

U. S. S. PROVO VICTORY (AK-228)

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18 OCTOBER 1944

1400 In accordance with Commander, Twelfth Naval District Order, File No. 14, B/2/9 A4-1, Ser. No. 48275, of 18 October 1944, USS PROVO VICTORY (AK228) was put in commission. Acting Commanding Officer, Lieut. J. W. CARPENTER, D-V, USNR, assumed command in accordance with File No. ND-12-14, B/29, Ser. No. 48726, of 18 October 1944. 1442 Underway from Kaiser Yard No. 1, Richmond, California. 1645 Moored starboard side to Berth A, Pier 3, Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California.

19 OCTOBER 1944

Pursuant to BuPers Restricted Despatch No. 051541 of October 1944, Lieut. Commander J. E. JOHANSEN, D-M, USNR, reported aboard to assume command.

20 OCTOBER 1944 to 25 OCTOBER 1944 Inclusive

Engaged in outfitting ship for sea.

26 OCTOBER 1944

0900 Underway from San Francisco, Calif., enroute to San Pedro, Calif., operating singly without surface escort. 1220 took departure from Buoy "A", course 200° True, standard speed 15 knots, 85 RPM.

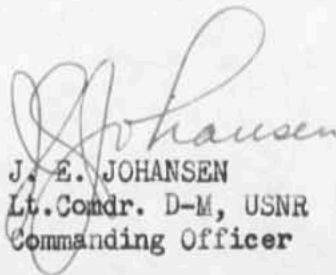
27 OCTOBER 1944

Steaming as before. 1035 exercised crew at General Quarters and fired the guns to check on their working order, and give the crew some experience with the guns - expended four (4) rounds 3"/50; eighty (80) rounds 20 MM. 1927 passed abeam to Port Los Angeles breakwater light. 1948 anchored in berth No. C-9 San Pedro Harbor, San Pedro, Calif.

28 OCTOBER 1944 to 31 OCTOBER 1944 Inclusive

Undergoing various inspections, trials and drills in accordance with shake-down tests.

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1 NOVEMBER 1944 TO 3 NOVEMBER Inclusive

Undergoing various inspections, trials and drills in accordance with shake-down tests.

4 NOVEMBER 1944 to 7 NOVEMBER 1944 Inclusive

1415 Moored to berth No. 39, Target Repair Base, San Pedro, California, for three (3) day repair availability.

8 NOVEMBER 1944

0730 Underway from San Pedro, California, enroute to San Francisco, Calif., operating singly, without surface escort, in accordance with Commander Western Sea Frontier Orders A4-3/AGB/PCH/pmc, B-RO-SP-22887 of 7 November 1944. 0825 took departure from seaward end of channel, course 297° True, standard speed 16 knots (90 RPM). 1404 exercised crew at General Quarters for training purposes.

9 NOVEMBER 1944

0708 entered San Francisco outer channel. 1410 moored port side to west end of Berth No. 1, Port Chicago, California.

10 NOVEMBER 1944 to 20 NOVEMBER 1944

Moored as before loading cargo.

21 NOVEMBER 1944 (Zone Time - Plus 7)

0959 Underway from Port Chicago, California, enroute to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, operating singly without surface escort, in accordance with Commander Western Sea Frontier order A4-3/WSF (WSF-24-fm) Ser. 02277. Movement Order No. 370 C & R of 20 November 1944. 1521 took departure from Farallon Islands, course 234°T, speed 16.5 knots (94 RPM), using Zig-zag plan No. 8 USF 10(A).

