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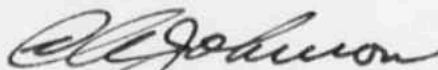
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WAR DIARY, MONTH OF DECEMBER 1944

U.S.S. TODD (AKA-71) was built at Wilmington, North Carolina by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company. The hull was laid August 10, 1944; launching date, October 10, 1944; delivered to U. S. Navy, November 15, 1944. A small nucleus crew was assembled at Wilmington, and the balance of the crew was trained at Newport, Rhode Island.

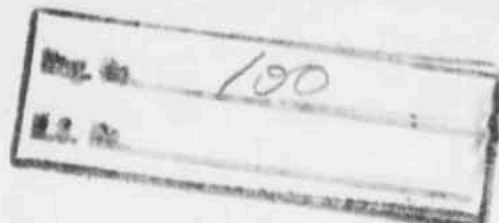
The ship was placed in full commission at the Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina on November 30, 1944. On completing Navy Yard availability, we proceeded to Hampton Roads, Virginia, reporting Commander, Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet, for shakedown in the Chesapeake Bay Area. On completion of shakedown, we proceeded independently to Davisville, Rhode Island for loading at the Advanced Base Depot. The General Cargo loaded amounted to three thousand one hundred (3100) tons of machinery, tools, spare parts, lumber, steel structures, steel matting, etc., all consigned to Pearl Harbor. Loading was completed and we sailed independently January 4, 1945 for the Panama Canal.

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Lt. Comdr. USNR

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**USS TODD, AKA-71**  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.



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

9 February 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary-Submission of.  
Ref: (a) AlNav 176.

WAR DIARY

U. S. S. TODD (AKA-71) completed loading at Davisville, R.I. the night of 4 January 1945 and sailed immediately, for the Panama Canal, independently.

The only event of interest on this passage, was an unidentified, SG radar contact in Crooked Island Passage on 8 January 1945. We were on course 198<sup>0</sup>T speed 15 K, West of Castle Island; at 2040 Q, CIC reported a strong echo, distance 10 miles, on the port bow, which appeared on the bridge PFI as two distinct targets. Tracking indicated a target course about West, speed 7-8 K, which would cause the target to cross ahead about 1000 yards. On clearing Castle Island, course was changed at 2045 Q, to 155<sup>0</sup>T for the run to Cape Maysi. On this course, the radar contact appeared to change to a course to converge slowly, speed, 5-7 K, and appeared to be gaining a position to pass close aboard to starboard, range about 4 miles.

Course was altered to the left in varying amounts and at intervals of from 1½ to 4 minutes, to a final course of 103<sup>0</sup>T, bearing in mind the necessity for keeping clear of Castle Island. The radar target appeared to follow our course changes and should have passed abeam at a range of about two miles. Although it was an unusually bright clear night, nothing was observed visually. Speed was increased and evasive courses followed through the night until clear of Cape Maysi. The contact was reported by despatch, and radio silence resumed.

A careful recapitulation and re-plotting the next day, showed the target followed an extremely erratic course, leading us to question whether this may have been a case of radar performance, rather than an actual contact. Experience with known side lobe echoes and second pulse echoes, raises the possibility this contact may have been one of these forms of radar phenomena. Such a response, coupled with inexperienced radar personnel stampeded into "seeing" contacts that did not exist, could account for the erratic track of the target.

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U. S. S. TODD (AKA-71) arrived at the Panama Canal on 11 January 1945, and departed Balboa for Pearl Harbor on 12 January 1945. The trip to Pearl Harbor was completely uneventful, and the ship arrived 26 January 1945. The discharge of cargo was accomplished at Iroquois Point and was completed 1 February 1945, in time to permit the vessel to join a group for training exercises in Hawaiian Islands area.

  
C. A. Johnson

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1 March 1945.

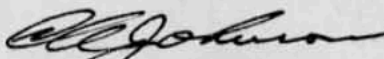
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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief U. S. Fleet.

Subj: War Diary-Submission of.

Ref: (a) AlNav 176

1. On completion of cargo discharge, at Pearl Harbor, USS TODD (AKA-71), <sup>on 2 Feb.</sup> joined a temporary group of three APA and three AKA for four days training exercises in the Hawaiian Island area. Training included AA firing, formation steaming and practice landings. Exercises were completed February 5, 1945 and USS TODD proceeded to Honolulu to load out for Noumea, New Caledonia. The cargo consisted of LVTs, motor equipment, and Battery Headquarters supplies for the 144th Coast Artillery Group, and amounted to only some 1300 tons. During the loading a quintuple topping lift block failed, and necessary rebuilding delayed our sailing until February 12, 1945. We sailed independently with 48 troops and seven Army officers as passengers.
2. The trip to Noumea was uneventful but was enlivened by the Neptune ceremony on crossing the Equator during which 350 new shellbacks were initiated.
3. USS TODD arrived at Noumea on February 22, 1945, disembarked all troops and unloaded part of the cargo. We then loaded additional LVTs on deck and delivered them to Uraei Bay, New Caledonia, in two trips, both uneventful.
4. On February 28, 1945, Commander South Pacific Force granted a seven day availability at anchor to accomplish voyage repairs to running rigging and the engineering plant.

  
C. A. JOHNSON.

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

1 April 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary, month of March 1945.- Submission of.  
Ref: (a) A1Nav No. 176.

1. The USS TODD (AKA-71) spent the entire month of March, 1945, in the Noumea area, New Caledonia. The time has been spent in general overhaul of all running rigging, landing boats, and the engineering plant, and in general drills.
2. On the arrival of Transport Squadron ELEVEN, USS TODD reported for duty with Transport Division THIRTY-TWO.
3. The last three days of the month were spent in loading a general cargo, combat load, for units of the 81st Infantry in preparation for future operations.
4. All activities during the month were purely routine.

  
C. A. Johnson.

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

1 May 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary, Month of April 1945.-Submission of.  
Ref: (a) A1Nav No.176.

1. The U. S. S. Todd (AKA-71) spent the entire month of April 1945 in the Noumea Area, New Caledonia.
2. April 9, 1945 U. S. S. TODD (AKA-71) got underway in company with TransDiv. THIRTY-TWO for training exercises in accordance with ComTransDiv Training Order No A1-45. 1200 Position Lat.22° -33S Long. 165°-55E  
2000 Position Lat.21° -57S Long. 165°-19.5E
3. April 10, 1945 commenced scheduled exercises in position L22°13.5S Long.165°54E. Landed all boats and landing force personnel at 1530 on 11 April 1945. Anchored in Dumbea Bay Noumea, New Caledonia.
4. Continued general overhaul of all equipment and machinery. Held general drills daily.
5. Last four days of the month were spent in revising and completing loading for the purpose of carrying general cargo (commercial) load.
6. All other activities other than stated above were purely routine.

*G. W. Watson*  
G. W. WATSON.

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USS TODD (AKA-71)  
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File: AKA-71/ALB-1/  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

1 June 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
 To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
 Subject: War Diary - Month of May - Submission of.  
 Ref: (a) ALNav 176.

WAR DIARY

1. May 1 - Anchored in Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Ship in Condition of Loading Cargo and Equipment of 81st Division, U. S. Army.

2. May 2 - Completed loading of General Cargo with 2029 long tons having been taken on board. Seven officers and one-hundred and eleven enlisted men of the 81st Division, U. S. Army, embarked on board for passage. At 1430 Commander S. W. Carr, (D), USNR, relieved Lieutenant G. W. Watson, (D-M), USNR, as Commanding Officer USS TODD in accordance with BuPers Rest. Despatch 232019 of 23 April 1945.

3. May 3 - 0620 USS TODD temporarily attached to ComTransDiv 32. Underway and stood out of Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in company with Task Group 11.11 enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties. Upon clearing Bulari Passage Task Group formed Cruising Disposition JAL-1. OTC and Fleet Guide in USS FREMONT (APA-44). USS TODD was fifth ship in third column from right to left. Standard distance 600 yards, interval 1000 yards.

