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WAR DIARY

U. S. S. ALAMANCE AKA 75

JANUARY 1945

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U. S. S. ALAMANCE AKA 75 Placed in commission 9 January 1945 at Navy Yard, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. Operating under Chief Naval Operations until 18 January 1945; then, temporarily attached to ComPhibTraLant for shakedown and training.

PERIOD 9 JANUARY to 19 JANUARY.

At Navy Yard, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA fitting out and equipping. Navy Yard trials of equipment and machinery.

19 JANUARY.

Underway enroute CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA to HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA.

1200 posit {
 32-50.7 N
 79-06.1 W

2000 posit {
 33-45.8 N
 77-03.5 W

20 JANUARY.

Enroute to and at HAMPTON, ROADS VIRGINIA.

0800 posit {
 35-15.0 N
 74-52.5 W

1200 posit {
 36-17.2 N
 74-51.0 W

Arrived Hampton Roads, Virginia at 2000.

21 JANUARY.

At anchor, arrival inspection by ComPhibTraLant board of inspection.

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22 January to 28 January.

Shake down in CHESAPEAKE BAY.

29 January to 31 January.

Post shake down availability NORFOLK Navy Yard.

C. C. Theiss
C. C. THEISS
ENSIGN, U.S.N. NAVIGATOR.

O. J. Stein
O. J. STEIN
COMMANDER, U.S.N.R. COMMANDING.

1st Lieut

Reg. No.	<u>156613</u>
R. S. No.	_____

WAR DIARY

U. S. S. ALAMANCE AKA 75

MARCH 1945

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U. S. S. ALAMANCE AKA 75 operating under CINCPAC.

1 MARCH

Enroute BALBOA, C. Z., to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 19-58.0 N
 { 138-51.0 W

1200 posit { 20-04.8 N
 { 139-50.4 W

2000 posit { 20-22.0 N
 { 141-51.3 W

2 MARCH

Enroute BALBOA, C. Z., to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0800 posit { 20-37.5 N
 { 145-05.2 W

1200 posit { 20-34.7 N
 { 146-01.4 W

2000 posit { 20-44.6 N
 { 147-58.0 W

3 MARCH

Enroute BALBOA, C. Z., to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 20-52.8 N
 { 151-05.0 W

1200 posit { 20-59.2 N
 { 152-09.5 W

2000 posit { 21-10.0 N
 { 154-02.0 W

4 MARCH

Enroute BALBOA, C. Z., to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 20-18.5 N
156-59.0 W

1200 posit { 21-15.5 N
157-56.5 W

At 1359 moored Merry Point pier in berth "M3", commenced discharging cargo.

PERIOD 5 MARCH to 9 MARCH

Moored Merry Point pier in berth "M3" discharging cargo.

7 MARCH

In accordance to ADCOMPHIESPAC Despatch 032114 of March 1945, reported to COMSERVPAC and COMTRANSDIV 56 for loading and operational control.

8 MARCH

In accordance to ADCOMPHIESPAC Despatch 052041 of March 1945, the U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75) was assigned to TRANSDIV 65, COMTRANSDIV 65 in U.S.S. LAVACA (APA 180).

9 MARCH

At 1717 got underway to shift berths to berth "W8".

PERIOD 10 MARCH to 15 MARCH

Moored in berth "W8" loading cargo. At 1330, 15 March embarked two (2) officers and eighty-three (83) men of the 83rd Construction Battalion. At 1938 got underway and shifted berths to berth "F8".

16 MARCH

At 1608 got underway enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS in accordance to the COMMANDER HAWAIIAN SEA FRONTIER'S Order Serial 0259 of 15 March, 1945.

2000 posit { 20-32.5 N
157-58.4 W

17 MARCH

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	19-56.0 N
	{	160-41.5 W
1200 posit	{	19-49.3 N
	{	161-37.5 W
2000 posit	{	19-34.8 N
	{	163-44.5 W

18 MARCH

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	19-11.0 N
	{	166-46.5 W
1200 posit	{	18.58.0 N
	{	167-48.0 W
2000 posit	{	18-34.0 N
	{	169-56.0 W

19 MARCH

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	18-01.9 N
	{	172-58.0 W
1200 posit	{	17-50.0 N
	{	172-58.0 W
2000 posit	{	17-33.0 N
	{	176-05.5 W

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20 MARCH

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	16-39.0 N
	{	179-19.0 W
1200 posit	{	16-28.0 N
	{	179-43.5 W
2000 posit	{	15-52.0 N
	{	177-40.0 E

At 2359 changed date to 22 March, 1945, and Zone description to Minus Twelve (-12).

22 MARCH

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	15-03.0 N
	{	174-40.8 E
1200 posit	{	14-50.8 N
	{	173-38.0 E
2000 posit	{	14-17.0 N
	{	171-32.8 E

23 MARCH

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	13-17.5 N
	{	168-17.0 E
1200 posit	{	12-57.0 N
	{	167-13.5 E
2000 posit	{	12-18.2 N
	{	165-05.2 E

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24 MARCH

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS. 0944 Moored to the YO # 161, in berth "K5", ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS and took on fuel oil. 1145 Completed fueling, got underway and anchored in berth "Q10". 1505 Got underway enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS in accordance to the PORT DIRECTOR ENIWETOK'S Order A4-3/JHB/JDR/EDI of 24 March 1945.

2000 posit (11-16.3 N
(161-44.0 E

25 MARCH

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

0800 posit (11-46.5 N
(158-44.0 E

1200 posit (11-57.2 N
(157-39.8 E

2000 posit (12-17.0 N
(155-37.0 E

26 MARCH

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

0800 posit (12-46.8 N
(152-15.0 E

1200 posit (12-54.4 N
(151-13.2 E

2000 posit (12-46.8 N
(149-16.8 E

27 MARCH

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

0800 posit	(	11-35.0 N
	(	146-25.0 E
	(
1200 posit	(	11-14.0 N
	(	145-26.2 E
	(
2000 posit	(	10-44.9 N
	(	143-27.5 E
	(

28 MARCH

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

0800 posit	(	10-18.0 N
	(	140-12.2 E
	(
1200 posit	(	9-38.8 N
	(	139-19.5 E
	(
2000 posit	(	8-05.8 N
	(	138-01.8 E
	(

29 MARCH

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS

0800 posit	(7-46.3 N
	(135-09.8 E
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At 1201 Anchored in berth # 43 KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS

PERIOD 30 MARCH to 31 MARCH

At anchor in KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

C. C. Theiss
C. C. THEISS,
Lieutenant (jg), U.S.N., Navigator.

O. J. Stein
O. J. STEIN,
Commander, (DM), U.S.N.R., Commanding.

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Re No.	162
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U. S. S. ALAMANCE AKA 75, TRANSDIV 65, COMTRENCON 22, PHIBSPAC.

1 APRIL

At anchor KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

2 APRIL

At 1152 got underway in accordance to the Port Director, KOSSOL PASSAGE'S sailing order of 1 April 1945, to proceed in Convoy # 25 to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. The convoy to consist of the following ships: U.S.S. ALAMANCE AKA 75, (Convoy Commodore in ALAMANCE), L.S.M.'s, 102, (Vice Commodore in L.S.M. 102), 94, 101, 114, 115, 178, 179, 184, 227 and 250; S.S. HENRY WHITE, BENJAMIN A. RUFFIN, JOEL PALMER, JOSE J. ACOSTA, FRANK NORRIS, ROBERT G. COUSINGS, THOMAS CRAWFORD, JAMES D. PHELAN, MORRISON R. WAITE, JOHN H. PAYNE, FLOYD B. OLSON, RICHARD HALBURTON, YAMHILL, JAPARA, MORMACHAWK, FLOYD W. SPENCER, WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, AMERICAN PRESS and one (1) Army FS. The escort vessels consisted of the U.S.S. BIVIN DE 536 (Escort Commander in BIVIN), U.S.S. UNDERHILL DE 682, U.S.S. PC 1563 and the U.S.S. PC 494. At about 1100 "KING" the escort vessels got underway and stood out. At 1152 this vessel stood out East Entrance and at three minute intervals, ships of convoy sortied. At 1608 the convoy formed, Convoy Commodore in this vessel taking station # 41, Vice Commodore in L.S.M. 102 taking station # 34, went ahead at convoy speed 10 knots on course 066° (t). At 1934 the S.S. JOEL PALMER in station # 11 had engine casualty and was unable to maintain her station; changed convoy speed to 8.5 knots to enable her to take station at rear of convoy.

2000 posit { 8-28.0 N
 { 135-05.8 E

3 APRIL

Steaming in convoy enroute KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. At 0720 the S.S. JOEL PALMER having made engine repairs was able to take her proper station # 11. At 0825 changed convoy speed to 10.5 knots.

0800 posit { 9-27.0 N
 { 133-54.2 E

1200 posit { 9-33.5 N
 { 133-17.4 E

2000 posit { 9-49.9 N
 { 132-09.8 E

4 APRIL

Steaming in convoy enroute KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit (10-07.0 N
(130-22.0 E

1200 posit (10-10.5 N
(129-38.6 E

2000 posit (10-15.0 N
(128-13.0 E

5 APRIL

Steaming in convoy enroute KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 0612 Made landfall with SIARGAO ISLAND, RIGHT TANGENT, bearing 240° (t), distant 20 miles; changed convoy course to 295° (t). 0801 Changed convoy course to 320° (t). 1145 The ten (10) L.S.M.'s were detached from the convoy and ordered to proceed under Vice Commodore in L.S.M. 102 to their destination. 1448 Entered channel in approach to SAN PEDRO BAY; formed convoy in three columns. 1450 On signal from station vessel, SAN PEDRO BAY this vessel received orders to proceed to GUIUAN ROADSTEAD with the convoy. 1503 Received signal from station vessel ordering convoy to stand into SAN PEDRO BAY, this vessel ordered to GUIUAN ROADSTEAD. Took station on starboard flank of convoy and maneuvered to keep clear as they received independent orders to proceed into harbor, or further routing instructions. 1715 The convoy completed entrance to SAN PEDRO BAY, set standard speed at 16 knots, 90 r.p.m., and stood into GUIUAN ROADSTEAD. 1739 Stopped due to casualty in main feed pump. 1747 Completed repairs to main feed pump and went ahead at standard speed. 1924 Anchored in GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Anchorage bearings: RIGHT TANGENT, MANICANI ISLAND, 342° (t), LEFT TANGENT, MANICANI ISLAND, 292° (t) and HILL, MANICANI ISLAND, 313° (t).

