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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Forwarding of.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) War diary of this vessel for the month
of May.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A)
is forwarded herewith.

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WAR DIARY FOR MAY 1945

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- 1 May (Zone minus 9) Anchored in berth H-161, Hagushi anchorage, Okinawa, Ryukyus, awaiting orders for retirement to rear area having completed assigned duties.
- 2 May Anchored as before. It will be noted that on this and the previous day we were not molested by Japanese air raids due to inclement weather.
- 3 May Anchored as before. At 1904 ship went to General Quarters upon receipt of flash red from CTF-52. At 1939 secured from General Quarters. At 1949 ship again went to General Quarters upon receipt of flash red from CTF-52. At 1953 secured from General Quarters. No enemy planes were sighted or heard over the transport area.
- 4 May Anchored as before. At 0200 ship went to General Quarters upon receipt of flash red from CTF-52. Numerous enemy planes were heard over the transport area and several were seen while flying at low altitudes as well as those illuminated by shore based searchlights. At 0330 an enemy plane passed over this ship at an altitude of several hundred feet releasing a stick of bombs. One of these landed very close aboard causing a considerable shock but producing no damage nor casualties from flying shrapnel. At 0448 secured from General Quarters. It should be noted that the smoke screen provided for the transport area was for the most part fine but due to shifting winds this ship as well as others, was frequently exposed in an alleyway between smokers. On these occasions smoke making units were observed on the outer fringe of the transport area without their smoke generators in action. At 0740 anchor was aweigh and ship underway from Okinawa enroute to Ulithi. At 0749 ship went to General Quarters upon receipt of flash red from CTF-52. This was the beginning of a sizeable daylight attack. While steaming out of the transport area and while the convoy was forming several Japanese planes were seen being brought down by ships' anti-aircraft fire in the

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- 4 May Cont'd. transport area. One suicide plane was seen to crash into the Birmingham. At 1020 convoy formed and base course of 155°(T) and (PGC), 159°(PSC), standard speed of 10.0 knots was set. At 1103 secured from General Quarters. At 1155 ship went to General Quarters upon the approach of a group of unidentified planes. At 1205 planes were identified as friendly and ship secured from General Quarters.
Position: 2000 Lat 25-05N Long 128-19E
- 5 May Steaming in convoy as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 23-30N Long 129-39E
1200 Lat 23-02N Long 129-53E
2000 Lat 21-53N Long 130-46E
(Zone minus 9½)
- 6 May Steaming in convoy as before. At 0030 advanced ship's clocks one half hour to zone minus 9½ hours.
Positions: 0800 Lat 20-12N Long 132-03E
1200 Lat 19-37N Long 132-36E
2000 Lat 18-24N Long 133-37E
- 7 May Steaming in convoy as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 16-31N Long 135-00E
1200 Lat 15-58N Long 135-19E
2000 Lat 15-53N Long 135-57E
- 8 May (Zone minus 10) Steaming in convoy as before. At 0030 advanced ship's clocks one half hour to zone minus 10 time.
Positions: 0800 Lat 13-25N Long 137-06E
1200 Lat 12-48N Long 137-37E
2000 Lat 11-47N Long 138-17E
- 9 May Steaming in convoy as before. At 0658 radar contacted Ulithi Atoll bearing 160°(T), distance 28 miles. At 1205 entered Ulithi Atoll and proceeded to anchorage in berth 137.
Position: 0800 10-26N Long 139-42E
- 10 May Anchored as before.
- 11 May Anchored as before.
- 12 May Anchored as before. At 1434 underway from Ulithi Atoll, enroute to Seadler Harbor, Manus Island, operating singly without escort in obedience to orders of Port Director, Ulithi. At 1518 passed midway between channel entrance buoys and took departure, course 119°(T), standard speed 11.1 knots (68 RPM).