1200 Posit	Lat 22-27 S
	Long 165-47 E
2000 Posit	Lat 21-34 S
	Long 164-11 E

4. May 4 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit	Lat 19-36 S
	Long 162-05 E
2000 Posit	Lat 17-50 S
	Long 159-50 E

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5. May 5 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 15-25 S  
Long 158-34 E  
2000 Posit Lat 12-56 S  
Long 157-25.5 E

6. May 6 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 10-24 S  
Long 156-19 E  
2000 Posit Lat 08-34 S  
Long 154-38.5 E

Fired burst practice on all batteries and expended 2051 rounds 20MM; 540 rounds 40MM; 7 rounds 5"38. No casualties.

7. May 7 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 07-50 S  
Long 152-19 E  
2000 Posit Lat 07-05 S  
Long 149-30.5 E

8. May 8 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 05-50 S  
Long 147-40 E  
2000 Posit Lat 03-46 S  
Long 147-19 E

9. May 9 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 01-53.7 S  
Long 147-22 E

0938 Anchored in Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralties.

10. May 10 - 1230 Underway enroute Manus Island, Admiralties to Leyte, Philippine Islands in Company with Task Group 11.11. (Disposition 3AL-1).

2000 Posit Lat 00-56 S  
Long 146-42.2 E



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11. May 11 - Enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 00-33 N  
Long 145-03 E  
2000 Posit Lat 01-53 N  
Long 143-22.5 E

12. May 12 - Enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 03-17.5 N  
Long 141-30 E  
2000 Posit Lat 04-38 N  
Long 139-50.5 E

13. May 13 - Enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 05-52 N  
Long 137-52 E  
2000 Posit Lat 07-14.5 N  
Long 135-48 E

14. May 14 - Enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 09-01 N  
Long 134-35 E  
2000 Posit Lat 09-51 N  
Long 132-09 E

15. May 15 - Enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 10-16 N  
Long 129-39 E  
2000 Posit Lat 10-26.8 N  
Long 127-25 E

16. May 16 - Enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 10-55.1 N  
Long 125-15.7 E

0950 Anchored off Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

During entire trip from Noumea to Leyte via Manus Island, held Emergency Drills, Flag Hoist Drills and Fleet Tactical Maneuvers

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17. May 17-24 - Anchored off Tarraguna, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Unloaded all cargo and equipment of 81st Division, U. S. Army. All officers and enlisted personnel of 81st Division, U. S. Army, aboard as passengers, left the ship.

18. May 24 - Shifted berths to #41, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands. Reported to Commander Seventh Fleet, CTG 76.6 for temporary duty.

19. May 25-27 - At anchor these three days in routine maintenance and upkeep and held General Drills.

20. May 27 - Received orders from CTG 76.6 to get underway for Hollandia, New Guinea via Manus Island, Admiralties. Detached two officers and forty enlisted men with eight LCM's and seven LCVF's to report to CNOB, Tacloban, Philippine Islands for temporary duty until return of this ship.

21. May 28 - Underway at 1200 independently enroute Hollandia, New Guinea via Manus Island in accordance with CTG 76.6 Secret Despatch 261252 of May 1945.

2000 Posit Lat 10-11 N  
Long 126-54 E

22. May 29 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 08-44.5 N  
Long 129-37 E  
2000 Posit Lat 07-30.5 N  
Long 131-52 E

23. May 30 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 06-08.5 N  
Long 134-27 E  
2000 Posit Lat 04-41.5 N  
Long 137-00 E

24. May 31 - Enroute to Manus Island Admiralties.

0800 Posit Lat 03-21 N  
Long 139-21 E  
2000 Posit Lat 01-56 N  
Long 142-16 E

25. All other activities during month were purely routine.

  
S. W. CARR  
Commander USNR

USS TODD (AKA-71)  
c/o F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

File: AKA-71/A12-1/

Serial: 0148

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

1 July 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary - Month of June - Submission of.  
Ref: (a) A1Nav 176.

WAR DIARY

1. June 1 - USS TODD (AKA-71), temporarily attached Seventh Fleet, less eight (8) LCM's nine (9) LCVP's, two (2) officers and forty (40) enlisted men, left in Leyte, steaming independently enroute Leyte, P. I., to Manus Island, Admiralty Group, in accordance with CTG 76.6 Secret Despatch 261252 of May 1945.

0800 Posit Lat 01-12 N  
Long 144-38 E

2000 Posit Lat 00-43.5 S  
Long 145-59 E

2. June 2 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralties. 0815 Stood into Seeadler Harbor, Manus, and anchored berth C-24 in preparation of loading Army boats.

3. June 3 - With six (6) LCM's and two (2) 50' ML aboard of USA, got underway in accordance with CTG 76.6 Secret Despatch 261252 of May enroute Manus Island, Admiralties, to Hollandia, New Guinea.

2000 Posit Lat 01-54 S  
Long 144-30.5 E

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4. June 4 - Enroute Manus Island, Admiralties, to Hollandia, New Guinea.

0800 Posit Lat 02-19.5 S  
Long 141-38 E

1205 Stood into Humboldt Bay, New Guinea, and moored to U. S. Army Dock #9. 1500 Commenced loading.

5. June 5 - Moored Army Dock #9, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea - Continued loading.

6. June 6 - Moored Army Dock #9, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea - Continued loading.

7. June 7 - Moored Army Dock #9, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea - Continued loading. 1500 Completed loading of General Cargo, having taken aboard 1533 tons of cargo and equipment of 21st Replacement Depot, USA. 1500 In accordance with Movement Directive 321 serial 48 dated 10 May 1945, Headquarters 21st Replacement Depot, E. M. Allen, Major, USA, reported aboard for passage in charge of eight (8) officers and one hundred and forty-six (146) enlisted men.

8. June 8 - Moored Army Dock #9, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea.

9. June 9 - Moored Army Dock #9, Humboldt Bay, New Guinea. At 0650 got underway in accordance with CTG 76.6 Secret Despatch 261252 of May 1945 in company with other U. S. Navy and Merchant ships enroute Hollandia, New Guinea, to Manila, P. I. Cruising formation Al - OTC and Fleet Guide in USS SAINT CROIX (PA 231). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards.

2000 Posit Lat 01-04.5 S  
Long 139-30 E

10. June 10 - Enroute to Manila, P. I.

0800 Posit Lat 00-04 N  
Long 137-41.5 E  
2000 Posit Lat 01-13 N  
Long 135-50 E

11. June 11 - Enroute to Manila, P. I. 0900 Held Burst Practice and expended the following ammunition with no casualties: 5 rounds 5"38; 460 rounds 40MM; 1102 rounds 20MM.

0800 Posit Lat 02-28 N  
Long 134-06.2 E  
2000 Posit Lat 03-34 N  
Long 132-45.5 E

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12. June 12 - Enroute to Manila, P. I.  
0800 Posit Lat 04-35 N  
Long 131-22 E  
2000 Posit Lat 05-45 N  
Long 130-20.5 E
13. June 13 - Enroute to Manila, P. I.  
0800 Posit Lat 06-51 N  
Long 129-44 E  
2000 Posit Lat 08-14 N  
Long 128-29.8 E
14. June 14 - Enroute to Manila, P. I.  
0800 Posit Lat 09-32 N  
Long 127-10 E  
2000 Posit Lat 10-33.5 N  
Long 125-25 E
15. June 15 - Enroute to Manila, P. I.  
0800 Posit Lat 09-13.2 N  
Long 124-08.2 E  
2000 Posit Lat 09-18.2 N  
Long 122-25 E
16. June 16 - Enroute to Manila, P. I.  
0800 Posit Lat 11-07 N  
Long 121-29 E  
2000 Posit Lat 12-55 N  
Long 120-34.5 E
17. June 17 - Enroute to Manila, P. I.  
0800 Posit Lat 14-18 N  
Long 120-33 E

0701 Proceeding independently standing into Manila, P. I.  
enroute assigned anchorage. 1400 Anchored in Berth #77, North Anchorage,  
Manila Bay. SOPA in USS ANCON (AGC 4)

18. June 18 - Anchored Manila Bay.

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19. June 19 - Anchored Manila Bay. 0744 Got underway to shift berths. At 0837 moored starboard side to Pier #7, Berth #1 and commenced unloading General Cargo.

20. June 20 - Moored pier #7, berth #1, Manila, P. I. Continued unloading.

21. June 21 - Moored pier #7, berth #1, Manila, P. I. Continued unloading. 2130 Completed unloading of General Cargo and equipment of 21st Replacement Depot, USM.

