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October 1944.

Task Force 29  
U.S.S. SHOSHONE (AKA65) (Zone Plus 4)  
S.E. Melville, Lt. Comdr., USNR, Commanding Officer.

1-3 October 1944.

Moored Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina, alongside starboard side AKA66. Minor repairs and alterations being carried out by Navy Yard workmen.

4 October 1944.

0805 Underway from Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina, proceeding independently, enroute to Hampton Roads, Virginia, in obedience to Atlantic Fleet Confidential Letter, Serial O3345 of 3 September 1944. At 0936, took departure with buoy 2AC abeam to port. Set course 063<sup>0</sup>T, standard speed 16 knots, 90 RPM. Exercised crew at various general drills during the day.

5 October 1944.

Proceeding to Hampton Roads, Virginia. 1047 Passed "XS" buoy, seaward buoy, swept channel to entrance of Chesapeake Bay. Changed course to conform to channel. 1615 Anchored in Berth #3, Hampton Roads, Virginia. Ship behaved very well on trip from Charleston, however, excessive vibrations were noted, about the stock, searchlight platform, and yard arm.

6 October 1944.

0909 Got underway in accordance with orders from ComPhibTraLant, dated 5 October 1944, to conduct vibration tests off Cape Henry, at various speeds. Technicians aboard to make tests. Test made by technicians showed presence of excessive vibrations. 1525 Anchored Berth #3, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

7 October 1944.

At anchor, Hampton Roads, Virginia. 1525 An inspection aboard headed by Captain Cash, ComPhibTraLant came aboard and conducted a material inspection of all departments aboard ship.

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8 October 1944.

0905 Got underway from Berth #3, Hampton Roads, Virginia, in accordance with ComPhibTraLant amphibious shakedown schedule. Compensated magnetic compasses. Ran the degaussing range, off Wolf Trap Light, Chesapeake Bay. Anchored for the night, off Wolf Trap Light, in vicinity of degaussing station.

9 October 1944.

Underway at 0805 enroute to Cove Point, Maryland, in accordance with ComPhibTraLant shakedown schedule. 1213 Anchored in Berth 72, with Cove Point Light bearing 305°T, distant about 3000 yards. Commenced amphibious drills and exercises.

10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18 October 1944.

Conducted amphibious drills and training exercises in Chesapeake Bay, in accordance with ComPhibTraLant shakedown schedule. During firing exercises; 85 rounds 5"-38, 1,501 round 40MM, 5,185 rounds 20MM ammunition was expended.

19 October 1944.

0925 Got underway from anchorage off Cape Charles City, Chesapeake Bay, enroute to Portsmouth Navy Yard, Virginia, having completed shakedown exercises. 1515 Moored Portsmouth Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. Workmen and inspectors came aboard to receive job orders and requests for repairs and alterations during post shakedown Navy Yard availability.

20-23 October 1944.

Moored Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. Alterations and repairs being carried out by Navy Yard workmen.

24 October 1944.

Got underway at 0840 from Portsmouth Navy Yard, enroute to N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia, to receive stores and supplies. Moored Pier #2, N.O.B., and commenced loading supplies.

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25 October 1944.

1630 Completed loading supplies. Got underway from N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia, at 1654, enroute to Bayonne, N.J., in obedience to ComServLant dispatch #23-2123. At 2250 took departure from the seaward end of swept channel, at buoy "XS", course 059<sup>0</sup>T, standard speed 90 RPM, 16 knots. Proceeding independently to Bayonne, N.J.

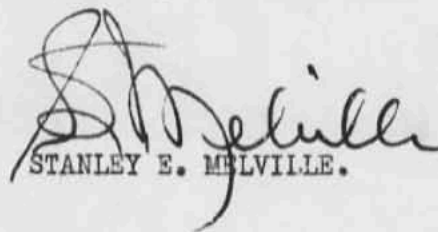
26 October 1944.

At 1543 moored alongside North Wall, Bayonne, N.J., abreast Building #25, port side to. USS MISSOURI and USS HERMITAGE present.

Position	0800	39-06N	73-48W
	1200	40-14N	73-48W
	2000	Bayonne, N.J.	

27-31 October 1944.

At Bayonne, N.J., loading cargo in all holes. Stevedores handling cargo and winches.

  
STANLEY E. MELVILLE.

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1 November 1944 (Zone Plus Four)

Moored, Navy Supply Depot, Bayonne, New Jersey, loading all holds with cargo.

2-7 November 1944.

1535 2 November 1944, completed loading the Ship with cargo and got underway from Bayonne, New Jersey, enroute to Cristobal, Panama, Canal Zone, in accordance with CTF29, Secret Dispatch, dated 211703 October, with destroyer USS PAUL JONES as escort. 1936 With Buoy "H" of Ambrose Channel, abeam to port, distant 1,000 yards, took departure and set course 162°T, standard speed 15 knots, 90 rpm.

		<u>Positions</u>
2nd	0800	Bayonne, N.J.
	1200	Bayonne, N.J.
	2000	40-30N; 73-25W
3rd	0800	37-32N; 72-75W
	1200	36-32N; 73-00W
	2000	34-36N; 73-07W
4th	0800	31-24N; 73-35W
	1200	30-18N; 73-46W
	2000	28-13N; 74-00W
5th	0800	25-07N; 74-16W
	1200	23-58N; 74-19W
	2000	22-01N; 74-52W
6th	0800	19-17N; 74-47W
	1200	18-20N; 73-34W
	2000	16-53N; 76-50W
7th	0800	14-36N; 78-37W
	1200	13-52N; 78-51W
	2000	12-14N; 79-31W

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8 November 1944 (zone plus four)

1024 Moored Berth 9-B, Cristobal, Panama, Canal Zone, Commanding Officer reported to Commander Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, for duty.

Positions:  
0800 09-51 N; 60-00W  
1200 Cristobal, Panama  
2000 Cristobal, Panama

9- 21 November 1944 (zone plus 4)

0710 Got underway from Berth 9-B, Cristobal, Panama, enroute to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., in obedience to Port Director, Balboa, Secret Dispatch 081624 November 1944. Passed through the Panama Canal and with Channel Buoy #1 abeam to starboard, took departure and set course 180T, standard speed 16 knots, 90 rpm.

9 November 1944 (zone plus 4)

0800 09-17 N; 79-55W  
1200 09-01 N; 79-37 W  
2000 07-29 N; 79-30 W

10 November 1944 (zone plus 5)

0800 06-55 N; 82-41 W  
1200 06-50 N; 84;07 W  
2000 06-55 N; 86-13 W

11 November 1944 (zone plus 5)

0800 07-57 N; 89-18 W  
1200 08-05 N; 89-42 W  
2000 09-51 N; 91-50 W

12 November 1944 ( zone plus 5)

0800 09-55 N; 94-58 W  
1200 10-20 N; 95-57 W  
2000 10-56 N; 97-50 W

13 November 1944(zone plus six)

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0800 12-01 N ; 101-33 W  
1200 12-19 N ; 102-37 W  
2000 12-54 N ; 104-49 W

14 November 1944 (zone plus 6)

0800 13-55 N; 107-37 W  
1200 14-11 N; 108-55 W  
2000 14-43 N; 111-01 W

15 November 1944 (zone plus 7)

0800 15-25 N; 114-37 W  
1200 15-44 N; 115-36 W  
2000 16-12 N; 117-45 W

16 November 1944 (zone plus 7)

0800 16-55 N; 121-03 W  
1200 17-10 N; 122-07 W  
2000 17-37 N; 124-10 W

17 November 1944 (zone plus 8)

0800 18-22 N; 127-39 W  
1200 18-34 N; 128-40 W  
2000 19-04 N; 130-44 W

18 November 1944 ( zone plus 8) 1330 changed standard speed to 14.6 kts., 80 rpm.

0800 19-30 N; 134-01 W  
1200 19-39 N; 135-07 W  
2000 19-55 N; 137-14 W

19 November 1944 (zone plus 8)

0800 20-23 N; 140-04 W  
1200 20-30 N; 140-58 W  
2000 20-40 N; 143-09 W

20 November 1944 (zone plus 9) 1100 commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #5, standard speed 16 knots, 90 rpm.

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21 November 1944 ( zone plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$ )

0800 21-06 N ; 151-58 W  
1200 21-11 N ; 152-54 W  
2000 21-17 N ; 154-45 W

22 November 1944 (zone plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ) 0555 Ceased zigzagging. 0603 Sighted light on MOKAPU Peninsular bearing 277T. Proceeded on various courses and at various speeds to PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., and moored Berth K-11. 1900 Construction Battalion stevedores commenced discharging cargo onto dock and into barges alongside.

0800 21-14 N; 157-46 W  
1200 Pearl Harbor, T.H.  
2000 Pearl Harbor, T.H.

23-27 November 1944 (zone plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$ )

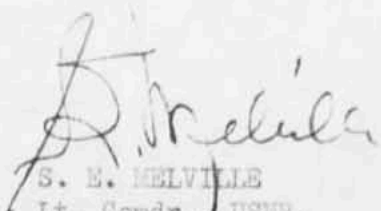
Moored as before, Berth K-11, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Discharging cargo from all hatches onto dock and barges alongside.

28 November 1944 (zone plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. 1325 Completed discharging cargo from ship. 1700 got underway from Berth K-11 for Berth X-6, Pearl Harbor, T.H., in obedience to movement order CincPac. of November 28, 1944. 1735 Moored Berth X-6, alongside USS ATHENE (AKA 22) Commanding Officer reported to Fifth Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, for duty. This vessel assigned to the Forty-third Div., Fifteenth Squadron, Fifth Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.

29-30 November 1944 (zone plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before, Berth X-6, Pearl Harbor, T.H., alongside USS ATHENE (AKA 22)

  
S. E. MELVILLE  
Lt. Comdr., USNR.  
Commanding.

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December 1944.

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USS SHOSHONE (AKA65)  
S. E. MELVILLE, Lt. Comdr., USNR.  
Trans Div. 43  
Trans Ron 15-Commander H.C. FLANNAGAN,  
USN, Commander Transport Squadron 15,  
USS BAYFIELD, Flagship.

1-5 December 1944. (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored Berth X-6, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H.

6-16 December 1944.

Moored as before. 0732, 6 December 1944, got underway from Berth X-6, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., in accordance with ComTransRon 15, Training Order Al-44. Conducted training exercises in Fleet Operating Areas, Hawaiian Islands; and amphibious training exercises in MAALAEA BAY, MAUI, T.H. Training exercises consisted of: tactical maneuvers; formation cruising, night cruising; general drills; emergency drills; streaming of recovering paravanes; laying smoke screens; anti-aircraft firing; handling of landing beats aboard ship; wave formations; wave approaches; beaching and retracting amphibious boats; embarkation and debarkation of Army personnel and equipment. Following ammunition expended on training maneuvers: 35 rounds 5"/38; 412 rounds 40MM; 4,218 rounds 20MM. 16 December 1944, entered HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., and unloaded army personnel and equipment.