PERIOD 6 APRIL to 12 APRIL

At anchor in GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS waiting to discharge cargo.

PERIOD 13 APRIL to 25 APRIL

At anchor GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS discharging cargo.

23 APRIL

Pursuant to CINCPA Secret Despatch 132049 of April 1945; transferred the following ship's boats to the Boat Pool, GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS: thirteen (13) L.C.V.P.'s and eight (8) L.C.M.'s.

26 APRIL

At 0940 got underway in accordance to the Port Director, GUIUAN ROADSTEAD's order enroute SAN PEDRO BAY, LETYE, for further routing to PELELIU, PALAU ISLANDS. 1331 Anchored in SAN PEDRO BAY.

27 APRIL

At 1352 got underway in accordance to the Port Director, TACLOBAN, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS sailing order of 27 April 1945, enroute SAN PEDRO BAY to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

2000 posit	{	10-26.6 N
	{	126-16.8 E

28 APRIL

Enroute SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	9-49.0 N
	{	129-19.8 E

1200 posit	{	9-42.2 N
	{	130-18.0 E

2000 posit	{	9-29.5 N
	{	132-18 E

29 APRIL

Enroute SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to KOSSOL PASSAGE, PALAU ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	8-34.0 N
	{	134-49.5 E

2000 posit	{	6-59.5 N
	{	134-12.0 E

30 APRIL

Underway, laying to off ORANGE BEACH, PELELIU ISLAND. At
1120 moored to buoy in BARNUM BAY, PALAU ISLANDS. 1340 Commenced
taking on cargo of L.V.T.'s.

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1 MAY

Moored to buoy in BARNUM BAY, PALAU ISLANDS taking on cargo.

2 MAY

Moored to buoy in BARNUM BAY, PALAU ISLANDS taking on cargo. 0702 Got underway enroute BARNUM BAY, PALAU ISLANDS to ANGAUR ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS. 0915 Arrived off YELLOW BEACH ONE, ANGAUR ISLAND and lay to while taking on cargo. 1452 Moored to buoy off YELLOW BEACH ONE, ANGAUR ISLAND.

PERIOD 3 MAY to 6 MAY.

Moored to buoy off YELLOW BEACH ONE, ANGAUR ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS taking on cargo. 1215 Got underway and lay to off YELLOW BEACH ONE due to mooring buoy dragging.

PERIOD 6 MAY to 9 MAY.

Underway and laying to off YELLOW BEACH ONE, ANGAUR ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS while taking on cargo. 0925, 9 May, completed taking on cargo at ANGAUR ISLAND and proceeded to BARNUM BAY, PALAU ISLANDS and moored to buoy. Commenced taking on deck cargo.

10 MAY

Moored to buoy in BARNUM BAY, PALAU ISLANDS. 1454 Got underway enroute BARNUM BAY to ORANGE BEACH, PELELIU ISLAND arriving at 1557. Lay to off ORANGE BEACH, PELELIU ISLAND until 1900 when in accordance to the Port Director PELELIU ISLAND'S Sailing Order of 10 May 1945 proceeded enroute PELELIU ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS to SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

2000 posit { 7-00.0 N
 { 134-27.0 E

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11 MAY

Enroute PELELIU ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit { 9-01.8 N
 { 136-30.8 E

1200 posit { 9-37.3 N
 { 137-03.5 E

2000 posit { 10-43.0 N
 { 138-36.0 E

12 MAY

Enroute PELELIU ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit { 12-04.0 N
 { 141-09.8 E

1200 posit { 12-26.8 N
 { 142-00.0 E

2000 posit { 13-12.0 N
 { 143-26.0 E

13 MAY

Enroute PELELIU ISLAND, PALAU ISLANDS to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit { 15-00.7 N
 { 145-28.1 E

At 0900 anchored in Berth M-37, SAIPAN, MARIANAS

PERIOD 14 MAY to 19 MAY

At anchor SAIPAN, MARIANAS waiting to discharge cargo. At 1525, 19 May got underway and stood in to TANAPAG HARBOR, mooring to Pier "A" in Berth "A-3" at 1707.

PERIOD 19 MAY to 26 MAY

Moored to Pier "A", Berth "A-3", TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANAS discharging and taking on cargo. At 1445, 26 May completed discharging and taking on cargo. 1626 Got underway in accordance to the Port Director SAIPAN, MARIANAS Sailing Order of 26 May 1945 enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

2000 posit { 15-14.8 N
{ 146-11.0 E
{

27 MAY

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 14-36.0 N
{ 149-05.0 E
{

1200 posit { 14-23.0 N
{ 150-01.0 E
{

2000 posit { 13-55.0 N
{ 151-58.0 E
{

28 MAY

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 13-09.0 N
{ 154-41.0 E
{

1200 posit { 12-59.0 N
{ 155-33.0 E
{

2000 posit { 12-43.8 N
{ 157-15.0 E
{

29 MAY

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit	(	12-00.0	N
	(	160-16.5	E
	(

1200 posit	(	11-43.8	N
	(	161-09.5	E
	(

2000 posit	(	11-20.5	N
	(	162-51.4	E
	(

30 MAY

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit	(12-16.8	N
	(165-45.0	E
	(

1200 posit	(12-34.4	N
	(166-45.8	E
	(

2000 posit	(13-07.9	N
	(168-41.0	E
	(

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31 MAY

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 13-58.0 N
 { 171-39.5 E

1200 posit { 14-13.0 N
 { 172-40.0 E

At 1500 conducted test firing of 5"/38 V.T. fuses and anti-aircraft practice, firing at 5"/38 bursts. Completed practice at 1625, ammunition expended: 2120 rounds 20 MM H.E.I.T.; 4880 rounds 20 MM H.E.T.; 819 rounds 40 MM H.E.I.T.; 639 rounds 40 MM H.E.I.P.; 48 rounds 40 MM B.L. and P.; 25 5"/38 MK 18 projectiles; 24 5"/38 MK 40 V.T. projectiles; 19 charges flashless powder S.P.D.N. 5492; and 30 charges non-flashless powder S.P.D.N. 4632.

2000 posit { 14-39.9 N
 { 174-22.8 E

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U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75)

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6 July 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75) - Month ending
30 June 1945 - Submission of.
Reference: (a) CominCh ltr FFI/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152,
dated 29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is
submitted herewith.

O. J. Stein
O. J. STEIN

cc: CinCPac.

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U.S.S. ALAMANCE AKA 75, TRANSDIV 65, TRANRON 22, PHIBSPAC.

1 JUNE

Underway enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 15-23.0 N
 { 177-22.1 E

1200 posit { 15-40.0 N
 { 178-25.5 E

1832 Crossed the 180th meridian.

2000 posit { 16-12.8 N
 { 179-33.0 W

2400 Changed date to 1 June West Longitude Date
and changed Time Zone description to Plus 12.

1 JUNE

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 16-53.5 N
 { 176-24.5 W

1200 posit { 17-06.5 N
 { 175-23.5 W

2000 posit { 17-31.2 N
 { 173-35.0 W

2 JUNE

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit { 18-07.0 N
 { 170-24.0 W

1200 posit { 18-16.8 N
 { 169-29.0 W

2000 posit { 18-40.0 N
 { 167-36.0 W

3 JUNE

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit	{	19-05.0 N
	{	164-26.0 W
1200 posit	{	19-13.2 N
	{	163-22.0 W
2000 posit	{	19-35.5 N
	{	161-31.0 W

4 JUNE

Enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

0800 posit	{	19-56.0 N
	{	158-14.2 W
1200 posit	{	20-41.5 N
	{	158-05.0 W

At 1642 moored starboard side to in Berth "K-8", PEARL HARBOR, T. H. 2145 Commenced discharging cargo.

5 JUNE

Moored in Berth "K-8", PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 0215 Completed discharging cargo. 0715 Got underway and shifted berths to Berth "X-9".

6 JUNE

Moored bow and stern to buoys in Berth "X-9", PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 1728 Got underway and shifted berths to Berth "O-1".

7 JUNE

Moored in Berth "O-1", PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 0700 Commenced eight (8) day period of Navy Yard availability, upkeep and maintenance.

PERIOD 8 JUNE to 15 JUNE

Moored in Berth "O-1", PEARL HARBOR, T. H. At 0659, 15 June got underway and shifted berths to Berth "W-8"; availability period expired.

PERIOD 16 JUNE to 20 JUNE

Moored in Berth "W-8", PEARL HARBOR, T.H., taking on cargo. At 2330, 20 June completed taking on cargo having taken on board for: AVID, 3119 measurement tons, 839 weight tons; for: ULOD, 1616 measurement tons, 1653 weight tons.

