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From: The Commanding Officer, USS PRINCE GEORGES.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Submission of.

Reference: (a) Cominch Rest. Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Serial  
7152 of October 29, 1943.

Enclosure: (A) Original and one (1) copy of War Diary

1. In accordance with reference (a), Enclosure (A)  
is submitted herewith.

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USS PRINCE GEORGES (AP165)

FROM DECEMBER 1, 1943 TO JANUARY 1, 1944

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USS PRINCE GEORGES (AP165)

FROM DECEMBER 1, 1943 TO JANUARY 1, 1944

ENCLOSURE (A 2)

ORGANIZATION

Commandant Twelfth Naval District  
Port Director, Port Hueneme, California  
Task Unit 16.1.4

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December 1, 1943

Z.D. † 9½

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	21°-32' N.
<u>Long.</u>	157°-20' W.

Steaming on course 251°(t)(pgc), 244°(psc) enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H., from Port Hueneme, California, in accordance with paragraph (2) of voyage order No. 583-43 dated November 12, 1943, from the Commandant Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California; 1541 - Moored to berth W-1, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Commenced unloading troops and cargo.

Z.D. † 9½

December 2 through December 10, 1943

Unloading cargo in Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Z.D. † 9½

December 11, 1943

Moored to dock A-10, Pearl Harbor, T.H., discharging cargo. 1540 - Secured from discharging cargo and made preparations for getting underway. 2039 - Cleared harbor, underway on various courses and speeds, destination, Honolulu, T.H. 2200 - Moored to pier No. 24, Honolulu, T.H.

Z.D. † 9½

December 12, 1943

Moored to pier No 24, Honolulu, T.H. - 1000 - Commenced loading cargo.

Z.D. † 9½

December 13, 1943

Moored to pier No. 24, Honolulu, T.H., loading cargo.

Z.D. † 9½

December 14, 1943

Moored to pier No. 24, Honolulu, T.H., loading cargo. 2230 - Advance detail to twenty (20) infantrymen came aboard.

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December 15, 1943

Z.D. + 9½

Moored to pier No. 24, Honolulu, T.H., loading cargo.  
0530 - Completed loading cargo. 0935 - Thirty (30) troops  
from 820th and 396 th Bombardment Squadrons, U.S. Army came  
aboard

Z.D. + 9½

December 16, 1943

Moored to pier No. 24, Honolulu, T.H. 0745 - Commenced  
loading troops. 1235 - Completed loading troops; a total of  
one thousand one hundred and one (1,101), officers and men  
having come aboard. 1328 - Underway in obedience to Operation  
Order No. 139-43, dated December 16, 1943, from Commander Task  
Force 16.

ORGANIZATION

Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet

Commander Service Squadron Eight

Task Unit 16.15.4

Composed of U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES (AP165), U.S.S. PC589  
and U.S.S. PC590. 1341 - Set course 184°(t)(pgc), full speed,  
11 knots, enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert  
Group, carrying troops and cargo. 1400 - Retarded clocks an  
to conform to plus 10½ zone time.

Z.D. + 10½

December 17, 1943

Position

0800

1200

2000

Lat. 18°- 34' N.

17° - 59' N.

16° - 42' N.

Long. 160°- 01' W.

160° - 33' W.

161° - 31' W.

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December 17, 1943 (Cont'd)

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Steaming on course 240°(t)(pgc), 234.5°(psc), full speed, 11 knots, enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying cargo and troops. 0610 - Changed course to 218°(t)(pgc).

Z.D. + 10½

December 18, 1943

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	14° -46' N.	14° -13' N.	14° -59' N.
<u>Long.</u>	163° -05.5' W.	163° -40' W.	164° -45' W.

Steaming on course 218°(t)(pgc), 211°(psc), full speed, 11 knots, enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo.

Z.D. + 10½

December 19, 1943

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	11°-05' N.	10°-24' N.	9°-07' N.
<u>Long.</u>	166°-15' W.	166°-51' W.	167°-51' W.

Steaming on course 218°(t)(pgc), 211°(psc), full speed, 11 knots, enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo. Retarded clocks one-half (½) hour to conform with plus 11 zone time.

Z.D. + 11

December 20, 1943

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	7°-04' N.	6°-44' N.	5°-30' N.
<u>Long.</u>	169°-30' W.	169°-43' W.	170°-40' W.

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December 20, 1943 (Cont'd)

Steaming on course 218°(t)(pgc), 211°(psc), full speed, 11 knots, enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo. 1330 - Held gunnery exercises; expended three (3) rounds of 5"-51 Cal., thirteen (13), rounds of 3"-50 Cal., and three hundred fifteen (315) rounds of 20mm ammunition.

Z.D. † 11

December 21, 1943

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	3°-30' N.	2°-56' N.	2°-36' N.
<u>Long.</u>	172°-17' W.	172°-42.3' W.	173°-50.5' W.

Steaming on course 218°(t)(pgc), 211°(psc), full speed, 11 knots enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo. 0800 - Changed course to 220°(t)(pgc), 212°(psc). 1300 - Held gunnery exercises; expended twenty three (23) rounds of 3"-50 Cal., and two hundred ninety five (295), rounds of 20mm ammunition. 1500 - Retarded clocks one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour to conform with plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  zone time. 2100 Changed course to 270°(t)(pgc), 262°(psc) .

Z.D. † 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

December 22, 1943

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	2°-30' N.	1°-29' N.	1°-30' N.
<u>Long.</u>	176°-14' W.	177°-05' W.	178°-54' W.

Steaming on course 270°(t)(pgc), 262°(psc), full speed, 11.7 knots enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo.



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December 23, 1943

Z.D. † 11½

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	1°-31' N.	1°-22' N.	1°-27' N.
<u>Long.</u>	179°-29' E.	177°-40' E.	176°-08' E.

Steaming on course 270°(t)(pgc), 262°(psc), full speed, 11 knots enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo. 0900 - Retarded clocks one-half (½) hour to conform to plus 12 zone time.

Z.D. † 12

December 24, 1943.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	1°-23' N.	1°-25' N.
<u>Long.</u>	173°-25' E.	172°-50' E.

Steaming on course 270°(t)(pgc), 261°(psc), full speed, 11 knots enroute from Honolulu, T.H., to Tarawa, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo. Sighted land bearing 290°(t) distance, 20 miles, identified as Islands of Tarawa, Gilbert Group. 0745 - Changed course to 265°(t)(pgc), 256°(psc). 0903 - Changed course to 260°(t)(pgc), 251°(psc).

On various courses and speeds steaming to anchorage. 1220 - Anchored in Betio (Bititu) harbor, Tarawa, Gilbert Group.

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December 25, 1943

Anchored in Betio (Betitu), Island anchorage, Tarawa, Gilbert Group. 1045 - Commenced unloading troops and cargo.

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December 26, 1943 through  
December 31, 1943

Anchored in Betio (Bititu) Island anchorage, Tarawa, Gilbert Group, disembarking troops and unloading cargo.

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Subj: War Diary - Submission of.

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FROM JANUARY 1, 1944 through JANUARY 31, 1944.

ENCLOSURE (A)

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ORGANIZATION

January 1, 1944.

Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet

Commander Task Force 57.

Composition of Unit, January 8, 1944.

U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES (AP165)

U.S.S. HAROLD C THOMAS (DE-21)

\* U.S.S. BLACK (DD-666)

\* U.S.S. BLACK had previous orders to leave convoy at  
180th Meridian.

Composition of Unit, January 21, 1944.

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January 1, 1944 through January 4, 1944.

Anchored in Betio Lagoon, Tarawa, Gilbert Group discharging, cargo.

Z.D. † 12

January 5, 1944.

Anchored in Betio Lagoon, Island of Tarawa, Gilbert Group, discharging cargo. 0030 - Completed discharging cargo. 1255 - Disembarked thirty one (31) Construction Battalion troops to S.S. Carey, for further transfer to duty. Five (5) officers and two hundred eighty one (281) men reported aboard on verbal orders from Assistant Port Director, Tarawa, Gilbert Group. 2120 - Completed loading 791 empty fuel drums to be discharged at Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Z.D. † 12

January 6, 1944.

Anchored in Betio Lagoon, Island of Tarawa, Gilbert Group, 1405 - Pursuant to Commander Task Force 57 secret despatch # 61126 of December 1943, commenced embarking Marines. 1630 - Commenced loading ammunition in lower number 5 hold. 1850 - Completed loading ammunition: Five hundred (500) rounds of 75mm howitzer; thirty five hundred (3500) rounds of 81mm mortar ammunition.

Z.D. † 12

January 7, 1944.

Anchored in Betio Lagoon, Tarawa, Gilbert Group. 1140 - One (1) officer and sixty five (65) enlisted men reported aboard on verbal orders for transportation to a port to be designated later.

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1640 - Nine (9) officers and two hundred seventy (270) enlisted men of the Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, reported aboard for further transportation. 1900 - Embarked sixteen (16) officers and three hundred five (305) enlisted men of the Second Battalion, Sixth Marines.

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January 8, 1944.

Anchored in Betio Lagoon, Tarawa, Gilbert Group. Continued embarking Marines and loading ammunition. 1602 - Completed embarking troops. 1705 - Completed loading cargo. 1754 - Got underway in obedience to orders from Assistant Port Director, Gilberts, serial 0808, dated January, 1944, carrying two hundred eighty one (281) enlisted men and five (5) officers of the Third Battalion, 18th Marine Engineers. Nine hundred twenty (920) enlisted men and thirty eight (38) officers, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Division. All troops to be transported to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1830 - Took departure, set course 250°(t)(pgc); speed 10 knots. 1736 - Changed course to 200°(t)(pgc); 192°(psc). 1840 - Changed course to 080°(t)(pgc).