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	Port Chicago	38° 01' N	36° 59' N
Longl	Calif.	122° 24' W	124° 15' W

22 NOVEMBER 1944 (Zone Time - Plus 8)

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	35° 42' N.	35° 28' N	34° 45' N
Long.	127° 44' W	128° 38' W	130° 50' W

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23 NOVEMBER 1945

Steaming as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	34° 02' N.	33° 45' N.	33° 41' N.
Long.	133° 55' W	135° 20' W	137° 43' W

24 NOVEMBER 1945 (Zone Time - Plus 9)

Steaming as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	32° 43' N.	32° 21' N.	30° 48.5' N.
Long.	140° 54' W	142° 18' W.	143° 56' W

25 NOVEMBER 1944

Steaming as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	28° 36' N.	27° 45' N.	26° 29' N.
Long.	146° 36' W.	147° 34' W	149° 01' W

26 NOVEMBER 1944

Steaming as before. Exercised crew at General Quarters, Abandon Ship, Fire and Steering casualty drills. Fired twenty (20) rounds 20 MM Ammunition.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	24° 39' N.	24° 04' N.	22° 57' N.
Long.	151° 52' W	152° 43' W	154° 42' W.

27 NOVEMBER 1944 (Zone Time - Plus 9½)

Steaming as before. 0925 Diamond Head, Oahu Island, Hawaii Isles, abeam to starboard - distance 6.8 miles.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21° 20' N.	20° 25' N.	20° 03' N.
Long.	157° 30' W.	157° 45' W.	159° 17' W.

28 NOVEMBER 1944 (Zone Time - Plus 10)

Steaming as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	19° 56' N.	19° 41' N.	19° 26' N.
Long.	162° 55' W	164° 11' W.	166° 25' W

29 NOVEMBER 1944

Steaming as before.

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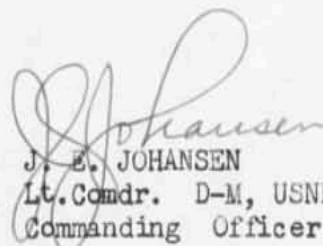
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	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	18° 47' N.	18° 31' N.	18° 11' N.
Long.	169° 49' W	171° 15' W.	172° 51' W

30 NOVEMBER 1944 (Zone Time - Plus 11)

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	17° 39' N.	17° 14' N.	16° 47' N.
Long	176° 08' W	177° 39' W.	179° 35' W


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WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 1944

1 DECEMBER (Zone time - Plus 12)

Steaming singly without surface escort from Port Chicago, California, pursuant to Commander Western Sea Frontier's order A4-3/WSF(WSF-24-fm) Ser. 02277. Movement order No. 370 C&R of 20 November 1944. Set Ship's clocks ahead twenty four (24) hours to conform with zone time Minus Twelve (12).

2 DECEMBER (Zone time - minus 12)

Steaming as before.	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16° 16' N	16° 02' N	15° 24' N
Long.	177° 16' E	175° 17' E	174° 05' E

3 DECEMBER (Zone time - minus 12)

Steaming as before.	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 31' N	14° 05' N	13° 05' N
Long.	170° 53' E	169° 55' E	168° 00' E

4 DECEMBER (Zone time - minus 11)

Steaming as before. 1545 sighted Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 1649 entered Eniwetok Atoll Lagoon. 1836 anchored in N-3 Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12° 20' N	12° 08' N.	Anchored
Long.	164° 51' E	163° 37' E.	Eniwetok Atoll

5 DECEMBER to 7 DECEMBER

Anchored as before.

8 DECEMBER (Zone Time - minus 11)

Anchored as before. 1226 underway, pursuant to Port Director's order A4-3/JHB/wdc, of 8 December 1944, in Eniwetok-Ulithi convoy No. 26. Lt. Comdr. J. E. JOHANSEN, USNR, on USS PROVO VICTORY (AK-228) is convoy commodore. Task Unit 16.14.16 is escort, Lt. Comdr. J. R. HINTON, USNR, Escort Commander. 1301 H.E.C.P. abeam to starboard. Took departure - set course 150° True and Gyro.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored	Anchored	11° 22' N
Long.	Anchored	Anchored	160° 59' E

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9 DECEMBER 1944 (Zone time - minus 11)

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11° 55' N		12° 20' N
Long.	158° 12' E		155° 25' E

10 DECEMBER 1944 (Zone time - minus 10)

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	12° 41' N		12° 43' N
Long.	152° 30' E		149° 24' E

11 DECEMBER 1944 (Zone time - minus 10)

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11° 27' N.	10° 55' N.	10° 55' N
Long.	146° 40' E	145° 59' E	144° 10' E

12 DECEMBER 1944 (Zone time - minus 10)

Steaming as before. 1400 entered Mugai channel, Ulithi Atoll. 1645 Anchored in Berth No. 27, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.		10° 15' N.	Anchored
Long.		141° 07' E.	Ulithi Atoll

13 DECEMBER to 15 DECEMBER (Inclusive)

Anchored as before. Working cargo.

