Last work items authorized by Buships in Texas Coast Shipyard, Galveston and an uneventful cruise to Gulfport, Miss. for loading. Tied up port side to at N.S.D., Gulfport and loading steel for 40 - two story huts and between decks, cargo of 5"/38 and 40mm twin units. All hands and gear working well. Fathometer failure persists. No repairs in sight.

Date 2 June

1. Same as above. Last of cargo on board by 2200.

Date 3 June

1. Carpenters shoring up well. Crew preparing to spring ship. On orders from Com.8 to proceed to Canal Zone for further orders. Left Gulfport Dock at 1700. Pilot and two tugs supplied by N.S.D. Proceeded to sea on various courses and speeds. 2000 posit 30° 05 N, 88° 50 W. Time zone + 6.

Date 4 June

1. Commissioned one month ago today. Everything running smoothly. Proceeding southerly on course 153 T made at 0550 from a point 11 mi. so. of South Pass. 0800 posit 28° 30 N, 88° 59 W.

2. Afternoon horizon bad and twilight sights poor. Sailing on morning and noon sights plus D.R. Loaded speed estimated at 160 RPM. Prior to departure, 10 knots.

Date 5 June

1. Morning sights show D.R. fairly constant.

2. 0800 posit 24° 52' N. 86° 52 W.

1200 posit 24° 16' N. 86° 33 W.

2000 posit 23° 15' N. 85° 57 W.

3. Sextants adjusted and properly assembled. Factory adjustments left slack. Some were entirely inconstant.

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Date 6 June.

1. Landfall San Antonio, Cuba. 0630 - abeam. 0805 distant 2 1/2 miles. Changed course to 145° T and increased R.P.M. to 165.
2. Posit 0800 21° 52" N, 84° 59' W.  
" 1200 21° 18' N, 84° 35' W.  
" 2000 20° 02.5' N, 83° 39' W.
3. Distance covered - So. Pass to San Antonio light at rate of 9.6 knots. Days sights at 165 RPM show 10.5 knots. Northerly set in Gulf evident.

Date 7 June

1. 0800 posit 18° 20' N, 82° 29' W  
1200 posit 17° 59' N, 82° 08' W  
2000 posit 17° 12' N, 81° 35' W
2. Speed at 165 R.P.M. 10.5 K. Bucking a fairly heavy sea. Entered time zone † 5.

Date 8 June

1. Slipping off course to the west. Squally weather and good sea running. Taking it nicely. C.I.A.V.I. is proving itself. Not enough ship for the money, not enough power for the ship and about crew enough for one shore based desk. All hands and the ship's cook getting sea sick and each casualty leaves one detail with two men on a twenty four hour basis.

2. Posit 0800 15° 45' N 81° 17' W  
" 1200 15° 01' N 81° 06' W  
" 2000 14° 02' N 79° 43' W

Date 9 June

1. Fathometer repaired by Ship's Force. Bucking a heavy storm and luffed up to favor 24 ton ordinance units in cargo. Averaging 6 K. ahead 2 K. side ways. Made light on North end Roncador Bank and headed for deep water at 1030 sea moved to about 70° so came right to leeward and can coast in reasonable comfort.

2. Posit 0800 12° 54' N 79° 37' W  
" 1200 12° 35' N 79° 26' W  
" 2000 11° 13' N 79° 42' W

3. Everything secure.

Date 10 June

1. 0800 tied up at Pier 1-C, Coco Solo, Canal Zone. Came in at daylight.

Date 11 June

1. Cast off from Coco Solo under local pilot and went through the Canal.
2. Posit 2000 8° 04.5" N 79° 30' W.
3. Sailing on orders from P.D., Balboa. Received at base at Coco Solo to Leyte Gulf to report for duty to Com 7th Fleet, Comseron 9.

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Date 12 June

1. No incidents proceeding as before.
2. Posit 0800,  $6^{\circ} 33' N - 80^{\circ} 40' W$ .  
" 1200,  $6^{\circ} 29.5' N - 81^{\circ} 26' W$   
" 2000,  $6^{\circ} 21.5' N - 83^{\circ} 11' W$
3. Entered time zone + 6.