Z.D. + 12

January 9, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	1° 34' N	1° 44' N	1° 57' N
<u>Long.</u>	174° 43.5' E	175° 18' E	176° 27' E

Steaming on course 080°(t)(pgc); 066°(psc), speed 10 knots,

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Z.D. + 12

January 9, 1944.(Cont'd)

(74 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group, to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition.

Z.D. + 12

January 10, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	2° 22' N	2° 33' N	2° 44' N
<u>Long.</u>	178° 13' E	178° 38' E	179° 40' E

Steaming on course 080°(t)(pgc); 064°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. 2000 - U.S.S. BLACK (DD-666) acting on previous instructions, left the convoy.

Z.D. + 12

January 11, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	2° 50' N	3° 05' N	3° 10' N
<u>Long.</u>	179°06' W	178°37' W	177°42' W

Steaming on course 080°(t)(pgc); 064°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. 0615 - Changed course to 082°(t)(pgc); 070°(psc).

Z.D. + 12

January 12, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	3° 15' N	3° 30' N	3° 30' N
<u>Long.</u>	176° 24' W	174° 36' W	174° 36' W

Steaming on course 085°(t)(pgc); 070°(psc), speed 10 knots,



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(65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. 0100 - Advanced clocks thirty (30) minutes to conform with plus 11½ zone time.

Z.D. † 11½

January 13, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	3° 37' N	4° 00' N	4° 51' N
<u>Long.</u>	173° 14' W	172° 38' W	171° 55' W

Steaming on course 085°(t)(pgc); 070°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. 1000 - Changed course to 038°(t)(pgc); 021°(psc). 1235 - Changed course to 040°(t)(pgc); 023°(psc).

Z.D. † 11½

January 14, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	6° 33' N	6° 47' N	7° 51' N
<u>Long.</u>	170° 30' W	170° 30' W	169° 39' W

Steaming on course 040°(t)(pgc); 023°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. 0100 - Advanced clocks one-half (½) hour to conform with plus 11 zone time. 0655 - Changed course to 045°(t)(pgc); 024°(psc).

Z.D. † 11

January 15, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	8° 56' N	9° 13' N	10° 09' N
<u>Long.</u>	168° 32' W	168° 23' W	167° 47' W

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Steaming on course 041°(t)(pgc); 024°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition.

Z.D. + 11

January 16, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	11° 30' N	12° 02' N	13° N
<u>Long.</u>	166° 47' W	166° 23' W	165° 48' W

Steaming on course 041°(t)(pgc); 024°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition.

Z.D. + 11

January 17, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	14° 32' N	14° 53' N	15° 40' N
<u>Long.</u>	164° 36' W	164° 05' W	163° 25' W

Steaming on course 041°(t)(pgc); 023°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. 0800 - Changed course to 050°(t)(pgc); 031°(psc). 1247 - Changed course to 045°(t)(pgc); 027°(psc). 1340 - Held gunnery exercises; 5 rounds 5"-51 Cal. target ammunition; 2 rounds of 3"-50 Cal AA. illuminating; 26 rounds 3"-50 Cal.AA. 540 rounds 20mm expended.

Z.D. + 11

January 18, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>			

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<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	17° 26' N	17° 37' N	17° 55' N
<u>Long.</u>	161° 38' W	160° 53' W	159° 33' W

Steaming on course 045°(t)(pgc); 027°(psc), speed 11.9 knots, (73 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Pearl Harbor, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. Clocks advanced one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour to conform with plus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  zone time. 0730 - Changed course to 078°(t)(pgc); 058°(psc), complying with Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier's secret despatch #180459, changing our destination to Hilo Hawaii, T.H.

Z.D. + 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

January 19, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	18° 27' N	18° 37' N	18° 37' N
<u>Long.</u>	157° 30' W	156° 38' W	155° 37' W

Steaming on course 078°(t)(pgc); 058°(psc), speed 11.4 knots, (70 RPM's) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Hilo Hawaii, T.H., carrying troops and ammunition. 0947 - Reduced speed to 10 knots (65 RPM's). 1936 - Changed course to 085°(t)(pgc); 065°(psc).

Z.D. + 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

January 20, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	19° 42' N
<u>Long.</u>	154° 41.5' W

Steaming on course 085°(t)(pgc); 065°(psc), speed 10 knots, (65 RPM's). 0000 - Changed course to 028°(t)(pgc); 009°(psc).

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0700 - Changed course to  $310^{\circ}(t)(pgc)$ ;  $300^{\circ}(psc)$ . 0735 - Changed course to  $300^{\circ}(t)(pgc)$ ;  $290^{\circ}(psc)$ . 0831 - On various courses leading up to harbor entrance. 1146 - Moored to dock No. 3, Hilo Hawaii, T.H. 1845 - Commenced discharging cargo.

Z.D. + 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

January 21, 1944.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	$19^{\circ} 18' N$
<u>Long.</u>	$154^{\circ} 58' W$

Moored to dock No. 3, Hilo Hawaii, T.H., discharging cargo. 0719 - Finished discharging cargo, including 500 rounds of 75mm howitzer and 3500 rounds of 81mm ammunition. 0930 - Disembarked troops pursuant to Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier secret despatch #180459. The following were disembarked: 281 enlisted men, 5 officers, 3rd Batt. 18th Marine Engineers; 920 Enlisted men, 38 officers of 2nd Batt. 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. 1018 - Got under way for Pearl Harbor, T.H. in obedience to Conf. Routing Instructions # E-102, PD-661, dated January 20, 1944, from Commandant, 14th Naval District (Port Director). 1043 - Set course  $025^{\circ}(pgc)(t)$ ;  $010^{\circ}(psc)$ , speed 10 knots en-route from Hilo Hawaii, T.H., to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1202 - Changed course to  $300^{\circ}(t)(pgc)$ ;  $293^{\circ}(psc)$ . 1530 - Reduced speed to 8 knots (50 RPM's). 1613 - Changed course to  $230^{\circ}(t)(pgc)$ ;  $284^{\circ}(psc)$ . 1810 - Changed course to  $260^{\circ}(t)(pgc)$ ;  $254^{\circ}(psc)$ .

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January 22, 1944

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
<u>Lat.</u>	20° 40' N	21° 05' N
<u>Long.</u>	157° 49' W	157° 46' W

Steaming on course 260°(t)(pgc); 255°(psc), speed 8 knots, (50 RPM's). 0100 - Changed course to 311°(t)(pgc); 305°(psc). Reduced speed to 6.5 knots. On various courses and speeds to avoid ships coming out of Pearl Harbor, T.H., and Honolulu, T.H. 1536 - On Various courses and speeds conforming to channel. 1759 - Moored in berth Xray-18, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Z.D. † 9½

January 23, 1944 through January 31, 1944.

Moored in berth Xray-18, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1810 - January 25, 1944, shifted berth to B-16, Pearl Harbor, T.H., ship received five (5) days availability to expire at midnight, February 2, 1944. Work on repairs and alterations commenced.

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San Francisco, California,  
March 17, 1944.

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From: The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.

Subject: War Diary for Month of February 1944.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 2CL-44 Ser. 03 of Jan-  
uary 1, 1944.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the War Diary  
is submitted herewith.

1. Moored in Pearl Harbor, T.H. February 1 through February 9, 1944.

2. Task Organization.  
Service Squadron EIGHT.  
T.U. 16.11.4

Moored in berth A-10, Pearl Harbor, T.H. - 1349 Got under-  
way in accordance with secret orders from Commander Service  
Force, Pacific Fleet, secret order No. 37-44 Serial 0054  
dated 9 February, 1944. Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to  
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, carrying troops and sup-  
plies.

Position Zone Des. + 9½

3. Zone Des. + 9½ February 11 through February 18,  
1944.

Steaming in convoy, good weather, no incidents. In this  
period passed through the following positions:

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Position 0800 19°-48N  
159-50W  
1200 19 -48N  
159-50W  
2000 19 -18N  
161-58W

2-12-44

Position 0800 18 -27N  
164-05W  
1200 18 -20N  
164-46W  
2000 18 -01.2N  
166-091.W

2-13-44

Position 0800 17 -25N  
168-15W  
1200 17 -14.5N  
168-56W  
2000 16 -49N  
170-19W

2-14-44

Position 0800 16 -12.3N  
172-29.5W  
1200 15 -56N  
173-10W  
2000 15 -22.2N  
174-36W

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Subject: War Diary for Month of February 1944.

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February 11 through February 18,  
1944.

<u>2-15-44</u>			<u>2-16-44</u>		
Position	0800	14 -37.3N	Position	0800	13 -02N
		176-32W			179-28E
	1200	14 -25N		1200	12 -46N
		177-14W			178-47E
	2000	13 -53N		2000	12 -14N
		178-33W			177-17E
<u>2-17-44</u>			<u>2-18-44</u>		
Position	0800	11 -28N	Position	0800	9 -52N
		175-12E			171-07E
	1200	11 -05.5N		1200	9 -46N
		174-34E			170-12E
	2000	10 -30N		2000	9 -15.5N
		173-08.3E			168-53.5E

4.Zone Des ‡ 12

February 19, 1944.

1145 Anchored in berth KA-11, Kwajalein Anchorage, Marshall Islands. Immediately commenced disembarking troops and unloading cargo.

Position  
0800 08 -45N  
167-31E

5.Zone Des ‡ 12

February 20 through February  
24, 1944.

Anchored in Kwajalein Anchorage, Marshall Islands, disembarking troops and unloading cargo.