16 DECEMBER 1944 (Zone time - minus 9)

Anchored as before. 1018 underway pursuant to Port Director's order A4-3 of 13 December 1944 in Ulithi - Palau convoy No. 20. USS McCALLA (DD488) is escort. 1055 passed through Mugai channel; took departure. Course 120° True.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	Anchored	9° 44' N.	8° 14' N
Long.	Ulithi Atoll	139° 42' E	138° 06' E

17 DECEMBER 1944 (Zone time - minus 9)

Steaming as before. 0900 made land fall on Babelthupap Island, Palau Islands,

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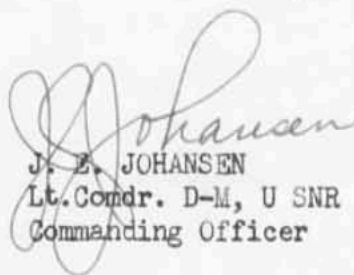
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BEARING 250° True, distance thirteen (13) miles. 1135 anchored in berth No. 50
Kossol Passage, Palau Islands.

Lat. $7^{\circ} 47' N$	$\frac{0800}{1200}$ Anchored	$\frac{2000}{2000}$ Anchored
Long. $135^{\circ} 20' E$		

18 DECEMBER to 31 DECEMBER (Inclusive)

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1 JANUARY to 4 JANUARY (Zone time - Minus 9)

Anchored in berth No. 47, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands, working cargo.

5 JANUARY 1945.

Anchored as before. 0539 underway from Kossol Roads, Palau Islands to Rendezvous Point, pursuant to Port Director's order of 4 January 1945 in Kossol Special Convoy No. 1; Convoy Commodore on the USS PROVO VICTORY (A K-228), Escort Commander on the USS LANSDOWNE (DD-486). 0600 took departure from North Entrance Buoy, course 110° T. 1610 joined Task Group 77.9 in accordance with Port Director's orders of 4 January 1945. Kossol Special Convoy No. 1 disbanded. O.T.C. on the USS APPALACHIAN (AGC 1).

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.		6° 34' N.	5° 35' N.
Long.		134° 22' E.	133° 14' E.

6 JANUARY 1945

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	7° 14' N.	8° 35' N	
Long.	131° 02" E.	128° 41' E	

7 JANUARY 1945

Steaming as before. 1258 Sudden heavy shock noted, similar to explosion of depth charge. Cause unknown. 2225 Depth Charge attack by USS NORMAN SCOTT (DD690).

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	9° 56' N.	10° 17' N.	9° 47' N.
Long.	126° 47' E.	126° 12' E.	125° 10' E

8 JANUARY 1945.

Steaming as before.

9 JANUARY 1945.

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11° 35' N.	12° 12' N.	13° 14' N.
Long.	121° 35' N.	120° 58' E.	120° 01' E.

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1 JANUARY to 4 JANUARY (Zone time - Minus 9)

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Long.	126° 47' E.	126° 12' E.	125° 10' E

8 JANUARY 1945.

Steaming as before.

9 JANUARY 1945.

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11° 35' N.	12° 12' N.	13° 14' N.
Long.	121° 35' N.	120° 58' E.	120° 01' E.

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10 JANUARY Steaming as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14° 45' N.	15° 27' N.	
Long.	119° 15' E.	119° 10' E.	

11 JANUARY

Steaming as before. 0721 steaming into channel of Lingayen Gulf. 0912 anchored in Berth F7, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon Island, Philippine Islands.

12 JANUARY

Anchored as before. See attached copy of enemy action of 12 January 1945.

13 JANUARY to 25 JANUARY

Anchored as before. Working cargo.