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13 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 7-34N Long 141-22E
1200 Lat 7-09N Long 141-43E
2000 Lat 6-03N Long 142-22E

14 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 4-32N Long 143-31E
1200 Lat 4-01N Long 143-53E
2000 Lat 2-48N Long 144-46.5E

15 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 1-21N Long 145-40E
1200 Lat 0-51N Long 145-57E
2000 Lat 0-06S Long 146-33E

16 May Steaming as before. At 0520 sighted Manus Island bearing 180°(T), distance 17½ miles. At 0836 passed through anti-submarine net entrance into Seeadler Harbor and proceeded to anchorage in berth 217. At 1256 underway from Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, enroute to Noumea, New Caledonia in obedience to orders of Port Director, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island. At 1327 with HECF bearing 090°(T), distance 1500 yards, took departure and set course 005°(T), standard speed 11.1 knots (68 RPM).
Position: 2000 Lat 2-57S Long 147-08E

17 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 4-45S Long 147-16.5E
1200 Lat 5-22S Long 147-20E
2000 Lat 6-21S Long 147-59E

18 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 7-10S Long 149-42E
1200 Lat 7-33S Long 150-21.5E
2000 Lat 7-55S Long 151-34E

19 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 8-41.5S Long 153-39E
1200 Lat 8-48.5S Long 153-58E
2000 Lat 9-12S Long 155-10E

20 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 10-44S Long 156-18E
1200 Lat 11-18S Long 156-32E
2000 Lat 12-31S Long 157-15E

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- 21 May (Zone minus 11) Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 14-07S Long 157-55E
1200 Lat 14-42S Long 158-11E
2000 Lat 15-55S Long 158-43E
- 22 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 17-46S Long 159-40E
1200 Lat 18-20S Long 159-59E
2000 Lat 19-05.5 Long 160-56.5E
- 23 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 19-51S Long 162-07E
1200 Lat 20-07S Long 162-32E
2000 Lat 20-49S Long 163-37E
- 24 May Steaming as before. At 1420 sighted Amedee Light House bearing 110°(T), distance 20 miles. At 1643 pilot came aboard and ship proceeded to anchorage in berth B-30.
Positions: 0800 Lat 20-51S Long 165-09E
1200 Lat 22-08S Long 165-42E
- 25 May Anchored as before. At 0603 underway from berth B-30 enroute to dock nine, Nickel Works, Noumea, New Caledonia with pilot at the conn. At 0709 moored port side to dock nine, Nickel Works. At 1035 commenced loading cargo for 31st Army Station Hospital.
- 26 May Moored as before. Continuing loading operations.
- 27 May Moored as before. Continuing loading operations. At 0200 completed loading cargo. At 0800 commenced loading troops of 31st Station Hospital. At 1056 underway singly from Noumea, New Caledonia enroute to Espiritu Santo to load troops and cargo for 122nd Army Station Hospital in accordance with ComSoPac 150425 May.
Position: 2000 Lat 21-52S Long 167-11E
- 28 May Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 19-59S Long 166-58E
1200 Lat 19-12S Long 166-56E
2000 Lat 17-51S Long 166-54E
- 29 May Steaming as before. At 0440 radar contacted Espiritu Santo bearing 034°(T), distance 40,000 yards. At 1110 entered Bog-Acio Island channel and proceeded to dock four with pilot at the conn. At 1400 commenced loading cargo for 122nd Army Station Hospital.
Position: 0800 Lat 15-54S Long 167-06E

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- 30 May Moored as before. Continuing loading operations.
- 31 May Moored as before. Continuing loading operations. At 1915 troops of 122nd Station Hospital started coming aboard. At 2000 completed loading troops having embarked one army nurse and eight enlisted men of the 31st Station Hospital and 29 male officers, 33 nurses and 250 enlisted men of the 122nd Station Hospital.