6.Zone Des ‡ 12

February 25, 1944

Anchored in Kwajalein Anchorage, Marshall Islands. 1300 Embarked troops comprising 31st Field Provisional Hospital, U.S. Army. 1826 Got underway in obedience to secret despatch #250054 from CTF51. Enroute to Makin and Abemama, Gilbert Group to embark troops, their personal gear and vehicles belonging to their units.

7.Zone Des ‡ 12

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 7. (Cont'd) February 26, 1944.

Steaming with escort, U.S.S. SEDERSTROM. Nothing worthy of note.

Position	0800	08 -02N
		169-18E
	1200	07 -12N
		169-47E
	2000	06 -04N
		170-44E

8. Zone Des + 12 February 27, 1944.

Steaming as before. 1636 - Anchored in berth X-17, Butaritari Anchorage, Makin Island, Gilbert Group. Commenced loading equipment and embarking troops.

Position	0800	4 -08N
		171-53E
	1200	3 - 32N
		172-16E

9. Zone Des + 12 February 28, 1944.

Anchored in Butaritari Anchorage, Berth X-17, embarking troops and loading equipment.

10. Zone Des + 12 February 29, 1944.

1659 Got underway for Abemama, Gilbert Group in compliance with secret despatch #250054 from CTF 51.

Position	0800	
	1200	
	2000	2 - 37.5N
		172-33E

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From: The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.

Subject: War Diary for Month of March 1944.

Reference: (a) PacFlt. Conf. Ltr. 2CL-44 Ser. 03 of  
January 1, 1944.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the War Diary  
is submitted herewith.

1. Task Organization Z.D. † 12 March 1, 1944.  
Service Squadron EIGHT.  
T.U. 16.11.4

Steaming with escort U.S.S. SEDERSTROM (DE-31) enroute  
from Makin, Gilbert Group, to Abemama, Gilbert Group. 1249 -  
Made landfall on Abemama, distance about 20 miles. 1445 -  
Engines ahead slow; LCT 314 came along starboard side.  
Twelve (12) officers, one hundred seventy five (175) men  
of U.S. Marines and five (5) men of U.S. Navy came aboard  
for transportation pursuant to orders from the Commanding  
Officer, 8th Defense Battallion, Abemama, Gilbert Group.  
1623 - Took departure from Abemama enroute to Pearl Harbor,  
T.H., with troops and cargo.

<u>Positions</u>	0800	0° 46.5' N
		172° 48' E
	1200	0° 23.5' N
		173° 20' E
	2000	01° 55' N
		174° 55' E

2. March 2, 1944 through March 9, 1944

Enroute from Abemama, Gilbert Group, to Pearl Harbor,  
T.H., with escort U.S.S. SEDERSTROM (DE-31), carrying troops  
and cargo. Days uneventful.

<u>Z.D. † 12</u>		<u>Z.D. † 12</u>		
<u>3-2-44</u>	0800	2° 36' N	<u>3-3-44</u>	0800 04° 46' N
<u>Positions</u>		175° 09' E	<u>Positions</u>	178° 29.5' E
	1200	02° 55' N		1200 05° 11.8' N
		175° 43' E		179° 09.5' E
	2000	03° 43.5' N		2000 05° 55' N
		176° 48' E		179° 38' W

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<u>Z.D. † 12</u>	0800	07° 05' N	<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	0800	08° 56' N
<u>3-4-44</u>		178° W	<u>3-5-44</u>		174° 23' W
<u>Positions</u>	1200	7° 26' N	<u>Positions</u>	1200	9° 22' N
		177° 19' W			173° 38' W
	2000	07° 26' N		2000	10° 4' N
		177° 10' W			173° 38' W
<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	0800	11° 10' N	<u>Z.D. † 10</u>	0800	13° 36' N
<u>3-6-44</u>		171° 01' W	<u>3-7-44</u>		167° 23' W
<u>Positions</u>	1200	11° 40' N	<u>Positions</u>	1200	14° 00' N
		170° 25' W			166° 41' W
	2000	12° 31' N		2000	14° 45' N
		169° 09' W			163° 19' W
<u>Z.D. † 10</u>	0800	15° 59' N	<u>Z.D. † 10</u>	0800	18° 28' N
<u>3-8-44</u>		163° 32' W	<u>3-9-44</u>		159° 51' W
<u>Positions</u>	1200	16° 28' N	<u>Positions</u>	1200	18° 54' N
		162° 56' W			158° 15' W
	2000	17° 13.5' N		2000	19° 34' N
		161° 46.5' W			158° 06' W

3. Z.D. † 9½

March 10, 1944.

Steaming with escort U.S.S. SEDERSTROM (DE-31). 0400 - Made landfall on Island of Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. 1105 - Moored in berth K-7, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Commenced unloading troops and cargo. These operations continued through March 11, 1944.

4. Z.D. † 9½

March 12, 1944.

1436 - Got underway to shift berths from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Honolulu, T.H. 1635 - Moored to pier #26, Honolulu, T.H.

5. Z.D. † 9½

March 13, 1944.

0805 - Shifted berths to pier #27, Honolulu, T.H.

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6. Z.D. † 9½ March 14, 1944 through March 17, 1944.

Moored to pier #27, Honolulu, T.H., loading troops and cargo.

7. Task Organization Z.D.† 9½ March 18, 1944.  
Convoy #4119-A  
T.U. 16.15.5

Moored to pier #27, Honolulu, T.H. 1228 - Got underway for Abemama, Gilbert Group in accordance with orders from Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier. Convoy Commander aboard U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES.

<u>Positions</u>	0800	1200	2000	19° 56' N
				158° 02.1' W

8. March 19, 1944 through March 25, 1944.

Steaming with escort U.S.S. CHAMPION (AM314) enroute to Abemama, Gilbert Group, with troops and cargo. Trip uneventful. Good weather prevailing. 0800, March 25, 1944, (Z.D. † 11), S.S. JANE ADAMS and escort, U.S.S. ANNOY were broken off and told to carry out uncompleted portion of basic orders.

<u>Z.D. † 9½</u>	0800	18° 42.2' N	<u>Z.D. † 10</u>	0800	15° 55' N
<u>3-19-44</u>		160° 06.2' W	<u>3-20-44</u>		163° 53' W
<u>Positions</u>	1200	18° 23' N	<u>Positions</u>	1200	15° 21' N
		160° 00' W			164° 29' W
	2000	17° 23' N		2000	14° 18' N
		162° 00' W			165° 37' W

<u>Z.D. † 10½</u>	0800	12° 36.5' N	<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	0800	09° 31.5' N
<u>3-21-44</u>		167° 32' W	<u>3-22-44</u>		170° 44' W
<u>Positions</u>	1200	12° 12.5' N	<u>Positions</u>	1200	08° 53' N
		168° 04.5' W			171° 25' W
	2000	11° 4.5' N		2000	07° 49' N
		169° 13' W			172° 21' N

<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	0800	6° 17.5' N	<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	0800	03° 01.5' N
<u>3-23-44</u>		173° 50.5' W	<u>3-24-44</u>		177° 05.5' W

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<u>3-23-44</u>	1200	05° 35' N	<u>3-24-44</u>	1200	03° 01' N
<u>Positions</u>		174° 40' W	<u>Positions</u>		177° 49' W
	2000	04° 30' N		2000	02° 40' N
		175° 42.5' W			179° 13' W
<u>Z.D. † 11½</u>	0800	02° 05' N			
<u>3-25-44</u>		178° 14' E			
<u>Positions</u>	1200	01° 57' N			
		177° 27' E			
	2000	1° 45.5' N			
		175° 56.5' E			

9. Z.D. † 12

March 26, 1944.

Steaming with escort U.S.S. CHAMPION (AM314) enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Abemama, Gilbert Group, carrying troops and cargo. 0715 - Sighted Abemama bearing 210° (t), distance eighteen (18) miles. 1840 - Anchored in Abemama Lagoon.

<u>Position</u>	0800	0° 34' N
		173° 53' E

10. Z.D. † 12

March 27, 1944.

Anchored in Abemama Lagoon, Gilbert Group, discharging troops and cargo.

11. Z.D. †

March 28, 1944.

Anchored in Abemama Lagoon discharging troops and cargo. 0025 - Completed discharging troops and cargo. 0703 - Underway for Tarawa, Gilbert Group in obedience to secret desp. # 270552 from Com. Gilbert Sub Area. 1410 - Sighted Tarawa, Gilbert Group bearing 345°(t), distance fifteen (15) miles. 1710 - Anchored in Betio Anchorage, Tarawa, Gilbert Group.

12. Z.D. † 12

March 29, 1944.

Anchored in Betio Anchorage, Tarawa, Gilbert Group, loading cargo and embarking troops.

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March 30, 1944.

Anchored in Betio anchorage, Tarawa, Gilbert Group.  
1035 - Commenced loading ammunition. 1120 - Completed  
loading ammunition. 1602 - Underway in obedience to orders  
from Assistant Port Director, Gilbert's, dated March 30,  
1944. Enroute to Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands with  
escorts U.S.S. GREINER (DE37), and U.S.S. CHAMPION (AM314).

14. Z.D. † 12

March 31, 1944.

Steaming with escorts U.S.S. CHAMPION, AND U.S.S. GREINER,  
enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group to Majuro, Marshall Islands,  
carrying troops and cargo.

<u>Positions</u>	0800	03° 50' N	1200	04° 16' N
		171° 56' E		171° 42' E
		2000	05° 24' N	
			171° 07' E	

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To : The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.

Subject: War Diary for Month of April 1944.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 2CL-44 Ser. 03 of Jan-  
uary 1, 1944.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the War Diary  
is submitted herewith.