26 JANUARY

Anchored as before. 1800 Underway from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands, enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands, pursuant to Commander Lingayen Area Control Group order of 26 January 1945. O.T.C. is Comdr. E. S. BURNS, USN, on the USS HOWORTH (DD592), in Task Unit 78.11.11. Convoy Commodore on the USS PROVO VICTORY (AK-228). Took departure and set course 350° True.

27 JANUARY

Steaming as before.	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16° 24' N.	16° 01' N.	14° 46' N.
Long.	119° 05' E.	119° 01' E.	119° 18' E.

28 JANUARY

Steaming as before.	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13° 08' N		
Long.	119° 39' E		

29 JANUARY

Steaming as before.	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10° 50' N	10° 23' N	9° 37' N
Long.	121° 37' E	121° 46' E	122° 10' E

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30 JANUARY 1945

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.		8° 58' N.	9° 15' N.
Long.		123° 32' E	124° 16' E.

31 JANUARY 1945

Steaming as before. 1600 entered San Pedro Bay Channel. 1842 anchored in berth No. 446 San Pedro Bay, LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10° 01' N.	10° 22' N.	ANCHORED
Long	125° 23' E.	125° 22' E	"


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WAR DIARY - 12 JANUARY 1945 - ADDITIONAL REMARKS

At 0800, thirteen (13) minutes after securing from General Quarters, this area was subjected to a sudden air attack involving at least two (2) enemy planes; planes were of a single engine low wing fighter or dive bomber type, make not recognized. Attack consisted of low bombing and strafing, and while this ship was not under actual fire, ships in the immediate vicinity suffered slight material damage, and injury to personnel.

The first plane crossed the ship at about amidship, at an estimated height of two hundred (200) feet, in a steady glide, apparently in a bombing-strafting, or perhaps "suicide" attack on the SS ELMIRA VICTORY, anchored about two thousand (2000) yards on the port beam. At the time the plane crossed the ship it was noticed to be smoking heavily, and whether forced down, or shot down, it crashed into the sea against the starboard side of the SS ELMIRA VICTORY, exploding and sinking immediately. Fire was opened by the Port ready 20 MM Gun.

The second plane crossed about one thousand (1000) yards astern of the ship, making a vertical diving attack from about one thousand (1000) feet on a Destroyer Escort type vessel, anchored an estimated two thousand (2000) yards on the port quarter. The plane pulled out of its dive in a spectacular maneuver at an altitude of about twenty-five (25) feet, and when last seen was flying in level flight on a course away from the ship; it was lost in the heavy smoke screen of the area.

The ship secured from battle stations at 0850, suffering no material damage, or injury to personnel. Sixty (60) Rounds of 20 MM were expended.


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1 FEBRUARY (Zone time - minus 9)

Anchored in berth No. 446, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 1324 Underway from Leyte, Philippine Islands, enroute to Ulithi Atoll in the Western Caroline Islands, in accordance with C.T.F. 75 order A4-3(1)(4) serial 0072 of 31 January 1945, in company with C.T.U. 78.12.8. O.T.C. in USS HOPKINS (DMS 13). 1420 passed channel bouy No. 1 abeam to starboard. Took departure and set course 131° T.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	Anchored	Anchored	10° 35' N
Long.	Anchored	Anchored	125° 56' E

2 FEBRUARY

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10° 32' N	10° 30' N	10° 33' N.
Long.	127° 47' E	128° 23' E	129° 31' E

3 FEBRUARY

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10° 30' N.	10° 30' N.	10° 26' N.
Long.	131° 40' E.	132° 18' E.	133° 31' E

4 FEBRUARY

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10° 25' N.	10° 23' N.	10° 14' N.
Long.	135° 23' E	136° 12' E	137° 36' E.

5 FEBRUARY

Steaming as before. 1142 entered Mugai channel. 1343 anchored in Berth No. 155, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	9° 48' N.	Ulithi Atoll	Anchored
Long.	139° 27' E.	Ulithi Atoll	Anchored

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1-31 MARCH 1945

1 MARCH 1945

Anchored in Berth No. 155, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands, working cargo.