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9 July 1945.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Forwarding of.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary of this vessel for the month of
June.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is
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WAR DIARY FOR JUNE 1945

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- 1 June (Zone minus 11) Moored starboard side to dock four, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands. Loaded with troops and cargo of Army Station Hospitals 31 and 122. 1118 underway from Espiritu Santo enroute to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in accordance with orders of Port Director, Espiritu Santo, dated 30 May 1945. Steaming singly without escort.
Position: 2000 Lat 14-36S Long 167-01.5E
- 2 June Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 13-06S Long 165-16E
1200 Lat 12-28S Long 165-06E
2000 Lat 11-14S Long 164-30E
- 3 June Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 9-14S Long 164-17E
1200 Lat 8-24S Long 164-19E
2000 Lat 7-08S Long 164-19E
- 4 June Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 5-06S Long 164-06E
1200 Lat 4-33S Long 163-39E
2000 Lat 3-27S Long 164-02E
- 5 June Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 1-24S Long 164-17E
1200 Lat 0-44S Long 164-16E
2000 Lat 0-27N Long 164-16E
- 6 June Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 2-27N Long 164-20E
1200 Lat 3-11N Long 164-18E
2000 Lat 4-24N Long 164-16E
- 7 June Steaming as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 6-30N Long 164-45E
1200 Lat 7-11N Long 163-33E
2000 Lat 8-31N Long 162-59E
- 8 June (Zone minus 12) Steaming as before. 1056 sighted Eniwetok Island bearing 355°(T), distance 13 miles. 1259 passed through Deep Entrance into Eniwetok Lagoon. 1412 let go starboard anchor in berth B-75. 1830 advanced ship's clocks one hour to zone minus 12 time.
Position: 0800 Lat 10-38N Long 162-21E

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9 June (Zone minus 12)	Anchored as before.
10 June	Anchored as before.
11 June	Anchored as before. 0757 underway from berth B-75 enroute to berth N-5, Eniwetok Lagoon. 0841 let go starboard anchor in berth N-5.
12 June	Anchored as before.
13 June	Anchored as before.
14 June	Anchored as before.
15 June	Anchored as before.
16 June	Anchored as before.
17 June	Anchored as before.
18 June	Anchored as before.
19 June	Anchored as before. 0758 underway from berth N-5 enroute to berth L-2 for fueling alongside YO-163. 0828 moored port side to YO-163. 1103 underway from berth L-2 enroute to berth N-4 having completed fueling. 1134 let go starboard anchor in berth N-4.
20 June	Anchored as before.
21 June	Anchored as before.
22 June	Anchored as before.
23 June	Anchored as before.
24 June	Anchored as before.
25 June	Anchored as before.
26 June	Anchored as before.

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- 27 June Anchored as before. 1501 underway from Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, enroute to Ulithi, Caroline Islands in accordance with orders of Port Director, Eniwetok, dated 27 June 1945, in Eniwetok - Ulithi Convoy #149. 1604 passed through Deep Entrance and took departure from Eniwetok. Position: 2000 Lat 11-17N Long 161-28E
- 28 June (Zone minus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$) Steaming in convoy as before. 0200 retarded ship's clocks one half hour to zone minus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ time.
Positions: 0800 Lat 11-32N Long 159-47E
1200 Lat 11-40N Long 159-03E
2000 Lat 11-53N Long 159-35E
- 29 June (Zone minus 11) Steaming in convoy as before. 0200 retarded ship's clocks one half hour to zone minus 11 time. 1100 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 21 of Zig-zag Diagrams of 1940. 2000 ceased zig-zagging. 2300 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 21 of Zig-zag Diagrams of 1940.
Positions: 0800 Lat 12-17N Long 155-18E
1200 Lat 12-24N Long 154-44E
2000 Lat 12-37N Long 153-30E
- 30 June Steaming in convoy as before. 0420 ceased zig-zagging. 0500 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 21 of Zig-zag Diagrams of 1940. 1330 escort made underwater sound contact. Made emergency turn of 45° to port. 1335 contact found to be false. Resumed base course. 1533 escort made underwater sound contact. Made emergency turn of 45° to starboard. Manned general quarters stations. 1555 secured from general quarters. 1630 resumed base course. The escorts were working under difficult sounding conditions due to a practical calm existing and glassy water. It is felt that these were false contacts due to the weather conditions, however an admirable job was done by all escorts in pursuing each contact and attacking with skill and vigor.