22. June 22 - Moored pier #7, berth #1, Manila, P. I. 0600 Major E. M. Allen, USA, in charge of eight (8) officers and one hundred and forty-six (146) enlisted men, USA, left the ship having been aboard as passengers. 0637 Got underway and anchored berth #68, Manila Bay.

23. June 23 - Anchored berth #68, Manila Bay. At 1352 underway independently enroute Manila, P. I. to Leyte, P. I. in accordance with Secret Despatch ComSeventhPhib 191328 dated June 1945.

2000 Posit Lat 13-37 N  
Long 120-43 E

24. June 24 - Enroute to Leyte, P. I.

0800 Posit Lat 12-38.3 N  
Long 123-28.8 E

2000 Posit Lat 11-59.5 N  
Long 125-40.5 E

25. June 25 - Enroute to Leyte, P. I. 0820 Anchored in Berth #50, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P. I. Two (2) officers and forty (40) enlisted men with eight (8) LCM's and nine (9) LCVP's reported aboard having been left behind during trip for upkeep and repair of ship's boats.

26. June 26 - Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P. I.

27. June 27 - Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P. I.

28. June 28 - Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P. I. 1020 Underway independently enroute Leyte, P. I. to Oro Bay, New Guinea in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 191328 of June 1945.

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29. June 29 - Enroute Leyte, P. I. to Oro Bay, New Guinea.

0800 Posit Lat 08-04 N  
Long 128-52 E  
2000 Posit Lat 06-48 N  
Long 131-25 E

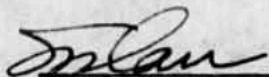
1300 Held Burst Practice and expended following ammunition with no casualties: 4 rounds 5"38; 1661 rounds 20MM; 329 rounds 40MM. USS TODD (AKA-71) completed thirty-one (31) days in Philippine Liberation Area This date.

30. June 30 - Enroute to Oro Bay, New Guinea.

0800 Posit Lat 05-01 N  
Long 133-40 E  
2000 Posit Lat 02-51.5 N  
Long 135-46.5 E

31. During entire month Emergency Drills were held periodically.

32. All other activities during month were purely routine.



S. W. CARR  
Commander USNR

**USS TODD, AKA-71**

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1 August 1945

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

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary - Month of July - submission of.  
Reference: (a) AlNav 176.

WAR DIARY

1. July 1 - USS TODD (AKA-71), temporarily attached Seventh Fleet, steaming independently, enroute Leyte, Philippine Islands to Oro Bay, New Guinea, in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 191328 of June 1945.

0800 Posit Lat 01-05 N  
Long 137-20 E  
2000 Posit Lat 01-27 S  
Long 139-37.5 E

2. July 2 - Enroute to Oro Bay, New Guinea.

0800 Posit Lat 02-20 S  
Long 141-20 E  
2000 Posit Lat 03-55 S  
Long 143-32 E

3. July 3 - Enroute to Oro Bay, New Guinea.

0800 Posit Lat 04-14 S  
Long 145-20 E  
2000 Posit Lat 05-48.5 S  
Long 147-20 E

4. July 4 - Enroute to Oro Bay, New Guinea

0800 Posit Lat 07-46.5 S  
Long 148-09 E

1335 Stood in and anchored Oro Bay, New Guinea. 1600 Shifted berths to Army Docks in preparation for loading cargo. 2200 Commenced loading.



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5. July 5 to 7 - Oro Bay, New Guinea. Continued loading cargo.

6. July 7 - Oro Bay, New Guinea.. 0900 Completed loading of General Cargo and Equipment of 170th Ordnance Depot, USA, having received on board 2028 tons. At 1340 in accordance with Movement Directive 465 Headquarters AFWESPAC of 24 June, Captain F. A. Larson, D-1550428, USA, in charge of seven (7) officers and one hundred and twenty-three (123) enlisted men of 170th Ordnance Depot, USA, came on board for passage to Manila, Philippine Islands.

7. July 8 - Oro Bay, New Guinea. 0855 Underway independently in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 290244 of June 1945 enroute Oro Bay to Hollandia, New Guinea.

2000 Posit Lat 06-19 S  
Long 148-03 E

8. July 9 - Enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea.

0800 Posit Lat 04-26 S  
Long 145-40 E  
2000 Posit Lat 02-42 S  
Long 143-17 E

9. July 10 - Enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea. 0750 Stood in and anchored Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea. 1445 Underway independently in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 081322 of July 1945 enroute Hollandia, New Guinea to Manila, Philippine Islands.

2000 Posit Lat 01-32.8 S  
Long 140-21.5 E

10. July 11 - Enroute to Manila, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 00-12 N  
Long 138-42 E  
2000 Posit Lat 02-35.5 E  
Long 136-32 E

0905 Held Burst Practice and expended the following ammunition with no casualties: 213 rounds 40MM; 382 rounds 20MM; 4 rounds 5"38.

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11. July 12 - Enroute to Manila, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 04-38 N  
Long 134-36 E  
2000 Posit Lat 06-34 N  
Long 132-33 E

0915 Held Burst Practice and expended the following ammunition with no casualties: 5 rounds 5"38; 436 rounds 40MM; 320 rounds 20MM.

12. July 13 - Enroute to Manila, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 08-00 N  
Long 130-11 E  
2000 Posit Lat 09-20 N  
Long 127-50 E

13. July 14 - Enroute to Manila, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 11-29 N  
Long 125-57.5 E  
2000 Posit Lat 12-27.5 N  
Long 124-06 E

Traversed San Bernardino Straits.

14. July 15 - Enroute to Manila, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 13-56.5 N  
Long 121-25.7 E

1636 Stood in and anchored Manila Bay. South Anchorage.

15. July 16 to 19 - Anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands.

16. July 19 - Anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands. 0840 Pursuant to Movement Directive No. 465 Headquarters AFWESPAC of 24 June, Captain F. A. Larson, D-1550428, USA, in charge of two (2) officers and ninety-eight (98) enlisted men, left the ship, having been on board as passengers.

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17. July 20 - Anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands. 1930 Shifted berth to Pier #9, inner harbor. While backing into Pier #9, Berth #1, the port side of this vessel at frame 18 glanced off port side of SS CHARLES FORT causing no material damage to either vessel. 2130 Commenced unloading cargo.
18. July 21 to 24 - Manila, Philippine Islands. Continued unloading.
19. July 21 - Manila, Philippine Islands. All remaining troops aboard as passengers left the ship.
20. July 24 - Manila, Philippine Islands. 0945 Completed unloading of cargo, having discharged 2028 tons of General Cargo and Equipment of 170th Ordnance Depot, USA. 1150 Transferred six LCM(3)'s and twelve LCVP's to CNE Boat Pool, Manila, Philippine Islands for safekeeping in compliance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 230539 of July 1945. 1353 Underway independently enroute Manila, Philippine Islands to Manus Island, Admiralty Group, in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 230035.

2000 Posit Lat 13-35.7 N  
Long 120-44 E

21. July 25 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

0800 Posit Lat 12-37 N  
Long 123-25.5 E  
2000 Posit Lat 12-10 N  
Long 125-38 E

22. July 26 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

0800 Posit Lat 10-08.5 N  
Long 127-03 E  
2000 Posit Lat 08-54.7 N  
Long 129-06.5 E

23. July 27 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty group.

0800 Posit Lat 07-38 N  
Long 131-21 E  
2000 Posit Lat 06-36.5 N  
Long 133-50.1 E

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24. July 28 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

0800 Posit Lat 05-02 N  
Long 136-13 E  
2000 Posit Lat 03-51 N  
Long 138-28 E

25. July 29 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

0800 Posit Lat 02-49 N  
Long 140-29 E  
2000 Posit Lat 01-48.4 N  
Long 142-22.5 E

26. July 30 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

0800 Posit Lat 00-38.5 N  
Long 114-16.5 E  
2000 Posit Lat 00-21 S  
Long 145-33.5 E

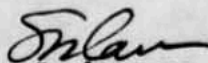
27. July 31 - Enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

0800 Posit Lat 01-44.5 N  
Long 147-06 E

1035 Stood in and anchored Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

28. During entire month while ship was underway, exercised at emergency drills frequently. Steering Casualty, Tactical Maneuvers daily and zig-zagged in open waters.

