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WAR DIARY

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From: C.O.
To: Cominch
Subj: War Diary, Month of November.
Ref. (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2 CL-44

16 Nov. 1944 (Zone plus 7 PWT)

At 1120 Officers and Crew assembled aft for commissioning ceremony. Lieut. Comdr. E.A. ADAMS, U.S.N.R., representative of the Commandant Twelfth Naval District, read his orders (COM12ND File A4-1 Serial 48868 dated 15 Nov. 1944) directing him to place the ship in commission in the U.S. Naval Service. The U.S.S. MAYFIELD VICTORY, ex-SS MC-HULL 541 was acquired for use from the U.S. Maritime Commission, and was accepted for use in the Naval Service by Lieut. Comdr. E.A. ADAMS U.S.N.R., on 16 November 1944. "To The Colors" was sounded, the National Ensign, Union Jack and Commission Pennant were hoisted, and the ship was placed in commission and delivered to the Commanding Officer, Lieut. Comdr. NIELS H. OLSEN, D-M, U.S.N.R. The C.O., Lieut. Comdr. NIELS H. OLSEN, D-M, USNR., read his orders (File A4-1 Serial 48955 dated 15 November 1944) directing him to assume command and accept the ship. 1130-The C.O. ordered the Executive Officer to set the watch, start the ship's time and start the ship's log. Ensign D.W. KELSEY, U.S.N., assumed the duties as O.O.D. U.S.S. MAYFIELD VICTORY was formally commissioned at Berth #4, Richmond Yard #1, Richmond, California. At 1240-Underway to shift berth. At 1440-Moored port side to Pier #4, Berth D, NSD, Oakland, California.

17 Nov. 1944
Moored as before.

18 Nov. 1944
At 0730-Underway to shift berth. At 0803-Moored port side to Pier 31 North, San Francisco, California. At 0930-Commenced deperming and degaussing operations. At 1200-Completed all operations. At 1255-Underway to shift berth. At 1319-Anchored in San Francisco Bay, in Naval Anchorage 8, Berth # 12 with 75 fathoms of chain out on port anchor in 9 fathoms of water,

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19-20 Nov. 1944.
Moored as before.

21- Nov. 1944
At 0825-Underway to shift berth. At 0850-Moored starboard side to Pier #2, Treasure Island, California.

22- Nov. 1944
At 0805-Underway for South Bay to compensate compasses and calibrate RDF. At 1245-Anchored in San Francisco Bay in Naval Anchorage 12, Berth #9 with 60 fathoms chain out on starboard anchor in 10 fathoms of water.

23-25 Nov. 1944
Anchored as before.

26- Nov. 1944
At 0858-Underway in accordance with operational order from ComPac No. 257-44 dated 25 October 1944, and Western Sea Frontier Order No. A-43/WSF (WSF-10-PK) Serial 02317 to report for shakedown. At 1145-Took departure from the seaward end of swept channel, Lat 37° 40' N; Long. 122° 59' W, course 198°(T), standard speed 15 knots, 90 R.P.M. Steaming singly. Positions

1200	37-35 N
	123-05 W
2000	35-44 N
	122-45 W

27- Nov. 1944
Steaming as before. At 0750-Commenced structural firing tests in accordance with Structural Firing Tests OP-23-E-3tm, Serial 179723 dated 16 June 1944. At 0825-Completed all firing tests. All satisfactory. Expended the following Ammunition:

4 rounds	5"/38 Service.
4 rounds	3"/50 Service.
156 rounds	20MM Service.

Positions	0800	33-33 N
		120-30 W
	1200	33-36.5 N
		119-08.5 W

At 1544-Anchored in SAN PEDRO BAY anchorage C-4 with 30 fathoms chain out to port anchor in 6 fathoms of water.

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28- Nov. 1944
Anchored as before.

29-30 Nov. 1944
Carrying out various shakedown exercises pursuant to SPSG A4-3
Operation Plan CIG 14-4 No. 24.

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1 December 1944 (Zone plus 7 PWT).

Carrying out various shakedown exercises in San Pedro, Calif. area pursuant to SPSG A4-3 Operation Plan CIG 14-4 No. 24.

2-4 December 1944.

Same as above.

5 December 1944.

All shakedown exercises completed. At 0508-Underway in accordance with a4-3/AGB/DVG/hmp, Serial 23322 of 4 December from Routing Office, San Pedro Port Director. At 0620-Took departure from seaward end of swept channel on course 225°(T) Standard speed 15 knots, 82 R.P.M.

Positions 0800-----33-50 N
 118-45 W
1200-----34-13.5 N
 120-01.5 W
2000-----35-40.5 N
 121-42 W

6 December 1944.

Steaming as before. At 0735-Anchored in San Francisco Bay, Anchorage 12, Berth 12, with 60 fathoms of chain out on port anchor in 10 fathoms of water.