17 December 1944.

Moored as before. 0931 Got underway for PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., in obedience to ComPhibsPac, secret dispatch 170207, December. On various courses and at various speeds. 1147 Moored Berth X-17, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

18-31 December 1944.

Moored as before.

*S. E. Melville*  
S. E. MELVILLE  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR  
Commanding.

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Task Organization

Task Force 51

Trans Ron 15 - Commodore, H.C. FLANNAGAN, USN

Trans Div 43 - USS BAYFIELD, Flagship

USS SHOSHONE (KA65), Commanding Officer,

S. E. MELVILLE, Commander, USNR

1-3 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored Berth X-17, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., alongside USS SIBLEY, APA206.

4 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. 0711 Got underway for KAHULUI, MAUI, T.H., in obedience to ADCOMPHEIBSPAC Secret Despatch 040007 of January 1945, in company with USS LEO, USS SOUTHAMPTON, and USS ARTEMIS, OTC in USS LEO, (KA60). Steaming in column formation, 1000 yards astern USS LEO, (KA60). 1659 Moored port side to Pier #1, KAHULUI, MAUI, T.H. 2005 Commenced loading ship with assault cargo and personnel of the 5th U.S. Marine Corps.

5-8 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. Loading assault cargo, vehicles, bull-dozers, ammunition, gasoline, rations, and other equipment. 1310 8 January 1945 completed loading ship with equipment and Marine personnel.

9 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. 0741 Got underway for PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., in obedience to ADCOMPHEIBSPAC Secret Despatch 040007, January. OTC in USS LEO, KA60. Steaming in column formation, 750 yards astern USS LEO, KA60. 1901 Moored Berth X-7, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., alongside USS LEO, KA60.

10-11 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before.

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12 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. 0949 Got underway from Berth X-7, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., for Fleet Operations Areas, MAALEA BAY, MAUI, T.H., in obedience to COMPHIBSPAC Training Order A29-44, to conduct amphibious training exercises, in company with transports of Trans. Gr. Baker.

13 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Steaming as before enroute to MAALEA BAY, MAUI, T.H. 0622 USS MULIPHEN, KA61, in column astern this ship, rammed into stern. Considerable damage was done to the hull of this ship. Continued on into MAALEA BAY and conducted scheduled training exercises. 1600 Completed scheduled exercises in MAALEA BAY, proceeded to LAHAINA ROADS, MAUI, T.H., and anchored for the night in Berth D-19.

14 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Anchored as before. 0606 Got underway from LAHAINA ROADS, MAUI, T.H., in accordance with COMPHIBSPAC Training Order A29-44, for assigned station in Transport Area Baker, MAALEA BAY, MAUI, T.H., to conduct scheduled training exercises. 1055 Got underway from MAALEA BAY, MAUI, T.H., for PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., in obedience to orders from CTF 51 dated 141928 in order to have repairs made to damaged stern. Proceeding independently, escorted by USS PUTNAM, (DD757). 1820 Moored Berth X-3, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., alongside SS CAPE ISABEL.

15 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. Unloaded gasoline from Hatch #4, in order to repair damaged stern.

16 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. 0841 Got underway and moved ship to Berth W4, West Leeh, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., in order to unload ammunition from after magazines, preparatory to making repairs to stern. Unloaded ammunition and moved ship to Berth 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Baker, Pier #10, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H.

17-25 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. Yard workmen making repairs to damaged stern.

26 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Moored as before. Moved to Berth W-4 and loaded ammunition for after magazines. Moved to Berth X-9, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., and commenced leading gasoline at hatch #4.

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27 January 1945 (Zone Plus 9½)

Moored as before. 0330 Completed loading gasoline. 0725 Got underway from PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., for ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS, in obedience to Sertie Order A34-44, of COMTRANSDIV 43, as a part of Task Force 51. Steaming in company with other ships of TRANSRON 15. OTC in USS ELDORADO, GC11. COMTRANSRON 15 in USS BAYFIELD, APA33. Steaming in formation 3All conducting training exercises, tactical maneuvers, general drills, gunnery exercises, enroute.

POSITIONS

0800	PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H.
1200	21-00N; 157-56W
2000	20-12N; 159-19W

28 January 1945 (Zone Plus 10)

Steaming as before.

POSITIONS

0800	19-44N; 161-40W
1200	19-50N; 162-23W
2000	19-44N; 164-21W

29 January 1945 (Zone Plus 11)

Steaming as before.

POSITIONS

0800	19-22N; 166-43W
1200	19-12N; 167-38W
2000	18-55N; 169-22W

30 January 1945 (Zone Plus 11)

Steaming as before.

POSITIONS

0800	18-16N; 171-53W
1200	18-05N; 172-42W
2000	17-41N; 174-25W

31 January 1945 (Zone Plus 11)

Steaming as before.

POSITIONS

0800	17-08N; 177-03W
1200	17-00N; 177-58W
2000	16-51N; 179-43W

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February 1945

Task Organization

Task Force 51

TransRon 15 - Commodore, H. C. FLANNAGAN, USN.

TransDiv 43 - USS BAYFIELD, PA33, Flagship.

USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander, S. E. MELVILLE, USNR.

1 February 1945

At 2400 31 January 1945, having crossed the International Date Line in Latitude 16-47' North, changed from zone plus 12 to zone -12 time. This day omitted.

2 February 1945 (Zone -12)

Underway from PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T.H., for ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS, in obedience to Sortie Order A34-44 of ComTransDiv 43, as a part of Task Force 51 designated to land assault forces of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Marine Divisions on the Japanese Island of IWO JIMA, in the VOLCANO ISLANDS. Ship loaded with assault cargo and personnel. Steaming in company with other ships of TransRon 15. O.T.C. in USS ELDORADO, GC11. ComTransRon 15 in USS BAYFIELD, APA33. In cruising formation conducting training exercises, tactical maneuvers, general drills, and gunnery exercises enroute.

Positions

0800	16-11N; 177-40E
1200	15-58N; 176-55E
2000	15-26N; 175-02E

3 February 1945 (Zone -12)

Steaming as before.

0800	14-39N; 172-27E
1200	14-25N; 171-53E
2000	13-49N; 169-50E

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4 February 1945 (Zone -12)

Steaming as before. 1900 Retarded all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone -11 time.

### Position

0800	13-16N; 167-13E
1200	12-53N; 166-23E
2000	12-17N; 164-27E

5 February 1945 (Zone -11)

Steaming as before. 0945 Anchored in Berth #344, ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Provisioned and refueled ship.

6 February 1945 (Zone -11)

Anchored as before.

7 February 1945 (Zone -11)

Anchored as before. 1045 Got underway for SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS. 1507 Held anti-aircraft firing practice. Expended 27 rounds 5"/38, 880 rounds 40MM, and 2231 rounds 20MM ammunition. Holding training exercises, tactical maneuvers and instruction in damage control, fire fighting and aircraft recognition, enroute.

### Position

0800	Eniwetok, Marshall Islands
1200	Eniwetok, Marshall Islands
2000	11-14N; 161-26E

8 February 1945 (Zone -11)

Steaming as before.

### Position

0800	11-58N; 159-17E
1200	12-02N; 158-33E
2000	12-27N; 156-56E



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9 February 1945 (Zone -11)

Steaming as before. 1700 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to zone -10 time.

### Position

0800	12-47N; 154-31E
1200	13-07N; 153-43E
2000	13-23N; 151-58E

10 February 1945 (Zone -10)

Steaming as before.

### Position

0800	13-53N; 149-27E
1200	13-59N; 148-57E
2000	14-26N; 147-33E

11 February 1945 (Zone -10)

Steaming as before. 0948 Anchored in Berth M-12, SAIPAN HARBOR, MARIANA ISLANDS.

12 February 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before. 1711 Got underway for rehearsal of approach, and landing, in staging area, off TINEAN ISLAND, MARIANA ISLANDS.

### Position

0800	Saipan, Mariana Islands
1200	Saipan, Mariana Islands
2000	15-15N; 145-10E

13-15 February 1945 (Zone -10)

13 January 1822 Anchored in Berth M-15, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.

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16 February 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before. 1430 Got underway for IWO JIMA, VOLCANO ISLANDS. Held gun drills, radar drills, aircraft recognition classes, first aid classes, damage control drills, fire fighting drills, and lookout training, enroute.

Position

0800	Saipan, Mariana Islands
1200	Saipan, Mariana Islands
2000	15-27N; 144-49

17 February 1945 (Zone -10)

Underway as before.

Position

0800	16-37N; 143-03E
1200	17-19N; 143-08E
2000	18-28N; 142-11E

18 February 1945 (Zone -10)

Underway as before.

Position

0800	20-27N; 142-40E
1200	21-21N; 142-29E
2000	23-03N; 142-24E



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19-28 February 1945 (Zone -10)

At the objective, IWO JIMA.

Arrived in Transport Area Baker at 0638, 19 February. Remained underway in assigned station. Troops landed on the beach at 0900. Hoisted out boats and despatched them to assigned transports on schedule. 1822 Formed cruising disposition for night retirement in accordance with CTF53 Operation Plan A-25-44. Retired on route Grannite, departing at sunset and arriving in transport area at sunrise. Commenced unloading cargo of high priority on 20 February. However, very little cargo was unloaded until 23 February when general unloading was begun. While in Transport Area Zebra on 20 February, several enemy shore gun installations shelled the transport area for about an hour. This vessel received no hits or casualties from shelling.

There were several nights in which enemy planes were in the vicinity and on 23 February about 1925 one Japanese "Betty" was seen overhead at about 5,000 feet. Ships in area put up a barrage of AA fire. No hits were observed. No bombs were dropped. This ship expended 40 rounds 40MM and 200 rounds 20MM at the bomber. 23 February, 1735, Anchored close inshore near Berth #23 until 1857. 24 February unloaded cargo into LCMs and LSMs. Anchored again 25th through 28th February. Unloaded cargo onto LSTs, LSMs and LCMs. While anchored close inshore, personnel aboard ship were able to view much of the fighting on the island which was very intensive. One man from this vessel, attached to the Boat Group was hit by rifle fire while unloading supplies on the beach and died on board ship, one (1) hour and forty-five (45) minutes after having been brought aboard.

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Task Organization

Task Force 51

TransRon 15 - Commodore, H.C. FLAMNAGAN, USN

TransDiv 43 - USS BAYFIELD, APA33, Flagship.

USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander, S. E. MELVILLE, USNR.

1 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored near Berth #23, IWO JIMA, VOLCANO ISLANDS. Unloading cargo and personnel of the Fourth Marine Division. 1547 Completed unloading cargo and personnel. 1712 Got under for SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, in obedience to CTF Secret Despatch 010425 March, in company with, USS BAYFIELD, APA33, USS BERIENS, PA62, and USS SOUTHAMPTON, KA66. OTC in USS BAYFIELD, APA33.