Date 13 June

1. Keeping well to right of track pending clear sights.
2. 0800 B.R. posit  $6^{\circ} 22' N - 84^{\circ} 47.5' W$   
1200 Obs. posit  $6^{\circ} 28' N - 85^{\circ} 27' W$ , changed course  $3^{\circ}$  to meet error.  
2000  $06^{\circ} 32' N - 86^{\circ} 42' W$ .

Date 14 June

1. Posit 0800  $06^{\circ} 39' N - 88^{\circ} 50' W$ .
2. 0600 back to base course and on course.
3. Posit 1200  $6^{\circ} 43.5' N - 89^{\circ} 24' W$ .  
" 2000  $6^{\circ} 51.7' N - 90^{\circ} 28.5' W$ .

Date 15 June

1. Drills coming well. Capt's lecture to all hands on battle and blackout security.

2. Posit 0800  $7^{\circ} 3.6' N - 92^{\circ} 24' W$   
" 1200  $7^{\circ} 5' N - 93^{\circ} 22' W$   
" 2000  $7^{\circ} 07.5' N - 94^{\circ} 15.8' W$

Date 16 June

1. Entered time zone + 7.
2. Posit 0800  $07^{\circ} 19' N - 96^{\circ} 09' W$   
1200  $07^{\circ} 36' N - 97^{\circ} 15' W$   
2000  $07^{\circ} 46' N - 98^{\circ} 35' W$

Date 17 June

1. Posit 0800  $08^{\circ} 01' N - 100^{\circ} 37' W$   
" 1200  $08^{\circ} 06' N - 101^{\circ} 17' W$   
" 2000  $08^{\circ} 17' N - 102^{\circ} 39' W$
2. All dead reconning.

Date 18 June 1945

1. Morning stars gave us first fix in 36 hrs. Posit 0800  $08^{\circ} 35' N, 105^{\circ} 17' W$ .
2. Fired starboard side 20mm guns on 3" burst. Drills at G.Q. simulated battle damage and gun stripping, cleaning and repairing.
3. Posit 1200,  $08^{\circ} 41' N - 106^{\circ} 01' W$   
" 2000,  $08^{\circ} 42' N - 107^{\circ} 24' W$ . Very squally.

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Date 19 June

1. Day of D.R. Posit 0800, 09° 06.3 N - 109° 31.7 W  
" 1200, 09° 12 N - 110° 25.5 W  
" 2000, 09° 20 N - 111° 50 W.

2. Two tankers, one liberty passed during the day, another ship coming up astern tonight. Entered time zone † 8.

Date 20 June

1. Liberty ship still just forward of starboard beam. Weather better. Extensive fire and G.Q. drills including firing of port side 20mm guns on burst from 3". 3 - 3" bursts "on target".

2. Lt. R.E. Boulware has developed into an exceptional navigator.  
Posit 0800, 09° 17.6 N - 114° 01.6 W.  
" 1200, 9° 12 N - 114° 51 W.  
" 2000, 09° 23.5 N - 116° 14.8 W.

Date 21 June

1. Posit 0800, 9° 40.5 N - 118° 21.8 W.
2. Liberty ship has gone over the edge out ahead.
3. Posit 1200, 09° 42 N - 119° 01 W  
" 2000, 10° 02.5 N - 120° 21 W.

Date 22 June

1. Battle practice on surface target. Main battery shooting well with phones and B.M. gun captain and local controll. Gunnery Officer spotting from the bridge.

2. Posit 0800, 10° 13 N - 122° 28.5 W  
" 1200, 10° 14.5 N - 123° 23 W  
" 2000, 10° 20 N - 124° 54 W

Date 23 June

1. Posit 0800, 10° 31.5 N - 127° 17' W.
2. Captain's routine inspection shows personnel well on upgrade.
3. Posit 1200, 10° 47.2 N - 128° 07 W  
" 2000, 10° 56.2 N - 129° 46 W.
4. Entered time zone † 9.