7 December 1944.

Anchored as before. At 1450-Underway in accordance with Movement Order 193-44, Serial 02409 of 6 December 1944 from Western Sea Frontier. Standard speed 15 knots, 82 R.P.M. Steaming singly. At 1748-Took departure with Farallon Lighthouse abeam to starboard, bearing 340°(T) distance 5 miles, On course 310°(T)

Positions 2000-----38-03.5 N
 123-29.5 W

8 December, 1944.

Steaming as before.

Positions 0800-----40-42 N
 124-46.6 W
1200-----41-43.5 N
 124-49.5 W
2000-----43-44. N 124-42.5 W.

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War Diary, Month of December 1944 continued.

9 December, 1944

Steaming as before. At 0723-Sighted Gray's Harbor Light to starboard. At 1055-Entered Gray's Harbor dredged channel, Pilot A.S. HENDERSON at Conn. At 1238-Moored starboard side to Gray's Harbor Pier. Making preparations to receive cargo.

10 December, 1944

Moored as before.

11 December, 1944.

Moored as before. At 0845-Commenced loading ammunition in all holds.

12-16 December, 1944

Moored as before. Loading operations continuing.

17 December, 1944

Moored as before. At 1138-Underway in accordance with Confidential letter of 16 Dec. 1944 from Commandant Thirteenth Naval District via Office of Asst. Port Director, Grays Harbor, modifying despatch Serial 03737 of 6 Dec. 1944 from ComSubordComSerForPacFlt. Pilot A.S. HENDERSON at conn. At 1350 took departure from seaward end of outer channel, on course 277°(T). Standard speed 15 knots, 82 R.P.M. At 2045-Sighted Juan de Fuca Light bearing 027°(T) distance 13 miles. At 2154 entered strait of Juan de Fuca.

Position 2000----- 48-08 N
125-03 W

18 December, 1944

Steaming as before.

At 0509-Entered Admiralty Channel in heavy fog, with Pilot Lieut. Comdr. F.E. WILLARD, USNR. at conn. At 0726 Anchored in Puget Sound off Cultus Bay in 16 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. At 0921-Underway. At 1145-Moored starboard side to Mukilteo, Washington Army Dock. At 2300-Commenced loading operations.

19-23 December, 1944

Moored as before.

24 December, 1944

Moored as before. At 0613-Underway in accordance with Operations Order 3-144 Serial 001477 of 16 Dec, 1944 from Western Sea Frontier. At 1100 retarded all clocks one hour to zone plus eight time. At 1408 with Juan de Fuca lightship abeam to port, took departure on course 269°(T) Standard Speed 16 knots, 90 R.P.M.

Positions. 2000-----47-54.5 N
126-57 W

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25 December, 1944

Steaming singly as before. At 1400-Retarded all clocks one hour to Zone plus Nine time.

Positions-----0800	45-50.5 N
	130-35 W
1200	45-08 N
	131-47 W
2000	43-32 N
	134-18 W.

26- December, 1944

Steaming as before. Sea and wind force increased steadily until by 1600 ship laboring heavily in a very high sea, Wind force about 50 knots, from northwest by west. Sea breaking continually over bow, deck cargo threatening to break loose. Reduced speed and headed into sea and wind to reduce ship's rolling and danger to cargo.

Positions-----0800	42-12 N
	136-24 W
1200	41-38 N
	137-09 W
2000	41-21 N
	138-03.5 W

27 December, 1944

Steaming as before in strong gale and very high sea, which continued throughout the day.

Positions-----0800	41-52 N
	139-29 W
1200	41-26 N
	139-06 W
2000	40-22.5 N
	139-08 W

28 December, 1944

Steaming as before. Wind and sea abating. At 1900 retarded all clocks one hour to zone plus ten time

Positions-----0800	40-21 N
	140-20 W
1200	39-22.5 N
	140-25 W
2000	37-32 N
	142-21 W

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29 December, 1944
Steaming as before.

Positions-----	0800	35-21 N
		144-42 W
	1200	34-41 N
		145-19 W
	2000	33-31 N
		146-27 W

30 December, 1944
Steaming as before.

Positions-----	0800	31-17.5 N
		147-55 W
	1200	30-33 N
		149-04 W
	2000	29-03 N
		150-41 W

31 December, 1944
Steaming as before. At 2100 turned on dim side lights.

Positions-----	0800	26-44 N
		153-02 W
	1200	26-00 N
		153-51.5 W
	2000	24-19 N
		155-19 W

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of January 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2 CL-44.

1 January 1945 (Zone plus 10)

Steaming in accordance with Western Sea Frontier Operations Order 31-44, Serial 001477 dated 16 Dec. 1944, enroute to Honolulu, T.H. on base course 214°(T) 199°(PSC) 196°(PstgC). Standard speed 17.3 knots, 95 RPM. Zig-Zagging in accordance with Plan 24 of USF-10A Diagrams. Ship is darkened with dim side lights. Condition III, Material Condition "Able" set.