21 JUNE

Moored in Berth "W-8", PEARL HARBOR, T.H. At 1430 received on board for transportation 12 officers and 100 enlisted men of the IX Army Corps. At 1659 got underway in accordance to the Port Director PEARL HARBOR'S Sailing Order of 21 June, enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

2000 posit { 20-43.0 N
 { 157-58.5 W

22 JUNE

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 19-57.0 N
 { 160-19.5 W

1200 posit { 19-51.0 N
 { 161-19.0 W

2000 posit { 19-32.0 N
 { 163-12.0 W

23 JUNE

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	19-04.5 N
	{	166-31.0 W

1200 posit	{	18-51.5 N
	{	167-34.5 W

2000 posit	{	18-40.8 N
	{	169-42.8 W

24 JUNE

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	17-57.5 N
	{	173-04.0 W

1200 posit	{	17-48.0 N
	{	174-04.0 W

2000 posit	{	17-21.0 N
	{	176-04.5 W

25 JUNE

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 16-38.8 N
 { 179-06.0 W

At 1135 crossed the 180th meridian.

1200 posit { 16-26.5 N
 { 179-51.8 E

2000 posit { 15-57.0 N
 { 177-56.0 E

At 2400 changed the date to Wednesday, 27 June, East Longitude date and changed Time Zone description to Minus Twelve (-12).

27 JUNE

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 15-08.0 N
 { 174-54.0 E

At 0925 exercised at General Quarters and fired A.A. practice at 5"/38 bursts. Ammunition expended: 2 rounds Mk. 18 A.A.C. projectiles; 2 rounds non-flashless powder, S.P.D.I.V.-4632; 82 rounds 40MM H.E.I.P.; 82 rounds 40MM H.E.I.T.; 4 rounds 40MM B.L. & P.; 290 rounds 20MM H.E.T.; 580 rounds 20MM H.E.I.P.

1200 posit { 14-54.5 N
 { 173-52.8 E

2000 posit { 14-21.2 N
 { 171-50.0 E

28 JUNE

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	13-27.2 N
	{	168-49.0 E
1200 posit	{	13-07.5 N
	{	167-50.8 E
2000 posit	{	12-33.0 N
	{	165-55.0 E

29 JUNE

Enroute PEARL HARBOR, T. H., to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	11-34.5 N
	{	163-03.2 E

At 1110 entered ENIWETOK ATOLL Deep Entrance Channel and anchored in Berth "R-8" at 1230. At 1510 Got underway in accordance to the Port Director ENIWETOK'S Sailing ORDER A4-3/THB/WWW/T of 29 June enroute ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS.

2000 posit	{	11-17.5 N
	{	161-42.0 E

30 JUNE

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	11-52.7 N
	{	158-35.5 E
1200 posit	{	12-00.0 N
	{	157-30.7 E
2000 posit	{	12-17.6 N
	{	155-43.6 E

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WAR DIARY

U. S. S. ALAMANCE

AKA 75

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U.S.S. ALAMANCE AKA 75, TRANSDIV 65, TRANRON 22, PHIBSPAC.

1 JULY

Underway enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 12-51.3 N
 { 152-38.0 E

0815 Exercised condition watch gun crews. Ammunition expended: 2 rounds 40MM B.L. & P.; 15 rounds 40MM H.E.I.P.; 15 rounds 40MM H.E.I.T.

1200 posit { 12-50.0 N
 { 151-37.8 E

2000 posit { 12-12.5 N
 { 149-50.0 E

2 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 11-20.0 N
 { 147-03.5 E

1200 posit { 10-57.0 N
 { 146-07.0 E

2000 posit { 10-25.5 N
 { 144-11.0 E

3 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK MARSHALL ISLANDS to ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 10-02.0 N
 { 141-16.4 E

1200 posit { 10-00.2 N
 { 140-14.1 E

3 JULY

At 1221 made landfall with GIELAP and IAR ISLANDS bearing 253° (t), distant ten (10) miles. At 1530 anchored in Berth # 29, URISHI Anchorage, ULITHI. At 1835 got underway in accordance to the Port Director ULITHI'S Sailing Order A4-3/9 of 3 July, enroute ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

2000 posit { 10-00.0 N
 { 139-50.0 E

4 JULY

Enroute ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 10-30.0 N
 { 137-05.8 E

1200 posit { 10-29.5 N
 { 136-09.2 E

1512 Test fired 5"/38 gun, ammunition expended: 8 rounds Mk 18 A.A.C. projectiles; 8 rounds S.P.D.N. 4632 non-flashless powder.

2000 posit { 10-28.8 N
 { 134-08.8 E

5 JULY

ENROUTE ULITHI, CAROLINE ISLANDS to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 10-42.2 N
 { 130-51.0 E

1200 posit { 10-41.8 N
 { 129-56.3 E

2000 posit { 10-39.0 N
 { 128-11.0 E

6 JULY

Enroute ULITHI, MARSHALL ISLANDS to SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 0550 Made landfall on SUIUAN ISLAND bearing 345° (t), distant 22.5 miles.

0800 posit {
10-41.5 N
125-41.8 E

At 1141 anchored in berth # 985 off the mouth of the BITO RIVER, LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

PERIOD 7 JULY to 8 JULY

At anchor off the mouth of the BITO RIVER, LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; discharged equipment and personnel of the IX Army Corps.

At 1403, 8 July got underway, enroute to GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and at 1774 anchored in GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, SAMAR PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

9 JULY

At anchor in GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

10 JULY

At anchor in GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 0735 Got underway and shifted berths to Berth "Z 11". 0855 Commenced discharging cargo.

PERIOD 11 JULY to 17 JULY.

At anchor in GUIUAN ROADSTEAD, SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, discharging cargo. At 0045, 15 July, completed discharging cargo. At 1404 got underway and shifted berths to Berth "A 54". At 1335, 17 July, got underway in accordance to the Port Director GUIUAN ROADSTEAD'S Sailing Order 164 of 17 July, enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

18 JULY

Enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit {
10-23.0 N
129-03.0 E

1200 posit {
10-23.2 N
129-53.2 E

18 JULY

2000 posit { 10-19.5 N
 { 131-31.0 E

19 JULY

Enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 10-13.3 N
 { 134-12.5 E

1200 posit { 10-13.0 N
 { 135-02.0 E

2000 posit { 10-10.3 N
 { 136-49.2 E

20 JULY

Enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 10-13.0 N
 { 139-43.0 E

1200 posit { 10-26.0 N
 { 140-39.0 E

2000 posit { 10-30.7 N
 { 142-35.2 E

21 JULY

Enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 11-01.4 N
 { 145-30.0 E

1200 posit { 11-17.0 N
 { 146-23.2 E

21 JULY

2000 posit { 11-56.3 N
148-06.0 E

22 JULY

Enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 12-40.0 N
150-50.0 E

1200 posit { 12-32.0 N
151-47.9 E

At 1550 fired 40MM guns at an object resembling a floating buoy. 1551 Ceased firing, ammunition expended: 32 rounds 40MM H.E.T., S.P.D.N. 5138 and 36 rounds of 40MM H.E.I.T., S.P.D.N. 8063.

2000 posit { 12-23.0 N
153-25.0 E

23 JULY

Enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 12-01.5 N
156-24.0 E

1200 posit { 11-53.5 N
157-20.0 E

2000 posit { 11-36.8 N
159-11.5 E

24 JULY

Enroute SAMAR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 11-08.0 N
162-02.0 E

24 JULY

At 0930 made landfall on ENIWETOK ATOLL, bearing 015° (t), distant 16.9 miles. At 1201 anchored in Berth "C 216", ENIWETOK ATOLL. At 1552 got underway and went alongside the YO 160 in Berth "L 4" and took on fuel oil. 1830 Completed taking on fuel oil and got underway at 1838 in accordance to the Port Director ENIWETOK'S Sailing Order of 24 July 1945 enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

2000 posit { 11-22.4 N
 { 162-25.7 E

25 JULY

0800 posit { 11-52.5 N
 { 165-08.0 E

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0924 Exercised at General Quarters and fired A.A. practice at 5"/38 bursts. 0957 Ceased firing, ammunition expended: 3 rounds 5"/38 S.P.D.N., 5492 charges; 1 round 5"/38 S.P.D.N., 2795; 1 round 5"/38 S.P.D.N., 4632; 6 rounds 5"/38 A. A. Common Mk. 18 projectiles; 254 rounds 40MM H.E.I.; 32 rounds 40MM H.E.I.P.; 220 rounds 40MM H.E.I.T. and 2030 rounds 20MM H.E.I.

1200 posit { 12-11.0 N
 { 166-03.4 E

2000 posit { 12-34.7 N
 { 167-53.0 E

26 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0800 posit { 13-14.0 N
 { 170-37.5 E

1200 posit { 13-30.8 N
 { 170-37.5 E

1558 Test fired right barrel # 2 40MM. Ammunition expended: 18 rounds 40MM, H.E.I.T.

26 JULY

2000 posit { 13-59.0 N
 { 173-14.5 E

27 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0800 posit { 14-40.5 N
 { 175-47.7 E

1200 posit { 14-53.7 N
 { 176-41.3 E

2000 posit { 15-22.2 N
 { 178-30.0 E

At 2400 changed date to 27 JULY West Longitude Date and changed time zone description to Plus 12.

27 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H. At 0243, crossed the 180th meridian and entered west longitude.

0800 posit { 15-57.4 N
 { 178-49.0 W

At 0855 test fired 5"/38 and ceased firing at 0859. Ammunition expended: 1 round Mk. 18 A.A.C. (BER. 201, OH-45); 2 rounds Mk. 40 V.T. (BE 40LSJ44) and 3 rounds S.P.D.N. 6855 smokeless powder. 0859 Commenced test firing of 40MM's. 0903 Ceased firing-ammunition expended: 30 rounds 40MM B.L. & P. S.P.D.N. 7885; 55 rounds 40MM S.P.D.N. 5138; 46 rounds 40MM H.E.I.-T. S.P.D.N. 8063.