2 MARCH 1945 (Zone time minus 10)

Anchored as before. 0819 underway from Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands, enroute to Port Apra, Guam, Marianas Islands pursuant to Port Director's orders A4-3/9 of 1 March 1945 in Ulithi-Guam No. 48 convoy, USS CURRIER (DE700) escort and O.T.C. 0903 passed Beacon "A" abeam to starboard, distance one (1) mile - took departure.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	Anchored	10° 20' N.	11° 19' N.
Long.	Anchored	140° 12' E.	141° 51' E.

3 MARCH 1945

Steaming as before. 0930 made landfall on Guam Island bearing 063° T - distance twenty (20) miles. 1540 moored to buoys in Berth No. 5, Port Apra, Guam, Marianas Islands.

Lat.	13° 55' N.	Port Apra	Moored
Long.	144° 25' E	Port Apra	Moored.

4 MARCH 1945 to 15 MARCH 1945

Moored as before - working cargo.

16 MARCH 1945 (Zone time minus 10)

Moored as before. 1616 underway from Port Apra, Guam, Marianas Islands, enroute to San Francisco, California, without escort, pursuant to Port Director's Order PDG500 of 16 March 1945. 1648 No. 2 Entrance Buoy abeam to starboard - took departure - set course 270° T

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	Moored	Moored	13° 04' N.
Long.	Moored	Moored	145° 03' E

17 MARCH 1945

Steaming singly as before

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	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12° 43' N.	12° 38' N.	12° 37' N.
Long.	147° 19' E.	148° 44' E.	150° 20' E.

18 MARCH 1945

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12° 18' N.	12° 11' N.	11° 55' N.
Long.	153° 14' E.	154° 12' E.	156° 10' E.

19 MARCH 1945 (Zone time - minus 11)

Steaming singly as before. 2105 sighted Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, bearing 030° T, distance twenty (20) miles)

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	11° 32' N.	11° 25' N.	11° 10' N.
Long.	158° 59' E.	159° 59' E.	162° 00' E.

20 MARCH 1945

Steaming singly as before. 0920 sighted Bekini Atoll bearing 120° T, distance eighteen (18) miles.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12° 10' N.	11° 55' N.	12° 39' N.
Long.	165° 37' E.	165° 32' E.	167° 24' E.

21 MARCH 1945 (Zone time minus 12)

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13° 28' N.	13° 47' N.	14° 18' N.
Long.	170° 37' E.	171° 32' E.	172° 24' E.

22 MARCH 1945

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15° 08' N.	15° 22' N.	16° 00' N.
Long.	176° 05' E.	177° 16' E.	178° 58' E.

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22 MARCH 1945 (Zone time - plus 12)

Steaming singly as before. Crossed International Date Line and retarded ship's clocks twenty-four (24) hours to conform with Plus Twelve Zone Time.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16° 34' N.	16° 46' N.	17° 08' N.
Long.	178° 02' W.	176° 58' W.	174° 50' W.

23 MARCH 1945 (Zone time - plus 11)

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	17° 40' N.	17° 58' N.	18° 30' N.
Long.	171° 49' W.	170° 49' W.	168° 51' W.

24 MARCH 1945 (Zone time - plus 10)

Steaming singly as before. Exercised crew at General quarters and held firing practice. Expended seven (7) rounds 5"/38, seven (7) rounds 3"/50, nine hundred rounds 20 MM.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	18° 55' N.	19° 00' N.	19° 22' N.
Long.	165° 59' W.	164° 59' W.	162° 54' W.

25 MARCH 1945

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	19° 40' N.	19° 50' N.	20° 40' N.
Long.	160° 02' W.	159° 03' W.	158° 00' W.