Attached to ComSerRonEight, Pearl Harbor. At 0620-Sighted MOLOKAI and OAHU Islands. At 0830-Retarded all clocks, one-half hour to zone plus 10½. At 1031-DIAMOND HEAD light abeam to starboard, distance 2.5 miles. At 1146-standing into HONOLULU Harbor. Pilot BAHR at conn. At 1247-moored in Honolulu Harbor, port side to Pier #2, Berth Baker, in 5.5 fathoms of water with five 8-inch manila lines out to dock. At 1500-advanced all clocks one hour to Zone plus 9½.

Positions: 0800 21-45 N
157-13 W

2 January 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

At 0820-Commenced discharging deck cargo.

3-5 January 1945

Moored as before. At 1400-completed discharging deck cargo. At 1544-Underway for Pearl Harbor in accordance with Port Director's memorandum, Pilot MC LEAN at conn, standing out of Honolulu Harbor using various courses and speeds. At 1615-entered Pearl Harbor approach channel, Captain at conn. At 1730-Pilot PETERSON came on board. At 1742-entered WEST LOCH channel. At 1815-moored in WEST LOCH, Pearl Harbor, port side to Berth W-5 in 7 fathoms of water with four 8-inch manila lines doubled up to dock. At 2105-commenced discharging cargo.

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Subject: War Diary - Month of January 1945.

6-15 January 1945

Moored as before. Unloading operations continuing.

16 January 1945

At 0130-completed all unloading operations. Made all preparations for getting underway. At 1228-underway for SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. in accordance with confidential Despatch H6/had, Serial 0031, from ComHawSeaFrontier. Standing out of Pearl Harbor, using various courses and speeds, Pilot MIECKEIRCKI at conn. At 1255-passed through gate entrance. At 1304-took departure from seaward end of swept channel; Set course of 153°(T), standard speed 16 knots, 88 RPM. At 1430-retarded clocks one-half hour to Zone plus 10.

Positions:	2000	22-15.5 N
		156-29 W

17 January 1945 (Zone Plus 10)

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	24-06 N
		153-52 W
	1200	24-40 N
		152-53 W
	2000	25-48 N
		150-53 W

18 January 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	27-28 N
		147-47 W
	1200	28-14 N
		146-45 W
	2000	29-17 N
		144-33.5W

19 January 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100-advanced all clocks one hour to Zones plus 9.

Positions:	0800	31-01 N
		141-33 W
	1200	31-39 N
		140-25 W
	2000	32-43 N
		139-04 W

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20 January 1945

Steaming as before. At 2359-advanced all clocks one hour to Zone Plus Eight.

Positions:	0800	34-15 N
		134-25 W
	1200	34-46 N
		133-09 W
	2000	35-40 N
		130-41 W

21 January 1945

Steaming as before. At 1800-sighted FARALLON Light bearing 071°(T) At 1922-sighted PT. REYES Light bearing 050°(T). At 1955-entered SAN FRANCISCO outer swept channel on course 070°(T). At 2042-advanced all clocks one hour to Zone Plus Seven (PWT). At 2218-Pilot RASMUSSEN came aboard, proceeding in inner buoyed channel. At 2318-Passed under Golden Gate Bridge.

Positions:	0800	36-52 N
		127-09 W
	1200	37-15.5 N
		125-49 W
	2000	37-40 N
		122-59 W

22 January 1945 (Zone Plus Seven PWT)

At 0009-Anchored in SAN FRANCISCO BAY, Anchorage #12, Berth #6, in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out on port anchor. Anchorage bearings: YERBA BUENA Lt. 010°(T), Center Bridge Stanchion 314°(T), "A" Stanchion 277°(T). At 1642-underway for Pier #56, outer, Pilot Lent at conn, using various speeds and courses. At 1715-moored starboard side to Pier #56, outer, in six fathoms of water with six 8-inch manila lines out to dock.

23 January 1945

Moored as before.

24 January 1945

At 0732-underway on verbal orders from Port Director to compensate compasses off HUNTERS POINT. Pilot DOEPHNER at conn. At 1043-completed compensating. At 1142-anchored in SAN FRANCISCO BAY, anchorage #12, Berth #4, in 10 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 75 fathoms of chain out to port anchor. Anchorage bearings: YERBA BUENA Lt. 038°(T), FERRY TOWER 288°(T), RED CLOCK TOWER 240°(T).

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25-27 January 1945

Anchored as before.

28 January 1945

At 1157-underway in accordance with instructions from Assistant Industrial Manager of 208334, to shift berth to PORT CHICAGO. Pilot GRAHAM at conn; using various courses and speeds. At 1515-moored portside to NAVAL MAGAZINE, Pier #2, Berth #4, PORT CHICAGO, in 5½ fathoms of water with seven 8-inch manila lines doubled up to dock.

29 January 1945

At 0831-Commenced loading ammunition, put required water pressure on all fire mains.

30-31 January 1945

Moored as before. Loading operations continuing.

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WAR DIARY

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of February 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2 CL-44.

1 February 1945 (Zone plus 7 PWT)

Moored portside to Pier #2, Berth #4, U.S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, California, in 5½ fathoms of water with seven 8-inch manila lines doubled up to dock. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Loading ammunition in all holds. Attached to ComSerRonEight, Hawaiian Sea Frontier.