1. Task Organization. Z.D. + 12 April 1, 1944.  
Convoy #4119-A  
T.U. #16.11.4

Steaming with escorts U.S.S. CHAMPION (AM314) and  
U.S.S. GRENIER (DE37) enroute from Tarawa, Gilbert Group, to  
Majuro, Marshall Islands, in obedience to orders from Assist-  
ant Port Director, Gilberts, dated March 30, 1944. Carrying  
troops and cargo. 0807-Sighted Majuro, Marshall Group, bear-  
ing 080°(t), distance fifteen (15) miles. 1320-Anchored in  
Berth C-3, Majuro, Marshall Group.

2. Z.D. + 12 April 2, 1944.

Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Group. Completed  
discharging cargo.

3. Z.D. + 12 April 3, 1944

Anchored in Majuro Lagoon, Marshall Group. Embarked  
Navy troops. Got underway for Kwajalein, Marshall Group, in  
accordance with basic orders from Commander Hawaiian Sea  
Frontier. Steaming with escorts U.S.S. SEDERSTROM and SC759,  
enroute Kwajalein, Gilbert Group, and with LST 480. 0235 -  
Formed separate convoys due to engine of LST 480 breaking  
down. Directed SC 759 to remain with LST 480 as escort. 1343-  
Sighted Kwajalein, Marshall Group, bearing 296°(t), distance  
twelve (12) miles. 1736-Anchored in Berth A55, South Anchor-  
age, Kwajalein, Marshall Group.

4. Z.D. + 12 April 4, 1944 through April 6, 1944.

Anchored in South Anchorage, Kwajalein, Marshall Group,  
disembarking troops and discharging cargo.

5. Z.D. + 12 April 7, 1944.

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Shifted berths from A-55 to L-18 in South Anchorage, Kwajalein, Marshall Group.

6. Z.D.+ 12 April 8, 1944 through April 10, 1944.

Anchored in South Anchorage, Kwajalein, Marshall Group, disembarking troops and discharging cargo.

7. Z.D.+ 12 April 11, 1944.

0707-Shifted berths from L-18 to L-16, South Anchorage, Kwajalein, Marshall Group. 1620-Shifted berths from L-16 to K-16, South Anchorage, Kwajalein, Marshall Group. Discharging cargo.

8. Z.D.+ 12 April 12, 1944.

Anchored in South Anchorage, Kwajalein, Marshall Group, discharging cargo. 1455-Commenced loading ammunition.

9. Z.D.+ 12 April 13, 1944.

Anchored in South Anchorage, Kwajalein, Marshall Group, discharging cargo. 1110-Completed loading ammunition. 1600-Got underway for Eniwetok, Marshall Group in obedience to ComSeron 10, Rep., Kwajalein, secret despatch #121125 of April 1944, carrying troops and cargo.

10. Z.D.+ 12 April 14, 1944.

Enroute from Kwajalein, Marshall Group to Eniwetok, Marshall Group, with escort U.S.S. HALSEY POWELL, Carrying troops and cargo. Days uneventful.

Positions	0800	08° 40.5' N
		165° 18' E
	1200	08° 54' N
		164° 42' E
	2000	09° 40' N
		163° 43' E

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11. Z.D.+ 12 April 15, 1944.

Sighted Eniwetok, Marshall Group, bearing 355°(t), distance eighteen (18) miles. 1045-Anchored in Southern Anchorage, Eniwetok, Marshall Group, disembarking troops and cargo, and embarking troops and cargo.

12. Z.D.+ 12 April 16, 1944.

Anchored in Southern Anchorage, Eniwetok, Marshall Group. Loading cargo and troops. 1753-Took departure from Eniwetok enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H., in obedience to ComSeron 10, Rep., Kwajalein, secret despatch #121125 of 12 April, 1944.

13. Z.D.+ 12 April 17, 1944.

Enroute from Eniwetok, Marshall Group, to Pearl Harbor, T.H., with escorts U.S.S. HALSEY POWELL and U.S.S. SAGE, carrying troops and cargo.

Positions	0800	12° 25' N	
		164° 04' E	
	1200	12° 43' N	
		164° 42' E	
	2000	12° 56' N	
		165° 57' E	

14. Z.D.+ 12 April 18, 1944 through April 21, 1944.

Enroute from Eniwetok, Marshall Group, to Pearl Harbor, T.H., with escort U.S.S. HALSEY POWELL and U.S.S. SAGE, carrying troops and cargo. 1614-U.S.S. KINGFISHER and LST 34 joined convoy. Days uneventful.

Positions	0800	13° 11' N		0800	13° 44' N
4/18/44		167° 45' E	4/19/44		171° 14' E
	1200	13° 30' N		1200	13° 50' N
		168° 20.5' E			171° 46' E
	2000	13° 30' N		2000	14° 01' N
		169° 40.5' E			172° 42' E



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Positions	0800	14° 14' N	0800	14° 35' N
4/20/44		174° 08' E	4/21/44	176° 53' E
	1200	14° 18' N	1200	14° 58' N
		174° 34' E		177° 26' E
	2000	14° 28' N	2000	15° 12' N
		175° 32.5' E		178° 31' E

15. Z.D. † 12 April 22, 1944 through April 28, 1944.

Steaming enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H., with escort  
U.S.S. SAGE. 0830-In accordance with basic instructions escort  
U.S.S. HALSEY POWELL left the convoy.

			<u>Z.D. † 11½</u>	
Positions	0800	15° 33' N	0800	16° 07' N
4/22/44		179° 53' E	4/23/44	177° 11' W
	1200	15° 44' N	1200	16° 17' N
		179° 35' W		176° 39' W
	2000	15° 53' N	2000	16° 27.5' N
		178° 21' W		175° 41.5' W

Positions	0800	16° 45' N	0800	17° 25' N
4/24/44		174° 29' W	4/25/44	171° 30' W
<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	1200	16° 56' N	1200	17° 42' N
		174° 01' W	<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	171° 01' W
	2000	17° 03' N	2000	17° 58' N
		172° 58' W		169° 54' W

Positions	0800	18° 23' N	0800	19° 06.5' N
4/26/44		168° 12' W	4/27/44	164° 42' W
<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	1200	18° 4' N	<u>Z.D. † 11</u>	19° 10' N
		167° 39' W		164° 04' W
	2000	18° 53' N	2000	19° 24' N
		166° 23.5' W		162° 40' W

<u>Z.D. † 10½</u>				
Positions	0800	19° 43' N	1200	19° 56' N
4/28/44		160° 51' W		160° 07' W

2000	20° 10' N
	158° 46' W

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16. Z.D. 10 April 29, 1944.

Steaming in convoy with U.S.S. KINGFISHER and LST 34, together with escort U.S.S. SAGE enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H., from Eniwetok, Marshall Group. 0607-Sighted Oahu Island, T.H., bearing 020°(t), distance fifteen (15) miles. 0835-Instructed by blinker message to go to Honolulu Harbor, T.H. 1016-Moored to Pier #27, Honolulu Harbor, Honolulu, T.H. Commenced disembarking troops and discharging cargo.

17. Z.D. 9½ April 30, 1944

1559-Got underway to shift berths from Honolulu, T.H., to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1805-Moored to pier CD-2, Pearl Harbor.

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uary 1, 1944.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the War Diary  
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1. Z.D. † 9½ May 1, 1944 through May 16, 1944.

Moored port side to pier GD-2, Pearl Harbor, T.H., re-  
ceiving steam, electricity, fresh and salt water, and telephone  
services from the dock. Yard workers making necessary repairs  
aboard ship.

2. Z.D. † 9½ May 17, 1944.

0707 - Got underway to shift berths to M-4, Pearl Harbor,  
T.H., 0806 - Moored starboard side to pier M-4, Pearl Harbor,  
T.H. Commenced embarking Army troops and loading cargo.

3. Z.D. † 9½ May 18, 1944.

Moored starboard side to pier M-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.  
Completed embarking Army troops. Captain Charles Allen, U.S.  
Navy., Comtransdiv #34 and staff reported on board.

4. Task Organization

Task Group 51.1

Training Operation Order, Reserve and ComGroup 1, 5th  
Amphibious Forces, A-255-44.

Z.D. † 9½ May 19, 1944.

Moored starboard side to pier M-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.  
Completed loading cargo. 0620 - Got underway for Maui, T.H.,  
in accordance with Annex "A" to Commander Task Group 51.1,  
Training Operation Order No. A255-44; zigzagging in accordance  
with plan No. 6, USF 10A.

Positions	1200	20° 43' N	2000	19° 33' N
		157° 47' W		157° 50' E

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5. Z.D. † 9½ May 20, 1944.

Steaming in convoy enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Maui, T.H. 0600 - Sighted land bearing 315°(t), distance approximately eight (8) miles; identified as Lanai Island, T.H. 0734 - Arrived at Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. Ship's landing craft participated in amphibious maneuvers. 1915 - Anchored in berth E-17, Lahaina Roads Anchorage, Maui, T.H.

Positions 0800 20° 38' N  
156° 39' E

6. Z.D. † 9½ May 21, 1944.

Anchored in berth E-17, Lahaina Roads Anchorage, Maui, T.H. 0359 - Got underway for Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H., in accordance with Commander Task Group 51.1 Training Operation Order No. A255-44. 0743 - Anchored off Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. Troops disembarked in ship's landing craft for participation in amphibious warfare maneuvers. 1909 - Anchored in berth A-3, Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H.