Date 24 June

1. Posit 0800, 10° 59' N - 131° 55' W  
" 1200, 10° 54' N - 132° 39' W  
" 2000, 10° 56.6 N - 134° 12.5 W

Date 25 June

1. Posit 0800, 10° 56 N - 136° 28 W  
" 1200, 10° 56 N - 137° 05 W  
" 2000, 10° 57 N - 138° 57 W
2. Built like a square rigger, she proves her shape by doing 11 knots plus with a fair wind. Also rolls 35° with a 20 kt. breeze under her quarter.

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Date 26 June

1. Posit 0800,  $10^{\circ} 57' N - 141^{\circ} 13' W$   
" 1200,  $10^{\circ} 55' N - 141^{\circ} 59' W$   
" 2000,  $10^{\circ} 54' N - 143^{\circ} 31' W$
2. Entered time zone  $\pm 10$ .

Date 27 June

1. Heavy following sea-carrying three foot drag in comfort.
2. Posit 0800,  $10^{\circ} 54' N - 145^{\circ} 37' W$   
1200,  $10^{\circ} 54' N - 146^{\circ} 32' W$   
2000,  $10^{\circ} 54' N - 148^{\circ} 13' W$

Date 28 June

1. Posit 0800,  $10^{\circ} 55' N - 150^{\circ} 05' W$   
1200,  $10^{\circ} 54' N - 151^{\circ} 23' W$   
2000,  $10^{\circ} 53.3' N - 152^{\circ} 53' W$ .
2. Cut out I.F.F. temporarily. Entering "Cross Roads".

Date 29 June

1. Posit 0800,  $10^{\circ} 52.5' N - 155^{\circ} 13' W$   
" 1200,  $10^{\circ} 52.1' N - 155^{\circ} 57.8' W$   
" 2000,  $10^{\circ} 48' N - 157^{\circ} 40' W$ .
2. Entered time zone  $\pm 11$ . Sea smoothing and still fair.

Date 30 June

1. Three tankers bound west in sight at day break.
2. Posit 0800,  $10^{\circ} 40' N - 160^{\circ} 02' W$   
" 1200,  $10^{\circ} 36' N - 160^{\circ} 48' W$   
" 2000,  $10^{\circ} 30' N - 162^{\circ} 16' W$ .

*Isaac Hills 5-7*

Isaac Hills 3rd  
Lt., USNR  
Commanding.

cc: CincPac.

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U. S. S. RICHLAND (AK 207)

c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.  
31 July 1945.

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, Washington, D.C.  
Subject: War Diary.  
Reference: (a)Cincpac File A2-11/A12, conf. serial 1C145.

Date: 1 July

- 1. Posit: 0800--10° 20 N 164°44
- 1200--10° 17 N 165°33
- 2000--10° 14 N 167°03 W

Date: 2 July

- 1. Posit: 0800--10° 03 N 169°28 W
- 1200--09° 58 N 170°15 W
- 2000--09° 53 N 171°59.5

- 2. Entered time zone -12. Two liberty ships bound west and passing at dark.

Date: 3 July

- 1. Posit: 0800--9° 41N 174° 19W
- 1200--9° 30N 175° 07W
- 2000--9° 22N 176° 28W

Date: 4 July

- 1. Failure in piping in salt water cooling (lube oil in main generators). Iron pipe threaded into brass fixtures. Replace pipe by robbing gun #21 of cooling well. (No spare pipe on allowance list).

- 2. Posit: 0800--9° 10 N 178° 42 W
- 1200--8° 53 N 179° 50 W

- 3. 1257--entered time zone -12. Posit 2000--8° 41 N 178° 38 E

Date: 5 July

- 1. Posit: 2000--8° 41 N 178° 38 E

Date: 6 July

- 1. Posit: 0800--08° 26 N 176° 13 E
- 1200--08° 20 N 175° 26 E
- 2000--08° 10 N 173° 42 E

Date: 7 July

- 1. Posit: 0800--08° 04.5 N 171° 31 E. Fix from landfall S. end Aur Atol. Zigzag plan 38 during daylight. Routine GQ at dawn.

- 2. Posit: 1200--08° 11 N 170° 40 E
- 2000--08° 50 N 169° 19 E

- 3. Entered time zone -11. GQ 2100--friendly plane

Date: 8 July

- 1. Dawn GQ. Daylight zigzag. Posit: 0800--09° 58.5 N 167° 10 E
- 1200--10° 08 N 166° 31 E
- 2000--10° 42 N 165° 00 E

- 2. Zig zagging on Plans 12 and 38, numerous ships all bound westerly. Landfall 1400 Wotho Atol.