0800 Iwo Jima  
1200 Iwo Jima  
2000 24-40N; 141-18E

2 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Steaming as before.

0800 22-29N; 141-36E  
1200 22-14N; 141-57E  
2000 20-49N; 142-18E

3 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Steaming as before.

0800 18-43N  
1200 18-00N  
2000 17-46N

4 March 1945

Underway as before. 0827 Anchored in Berth L-59, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.

5 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before. 1555 Got underway for TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS, in obedience to despatch 050508, Port Director, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS. 1813 Moored at Pier #A-8, TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

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6 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Moored as before. 1003 Commenced loading ship with personnel and equipment of the Second Marine Division.

7 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Moored as before. Loading cargo.

8 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Moored as before. 2250 Completed loading the ship, having loaded approximately 3,050 tons of cargo of the Second Marine Division, and having received on board 15 Marine officers and 205 enlisted Marine personnel. Major Richard D. KIRKPATRICK, USMCR, designated as Commanding Officer of troop personnel.

9 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Moored as before. 0702 Got underway for assigned anchorage, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS. 1010 Anchored in Berth L-57, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

10-15 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored Berth L-57, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

16 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before. 1602 Got underway in obedience to Mailgram 140258 of ComTransRon 15 to conduct training exercises and maneuvers off TINIAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

17 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Underway as before. 0729 Arrived in Transport Area Charlie, off TINIAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS. Conducted scheduled training exercises. Remained underway in assigned station in Transport Area. 1521 Underway on assigned retirement route. Carried out tactical maneuvers enroute.

18 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Underway as before. 0700 Entered Transport Area Charlie, off TINIAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS, carried out scheduled drills, maneuvers, and training exercises. 1543 Underway on night retirement route. Carried out tactical maneuvers enroute.

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19 March 1945

Underway as before. 0615 Entered Inshore Transport Area, TINIAN, MARIANAS, carried out scheduled boat exercises, laying of smoke screen, torpedo attacks by planes. 1128 Underway for SAIPAN, held anti-aircraft firing exercises enroute. Ammunition expended: 1600 rounds, 20MM; 657 rounds, 40MM and 13 rounds 5"/38 ammunition. 1814 Anchored Berth L-41, SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

20-21 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before.

22 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before. 1105 Underway to fuel ship in Berth L-33. Completed fueling ship and returned to Berth L-41.

23 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before.

24-26 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before.

27 March 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before. 0839 Got underway for OKINAWA JIMA in accordance with COMTRANSRON 15, Sortie Order 250135 March as a part of COMPHIBSGROUP V. Steaming in company with transports of Group CHARLIE. OTC in USS ANCON, GC4. 1517 Held AA gunnery exercises: Ammunition expended: 38 rounds 5"/38; 838 rounds, 40MM, and 840 rounds, 20MM.

0800	SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS
1200	14-54N; 145-19E
2000	14-34N; 142-02E

28 March 1945 (Zone -10)

1700 Retarded all ship's clocks one hour to Zone -9 time.

0800	14-33N; 142-02E
1200	14-55N; 141-31E
2000	15-33N; 140-02E

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29-31 March 1945 (Zone -9)

Underway as before.

29th	0800	17-00N; 138-16E
	1200	17-18N; 137-43E
	2000	17-57N; 136-20E
30th	0800	19-07.5N; 134-29E
	1200	19-39W; 133-50E
	2000	20-43N; 132-36E
31st	0800	22-53N; 131-05E
	1200	23-34N; 130-09E
	2000	24-51N; 129-25E

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Task Organization

- Task Force 51
- Amphibious Group V - Rear Admiral WRIGHT, USN.
- TransRon 15 - Commodore H. C. FLANNAGAN, USN.
- TransDiv 43 - USS BAYFIELD, (APA33), Flagship.
- USS SHOSHONE, (AKA65), Commander S. E. MELVILLE, (DM), USNR.

1 April 1945 (Zone -9)

Underway from SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, to OKINAWA JIMA, as a part of Task Force 51, Amphibious Group V, in company with ships of Transport Group "CHARLIE". Rear Admiral WRIGHT, USN, in USS ANCON, (GC4). O.T.C., Commodore H. C. FLANNAGAN, USN, Squadron and Division Commander in USS BAYFIELD, (APA33). Ship loaded with approximately 3,050 tons of cargo and equipment of the Second United States Marine Division, and having aboard fifteen (15) Marine Officers and 205 U. S. Marine enlisted personnel under the command of Major Richard D. KIRKPATRICK, USMCR. 0550 LST 884 and the USS HINSDALE, (APA120), were hit by enemy action, the latter by an enemy aircraft which made a suicide crash into her port side amidships, near the water line. Carried out scheduled operations off southeastern beaches of OKINAWA JIMA. 0625 Entered transport area "CHARLIE", off southeastern beaches of OKINAWA JIMA. Remained underway, maintaining assigned stations. 1531 Get underway for night retirement at the objective on Route Tan. Speed of advance, 12 knots.

Positions

0800	25-57.5N; 127-48.5E
1200	25-57.5N; 127-48.5E
2000	25-55N; 128-36E

2 April 1945 (Zone -9)

Underway on night retirement Tan. 0524 Enemy air attack imminent while approaching Transport Area "CHARLIE" off southeastern OKINAWA JIMA. 0634 Commenced firing on single Japanese aircraft "VAL", bearing 340 relative, position angle 60, at altitude 3,500 feet. Expended 445 rounds, 20MM; 97 rounds, 40MM; and one (1) round 5"/38. No hits observed. Carried out scheduled operations off southeastern OKINAWA JIMA. 1147 Get underway for fueling and operational area, NEICE, southeast of OKINAWA JIMA.

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2 April 1945	0800	25-58N; 127-48.5E
	1200	25-57N; 127-48E
	2000	25-00N; 129-11E

3-6 April 1945 (Zone -9)

Underway in area NEICE.

3 April 1945	0800	25-00N; 128-58E
	1200	24-55N; 129-37E
	2000	24-24N; 128-40E

4 April 1945	0800	24-55N; 130-07E
	1200	24-55N; 130-46E
	2000	25-19N; 129-07E

5 April 1945	0800	24-33N; 131-01E
	1200	25-01N; 130-32E
	2000	25-08N; 129-39E

6 April 1945	0800	25-03N; 130-05E
	1200	25-26N; 129-29E
	2000	24-35N; 129-27E

7-10 April 1945

In obedience to Orders CTF 51 proceeded to the southeast of OKINAWA JIMA, 350 miles to operating area, to await further orders. In company with transport of Group "CHARLIE", O.T.C. in USS ANCON, GC4, Squadron Commander in USS BAYFIELD, APA33.

7 April 1945	0800	23-37N; 131-11E
	1200	23-47N; 131-37E
	2000	23-27N; 132-40E

8 April 1945	0800	23-39N; 132-04E
	1200	32-19N; 132-40E
	2000	22-41N; 133-54E



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9 April 1945	0800	23-33N; 132-10E
	1200	23-18N; 132-44E
	2000	22-47N; 133-39E

10 April 1945	0800	23-15N; 132-58E
	1200	22-57N; 133-36E
	2000	22-38N; 133-54E

April 11-14, 1945 (Zone -9)

1030 11 April 1945 In accordance with orders from O.T.C., departed from Area, enroute to SAIPAN, with remaining ships of Transport Group "CHARLIE". O.T.C. in USS ANCON, GC4. 1700 12 April 1945 Advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to Zone -10 time. 1401 14 April 1945 Anchored in Berth M13, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS.

11 April 1945	(Zone -9)	
	0800	23-19N; 132-07E
	1200	22-58N; 132-36E
	2000	22-06N; 134-21E

12 April 1945	(Zone -10)	
	0800	20-59N; 136-35E
	1200	20-22N; 137-17E
	2000	19-40N; 138-20E

13 April 1945	(Zone -10)	
	0800	18-21N; 140-40E
	1200	17-53N; 141-22E
	2000	16-59N; 142-48E

14 April 1945	(Zone -10)	
	0800	15-38N; 144-41E
	1200	15-16N; 145-21E
	2000	SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS

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15-30 April 1945.

(Zone -10)

At SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS. Commander S. E. MELVILLE, (DM), USNR, was relieved as Commanding Officer of this vessel by Commander J. A. FLENNIKEN, USN, on 21 April 1945. 26-28 April at TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, rearranging cargo in #2 and #3 hatches.

J. A. FLENNIKEN  
Comdr., USN  
Commanding.

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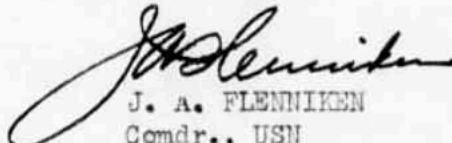
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1-31 May 1945

(Zone -10)

Anchored at SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS. Ship loaded with approximately 3,050 tons of cargo and equipment of the Second United States Marine Division. 15 May 1945 Entered TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, and unloaded all vehicles. 17 May 1945 Anchored in SAIPAN ANCHORAGE, MARIANA ISLANDS. 23 May 1945 Entered TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS. Unloaded all cargo and equipment of the Second United States Marine Division. 25 May 1945 Anchored in SAIPAN ANCHORAGE, MARIANA ISLANDS.

  
J. A. FLENNIKEN  
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Task Organization

TransRon 15 - Commodore H. C. FLANNAGAN, USN  
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 USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander, J. A. FLENNIKEN, USN.

1-3 June 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored at Saipan, Mariana Islands.

4-12 June 1945 (Zone -10)

Anchored as before. 1557 4 June 1945 In obedience to ComTransRon 15 Movement Order A9-45, got underway for TULAGI, SOLOMON ISLANDS, as a part of Task Group 12.2, OTC, Commodore H. C. FLANNAGAN, USN, in USS BAYFIELD, APA33. Held the following training exercises enroute: Tactical maneuvers, general and emergency drills, steering and engine room casualty drills, battle problems, damage control drills, small arms practice, and anti-aircraft exercises. 2000 6 June, advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to Zone (-11) time. 1229 12 June Anchored at TULAGI, SOLOMONS ISLANDS. The following ammunition expended for training exercises enroute:

- 5"/38 38 rounds, AAC
- 2 rounds, Illum.
- 2 rounds, VT
- 40MM 1230 rounds, HET
- 20MM 1560 rounds, 2HEI to 1HET
- 30 cal.(M1903) 681 rounds, ball
- 30 cal.Carbine 1395 rounds, ball
- 45 cal.pistol 1133 rounds, ball.