7. Z.D. † 9½ May 22, 1944.

Anchored in berth A-3, Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. Reembarked all troops. 1117 - Ship's boats participated in smoke screen drills. 1815 - Got underway for Kahoolawe Island, T.H., in accordance with Commander Task Group 51.1 Training Operation Order A255-44.

Positions 2000 20° 38' N  
156° 44' W

8. Z.D. † 9½ May 23, 1944.

Steaming in convoy. 0620 - Arrived in transport area Kahoolawe Island, T.H., for participation in training operations. 1333 - Got underway for Honolulu Oahu, T.H.

Positions 2000 19° 52' N  
157° 02.5 W

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9. Z.D. † 9½ May 24, 1944.

Steaming in convoy enroute from Kahoolawe Island, T. H., to Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., zigzagged in accordance with plan No. 6, USF 10A. 0715 - In accordance with basic orders, Transdiv No.34 left the convoy and proceeded to Honolulu., T.H. 0856 - Commenced test firing of anti-aircraft batteries. Expended 48 rounds 3"50 Cal. and 840 rounds of 20mm ammunition. 0933 - Ceased test firing. 1535 - Moored port side to pier No. 36, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, T.H., - 1911 - Shifted berths to pier No. 39, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, T.H. Completed disembarking all troops.

Positions	0800	20° 45.5' N	1200	21° 18' N
		157° 42' W		157° 53' W

10. Z.D. † 9½ May 25, 1944 through May 26, 1944.

Moored port side to pier No. 39, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, T.H.

11. Z.D. † 9½ May 27, 1944.

0812 - Got underway to shift berths from pier No. 39 to pier No. 8. 0901 - Moored port side to pier No. 8, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, T.H. Embarked troops of 106th R.C.T., U.S.A.

12. Z.D. † 9½ May 28, 1944.

Moored port side to pier No. 8, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, T.H.

13. Task Organization.  
Task Group 51.19  
5th PhibFor Forager  
Operation.

Z.D. † 9½ May 29, 1944.

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May 29, 1944.

Moored port side to pier No. 8, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, T.H. 1258 - Got under way in accordance with Commander Task Force 52 Speed ltr., File No. C54/A4-3, Serial 000116, and Secret movement order, Comtransdiv No. 1-44., dated 26 May, 1944. OCT Task Group 51.19 in U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES. Zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6, USF 10A.

Z.D. † 10 Positions 2000 - 20° 28' N  
158° 41' W

14. Z.D. † 10

May 30, 1944.

Steaming in convoy enroute from Oahu, T.H. to Kwajalein, Marshall Group, on Forager Operation; zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6, USF 10A. 1436 - Maneuvered ship in emergency turns drill.

Positions 0800 19° 33' N 1200 19° 21' N  
160° 05.5' W 160° 41' W

Z.D. † 11 at 2000 18° 49' N  
162° 00.5' W

15. Z.D. † 11

May 31, 1944.

Steaming in convoy enroute to Kwajalein, Marshall Group. Zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 6, USF 10A. Expended 16 rounds of 3"50 Cal. and 394 rounds of 20mm Ammunition in practice anti-aircraft firing. 2012 - OTC exercised Task Group 51.19 at emergency turns maneuvers.

Positions 0800 18° 05' N 1200 17° 50' N  
163° 54' W 164° 26' W

2000 17° 16' N  
165° 46' W

cc: CinCpac.

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R. S. NO  
REG. SHEET NO 141

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

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for month of June 1945.  
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45 of 2 January 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the war diary for the month of June 1945, is submitted herewith:

OPERATIONAL CONTROL - Commander Service Squadron EIGHT.

(1) Z.D. Minus 10 1 June 1945 - 5 June 1945  
Moored to dock in Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas.  
6/5/45 Got underway for Tinian, Marianas. Arrived Tinian, Marianas.

(2) 6 June 1945 - 9 June 1945  
Anchored in Tinian Harbor, Marianas. 6/9/45 Got underway for Guam, Marianas.

(3) 10 June 1945 - 13 June 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from Tinian, Marianas, to Guam, Marianas. 6/10/45 Arrived Guam, Marianas. 6/13/45 Got underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H.

(4) 13 June 1945 - 29 June 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from Guam, Marianas to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 6/16/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 10½ zone time. 6/18/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 11 zone time. 6/21/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 11½ zone time. 6/23/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 12 zone time. 6/24/45 Changed date to 23 June 1945 to conform with plus 12 zone time, West Longitude date. 6/24/45 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 11½ zone time. 6/26/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 11 zone time. 6/27/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 10½ zone time. 6/28/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 10 zone time. 6/29/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 9½ zone time. 6/29/45 Arrived Pearl Harbor, T.H.

(5) 30 June 1945  
Moored to buoys in Pearl Harbor, T.H. Got underway for San Francisco, Calif.

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2. During the month of June no contacts were made with enemy air or sea forces. Frequent contacts were made with friendly ships and planes. Ship went to general quarters during morning and evening alert periods until West of the 180th meridian. The weather was good.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
6/9/45 Z.D. minus 10			15°02'N 145°20'E
6/13/45			13°09'N 144°54'E
6/14/45	13°07'N 146°40'E	13°03'N 147°11'E	12°57'N 148°16'E
6/15/45	12°42'N 149°52'E	12°37.5'N 150°23'E	12°34'N 151°35'E
6/16/45 Z.D. minus 10½	12°23'N 152°53'E	12°13'N 153°49'E	12°05'N 154°58'E
6/17/45	11°55'N 156°45'E	11°53'N 157°20'E	11°43'N 158°39'E
6/18/45 Z.D. minus 11	11°24'N 160°19'E	11°13'N 160°56'E	11°09'N 162°11'E
6/19/45	10°58'N 163°57'E	10°54'N 164°34'E	10°54'N 165°50'E
6/20/45	10°50'N 167°40.5 E	10°49.5'N 168°18'E	10°52'N 169°28'E
6/21/45 Z.D. minus 11½	11°04'N 171°05'E	11°09'N 171°42'E	11°23.5'N 172°51'E
6/22/45	11°48'N 174°37'E	11°53'N 175°13'E	12°20'N 176°20'E
6/23/45 Z.D. minus 12	13°07'N 178°03'E	13°22'N 178°36'E	13°46'N 179°48'E
6/23/45 Z.D. plus 12	14°30'N 178°28'W	14°42'N 177°55'W	15°12'N 176°42'W



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<u>POSITIONS (Cont'd)</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
6/24/45 Z.D. plus 11½	15°43'N 175°03'W	15°53'N 174°24'W	16°18'N 173°09'W
6/25/45	17°00'N 171°20'W	17°14'N 170°44'W	17°31'N 169°27'W
6/26/45 Z.D. plus 11	17°56'N 167°41'W	18°04.5'N 167°05'W	18°21'N 165°49'W
6/27/45 Z.D. plus 10½	18°47'N 164°02'W	18°57'N 163°24'W	19°08'N 162°06'W
6/28/45 Z.D. plus 10	19°18'N 160°09'W	19°30'N 159°32'W	19°55'N 158°14'W
6/29/45 Z.D. plus 9½	21°10'N 157°58.5'W		
6/30/45			20°24'N 157°35'W

  
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cc: CinCPac.  
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REG. NO 315  
R. S. NO  
REG. SHEET NO 141

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

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for month of June 1945.  
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45 of 2 January 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the war diary for the month of June 1945, is submitted herewith:

OPERATIONAL CONTROL - Commander Service Squadron EIGHT.

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6/5/45 Got underway for Tinian, Marianas. Arrived Tinian, Marianas.

(2) 6 June 1945 - 9 June 1945  
Anchored in Tinian Harbor, Marianas. 6/9/45 Got underway for Guam, Marianas.

(3) 10 June 1945 - 13 June 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from Tinian, Marianas, to Guam, Marianas. 6/10/45 Arrived Guam, Marianas. 6/13/45 Got underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H.

(4) 13 June 1945 - 29 June 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from Guam, Marianas to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 6/16/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 10½ zone time. 6/18/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 11 zone time. 6/21/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 11½ zone time. 6/23/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with minus 12 zone time. 6/24/45 Changed date to 23 June 1945 to conform with plus 12 zone time, West Longitude date. 6/24/45 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 11½ zone time. 6/26/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 11 zone time. 6/27/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 10½ zone time. 6/28/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 10 zone time. 6/29/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 9½ zone time. 6/29/45 Arrived Pearl Harbor, T.H.

(5) 30 June 1945  
Moored to buoys in Pearl Harbor, T.H. Got underway for San Francisco, Calif.

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Subject: War diary for month of June 1945.