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Date: 9 July

1. Posit: 0800--11° 14 N 169° 49 E  
1200--11° 14 N 162° 04.8 E  
2000--11° 29 N 160° 35 E. Landfall at 1000 Eniwetok.

Date: 10 July

1. Posit: 0800--11° 49 N 158° 24 E  
1200--11° 56 N 157° 41 E  
2000--12° 13 N 155° 58 E. Entered time zone -10

Date: 11 July

1. Posit: 0800--12° 34 N 153° 48 E.  
1200--12° 40 N 153° 01 E  
2000--12° 54 N 151° 35 E.

2. Engineer Officer reported serious loss of lube oil through break in welded line from main engine base to sump.

Date: 12 July

1. Posit: 0800--12° 17 N 149° 23 E  
1200--12° 03 N 148° 40 E  
2000--11° 23 N 147° 17 E.

Date: 13 July

1. Posit: 0800--10° 43 N 145° 15 E  
1200--10° 28 N 144° 34 E  
2000--10° 17 N 142° 57 E. Entered time zone -9.

Date: 14 July

1. Posit: 0800--10° 10 N 140° 44 E  
1200--10° 11 N 140° 00 E  
2000--10° 24 N 138° 34 E.

2. Landfall Ulithi at 1400. Heavy squalls, stayed offshore. Very low visibility. Jap radio interference pretty bad.

Date: 15 July

1. Posit: 0800--10° 27.6 N 136° 23 E  
1200--10° 28.5 N 135° 41 E  
2000--10° 30 N 134° 15 E

2. Sighted sub or phantom predawn 136° 19 E at 2000 yds. No sights heavy weather.

Date: 16 July

1. Posit: 0800--10° 40 N 131° 47 E  
1200--10° 40 N 131° 04 E  
2000--10° 40 N 121° 44 E.

Entered Philippine area 1815.

Date: 17 July

1. Posit: 0800--10° 37 N 127° 14 E  
1200-- Landfall

2130--Berth 38 Leyte Gulf. Entered time zone -8.

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Date: 18 July.

1. Anchored as above. Repairing minor engine casualties, reporting for duty, drawing stores.

Date: 19 July.

1. Same as above.
2. Unable to get small boat to transport lube oil from IX.

Date: 20 July.

1. Received order #734 from Port Director to depart for Subic Bay at 0800, 21 July.

Date: 21 July.

1. Weighed anchor at daylight. (0600 W.T.) went alongside IX SILVERCLOUD for lube oil and departed examination ship.
2. 1000 Wartime (Leyte) 0900-8.
3. Posit: 0800--Berth 92.  
1200--10° 43.5 N 125° 20 E  
2000--09° 36.6 N 124° 49.7 E
4. On P.D. order 734, 21 July. Reported departure delay to P.D.

Date: 22 July

1. Posit: 0800--08° 55.7 N 122° 54.5 E  
1200--09° 23.4 N 122° 23 E  
2000--10° 32.4 N 121° 42.8 E.

Date: 23 July

1. Posit: 0800--12° 30.5 N 120° 48.4 E  
1200--13° 06.3 N 120° 26.3 E  
2000--Landfall Subic Bay.
2. 2110--HI on entrance duty informs us "Nets closed, stand off till daylight".  
2220--Standing by for an answer to "Request permission to enter as ordered".  
2235--Ordered to stand off till daybreak.

Date: 24 July

1. Requested permission to enter Subic Bay at daylight. Was escorted in by C.G. in time for lunch and anchored without harbor chart. P.M. secured charts and berth assignment.

Date: 25 July

1. Moved to Berth 39 to wait our turn. We are no. 18 on list of ships to be unloaded. Base is in process of incubation.

Date: 26 July - 29 July

27 July - 30 July

28 July - 31 July

1. Anchored as before.

*Isaac Hills 317*

Isaac Hills 3rd,  
Lt., USNR

cc: Cincpac  
Comserfor7thFlt  
Comservon 9.