Positions

4 June 1945	0800	SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS
	1200	SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS
	2000	15-13N, 146-20E
5 June 1945 (Zone -10)	0800	14-49N; 148-59E
	1200	14-39N; 149-50E
	2000	14-08N; 151-20E
6 June 1945 (Zone -10)	0800	13-31N; 153-51E
	1200	13-20N; 154-42E
	2000	12-55N; 156-18E

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7 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	12-17N; 155-36E
		1200	12-08N; 159-26E
		2000	11-39N; 160-57E
8 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	09-58N; 162-40E
		1200	09-11N; 162-56E
		2000	07-36N; 163-21E
9 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	05-10N; 164-30E
		1200	04-24N; 164-26E
		2000	03-41N; 164-22E
10 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	00-03N; 163-34E
		1200	00-46S; 163-27E
		2000	02-08S; 163-10E
11 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	04-43S; 162-28E
		1200	05-28S; 162-18E
		2000	06-46S; 161-40E
12 June 1945	(Zone -11)		

TULAGI, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

13-15 June 1945 (Zone -11)

Anchored at TULAGI, SOLOMON ISLANDS. 1418 13 June Got underway and moved to PURVIS BAY, FLORIDA ISLAND, SOLOMONS, to refuel ship. 15 June 1945 Got underway from fuel docks, PURVIS BAY, FLORIDA ISLAND, and anchored at TULAGI HARBOR.

16-25 June 1945 (Zone -11)

0619 16 June Got underway and proceeded independently to RUSSELL ISLANDS, SOLOMONS, to load ship with cargo and equipment. 18-24 June Loading cargo at RUSSELLS. 1150 24 June Completed loading ship, having loaded approximately 3000 tons of equipment and cargo.

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25-30 June 1945 (Zone -11)

0759 25 June Got underway from RUSSELL ISLANDS for GUAM, MARIANA ISLANDS, in obedience to C.T.U. 11.5.6 dispatch 200246 (June); proceeding independently; conducting training exercises enroute. Held various general and emergency drills, engine room and steering casualty drills, damage control drills, small arms practice, and anti-aircraft gunnery exercises. 1600 30 June Retarded all ship's clocks one (1) hour to Zone (-10) time. The following ammunition expended during training exercises:

5"/38	16 rounds, AAC
40MM	1096 rounds, LHET
20MM	1680 rounds, 2HEI to LHET
30 cal.(M-1903)rifle,	515 rounds, ball
30 cal.(Carbine)rifle,	1170 rounds, ball
45 cal. pistol,	1421 rounds, ball.

Positions

25 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	RUSSELL ISLANDS, SOLOMONS
		1200	08-52S; 159-54E
		2000	07-30S; 160-43E
26 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	05-19S; 161-55E
		1200	04-25S; 162-05E
		2000	02-48S; 162-26E
27 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	00-15S; 162-53E
		1200	00-34N; 163-01E
		2000	02-19N; 163-26E
28 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	04-30N; 164-11E
		1200	05-28N; 164-06E
		2000	07-02N; 163-30E
29 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	09-40N; 162-40E
		1200	10-25N; 162-26E
		2000	11-15N; 161-15E
30 June 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	11-41N; 158-55E
		1200	11-45N; 158-05E
		2000	12-02N; 156-29E (Zone -10)

  
 J. A. FLENNIKEN  
 Comdr., USN  
 Commanding.

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Task Organization

- TransRon 15 - Commodore William S. POPHAM, USN
- TransDiv 43 - USS BAYFIELD, APA33, Flagship
- USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander J. A. FLENNIKEN, USN.

1-3 July 1945 (Zone -10)

Steaming independently, enroute from RUSSELL ISLANDS, SOLOMONS ISLANDS, to GUAM, MARIANA ISLANDS. Ship loaded with approximately 3,000 tons of cargo, consigned for GUAM. Conducting training exercises, general drills, damage control drills, small arms practice, and anti-aircraft firing exercises. Ammunition expended for training:

- 5 rounds 5"/38, AAC
- 20 rounds 40mm HET
- 420 rounds 20mm 2HEI and 1HEI
- 265 rounds .30 cal. rifle, ball (M1903)
- 555 rounds .30 cal. rifle, ball Carbine
- 400 rounds .45 cal., pistol ball

1312 3 July 1945 Moored APRA HARBOR, GUAM, MARIANA ISLANDS.

4-23 July 1945 (Zone -10)

At GUAM, MARIANA ISLANDS. 11-14 July 1945 Ship in drydock ABSD/6, for cleaning and painting bottom. 16-23 July Unloading cargo. 1715 23 July 1945 Completed unloading cargo and got underway for SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS. Steaming independently.

24 July 1945 (Zone -10)

0758 Anchored at SAIPAN HARBOR, MARIANAS. 1330 Transferred all boats, except davit boats to boat replacement pool, SAIPAN.



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25-31 July 1945

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0656 25 July 1945 Got underway for GUADALCANAL, SOLOMON ISLANDS, Steaming independently. Conducting training exercises, general drills, damage control drills, steering casualty drills, small arms practice and anti-aircraft firing exercises enroute. 2000 26 July 1945 Changed clocks to Zone -11 time. 2000 29 July 1945 Destination changed to ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDS, in obedience to COMSOPAC Despatch. Ammunition expended for training:

1738 rounds 20mm 2HET to 1HET  
 1049 rounds 40mm HET  
 25 rounds 5"/38 AAC  
 777 rounds .45 cal. pistol, ball  
 968 rounds .30 cal. rifle, carbine, ball  
 627 rounds .30 cal. rifle, (M1903) ball

Positions

25 July 1945	(Zone -10)	0800	SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS
		1200	15-20N; 146-43E
		2000	14-54N; 148-43E
26 July 1945	(Zone -10)	0800	14-12N; 151-52E
		1200	13-56N; 152-53E
		2000	13-30N; 154-57E
27 July 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	12-44N; 157-47E
		1200	12-33N; 158-46E
		2000	11-50N; 160-47E
28 July 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	09-40N; 162-47E
		1200	08-46N; 163-07E
		2000	06-51N; 163-50E
29 July 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	04-00N; 164-34E
		1200	02-47N; 164-21E
		2000	00-47N; 163-44E

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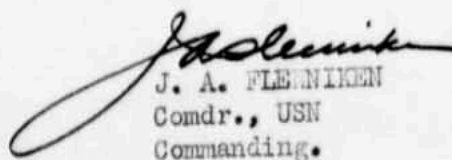
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Positions

30 July 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	02-25S; 163-58E
		1200	03-22S; 163-10E
		2000	05-24S; 163-45E
31 July 1945	(Zone -11)	0800	08-03S; 164-20E
		1200	08-47S; 164-28E
		2000	10-14S; 164-49E

  
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Commanding.

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August 1945

Task Organization

- TransRon 15 - Commodore William S. POPHAM, USN
- TransDiv 43 - USS BAYFIELD, APA33, Flagship
- USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander J. A. FLENNIKEN, USN.

1 August 1945 (Zone -11)

Steaming independently, enroute from SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS, to ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDS.

Positions

0800	11-55S; 165-03E
1200	12-33S; 165-28E
2000	13-58S; 165-56E

2-15 August 1945 (Zone -11)

0836, 2 August arrived ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDS. Loading ship with general cargo. 2030, 15 August completed loading ship, having loaded approximately 3,800 tons of cargo consigned to GUAM, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

16-23 August 1945

1223, 16 August 1945, got underway from ESPIRITU SANTO for GUAM. Ship loaded with approximately 3,800 tons of cargo. Proceeding independently, conducting anti-aircraft drills and training exercises enroute. Following ammunition expended in training:

- 44 rounds 5"/38, AAC
- 996 rounds 40mm HET
- 1830 rounds 20mm 2HEI and 1HET
- 1455 rounds .30 cal. rifle, ball Carbine
- 725 rounds .30 cal. rifle, ball (M1903)
- 966 rounds .45 cal. pistol ball
- 104 rounds 12 ga. shot-gun, shell

2300, 21 August retarded clocks to zone minus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  time. 0200, 22 August retarded clocks to zone minus 10 time.

180 25 15 13 44

Positions

16 August 1945	0800	ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDS
	1200	ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDS
	2000	14-17S; 166-25E

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August 1945

Positions

17 August 1945	0800	11-28S; 164-52E
	1200	10-23S; 164-27E
	2000	08-14S; 164-19E
18 August 1945	0800	04-56S; 164-16E
	1200	04-04S; 164-30E
	2000	01-59S; 164-17E
19 August 1945	0800	01-21N; 164-08E
	1200	02-31N; 164-02E
	2000	04-38N; 164-07E
20 August 1945	0800	08-01N; 163-21E
	1200	09-09N; 162-51E
	2000	10-57N; 161-39E
21 August 1945	0800	11-43N; 158-44E
	1200	12-00N; 157-12E
	2000	12-23N; 155-04E
22 August 1945	0800	12-59N; 151-21E
	1200	13-09N; 150-14E
	2000	13-32N; 147-52E
23-30 August 1945	(Zone -10)	

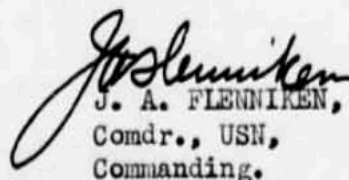
At GUAM, MARIANAS ISLANDS unloading cargo. 1945, 30 August completed unloading cargo.

31 August 1945 (Zone -10)

0620, Got underway from GUAM, MARIANAS ISLANDS, for LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, proceeding independently.

Positions

0800	13-09N; 144-24E
1200	12-29N; 143-31E
2000	11-15N; 141-40E

  
 J. A. FLENIKEN,  
 Comdr., USN,  
 Commanding.

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Task Organization

TransRon 15 - Commodore William S. POPHAM, USN  
 TransDiv 43 - USS BAYFIELD, APA33, Flagship  
 USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander J. A. PLENNIKEN, USN.

1-3 September 1945 (Zone -9)

Underway, enroute to LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, from GUAM, MARIANAS ISLANDS. Steaming independently, zig zagging on base course according to plan #6. Conducting general drills, training exercises, and small arms practice enroute. The following ammunition expended for training:

112 rounds .45 cal. pistol ball  
 75 rounds .30 cal. rifle, ball Carbine  
 30 rounds .30 cal. rifle, ball (M1903)

Positions

1 September 1945	0800	10-38N; 138-34E
	1200	10-33N; 137-29E
	2000	10-28N; 135-14E
2 September 1945	0800	10-33N; 131-54E
	1200	10-33N; 130-49E
	2000	10-36N; 128-40E
3 September 1945	0800	10-44N; 125-37E
	1200	SAN PEDRO BAY, LEYTE GULF, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
	2000	SAN PEDRO BAY, LEYTE GULF, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

3-8 September 1945 (Zone -9)

Anchored SAN PEDRO BAY, LEYTE, GULF, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 2348, 8 September 1945, got underway for MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, proceeding independently via San Bernardino Straits and Verde Island Passage.

9-10 September 1945 (Zone -9)

Underway as before. 1248, 10 September 1945, anchored MANILA BAY, MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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WAR DIARY

September 1945

10-16 September 1945

(Zone -9)

At MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 2230, 13 September commenced loading ship with Army cargo and equipment.