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2. During the month of June no contacts were made with enemy air or sea forces. Frequent contacts were made with friendly ships and planes. Ship went to general quarters during morning and evening alert periods until West of the 180th meridian. The weather was good.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
6/9/45 Z.D. minus 10			15°02'N 145°20'E
6/13/45			13°09'N 144°54'E
6/14/45	13°07'N 146°40'E	13°03'N 147°11'E	12°57'N 148°16'E
6/15/45	12°42'N 149°52'E	12°37.5'N 150°23'E	12°34'N 151°35'E
6/16/45 Z.D. minus 10½	12°23'N 152°53'E	12°13'N 153°49'E	12°05'N 154°58'E
6/17/45	11°55'N 156°45'E	11°53'N 157°20'E	11°43'N 158°39'E
6/18/45 Z.D. minus 11	11°24'N 160°19'E	11°13'N 160°56'E	11°09'N 162°11'E
6/19/45	10°58'N 163°57'E	10°54'N 164°34'E	10°54'N 165°50'E
6/20/45	10°50'N 167°40.5 E	10°49.5'N 168°18'E	10°52'N 169°28'E
6/21/45 Z.D. minus 11½	11°04'N 171°05'E	11°09'N 171°42'E	11°23.5'N 172°51'E
6/22/45	11°48'N 174°37'E	11°53'N 175°13'E	12°20'N 176°20'E
6/23/45 Z.D. minus 12	13°07'N 178°03'E	13°22'N 178°36'E	13°46'N 179°48'E
6/23/45 Z.D. plus 12	14°30'N 178°28'W	14°42'N 177°55'W	15°12'N 176°42'W

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<u>POSITIONS (Cont'd)</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
6/24/45 Z.D. plus 11½	15°43'N 175°03'W	15°53'N 174°24'W	16°18'N 173°09'W
6/25/45	17°00'N 171°20'W	17°14'N 170°44'W	17°31'N 169°27'W
6/26/45 Z.D. plus 11	17°56'N 167°41'W	18°04.5'N 167°05'W	18°21'N 165°49'W
6/27/45 Z.D. plus 10½	18°47'N 164°02'W	18°57'N 163°24'W	19°08'N 162°06'W
6/28/45 Z.D. plus 10	19°18'N 160°09'W	19°30'N 159°32'W	19°55'N 158°14'W
6/29/45 Z.D. plus 9½	21°10'N 157°58.5'W		
6/30/45			20°24'N 157°35'W

  
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R. S. NO

REG. SHEET NO 109

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

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

Subject: War Diary for month of July 1945.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45 of 2 January 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the war diary for the month of July 1945, is submitted herewith:

OPERATIONAL CONTROL - Commander Service Squadron EIGHT.

(1) 1 July 1945 - 9 July 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, California. 7/5/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 9 zone time. 7/7/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 8½ zone time. 7/8/45 - 0000 Advanced clocks one half hour to conform with plus 8 zone time. 7/9/45 - 0400 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with plus 7 zone time. 7/9/45 - Arrived San Francisco, California.

(2) 10 July 1945 - 28 July 1945  
Moored in San Francisco Bay Area. Yard workmen of Graham Ship Yard, Oakland, California, aboard making necessary voyage repairs. 7/28/45 - Got underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H. 7/28/45 - 1900 Retarded clocks one hour to conform with plus 8 zone time.

(3) 29 July 1945 - 31 July 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H. with U.S. Naval Casual as passengers and cargo aboard.

2. During the month of July no contacts were made with enemy air or sea forces. The weather was good.

POSITIONS	0800	1200	2000
7/1/45	22°55'N	23°26'N	24°13'N
Z.D. plus 9½	156°19'W	155°42'W	154°21'W
7/2/45	25°21'N	25°45'N	26°32'N
	152°29'W	154°49'W	150°28'W
7/3/45	27°39'N	28°03'N	28°43'N
	148°33'W	147°54'W	146°32'W

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<u>POSITIONS (Cont'd)</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
7/4/45	29°43'N 144°23'W	29°05'N 144°37'W	30°46'N 142°07'W
7/5/45 Z.D. plus 9	31°39'N 140°04'W	31°58'N 139°19'W	32°36'N 137°48'W
7/6/45	33°30'N 135°34'W	33°47'N 134°50'W	34°24'N 133°20'W
7/7/45 Z.D. plus 8½	35°05'N 134°12'W	35°20'N 130°28'W	35°45'N 128°58'W
7/8/45 Z.D. plus 8	36°24'N 127°05'W	36°37'N 126°24'W	37°09'N 125°03'W
7/29/45	36°11'N 124°56'W	35°55'N 125°47'W	35°20'N 127°23'W
7/30/45	34°30'N 129°49'W	34°14'N 130°35'W	33°42'N 132°09'W
7/31/45	32°50'N 134°33'W	32°31'N 135°19'W	31°52'N 137°02'W



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REG. SHEET NO 100

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

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

Subject: War Diary for the month of August 1945.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45 of 2 January 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the war diary for the month of August 1945, is submitted herewith:

OPERATIONAL CONTROL - Commander Service Squadron EIGHT.

(1) 1 August 1945 - 5 August 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from San Francisco, California, to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with U.S. Naval Casuals as passengers and cargo aboard. 8/2/45 - 1800 Retarded all ship's clocks one-half hour to conform with plus 9½ zone time. 8/5/45 Arrived Pearl Harbor, T. H.

(2) 6 August 1945 - 9 August 1945  
Moored in Pearl Harbor, T. H. 8/9/45 Got underway for Honolulu, T. H. Arrived Honolulu, T. H.

(3) 10 August 1945 - 11 August 1945  
Moored in Honolulu Harbor, Honolulu, T. H. 8/11/45 Got underway for Maui, T. H.

(4) 12 August 1945  
Steaming in convoy with S.S. Wm. LLOYD GARRISON, convoy commodore in USS PRINCE GEORGES, enroute from Honolulu, T. H., to Maui, T. H. 8/12/45 Arrived Maui, T. H.

(5) 13 August 1945  
Moored in Kahului Harbor, Maui, T. H. 8/13/45 Got underway for Honolulu, T. H., with 43rd. N.C.B. as passengers and cargo aboard.

(6) 14 August 1945  
Steaming singly enroute from Maui, T. H., to Honolulu, T. H. Arrived Honolulu, T. H. 8/14/45 Got underway for Eniwetok, Marshalls.

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(7) 15 August 1945 - 27 August 1945  
Steaming in convoy with USS PC590 as escort, OTC in USS PRINCE GEORGES, enroute from Honolulu, T. H., to Eniwetok, Marshalls. 8/16/45 - 1800 Retarded clocks one hour to conform with plus 10½ zone time. 8/17/45 - 1800 Retarded clocks one-half hour to conform with plus 11 zone time. 8/20/45 - 1800 Retarded clocks one hour to conform with plus 12 zone time. 8/21/45 Changed date to 22 August, minus 12 zone time. 8/27/45 Arrived Eniwetok.

(8) 28 August 1945 - 30 August 1945  
Anchored in Eniwetok Harbor, Marshall Islands. 8/30/45 Got underway for Saipan, Marianas. 1800 Retarded clocks one hour to conform with minus 11 zone time.

(9) 31 August 1945  
Steaming in convoy with USS PC814 as escort, OTC in USS PRINCE GEORGES, enroute from Eniwetok, Marshalls, to Saipan, Marianas.

2. During the month of August no contacts were made with enemy air or sea forces. Ship held evening and dawn alerts. Navigation Lights were burned until east of the 180<sup>th</sup>. meridian. The weather was good.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
8/1/45 Z.D. plus 9	30°55' N 139°23' W	30°36' N 140°10' W	29°54' N 141°40' W
8/2/45	28°37' N 144°04' W	28°18' N 144°44' W	27°33' N 146°16' W
8/3/45 Z.D. plus 9½	26°24' N 148°31' W	26°02' N 149°17' W	25°17' N 150°44' W
8/4/45	24°09' N 152°53' W	23°49' N 153°36' W	23°05' N 154°58' W
8/5/45	21°53' N 157°15' W	21°26' N 157°29'.5 W	



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<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
8/11/45 Z.D. plus 9½			21°12' N 157°46'.5 W
8/13/45			20°57'.3 N 156°29'.2 W
8/15/45			20°31' N 157°58' W
8/16/45	19°32' N 159°23' W	19°14' N 160°04' W	18°46' N 161°37' W
8/17/45 Z.D. plus 10½	18°08' N 163°33' W	18°04' N 164°09'.5 W	17°30' N 165°32' W
8/18/45 Z.D. plus 11	16°56' N 167°32' W	16°42' N 168°11' W	16°15' N 169°27' W
8/19/45	15°30' N 171°30' W	15°19' N 172°09' W	14°57' N 173°31' W
8/20/45	14°13' N 175°24' W	14°00' N 176°03' W	13°28' N 177°30' W
8/21/45 Z.D. plus 12	12°44' N 179°20' W	12°28' N 179°58' W	11°54' N 178°44' E
8/23/45 Z.D. minus 12	11°02' N 176°50' E	10°44' N 176°14' E	10°16' N 174°55' E
8/24/45	10°03' N 172°42' E	09°59' N 172°04' E	09°57' N 170°40' E
8/25/45	09°46' N 168°37' E	09°56'.5 N 167°56' E	10°12' N 166°54' E
8/26/45	10°36' N 165°11' E	10°42' N 164°38' E	10°56' N 163°41' E

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<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
8/30/45			11°33' N 160°54' E
8/31/45 Z.D. minus 11	12°01' N 158°52' E	12°10' N 158°13' E	12°26' N 156°50' E



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1 October 1945.

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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the month of September 1945.  
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45 of 2 January 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the war diary for the month of September 1945, is submitted herewith:

OPERATIONAL CONTROL - Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

- (1) 1 September 1945 - 3 September 1945  
Steaming in convoy with PC #814 as escort, OTC in USS PRINCE GEORGES, enroute from Eniwetok, Marshalls to Saipan, Marianas. 9/3/45 Arrived Saipan, Marianas.
- (2) 4 September 1945  
Anchored in Saipan Harbor, Marianas. 9/4/45 Shifted to dock in Tanapag Harbor, Saipan Island, Marianas.
- (3) 5 September 1945 - 8 September 1945  
Moored in Tanapag Harbor, Saipan. 9/8/45 Pursuant to confidential sailing instructions from Port Director, Saipan, got underway for Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.
- (4) 9 September 1945 - 11 September 1945  
Steaming in convoy with FS #228 and YP #619, OTC in USS PRINCE GEORGES, with PC #478 and PC #1149 acting as escorts, enroute from Saipan, Marianas to Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands. 9/11/45 Arrived Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.
- (5) 12 September 1945 - 27 September 1945  
Anchored at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, loading cargo of the 90th Construction Battalion, U. S. Navy. 9/15/45 Secured cargo operation due to rough weather. 9/20/45 Resumed cargo operations. 9/25/45 Completed loading cargo
- (6) 28 September 1945  
Pursuant to verbal orders of SOPA, Iwo Jima, got underway and formed convoy to avoid reported typhoon; convoy commodore in SS BEN WATERHOUSE, SOPA and escort commander in USS MAYRANT (DD 402).
- (7) 29 September 1945 - 30 September 1945  
Steaming in convoy east of Iwo Jima. 9/30/45 Arrived Iwo Jima and anchored.