USS RICHLAND (AK 207)

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Serial 010

c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.  
31 August 1945.

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, Washington, D.C.  
Subject: War Diary.  
Reference: (a) Cincpac File A2-11/A12 conf. serial 1CL45.

REG. NO 69  
R. S. NO  
REG. SHEET NO 92

Date: 1 Aug.

Anchored in berth 39, Subic Bay, ready for cargo discharge. Attached to Service Squadron 9, Service Force 7th Fleet.

Date: 2 & 3 Aug.

Anchored as before. YP 516 came alongside on orders from C.N.B. AND N.S.D. to take part of rozen meat cargo for issue to L.S.T. Fleet.

Date: 4 Aug.

YP 516 shoved off late with less than half of our 110 ton fresh meat.

Date: 5 Aug.

Anchored as above.

Date: 6 Aug.

Made the water dock at 1800 under Pilot from N.B.

Date: 7 Aug.

Shoved off from waterdock at 0715. Took 80,000 gallons. YP516 came alongside later at Berth 39 and started loading with frozen meat again for issue.

Date: 8 Aug.

Anchored as before. YP 516 shoved off loaded. We still have 10 tons of meat and all balance of cargo to unload.

Date: 9 Aug.

YP completed unloading of frozen meat.

Date: 10 thru 14 Aug.

Anchored as before.

Date: 15 Aug.

Anchored as before. Transferred to PacFlt Seron 8.

Date: 16 thru 31 Aug.

Anchored as before.

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*Isaac Hills 3rd*  
Isaac Hills 3rd,  
Lt. Comdr., USNR.

cc: CominchPacFlt  
ComServron 8.

U. S. S. RICHLAND (AK 207)

AK207/A12-1  
Serial 014.

c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.  
2 Oct. 1945.

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the month of September.  
Reference: (a) Cincpac A2-11 confidential serial 10145.

Date: 1 Sept.

1. According to various communications, attached to Pacific Fleet Service Squadrons 7 and 8, Service Div. 73. Anchored in Berth 79, Subic Bay.
2. Still fully loaded with the exception of frozen cargo.

Date: 2 Sept.

1. Aux. boiler manufactured by Vapor Clarkson demolished by insulation fire.

Date: 4 Sept.

1. Called for and received inspection of boiler fire by Maintenance Officer, NOB, Subic Bay. As Euships has previously ordered replacement of boiler, repairs are not recommended by this command.
2. ALPAC 162 dissolving Comseron 8 received. Now in Seron 7, SerDiv 73 in spite of Cominch serial 06866 and ALPAC 162.

Date: 5,6,7,8 Sept.

1. Anchored as before.

Date: 9 Sept.

1. Orders from CNOB to stand by for getting underway to unloading dock at 1600.

Date: 10 Sept.

1. Tied up to dock to commence unloading cargo consigned to Subic Bay area.

Date: 14 Sept.

1. 1745-away from dock. Still have considerable steel to be unloaded at Subic. Orders from P.D. to sail 15 Sept. at 0700. Orders from Pilot not to sail.

Date: 15 Sept.

1. Finished unloading in mid stream at 2300.

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- Date: 16 Sept.
1. In accordance with CNO 261755 of May and P.D. orders, departed Subic Bay anchorage 0700 and anchored in Berth 528 Manila at 1300.
- Date: 20 Sept.
1. Moved to Berth 113.
- Date: 22 Sept.
1. Shifted from Berth 113, Manila to inner harbor, alongside S.S. CRINGLE REEFER to relieve her of balance of frozen beef - 30 tons for Army.
- Date: 23 Sept.
1. Standing by.
- Date: 24 Sept.
1. Returned to Berth 157. Received dispatch to prepare for military and materiel inspection at 0900, 26 Sept. by ComServDiv 73.
- Date: 25 Sept.
1. Anchored as above.
- Date: 26 Sept.
1. Anchored as before. 0900 Inspection by ComServDiv 73, Capt. Johnson. No difficulties
- Date: 27 and 28 Sept.
1. Refitting ship for service.
- Date: 29 Sept.
1. Usual army order "Get steam up pilot will board 1600.
- Date: 30 Sept.
1. Pilot boarded A.M. and we proceeded to dock area. Supposed to unload Navy cargo (1500 tons). Started loading army cargo. Released following dispatch: "Refusing Army orders pending clarification of Cincpac Alpac 162". Instigating conferences on following questions: (1) Why am I continued in Seron 7 after being transferred to Seron 8 by Cominchpacflt ser. 06866 of Aug.