1200 posit { 16-09.8 N
 { 177-54.0 W

2000 posit { 16-31.8 N
 { 176-20.8 W

28 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0800 posit { 17-06.8 N
{ 173-37.0 W

1200 posit { 17-17.6 N
{ 172-42.3 W

2000 posit { 17-44.0 N
{ 170-51.5 W

29 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0800 posit { 18-14.5 N
{ 168-11.2 W

1200 posit { 18-23.3 N
{ 167-17.2 W

2000 posit { 18-39.0 N
{ 165-51.5 W

30 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0800 posit { 19-07.2 N
{ 163-15.5 W

1200 posit { 19-10.0 N
{ 162-24.0 W

2000 posit { 19-26.1 N
{ 160-41.1 W

31 JULY

Enroute ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

0800 posit { 20-26.3 N
 { 157-55.0 W

At 0950 made landfall on OAHU ISLAND, T.H., bearing 014° (t), distant 33 miles. At 1341 Moored bow and stern to buoy's in Berth "C 4", PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

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WAR DIARY

U. S. S. ALAMANCE

AKA 75

AUGUST 1945.

U.S.S. ALAMANCE AKA 75, TRANSDIV 65, TRANSRON 22, PHIBSPAC.

PERIOD 1 AUGUST to 10 AUGUST

Moored in Berth *CHARLIE 4*, PEARL HARBOR, T. H.

At 1425, 10 August got underway in accordance to AdComPhibsPac Despatch 090029, enroute to HONOLULU, T.H. At 1625 Moored starboard side to Pier 26, HONOLULU, T.H.

11 AUGUST

At 0800 Commenced taking on personnel and equipment of the 98th Infantry Division Combat Team. At 1526 Completed taking on equipment.

12 AUGUST

At 1645 Got underway in accordance with AdComPhibsPac Training Operation Order A1913-45 of 30 July 1945 to sortie with transports of Training Unit 13.10.13. 1715 On signal formed columns of two sections, ComTransRon in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104), (O.T.C.) and formation guide. Order of ships: First Section: U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104), U.S.S. BOTTINEAU (APA 235), U.S.S. BOWIE (APA 135), U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175); Second Section: U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA 177), (Section Guide), U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), U.S.S. SAPPHO (AKA 38) and the U.S.S. TROILUSX (AKA 46). Standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards. Anti-submarine screen composed of the PC's 1078, 580, 1405 and 1414.

13 AUGUST

Steaming in company with transports of Training Unit 13.10.13, enroute HONOLULU, OAHU, T.H., to MAUI, T.H.

At 0629 Arrived off training area, MAUI, T.H. At 0650 Formation deployed on signal to assigned areas in outer transport area. At 0652 Lay to and put landing craft in the water. 0700 Commenced landing the landing force. 1045 Stood into inner transport area and anchored in assigned berth. 1118 Completed landing force maneuver and commenced hoisting in landing craft. 1804 Got underway in company with Transports Training Unit 13.10.13 for night retirement in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS operating areas, *CHARLIE 4* and *CHARLIE 6*.

14 AUGUST

Steaming in company with transports of Training Unit 13.10.13. 0612 Arrived off training area MAUI, T.H., and on signal deployed to assigned area in outer transport area. 0700 Commenced landing the landing force and equipment. 0959 Stood into the inner transport area and anchored in assigned berth. 1400 Secured from discharging landing force equipment. 1929 Got underway and stood into inner anchorage area and anchored at 2017.

15 AUGUST

Anchored in inner transport area. 0605 Resumed discharging landing force equipment. 1022 Completed discharging landing force equipment. 1604 Got underway in company with Transports Training Unit 13.10.13 for night retirement in HAWAIIAN ISLAND Operating Areas *CHARLIE 4* and *CHARLIE 6*.

16 AUGUST

Steaming in company with Transports Training Unit 13.10.13. 0612 On signal deployed and stood into anchorage off Black Beach 2, Amphibious Training Area, MAUI, T.H., and anchored at 0645. 0742 Commenced taking on landing force equipment. 1300 Completed taking on landing force equipment and personnel. 1804 Got underway in company with Transports Training Unit 13.10.13, enroute Amphibious Training Area, MAUI, T.H., to HONOLULU, T.H.

17 AUGUST

Steaming in company with Transports Training Unit 13.10.13, enroute MAUI, T.H., to HONOLULU, T.H. 0638 On signal to proceed independently lay to off HONOLULU Entrance Channel. 0852 Harbor Pilot came on board, stood in to HONOLULU, Harbor and moored starboard side to Pier 26, HONOLULU, T.H., at 0925. At 1045 Commenced discharging personnel and equipment of the 98th Infantry Division Combat Team. 1610 Completed discharging landing force equipment.

18 AUGUST

Moored starboard side to Pier 26, HONOLULU, T.H. 0927 Got underway, enroute to PEARL HARBOR, T.H., and to swing ship to compensate magnetic compasses. 1317 Completed swinging ship and stood into PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 1453 Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA 177) in Berth *XRAY 14*, PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

19 AUGUST

Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA 177) in Berth *XRAY 14*, PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 1353 Got underway to shift berths to *XRAY 15*. 1424 Moored port side to the U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39), in Berth *XRAY 15*. In accordance to CINCPAC Adv. Hdq. Despatch 162237 of August 1945, reported to ComPhibsPac for duty in FifthPhibsFor and reported ComPhibGroupFour for orders in accordance to Com 5thPhibs Despatch 171115 of August 1945.

20 AUGUST

Moored port side to the U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39) in Berth *XRAY 15*, PEARL HARBOR, T.H. In accordance to ComPhibsGroupFour Despatch 202329 of August 1945 this vessel assigned to TEMP TRANSDIV 72 of TEMP. TRANSRON 22.

21 AUGUST

Moored portside to the U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39), in Berth "XRAY 15", PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 1441 Got underway in accordance to AdComPhibsPac Despatch 210115 of August 1945 in company with TRANSDIV 72, enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to HILO, HAWAII, T.H. 1545 Formed column order of ships, U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA 109), U.S.S. BOWIE (APA 137), U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175), U.S.S. FALLON (APA 81) and the U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75). COMTRANSDIV 72 in the U.S.S. GRAFTON (O.T.C.) and formation guide.

22 AUGUST

Steaming enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to HILO, HAWAII, T.H., in company with TRANSDIV 22. 0810 Moored port side to Pier 2, KUHIO BAY, HILO, T.H. 1033 Commenced taking on equipment, general cargo and personnel of the 26th Marines.

PERIOD 23 AUGUST to 25 AUGUST

Moored portside to Pier 2, KUHIO BAY, HILO, T.H., and anchored in HILO HARBOR, taking on cargo. At 2005, 25 August, completed taking on cargo.

26 AUGUST

Anchored in HILO BAY, T.H. 1426 Got underway in accordance to the Port Director HILO's Despatch 262053 of August 1945, enroute HILO, HAWAII, T.H., to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

27 AUGUST

Enroute HILO, T.H. to PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 0917 Moored port side to the U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175), in Berth "XRAY 14", PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

PERIOD 28 AUGUST to 31 AUGUST

Moored port side to the U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175), in Berth "XRAY 14", PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

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WAR DIARY

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AKA 75

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U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), TRANSRON 22 (temp.), PHIBSPAC.

1 SEPTEMBER

Moored port side to the U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175) in Berth "X 14", PEARL HARBOR, T.H. At 1036 got underway in accordance to COMTRANSRON 22's (temp.), sailing order of 29 August 1945 to sortie with TRANSRON 22 (temp.). At 1235 formed cruising disposition "4 T" with COMTRANSRON 22 (temp.), in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104) (O.T.C.) and formation guide. This vessel in station # 4 in column with TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards. Anti-submarine screen composed of DESDIV 25 and the APD's U.S.S. SCHMITT (APD 76), U.S.S. BURDO (APD 130) and the U.S.S. KLINE (APD 120); COMSCREEN in the U.S.S. WOOLSEY (DD 437). Formation course and axis 180 (t), formation speed 12 knots. TRANSRON 22 (temp.), composed of: TRANSDIV 64 (temp.), U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104), S.F., U.S.S. SEVIER (APA 223), U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA 177); U.S.S. MONTROSE (APA 212), U.S.S. MERRICK (APA 97), U.S.S. AURELIA (AKA 23), U.S.S. HAMBIEN (APA 114). TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA 109) (D.F.), U.S.S. BOWIE (APA 137), U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175), U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), U.S.S. FALLON (APA 81), U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39), U.S.S. RENATE (AKA 36). TRANSDIV 22 (temp.), U.S.S. THOMAS JEFFERSON (APA 30) (D.F.), U.S.S. SAUGUS (LSV 4), U.S.S. FON DU LAC (APA 166), U.S.S. DAWSON (APA 79), U.S.S. SELINUR (AKA 41), U.S.S. SAPPHO (AKA 38). TRANSDIV 39 (temp.), U.S.S. CUSTER (APA 40), (D.F.), U.S.S. QUEENS (APA 103), U.S.S. CLERMONT (APA 143), U.S.S. SHELBY (APA 105), U.S.S. WHEATLAND (AKA 85), U.S.S. COLUSA (APA 74), U.S.S. GILLIAM (APA 37).

2000 posit { 20-04.0 N
{ 158-19.2 W

2 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H. to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit { 19-56.5 N
{ 161-00.0 W

1200 posit { 19-55.8 N
{ 161-53.8 W

2000 posit { 19-52.5 N
{ 164-03.0 W

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H. to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit { 19-45.2 N
{ 166-51.2 W

3 SEPTEMBER

1200 posit { 19-43.5 N
 { 167-48.0 W

2000 posit { 19-42.3 N
 { 169-46.0 W

4 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H. to SAIPAN, MARIANAS. 0948 COMPHIBSGROUP 4 in the U.S.S. MT. MCKINLEY (AGC7) joined the formation.