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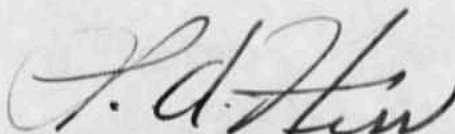
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2. During the month of September no contacts were made with enemy air or sea forces. After leaving Saipan navigation lights were burned and no blackout was observed. Heavy surf and rough weather conditions made loading operations at Iwo Jima sometimes impossible. Due to unprotected anchorages and lack of harbor facilities small craft could not operate.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
9/1/45	12°49' N	12°56' N	13°17' N
Z.D. minus 11	154°46' E	154°05' E	152°31' E
9/2/45	13°44' N	13°54' N	14°14' N
Z.D. minus 10	150°25' E	149°46' E	148°23' E
9/3/45	14°45' N	14°56' N	
	146°12' E	145°35' E	
9/8/45		15°13'.5 N	16°19' N
		145°39'.7 E	145°04' E
9/9/45	17°59' N	18°32' N	19°36' N
	144°22' E	144°08' E	143°45' E
9/10/45	21°03' N	21°41' N	22°49' N
	143°10' E	142°57' E	142°30' E
9/11/45	24°33'.5 N		
	141°39' E		
9/28/45			24°40' N
			141°42' E
9/29/45	24°50' N	24°54' N	24°47' N
	143°28'.5 E	144°02' E	143°17' E
9/30/45	24°49' N		
	141°40'.3 E		

  
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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the month of October 1945.  
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45 of 2 January 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the war diary for the month of October 1945 is submitted herewith:

OPERATIONAL CONTROL - Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet.

- (1) 1 October 1945  
Anchored at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands. 10/1/45 Pursuant to confidential sailing orders from Port Director, Iwo Jima, got underway for Yokosuka Naval Base, Honshu, Japan.
- (2) 2 October 1945 - 4 October 1945  
Steaming in convoy with USS AURIGA (AK98)(OTC), USS ALKAID (AK114) and U.S.A.T. ETOLIN enroute from Iwo Jima to Yokosuka. 10/3/45 Retarded all clocks one hour to conform with minus 9 zone time. 10/4/45 Arrived Yokosuka Harbor and anchored.
- (3) 5 October 1945  
Anchored in Yokosuka Harbor.
- (4) 6 October 1945 - 18 October 1945  
Shifted to dock to discharge 90th Construction Battalion, U. S. Navy and receive passengers for passage to continental United States. 10/18/45 Shifted to anchorage in Yokosuka Harbor.
- (5) 19 October 1945 - 24 October 1945  
Anchored in Yokosuka Harbor, Honshu, Japan. 10/24/45 Pursuant to sailing instructions from Port Director, Yokosuka, got underway for San Francisco, California, set Great Circle course. 10/24/45 Sighted Japanese floating mine Type Mark 93 abeam to port about 60 yards. Unable to sink by gunfire due to proximity of other ships. Reported to USS UHLMANN (DD687) who disposed of mine. A second mine was sighted at 600 yards on the port beam at dusk and its position was reported to NDT Tokyo, Japan (RAD).
- (6) 25 October 1945 - 31 October 1945  
Steaming singly on Great Circle track enroute from Yokosuka, Honshu, Japan to San Francisco, California. 10/25/45 Advanced all clocks one hour to conform with minus 10 zone

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time. 10/28/45 Advanced all clocks one-half hour to conform with minus 10½ zone time. 10/29/45 Advanced all clocks one-half hour to conform with minus 11 zone time. 10/31/45 Advanced all clocks one-half hour to conform with minus 11½ zone time.

2. During the month of October, two drifting mines were sighted. Bad weather and a frequently overcast sky made navigation via the Great Circle Route difficult.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
10/1/45 Z.D. minus 10			25°02'.9 N 141°28'.5 E
10/2/45	27°12' N 141°03' E	27°54'.2 N 141°06' E	29°14' N 141°13' E
10/3/45 Z.D. minus 10 and minus 9	31°29' N 141°01' E	32°14' N 141°02' E	33°46' N 140°34' E
10/4/45	35°06'.2 N 139°44' E		
10/24/45		34°46'.5 N 139°38' E	35°10'.5 N 140°53' E
10/25/45 Z.D minus 10	36°02'.5 N 142°23' E	36°21' N 143°06' E	37°07'.0 N 144°0'.5 E
10/26/45	38°00' N 146°11' E	38°21' N 147°00' E	38°58' N 148°29' E
10/27/45	39°49' N 150°27' E	40°17' N 151°32' E	40°50' N 152°58'.5 E
10/28/45 Z.D. minus 10½	41°43' N 154°47' E	42°01' N 155°30'.5 E	42°37' N 157°08' E
10/29/45 Z.D. minus 11	43°21' N 159°38' E	43°41' N 160°29'.5 E	44°11' N 162°24' E
10/30/45	45°00' N 165°24' E	45°13' N 166°27' E	45°39' N 168°37' E

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<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
10/31/45	46°08' N	46°19'.5 N	46°40' N
Z.D.minus 11½	171°27' E	172°30' E	174°33' E



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

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Subject: Narrative War History - Submission

Reference: (a) AlPac #202.

Enclosure: (A) Narrative War History.

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

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SHIP

U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES is a cargo-transport of "Liberty Ship" class (hull design EC2-S-C1).

Originally "AP 165" hull number changed August 1944 to "AK 224", in accordance with restricted letter OP-23-3-JK serial 231423, from the Navy Department, Office: Chief of Naval Operations dated 25 July 1944, endorsed by Secretary of the Navy.

Originally scheduled to carry 1133 enlisted men and 60 officers. To date has carried about 21,000 passengers.

205,000 cubic feet of available cargo space carries average load of 4,500 measured tons of dry cargo. To date has carried about 94,500 tons of cargo of all kinds.

Average speed of advance - ten (10) knots.

Hold #1 Upper and Lower - for enlisted passengers.

Hold #2 Upper only - enlisted personnel.

Hold #3 Upper only - galley and mess hall for enlisted passengers.  
Seats about one hundred (100) men.

Hold #4 Upper only - for sixty (60) officers.

No other special features.

Commissioned 10 November 1943 at San Francisco, California.

First Commanding Officer - W. J. Lane, Lieut. Comdr., USNR. Relieved July 1, 1944 by L. O. Hess, Lieut. Comdr., USNR to the present time.

Participated in one initial invasion, Saipan, 20 June to 25 June. July 1 and 2, flagship of ComTransDiv 34, Task Group 51.19. Carried R.C.T. 106 (INE). No damage. No casualties. Rates one bronze star for this operation on Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

Has travelled approximately 75,000 miles to date, south as far as Auckland, north to Yokosuka, west to Palaus, east to San Francisco.

No patient data available.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE USS PRINCE GEORGES

The U.S.S. PRINCE GEORGES is a cargo-transport of the "Liberty Ship" class (hull design EC2-S-C1). She was originally classified as "AP-165" with a troop carrying capacity of 1133 enlisted personnel and 60 officers. In August 1944 her hull number was changed to "AR-224" but not troop spaces were altered and she continued in the same line of duty as before. The troop spaces are allocated to three holds. Upper and lower number one hold and upper number two provide five tiered bunks for enlisted personnel and upper number four provides space for troop officers. Upper number three hold is in use as a troop galley and mess hall with a seating capacity of about one hundred men.

The ship's 205,000 cubic feet of cargo space provides stowage for nearly 4500 measured tons of dry cargo and the PRINCE GEORGES has carried everything from ammunition to beer. Since being commissioned on November 10th of 1943, the ship has carried approximately 21,000 passengers from all branches of the service - the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Seabees and even members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force. Traveling at an average speed of ten knots, the PRINCE GEORGES has covered roughly 75,000 miles during her better than two years in commission, a record reportedly unequaled by any ship of the same type in her squadron. 94,500 tons of cargo have been carried in her holds to all the limits of the Pacific, from Auckland to Tokyo Bay, from San Francisco, to Feleliu.

Formerly the S.S. RICHARD MARCH MOE, the ship was in use by the Army Transport Service making runs to the Aleutian Islands with Army personnel. On the shortest possible notice, she was boarded by her first all-navy crew and though ill-equipped, a few days later she sailed from Port Huonome - a commissioned vessel of the United States Navy. At that time the commanding officer was Lieutenant Commander W. J. Lane of San Francisco.

The story of the PRINCE GEORGES is not one of successive invasions but rather one of plodding-tirelessly in the wake of the assaults. Her first operation took her to the shores of bloody Tarawa, shores still strewn with the litter of the dead, still enveloped with the sweet-sick smell of death. This was Christmas and New Year's day of 1944 for the men of the "T.G.". The ship then returned to Pearl Harbor, the port from which the majority of her subsequent operations started.