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Date: 30 Sept. (cont'd).

- (2). Where did army get authority before I was ordered to report to Alwespac for operations?
- (3). On dissolving of Comserfer 7th Fleet, and transfer of this command to Comseron 8, does Comserfer 7th Fleet confidential serial 01453 of 11 June 1945 remain in force?
- (4). Why over two months to unload a Navy ship?

*Isaac Hills 3rd*

Isaac Hills 3rd  
Lt. Comdr., USNR

cc: CominchPacFlt  
ComserFerPacFlt.

# USS RICHLAND (AK 207)

REG. NO 117  
 R. S. NO  
 REG. SHEET NO 46

c/o Fleet Post Office  
 San Francisco, Calif.  
 2 Nov. 1945.

AK207/A12-1  
 Serial 016

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) CinCPac File A2-11/A12 conf. serial 1C145.

- Date: 1 Oct.
- 1. Ref. Comseron 7 serial 02217 of 14 Sept. Assigned to Seron 7. ServDiv 73 for administration.
- 2. Ref. ALPAC(ComServPac)174 assigned to ComServPac for Administration.(All functions of).
- 3. Ref. ComSerFor 7th Flt conf. 01453 consigned to Afwespac for operations on completion unloading Navy cargo.
- Date: 2 Oct.
- 1. As above.
- Date: 3 Oct.
- 1. Completed loading 100 tons of chilled and frozen army cargo in #4 aux. hold.
- Date: 4 Oct.
- 1. Sailed Manila for Mindoro. 1500 Tons Navy cargo for Manila. 100 tons Army cargo for Mindoro. Army orders endorsed by ComServDiv 73.
- Date: 5 Oct.
- 1. Dropped anchor in berth 83, Mindoro anchorage at 1025. P.M. started unloading meat.
- Date: 6 Oct.
- 1. Unloading continued in same berth.
- Date: 7 Oct.
- 1. Unloading of meat completed. Sailed 1500 for Manila.
- Date: 8 Oct.
- 1. Anchored Berth 66, MANILA.
- Date: 9 Oct.
- 1. Shifted to berth 29, Manila. Started proceedings again, toward getting Manila cargo (loaded June 1st) out of the holds.
- Date: 11 Oct.
- 1. Received a dispatch from ComSerFor as info. adee. Stopping boiler repairs and advising return to U.S. for decommissioning.
- Date: 24 Oct.
- 1. Army is taking over cargo for disposition. Find that Afwespac requested ships release from Army jurisdiction by dispatch to Washington on 22 Oct.
- 2. Spent the day ashore coordinating Army Navy efforts. Moored as before.

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- Date: 30 Oct.
1. Moved to pier 13, Manila to complete unloading under army. Reported progress personally to ComSeron 7 Operations. Gave 4 Nov. as date available for sailing. Army release and U.S. port of entry still in question.
- Date: 31 Oct.
1. Unloading will be completed tomorrow. Took full capacity load of fresh water.

*Isaac Hills 3rd*

Isaac Hills 3rd,  
Lt. Comdr., USNR  
Commanding.

cc: CominchPacFlt  
ComSerForPacFlt.

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for Month of November.

Reference: (a) Cincpac File A2-11/A12 conf. serial 1CL45.

Date: 1 Nov.

1. Completed unloading and proceeded to Berth 56, Manila. Reported to ComServDiv 73 and ComSeron 7, as available for sailing to U.S. for decommissioning on 3 Nov.

Date: 2 Nov.

1. Took 100,000 gals. diesel fuel. Readings complete. Water, fuel, lube oil, food and supplies for any possible trip (up to 90 days).
2. Standing by for sailing directions and orders. Dispatch ComServ 7 to ServPac requesting sailing instructions.

Date: 9 Nov.