29. All other activities during month purely routine.

  
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1 September 1945

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

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary, Month of August - Submission of.  
Reference: (a) AlNav 176.

WAR DIARY

1. August 1, 1945 - The USS TODD(AKA-71), temporarily attached to Seventh Fleet, was anchored in Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Group, loading cargo.

2. August 2 - Anchored Manus Island. 0911 With eight (8) LCM(3)'s, six (6) FEB's and one (1) LCV of U. S. Army aboard, got underway independently in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 230035 of July, enroute Manus Island to Finschaven, New Guinea. 1651 Thermal overload tripped out in #2 force draft blower. 1714 Resumed standard speed after repairs had been made to Engine Plant.

2000 Posit Lat 04-09.5 S  
Long 147-12 E

3. August 3 - Enroute to Finschaven, New Guinea. 0902 Stood in and moored to Army Dock #8, Langemak Bay, New Guinea, in preparation to load cargo.

4. August 4 - Moored, Langemak Bay, New Guinea. Continued loading of cargo. 1600 In accordance with Movement Order #78, Headquarters Base "F", of 4 August, Col. R. Melberg, O3-812, USA, in charge of eleven (11) officers and one hundred and forty (140) enlisted men of 76th AAA Group, USA, came on board for passage to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

5. August 5 - Moored, Langemak Bay, New Guinea. Continued loading of cargo. 0605 Completed loading of General Cargo and Equipment of 76th AAA Group, USA, having received on board 875 tons. 1053 Underway independently in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 210451 of July enroute Finschaven, New Guinea to Hollandia, New Guinea.

2000 Posit Lat 05-11 S  
Long 146-22 E

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6. August 6 - Enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea.

0800	Posit	Lat 02-57 S
		Long 144-17 E
2000	Posit	Lat 02-24 S
		Long 142-13.5 E

7. August 7 - Enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea. 0716 Stood in and anchored Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea. 0948 Underway independently enroute Hollandia, New Guinea to Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 210451 of July.

2000	Posit	Lat 00-44.5 S
		Long 139-20 E

8. August 8 - Enroute to Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

0800	Posit	Lat 01-30 N
		Long 137-01 E
2000	Posit	Lat 03-38 N
		Long 135-18 E

9. August 9 - Enroute to Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

0800	Posit	Lat 05-43 N
		Long 133-23.5 E
2000	Posit	Lat 07-26 N
		Long 131-06 E

10. August 10 - Enroute to Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

0800	Posit	Lat 08-56 N
		Long 128-28.5 E
2000	Posit	Lat 10-29.5 N
		Long 126-13.5 E

11. August 11 - Enroute to Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

0800	Posit	Lat 12-57 N
		Long 124-49 E
2000	Posit	Lat 13-06 N
		Long 122-06.5 E

Traversed San Bernardino Straits.

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12. August 12 - Enroute to Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

0800 Posit Lat 14-43.5 N  
Long 120-12.5 E

0855 Stood in and anchored Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands in preparation to unload cargo.

13. August 13-17 - Anchored Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Unloading cargo.

14. August 17 - Anchored Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1537 In accordance with Movement Order #78, Headquarters Base "F" of 4 August, Col. R. Melberg, O3-812, USA, in charge of eleven (11) officers and one hundred and forty (140) enlisted men of 76th AAA Group, USA, left the ship having been on board as passengers. 1600 Completed unloading having discharged 875 tons of General Cargo and Equipment of 76th AAA Group, USA. During entire trip, Emergency Drills were held daily.

15. August 18 - Anchored Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1025 Underway independently enroute Subic Bay to Manila, Philippine Islands in accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 170107 of August. 1602 Stood in and anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands.

16. August 19 - Anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands. 1030 In accordance with ComSeventhPhib Secret Despatch 181321 of August, this vessel transferred eight (8) LCM(3)'s to Amphibious Force Combat Boat Pool, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. 1040 In accordance with Orders Company "C" 592 Eng. Boat and Shore Regiment, 1st Lieut. I. W. Levy, O-915319, USA, in charge of thirty-seven (37) enlisted men, came on board with eight (8) LCM(3)'s as passengers and cargo.

17. August 20 - Anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands. 1000 Shifted berth to Pier #11. 1200 Commenced loading. 1600 In accordance with Field Order No. 31, Headquarters 8th Army, 11th Corps, of August, Lt. Col. John R. White, O238711, USA, in charge of nine (9) officers, one hundred and fifty-four (154) enlisted men and two (2) Red Cross members of Signal Group, 11th Corps, USA, came on board for passage.

18. August 21 - Moored Pier #11, Manila, Philippine Islands. Continued loading. 0845 Completed loading having received on board 623 tons of General Cargo and Equipment of 11th Corps, USA. 1850 Shifted berth to Fleet Anchorage.

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19. August 22-25 - Anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands.

20. August 25 - Anchored Manila Bay, Philippine Islands. 1328 Underway with units of TransRon 16 in accordance with ComPhibGroup 12 Top Secret Despatch 220617 of August. Standing out of Manila Bay enroute to rendezvous. 1705 In accordance with ComPhibGroup 12 Operational Plan No. A1220-45 of August, assumed assigned position in Task Force 33, Cruising Formation C-1. Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, standard interval one thousand (1000) yards. Fleet Guide and O.T.C. in USS HANSFORD (APA 106). This ship fifth in third column from right to left. Enroute to Operational Area.

2000 Posit Lat 14-49 N  
Long 119-48 E

21. August 26 - Enroute Manila, Philippine Islands to Operational Area.

0800 Posit Lat 14-32 N  
Long 120-11.4 E

1012 Stood in and anchored Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

22. August 27 - Anchored Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 0917 Underway in company with Task Force 33 in accordance with ComPhibGroup Secret Operation Plan No. A1220-45. Enroute to sea standing out of Subic Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. 1110 Assumed assigned position in Task Force 33, Cruising Formation C-1. Fleet Guide and O.T.C. in USS HANSFORD (APA 106). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, standard interval one thousand (1000) yards. This ship fifth in third column from right to left.

2000 Posit Lat 15-33.5 N  
Long 119-40 E

23. August 28-31 - Enroute Subic Bay, Philippine Islands to Operational Area.

August 28 0800 Posit Lat 18-06 N  
Long 120-09 E  
2000 Posit Lat 20-00.5 N  
Long 121-52.5 E



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August 29 0800	Posit	Lat 21-38 N
		Long 124-20 E
2000	Posit	Lat 33-21.5 N
		Long 126-29 E
August 30 0800	Posit	Lat 25-12 N
		Long 128-44 E
2000	Posit	Lat 26-56 N
		Long 126-29 E
August 31 0800	Posit	Lat 28-57 N
		Long 133-14 E
2000	Posit	Lat 30-43 N
		Long 135-38 E

24. During entire trip, daily drills were held in Flag Hoist, Tactics, and individual ship drills consisting of Fire, Abandon Ship, Collision, Fire and Rescue and General Quarters.

25. All other activities during Month were purely routine.

  
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1 October 1945

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

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary - Month of September - submission of.  
Reference: (a) A1Nav 176.

WAR DIARY

1. 1 September - The USS TODD (AKA-71) with units of 11th Corps, USA, aboard as passengers and temporarily attached to TransRon 16, was underway in company with Task Force 33 enroute Subic Bay, Philippine Islands to Tokyo Bay, Japan in accordance with ComPhibGroup 12 Operational Plan 1220-45. Fleet Guide and O.T.C. in USS MT. OLYMPUS (AGC 8). Cruising disposition Column, standard distance six hundred (600) yards. The USS TODD (AKA-71) was twenty-fifth ship in column.

2000 Posit Lat 33-55 N  
Long 139-52 E

2. 2 September - Steaming enroute Subic Bay, Philippine Islands to Tokyo Bay, Japan.

0800 Posit Lat 35-04.2 N  
Long 139-43.2 E

0925 Stood in to Tokyo Bay, Japan. 1117 Anchored in Berth #7, "Baker Anchorage", Yokohama, Japan. 1605 Shifted berths to inner harbor berth "D". Commenced unloading of cargo.