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1 September 1945.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Forwarding of.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary of this vessel for the month of
July.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is
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WAR DIARY FOR JULY 1945

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

- 1 July (Zone minus 10½) Steaming in convoy enroute from Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands with passengers and cargo of the 31st Station Hospital and the 122nd Station Hospital. 0550 escort made underwater sound contact. Ship went to General Quarters. 0613 secured from General Quarters. 1335 escort made underwater sound contact. Ship went to General Quarters. 1352 secured from General Quarters.
Positions: 0800 Lat 11-16N Long 147-39E
1200 Lat 10-07N Long 147-13E
2000 Lat 10-33N Long 146-02E
- 2 July (Zone minus 10) Steaming in convoy as before. 1648 escort made underwater sound contact. Ship went to General Quarters. 1700 secured from General Quarters.
Positions: 0800 Lat 9-57N Long 143-50E
1200 Lat 10-03N Long 143-13E
2000 Lat 10-05N Long 142-04E
- 3 July Steaming in convoy as before. 0720 sighted Ulithi Atoll bearing 280°(T), distance 8 miles. 0940 laying to off entrance awaiting clearance of outbound convoy. 1200 entered Ulithi Atoll and proceeded to anchorage. 1345 let go starboard anchor in berth 113.
Position: 0800 Lat 10-07N Long 139-53E
- 4 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 5 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 6 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 7 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 8 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 9 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 10 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 11 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 12 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 13 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.

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- 14 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.
- 15 July Anchored in Ulithi Atoll. 1251 underway from Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands enroute to Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands in convoy.
Position: 2000 Lat 10-35N Long 139-50E
- 16 July Steaming in convoy as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 12-06N Long 138-42.5E
1200 Lat 12-38N Long 138-22E
2000 Lat 13-29N Long 137-39E
- 17 July Steaming in convoy as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 14-57N Long 136-38E
1200 Lat 15-23N Long 136-22E
2000 Lat 16-15N Long 135-40E
- 18 July (Zone minus 9) Steaming in convoy as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 17-49N Long 134-41E
1200 Lat 18-18N Long 134-20E
2000 Lat 19-01N Long 133-40E
- 19 July Steaming in convoy as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 20-26N Long 132-35E
1200 Lat 20-52N Long 132-14E
2000 Lat 21-50N Long 131-38E
- 20 July Steaming in convoy as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 23-11N Long 130-31E
1200 Lat 23-35N Long 130-09E
2000 Lat 24-30N Long 129-20E
- 21 July Steaming in convoy as before. 0620 sighted Okinawa bearing 288°(T), distance about 20 miles. 1415 anchored in berth "H-22", Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 1600 commenced disembarking passengers. 1700 completed disembarking passengers.
Position: 0800 Lat 25-57N Long 127-53E
- 22 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 0208 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 0351 secured from General Quarters. 1300 commenced discharging cargo.
- 23 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 0244 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 0334 secured from General Quarters.

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- 24 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 0020 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 0053 secured from General Quarters. 1955 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 2031 secured from General Quarters.
- 25 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa.
- 26 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa.
- 27 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 2240 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 2320 secured from General Quarters. 2335 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters.
- 28 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 0044 secured from General Quarters. 0206 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 0409 secured from General Quarters.
- 29 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 0045 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 0305 secured from General Quarters. 2210 completed discharging cargo.
- 30 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 0205 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 0357 secured from General Quarters. 2035 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 2134 secured from General Quarters. 2259 flash red. Ship went to General Quarters. 2338 secured from General Quarters.
- 31 July Anchored at Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 0659 shifted to anchorage berth "H-103" Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa in obedience to order of Port Director.

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4 October 1945.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Forwarding of.

