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U. S. S. TREGO (AKA-78)

A12-1 Serial: C-520

c/o Fleet Post Office, New York City, New York, 31 December 1944.

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From: Commanding Officer.

To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

SUBJECT: War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO; forwarding of.

Reference: (a) Navy Department Bulletin (Cumulative Edition) dated 31 December 1943, 43-1531, paragraph 4 (c).

1. In compliance with reference (a), War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO month ending 31 December 1944 is forwarded herewith:

21 December 1944 (Zone +4) -

At 1103 the U.S.S. TREGO was placed in full commission at the Bethlehem Steel Company, 56th Street, Brooklyn, New York in accordance with instructions of the Chief of Naval Operations. At 1630 shifted berth to the 35th Street Pier, Brooklyn, New York, and proceeded to strike outfit and stores aboard.

22-25 December 1944 (Zone 44) -

The ship's crew was exercised at drills, and continued to strike outfit and stores aboard.

26 December 1944 (Zone +4) -

At 0734 got underway for Gravesend Bay anchorage, and upon arrival at 0914 proceeded to take aboard ship's allowance of ammunition.

27 December 1944 (Zone /4) -

O735 underway in accordance with directive of ComTHREE for post-conversion trials in Long Island Sound, New York. Various observors and representatives from U.S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York and the Bethlehem Steel Company, 56th Street, Brooklyn, New York, on board. At 1034 entered Long Island Sound and proceeded to conduct various trials and drills for the purpose of determining the efficiency of material and training of personnel. At 1652 anchored off Lloyd's Point, Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

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28 December 1944 (Zone /4) -

Anchored in Oyster Bay with a fresh northwest wind. force five. At 0710 the pilot checked the ship's position and found it satisfactory. 0720 the ship's head fell off sharply to starboard. The starboard anchor was let go, engines ordered ahead two-thirds, and the rudder put full left. At 0735 the starboard quarter grounded on Lloyd's Point, and the ship's head slowly fell off to starboard. The Commandant Third Naval District was notified, and assistance was requested. At 1620 F. Zickle salvage master in charge of Merritt Chapman & Scott Corp. tug, Resolute, came aboard and after conferring with the Commanding Officer, decided to attempt to refloat the ship at high tide. Beach gear was rigged to port quarter. At 2251 the ship started moving astern and by 2253 was afloat. At 2325 the ship anchored in Oyster Bay for the night.

29 December 1944 (Zone 44) -

Underway from Oyster Bay at 0739 to 35th Street Pier, Brooklyn, New York, in compliance with Commandant Third Naval District Dispatch No. 281952. At 1147 arrived at 35th Street Pier.

30 December 1944 (Zone /4) -

At 1035 shifted berth from 35th Street Pier, Brooklyn, New York to Dry Dock No. 3, Bethlehem Steel Company, Hoboken, New Jersey. Docked at 1352. At 1500 Lieut-Commander R. ROCKETT, Resident Naval Inspector, and party came aboard to ascertain the extent of damage to the ship from grounding.

31 December 1944 (Zone +4) -

Shifted berth from dry dock No. 3 to Pier No. 14, Bethlehem Steel Company, Hoboken, New Jersey.

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1. In compliance with reference (a) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO month ending 31 January 1945, is forwarded herewith:

1-6 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

Moored to the North side of Pier Number Fourteen, Bethlehem Steel Company Yard, Hoboken, New Jersey. Exercised crew at drills and made preparations to enter dry dock number three, Bethlehem Steel Company Yard, Hoboken, New Jersey.

6-21 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

The ship remained in dry dock during this period and the damage resulting from her grounding on 28 December 1944 was repaired. Work uncompleted at the time of commissioning was largely brought up to date and the crew was exercised intensively at drills.

22 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

1535 undocked and moored to the south side of Pier Number Fourteen, Bethlehem Steel Company Yard, Hoboken, New Jersey.

23 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

1421 got underway from Pier Number Fourteen for Deperming Station, Bayonne, New Jersey. 1559 moored at Deperming Station, 2115 completed deperming and got underway for anchorage in Gravesend Bay, New York. 2215 anchored in Gravesend Bay. AKA-78/Sd Al2-1 Serial: C-526

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24 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

0830 commenced striking ship's allowance of ammunition on board. 1700 completed this operation.

25 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

O958 got underway to conduct full power trials in New York swept channel. Various observers and representatives from the U.S. Navy Yard, New York, and the Bethlehem Steel Company, Hoboken, New Jersey on board. 1318 swung ship to compensate compasses. 1515 completed full power trials. 1718 anchored in Area 21A South of Fort Wadsworth, The Narrows, New York.

26 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

1020 got underway for Norfolk, Virginia, and shakedown pursuant to ComThree Serial 05164 dated 20 January 1945. Steaming indepently at fifteen knots. 1322 took departure from Point Zebra. 1600 commenced zigzagging. 2000 ceased zigzagging.