1. Orders received from ComServron 7 to proceed to New Orleans for decommissioning.
2. Departed Manila 1600, time zone -8. Posit. 2000, 120° 18 E 14° 10 N.

Date: 10 Nov.

1. Posit. 0800, 120° 46'E; 12° 27 N. 1200, 121° 05 E 11° 44 N; 2000, 121° 39 E and 10° 20 N.

Date: 11 Nov.

1. Fine sailing. Posit: 0800, 123° 09E — 8° 54 N. 1200, 123° 50 E — 8° 58 N, 2000, 125° 00E — 9° 37 N. Heavy squalls all night.

Date: 12 Nov.

1. Off soundings at 0630. Posit: 0800, 126° 12E — 10° 26 N, 1200, 126° 52 E — 10° 07 N, 2000, 128° 23E — 09° 29 N. Sights impossible.

Date: 13 Nov.

1. Still squally. Posit: 0800, 130° 15E — 08° 33 N, 1200, 131° 13E — 08° 05 N.
2. Afternoon fix by sun fuzzy. 2000, 131° 35 E — 07° 56 N.

Date: 14 Nov.

1. Posit: 0800, landfall on Anguar Island, turned south.
2. " 1200, 134° 12E — 06° 42 N; 2000, 135° 37 E — 06° 39 N.
3. Continuous squally weather.

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1. Posit. 0800,  $137^{\circ} 55E$  —  $6^{\circ} 33 N$ ; 1200,  $138^{\circ} 40E$  —  $6^{\circ} 33.5 N$ .  
" 2000,  $140^{\circ} 11E$  —  $6^{\circ} 32.5 N$ . Still squally. Date: 15 Nov.
1. Entered time zone -10. Posit. 0800,  $142^{\circ} 10E$  —  $06^{\circ} 34N$ ;  
1200,  $142^{\circ} 53E$  —  $06^{\circ} 35N$ ; 2000,  $144^{\circ} 19E$  —  $06^{\circ} 31N$ . Date: 16 Nov.
1. Headed due east and with almost steady north easterly winds since leaving Anguar Island, have experienced a northerly set of about 10 miles daily.  
2. Will report particulars by letter to Hydrographic Office on arrival in U.S.  
3. Posit. 0800,  $146^{\circ} 31E$  —  $6^{\circ} 41N$ ; 1200,  $147^{\circ} 20E$  —  $6^{\circ} 30N$ ;  
" 2000,  $148^{\circ} 58E$  —  $6^{\circ} 30N$ . Evidently in strong easterly set of tropical current. Date: 17 Nov.
1. Took the con 0400 - 0500 in squall estimated av. 75 mph, ne. Posit. 0800(DR),  
 $151^{\circ} 24E$  —  $06^{\circ} 30N$ ; 1200,  $151^{\circ} 58E$  —  $06^{\circ} 26N$ ; 2000,  $153^{\circ} 34E$  —  $06^{\circ} 25N$ . Date: 18 Nov.
1. Posit. 0800,  $155^{\circ} 53E$  —  $06^{\circ} 31N$ ; 1200,  $156^{\circ} 41E$  —  $06^{\circ} 33 N$ ; 2000,  
 $158^{\circ} 08E$  —  $06^{\circ} 34N$ . Entered time zone -11. Date: 19 Nov.
1. Posit. 0800,  $160^{\circ} 33E$  —  $6^{\circ} 12N$ ; 1200,  $161^{\circ} 14E$  —  $6^{\circ} 22N$ ; 2000,  $162^{\circ} 49 E$  —  
 $6^{\circ} 30N$ . Date: 20 Nov.
1. Posit. 0800,  $165^{\circ} 13E$  —  $06^{\circ} 30N$ ; 1200,  $166^{\circ} 06E$  —  $06^{\circ} 41N$ . First fix in 28  
hours. Posit. 2000,  $167^{\circ} 36E$  —  $06^{\circ} 41N$ . Date: 21 Nov.
1. 0800,  $169^{\circ} 51E$  —  $6^{\circ} 41N$ ; 1200,  $170^{\circ} 40E$  —  $6^{\circ} 41N$  (D.R.); 2000,  $172^{\circ} 09E$  —  
 $6^{\circ} 47N$  (D.R.).  
2. Wind  $70^{\circ}$  to  $95^{\circ}$  blowing 30 - 60 mph. Heavy seas, very poor headway. Entered  
time zone - 12. Date: 22 Nov.
1. 24 hours of heavy weather now clearing. Posit. 0800,  $173^{\circ} 22E$  —  $6^{\circ} 57N$ ;  
1200,  $174^{\circ} 12 E$  —  $6^{\circ} 45N$ ; 2000,  $175^{\circ} 40.5E$  —  $6^{\circ} 52N$ . Date: 23 Nov.
1. Posit. 0800,  $177^{\circ} 52E$  —  $06^{\circ} 57N$ ; 1200,  $178^{\circ} 44E$  —  $06^{\circ} 57.5N$ . Crossed 180 EW  
and entered time zone  $\neq 12$ . Posit. 2000,  $179^{\circ} 47W$  —  $06^{\circ} 57^{\circ}N$ . Date: 24 Nov.
1. Posit. 0800,  $177^{\circ} 42W$  —  $06^{\circ} 57N$ ; 1200,  $176^{\circ} 58W$  —  $06^{\circ} 57N$ ; 2000,  $175^{\circ} 24W$  —  
 $06^{\circ} 55N$ . Date: 24 Nov.