0800 posit { 19-33.0 N
 { 172-41.0 W

1200 posit { 19-29.8 N
 { 173-37.0 W

2000 posit { 19-19.0 N
 { 175-46.0 W

5 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H. to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit { 19-08.8 N
 { 178-29.4 W

1200 posit { 19-08.1 N
 { 179-21.2 W

2000 posit { 19-03.7 N
 { 178-46.0 E

At 2400 changed date to 7 September, East Longitude Date and changed time zone description to Minus 12.

7 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit	(	18-56.4	N
	(	176-02.8	E
	(
1200 posit	(	18-58.5	N
	(	175-15.0	E
	(
2000 posit	(	18-36.0	N
	(	173-09.0	E
	(

8 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit	(	18-07.5	N
	(	170-25.5	E
	(
1200 posit	(	17-58.7	N
	(	169-29.2	E
	(
2000 posit	(	17-40.1	N
	(	167-45.9	E
	(

9 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit	(	17-06.9	N
	(	165-09.0	E
	(
1200 posit	(	16-55.5	N
	(	164-17.8	E
	(
2000 posit	(	16-23.4	N
	(	162-38.3	E
	(

10 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit	{	15-32.2 N
	{	160-11.0 E
1200 posit	{	15-20.8 N
	{	159-16.0 E
2000 posit	{	15-14.7 N
	{	157-20.0 E

11 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit	{	15-07.1 N
	{	154-44.0 E
1200 posit	{	15-08.0 N
	{	153-51.0 E
2000 posit	{	15-09.2 N
	{	152-08.8 E

12 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H., to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit	{	14-57.0 N
	{	149-33.5 E
1200 posit	{	14-52.5 N
	{	148-38.0 E

At 1730 changed cruising disposition to "2 T", this vessel in station # 4 in column with TRANSDIV's 72 and 39, standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards.

2000 posit	{	14-47.7 N
	{	146-59.0 E

13 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute PEARL HARBOR, T.H. to SAIPAN, MARIANAS.

0800 posit { 15-10.0 N
 { 145-37.0 E

At 0922 on signal from TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), ships in this division acted independently and proceeded to enter port. 1014 Entered SAIPAN HARBOR and at 1218 anchored in Berth "L 61", SAIPAN HARBOR.

PERIOD 14 SEPTEMBER to 16 SEPTEMBER

At anchor SAIPAN HARBOR and moored to the oil dock TANAPAG HARBOR for logistics. 1522, 16 September got underway in accordance to COMTASKUNIT 54.21's despatch 120449 of September 1945 to sortie with TASKUNIT 54.21. 1640 Cleared SAIPAN HARBOR. 1850 TASKUNIT 54.21 formed cruising disposition "4 T", COMTASKUNIT 54.21 in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104) (O.T.C.) and formation guide, this vessel taking station # 4 in column with TRANSDIV 72. Formation course and axis 304 (t), formation speed 12 knots. Composition of TASKUNIT 54.21: COMPHIBSGROUP 4 in the U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC 7); COMTASKUNIT 54.21 in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (S.F.) (APA 104), U.S.S. SEVIER (APA 233), U.S.S. MONTROSE (APA 212), U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA 177), U.S.S. DAWSON (APA 79), U.S.S. FON DU LAC (APA 166), U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA 97), U.S.S. AURELIA (AKA 23), U.S.S. SELINUR (AKA 41). TRANSDIV 72: U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA 109) (D.F.), U.S.S. BOWIE (APA 137), U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175), U.S.S. FALLON (APA 81), U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39), U.S.S. RENATE (AKA 36), U.S.S. SAPPHO (AKA 38), U.S.S. SAUGUS (ISV 4). TRANSDIV 39: U.S.S. CUSTER (APA 40) (D.F.), U.S.S. QUEENS (APA 103), U.S.S. CLERMONT (APA 143), U.S.S. THOMAS JEFFERSON (APA 30), U.S.S. HAMBLEN (APA 114), U.S.S. GILLIAM (APA 57), U.S.S. SHELBY (APA 105), U.S.S. COLUSA (APA 74), U.S.S. WHEATLAND (AKA 85). Anti-submarine screen; CONSCREEN in the U.S.S. WOOLSEY (DD 437), U.S.S. ERICSSON and the U.S.S. NIBLACK.

16 SEPTEMBER

2000 posit { 15-30.2 N
 { 145-14.5 E

17 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21, enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to SASSEBO, JAPAN.

0800 posit { 17-00.0 N
 { 143-08.5 E

1200 posit { 17-39.2 N
 { 142-45.0 E

2000 posit { 19-14.1 N
 { 141-51.3 E

18 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21, enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to SASEBO, JAPAN.

0800 posit	{	21-26.0 N
		140-41.0 E
1200 posit	{	22-06.0 N
		140-22.0 E
2000 posit	{	23-32.0 N
		139-29.2 E

19 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21, enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to SASEBO, JAPAN.

0800 posit	{	25-10.5 N
		137-34.0 E
1200 posit	{	25-37.2 N
		136-59.5 E
2000 posit	{	26-27.8 N
		135-38.9 E

20 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21, enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to SASEBO, JAPAN.

0800 posit	{	27-41.0 N
		133-32.1 E
1200 posit	{	28-03.0 N
		132-45.8 E
2000 posit	{	28-51.2 N
		131-43.8 E

21 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21, enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to SASEBO, JAPAN. At 0540, sighted AKUSEKI JIMA bearing 310° (t), distant 18 miles and SUWAN-
OSE JIMA bearing 320° (t), distant 18 miles. At 0716 cleared SUWANOSE CHANNEL.

0800 posit	{	29-34.7 N
	{	129-32.0 E
1200 posit	{	29-50.0 N
	{	128-52.8 E

At 1612 formed "Special Approach Disposition" with TRANSDIV 72 and TRANSDIV 39 in column and TRANSDIV 64 on the right flank, standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards.

2000 posit	{	31-12.5 N
	{	129-01.4 E

22 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21, enroute SAIPAN, MARIANAS to SASEBO, JAPAN. At 0252 entered NAGASAKI-SASEBO swept channel. At 0638 anchored in Inner Transport Area, SASEBO, JAPAN. At 0828 got underway and stood into SASEBO KO, anchoring in Berth 37. At 1514 got underway and stood into the Ship Repair Basin, SASEBO and moored in Berth "ITEM 5", at 1645. At 1725 commenced discharging equipment and personnel of the 26th Marine Regimental Combat Team, 5th Division.

PERIOD 23 SEPTEMBER to 25 SEPTEMBER

Moored in Berth "ITEM 5", SASEBO, JAPAN, discharging equipment of the 26th Marine Regimental Combat Team, 5th Marine Division. At 1000, 25 September, completed discharging equipment of the 26th Marine Combat Team. At 1435 got underway to shift berths to Berth "ABLE-1", Inner Transport Area and anchored at 1655.

26 SEPTEMBER

Anchored in Berth "ABLE 1", Inner Transport Area, SASEBO, JAPAN. At 1322 got underway in accordance to COMPHIBSGROUP 4 Despatch 260108 of September 1945 to sortie with TASKUNIT 54.21.3. At 1505 TASKUNIT 54.21.3 formed cruising disposition "2 T", this vessel taking station # 3, in column with TRANSDIV "ABLE"; standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards; COMTASKUNIT 54.21.3 in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104) (O.T.C.) and formation guide. Composition of TASKUNIT 54.21.3: TRANSDIV "ABLE", U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104), U.S.S. SAUGUS (LSV 4), U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), U.S.S. SAPPHO (AKA 38), U.S.S. AURELIA (AKA 23), U.S.S. RENATE (AKA 36). TRANSDIV "BAKER", U.S.S. FON DU LAC (APA 166) (D.F.), U.S.S. MONTROSE (APA 212), U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA 97), U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39), U.S.S. DAWSON (APA 79), U.S.S. SELINUR (AKA 41). Anti-submarine screen: COMSCREEN in the U.S.S. WOOLSEY (DD 437) and the U.S.S. ERICSSON.

2000 posit	{	31,50.7 N
	{	129-05.7 E

27 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21.3, enroute SASEBO, JAPAN to LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 29-20.2 N
 { 128-04.5 E

1200 posit { 28-44.0 N
 { 127-55.0 E

2000 posit { 26-56.0 N
 { 127-32.7 E

28 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21.3, enroute SASEBO, JAPAN to LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 24-38.0 N
 { 126-21.0 E

1200 posit { 23-52.0 N
 { 125-39.6 E

2000 posit { 22-27.0 N
 { 124-24.0 E

29 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21.3, enroute SASEBO, JAPAN to LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

0800 posit { 20-23.0 N
 { 122-17.0 E

1200 posit { 20-03.2 N
 { 121-30.8 E

2000 posit { 19-09.2 N
 { 120-21.0 E

30 SEPTEMBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21.3, enroute SASEBO, JAPAN to
MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

0800 posit	{	17-10.7 N
	{	119-32.0 E
1200 posit	{	16-33.5 N
	{	119-25.8 E
2000 posit	{	15-19.2 N
	{	119-37.0 E

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75) - Month ending
31 October 1945 - Submission of.
Reference: (a) CominCh ltr FPI/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152,
dated 29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

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U.S.S. ALAMANCE

AKA 75

OCTOBER 1945

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U.S.S. ALAMANCE AKA 75, TRANSDIV 72 (TEMP.), TRANSRON 22 (TEMP.).

1 OCTOBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.21.3, enroute SASEBO, JAPAN to MANILA, P.I. 0330 Formed cruising disposition #1 T*. 0540 Passed CORREGIDOR Light abeam to starboard and entered MANILA BAY. 0643 Lay to while awaiting berthing assignment. At 1208 Anchored in berth 668, MANILA BAY for logistics.