27 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

Steaming as before. At 0300 sighted entrance to Chesapeake Bay swept channel, point Xray Sugar dead ahead. 0315 altered course to 268 degrees (T). 0750 with Cape Henry light abeam to port entered Chesapeake Bay. 0948 anchored in berth six, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

28 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

1330 in accordance with directive of ComPhibTraLant an inspection party, Lieutenant Commander R. S. Trower, U.S.N., Senior Member, reported aboard to conduct a preshakedown material inspection. 1500 inspection party left the ship

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29 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

0806 got underway for shakedown in Chesapeake Bay pursuant to ComPhibTraLant directive. 1036 swung ship to compensate compasses off of Cape Charles City, Virginia. 1432 ran degaussing range. 1948 anchored in Berth 86 Cove Point, Maryland.

30-31 January 1945 (Zone plus four)

Anchored in Berth 86 off Cove Point, Maryland. Exercised crew at general quarters and debarkation stations.

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Reference:

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1. In compliance with reference (a) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO month ending 28 February 1945 is forwarded herewith:

1 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

Anchored in berth 86 off Cove Point, Maryland, Chesapeake Bay, conducting shakedown training pursuant to ComPhibTraLant directive. 0528 got underway for firing range off of Rappahannock Spit, Chesapeake Bay. 0852 commenced structural firing runs and tracking exercises. 1220 anchored off Rappahannock Spit. 1346 got underway to conduct gunnery exercises. 1817 anchored off Rappahannock Spit, gunnery exercises completed.

2 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

0823 got underway for firing range. 0944 commenced gunnery exercises. 1122 completed gunnery exercises and set course for Kent Island, Maryland. 1800 commenced running measured mile off Kent Island. 1921 anchored off Annapolis, Maryland, in Chesapeake Bay.

3 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

0807 got underway for Cape Charles City, Virginia conducting full power trials enroute. 1737 anchored off Plantation Flats, Cape Charles City, Virginia.

4 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

1000 got underway to conduct fueling at sea exercise. 1154 completed fueling at sea exercise. Proceeded to Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. 1700 moored at berth 1-A Norfolk Navy Yard for 4 day Navy Yard availability.

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5-8 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

Moored at berth 1-A, Norfolk Navy Yard. Deficiencies in materiel and equipment noted during shakedown were corrected.

9 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

0752 got underway from Navy Yard to compensate compasses off Cape Charles City, Virginia. 1329 completed compensation of compasses and proceeded to Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia pursuant to ComPhibTraLant confidential dispatch 072124 of February 1945 to report to ComServLant for loading and onward routing. 1755 moored at berth 41, Naval Operating Base.

10-15 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

Moored at Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia. Struck cargo aboard and made preparations for sea.

16 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

0903 got underway for Panama Canal Zone pursuant to ComServLant confidential dispatch 141917 of February 1945 to report to CincPac HedPearl AdvHed by dispatch for duty. 1632 with buoy "XS" abeam to port 600 yards took departure escorted by U.S.S. GOSSELIN (APD 126) on course 186° (T), speed 14.5 knots. 2030 changed course to 135° (T). 2340 changed course to 180° (T). 1200 position lat. 36-54 N; long. 75-54 W

2000 position lat. 36-26 N; long. 73-54 W

17 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

Steaming as before on course 180° (T), speed 14.5, escorted by U.S.S. GOSSELIN, enroute to Canal Zone. 0735 altered course to 1880 (T). 1200 commenced zig zag. 1758 ceased zig zag. 2117 increased speed to 15 knots.

0800 position lat. 33-46 N; 1200 position lat. 32-09 N; long: 73-07 W long: 73.10 W 2000 position lat. 31-35 N; long. 73-13 W

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18 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

Steaming on course 1900 (T), speed 15 knots, escorted by U.S.S. GOSSELIN, enroute to Canal Zone. 2245 altered course to 1750 (T).

0800 position lat. 28-36 N; long. 73-08 W 1200 position lat. 27-39 N; long. 73-56 W 2000 position lat. 25-41 N; long. 74-07 W

19 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

Steaming on course 175° (T), speed 15 knots, escorted by U.S.S. GOSSELIN, enroute to Canal Zone. 0159 changed course to 197° (T). 0255 passed San Salvador light abeam to starboard, distance sixteen miles. 1037 with South Cay buoy abeam to port distance seven miles, changed course to 180 (T). 1123 changed course to 158.5° (T). 1729 changed course to 169.5° (T). 1912 changed course to 179.5° (T). 1934 Cape Maysi light abeam to starboard, distance seven miles. 2005 changed course to 212° (T). 2045 Caleta Light abeam to starboard, distance six miles. 2114 changed course to 221° (T).

0800 position lat. 22-50 N; long. 74-33 W 1200 position lat. 21-54 N; long. 74-38 W 2000 position lat. 20-10 N; long. 74-01 W

20 February 1945 (Zone plus four)

Steaming on course 221° (T), speed 15 knots, escorted by U.S.S. GOSSELIN, enroute to Canal Zone. 0332 passed Navassa Light abeam to port distance 21 miles. 0746 passed Morant Point light abeam to starboard distance ten miles. 1500 ship's clocks set to zone plus five time. 1943 changed course to 201° (T).