2-9 February 1945

Moored as before; receiving ammunition cargo.

10 February 1945

At 1145 completed all loading. At 1221 underway in accordance with verbal orders from Port Director, San Francisco, to shift berth. Pilot FOGARTY at the Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Using various courses and speeds, conforming to dredged channels. Carpenter crew aboard to complete shoring. At 1426 anchored in San Pablo Bay, Anchorage #19, in six fathoms of water, sand bottom, with 75 fathoms of chain out to port anchor, on the following anchorage bearings: BROTHER'S LIGHT 196°(T), PINOLE PT. JETTY 078°(T), SISTERS' ISLAND 225°(T). Shoring work continuing.

11 February 1945

Anchored as before. At 1630 workmen completed shoring and left the ship. at 1749 underway in accordance with confidential movement order No. 101-C-R from Western Sea Frontier. Pilot M.M. WELEN at the Conn, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Using various courses and speeds standing out of San Francisco Bay. At 2020 pilot left ship.

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At 2029 with Buoy Item abeam to port, distance 500 yards, took departure on course 251°(T). Standard speed 17.3 knots 95 RPM. At 2122 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone plus Eight.

12 February 1945 (Zone plus 8)

Steaming as before. At 1400 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone plus nine.

Positions:	0800	36-16 N
		126-21 W
	1200	36-01 N
		127-42 W
	2000	34-59 N
		130-32 W

13 February 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	33-30 N
		134-11 W
	1200	33-16 N
		134-59 W
	2000	32-13 N
		137-22 W

14 February 1945

Steaming as before. At 1500 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone plus ten.

Positions:	0800	30-25 N
		140-51 W
	1200	30-13 N
		141-51 W
	2000	28-59 N
		144-05 W

15 February 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	27-25 N
		146-51 W
	1200	26-53 N
		147-47 W
	2000	25-47 N
		149-39 W

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16 February 1945
Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	24-22 N
		152-29 W
	1200	23-54 N
		153 -22 W
	2000	22-54 N
		155-15 W

17 February 1945
Steaming as before. At 0547 sighted OAHU Island bearing 265°(T) at 0721 passed MAKAPUU Point light abeam to starboard, distance four miles. At 0900 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone plus 11.

Positions:	0800	21-08 N
		157-45 W
	1200	20-03 N
		158-15 W
	2000	20-02 N
		160-25 W

18 February 1945
Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	19-40 N
		163-45 W
	1200	19-30 N
		164-57 W
	2000	19-09 N
		167-08 W

19 February 1945
Steaming as before. At 1500 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone plus 12.

Positions:	0800	18-42 N
		170-33 W
	1200	18-31 N
		171-40 W
	2000	18-00 N
		174-19 W

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20 February 1945

Steaming as before. At 1230 commenced zigzagging according to Plan #24 of USF10A Diagrams. At 1600 crossed International Date line. Date: 21 February 1945.

Positions:	0800	17-18 N
		177-36 W
	1200	17-03 N
		178-42 W
	2000	16-31 N
		179-11 E

22 February 1945

Steaming as before. At 1930 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone minus 11.

Positions:	0800	15-43 N
		176-03 E
	1200	15-28 N
		174-54 E
	2000	14-46 N
		172 -27 E

23 February 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	13-53 N
		169-12 E
	1200	13-32 N
		168-09 E
	2000	12-52 N
		166-03 E

24 February 1945

Steaming as before. At 0940 sighted ENIWETOK ATOLL. At 1015 stood into Atoll, using various courses and speeds. At 1148 anchored in Anchorage B, berth 83, in 25 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out on port anchor. Anchorage bearings: Parry Island Tower 075°(T) Eniwetok Tower 128°(T)

Positions:	0800	11-39 N
		162-58 E

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25-26 February 1945

Anchored as before. At 1815 advanced all clocks one hour to Zone minus 12.

27 February 1945

Anchored as before. At 0830 underway with Task Unit 96.3.19 in accordance with Confidential Order A4-3/JHB/wdc from Port Director, ENIWETOK. Standing out of harbor with various courses and speeds, Captain at Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 0939 with buoy #2 abeam to port took departure on course 180°(T). At 1110 took position #63 in convoy - standard speed 13.5 knots, 77 RPM. At 1830 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone minus 11.

Positions:	1200	11-21 N
		161-37 E
	2000	11-41 N
		159-49 E

28 February 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	12-10 N
		157-08 E
	1200	12-14 N
		156-14 E
	2000	12-35 N
		154-26 E

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WAR DIARY

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of March 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2 CL-44.

1 March 1945 (Zone minus 11)

Steaming with Task Unit 96.3.19 in accordance with Confidential Order A4-3/JHB/wdc from Port Director, ENIWETOK, on base course 284°(T) at standard speed of 13.5 knots, 77 RPM. Condition III, Material Condition Baker set. At 1630 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone minus 10 time.