2 OCTOBER

At anchor in berth 668, MANILA BAY, P.I. 1852 Got underway in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), in accordance to COMTRANSDIV 72 (temp.) despatch 020718 of October 1945, enroute MANILA BAY to LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON, P.I. TRANSRON 22 (temp.), composed of TRANSDIV 64 (temp.); U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104) (S.F.), U.S.S. SEVIER (APA 233), U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA 97), U.S.S. AURELIA (AKA 23). TRANSDIV 72 (temp.); U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175), U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39), U.S.S. RENATE (AKA 36), U.S.S. SAPPHO (AKA 38), U.S.S. SAUGUS (LSV 4). TRANSDIV 39; (temp.); U.S.S. QUEENS (APA 103), (D.F.), U.S.S. CLERMONT (APA 143), U.S.S. HAMBLIN (APA 114), U.S.S. GILLIAM (APA 57) and the U.S.S. WHEATLAND (AKA 85).

At 2111 passed CORRIDOR Light abeam to port. 2155 Formed cruising disposition #3 T*, this vessel in station # 4, in column with TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards.

2000 posit { 14-28.4 N
 { 120-42.2 E

3 OCTOBER

Steaming in company with TRANSRON 22 (temp.), enroute MANILA BAY, P.I. to LINGAYEN GULF, P.I.

0800 posit { 16-09.9 N
 { 119-40.1 E

1200 posit { 16-35.0 N
 { 120-12.0 E

At 1534 anchored off White Beach 2, LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON, P.I.

PERIOD 4 OCTOBER to 8 OCTOBER

At anchor off White Beach 2, LINGAYEN GULF, P.I., taking on board personnel and equipment of the 127th R.C.T., 32nd Army Division.

9 OCTOBER

At anchor off White Beach 2, LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON, P.I. 0932 Got underway in accordance with COMTRANSRON 22 (temp.), dispatch 070531 of October 1945, to sortie with TASKUNIT 54.4.1. Composition of TASKUNIT 54.4.1; TRANSDIV 64 (temp.); U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104) (S.F.), U.S.S. SEVIER (APA 233), U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA 177), U.S.S. MONTROSE (APA 212), U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA 97), U.S.S. AURELIA (AKA 23), U.S.S. FON DU LAC (APA 166), U.S.S. DAWSON (APA 79), U.S.S. SELINUR (AKA 41). TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA 109) (D.F.), U.S.S. BOWIE (APA 137), U.S.S. KARNES (APA 175), U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), U.S.S. SARITA (AKA 39), U.S.S. RENATE (AKA 36), U.S.S. SAPPHO (AKA 38), U.S.S. SAUGUS (ISV 4). TRANSDIV 39 (temp.); U.S.S. CUSTER (APA 40) (D.F.), U.S.S. QUEENS (APA 103), U.S.S. CLERMONT (APA 143), U.S.S. SHELBY (APA 105), U.S.S. WHEATLAND (AKA 85), U.S.S. THOMAS JEFFERSON (APA 30), U.S.S. HAMBLEN (APA 114), U.S.S. GILLIAM (APA 57). Anti-submarine screen; U.S.S. WOOLSEY (DD 437). COMSCREEN; U.S.S. EDISON (DD 439), U.S.S. ERICSSON (DD 440) and the U.S.S. NIBLACK (DD 424).

At 1429 Formed cruising disposition #3 T^W, with COMTASKUNIT 54.4.1, in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA 104) (O.T.C.) and formation guide, this vessel in station # 4, in column with TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards.

2000 posit	{	17-47.0 N
	{	120-15.0 E

10 OCTOBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.4.1, enroute LINGAYEN GULF, P.I., to SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

0800 posit	{	20-04.0 N
	{	121-18.0 E

1200 posit	{	20-02.5 N
	{	121-45.0 E

2000 posit	{	20-42.8 N
	{	123-03.0 E

11 OCTOBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.4.1, enroute LINGAYEN GULF, P.I., to SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

0800 posit	{	22-00.2 N
	{	124-39.5 E

1200 posit { 22-28.3 N
125-14.3 E

2000 posit { 23-18.2 N
126-27.5 E

12 OCTOBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.4.1, enroute LINGAYEN GULF, P.I., to SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

0800 posit { 25-02.0 N
127-42.0 E

1128 Sighted KOKA SHIMA bearing 342 (t), distant 29 miles and TOKASHIKI SHIMA bearing 353 (t), distant 28 miles.

1200 posit { 25-40.0 N
127-22.2 E

1322 Formed cruising disposition #1 T and entered OKINAWA GUNTO Channel. 1515 Cleared OKINAWA GUNTO Channel and formed cruising disposition #3 T.

2000 posit { 27-05.5 N
127-40.9 E

13 OCTOBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.4.1, enroute LINGAYEN GULF, P.I., to SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

0800 posit { 29-28.2 N
128-35.1 E

1200 posit { 30-13.7 N
128-50.2 E

2000 posit { 31-24.5 N
129-10.2 E

14 OCTOBER

Steaming in company with TASKUNIT 54.4.1, enroute LINGAYEN GULF, P.I. to SASEBO, KYUSHU, JAPAN. 0125 Entered SASEBO-NAGASAKI swept channel. 0515 On signal to act independently, stood into Outer Transport Area. 0607 Anchored in Berth "BAKER 4", Outer Transport Area, MATSU SHIMA Anchorage, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

15 OCTOBER

At anchor in Outer Transport Area, MATSU SHIMA Anchorage, KYUSHU, JAPAN. 1155 Got underway in company with TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), in accordance to COMTRANSRON 22 (temp.) dispatch 150900 of October 1945 to shift berths to SASEBO KO. 1350 On signal from COMTRANSDIV 72 (temp.) to act independently stood into SASEBO KO and anchored in Berth "H 7", at 1504.

16 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "H 7", SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

17 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "H 7", SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN.

18 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "H 7", SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN. 1534 Commenced discharging personnel and equipment of the 127th R.C.T., 32nd Army Division.

19 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "H 7", SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN. At 2220, completed discharging cargo and personnel of the 127th R.C.T., 32nd Army Division.

PERIOD 20 OCTOBER to 23 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "H 7", SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN. In accordance to COMTRANSRON 22 (temp.), dispatch 200000 of October 1945 and CTF 54 dispatch 132355 of October 1945, this vessel was released from duty with TRANSDIV 72 (temp.), and reported to CINCPAC for duty.

24 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "H 7", SASEBO KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN. 0600 Got underway in accordance to the Port Director SASEBO's Sailing Order # 87 of 23 October and in compliance to G/C HED., Pearl dispatch 212256 of October 1945, enroute SASEBO, JAPAN to BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS.

24 OCTOBER

0800 posit	{	33-00.7 N
	{	129-30.5 E
1200 posit	{	32-08.9 N
	{	129-19.3 E
2000 posit	{	30-14.8 N
	{	128-39.0 E

25 OCTOBER

Enroute SASEBO, JAPAN to BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS.

0800 posit	{	27-30.7 N
	{	127-49.0 E
1200 posit	{	26-51.0 N
	{	128-28.7 E

At 1541 Entered BUCKNER BAY and anchored in Berth "BAKER 72", at 1650.

26 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "BAKER 72", BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS.

27 OCTOBER

At anchor in Berth "BAKER 72", BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS.
0618 Got underway in accordance to the Port Director OKINAWA's Sailing Order # 3256 of 26 October 1945, and in compliance to C/C HED; Pearl Dispatch 212256 of October 1945, enroute OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

0800 posit	{	26-12.5 N
	{	128-04.0 E
1200 posit	{	26-24.5 N
	{	128-57.3 E
2000 posit	{	26-50.4 N
	{	130-42.8 E

28 OCTOBER

Enroute OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

0800 posit { 27-17.9 N
 { 133-09.5 E

1200 posit { 27-32.0 N
 { 133-57.0 E

2000 posit { 27-56.8 N
 { 135-33.4 E

29 OCTOBER

Enroute OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

0800 posit { 28-22.8 N
 { 137-18.2 E

1200 posit { 28-41.8 N
 { 138-05.0 E

2000 posit { 28-53.5 N
 { 139-24.3 E

30 OCTOBER

Enroute OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

0800 posit { 29-09.0 N
 { 140-55.5 E

1200 posit { 29-16.7 N
 { 141-27.5 E

2000 posit { 29-28.5 N
 { 142-24.2 E

31 OCTOBER

Enroute OKINAWA, RYUKYUS ISLANDS to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

0800 posit	{	29-18.5 N 143-24.7 E
1200 posit	{	29-49.0 N 143-42.8 E
2000 posit	{	29-53.0 N 144-56.0 E.

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1 December 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) - Month ending
30 November 1945 - Submission of.
Reference: (a) CominCh ltr FPI/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152, dated
29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.
1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted
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WAR DIARY

U.S.S. ALAMANCE

AKA-75

NOVEMBER 1945

U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) assigned to Commander Naval Transport Service and to Commander Western Sea Frontier for operational control.

1 November to 14 November

Enroute Okinawa, Ryukyus Islands to San Francisco, California.

1 November

0800 posit (30-14.4 N
(146-47.0 E

1200 posit (30-19.0 N
(147-26.0 E

2000 posit (30-31.0 N
(149-08.2 E

2 November

0800 posit (30-53.8 N
(151-52.1 E

1200 posit (31-07.2 N
(152-37.0 E

2000 posit (31-38.2 N
(154-19.0 E

3 November

0800 posit (32-21.5 N
(157-12.5 E

1200 posit (32-46.1 N
(158-14.8 E

2000 posit (33-29.2 N
(159-46.0 E

4 November

0800 posit (34-26.0 N
(162-22.0 E

1200 posit (34-44.5 N
(163-13.0 E

2000 posit (35-23.3 N
(165-01.0 E

5 November

0800 posit (36-15.5 N
(167-30.4 E

1200 posit (36-19.4 N
(168-04.0 E

2000 posit (37-00.7 N
(169-58.0 E

6 November

0800 posit (38-09.3 N
(173-06.0 E

1200 posit (38-27.3 N
(174-05.8 E

2000 posit (38-57.8 N
(175-43.8 E

7 November

0800 posit (39-46.1 N
(178-48.5 E

1200 posit (40-01.0 N
(179-50.8 E

2000 posit (40-27.8 N
(178-00.0 W

Crossed international date line, changed date to Wednesday, 7 November
West Longitude date.