3. 3 September - Moored Berth "D", Yokohama, Japan. Continued unloading cargo. 0750 Pursuant to Movement Order Hq. XI Corps, USA, AG300-46 of 23 August 1945, Lt. Col. J. R. White, 0238711, USA, in charge of 154 enlisted men, nine (9) officers and two (2) red Cross officers of 87th Signal Group left the ship having been aboard as passengers. 0900 Completed unloading of General Cargo and equipment of 87th Signal Group, XI Corps, USA, having discharged 623 tons. 1124 Shifted berths to #7, "Baker Anchorage".

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4. 4 September - Anchored as before. 1509 Underway in company with TransRon 16 enroute Tokyo Bay, Japan to Leyte, Philippine Islands in accordance with ComTransRon 16 Secret Movement Order A18-45.

2000 Posit Lat 34-51.5 N  
Long 139-35 E

2017 Formed Cruising disposition "Charlie Two". The USS TODD (AKA-71) was eighth in second column from right to left. Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards. O.T.C. and Fleet Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96).

5. 5 September - Enroute Tokyo Bay to Leyte, Philippine Islands. 0623 Formed Cruising disposition "Charlie One". This ship third in fourth column from right to left. Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards. O.T.C. and Fleet Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96).

0800 Posit Lat 32-54.5 N  
Long 141-02.5 E  
2000 Posit Lat 30-45 N  
Long 142-16 E

6. 6 September - Enroute Tokyo Bay, Japan to Leyte, P. I.

0800 Posit Lat 28-33 N  
Long 143-16 E  
2000 Posit Lat 26-06.5 N  
Long 144-06 E

7. 7 September - Enroute Tokyo Bay, Japan to Leyte, P. I.

0800 Posit Lat 23-50.5 N  
Long 143-32.5 E  
2000 Posit Lat 22-16 N  
Long 141-05 E

8. 8 September - Enroute Tokyo Bay, Japan to Leyte, P. I.

0800 Posit Lat 20-41.5 N  
Long 138-55 E  
2000 Posit Lat 19-02 N  
Long 136-45 E

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9. 9 September - Enroute Tokyo Bay, Japan to Leyte, P. I.

0800	Posit	Lat 17-23.5 N
		Long 134-35.5 E
2000	Posit	Lat 15-47 N
		Long 132-38 E

10. 10 September - Enroute Tokyo Bay, Japan to Leyte, P. I.  
1628 Formed Cruising disposition "Charlie Three". This ship third in second column from right to left in Section Two. Fleet Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards.

0800	Posit	Lat 14-01 N
		Long 130-22 E
2000	Posit	Lat 12-23 N
		Long 128-13 E

11. 11 September - Enroute Tokyo Bay to Leyte, P. I. 1328  
Stood in and anchored berth 23<sup>4</sup>, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800	Posit	Lat 10-36.5 N
		Long 125-51 E

12. During entire trip mentioned in above paragraphs, emergency drills, Flaghoist drills, and tactical maneuvers were held daily.

13. 12-13 September - Anchored San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Receiving Logistics.

14. 14 September - Anchored San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 0914 Underway in company with units of TransRon 16 in accordance with ComTransRon 16 Secret Speed Letter Serial 0017-8 of 13 September 1945 enroute Leyte, P. I. to Zamboanga, Mindinao, P. I. via Bugo, Mindinao, P. I. 1000 Formed column. Fleet Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards. This ship seventh in column.

2000	Posit	Lat 09-46 N
		Long 125-07.2 E

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15. 15 September - Enroute Leyte, P. I. to Zamboanga, P. I.

0800	Posit	Lat 08-37 N
		Long 124-37 E
2000	Posit	Lat 08-40 N
		Long 122-46 E

16. 16 September - Enroute Leyte, P. I. to Zamboanga, P. I.

0800	Posit	Lat 06-55 N
		Long 121-57 E

0921 Stood in and anchored Berth "B-10", Zamboanga Harbor, Philippine Islands. 1033 Shifted berths to "B-45". 1800 Commenced loading cargo.

17. 17-18 September - Anchored Zamboanga, P. I. Loading cargo.

18. 19 September - Anchored Zamboanga, P. I. Loading cargo. 0400 Completed loading of Cargo and equipment of 41st Division, USA, having received on board 1354 tons. 0600 Lt. Col. Dillard, D. S., O-22175, USA, in charge of eight (8) officers and 115 enlisted men of 41st Division, USA, came aboard as passengers. 1305 Underway in company with units of TransRon 16 in accordance with ComTransRon 16 Speedletter 00131 of 18 September 1945 enroute Zamboanga, P. I. to Leyte, P. I. via Bugo, P. I. Cruising disposition "Charlie One". This ship second in first column from right to left and in Section Two. Fleet Guide and O.T.C. in USS CECIL (APA 96). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards.

2000	Posit	Lat 07-45 N
		Long 122-02.5 E

19. 20 September - Enroute Zamboanga, P. I. to Leyte, P. I. via Bugo, Mindinao, P. I. 1200 Arrived Bugo, Mindinao, P. I. Commenced loading Army LCM's. 1230 In accordance with Speedletter Serial 00131 of 18 September 1945 of ComTransRon 16, 1st Lieutenant R. J. Beach, O-1106581, 41st Division, USA, in charge of twenty-five (25) enlisted men came on board for passage. 1445 With six (6) Army LCM's aboard left Bugo and proceeded to Leyte, P. I. Cruising disposition remained same.

2000	Posit	Lat 09-17.5 N
		Long 124-33.5 E

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20. 21 September - Enroute Zamboanga, P. I. to Leyte, P. I.

0800 Posit Lat 10-45 N  
Long 125-09 E

0959 Stood in and anchored Berth 1037, Tarraguna Anchorage, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands.

21. 22 September - Anchored Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. 0650 Underway in company with TransRon 16 enroute Leyte Gulf, P. I. to Operational Area in accordance with ComTransRon 16 Operations Order A19-45. Cruising disposition "One-Able". O.T.C. in USS CALVERT (APA 32). Fleet Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96). This ship in third column from left to right. Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards.

0800 Posit Lat 10-41 N  
Long 125-19 E  
2000 Posit Lat 11-43 N  
Long 127-09.5 E

22. 23 September - Enroute Leyte, P. I. to Operational Area.

0800 Posit Lat 14-09 N  
Long 127-56 E  
2000 Posit Lat 16-50.5 N  
Long 128-21.5 E

23. 24 September - Enroute Leyte, P. I. to Operational Area.

0800 Posit Lat 19-37.5 N  
Long 128-10 E  
2000 Posit Lat 22-21 N  
Long 128-09.5 E

24. 25 September - Enroute Leyte, P. I. to Operational Area.

0800 Posit Lat 25-02 N  
Long 128-08 E

1857 Stood in and anchored Berth L-63, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

25. 26-28 September - Anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

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26. 28 September - Anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1407 Underway by Authority ComTransRon 16 Visual Despatch of 28 September 1945 in Company with TransRon 16 to execute Plan X-ray. Stood out of Buckner Bay, Okinawa and formed Cruising disposition "One-Able". O.T.C. in USS CALVERT (APA 32). Fleet Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards. This ship fourth in second column from right to left.

2000 Posit Lat 25-56 N  
Long 127-35 E

27. 29 September - Enroute Okinawa to Execute Plan X-ray.


0800 Posit Lat 25-50 N  
Long 126-24 E  
2000 Posit Lat 25-56 N  
Long 127-10 E

28. 30 September - Enroute Okinawa to execute Plan X-ray.

0800 Posit Lat 26-53-7 N  
Long 126-25.5 E  
2000 Posit Lat 27-20 N  
Long 128-56.5 E

29. During time this ship was underway in company with TransRon 16, Emergency Drills, Flaghoist Drills and Tactical Maneuvers were held daily.

30. All other activities during month were purely routine.

  
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1 November 1945

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

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary, Month of October, Submission of.  
Reference: (a) AlNav 176.

WAR DIARY

1. October 1 - The USS TODD (AKA-71), temporarily attached to TransRon 16, Fifth Fleet, with units of 41st Division, U.S.A. aboard as passengers, was underway in company with TransRon 16 enroute Subic Bay, Philippine Islands to Operation Area in accordance with ComPhibGroup 11 Operation Order All05-45. Cruising Disposition "One Able". O.T.C. in USS CALVERT (APA 32), Formation Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards. This ship fourth in second column from right to left.