26 MARCH 1945 (Zone time - plus 9½)

Steaming singly as before. 0648 sighted Oahu Island bearing 042° distance eleven (11) miles. 0828 entrance buoy No. 2 abeam to starboard. 0911 moored in berth X-B, Pearl Harbor, Oahu Island, Hawaiian Islands, in accordance with ComHawSeaFron Radio Despatch of 220151 of March 1945.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Pearl Harbor	Moored	Moored
Long.	Pearl Harbor	Moored	Moored

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27 MARCH 1945

Moored as before. 1837 underway from Pearl Harbor, Oahu Island, Hawaiian Islands, for Seattle, Washington, in accordance with ComHawSeaFron Serial 0297 of 27 March 1945. 1927 channel buoy No. 2 abeam to port, took departure and set standard speed 16 knots, base course 120° T.

28 MARCH 1945 (Zone time - plus 9½)

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	23° 25' N.	24° 13' N.	25° 51' N.
Long.	155° 28' W	154° 44' W.	153° 35' W .

29 MARCH 1945

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	28° 20' N.	29° 04' N.	30° 41' N.
Long.	151° 22' W.	150° 39' W.	149° 07' W.

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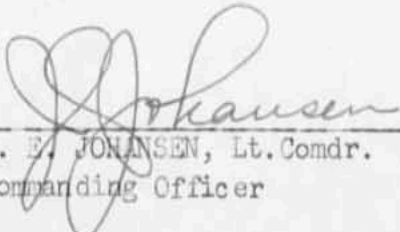
Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	33° 00' N.	33° 44' N.	35° 18' N.
Long.	146° 43' W	145° 41' W	144° 00' W.

31 MARCH 1945 (Zone time - plus 9)

Steaming singly as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37° 35' N.	38° 26' N.	39° 52' N.
Long.	141° 22' W.	140° 20' W.	138° 35' W.


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1 APRIL 1945 (Zone time - plus 8)

Steaming singly from Pearl Harbor, Oahu Island, Hawaiian Islands for Seattle, Washington, in accordance with Com HawSeaFron Ser. 0297 of 27 March 1945.

Lat.	41°	0800 56' N.	1200 42° 36' N.	2000 43° 58' N.
Long.	135°	49' W.	134° 43' W.	132° 37' W.

2 APRIL 1945

Steaming singly as before.

Lat.	46°	0800 00' N.	1200 46° 10' N.	2000 47° 25' N.
Long.	129°	20' W.	128° 03' W.	125° 35' W.

3 APRIL 1945 (Zone time - Plus 7)

Steaming singly as before. 0042 Cape Flattery light abeam to starboard, distance 4.9 miles. 0317 passed Sheringham light abeam to port, distance 3.5 miles. 1135 moored port side to pier No. 3, Bangor, Washington. Commenced discharging cargo.

4 April 1945 to 5 April 1945

Moored port side to pier No. 3, Bangor, Washington, discharging cargo.

6 April 1945

Moored as before. 0831 underway from Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Washington, for Todd Dry Dock, Seattle, Washington, pursuant to verbal orders of Asst. Industrial Manager, Seattle, Washington. 1500 ship rested on keel blocks in Dock No. 3, Todd's Dry Dock, Seattle, Washington. Engaged in repair work.

7 April 1945 to 13 April 1945

Dry-docked as before.

14 April 1945

Dry-docked as before. 1908 commenced flooding dock. 1931 ship off keel blocks. 2042 Moored west side Pier "J" Todd's Dry Dock, Seattle, Washington,

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Engaged in repair work.

15 April 1945 to 25 April 1945

Moored as before.

26 April 1945

Moored as before. 0825 underway in accordance with verbal orders from Port Director's Office. 0855 moored starboard side to North Side Pier #48, Seattle, Washington.

27 April 1945

Moored as before.

28 April 1945


Moored as before. 0630 underway pursuant to Port Director's verbal orders 0735 moored starboard side to west side of pier No. 91, Berth No. 3, N.S.D., Seattle, Washington.

29 April 1945

Moored as before. 1915 underway pursuant to Port Director's verbal orders 2053 moored starboard side to Naval Fuel Dock, Manchester, Washington.

30 April 1945

Moored as before. 0944 underway pursuant to Port Director's verbal order. 1701 moored port side to Berth No. 3, Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Washington, loading cargo.


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1 May 1945 (Zone Plus 7)

Moored port side to Berth No. 3, Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Washington, USA, receiving cargo.