In February of 1944, the PRINCE GEORGES was again wending her way through the still mysterious and ominous Marshall Islands to disgorge men and material on the atolls of Kwajelein, Makin Island and Apamama. Down her debarkation nets went the men who must now hold what had been taken and initiate the thrusts which "softened up" the enemy for the onward movement, men of the 820th and 396th Bombardment Squadrons. The cocky little landing craft returned to the ship laden with the battle-weary combat troops, the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, of the well-known 2nd Division, who were to be returned to the Hawaiian Islands.

In April, for a third time, the "AP 165" returned to the Gil-

berts and Marshalls to help form a back-log for a now swiftly moving schedule of invasions. She added to her list of island hops Majuro and Eniwetok, where they still were nervously alert for possible airraids. The Easter morning sun rose over the barren atoll of Eniwetok -- an atoll stripped by a hurricane of gunfire.

Upon returning to Pearl Harbor this time with Marine and Navy casualls, the men of the PRINCE GEORGES learned that they were to become the flagship for "ComTransDiv 34" and a part of the famed task force 51. The ship engaged in maneuvers for several weeks at the island of Maui and this completed, she left with her group to participate in her only invasion - Saipan.

Steaming through Kwajelein, with the men of the 106th R.C.T. lining her decks, the PRINCE GEORGES transferred part of her urgently needed combat troops to the decks of a rolling destroyer while still three days from her destination.

When the anchor was next dropped, it was at the southern end of Saipan Island, within firing range of both Saipan and Tinian. She began immediately to disembark the much needed troops and unload the valuable cargo. At the same time casualties were being received aboard to be treated. As in a half dozen other instances in the ship's career, luck was with her. Enemy shells fell in the vicinity, enemy planes ranged nearby on three different occasions, twice bombs nearly struck home, often at night ship was made a perfect target, brilliantly illuminated by enemy flares. When a warning was flashed, other speedier ships could quickly disperse but the PRINCE GEORGES was called "much too slow" and had to merely "sweat it out". From June 20th to 25th and July 1st and 2nd she lay in this predicament but remained unscathed with no damages and no casualties. For this operation the ship rates one bronze star on the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon.

Returning to their "home" port of Pearl Harbor via the now familiar Eniwetok, the ship was given a brief availability. It was at this time than an order from the Chief of Naval Operations changed the hull number of the PRINCE GEORGES from "AP 165" to "AK224". Lieutenant Commander L. O. Hess assumed command during this period., the position which he has held ever since.

With her new coat of paint and 1200 troops, the "AK224" left in early September to back up the invasion of the Palaus. After a stopover in Eniwetok, she proceeded to the only available anchorage at Kossol Roads and thence to the southernmost island of the group, Angaur. As anchorage facilities were not available there, it was necessary to keep constantly under way during the unloading and disembarking of the mixed units of Army Engineer and Navy groups - the garrison forces the ship carried there. Recently secured, there was no longer any organized resistance on the island at both Angaur and nearby Peleliu, Japs were still being routed out in small skirmishes. Time and again the crew of the PRINCE GEORGES watched bomber groups take off from the islands and head west for strikes against the not yet impenetrated Philippines. The unloading completed, the ship again proceeded to the anchorage at the northern-

most end of the islands - Kossol, just off the Jap-held island of Babelthuap, an island with a population still running into the thousands but brazenly enough, ships of the navy used this former Jap harbor. Frequent bombings of Babelthuap by our planes from Angaur and Peleliu kept them subdued. Enemy submarines were frequently reported at the entrances to the harbor.

For a second time, the ship left Kossol and returned to Angaur to take on men and equipment of the famed 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division. The loading was interrupted for several days by a violent typhoon which the ship rode out without damage. It was necessary at the termination of the storm to leave all but two of the damaged landing craft on the island, however.

By now jokingly calling herself a "coast wise" vessel, the PRINCE GEORGES proceeded again to Kossol Roads and then to Angaur and Peleliu to complete loading. By now it was early December.

Under orders to deliver the men of the 81st to a jungle training center at Noumea, New Caledonia, the ship steamed past Yap and Truk and headed south. Formal initiation of the ship's "pollywogs" was held at the crossing of the equator. The first stop was at the beautiful Russell Islands in the Solomons Group. She arrived at her destination of Noumea in the latter part of December.

Disembarking her troops the PRINCE GEORGES began to immediately take on men of the Royal New Zealand Air Force and was to be routed to Auckland. A second Christmas away from home for many of the ship's crew was spent in Noumea. The ship was under-way New Year's Eve but arrived New Year's Day in Auckland, having been escorted all the way by ships of the Royal New Zealand Navy. Here a glorious five days of liberty were spent and then underway again, once more headed for New Caledonia with the 39th General Hospital, U.S. Army aboard. At Noumea, remnants of the 87th C.B. Unit were loaded and the ship headed for Tulagi. In a downpour of rain, explosives were loaded into her holds and she was on her way again. This time to Eniwetok with the French ship CAP DES PALMES as escort. Just prior to arrival there, the CAP DES PALMES was relieved by American escort vessels. The ship was unloading at Saipan in the latter part of March.

At Saipan the "224" was made OTC of a large convoy, not an unknown occurrence, and was routed to Eniwetok where it was disbanded. The ship proceeded independently to Pearl Harbor and took a load of naval casualties. She then moved to Honolulu Harbor and took a load of Army replacements and headed once again for Saipan via Eniwetok. This accomplished, she re-loaded with Army garrison forces and left for the recently secured Iwo Jima, arriving there at the end of March. Here the garrison forces were traded for the men of the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines of the famed 3rd Division. Upon leaving Iwo Jima, enemy aircraft were sighted and reported approaching the island but none came near the convoy. The following day one of the PC escorts reported a definite underwater contact and began to drop a pattern of depth charges. A resultant underwater explosion, possible a submarine, knocked out of the PC's sound gear and did some slight dam-

age to the fire room of the PRINCE GEORGES. The contact was not able to be picked up after that.

The U.S. Marines were returned to Guam. The ship was immediately ordered to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides for onward routing to Noumea. Dipping down under the equator for a second time, the 109th Station Hospital was picked up at Noumea and the ship proceeded again to Tulagi. Here two C. B. Maintenance Units were added to the passenger list, some of the last remaining units in the South Pacific areas. After shifting for a short stay at Guadalcanal, she was routed to Eniwetok. On the way there another definite contact was reported by the escorts which was lost. From that point through the Gilberts and Marshalls air coverage was provided. From Eniwetok the ship was routed to Saipan, Marianas.

The "P.G." also dubbed the "Workhorse" "The Traveller" and the "Gorgeous Georges" by her crew, then worked down the length of the Marianas, through Tinian and then Guam, discharging her cargo and personnel as she went.

Returning to Pearl at the end of June, great news was in store for the ship's crew. After 20 months of overseas duty she was to return to the United States for voyage repairs. Steaming under the Golden Gate Bridge was a genuine and unforgettable thrill for many. Ten days availability was to be given the ship which unfortunately did not permit leaves for the crew; this was July 1945. Early August found the PRINCE GEORGES steaming into Pearl Harbor once again with a load of naval casualties who were being returned from the states for reassignment.

The next port of call was Kahului Harbor at the island of Maui, T. H. Here the entire 43rd Construction Battalion and gear were loaded aboard. The ship then proceeded to Honolulu Harbor, arriving just in time for the greatest news of all -- the end of hostilities. The ship joined many others in the harbor and added to the din by blowing the equivalent of the morse "V" on her whistle, sounding her general alarm and hoisting on her signal mast the long-awaited flags "Victor Jig" - Victory over Japan. It was August 14th, 1945.

The next morning she left once more on the long haul to Saipan via Eniwetok. Here the 43rd was disembarked and the AK224 proceeded with a comparatively empty bottom to Iwo Jima where the entire 90th Construction Battalion was taken aboard. Considerable difficulty was encountered during the loading operations here as this was the typhoon season. Operations were frequently suspended due to the heavy surf which did not permit small craft to operate. Once it was even necessary to form a convoy and put to sea to escape the might of the storm.

October 1st the island of Iwo Jima was again left behind and like a weary traveller reaching the end of her journey, the PRINCE GEORGES steamed toward the home islands of Japan. Her destination was to be the Yokosuka Naval Base within Tokyo Bay on the island of

Honshu. A few days later found her picking her way precariously through the minefields at the entrance to Tokyo Bay with visibility nil. Her assigned berth was within a former drydock, one that had once turned out proud ships and treacherous submarines. Men from the ship's crew assisted in putting the huge Japanese cranes into operation and unloading began.

At this point heartening news was again received. The "Gorgeous Georges" was to report to the "Magic Carpet" for duty - the "Magic Carpet" which was doing its utmost to return men eligible for discharge to the United States. A load of a thousand of these men were taken aboard, some even before the unloading of the 90th battalion was completed.

As October was drawing to a close, the PRINCE GEORGES headed her bow into the cold grayness of the North Pacific and started the long voyage home. Her first evening off the coast of Honshu was nearly her last as she just skirted one ugly green-clad mine, and narrowly averted striking another. These mines were seen - who knows the luck that was really hers in the blackness of the night?

Buffeted by winds and plagued by storms, she patiently and slowly made her way along the Great Circle track, and for men used to tropic climes, temperatures in the thirties felt a bit cold. The original destination was to be San Francisco, but when just at the top of the "Hump" her orders were changed and she directed herself towards Seattle, Washington. The anniversary of her two years as a commissioned vessel of the U. S. Navy was celebrated as she wearily steamed into the straits of Juan de Fuca, November 10, 1945. A large percentage of her original crew remained aboard to witness this "triumphal entry". At present she lays in a shipyard at Everett, Washington, once more undergoing voyage repairs, once more unable to grant leaves to her crew. She is to run again to finish the story ----- plodding tirelessly.