Positions:	0800	13-05 N
		151-43 E
	1200	13-12 N
		150-48 E
	2000	12-44 N
		148-52 E

2 March 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	11-34 N
		146-19 E
	1200	11-12 N
		145-25 E
	2000	10-47 N
		143-38 E

3 March 1945

Steaming as before. At 1205 sighted ASOR Island bearing 250°(T). At 1318 proceeding independently into ULITHI Atoll using various courses and speeds. At 1439 passed through A/T net gate entrance. At 1600 moored portside to BB56. Commenced discharging cargo.

Positions:	0800	10-19 N
		140-55 E

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4 to 31 March 1945

Operating under ComSerRon 10 as ammunition fleet issue ship.
Engaged in discharging cargo to various ships in various
berths in ULITHI Atoll.

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WAR DIARY

From: Commanding Officer.
 To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary - Month of April 1945.
 Reference: (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2 CL-44.

April 1 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in ULITHI Atoll, Berth #171 in 22 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out on starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Beacon H 051°(T) Beacon J 040°(T) Beacon L 303°(T). Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Operating under ComSerRon 10, discharging cargo as directed.

April 2-12

Discharging cargo as directed.

April 13

At 0530 made all preparations for getting underway. At 0623 underway with Task Unit 50.8.8 in accordance with ComSerRon 10 dispatch 120404. Standing out of Atoll using various speeds and courses, Captain at Conn, Executive Officer on bridge. At 0950 took position #23 in convoy on base course 000°(T) at standard speed of 13 knots (75 RPM). At 1800 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone minus 9.

Positions:	1200	10-45 N
		139-40 E
	2000	12-24 N
		138-40 E

April 14

Steaming as before. At 0500 commenced zig zagging according to Plan #6 of USF-10A diagrams on base course 333°(T).

Positions:	0800	14-42 N
		137-27 E
	1200	15-29 N
		136-51 E
	2000	16-58 N
		136-00 E

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April 15

Steaming as before. Positions: 0800 19-16 N
134-38 E
1200 19-58 N
134-16 E
2000 21-33 N
133-31 E

April 16

Steaming as before. At 0600 reached rendezvous with Task Group 50.8. Now operating with Task Group 50.8 in convoy position #52 on base course 020°(T). Standard speed 8 knots (48 RPM).

Positions: 0800 23-55 N
132-35 E
1200 24-32 N
132-48 E
2000 24-57 N
132-51 E

April 17-20

Steaming as before in company with Task Group 50.8 as part of replenishing train.

April 21

Steaming as before. At 1745 joined Task Unit 50.18.63 on orders from CTG 50.8. Steaming in position #12 astern of guide on base course 178°(T) at standard speed of 10 knots (58 RPM).

Positions: 0800 24-41 N
132-48 E
1200 25-18 N
133-10 E
2000 24-24 N
133-04 E

April 22

Steaming as before. At 1758 took convoy guide position #11.

Positions: 0800 23-35 N
132-04 E
1200 24-05 N
131-07 E
2000 25-03 N
129-32.5 E

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April 23

Steaming as before. At 0735 laying off KERAMA RETTO awaiting entrance orders. At 0945 anchored in Berth K-11, KERAMA RETTO in 27 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Anchorage bearings: Red Buoy 082°(T) Hokaji, south tangent 281°(T) Aware Saki, south tangent 135°(T). Both boilers in use for auxiliary purposes. Draft after entering port: 24' 0" fwd, 24' 6" aft. At 1600 commenced discharging cargo.

April 24-30

Anchored as before. Operating under CTG 50.15, unloading cargo as directed.

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WAR DIARY

From: Commanding Officer.
 To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary - Month of May 1945.
 Reference: (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2CL-44.

1 May 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in KERAMA RETTO in Berth K-11 in 27 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out on starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Hokaji Tangent 281°(T) Awari Saki Pt. 138°(T). Both boilers in use for auxiliary purposes. Under direct command of CTG 51.15 on U.S.S. Mount McKinley. Carrying out unloading operations as directed.

2-13 May 1945

Anchored as before. Carrying out unloading operations as directed.

14 May 1945

At 1440 made all preparations for getting underway. At 1456 underway with Task Unit 51.15.34 in accordance with secret dispatch 140155 from CTG 51.15. Standing out of KERAMA RETTO north passage. Captain at Conn, Executive Officers and Navigator on bridge. At 1650 took convoy position #13 in convoy formation Sugar Eight. Standard speed is 15 knots (87 RPM) Base Course 090°(T) 105°(PSC) 104°(PstgC).

Positions:	2000	25-41 N
		127-43 E

15 May 1945

At 0804 rendezvous with TCG 50.8 in U.S.S. Detroit. Took convoy position #61 at standard speed of 10 knots (58 RPM) on base course 215°(T).

Positions:	0800	23-40 N
		130-18 E
	1200	23-52 N
		130-11 E
	2000	22-53 N
		129-26 E

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Subject: War Diary - Month of May 1945.

16 May 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	23-22 N
		130-07 E
	1200	24-21 N
		129-53 E
	2000	25-20 N
		129-47 E

17 May 1945

At 1000, on orders from CTG 50.8, joined Task Unit 50.18.5 on base course 145°(T), standard speed 12.5 knots (72 RPM).