2 May 1945

Moored as before.

3 May 1945

Moored as before.

4 May 1945

Moored as before.

5 May 1945

Moored as before.

6 May 1945

Moored as before.

7 May 1945

Moored as before.

8 May 1945

Moored as before.

9 May 1945

Moored as before.

10 May 1945

Moored port side to Berth No. 3 Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Washington, U.S.A., secured for sea. At 0809 underway from Bangor, Washington, enroute to Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands, operating singly without surface escort in obedience to orders of ComWesSeaFron. At 1402 exercised crew at General Quarters and Abandon Ship Stations. At 1656 took departure from the seaward end of Straits of Juan Di Virga, Lat. 48° 32' N., Long. 124° 53' W. Base course 260° True and Gyro

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2000 Changed course to 231° True and Gyro. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with USF 10(A), Plan No. 8. Zone time Plus Seven (7).

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	Bangor	48° 09' N.	48° 23' N.
Long.	Bangor	123° 17' W.	126° 00' W.

11 May 1945

Steaming as before. Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform with Zone Time Plus Eight (8).

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	46° 30' N.	46° 24' N.	45° 05' N.
Long.	129° 22' W.	129° 53' W.	131° 59' W.

12 May 1945 (Plus 8 Zone Time)

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	43° 37' N.	43° 04.5' N.	42° 02' N.
Long.	135° 02' W.	135° 44' W.	137° 23' W.

13 May 1945 (Plus 8 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform with Zone Time Plus Nine (9).

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	40° 11' N.	39° 42' N.	38° 16' N.
Long.	140° 04' W.	140° 41' W.	142° 34' W.

14 May 1945 (Plus 9 Zone Time)

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	36° 16' N.	35° 37' N.	34° 04' N.
Long.	144° 55' W.	145° 40' W.	147° 26' W.

15 May 1945 (Plus 9 Zone Time)

Steaming as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	31° 54' N.	30° 41' N.	29° 04' N.
Long.	149° 45' W.	150° 31' 30" W.	152° 00' W.

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16 May (Plus 9 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to Zone Time Plus Ten (10).

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	26° 45' N.	25° 44' N	24° 15' N.
Long.	154° 17' W	155° 01' W	156° 26' W.

17 May (Plus 10 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 0645 made landfall on Oahu Island of the Hawaiian Islands, bearing 170° True and Gyro, distance forty (40) miles.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	22° 01' 30" N	21° 18' N	19° 38.5' N
Long.	158° 19' W	158° 00' W	158° 48' W

18 May (Plus 10 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 1800 retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform with zone time Plus eleven (11).

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	19° 26' N	19° 25' N	19° 26' N
Long.	162° 33' W	163° 45' W	165° 22' W

19 May (Plus 11 Zone Time)

Steaming as before.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	18° 53' N	18° 43' N	18° 13' N.
Long.	168° 27' W	169° 40' W	171° 41' W.

20 May (Plus 11 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 1800 retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform with Plus Twelve (12) zone time.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	17° 41' N	17° 23' N	16° 53' N.
Long.	175° 24' W	175° 56' W	178° 16' W.

22 May (Plus 12 Zone time)

Steaming as before. 0000 advanced ship's clocks twenty-four (24) hours to conform with minus twelve (12) zone time)

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	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	16° 08' N.	15° 56' N	15° 26' N
Long.	178° 40' E.	177° 35' E	175° 30' E.

23 May (Minus 12 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 1600 retarded clocks one (1) hour to conform with minus eleven (11) zone time.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	14° 38' N.	14° 15' N	13° 37' N.
Long.	172° 23' E.	171° 21' E	169° 11' E.

24 May (Minus 11 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 2340 Sighted Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	12° 41.5' N.	12° 20' N	11° 38' N.
Long.	166° 06' E	165° 08' E	163° 05' E.

25 May (Minus 11 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 1400 held firing practice on 20 MM. Expended one hundred and ten (110) rounds - no casualties. 1920 exercised crew at General Quarters.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11° 36' N	11° 46' N.	12° 10' N.
Long.	160° 06' E	159° 04' E	157° 00' E

26 May (Minus 11 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 1800 retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform with Zone time, minus ten (10).