17-25 September 1945

(Zone -9)

17 September 1945, completed loading ship, having loaded approximately 1,500 tons of Army cargo and equipment. Lieut-Col., C.M. BOYCOTT, USA, reported aboard with 68 enlisted Army personnel and 9 officers, for transportation to Northern Japan in accordance with Eighth Army Occupational Plans. 1819, Got underway for rendezvous with Task Force 34, as Commander of Task Group 34.3.11 with U.S.S. ROCKINGHAM, APA229, and U.S.S. BERRIEN, APA62, in company. Steaming in column, 600 yards interval in the above order of ships. Proceeding to rendezvous point via Verde Island Passage and San Bernardino Straits. Standard speed 15 knots. 0706, 19 September sighted Task Force 34 bearing 155° T, distance 15 miles on course 029° T, speed, 14 knots. 0902, dissolved Task Unit 34.3.11 and took assigned station in Task Force 34 convoy; station last ship in Division 44 column, astern of U.S.S. SOUTHAMPTON, AKA66. Task Force Commander in U.S.S. APPALACHIAN, AGC1, enroute to Aomori, HONSHU, JAPAN with occupational troops of the 81st Army Division and other Eighth Army Units.

## Positions

17 September 1945	0800	MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
	1200	MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
	2000	PHILIPPINE STRAITS
18 September 1945	0800	12-49N; 122-44E
	1200	12-36N; 123-49E
	2000	13-25N; 125-37E
19 September 1945	0800	14-37N; 128-00E
	1200	15-15N; 128-36E
	2000	16-55N; 129-30E
20 September 1945	0800	19-25N; 130-54E
	1200	20-16N; 131-21E
	2000	22-04N; 132-24E
21 September 1945	0800	24-30N; 133-43E
	1200	25-23N; 134-13E
	2000	27-09N; 135-16E

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September 1945

Positions

22 September 1945	0800	29-40N; 136-50E
	1200	30-26N; 137-22E
	2000	32-03N; 138-18E
23 September 1945	0800	34-14N; 140-22E
	1200	35-18N; 141-07E
	2000	37-12N; 142-00E
24 September 1945	0800	39-46N; 142-37E
	1200	40-25N; 142-31E
	2000	41-38N; 141-52E
25 September 1945	0800	ACMORI, HONSHU, JAPAN
	1200	ACMORI, HONSHU, JAPAN
	2000	ACMORI, HONSHU, JAPAN
26-30 September 1945		(Zone -9)

At ACMORI, HONSHU, JAPAN.

*J. A. Fleenniken*  
J. A. FLENNIKEN,  
Comdr., USN,  
Commanding.



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WAR DIARY

October 1945

Task Organization

CTF-34 - Rear Admiral Richard L. CONOLLY, USN, Flagship U.S.S. APPALACHIAN, AGC-1  
 TransRon 15 - Commodore William S. POPHAM, USN  
 TransDiv 43 - U.S.S. BAYFIELD, APA33, Flagship  
 USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander J. A. FLENNIKEN, USN.

1-4 October 1945

(Zone -9)

Anchored in Aomori Bay, Honshu, Japan. Ship loaded with approximately 1,500 tons of Army cargo and equipment. Lt.Col. C.M. BOYCOTT, USA, aboard with 68 enlisted personnel and 9 officers of the 31st Infantry Division. 0413, 4 October 1945, got underway for rendezvous with Task Force 34.8 as a part of Task Unit 34.3.7 in company with U.S.S. RAWLINS, APA226, U.S.S. LIBRA, AKA12, and U.S.S. WARWICK, AKA89, Commander of Task Unit in U.S.S. RAWLINS, AKA226. Steaming in column, 600 yards interval, proceeding to rendezvous point via Tsugaro Straits. Standard speed 12 knots. 1350, 4 October 1945, sighted Task Force 34.8, distance 14 miles on course 321, speed 13 knots. 1508, 4 October 1945, Task Unit 34.3.7 dissolved, took assigned station in Task Force 34.8, eighth ship in second column, astern of U.S.S. WARWICK, AKA89. Task Force Commander in U.S.S. HARRIS, APA2, enroute to OTARU, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN, with occupational troops of the 81st Army Division and other Eighth Army Units.

Positions

4 October 1945

0800 41-23N; 140-33E  
 1200 41-31N; 139-52E  
 2000 42-46N; 139-39E

5-7 October 1945

(Zone -9)

Underway as before. 0606, 5 October 1945, anchored in OTARU HARBOR, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN. 1600, 6 October 1945, commenced unloading ship. 2200, 7 October 1945, completed unloading ship. Lt.Col. C.M. BOYCOTT, USA, detached with assigned personnel and officers.

8-10 October 1945

(Zone -9)

0559, 8 October 1945, got underway for LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, as Commander of Task Unit 34.8.10, with U.S.S. LIBRA, AKA12, and U.S.S. WARWICK, AKA89, in company. Steaming in column, 600 yards interval, in the above order of ships, standard speed 14 knots. 1115, 10 October 1945, steaming North of latitude 40 North in obedience to orders of Commander Task Force 32, awaiting development of typhoon. Conducting general drills, training exercises, enroute. The following ammunition expended for training:

17 rounds 5"/38, AAC  
 813 rounds 40mm HET  
 3130 rounds 20mm ZHEI and LHET

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8-10 October 1945

(Zone -9)

Positions

8 October 1945	0800 43-26N; 140-57E 1200 43-27N; 140-03E 2000 41-52N; 139-28E
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9 October 1945	0800 40-50N; 142-14E 1200 39-58N; 142-21E 2000 41-05N; 141-55E
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10 October 1945	0800 40-21N; 142-14E 1200 40-08N; 142-15E 2000 41-10N; 142-14E
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11-16 October 1945 (Zone -9)

0445, 11 October 1945, proceeding to HOKODATE, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN, in obedience to orders of Commander Task Force 32, to await developments of typhoon. 1619, 11 October 1945, anchored in HOKODATE BAY, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN. 0824, 12 October 1945, underway for LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, as Commander of Task Unit 34.8.10. Proceeding to destination via routes Princeton, Bismuth and Calcium. 1208, 15 October 1945, changed course, proceeding to BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, to discharge stores in obedience to orders of Commander Task Force 34, dated 14 October 1945. 1507, 16 October 1945, anchored in BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA.

Positions

11 October 1945	0800 40-52N; 142-19E 1200 41-39N; 141-51E 2000 HOKODATE, JAPAN.
12 October 1945	0800 HOKODATE, JAPAN 1200 41-48N; 141-20E 2000 40-38N; 142-18E
13 October 1945	0800 38-04N; 142-23E 1200 37-10N; 141-59E 2000 35-18N; 141-11.5E
14 October 1945	0800 33-09N; 139-16E 1200 32-28N; 138-30E 2000 30-59N; 137-02E

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October 1945

### Positions

15 October 1945	0800	28-18N; 135-34E
	1200	27-37N; 135-15E
	2000	27-17N; 133-08E
16 October 1945	0800	26-30N; 129-33E
	1200	26-21N; 128-37E
	2000	BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA
17-21 October 1945		(Zone -9)

17 October 1945, anchored in BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA. 0603, 18 October 1945, unloaded 33 tons of dry and fresh provisions to Navy Supply Depot, Okinawa. Got underway for LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, as Commander Task Unit 34.8.10 in obedience to orders Port Director, Okinawa, dated 17 October 1945. Proceeding to destination via route Turtle, standard speed 14.5 knots. 1044, 21 October 1945, anchored in SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Task Unit 34.8.10 dissolved.

### Positions

18 October 1945	0800	25-56N; 127-55E
	1200	25-01N; 127-40E
	2000	23-03N; 127-20E
19 October 1945	0800	19-59N; 126-58E
	1200	19-02N; 126-53E
	2000	17-04N; 126-43E
20 October 1945	0800	14-12N; 126-19E
	1200	13-29N; 126-09E
	2000	12-15N; 126-04E
21 October 1945	0800	10-48N; 125-26E
	1200	SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLAND
	2000	SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLAND
22-28 October 1945		(Zone -9)

Anchored in SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 0720, 22 October 1945, commenced loading provisions, Army cargo and equipment.

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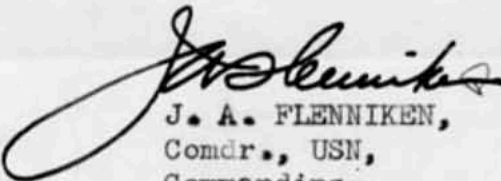
29-31 October 1945

(Zone -9)

29 October 1945, completed loading ship having loaded approximately 600 tons of Army cargo and supplies. Lt.Col. Richard L. POOLEY, USA, reported aboard with 130 enlisted personnel and 9 officers for transportation to Northern Japan, in accordance with 81st Infantry Division Field Orders No. 8, dated 16 September 1945. 0658, 29 October 1945, got underway for OTARU, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN, in obedience to ComPhibsGroup 9's movement Order No. A923-45, dated 24 October 1945 as Commander Task Unit 34.9.13, with U.S.S. LIBRA, AKA12 and U.S.S. WARWICK, AKA89 in company. Steaming in column, 600 yards interval in the above order of ships. Proceeding to destination via routes Calcium, Bismuth and Princeton. Standard speed 14 knots. Conducting training exercises and emergency drills enroute.

Positions

29 October 1945	0800	SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
	1200	10-44N; 126-07E
	2000	11-58N; 127-17E
30 October 1945	0800	14-09N; 128-39E
	1200	14-54N; 129-08E
	2000	16-20N; 130-07E
31 October 1945	0800	18-40N; 131-23E
	1200	19-29N; 131-48E
	2000	21-07N; 132-42E

  
J. A. FLENNIKEN,  
Comdr., USN,  
Commanding.



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November 1945

**Task Organization**

CTF-32, Vice Admiral Wilkenson, USN.

USS SHOSHONE, AKA65, Commander J. A. PLENNIKEN, USN.

1-4 November 1945

(Zone -9)

Steaming enroute from Leyte, Philippine Islands, to Aomori Honshu, Japan as Commander of task unit 34.9.13 in company with U.S.S. LIBRA (AKA-12) and U.S.S. WARRICK (AKA-89) steaming in column, 600 yards interval, in the above order of ships, standard speed 14 knots. Ship loaded with approximately 600 tons of Army cargo and supplies. Lt. Colonel Richard L. POOLEY, USA, aboard in charge of 130 enlisted personnel and 9 officers for transportation to Northern Japan in accordance with 81st Infantry Division Field orders No. 8, dated 16 September 1945.