Positions:	0800	24-15 N
		130-14 E
	1200	24-41 N
		130-07 E
	2000	23-23 N
		130-52 E

18 May 1945

Steaming as before. At 1925 master gyro went out. Commenced steering by magnetic compass.

Positions:	0800	21-09 N
		131-40 E
	1200	20-13 N
		131-52 E
	2000	19-07 N
		132-45 E

19 May 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	17-20 N
		134-12 E
	1200	16-29 N
		134-44 E
	2000	15-25 N
		135-37 E

20 May 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	13-26 N
		136-56 E
	1200	12-57 N
		137-20 E
	2000	11-46 N
		138-09 E

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Subject: War Diary - Month of May 1945.

21 May 1945.

At 0200 advanced all clocks one hour to Zone minus 10. At 0937 standing in to ULITHI Atoll using various courses and speeds; Captain at Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on Bridge. At 1057 passed through A/T net gate. At 1200 anchored in Berth #555 in 25 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Both boilers in use for auxiliary purposes.

Position: 0800 10-15 N
139-41 E

22-24 May 1945

Anchored as before.

25 May 1945

At 1430 underway with TU 50.9.15 in accordance with Confidential Orders from ComSerRon 10 dated 23 May (1600). Standing out of ULITHI Atoll using various courses and speeds. Captain at Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. At 1510 took convoy position #42 on base course 0510(T) at standard speed of 13 knots (75 RPM). Flag on U.S.S. SIERRA. At 1600 retarded all clocks one hour to Zone minus 9.

Position: 2000 10-29 N
139-17 E

26 May 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 11-00 N
136-19 E
1200 11-01 N
135-24 E
2000 10-57 N
133-35 E

27 May 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 10-48 N
130-46 E
1200 10-57 N
129-44 E
2000 10-46 N
127-50 E

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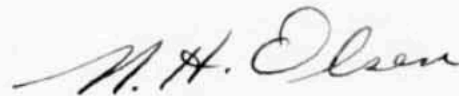
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28 May 1945

At 0350 sighted HOMONHON Island bearing 265°(T). At 0537 passed SULUAN Island abeam to starboard, distance 3.5 miles. At 0630 commenced approach to SAN PEDRO BAY, using various courses and speeds. At 1114 anchored in SAN PEDRO BAY, LEYTE, in berth #157 in 17 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out on port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: MARIQUITDAQUIT Island 110°(T) BADUNGBADUNG Island 050°(T). Both boilers in use for auxiliary purposes.

29-31 May 1945

Anchored as before.



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WAR DIARY

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of June 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2CL-44.

1 June (Zone Minus 9)

Anchored in berth #122, San Pedro Bay, LEYTE, P.I., in 18 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: MARQUITDAQUIT Island Light 205°(T) BADUNGBADUNG Island 041°(T) CAPINES Point 103°(T). Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Operating under ComSerRon Ten, loading and issuing ammunition as directed.

2-27 June

Anchored as before; loading and issuing cargo as directed.

28 June

At 0800 underway enroute to Okinawa in accordance with Secret dispatch from Port Director, Tacloban, LEYTE, dated 28 June. Standing out of San Pedro Bay using various courses and speeds. Captain at the Conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 0919 took departure from Buoy C-3 of CAPINES Point on course 149°(T) 153°(PSC and PStgC) at standard speed of 15 knots (87 RPM). Set Condition III, Material Condition Baker. At 0925 took convoy position #21, acting as guide of convoy Love Oboe King Two; OTC and convoy commodore is ComDesSquad 56, aboard U.S.S. RICHARD D. LEARY.

Position:	1200	10-37 N
		125-42 E
	2000	11-56 N
		126-28 E

29 June

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	14-43 N
		126-46 E
	1200	15-32 N
		126-44 E
	2400	17-25 N
		126-59 E

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Subject: War Diary - Month of June 1945.

30 June

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	20-16 N
		127-24 E
	1200	21-04 N
		127-27 E
	2000	22-54 N
		127-47 E

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WAR DIARY

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of July 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. ltr. 2CL-44.

1 July (Zone minus 9)

Steaming with Convoy Love Oboe King Two, enroute Leyte to Okinawa, in convoy position #21, convoy guide, at standard speed of 15 knots (87 RPM) on base course 008° (T) 012° (PSC) 015° (PstgC). OTC in U.S.S. RICHARD D. LEARY. Condition III, Material Condition Baker set. Zig-zagging according to Plan #11 of 1940 diagram. (Operating under ComSerRon Ten). At 0955 Standing into KERAMA RETTO using various courses and speeds; Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. At 1111 anchored in berth K-102, KERAMA RETTO, in 30 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: NAJA ROCK 332° (T) FUKASE TANGENT 082° (T) AWARE SAKI PT. 155° (T). Both boilers in use for auxiliary purposes. Standing by to discharge cargo as directed by ComSerRon Ten representatives.

2-7 July 1945

Anchored as before.