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	12° 52.5' N.	12° 54' N	12° 27' N.
Long.	153° 47.5' E	152° 41' E	150° 23' E.

27 May (Minus 10 Zone Time)

Steaming as before.	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11° 31' N.	11° 04' N.	10° 31' N.
Long.	147° 15.5' E	146° 19' E	144° 17' E.

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28 May (Minus 10 Zone Time)

Steaming as before. 0930 sighted FAIS Islands bearing 210° T., distance eighteen (18) miles. 1305 entered Mugai channel, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands. 1419 anchored in Berth No. 2 Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands, in seventeen (17) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

Lat.	$10^{\circ} 03' N.$	$10^{\circ} 00' N.$	Berth No. 2
Long.	$141^{\circ} 06' E.$	$140^{\circ} 00' E.$	Ulithi.

29 May (Minus 10 Zone Time)


Anchored as before. Engaged in discharging cargo.

30 May (Minus 10 Zone Time)

Anchored as before.

31 May (Minus 10 Zone Time)

Anchored as before. 1820 No. 1 Motor Launch returned to ship under tow after beaching at Recreation Landing, Mog Mog Island, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands, damaging rudder and propeller.


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1 - 30 JUNE 1945

1 JUNE 1945 to 14 JUNE 1945 (Zone time - minus 10)

Anchored in Berth #2, Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands, working cargo. Attached to ComServRon 10 on the USS OCELOT (IX110).

15 JUNE 1945 (Zone time - minus 10)

Anchored as before. 1745, underway for San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands, pursuant to ComServRon 10 order dispatch 112259 of June, 1945. 1830, cleared entrance channel buoys and took departure. Set base course 065° True, standard speed, 15.5 knots.

16 JUNE 1945 (Zone time - minus 9)

Steaming singly as before.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10°32' N.	10°33' N.	10°38' N.
Long.	136°20' E.	135°16' E.	133°03' E.

17 JUNE 1945

Steaming singly as before. 1552, exercised crew at General Quarters. Held firing practice; expended 13 rounds 5"/38, 12 rounds 3"/50, and 1,095 rounds 20MM.


	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10°40' N.	10°46' N.	10°43' N.
Long.	130°27' E.	129°14' E.	127°47' E.

18 JUNE 1945

Steaming singly as before. 0325, sighted Suluan Island light bearing 268° True. 0948, channel buoy #3 abeam to port. 1122, anchored in Berth #145, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands.

19 JUNE 1945 to 30 JUNE 1945

Anchored as before, working cargo.


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1 JULY 1945 to 31 JULY 1945 (Zone time minus 9)

Anchored in Berth A26, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, working cargo. Attached to ComServRon 10 on the USS OCELOT (IX110).

15 JULY 1945

At 2000, a ten (10) man fire-and-rescue party with the First Lieutenant H. A. DUDLEY, Lt.(jg), USN, in charge, left the ship for the USS LAKEWOOD VICTORY (AK-236) anchored 160° True, distance 1500 yards, which seemed to be having difficulty handling a fire among the smoke floats stowed on the deck alongside No. 3 hatch. At 2142, the fire-and-rescue party returned to the ship, having assisted in extinguishing the fire; the extent of the damage had not been completely ascertained at the time of their leaving the USS LAKEWOOD VICTORY (AK-236).


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AUGUST-1945

1 August 1945 to 31 August 1945 (Zone time minus 9)

Anchored in Berth #412, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, working cargo. Attached to ComServRon 10 on the USS OCELOT (IX110).


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1 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1945

1 SEPTEMBER 1945 to 30 SEPTEMBER 1945 (Zone Time Minus 9):

Anchored in Berth #412, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, working cargo. Attached to ComServRon 10 in U.S.S. OCELOT (IX 110) who is S.O.P.A.

7 SEPTEMBER 1945:

S.O.P.A. changed to Captain J. Beard, ComSerDiv 72 in U.S.S. STRATFORD (AP41).


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