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- Date: 25 Nov.
1. Posit. 0800,  $172^{\circ} 49'W$  —  $06^{\circ} 50'N$ , entered time zone  $\neq 11$ ; 1200,  $172^{\circ} 00'W$  —  $06^{\circ} 49'N$ ; 2000,  $170^{\circ} 27'W$  —  $06^{\circ} 49'N$ .
- Date: 26 Nov.
1. Posit. 0800,  $168^{\circ} 02'W$  —  $06^{\circ} 49'N$ ; 1200,  $167^{\circ} 42'W$  —  $06^{\circ} 49'N$ ; 2000,  $166^{\circ} 12'W$  —  $06^{\circ} 50'N$ .
- Date: 27 Nov.
1. Continuous heavy squalls for days, now in heavy weather since 0400.
  2. Posit. 0800,  $164^{\circ} 14'W$  —  $06^{\circ} 54'N$ ; 1200,  $163^{\circ} 47'W$  —  $07^{\circ} 03'N$ ; 2000,  $162^{\circ} 36'W$  —  $07^{\circ} 18'N$ .
  3. Storm proved area 200 miles. Wind east to 60 mph. Seas rough. Barometer steady. Followed by usual succession of squalls.
- Date: 28 Nov.
1. Have been on deck 42 out of last 48 hours easing speed and course through the weather. Ship 340 ft. and light. Working north as all storms seem to be coming from E.S.E.
  2. Posit. 0800,  $160^{\circ} 38'W$  —  $07^{\circ} 11'N$ ; 1200,  $159^{\circ} 58'W$  —  $07^{\circ} 13'N$ ; 2000,  $158^{\circ} 40'W$  —  $07^{\circ} 34'N$ .
- Date: 29 Nov.
1. Entered time zone  $\neq 10$ . 5 1/2 hrs. late on ETA at  $158^{\circ}W$  from Manila. (Shift from radio Pearl to radio San Francisco).
  2. Posit. 0800,  $156^{\circ} 58'W$  —  $08^{\circ} 20'N$ ; 1200,  $156^{\circ} 23'W$  —  $08^{\circ} 35'N$ ; 2000,  $155^{\circ} 01'W$  —  $08^{\circ} 57'N$ .
- Date: 30 Nov.
1. Weather at 090 N is just as bad as on  $06^{\circ} 30'N$  with less rain and more wind. 0800, making 8 knots on course  $090^{\circ}$ . Wind E.N.E. 6, seas 5 from E.N.E., swells short same from S.E.
  2. Posit, 0800,  $153^{\circ} 26'W$  —  $08^{\circ} 53'N$ ; 1200,  $152^{\circ} 54'W$  —  $08^{\circ} 54'N$ ; 2000,  $151^{\circ} 25'W$  —  $08^{\circ} 45'N$ . Weather and seas clearing. Back on speed and course.

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