7 November

0800 posit (40-59.4 N
(174-47.3 W

1200 posit (41-07.2 N
(173-41.8 W

2000 posit (41-22.3 N
(171-47.0 W

8 November

0800 posit (41-46.2 N
(168-32.3 W

1200 posit (41-53.8 N
(167-26.5 W

2000 posit (42-08.8 N
(165-17.0 W

9 November

0800 posit (42-22.2 N
(161-47.5 W

In accordance to Commander Western Sea Frontier's dispatch O92010 changed destination to Portland, Oregon.

1200 posit (42-41.8 N
(160-35.2 W

2000 posit (42-52.3 N
(158-16.7 W

10 November

0800 posit (43-13.9 N
(154-34.8 W

1200 posit (43-21.2 N
(153-20.5 W

2000 posit (43-47.3 N
(150-40.1 W

11 November

0800 posit (44-06.8 N
(146-56.0 W

1200 posit (44-13.6 N
(145-40.8 W

2000 posit (44-27.5 N
(142-42.2 W

12 November

0800 posit (44-47.8 N
(138-46.5 W

1200 posit (44-47.5 N
(137-23.0 W

2000 posit (45-02.0 N
(135-06.7 W

13 November

0800 posit (45-20.8 N
(131-16.3 W

1200 posit (45-30.1 N
(130-00.4 W

2000 posit (45-46.0 N
(127-37.0 W

14 November

At 0550 sighted Columbia River Lightship bearing 099°(T) distant 8.5 miles. 0939 Pilot came on board, proceeded up the Columbia river and moored at 1954 to Eastern Western lumber docks Portland, Oregon.

15 November

Moored starboard side to Eastern Western lumber docks Portland Oregon.

Period 15 November to 30 November 1945 moored starboard side to Eastern Western lumber docks Portland Oregon for availability.

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Reference: (a) CominCh ltr FPI/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152, dated
29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) Subject War Diary.

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U.S.S. ALAMANCE

AKA 75

DECEMBER 1945

U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75), assigned to C.N.T.S., and to ComWestSeaFron for operational control.

PERIOD 1 DECEMBER 1945 TO 27 DECEMBER 1945.

Moored starboard side to EASTERN-WESTERN LUMBER DOCK, and in dock SWAN ISLAND, PORTLAND, OREGON for availability.

28 DECEMBER 1945

At 1020 got underway for post repair trials in COLUMBIA RIVER, and moored starboard side to Pier # 5, Terminal # 4, PORTLAND, OREGON at 1607.

PERIOD 29 DECEMBER 1945 TO 31 DECEMBER 1945.

Moored starboard side to Pier # 5, Terminal # 4, PORTLAND, OREGON.

C. C. Theiss
C. C. THEISS,
Lieutenant (jg), U.S.N.,
Navigator.

W. S. Dufton
W.S. DUFTON,
Lieutenant-Commander, U.S.N.,
Commanding.

U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75)
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

AKA75/AL2/OJS/t
Serial 74

9 October 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: History of U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) - Forwarding of.
Reference: (a) ALPAC #202-45.
Enclosure: (A) History of U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75).

1. In compliance with reference (a) enclosure (A) is forwarded
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HISTORY OF
U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75)
Maritime Commission Hull #1405 - North Carolina Shipbuilding Co. Hull #150

The U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) is of the shelter deck type and C2 hull, with a raked stem and a cruiser stern and has a single-screw geared turbine propulsion. The subject vessel was designed by the Maritime Commission in collaboration with the Navy Department and Bureau of Ships and was built by the North Carolina Ship Building Company, Wilmington, North Carolina. The result achieved was a combat cargo vessel, suitable for naval operations. There are provisions for the carrying of troops, troop stores, troop and vehicle landing boats and the large crew that is necessary for the designated operations in combat areas. The keel was laid on 15 September 1944, and launched on 11 November 1944. The Maritime Commission delivered the vessel to the Department of the Navy on 22 December 1944 at Wilmington, North Carolina. The ALAMANCE then proceeded to the Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina for fitting out.

On 9 January 1945 the commissioning ceremony took place at the Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina. After reading his orders from the Secretary of the Navy, Captain R.N.S. Baker, U.S. Navy ordered the U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) placed in full commission. Pursuant to orders from the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Commander Otto John Stein, U.S. Naval Reserve assumed command and the first watch was set.

Upon being commissioned the ALAMANCE began operating under the Chief of Naval Operations until 18 January 1945, at which time she was temporarily attached to Commander Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for shakedown and training in the Chesapeake Bay area. The shakedown consisted of the following: gunnery practice, both air and surface; handling of landing craft, ship to shore operations; fueling at sea drill; full power runs and degaussing. By 20 January 1945 the shakedown and post shakedown availability was completed and the ALAMANCE reported to Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for loading and onward routing from Norfolk, Virginia. In compliance with orders the ALAMANCE proceeded to the Naval Supply Depot, Bayonne, New Jersey to transport general cargo to Pearl Harbor, T.H., arriving in Bayonne, New Jersey on 5 February 1945. On 12 February 1945 loading was completed, and the ALAMANCE departed the same day for Pearl Harbor, T.H. via the Panama Canal. On 18 February 1945 the ALAMANCE arrived at Cristobal, C.Z. and passed through the Panama Canal on to Balboa, C.Z. where she was moored at the Naval Operating Base. On 19 February 1945 in accordance with Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet orders reported to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet for duty and got underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H., arriving on 4 March 1945.

The ALAMANCE reported to Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (JOSCO) and to Commander Transport Division FIFTY-SIX for loading and operational control on 7 March 1945, and on the same day reported to Commander Transport Division SIXTY-FIVE for duty in Transport Division SIXTY-FIVE. From 15 March until 31 July 1945 the ALAMANCE was engaged in carrying general cargo, making two (2) voyages; from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Samar and Leyte, Philippines and from Palau Islands to Saipan and from Saipan back to Pearl Harbor, T.H. During this time various units of the 83rd Construction Battalion and the NINTH Army Corps, their equipment and personnel were transported from Pearl Harbor to the Philippines. Various units of the Army Garrison Force at

Peleliu and Anguar, Palau Islands and their equipment and personnel were transported to Saipan, Marianas.

On 11 August 1945, in compliance with Commander, Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Training Orders, the ALAMANCE commenced embarking personnel and equipment of the 98th Infantry Division, Combat Team to sortie with Training Unit 13.10.13 for maneuvers off Training Area, Maui, T.H. For five (5) days the ALAMANCE participated in landing equipment and personnel under simulated battle conditions. At the end of the training period the ALAMANCE returned to Pearl Harbor, T.H., and on 19 August 1945 reported to Commander, Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet for duty in the FIFTH Amphibious Force and Commander, Amphibious Group FOUR for orders.

The ALAMANCE was then assigned to Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (temp.), of Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO (temp.). From 21 August until 25 September 1945 the ALAMANCE has been actively engaged in the landing and occupation of the Japanese Home Empire, namely, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. The mission to be accomplished was to load and transport various units of the FIFTH Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force and equipment from Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. to Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, for the initial landing and occupation. The time covered by this mission extended from 21 August 1945 when Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (temp.) departed from Pearl Harbor, T.H. for Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. for initial loading until 25 September 1945 when disembarking of all troops and equipment was completed.

U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75)
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

AKA75/A4-3/A12/OJS/t
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25 September 1945

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

Via : (1) Commander Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.).
(2) Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO.
(3) Commander Amphibious Group FOUR.
(4) Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force.
(5) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Action Report of U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) - Submission of.

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

Enclosure: ✓ (A) Action Report of U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75).

1. In compliance with reference (a) enclosure (A) is forwarded
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TRANSPORT OPERATIONS FOR THE OCCUPATION OF SASEBO NAVAL
BASE, YKUSHU, JAPANESE EMPIRE BY THE 5TH MARINE DIVISION.

SUMMARY

In accordance with Commander, Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet despatch 210115 of August 1945 the U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) got underway enroute to Hilo, Hawaii, T.H., in company with Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.).

The mission to be accomplished was to load and transport various units of the 5th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force and equipment from Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. to Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan for the initial landing and occupation. The time covered by this report dates from 21 August 1945, when Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.) departed from Pearl Harbor, T.H. for Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. for initial loading until 25 September 1945, when disembarking of all troops and equipment was completed.

CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF ACTION

21 AUGUST 1945

- 1441 - Got underway in accordance with Commander, Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet despatch 210115 of August 1945 in company with Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.), enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Hilo, Hawaii, T.H.
- 1545 - Formed column order of ships, U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA-109), U.S.S. BOWIE (APA-137), U.S.S. KARNES (APA-175), U.S.S. FALLON (APA-81) and U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75). Commander Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.) in U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA-109) (OTC) and formation guide.

22 AUGUST 1945

- 0810 - Moored port side to Pier 2, Ruiho Bay, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H.
- 1033 - Commenced taking on equipment and personnel of the 26th Marines, 5th Marine Division.

23 and 24 AUGUST 1945

Continued loading cargo. On 23 August, effective handling of cargo hampered by intermittent heavy downpour of rain necessitating discontinuance of loading at various intervals in order to prevent additional damage to cargo and to avoid fire hazards through spontaneous combustion if certain of the cargo became wet.