Reference: (a) PacFlt. Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of this vessel for the month of
September.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is
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WAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

- 1 September (Zone plus 9) Underway, enroute from Pearl Harbor, Oahu T.H. to San Francisco, California in accordance with orders from Port Director, Pearl Harbor, dated 27 August 1945.
Positions: 0800 Lat 32-21N Long 138-56W
1200 Lat 32-40N Long 138-06W
2000 Lat 33-24N Long 136-27.5W
- 2 September Underway as before. 0100 advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus 8 zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat 34-17N Long 134-01W
1200 Lat 34-38N Long 133-09W
2000 Lat 35-21N Long 131-23.5W
- 3 September (Zone plus 8) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat 36-11N Long 128-28W
1200 Lat 36-30N Long 127-33.5W
2000 Lat 37-04N Long 125-39W
- 4 September Underway as before. 0100 advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus 7 zone time. 1121 Moored port side to Pier 7, San Francisco, California. 1140 commenced disembarking passengers. 1335 completed disembarking passengers.
Positions: 0800 Lat 37-40N Long 123-00W
- 5 September (Zone plus 7) Moored as before. 0735 underway, enroute from San Francisco, California to Richmond Shipyard #3, Richmond, California. 1019 moored stbd. side to Pier #3 in Richmond Shipyard #3.
- 6 - 10 September (inclus'v) Moored as before.
- 11 September Moored as before. 1000 underway, shifting to drydock. 1050 drydocked in Richmond Shipyard #3, Drydock #5.
- 12 - 17 September (incl.) Drydocked as before.
- 18 September Drydocked as before. 0845 underway shifting to Pier #7. 0920 moored stbd. side to Pier #7 Richmond Shipyard #3, Richmond, California.
- 19 September Moored as before.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Forwarding of.
Reference: (a) PacFlt. Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary of this vessel for the month of
October.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is
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WAR DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1945

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- 1 October (Zone plus 8) Underway, enroute from San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H., in accordance with orders from Port Director, San Francisco, dated 27 Sept. 1945.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 30°35.5' N Long. 140°32' W
1200 Lat. 30°14.5' N Long. 141°18' W
2000 Lat. 29°32.5' N Long. 142°50' W
- 2 October Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to plus 8½ zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 28°27' N Long. 145°12' W
1200 Lat. 28°02.5' N Long. 146°03' W
2000 Lat. 27°27' N Long. 147°13' W
- 3 October (Zone plus 8½) Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to plus 9 zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 26°05' N Long. 149°42' W
1200 Lat. 25°45' N Long. 150°22' W
2000 Lat. 25°02' N Long. 151°41' W
- 4 October (Zone plus 9) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 23°52' N Long. 153°49' W
1200 Lat. 23°26.5' N Long. 154°29' W
2000 Lat. 22°41' N Long. 156°46.5' W
- 5 October Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to plus 9½ zone time. 1307 - Moored fore and aft in berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1330 - Retarded ship's clocks one hour to zone plus ten.
Position: 0800 Lat. 21°18' N Long. 157°10' W
- 6 October (Zone plus 10½) Moored as before.
- 7-8 October (Inclusive) Moored as before.
- 9 October Moored as before. 0808 - Underway, shifting berth. 0834 - Moored starboard side to berth B-17, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H.
- 10-11 October (Inclusive) Moored as before.