Positions

1 November 1945	0800	23-28N; 133-58E
	1200	24-24N; 134-18E
	2000	26-02N; 135-02E
2 November 1945	0800	28-31N; 136-01E
	1200	29-23N; 136-29E
	2000	31-08N; 137-22E
3 November 1945	0800	32-40N; 138-13E
	1200	33-14N; 138-52E
	2000	34-27N; 140-49E
4 November 1945	0800	37-06N; 141-43.5E
	1200	37-59N; 142-02E
	2000	39-34N; 142-32E

5-18 November 1945

(Zone +9)

Underway as before. 1331, 5 November 1945 anchored in Aomori Harbor, Honshu Japan. 0840, 8 November 1945 commenced discharging cargo. 1138, 10 November 1945 ceased unloading cargo having unloaded approximately 600 tons cargo. 1350, 11 November 1945, Lt. Colonel Richard L. POOLEY, USA, detached with assigned personnel and officers.

Positions

5 November 1945	0800	41-41N; 141-22.5E
	1200	Aomori Wan, Japan

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19-28 November 1945

(Zone -9)

Anchored as before. 0856, 19 November 1945 got underway for Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. in obedience to orders of Commander Western Sea Frontier, dated 12 November 1945, with four hundred and eleven Army and Navy personnel as passengers for transportation to United States in obedience to order of Port Director, Aomori Honshu, Japan dated 17 November 1945. Proceeding via Tsugaru Straits, standard speed 16 knots. Conducting emergency drills, training exercises enroute. 0100, 20 November 1945, advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone -10. 0100, 22 November 1945 advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone -11. 0100, 24 November 1945 advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone -12, crossed 180th Meridian, retarded all ship's clocks 24 hours to zone +12. 0100, 24 November 1945 advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone +11. 0500, advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone +10. 0100, 27 November 1945 advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone +9. 0100, 28 November 1945 advanced all ship's clocks one (1) hour to zone +8. The following ammunition expended for training exercises enroute:

34 rounds 5"/38  
896 rounds 40mm  
2300 rounds 20mm  
391 rounds .45 cal.  
455 rounds .30 cal.(carbine)  
250 rounds .30 cal.(03)

## Positions

19 November 1945	1200	Tsugaru Straits
	2400	41-29.5N; 146-46E
20 November 1945	0800	42-44N; 147-08E
	1200	43-13.5N; 148-09E
	2000	44-25.5N; 150-32.5E
21 November 1945	0800	45-49N; 154-30E
	1200	46-11.5N; 155-51E
	2000	46-56N; 158-39E
22 November 1945	0800	47-46N; 162-34E
	1200	48-02N; 164-12E
	2000	48-26N; 167-24E
23 November 1945	0800	49-16N; 173-035E
	1200	49-22N; 174-49E
	2000	49-44.2N; 178-15.5E

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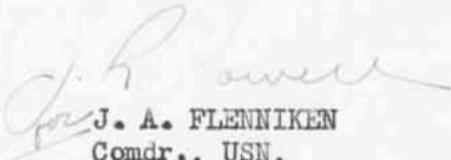
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### Positions

23 November 1945	0800	50-00N; 176-55.5W
	1200	50-03N; 175-08W
	2000	50-07.5N; 173-23W
24 November 1945	0800	49-57N; 167-17W
	1200	49-54.2N; 165-37.5W
	2000	50-10.1N; 162-11W
25 November 1945	0800	48-44N; 155-10W
	1200	48-24N; 153-35W
	2000	48-08.8N; 151-29.2W
26 November 1945	0800	48-18N; 149-21W
	1200	48-15N; 147-51W
	2000	48-09.8N; 145-15W
27 November 1945	0800	48-41.2N; 140-33W
	1200	48-43N; 138-43.5W
	2000	48-42N; 135-41.9W
28 November 1945	0800	48-37.8N; 130-37W
	1200	48-37.3N; 128-02W
	2000	48-37N; 125-44.8W
29-30 November 1945		(Zone plus 8)

Underway as before. 0008, 29 November 1945 entered Juan DeFuca Straits. 0834, 29 November 1945 moored, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 0920, 29 November 1945, discharged all passenger personnel. 1219, 30 November 1945, underway for Winslow, Washington, U.S.A. in obedience to orders of Port Director dated 30 November 1945. 1328, 30 November 1945 moored Winslow Shipyard, Eagle Harbor, Winslow, Washington, making preparations for shipyard repairs.

  
J. A. FLENNIKEN  
Comdr., USN,  
Commanding.



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

Subject: History of the USS SHOSHONE (AKA-65) - Submission of.

Reference: (a) ALPAC 202-45.

Enclosure: (A) History of USS SHOSHONE (AKA-65) from 24 September 1944 to 1 October 1945.

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

*J. A. Fleniken*  
J. A. FLENNIKEN

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History of  
U.S.S. SHOSHONE (AKA-65)  
(24 Sept., 1944- 1 October 1945)

The U.S.S. SHOSHONE (AKA-65) was placed in commission on Sunday, 24 September, 1944, in the Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina, S.E. Melville, Lt. Comdr., USNR, Commanding. After commissioning, minor repairs and alterations were carried out by Navy Yard workmen. On the 27th of September, the amphibious boat group reported aboard with Lieut.(jg) D. J. Wahl in charge of ten officers and one hundred and nineteen men.

On the 4th of October, the ship proceeded independently to Hampton Roads, Virginia, and enroute, the crew was exercised at various general drills. On this, our first run at sea, the ship behaved very well, except that excessive vibrations were noted about the stack and searchlights. On the 5th of October, the ship arrived at Hampton Roads, Virginia and on the 6th and 7th of October, the ship was inspected for vibration and material by an inspection party from ComPhibTralant. On the 8th of October, the ship got underway to carry out ComPhibTralant shakedown schedule. While in the Chesapeake Bay, amphibious drills, gunnery drills, and training exercises were conducted. On the 19th of October, the ship got underway, enroute to the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, Virginia, having completed shakedown exercises. Here, workmen and inspectors came aboard to receive job orders and requests for repairs and alterations. On the 24th of October, the ship got underway for NOB, Norfolk, Virginia to receive stores and supplies. On the 25th of October, the ship completed loading supplies and departed for Bayonne, N.J.

On the 26th of October, the ship moored alongside North Wall, Bayonne. From the 27th to the 31st of October, the ship loaded cargo in all holds, with stevedores handling cargo and winches. On the 2nd of November, 1944, the ship completed loading and got underway for Cristobal, Panama, Canal Zone with the destroyer U.S.S. PAUL JONES as escort. Standard speed was set at 15 knots, 90 rpm. On the 8th of November, the ship entered the bay at Cristobal and the Commanding Officer reported to the Commander, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, for duty. On the 9th of November, the ship got underway enroute to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. The ship passed through the Panama Canal, set course, and standard speed was set at 16 knots, 90 rpm. On the 22nd of November, the ship entered Pearl Harbor and moored in berth. Construction Battalion Stevedores commenced discharging our cargo into barges alongside and onto the dock. On the 28th of November, the ship completed discharging cargo and shifted to berth in the stream. The Commanding Officer reported to the 5th Amphibious Force for duty and the ship was assigned to the Forty-third Division, Fifteenth Squadron, Fifth Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.

On the 6th of December, the ship got underway and in company of Transport Squadron FIFTEEN, conducted training exercises in Fleet Operating Area, Hawaiian Islands, and amphibious training exercises in Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. While on these maneuvers, the ship was engaged in tactical maneuvers, formation cruising, night cruising and general drills, in addition to laying smoke, anti-aircraft firing, amphibious boat exercises, embarkation and debarkation of Army personnel and equipment. On the 16th of December, the ship entered Honolulu Harbor, Oahu, T.H. and unloaded Army personnel and equipment and proceeded to Pearl Harbor. From the 18th of December until the 3rd of January, the ship was moored in Pearl Harbor.

On the morning of 4 January, 1945, the ship sailed from Pearl Harbor and arrived at Kahului, Island of Maui, the same day and began loading 2,154 tons of stores, equipment and personnel of the 4th Marine Division. The ship completed loading at Kahului on 9th of January, and sailed for Pearl Harbor, arriving the same day and remaining there until 12th of January. On the 12th of January, this ship, in company with several others, sailed from Pearl Harbor for rehearsals in Maelasa Bay. On the morning of the 13th, during morning approach, the ship was rammed astern by the U.S.S. MULIPHEN (AKA-61), necessitating our return to Pearl Harbor for repairs to hull. The ship arrived in Pearl Harbor on the 14th of January and on the 26th, the repairs were completed.

On the 27th of January, this ship, as part of Transport Division FORTY-THREE, Transport Group Baker, 51st Joint Expeditionary Force under Vice Admiral Turner, sailed for Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, arriving on the 5th of February. Here the ship was provisioned and fueled. On the 7th, the group sailed again for Saipan, Marianas Islands, arriving there on the 11th of February.

On the 12th, the ship got underway for rehearsals off Tinian Island, Marianas. The rehearsals covered approach and landing operations in the staging area. The ship then returned to Saipan on the 13th and stayed in this port until the 16th, on which date the ship got underway in company of the transport group and sailed for Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands. Enroute, the ship held gun drills, radar drills, first aid classes, damage control drills, fire fighting drills and lookout training.

The ship arrived in the Transport Area Baker, Iwo Jima, at 0630, 19th February and the ship remained underway in her assigned station. The ship hoisted out boats and dispatched them to assigned transports for duty in unloading personnel. On the evening of the 19th, the ship retired to sea and returned to the transport area at sunrise of the 20th. Commenced unloading cargo of high priority on this date; however, very little cargo was unloaded until the 23rd of February, on which date general unloading was started. While in the transport area on the 20th, several enemy shore gun installations shelled the transport area for about an hour. The ship received no hits or casualties from the shelling. While at the invasion, the ship lost four LCVPs due to unfavorable beach conditions and damage.

There were several nights in which enemy planes were in the vicinity and on the 23rd, about 1925, one Japanese "Betty" was seen overhead. The ship expended about 40 rounds of 40mm and 200 rounds of 20mm. On the 24th of February, the ship continued unloading cargo into LCMs, and LSMs. The ship was anchored in the area from the 25th through the 28th, and unloaded cargo into LSTs, LSMs, and LCMs. While anchored close inshore, personnel aboard ship were able to view much of the fighting on the island, which was very intensive. One man from this ship, attached to the Boat Group, was hit by rifle fire while unloading supplies from his boat on the beach and died on board, one hour and forty-five minutes after having been brought aboard.

On the 1st of March, this ship, in company of three others, departed from Iwo Jima and steamed for Saipan, arriving at this port about 0800 on the 4th of March. On the 5th, the ship pulled into Tanapag Harbor and on the 6th commenced loading personnel and equipment of the 2nd Marine Division. On the 16th of March, the ship got underway for training exercises off Tinian Island which continued until the 19th, at which time we returned to Saipan. The ship was fueled and stayed in Saipan Harbor until the 27th of March. On this date, we departed for Okinawa Jima, as part of Commander Amphibious Group FIVE. Enroute, gunnery drills and tactical maneuvers were held.