25 AUGUST 1945

- 2005 - Completed taking on cargo.

26 AUGUST 1945

- 1426 - Got underway on Port Director's despatch 262053 of August 1945, enroute Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

27 to 31 AUGUST 1945

0917 - Moored port side to the U.S.S. KARNES (APA-175) in Berth "XRAY 14" Pearl Harbor, T.H.

1 SEPTEMBER 1945

1036 - Underway in accordance with Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO sailing orders of 29 August 1945, to sortie with Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO (Temp.). Took station #4 in column with Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.) in formation "4T". Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO in U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104) (OTC) and formation guide. Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Saipan, Marianas Islands.

2 to 12 SEPTEMBER 1945

Underway. On 4 September 1945 at 0948 Commander Amphibious Group FOUR in the U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC7) joined the formation. On 8 September 1945 at 1617 Commander Amphibious Group FOUR assumed tactical command.

13 SEPTEMBER 1945

- 0925 - Commander Amphibious Group FOUR in the U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC7) left the formation and stood into Saipan Harbor. Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104) assumed tactical command. Due to adverse weather reports from the inner harbor, formation maneuvered West of Saipan Island awaiting improved weather conditions to enter port.
- 732 - Weather conditions improved in inner harbor; on signal from (OTC) formation stood into Saipan Harbor by Divisions. Order of Divisions: Transport Division SIXTY-FOUR (Temp.), Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.) and Transport Division THIRTY-NINE (Temp.).
- 0922 - On signal from Commander Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.), the ships of this Division proceeded to enter port independently.
- 1045 - On approaching Berth "L61" the U.S.S. LSM 452 was found to be anchored in the Northwest quadrant of "L61". By visual signal requested the U.S.S. LSM 452 to clear berth.
- 1047 - Anchored in Northern limits, Berth "L61", Saipan Harbor, Marianas Islands.
- 1101 - On anchoring, ship began swinging bow to port dragging anchor due to wind of gale force and was set down on U.S.S. LSM 452. The sharp corner of bow ramp on U.S.S. LSM 452 came in contact with the hull of this vessel. Following damage was sustained: Hole approximately eighteen (18) inches cut in hull plating between frames #44 and #45, three (3) inches above the second deck.
- 1130 - Ship's force commenced repair of hull damage.

14 SEPTEMBER 1945

Anchored.

15 SEPTEMBER 1945

- Got underway to go alongside tanker S.S. PEQUOT HILLS in accordance with Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO despatch 141800 of September 1945.
- 1012 - Moored port side to the S.S. PEQUOT HILLS, both ships rolling sharply due to the very heavy swells. By using ship's boats attempted to keep U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA-75) breasted off tanker. Attempts to keep

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breasted off were not successful due to exceedingly heavy swells and this ship suffered the following damage while alongside: Frames #41 to #48 were bent in from two (2) inches to six (6) inches with the ship's skin being indented for about six (6) inches; four (4) holes ranging from three (3) inches to six (6) inches in length, 3/4 inches wide, just below the second deck level.

1042 - Cast off from tanker and returned to anchorage without taking on fuel.

16 SEPTEMBER 1945

0542 - Underway in accordance with Port Director Saipan despatch 151150 of September 1945.

0844 - Moved starboard side to oil dock, Tanapag Harbor.

1522 - Got underway in accordance with Commander Task Unit 54.21 despatch 120449 of September 1945 to sortie with Task Unit 54.21.

1850 - Took station in formation "4T" with Task Unit 54.21, this vessel taking station #4 in column with Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.). Commander Task Unit 54.21 in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104) (OTC) and formation guide.

17 SEPTEMBER 1945

Underway.

1900 - Set clocks to conform to ZONE MINUS NINE (-9) time.

18 SEPTEMBER 1945

Underway.

19 SEPTEMBER 1945

1205 - Commander Amphibious Group FOUR in the U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY (AGC7) assumed tactical command.

1246 - Commander Task Unit 54.21 in the U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104) assumed formation guide.

20 SEPTEMBER 1945

Underway. ZONE MINUS NINE (-9) time. Visibility very good during day and moderate during the night. Sky partly cloudy during day, at 2000 distant lightning was observed and about 2300 commenced raining. Light breeze from 070 during 24 hour period with temperature of 97° at 1200. Swells of average length from 14 points.

1300 - Commenced maneuvering to form cruising disposition "3T" this ship in station #6 in column with Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.).

21 SEPTEMBER 1945

Underway. ZONE MINUS NINE (-9) time. Visibility good with about 3/4 of the sky covered by clouds. At 1200 light breeze from 190°(T), temperature 90°. Swells of average length from 14 points.

1015 - U.S.S. CUSTER (APA-40) assumed formation guide.

1016 - Commenced maneuvering to change Division stations in formation. Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.) to be Center column, Transport

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Division SIXTY-FOUR (Temp.) left flank, and Transport Division THIRTY-NINE (Temp.) right flank columns.

- 1612 - Formed "Special Approach Disposition" with Transport Division THIRTY-NINE (Temp.) in column astern of Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.). Commander Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.) in the U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA-109) assumed formation guide.
- 1823 - Commenced streaming paravanes.

22 SEPTEMBER 1945

Underway. ZONE MINUS NINE (-9) time. Formation in "Special Approach Disposition", Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.), Transport Division THIRTY-NINE (Temp.) in column and Transport Division SIXTY-FOUR (Temp.) in column on left flank. U.S.S. ALAMANCE (AKA 75) in station # 6 in column with Transport Division SEVENTY-TWO (Temp.).

- 0252 - Entered swept channel approach to Sasobo and Nagasaki areas.
- 0555 - Retroaved paravanes.
- 0638 - Anchored in Inner Transport Area. Commenced raining intermittently and continued to do so until about 1000. Light breeze (3 knots) from 150° (T) with smooth sea. All boats hoisted out, lowered into the water and dispatched in accordance with Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO Landing Order A2-45 (Second Alternate).
- 0828 - Got underway to proceed into Sasobo Harbor.
- 0905 - Passed Kogo Saki Light abeam to port.
- 0910 - Cleared channel.
- 0939 - Anchored in Berth 37, Sasobo Harbor.
- 1514 - Proceeded to Ship Repair Basin.
- 1615 - Moored port side to Pier (Item) 5, Ship Repair Basin, Sasobo, Kyushu.
- 1727 - Commenced discharging cargo.
- 1900 - Commenced raining and continued to rain steadily throughout the night.
- 2400 - 9.5% of total cargo unloaded.

23 SEPTEMBER 1945

Discharging cargo.

- 2400 - 45% of total cargo unloaded.

24 SEPTEMBER 1945

Discharging cargo.

- 2400 - 84% of total cargo unloaded.

25 SEPTEMBER 1945

Discharging cargo.

- 1000 - Completed unloading of all cargo.
- 1405 - Made all preparations for getting underway.
- 1435 - Underway in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group FOUR despatch 250530 of September 1945 to shift berths.
- 1655 - Anchored in Berth ABLE 1, Inner Transport Area, Sasobo, Kyushu, Japan.

ORDNANCE

No comment.

ENCLOSURE (A)

DAMAGE

No comment.

SPECIAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

A. No comment.

B. No comment.

C. 1. Troops and Cargo.

(a) Designation and number of troops embarked.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Personnel</u> <u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>Total</u>
H and S, 26th Marines	2	5	7
Weapons Co. 26th Marines	1	9	10
A. Battery		6	6
H and S, 5th Engineers	3	3	6
Co. A. 5th Engineers	1	13	14
Co. C. 5th Engineers		2	2
Co. A. 5th Med.		2	2
Hdq. Co. 5th M.T.	1	24	25
Auto Repair Platoon	1	28	29
1st Platoon, B. Co.	1	23	24
Hdq. 5th Ser.		8	8
Ord. Co.		3	3
Hdq. 3rd M.P.		6	6
Total	11	141	152

(b) Troops embarked at Hilo Hawaii, T.H. on 24 August 1945 and disembarked at Sasebo Naval Base, Kyushu, Japanese Empire on 22 September 1945.

(c) Cargo embarked.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>(wt. lbs.)</u>
Total ammunition		377,742
Total gasoline and other petroleum		524,525
Total vehicles	115	767,590
Total other cargo		<u>1,985,064</u>
Total weight		3,804,374
Total weight in short tons		1,902

(d) A loading plan was not completed prior to loading, hence cargo had to be loaded as it was delivered alongside.

(e) Cargo was loaded at Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. between 22 August 1945 and 25 August 1945. Cargo discharged at the City Docks, Ship Repair Basin, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan between 22 September and 25 September of 1945.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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2. Landing Craft.

- (a) Ship carries six (6) LCM(6); two (2) LCM(3); fifteen (15) LCVP's and one (1) LCP(L).
- (b) At 0638 boats hoisted out and lowered into the water and dispatched in accordance with Commander Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO Landing Order A2-45 (Second Alternate).
 1. Boats 1 to 4 inclusive, proceeded to U.S.S. FALLON (APA-81)
 - 5 and 7 proceeded to U.S.S. BOWIE (APA-137)
 - 6 and 8 proceeded to U.S.S. KARNES (APA-175)
 - 10 to 14 inclusive, proceeded to U.S.S. KARNES (APA-175)
 - 15 to 24 inclusive, proceeded to U.S.S. BOWIE (APA-137).

PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE AND CASUALTIES

Personnel performed their duties in a highly satisfactory manner. There were no casualties to personnel.

LESSONS LEARNED, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is considered imperative that at least a tentative loading plan be made before loading is started. Some cargo was wet upon delivery alongside and being of such nature as to constitute a definite fire hazard was not accepted for loading by the ship. This cargo could have been opened up and dried out for loading on a later ship of the group carrying the 5th Marine Division. Cargo of this nature should be protected by tarpaulins from the time it is marked for loading until it is in the carrier.