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- 12 October Moored as before. 0756 - Underway, enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Guam, Marianas, in accordance with orders from Port Director, Pearl Harbor, dated 11 October 1945. 1721- Commenced search for survivors of Army aircraft, reported down in vicinity, in accordance with urgent dispatches of ComHawSeaPac #130479 and #130703 of 12 October 1945.
Positions: 1200 Lat. 21°00' N Long. 158°23.5' W
2000 Lat. 20°55' N Long. 159°06.5' W
- 13 October Underway as before, searching for survivors of aircraft reported down. 0038 - Proceeding in duty assigned, search having been completed and all survivors rescued from the sea by various units searching area. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to plus 11 zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 20°57' N Long. 160°32.5' W
1200 Lat. 21°00' N Long. 161°25' W
2000 Lat. 20°59.5' N Long. 162°59' W
- 14 October (Zone plus 11) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 20°59.5' N Long. 164°42.5' W
1200 Lat. 21°04' N Long. 165°15' W
2000 Lat. 21°02.5' N Long. 166°48' W
- 15 October Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 20°58' N Long. 169°20' W
1200 Lat. 20°51' N Long. 170°13' W
2000 Lat. 20°49' N Long. 176°55.5' W
- 16 October Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to plus 11½ zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat 20°46.5' N Long. 174°26' W
1200 Lat. 20°48' N Long. 175°17.5' W
2000 Lat. 20°40' N Long. 176°53' W
- 17 October (Zone plus 11½) Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to zone plus 12 time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 20°23.5' N Long. 179°31.5' W
1200 Lat. 20°19' N Long. 179°43' E
2000 Lat. 20°10.5' N Long. 178°09' E

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- 18 October (Zone plus 12) Underway as before. 0100 - Advanced time one calander day to minus 12 zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 19°55.5' N Long. 175°41' E
1200 Lat. 19°49' N Long. 174°58' E
2000 Lat. 19°34' N Long. 173°22' E
- 20 October (Zone -12) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 19°16' N Long. 170°54' E
1200 Lat. 19°09' N Long. 170°06' E
2000 Lat. 18°53.5' N Long. 168°23' E
- 21 October Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to -11½ zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 18°29.5' N Long. 165°46' E
1200 Lat. 18°20' N Long. 164°54.5' E
2000 Lat. 18°03.5' N Long. 163°12' E
- 22 October (Zone -11½) Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to -11 zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 17°34' N Long. 160°38' E
1200 Lat. 17°24' N Long. 159°46.5' E
2000 Lat. 17°03' N Long. 157°59' E
- 23 October (Zone -11) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 16°20' N Long. 155°29' E
1200 Lat. 16°09.5' N Long. 154°42.5' E
2000 Lat. 15°49' N Long. 153°00' E
- 24 October Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to -10½ zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 15°12' N Long. 150°20' E
1200 Lat. 15°01.5' N Long. 149°32' E
2000 Lat. 14°38' N Long. 147°53' E
- 25 October (Zone -10½) Underway as before. 0100 - Retarded ship's clocks thirty (30) minutes to -10 zone time. 1447 - Moored in Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas, in berth 18.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 13°55' N Long. 145°22' E
- 26 October (Zone -10) Moored as before.
- 28 October Moored as before. 1658 - Underway, proceeding from Guam, Marianas, to Saipan, Marianas, in accordance with orders from Port Director, Guam, Marianas, dated 28 October 1945.

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29 October

Underway as before. 0810 - Moored starboard side of pier TA8 in Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas. 1100 - Received advance detail of 29 passengers aboard. 1415 - Commenced embarking passengers. 1603 - Completed embarking passengers, having loaded 1,145 men in 1 hour 48 minutes. 1700 - Underway, enroute from Saipan, Marianas, to San Francisco, California, in accordance with orders from Port Director, Saipan, Marianas, dated 29 October 1945.

Position: 2000 Lat. 15°33' N Long. 145°48' E

30 October

Underway as before.

Positions: 0800 Lat. 16°53' N Long. 147°54' E
1200 Lat. 17°22.5' N Long. 148°38.5' E
2000 Lat. 18°21.5' N Long. 150°03' E

31 October

Underway as before.

Positions: 0800 Lat. 19°40.5' N Long. 152°05' E
1200 Lat. 21°01.5' N Long. 152°47' E
2000 Lat. 21°00.5' N Long. 154°08.5' E