The ship arrived off Okinawa at approximately 0500 on the morning of April 1st. At 0550, LST 884 and the U.S.S. HINSDALE (APA-12) were hit by enemy action, the latter by a suicide dive by an enemy aircraft. The ship carried out scheduled operations off the southeastern beaches of Okinawa. At 1500, the group got underway in accordance with the night retirement plan. The ship arrived back at the transport area at 0500 on the 2nd. At 0630, the ships opened fire on a single Japanese "VAL". Our ship expended 445 rounds of 20mm, 97 rounds of 40mm, and one round of 5"/38. No hits were observed. At 1147, the ship got underway for fueling and operational area, southeast of Okinawa. From the 2nd until the 11th, the transport group stayed in the operating area about 350 miles southeast of Okinawa. On the 11th, orders were received to proceed back to Saipan. The ship arrived at the destination on the 14th. At this time, the ship still had approximately 3,000 tons of cargo and equipment of the 2nd Marine Division. On the 21st of April, Commander S. E. Melville, (DM), USNR, was relieved as Commanding Officer of this vessel by Commander J. A. Flomnikon, USN.

On the 15th of May, the ship entered Tanapag Harbor and unloaded all vehicles. On the 17th, the ship anchored again in Saipan anchorage and on the 23rd, the ship reentered Tanapag Harbor and unloaded all remaining cargo and equipment of the 2nd Marine Division.

We remained anchored until the 4th of June, 1945, at which time, Transport Squadron FIFTEEN got underway for Tulagi, Solomon Islands. Enroute, the ship conducted tactical maneuvers, general and emergency drills, battle problems, anti-aircraft exercises and small-arms practice. At noon on the 12th of June, the ship anchored at Tulagi. While in this area, the ship fueled at Purvis Bay, Florida Island, and then returned to Tulagi. On the 16th of June, the ship steamed independently to Russell Islands, Solomons, to load with cargo and equipment. On the 24th, loading was completed, the ship having loaded approximately 3,000 tons of equipment and cargo. On the 25th, the ship got underway for Guam, Marianas Islands, proceeding independently. At 1300, 3rd July 1945, the ship entered Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands. On the 11th of July, the ship entered drydock ABSD #6 for cleaning and painting the ship's bottom. The job was completed on the 14th and the ship returned to her berth. On the 16th, the ship moored alongside the docks and unloaded her cargo. On the 23rd, the ship completed unloading, and got underway for Saipan, Marianas. At 0800, the next morning, the ship entered Saipan Harbor, Marianas. Here, all boats, except davit boats, were transferred to boat replacement pool, Saipan.

At 0700 on the 25th of July, the ship got underway for Gurdaleanal, Solomon Islands, steaming independently. Underway, more drills and training exercises were carried out. At 2000, on the 29th of July, orders were received changing our destination to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands. We arrived here at 1000 on the 2nd of August. The ship fueled and loaded approximately 3,800 tons of cargo, consigned to Guam, Marianas Islands. On the 15th of August, the loading was completed and on the next morning, the 16th, the ship got underway for Guam.

The ship arrived at Guam on the 23rd of August, and proceeded into the docks to unload the cargo. At 1945, 30th of August, unloading was completed. On the 31st, the ship proceeded independently to Leyte, Philippine Islands, arriving in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, on the 3rd of September. While at Leyte, the ship refueled and took on seven Army LCM(6)s for temporary duty. Departed early in the morning of the 9th for Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. The ship arrived at Manila Bay at noon on the 10th of September. On the 13th, the ship proceeded into the docks to load cargo and equipment and personnel of the 9th Army Corps. Completed loading on the 16th and got underway the 17th in company of USS ROCKINGHAM and USS BERRIEM, our ship acting as OTC until the ships met with Task Force 34 at the rendezvous approximately 230 miles northeast of San Bernardino Straits. After meeting up with the Task Force, the group steamed to Amori Bay, Honshu, Japan, arriving in the Bay on the 25th of Sept. At 0730 that date, the ship sent nine LCVP's to the PA 188 to assist in unloading troops. At 0900, the 25th of September, the US Army landed in the city of Amori.



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To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
Via: Commander, Transport Division 43.  
Commander, Transport Squadron 15.  
Commander, Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.  
Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

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Reference: (a) PacFlt ltr. (Conf) 10L-45 of 1 January 1945.

PART I.

On 6 December this ship was part of a unit that left Pearl Harbor for training at Maalaea Bay, Island of Main, returning to Honolulu on 9 December 1944.

On 10 and 11 December this ship loaded four hundred and fifty tons (450) of supplies and equipment of the 369th Field Artillery, Lt. Col. W.D. FERGUS, Commanding plus one hundred and twenty (120) men and ten (10) officers at Honolulu and proceeded to Maalaea Bay for rehearsals. Ship returned to Honolulu on 16 December unloaded supplies, equipment and Field Artillery personnel and then proceeded to Pearl Harbor where it remained till 4 January 1945.

On the morning of 4 January ship sailed from Pearl Harbor and arrived at Kahului, Island of Kain, the same day and began loading (2,154) tons of stores, equipment and personnel of the 5th Marine Division.

Ship completed loading at Kahului on 9 January 1945 and sailed the same day for Pearl Harbor arriving the same day and remaining there until 12 January 1945.

On 12 January this ship in company with several others sailed from Pearl Harbor for rehearsals at Maalaea Bay. On the morning of the 15th during morning approach this ship was rammed astern by the U.S.S. MULIPHEN, necessitating our return to Pearl Harbor for repairs to hull. Ship arrived at Pearl Harbor on 14 January and on 26th repairs were completed.

On 27 January this ship as part of TransDiv 43, (53.2.1) Transport Group Baker, 51st joint Expeditionary Force under Vice Admiral TURNER sailed for Ehiwetok, Marshall Islands, arriving on 5 February where we provisioned and refueled ship.

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on 7 February 1945 this ship sailed again as part of the same group for Saipan, Mariana Islands, arriving there on 11 February and where rehearsals were again held.

On the 16th this ship sailed as part of the same original TransGroup Baker, for Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands arriving there on the morning of 19th February. Stores, equipment and personnel were unloaded there during the period of 19th February to and including 1st March 1945.

PART II.

The U.S.S. SHOSHONE was a part of Transport Division 43 under Commodore H.C. FLANAGAN, which in turn was a part of TransRon 15 also under Commodore H.C. FLANAGAN, flag in U.S.S. BANFIELD.

After sailing from Pearl Harbor on 27 January Transport group Baker (TransRon 15) conducted exercises in Tactical ship handling, gunnery, radar drills, signal drills, damage control and general quarter drills while enroute to the objective.

Our mission was to land our supplies, equipment and personnel as required as soon as the beaches were secured according to plan as set forth in Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Operation Plan No. A25-44.

On the morning of 19 February at 0638 this ship as part of TransGroup Baker (TransRon 15) arrived off the south east coast of Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, and lay-to in Transport Area Baker, with TransDiv. 44 to starboard and TransDivs 45 and 28 to port. During the day priority cargo was discharged on call. No enemy forces were encountered.

PART III Local Zone Time - King

2/19/45

0638 arrived in Transport Area Baker.

Sunrise 0707. Visability 10 miles.

Wind - NE force 15 knots shifting during the day into ESE, force 10 knots at about 1800. Sky cloudy.

Sea - Slight NE swell.

During the day discharged priority call cargo with boats remaining at ships after main group had been sent to APAs for landing troops. Sunset - 1830.

1822 This ship along with other designated ships of TransGroup Baker retired for the night along route Granite.

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- 2/20/45 0648 arrived back in Transport Area Baker. Sunrise 0707. Visibility six miles. Wind - NNE, force 8 knots in early morning shifting to South then into the West during early afternoon and on into the North by late afternoon with force 10 knots. Lightly overcast sky with rain during entire day. During the day discharged priority call cargo by ship's boats. Sunset was not observed due to rain. 1750 this ship along with others of Transport Group Baker retired for the night along route Granite.
- 2/21/45 0639 arrived back in Transport Area Zebra. Sunrise 0706. Weather lightly overcast with visibility of about six miles. Wind - North-easterly; force - 18 knots. NNE sea with 3 to 5 foot swells. During the day discharged priority call cargo into one LSM and available ship's boats. 1832 sunset. 1800 ship departed from area with other ships of Transport Group Baker along route Granite.
- 2/22/45 0706 sunrise. Ship arrived back in Transport Area Zebra. Weather overcast with heavy rain throughout the day. Low visibility. Wind NE in morning shifting into NE in afternoon - force 14 knots. NE sea with 3 to 5 foot swells. During the day priority cargo was discharged into DUKWS, one LSM and ship's LCMs when available. Sunset was not noted due to weather. 1825 ship departed from Transport Area for the night along with other ships of Transport Group Baker along route Granite.
- 2/23/45 0704 sunrise. 0927 arrived at Transport Area Zebra. Weather partly cloudy. Visibility 10 miles. Wind in morning was North-westerly force 18 knots shifting into NE by early afternoon. NE sea with 5 to 8 foot swells. 1735 ship anchored close to shore near anchorage berth 23 with center of Suribachi Yoma bearing 259° True. Light tangent of Iwo Jima bearing 040° True and center of Hagoshi Island bearing 064° True. During the day and night discharged priority cargo into one LSM, DUKWS and ship's LCMs as available. 1833 sunset.



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- 2/24/45 0702 Sunrise. Weather partly cloudy. Visibility 9 miles  
Wind N to NE, force 10 knots. Slight SE swell. During the  
hour of early morning and day, ship unloaded priority  
cargo into two (2) LSMs and ship's boats as available.  
1833 Sunset. 1900 ship departed from anchorage along with  
others ships of TransGroup Baker and retired for the  
night along route Granite.
- 2/25/45 0702 Sunrise. 0744 ship arrived off anchorage, berth #23  
and anchored near by with Suribachi Yoma bearing 251° true,  
Nidan Iwo bearing 351 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° true and right tangent of Iwo Jima  
bearing 042° true. Weather clear. Visability 10 miles.  
Wind - NW in early morning shifting to the E and later into  
the S force 10 knots. Slight SE sea with 1 to 2 foot swells.  
During the day continued discharging priority call cargo  
into two (2) LSMs, one (1) LCT And one (1) LST. Vessel re-  
mained anchored unloading during the night. 1834 sunset.
- 2/26/45 0700 Sunrise. Weahter cloudy. Visability seven (7) miles.  
Wind S to SE, force 12 knots. Southerly sea with 1 to 3  
foot swells. During forenoon ship unloaded priority call  
cargo and at 1454 local time ship received orders to begin  
general unloading. Unloading was carried on with two (2)  
LSMs and one (1) LST plus DUKWS and ship's boats that were  
available. 1759 ship departed from area along route Granite.  
1836 Sunset.
- 2/27/45 0700 Sunrise. 0729 ship arrived at Transport Are and  
anchored near anchorage berth #23 with Higashi Iwo bearing  
065° true, right tangent Iwo Jima bearing 034° true and  
Surabachi Yoma bearing 255° true. Weather partly cloudy.  
Visability very good. Wind NE, force 14 knots. Light NE  
sea with 1 to 3 foot swells. General unloading carried  
out during the day and throughout the night into LSMs, one  
(1) LST and ship's boats when available. 1836 Sunset.