8 July 1945

Anchored as before. At 0700 underway on orders from SOPA, KERAMA RETTO; standing out of harbor with Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Set course 100° (T) standard speed 8 knots (48 RPM). Set Condition III, Material Condition Baker. At 1330 entered BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA. At 1413 anchored in Berth 94. Standing by to discharge cargo as directed by ComSerRon Ten representative.

9-18 July 1945

Anchored as before.

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Subject: War Diary - Month of July 1945.

19 July 1945

At 0623 underway in accordance with order from CTG 99.1, Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Steaming with Division One as per Typhoon Plan X-Ray of CTF 30 memo of June 6, Serial 059. ComDivOne in U.S.S. HAMUL. Base course 127°(T) at standard speed of 7 knots (41 RPM). Condition III, Material Condition Baker set. Convoy position #23.

Positions:	1200	26-03 N
		128-35 E
	2000	25-48 N
		129-26 E

20 July 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	24-51 N
		129-21 E
	1200	22-22 N
		128-54 E
	2000	26-20 N
		128-33 E

21 July 1945

Steaming as before. At 0828 entered BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA and anchored in Berth Baker 94.

22-31 July 1945

Anchored as before.

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Subject: War Diary - Month of August 1945.
Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Conf. Letter 1CL-45.

1 August (Zone minus 9)

Anchored in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, in berth Baker - 51, in 16 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: Tsuken Lt., 071°(T), Ugan Beacon, 119°(T), Beacon J, 155°(T). Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes.

Operating under the immediate command of Commander Service Division 104, ComSeronTEN Representative, discharging cargo as directed.

at 1630, made all preparations for getting underway. At 1642, underway in accordance with orders from CTG 99.1 in execution of Typhoon Plan X-Ray; standing out to sea to avoid approaching typhoon, Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. At 1740, took departure at Net Buoy #1 on base course 180°(T), 184°(PStgC), at standard speed of 6 knots (35 RPM). At 1900, took convoy position #23 with Convoy Division One. ComDivOne in the U.S.S. HAMUL (AD20).

2 August

Steaming with ComDivOne in area east of Okinawa throughout the day; maneuvering to avoid typhoon.

3 August

Steaming as before. At 1652, entered Buckner Bay, Okinawa. At 1730, anchored in Berth Baker 51.

4-31 August

Anchored as before.

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1 October 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of September 1945.
Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Conf. Letter 1CL-45.

1 September (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, in berth Baker 59 in 15 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: HIRA SONE Tower, 072° (T); TSUKEN Lt., 094° (T); UGAN Beacon, 128° (T). Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes.

Operating directly under ComSerDiv 104. Standing by to discharge cargo as directed by ComSerRon Ten Representative.

2-15 September

Anchored as before.

16 September

At 1018, underway in accordance with ComSerDiv 104 dispatch 152150, in execution of typhoon plan X-ray. Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. At 1051, cleared harbor and took departure from gate buoy #1 on southerly course, at standard speed of 8.7 knots (50RPM). Maneuvering in area approximately 100 miles southwest of Okinawa to avoid typhoon. Ship labored heavily throughout the day in very high seas. Cargo broke loose and shifted; no damage.

17 September

Maneuvering as above. At about 1700, wind and sea moderating.

18 September

Steaming as before. At 1039, entered Buckner Bay and at 1220, anchored in berth Baker 59, as before.

19-30 September

Anchored as before.

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17 November 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of October 1945.
Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Conf. Letter 1CL-45.

1 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, in Berth Baker 59 in 15 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor and 75 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following anchorage bearings: HIRA SONE Tower, 072° (T); TSUKEN Lt., 094° (T); UGAN Beacon, 128° (T). Both boilers on the main line.

2 - 8 October

Anchored as before.

9 October

At about 1100, full force of typhoon struck Buckner Bay. Wind force 125 knots, sea very high. Ship rode well at two anchors. Typhoon abated at about 2000; no damage to ship.

10 - 24 October

Anchored as before.

25 October

At 0650 anchors aweigh. Underway in accordance with confidential orders from Port Director, Navy #3256, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Captain at the conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. Using various courses and speeds to clear harbor. At 0752, passed sea buoy #1 abeam to starboard, distance 500 yards. Took departure on course 090° (T) at standard speed of 15 knots (87 RPM). Set Condition III, Material Condition Baker.

Positions:	0800	26-12 N
		128-02 E
	1200	25-21 N
		128-22 E
	2000	24-34 N
		130-14 E

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26 - 31 October
Steaming as before.

Positions:

26 October

0800 24-03 N
133-00 E
1200 24-00 N
134-10 E
2000 23-53 N
136-18 E

29 October

0800 18-50 N
149-22 E
1200 18-24 N
150-14 E
2000 17-26 N
152-00 E

27 October

0800 23-42 N
139-06 E
1200 23-15 N
140-03 E
2000 22-41 N
141-53 E

30 October

0800 15-51 N
154-30 E
1200 15-29 N
155-16 E
2000 14-42 N
156-45 E

28 October

0800 21-51 N
144-18 E
1200 21-27 N
145-13 E
2000 20-29 N
146-56 E

31 October

0800 13-32 N
158-32 E
1200 13-07 N
159-14 E
2000 12-15 N
160-38 E

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To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of November 1945.
Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Conf. Letter 1CL-45.