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- 1 November (Zone minus 10) Underway, enroute from Saipan, Marianas, to San Francisco, California, in accordance with orders from Port Director, Saipan, dated 29 October 1945.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 22°08.7' N Long. 156°02.5' E
1200 Lat. 22°23.3' N Long. 156°40' E
2000 Lat. 23°00.5' N Long. 157°23.5' E
- 2 November Underway as before. 0100 - Advanced ship's clocks one hour to minus eleven zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 24°04.5' N Long. 159°07.6' E
1200 Lat. 24°12.5' N Long. 159°23' E
2000 Lat. 24°45.5' N Long. 160°19' E
- 3 November (Zone minus 11) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 25°45' N Long. 162°01' E
1200 Lat. 26°02.7' N Long. 162°39.5' E
2000 Lat. 26°30' N Long. 163°29.5' E
- 4 November Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 25°15' N Long. 164°51' E
1200 Lat. 27°29' N Long. 165°26' E
2000 Lat. 28°04' N Long. 166°50.5' E
- 5 November Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 28°53' N Long. 168°46' E
1200 Lat. 29°13.3' N Long. 169°33' E
2000 Lat. 29°50.7' N Long. 170°54' E
- 6 November Underway as before. 0100 - Advanced ship's clocks one hour to zone minus twelve time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 30°47' N Long. 172°58' E
1200 Lat. 31°06' N Long. 173°42.5' E
2000 Lat. 31°44' N Long. 175°12' E
- 7 November (Zone minus 12) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 32°30.5' N Long. 177°30' E
1200 Lat. 32°53' N Long. 178°27' E
2000 Lat. 33°30' N Long. 179°58' W
- 7 November (Zone plus 12) Underway as before. 0000 - Retarded time one calendar day to conform with plus twelve zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. 34°16.5' N Long. 177°29.5' W
1200 Lat. 34°30' N Long. 176°06.5' W
2000 Lat. 34°59.5' N Long. 174°38' W

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8 November Underway as before. 0100 - Advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform with plus eleven zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $34^{\circ}40.5' N$ Long. $172^{\circ}32' W$
1200 Lat. $35^{\circ}54.5' N$ Long. $171^{\circ}45' W$
2000 Lat. $36^{\circ}17' N$ Long. $169^{\circ}47' W$

9 November (Zone plus 11) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $36^{\circ}57' N$ Long. $167^{\circ}13' W$
1200 Lat. $37^{\circ}13' N$ Long. $166^{\circ}04' W$
2000 Lat. $37^{\circ}35.5' N$ Long. $164^{\circ}10.5' W$

10 November Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $38^{\circ}09' N$ Long. $161^{\circ}09' W$
1200 Lat. $38^{\circ}15' N$ Long. $160^{\circ}08' W$
2000 Lat. $38^{\circ}31' N$ Long. $158^{\circ}13' W$

11 November Underway as before. 0100 - Advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus ten zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $38^{\circ}49' N$ Long. $155^{\circ}32' W$
1200 Lat. $38^{\circ}51' N$ Long. $154^{\circ}30' W$
2000 Lat. $39^{\circ}04' N$ Long. $152^{\circ}33' W$

12 November (Zone plus 10) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $39^{\circ}18' N$ Long. $149^{\circ}29' W$
1200 Lat. $39^{\circ}20' N$ Long. $148^{\circ}20' W$
2000 Lat. $39^{\circ}18' N$ Long. $146^{\circ}22' W$

13 November Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $39^{\circ}18' N$ Long. $143^{\circ}23' W$
1200 Lat. $39^{\circ}18' N$ Long. $142^{\circ}23' W$
2000 Lat. $39^{\circ}17' N$ Long. $140^{\circ}17' W$

14 November Underway as before. 0100 - Advanced ship's clocks one hour to plus nine zone time.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $39^{\circ}00' N$ Long. $137^{\circ}58' W$
1200 Lat. $38^{\circ}52' N$ Long. $137^{\circ}08' W$
2000 Lat. $38^{\circ}54' N$ Long. $135^{\circ}34' W$

15 November (Zone plus 9) Underway as before.
Positions: 0800 Lat. $38^{\circ}36' N$ Long. $132^{\circ}24' W$
1200 Lat. $38^{\circ}29' N$ Long. $131^{\circ}31' W$
2000 Lat. $38^{\circ}25' N$ Long. $129^{\circ}47' W$.