0800 Posit Lat 26-44.5 N  
Long 128-40 E

1406 Pursuant to ComTaskGroup 54.28 Visual Despatch 301440 of 1 October 1945, stood in and anchored Berth L-87, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

2. October 2 - Anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1602 While hoisting #19 Landing Boat to the rail in port davit, the block on the forward boat fall carried away, causing boat to swing down on after fall, crushing stern of boat beyond repair and hurling boat crew into the water. 1755 Landing Boat #19 was lowered into water and sunk.

3. October 3 - Anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 0838 Got underway in accordance with ComTransRon 16 Speed Letter Serial 00135 of 2 October 1945 enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa to Operational Area in company with TransRon 16. Cruising Disposition "One Able". O.T.C. in USS CALVERT (APA 32), Formation Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards. This ship fourth in second column from right to left.

2000 Posit Lat 27-21 N  
Long 129-57 E

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4. October 4 - Enroute Okinawa to Operational Area.
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| 0800 | Posit | Lat 29-10 N   |
|      |       | Long 131-25 E |
| 2000 | Posit | Lat 31-04 N   |
|      |       | Long 132-09 E |
5. October 5 - Enroute Okinawa to Operational Area. 0631 Formed Cruising Disposition "Easy". Formation Guide in USS CECIL (APA 96), O.T.C. in USS CALVERT (APA 32). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards. This ship sixth in column from ahead.
- |      |       |               |
|------|-------|---------------|
| 0800 | Posit | Lat 32-41.2 N |
|      |       | Long 132-28 E |
- 1234 Having traversed Bungo Suido, entered the Inland Sea of Japan. 1655 Anchored in swept channel, Tsurushima Channel, Inland Sea of Japan.
6. October 6 - Anchored Inland Sea, Japan. 0637 Underway in accordance with Visual Despatch ComTransRon 16 in company with TransRon 16 enroute Tsurushima Channel anchorage to Operational Area. Cruising Disposition "Easy". 0915 Anchored in Berth #52, Aki Nada anchorage, Japan. 1156 Shifted berths to #6, Hiro Wan anchorage, Japan. 1930 Commenced unloading cargo.
7. October 7-8 - Anchored Hiro Wan anchorage, Japan. Ship in Condition of Unloading Cargo.
8. October 9 - Anchored Hiro Wan anchorage, Japan. Ship in Condition of Unloading Cargo. 0045 Completed unloading of cargo and equipment of 41st Division, USA, having discharged 1354 tons. 0305 Lt. Col. Dillard, D. S., O-22175, USA, in charge of eight (8) officers and 115 enlisted men of 41st Division, USA, left the ship having been aboard as passengers. 1300 Shifted berths of #45, Aki Nada anchorage, Japan.
9. October 10-14 - Anchored Aki Nada anchorage, Japan.
10. October 15 - Anchored Aki Nada anchorage, Japan. 0642 Underway independently enroute Aki Nada anchorage, Japan to Okinawa in accordance with ComTaskUnit 54.18.26 Visual Despatch 150535 of October 1945. 1238 Cleared the Inland Sea of Japan.

2000	Posit	Lat 31-45 N
		Long 131-59 E

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11. October 16 - Enroute to Okinawa.

0800	Posit	Lat 29-06 N
		Long 131-06 E
2000	Posit	Lat 27-15 N
		Long 129-29 E

12. October 17 - Enroute to Okinawa. 0714 Stood in and anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1259 Having received aboard mail for units of TransRon 17 and 24, got underway independently in accordance with CTU 54.18.26 Visual Despatch 141625 of October enroute Okinawa to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

2000	Posit	Lat 24-39.2 N
		Long 127-43 E

13. October 18 - Enroute to Subic Bay, P. I.

0800	Posit	Lat 22-41.2 N
		Long 125-08.5 E
2000	Posit	Lat 20-39 N
		Long 122-38 E

14. October 19 - Enroute to Subic Bay, P. I.

0800	Posit	Lat 19-02.5 N
		Long 120-08 E
2000	Posit	Lat 16-24 N
		Long 119-26 E

15. October 20 - Enroute to Subic Bay, P. I. 0800 Stood in and anchored Subic Bay, P. I. 1100 Received on board eight (8) LCM's and three (3) LCVP's from Rivera Boat Pool.

16. October 21 - Anchored Subic Bay, P. I. 0639 Underway in company with Task Unit 54.18.26 enroute Subic Bay to Manila, Philippine Islands in accordance with Com7thPhib Despatch 130730 of October 1945. O.T.C. and Formation Guide in USS TOLLAND (AKA 64). Formation, Column. Standard distance six hundred (600) yards. This ship fourth from ahead. 1316 Stood in and anchored Manila Bay, P. I.

17. October 22 - Anchored Manila Bay, P. I. Reported to ComTransRon 17 for duty in accordance with Com7thPhib Despatch 121617 of October 1945.



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23. October 28 - Enroute to Taku Area, North China.

0800	Posit	Lat 24-36 N
		Long 123-30.5 E
2000	Posit	Lat 26-36 N
		Long 125-20 E

24. October 29 - Enroute to Taku Area, North China.

0800	Posit	Lat 28-46 N
		Long 124-36.5 E
2000	Posit	Lat 31-16 N
		Long 125-39 E

25. October 30 - Enroute to Taku Area, North China. 0605 Expended 120 rounds 20MM ammunition in an unsuccessful attempt to sink mine. No casualties.

0800	Posit	Lat 33-45 N
		Long 124-55 E
2000	Posit	Lat 36-30 N
		Long 123-48 E

26. October 31 - Enroute to Taku Area, North China.

0800	Posit	Lat 37-44 N
		Long 122-35 E
2000	Posit	Lat 38-39 N
		Long 121-00 E

27. During entire month emergency drills were held occasionally.

28. All other activities during month were purely routine.

  
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To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

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WAR DIARY

1. 1 November - The USS TODD (AKA-71), while being temporarily attached to TransDiv 49, TransRon 17, Seventh Fleet, was underway in company with units of TransDiv 49 (temporary) enroute Kowloon, China to Chinwangtao, North China with 747 enlisted men, one interpreter and 143 officers of the Chinese 13th Army aboard as passengers. Cruising disposition Column. O.T.C. and Formation Guide in USS ACQUARIUS (AKA 16). Standard distance one thousand (1000) yards.

0800	Posit	Lat 39-50 N
		Long 119-41 E

0841 Stood in and anchored Transport Area, Chinwangtao, North China. 1312 Shifted berths to Pier #2 in preparation to discharge passengers. 1500 In accordance with Com7thPhib despatch 130730 of October 1945, 747 enlisted men and 143 officers of Chinese 13th Army left the ship having been aboard as passengers. 1711 Shifted berths to transport anchorage.

2. 2 November - Anchored in Chinwangtao, North China. 1846 Underway in company with TransDiv 49 (temporary) enroute Chinwangtao, North China to Kowloon, China. Cruising disposition Column. O.T.C. and Formation Guide in USS CHILTON (APA 38). Standard distance six hundred (600) yards. This ship seventh from ahead.

2000	Posit	Lat 29-49 N
		Long 119-42 E

3. 3 November - Enroute to Kowloon, China.

0800	Posit	Lat 37-58 N
		Long 122-03 E
2000	Posit	Lat 36-07 N
		Long 124-02.5 E

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4. 4 November - Enroute to Kowloon, China.

0800 Posit Lat 33-14 N

Long 125-00 E

2000 Posit Lat 31-23 N

Long 125-48 E

5. 5 November - Enroute to Kowloon, China.

0800 Posit Lat 28-14 N

Long 124-42 E

2000 Posit Lat 26-24 N

Long 125-11 E

1204 Main circulator pump stopped due to heavy ground in control panel. Left formation. 1836 Repairs having been made to engine room casualty, rejoined formation.

6. 6 November - Enroute to Kowloon, China.

0800 Posit Lat 24-27 N

Long 123-19 E

2000 Posit Lat 22-33 N

Long 121-34 E

7. 7 November - Enroute to Kowloon, China.

0800 Posit Lat 21-41 N

Long 119-16.5 E

2000 Posit Lat 21-45 N

Long 116-33 E

8. 8 November - Enroute to Kowloon, China. 0445 USS CHILTON (APA 38) left formation. USS CRESCENT CITY assumed O.T.C. and Formation Guide.