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2/23/45 0700 Sunrise. Weather partly cloudy and very good visibility. Wind E'ly, force 12 knots. Light NE sea with 1 to 3 foot swells. General discharging throughout the day into LSMs, one (1) LST and ship's boats and also during the night. 1835 Sunset.

3/1/45 0700 Sunrise. Weather partly cloudy with very good visibility. Wind NE, force 12 knots. Moderate NE sea with 3 to 5 foot swells. General discharging throughout the day into one (1) LST and two (2) LSMs. 1630 all cargo and personnel unloaded. 1712 ship left anchorage in Transport Area and proceeded to rendezvous with the BAYFIELD, SOUTHAMPTON and BARROW in area William preparatory to departing for Saipan.

PART IV

On night of 25 February 1945, while anchored near anchorage berth #25, air raid warning "Flash Red" was announced and ship went to general quarters at 1910 local time. 1912 Smoke boats began making smoke to windward. At 1922 one (1) smoke generator was out of operation for approximately six (6) minutes due to operational difficulties. At 1925 while watching on our starboard bow for enemy planes which radar had been tracking in, two planes were sighted very distinctly just below the moon and were identified as Japanese "Betty's". Destroyers first opened fire and was followed by other ships in the area. Position angle 60°. Altitude about 7,000 feet and bearing 075° true from Suribachi Yema on southern end of Iwo Jima. They were picked up by our after starboard 40MM gun crew and fired upon while in sight which was somewhat less than one minute. 20MM guns #14 and #16 also sighted the two targets and opened fire without orders. They were silenced as soon as possible. 1926 Cease firing was ordered when targets were no longer visible. Ammunition expended - 40 rounds of 40MM HEIT; 200 rounds of 20MM, 2 HEI and 1 EEI. No hits were observed. No casualties. No bombs were observed to have fallen during this action.

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PART V No Battle Damage.

PART VI

On 10 December 1944 this ship embarked two (2) Officers and sixty four (64) enlisted men of the Port Detachment at Honolulu for loading and unloading ship.

On 9 January 1945 this ship further embarked eight (8) Officers and one hundred and nineteen (119) Marines from the 4th and 5th Marine Division at Kahului.

All Marines and Port Detachment troops were disembarked at Iwo Jima on 1 March 1945.

At Kahului this ship loaded 2,154 tons of supplies, equipment and ammunition. A fair amount of the supplies being gasoline. One hundred and one units loaded were either motorized units or trailers.

All cargo was loaded at Kahului starting the night of 4 January and completing the early morning of 9 January, and was discharged at Iwo Jima beginning on the morning of 19 February and completing on the afternoon of 1 March 1945.

This ship carries fifteen (15) LCVPs, 1 LCVP(L) and eight (8) LCMs stowed on the main deck over the hatches and in midship davits.

Approximately sixty (60%) per cent of the time at Iwo Jima, LCVPs could not be used for unloading so the major load fell to the LCMs due to the heavy surf and the nature of the beach.

Our Sick Bay was prepared to handle a much larger percentage of casualties than were sent to this ship. However those handled were readily transported and handled aboard.

Smoke Generating equipment of this ship consists of three (3) Todd Smoke Generators, type "E", mounted on the after end of the ship plus two Bessler Smoke Generators mounted in two (2) LCVPs.



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During the periods when ships were ordered to make smoke, our two boats were operating from five hundred (500) yards to seven hundred (700) yards to windward of this ship. The distance from parent ship being controlled by the force of the wind at the time.

14 February 1945, at Sipan, 2159 ship was ordered to make smoke. The two smoke boats were operating about five hundred and fifty (550) yards to windward bow and the three (3) generators aft were started. When smoke bank was well established, two generators aft were cut out and only one maintained in operation. Thirty (3) smoke floats were used. 2217 ship ordered to cease making smoke. Ships seemed to be well covered by smoke by during the period.

15 February 1945, at Saipan, 1340 ship was ordered to make smoke. The two (2) smoke boats operated about five hundred (500) yards to windward. Smoke floats were thrown over the windward bow. The three (3) generators aft were used to build up the smoke bank and only one used to maintain it. Ship's topmast could have been visible above but as a whole the ship was well covered with the exception of one time when operation difficulties developed in one of the smoke generators in the smoke boats. 1422 ship ordered to cease making smoke. Approximately thirty (30) smoke floats were used.

23 February 1945, Iwo Jima, 1914 ship was ordered to make smoke. The two (2) smoke boats operated about seven hundred (700) yards to windward because of a strong wind. The usual smoke floats were dropped over the windward bow and the generators aft were started until smoke well established and the only one was in operation.

PART VI (D-3)

2104 ship was ordered to cease making smoke.  
Smoke coverage appeared to be good.

1 March 1945, Iwo Jima, 0257 ship was ordered to make smoke and at 0358 ship was ordered to cease making smoke. Again at 0405 ship was ordered to make smoke until 0425 when it was again ordered to cease making smoke.

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On both occasions the two (2) smoke boats operated about six hundred (600) yards to windward and smoke coverage seemed good. Smoke floats were used as usual and the three (3) smoke generators aft were used until smoke was established and was then reduced to one generator.

PART VII

The personnel performance of this ship was as good as could be expected. At Battle Stations they were alert and aggressive. Their performance in unloading cargo was ordinary due to the fact that none of the officers have ever had any experience in unloading cargo of any kind and too much could not be expected from their first attempt.

PART VIII

It was the experience of this ship during this past operation that the normal allowance of mooring lines were insufficient to carry through the operation. This ship had two (2) 8" Manila lines in very good condition also six (6) spring lay mooring lines of 1 3/8" diameter, two of which were new and had not been used. There were also aboard two (2) 1" spring wires practically new, yet all of the lines were broken several times during the operation in trying to hold LSMs and LSTs alongside the hatch. During the last two days at the objective this ship used the longest pieces of mooring wire plus one towing wire to complete unloading. This ship arrived back at Saipan without a single mooring line and unable to dock till lines can be obtained. It is not unreasonable to suggest that this ship carry an extra set of mooring lines aboard in order to avoid this experience in the future. Much time was lost in unloading due to the lines parting and the LSMs having to maneuver back alongside and be remoored. Most LSMs that came alongside had only two light mooring lines aboard.

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2 March 1945.

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From: Medical Officer.  
To: Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Casualties - report of.

Reference: Paragraph 3518, Manual Medical Department.

1. In accordance with the above reference, the following report is submitted:

DATE	PLACE	NATURE & CAUSE	NAME	RANK	DEPT	STATUS	REMARKS
23 Feb	Sea	G.I.W., back - In action	FAYNE, G.C.	Pfc	Wound, punctured	Par.	Resp. Screen 10.
23 Feb	Sea	Dysentery - In action	O'SHAUGHNESSY, J.	Pfc	Dysentery/ESOG	Par.	To duty
23 Feb	Sea	Combat Fatigue-action	SMITH, R.D.	Pfc	Combat Fatigue	Par.	To duty
23 Feb	Sea	Combat Fatigue-action	WHEELER, T.C.	Pvt.	Combat Fatigue	Par.	To duty
23 Feb	Sea	Sharp wound, face-action	SCHEFF, A.L.	Cpl.	Wound, lacerated face	Par.	To duty
23 Feb	Sea	Combat Fatigue-action	SPRUELL, W.L.	Pfc	Combat Fatigue	Par.	To duty
23 Feb	Sea	G.I.W., multiple-action	SMITH, C.T. Jr.	Walt	Wounds, multiple	Par.	To/Fall 12
24 Feb	Sea	G.I.W., left side of neck In action	SMITH, Charles Wood	Walt	Wound, punctured left side neck	Died	Buried at sea

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NO



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25Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrap. wounds, in action left ankle.	FIELD, D.R.	GNSc	Wound, frag. shell	Priv.	T to AFM12
25Feb	Inf	Inf	Fracture, single-action left ft. toe.	WINDAL, Kostag	USc	Fracture simple left ft. toe	Priv.	Retained
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Contusion back-action	BELL, Hyer	USc	Contusion back	Priv.	Retained
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrapnel lt hip-action	LEWELLYN, D.	Pfc	Wound Fragment Shell	Priv.	T to AFM6
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrapnel wounds-action Multiple	HOING, D.F.	Pfc	Wound Fragment Shell	Priv.	T to AM11
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrapnel wound-action Left leg	HUGHES, M.T.	Op1	Wound Fragment Shell	Priv.	T to AM11
27Feb	Inf	Inf	G.S.W., left-action Shoulder	THURTY, L.R.	Sgt.	Wound Puncture	Priv.	T to AFM6
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Bomb Blast-action	ARMED, R.H.	Pvt.	Blast Contusion Atmospheric	Priv.	T to AFM3
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrapnel wound-action Lower Jaw	WITKILL, O.C.	Sgt.	Wound Fragment Shell Lower jaw	Priv.	T to AM11
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrapnel wound-action Left leg.	LA VALLEY, A.R.	Pvt.	Wound Fragment Shell lt leg.	Priv.	T to AFM6
27Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrapnel wound-action back	HANEY, C.	Pfc.	Wound Fragment Shell, back	Priv.	T to AFM6
28Feb	Inf	Inf	Shrapnel wounds-action back	GIBSON, J.H.	Pfc	Wound Fragment Shell, back	Priv.	T to Hosp. Delayed
28Feb	Inf	Inf	Blast Contusion-action	GRADY, L.F.	Pvt.	Blast Contusion Atmospheric	Priv.	T to AFM3

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23Feb	Iwo Jima	Blast Convulsion-action	OLSHENDORF, L.W.	Pfc.	Blast Convulsion Atmospheric	Par.	T to APASS
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Shrapnel Wound-action right side	HAMPNER, W.A.	Pfc.	Small Fragment Shell	Par.	T to EXPASS
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Contusion left hip	ROHRMAN, S.H.	Pfc.	Contusion left hip	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Combat Fatigue -action	BALKESTADT, H.C.	Cpl.	Combat Fatigue	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Combat Fatigue-action	ARNOLD, S.G.	Pvt.	Combat Fatigue	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Dermatitis-action	OLIVER, D.J.	Cpl.	Dermatitis	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Cat Fever-action	COCHRAN, J.C.	Pvt.	Cat Fever	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Combat Fatigue-action	FRANK, J.	Pvt.	Combat Fatigue	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Infected Finger-action index rt hand	KNAPP, W.A.	Pfc.	Infected Finger index rt hand	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	Contusion Chest-action	RYAN, C.	Cpl.	Contusion Chest	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan
23Feb	Iwo Jima	G.S.W. Lt hip-action	SMYTHLONKI, J.	Pfc.	Wound Fracture	Par.	T to Hosp. Saipan

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