1 November 1945 (Minus Eleven Zone)

Steaming singly enroute to Eniwetok from Buckner Bay, Okinawa, in accordance with orders from Port Director, Buckner Bay. Base course 122° (PGC) 120° (T) 126° (PstgC); Standard speed 12.3 k (80 RPM). Material Condition Baker set. Both boilers out in on main line. At 0815 stood into Eniwetok Atoll. At 0935 anchored in Berth K-8; at 1249 shifted to Berth 486 and anchored at 1404, in 20 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain out.

2 - 19 November
Anchored as before.

20 November

At 0750, underway in accordance with orders from Port Director, Eniwetok. Standing out of Atoll, Captain at conn, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Using various courses and speeds. At 0925, cleared Atoll and set base course 044° (T), 043° (PSC), at standard speed of 14.7 k (85 RPM) on great circle course for Seattle, Washington.

Positions: 0800
1200 11-51 N
162-49 E
2000 13-10 N
164-07 E

21 November
Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 15-09 N
166-05 E
1200 15-48 N
166-47 E
2000 17-05 N
168-08 E

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22 November

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	18-59 N
		170-23 E
	1200	19-35 N
		171-04 E
	2000	20-59 N
		172-35 E

23 November

Steaming as before. At 0100, set clocks ahead one hour to Zone Minus Twelve.

Positions:	0800	22-51 N
		174-38 E
	1200	23-32 N
		175-23 E
	2000	24-51 N
		176-58 E

24-23 November

At 1200 crossed 180° meridian. Now using Plus Twelve Zone Time.

24 November

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	30-29 N
		175-44 W
	1200	31-01 N
		174-56 W
	2000	32-07 N
		173-09 W

25 November

Steaming as before. At 0100, set clocks ahead one hour to Plus Eleven Zone.

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Positions: 0800 33-44 N
 170-42 W
 1200 34-17 N
 169-50 W
 2000 35-23 N
 168-01 W

26 November

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 36-34 N
 165-44 W
 1200 36-59 N
 164-56 W
 2000 37-26 N
 164-15 W

27 November

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 38-48 N
 161-27 W
 1200 39-27 N
 160-24 W
 2000 40-20 N
 158-20 W

28 November

Steaming as before. At 0100 set clocks ahead one hour to Zone Plus Ten.

Positions: 0800 41-29 N
 155-09 W
 1200 41-46 N
 154-13 W
 2000 42-36 N
 151-56 W

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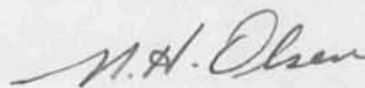
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Positions:	0800	43-49 N
		148-23 W
	1200	43-54 N
		147-16 W
	2000	44-27 N
		144-45 W

30 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100, set clocks ahead one hour to Plus Nine Zone.

Positions:	0800	45-12 N
		141-05 W
	1200	45-21 N
		139-48 W
	2000	45-54 N
		136-57 W



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7 October 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: USS MAYFIELD VICTORY (AK232) - Factual History Of.
Reference: (a) ALPAC 202 of September 1945.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following factual history is submitted:

The USS MAYFIELD VICTORY (AK232) was commissioned on 16 November 1944, in San Francisco at Richmond #1 Yard, Richmond, California. On November 26, she sailed from San Francisco for San Pedro, California, to undergo shakedown, which was completed on December 5, 1944. On December 9, she arrived at Aberdeen, Washington, and spent eight days loading ammunition; then proceeded to Mukilteo, Washington (Puget Sound) arriving there on December 18, to take on more ammunition.

On December 24, the MAYFIELD sailed for Pearl Harbor, arriving there on January 1, 1945. Cargo was unloaded and on January 16, she sailed for San Francisco, arriving there on January 22, and proceeded directly to Port Chicago where loading operations commenced.

On February 11, 1945, she again sailed from San Francisco, bound for Ulithi in the Caroline Islands. She arrived at Ulithi on March 3, after stopping from February 24 to February 27 in the Eniwetok Atoll.

The MAYFIELD remained at Ulithi until April 13, at which time she sailed for Kerama Retto (Okinawa) in support of the invasion in that area. She spent four weeks in that area, operating for six days with Task Group 50.8 and spending the rest of the time anchored in Kerama Retto. During this period, the ship continually issued ammunition to warships of all types; she was under direct enemy air attack from Japanese kamikaze units many times while in the harbor. Once a Japanese plane strafed the MAYFIELD, wounding the captain, and crashed into another ship nearby.

On May 14, the MAYFIELD sailed for Ulithi, arriving there on May 21. On May 25 she proceeded to Leyte and remained there for thirty days. On June 28 she sailed for Kerama Retto a second time, arriving there on July 1, and remaining for seven days. On July 8,

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she moved twenty five miles, to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, and has been there to this date, standing by with a full cargo of ammunition.

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