0800 Posit Lat 21-16 N

Long 114-36 E

2000 Posit Lat 21-32 N

Long 115-12.5 E

9. 9 November - Enroute to Kowloon, China.

0800 Posit Lat 22-04 N

Long 114-23 E

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1012 Stood in and anchored Junk Bay, Kowloon, China. 1420  
Sin Man Hing, Chinese interpreter, left ship, having been aboard as passenger.

10. 10 November - Anchored Junk Bay, Kowloon, China. 0858 Under-  
way on signal in company with TransDiv 49 (temporary) enroute Kowloon, China  
to Tsingtao, China. O.T.C. and Formation Guide in USS CHILTON (APA 38).  
Cruising disposition Two Columns. Standard distance six hundred (600) yards,  
interval one thousand (1000) yards. This ship third in second column from  
left to right.

2000 Posit Lat 21-48 N  
Long 116-23.5 E

11. 11 November - Enroute to Tsingtao, China.

0800 Posit Lat 21-45.5 N  
Long 119-05 E

2000 Posit Lat 27-18 N  
Long 121-25 E

12. 12 November - Enroute to Tsingtao, China.

0800 Posit Lat 24-10 N  
Long 123-02.5 E

2000 Posit Lat 26-04 N  
Long 124-47.5 E

13. 13 November - Enroute to Tsingtao, China.

0800 Posit Lat 28-18.5 N  
Long 124-36.8 E

2000 Posit Lat 20-52 N  
Long 125-41 E

14. 14 November - Enroute to Tsingtao, China.

0800 Posit Lat 33-21 N  
Long 125-01 E





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21. 25 November - Enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

0800	Posit	Lat 33-02 N
		Long 125-17 E
2000	Posit	Lat 30-23.5 N
		Long 125-25 E

22. 26 November - Enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

0800	Posit	Lat 27-50 N
		Long 124-53 E
2000	Posit	Lat 26-09.5 N
		Long 126-21 E

23. 27 November - Enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 0835 Stood in and anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1400 Transferred all passengers to CNOB, Okinawa for further transfer to United States due to change of orders. In accordance with ComWestSeaFron Despatch 232338 of November 1945 reported by despatch to CTF 55 for duty.

24. 28 November - Anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1020 Lt. Comdr. E. E. Ball, 85094, USN, in charge of twenty-two (22) officers and 140 enlisted men came on board for passage to Sasebo, Japan in accordance with Draft List 666 of CNOB, Okinawa. 1602 Underway independently enroute Okinawa to Sasebo, Japan in accordance with ComWestSeaFron Despatch 232338 of November 1945.

25. 29 November - Enroute to Sasebo, Japan.

0800	Posit	Lat 28-29 N
		Long 128-11.5 E
2000	Posit	Lat 31-00 N
		Long 129-09 E

26. 30 November - Enroute to Sasebo, Japan. 0804 Stood in and anchored outer harbor, Sasebo, Japan. 1536 Shifted anchorage to Berth #2, Sasebo Ko, Japan.

27. During entire month emergency drills were held occasionally.

28. All other activities during month were purely routine.

  
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### ENCLOSURE (A)

ABOARD THE USS TODD (AKA-71) IN TOKYO BAY--(DELAYED)--WAR CREATES HEROES IN THE FORM OF THOSE WHOM CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT TO PERFORM SPECTACULAR DEEDS WHICH EXCITE THE ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE OF A TROUBLED NATION.

WAR ALSO CREATES HEROES IN THE FORM OF THOSE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN WHO, REALIZING THEY ARE BUT AN INFINITESIMAL COG IN A HUGE MACHINE, FIND THEIR OWN LITTLE NICHE SOMEWHERE IN THE VAGUE SCHEME OF TOTAL WARFARE-- THERE TO PERFORM THEIR JOB, NO MATTER HOW PROSAIC OR UNHEROIC IT MAY APPEAR, TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. THEIR DEEDS NEVER ARE ENSHRINED IN THE ANNALS OF WARFARE, THEIR NAMES NEVER ARE EMBLAZONED IN NEWSPAPER HEADLINES, THEIR BLOUSES NEVER BULGE WITH COLOFUL MEDALS AND RIBBONS--BUT IT IS THE MIGHTY WALLOP PACKED BY THESE INNUMERABLE COGS WHICH IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS SPELLS VICTORY FOR THE FLEET AND THE NATION.

SUCH A WAR ROLE WAS PLAYED BY \_\_\_\_\_, SON OF  
(name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_, WHOSE  
(next of kin) (address)  
NICHE IN THE WAR SCHEME WAS AS A \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE  
(duty)  
USS TODD (AKA-71).

THAT WAR ROLE CAME TO A CLOSE ON 2 SEPTEMBER 1945 WHEN THE TODD, AS A MEMBER OF THE TOKYO TASK FORCE TRANSPORTING THE FIRST ECHELON OF THE 11TH CORPS OF THE EIGHTH ARMY TO THE OCCUPATION ZONE, DROPPED ANCHOR IN TOKYO BAY COINCIDENT WITH SIGNING OF THE SURRENDER DOCUMENT.

ALL EYES IN THE HARBOR AND SURROUNDING JAPANESE MAINLAND WERE FOCUSED THAT DAY ON THE MIGHTY BATTLESHIP MISSOURI, WHERE THE SURRENDER CEREMONIES OCCURED. SLIGHT ATTENTION UNDOUBTEDLY WAS PAID TO THE LARGE CONVOY OF

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TROOP AND CARGO TRANSPORTS WHICH CAME STEAMING INTO TOKYO BAY BUT IT WAS THE VAST CARGO HOLDS AND BERTHING SPACES OF THESE SHIPS WHICH BROUGHT TO THE ENEMY HOMELAND THE TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT AS VITAL IN THE OCCUPATION AS THEY HAD BEEN IN THE CONQUEST OF THE LONG PROCESSION OF PACIFIC ISLANDS FROM THE FOG-BOUND ALEUTIANS TO THE PALM-FRINGED AND CORAL-STUDDED SOUTH SEA ISLES.

THROUGH THEIR BINOCULARS THE CREW OF THE TODD COULD VIEW THE MISSOURI AND THE OTHER CAPITAL SHIPS OF THE FLEET RIDING MAJESTICALLY AT ANCHOR. THEY ALSO COULD ENVISION THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH, MARKING THE FORMAL END OF THE WORST HOLOCAUST IN HISTORY, ALSO WOULD SOUND THE DEATH KNELL OF THEIR OWN AND INNUMERABLE OTHER TRANSPORTS.

IN THE MIGHTY ARMADA OF NAVY SHIPS THE TODD HAD AN EQUALLY INSIGNIFICANT YET VITAL ROLE. WHEN AMPHIBIOUS VESSELS WERE INTRODUCED TO MODERN WARFARE IN THIS CONFLICT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INVASION FLEET, THE VASTEST BUILDING PROGRAM IN SEAFARING HISTORY ENSUED. THE TODD WAS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE PROJECT, ONE OF THE CARGO SHIPS DESIGNED TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS LIMITED TROOP PERSONNEL TO THE INVASION FRONT.

THE TODD'S HISTORY AS A MEMBER OF THE NAVY'S WARTIME FLEET WAS BRIEF AND UNEVENTFUL, COMPARED TO THE SAGA CREATED BY OTHER SHIPS. DURING HER SHORT WAR CAREER, THE TODD WAS RELEGATED TO THE UNHEROIC YET NECESSARY TASK OF TRANSPORTING CARGO AND SOLDIERS BETWEEN PACIFIC ISLANDS. NOT ONCE DID HER 24 LANDING BOATS HIT AN INVASION BEACH ALTHOUGH A CHANGE OF ORDERS FORCED THE TODD TO RELUCTANTLY CHANGE HER COURSE AWAY FROM THE OKINAWA CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, SHE DID PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE AS ONE OF THE SHIPS IN

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THAT VAST SUPPLY FLEET WHICH WAS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE IN THE NAVY'S OVER-ALL WAR STRATEGY BY MAINTAINING A CONTINUOUS FLOW OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE FAR FLUNG BATTLEFIELDS OF THE PACIFIC.

CONSTRUCTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SHIPBUILDING CO., THE USS TODD, MORE FAMILIARLY AND AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN TO HER CREW AS THE "HOT TODDY", WAS BUILT AT WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA. THE HULL WAS LAID 10 AUGUST 1944 AND THE LAUNCHING DATE FOLLOWED EXACTLY TWO MONTHS LATER, ON 10 OCTOBER 1944.

THREE COUNTIES SHARED HONORS IN THE NAMING OF THE USS TODD, THE SHIP BEING NAMED FOR TODD COUNTIES IN KENTUCKY, MINNESOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA. MRS. R. GREGG CHERRY, WIFE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE OF GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA SERVED AS SPONSOR AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE TODD, HER ASSISTANTS BEING MRS. JACK CAMP OF GREENSBORO, N. CAR., AND MISS SARAH DAWSON OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE, GREENSBORO.

AT COLORFUL CEREMONIES HELD AT THE NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S. CAR., ON 30 NOVEMBER 1944 THE USS TODD WAS PLACED IN COMMISSION. THE VESSEL HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE U. S. NAVY ON 15 NOVEMBER. WITH THE UNFURLING OF THE COMMISSION PENNANT, LT. COMDR. C. A. JOHNSON, USNR, ACCEPTED COMMAND AS THE VESSEL'S FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER. THE CREW HAD BEEN TRAINED AT NEWPORT, R. I. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SMALL NUCLEUS STAFF ASSEMBLED AT WILMINGTON DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AREA WAS THE SITE OF THE TODD'S SHAKEDOWN OPERATIONS, WHICH WERE FOLLOWED BY A TRIP TO DAVISVILLE, R. I., FOR THE FIRST CARGO LOAD.

SAILING INDEPENDENTLY ON HER FIRST VOYAGE INTO THE WAR ZONE, THE NEW

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SHIP LEFT DAVISVILLE ON 4 JANUARY 1945 FOR PEARL HARBOR. THE TRIP WAS MADE VIA THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE, AND TODD ARRIVING THERE 11 JANUARY AND LEAVING BALBOA ON 12 JANUARY. FOLLOWING HER ARRIVAL IN PEARL HARBOR ON 26 JANUARY, THE TODD COMPLETED DISCHARGING CARGO BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING EXERCISES IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLAND AREA WITH A GROUP OF THREE APA'S AND THREE AKA'S.

THE AGE-OLD AND COLORFUL NEPTUNE CEREMONY INCIDENT TO CROSSING THE EQUATOR ENLIVENED THE USS TODD'S NEXT VOYAGE, FROM HONOLULU TO NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA. APPROXIMATELY 350 OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SHIP'S CREW WERE CONVERTED FROM POLLYWOGS TO SHELLBACKS DURING THE RIOTOUS CELEBRATION. AFTER A 10 DAY TRIP, THE TODD ANCHORED IN NOUMEA HARBOR ON 22 FEBRUARY. TEN LONG WEEKS AT ANCHOR FOLLOWED, THE MONOTONY OF LIFE IN A SMALL ISLAND PORT RELIEVED ONLY BY TWO TRIPS TO UARAI BAY, NEW CALEDONIA, ABOUT 50 MILES UP THE COAST FROM NOUMEA, TO DELIVER LVT'S FOR THE ARMY AND BY TRAINING EXERCISES WITH OTHER SHIPS IN HER TRANSPORT DIVISION.

DURING THE FINAL DAYS IN NOUMEA, THE TODD LOST HER FIRST COMMANDING OFFICER WHEN LT. COMDR. JOHNSON WAS DETACHED FOR HOSPITALIZATION. LT. G. W. WATSON, USNR, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SERVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER UNTIL THE REPORTING OF THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER, COMDR. S. W. CARR, USNR, ON 2 MAY.

ON THE FIRST OF FOUR TRIPS DESIGNED TO CARRY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENTS FROM "DOWN UNDER" UP TO THE MORE FORWARD, AREA, THE USS TODD STEAMED OUT OF NOUMEA HARBOR ON 3 MAY ENROUTE TO LEYTE IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. EMBARKED ON BOARD FOR PASSAGE WERE SEVEN OFFICERS AND 111 ENLISTED MEN OF THE 81ST DIVISION, U. S. ARMY. A ONE-DAY STOP AT MANUS IN THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS BROKE

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THE TRIP, THE CONVOY ANCHORING OFF TARRAGUNA, LEYTE, P. I. ON 16 MAY TO COMMENCE UNLOADING.

AFTER REPORTING TO THE SEVENTH FLEET FOR TEMPORARY DUTY, THE TODD GOT UNDERWAY ON 28 MAY FOR HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA, MAKING THE TRIP VIA MANUS IN THE ADMIRALTIES. ARRIVING IN HUMBOLDT BAY, HOLLANDIA, ON 4 JUNE, THE TODD IMMEDIATELY COMMENCED LOADING OPERATIONS. ARMY PERSONNEL FOR PASSAGE ON THIS TRIP WAS FROM THE 21ST REPLACEMENT DEPOT. WITH MANILA, P. I., AS THE DESTINATION, THE CONVOY TO WHICH THE TODD WAS ATTACHED LEFT HOLLANDIA ON 9 JUNE AND ANCHORED IN MANILA BAY ON 17 JUNE. WHEN UNLOADING OPERATIONS WERE COMPLETED ON 23 JUNE, THE TODD RETURNED TO LEYTE, P. I.

ON HER SECOND TRIP BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND NEW GUINEA, THE TODD LEFT LEYTE 28 JUNE, ARRIVING IN ORO BAY, A SMALL NEW GUINEA PORT, ON 4 JULY. WITH EQUIPMENT AND MEN OF THE 170TH ORDNANCE DEPOT, U. S. ARMY, ON BOARD FOR PASSAGE THE TODD STEAMED OUT OF ORO BAY HARBOR 8 JULY EN ROUTE TO MANILA, MAKING A SHORT STOP EN ROUTE AT HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA. THE VOYAGE ENDED ON 19 JULY WHEN THE TODD ANCHOR IN MANILA BAY READY FOR DISCHARGE OF CARGO AND TROOP PERSONNEL.

UNDER ORDERS FOR A THIRD TRIP TO NEW GUINEA, THE TODD DEPARTED MANILA ON 24 JULY EN ROUTE TO FINSCHAVEN ON THE EAST COAST OF NEW GUINEA. THE TRIP WAS INTERRUPTED BY A ONE-DAY STOP AT MANUS IN THE ADMIRALTIES. THE DESTINATION OF FINSCHAVEN WAS REACHED 3 AUGUST, THE TODD ANCHORING IN LANGEMAK BAY. AFTER ONE OF THE FASTEST LOADING OPERATIONS EVER RECORDED BY THE TODD, THE SHIP STEAMED OUT OF LANGEMAK BAY TWO DAYS LATER, ON 5 AUGUST, EN ROUTE TO SUBIC BAY, LUZON, P. I. TROOP PASSENGERS ON THIS VOYAGE

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WERE FROM THE 76TH AAA GP. HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY. A SEVEN-DAY TRIP, INCLUDING ANOTHER SHORT STOP AT HOLLANDIA, BROUGHT THE TODD TO SUBIC BAY, WHERE SHE DROPPED ANCHOR 12 AUGUST.

UNLOADING OPERATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS AT SUBIC BAY WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF WAR'S END BROUGHT TO A CLOSE THE USS TODD'S SHORT AND COMPARATIVELY UN-EVENTFUL, YET VITAL, ROLE IN THE NAVY'S WAR EFFORT.

WITH THE WAR AT AN END AND THE NAVY IN DIRE NEED OF SHIPS TO TRANSPORT THE OCCUPATION FORCES TO JAPAN, THE TODD IMMEDIATELY WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD AMPHIBIOUS FORCE. RETURNING TO MANILA THE TODD LOADED EIGHT OFFICERS AND 117 ENLISTED MEN OF THE 87TH SIGNAL BATTALION, ONE OFFICER AND 37 MEN OF THE 592ND ENGINEER BOAT AND SHORE REGIMENT, BOTH UNITS OF THE 11TH CORPS, FOR TRANSPORTATION TO TOKYO BAY.