0800 position lat. 17-43 N; long. 76-05 W 1200 position lat. 17-00 N; long. 76-45 W 2000 position lat. 15-08 N; long. 77-08 W

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21 February 1945 (Zone plus five)

Steaming on course 201° (T), speed 15 knots, escorted by U.S.S. GOSSELIN, enroute to Canal Zone. 0732 increased speed to 16 knots. 1530 changed course to 180° (T). 1935 entered swept channel to Cristobal, Canal Zone. 2105 moored starboard side to pier 9, berth B, Cristobal, Canal Zone.

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0800 position lat. 12-40 N; long. 79-17 W
1200 position lat. 11-20 N; long. 79-42 W
2000 position lat. 9-21 N; long. 79-55 W

22 February 1945 (Zone plus five)

1400 got underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H. pursuant to Port Director Balboa confidential dispatch 221620 of February 1945 in accordance with CNO directions contained in CNO dispatch 051940 to report to AdCom-PhibsPac. 1554 proceeding through the Panama Canal. 2200 arrived at Balboa, Canal Zone. 2220 took departure from Balboa swept channel on course 180° (T). 2333 passed Isla Bona Light abeam to starboard, distance fourteen miles.

23 February 1945 (Zone plus five)

Steaming independently from Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H., on course 180° (T), speed 14.5 knots. 0707 changed course to 270° (T). 1415 passed Isla Jicarita Light abeam to starboard, distance eight miles. 1505 changed course to 262° (T).

0800 position lat. 7-05 N; long. 80-23 W 1200 position lat. 6-56 N; long. 81-20 W 2000 position lat. 6-54 N; long. 83-08 W

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24 February 1945 (Zone plus five)

Steaming independently from Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H. on course 262° (T), speed 14.5 knots. 0854 increased speed to 15.5 knots, and changed course to 293° (T). 0900 set ship's clocks to zone plus six time. 1919 changed course to 287° (T).

0800 position lat. 6-50 N; long. 85-50 W 1200 position lat. 7-17 N; long. 86-55 W 2000 position lat. 8-03 N; long. 88-26 W

25 February 1945 (Zone plus six)

Steaming independently from Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H., on course 287° (T), speed 15.5 knots. 2011 changed course to 292° (T).

0800 position lat. 9-08 N; long. 91-26 W 1200 position lat. 9-20 N; long. 92-24 W 2000 position lat. 9-45 N; long. 94-42 W

26 February 1945 (Zone plus six)

Steaming independently from Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H., on course 292° (T), speed 15.5 knots. 0752 changed course to 286° (T). 0900 ship's clocks set to zone plus seven.

0800 position lat. 11-01 N; long. 97-37 W 1200 position lat. 11-16 N; long. 98-58 W 2000 position lat. 11-54 N; long. 100-57 W

27 February 1945 (Zone plus seven)

Steaming independently from Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H., on course 288° (T), speed 15.5 knots. 0800 speed reduced to 14.5 knots. 1920 changed course to 285° (T).

0800 position lat. 12-57 N; long. 104-11 W 1200 position lat. 13-19 N; long. 105-10 W 2000 position lat. 13-46 N; long. 106-54 W

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28 February 1945 (Zone plus seven)

Steaming independently from Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H. on course 2850 (T), speed 14.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 14-37 N; long. 104-11 W
1200 position lat. 14-51 N; long. 110-46 W
2000 position lat. 15-19 N; long. 112-43 W

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1 March 1945 (Zone plus seven)

Steaming independently from Balboa, Canal Zone, enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H. pursuant to Port Director Balboa confidential dispatch 221620 of February 1945 in accordance with CNO directions contained in CNO dispatch 051940 to report to AdComPhibsFac. Course 284° (T), speed 15 knots. 1400 set ship's clocks to zone plus eight time.

0800 position lat. 16-00 N; long. 115-34 W

1200 position lat. 16-12 N; long. 116-24 W

2000 position lat. 16-43 N: long. 118-36 W

2 March 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 284° (T), speed 15 knots. Changed course to 2750 (T), speed 15 knots.

0800 position lat. 17-26 N; long. 121-43 W

1200 position lat. 17-35 N; long. 122-42 W

2000 position lat. 18-04 N; long. 124-39 W

3 March 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 275° (T), speed 15 knots. 1400 set ship's clocks to zone plus nine time.

0800 position lat. 18-24 N; long. 127-40 W

1200 position lat. 18-30 N; long. 128-41 W

2000 position lat. 18-34 N; long. 131-03 W

4 March 1945 (Zone plus nine)

Steaming as before on course 275° (T), speed 15 knots. 1200 changed course to 284° (T).

0800 position lat. 18-45 N; long. 134-03 W

1200 position lat. 18-54 N; long. 135-05 W

2000 position lat. 19-15 N; long. 137-13 W

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5 March 1945 (Zone plus nine)

Steaming as before on course 284° (T), speed 15 knots. 0800 position lat. 20-00 N; long. 140-17 W 1200 position lat. 20-11 N; long. 141-19 W 2000 position lat. 20-38 N; long. 143-10 W

6 March 1945 (Zone plus nine)

Steaming as before on course 284° (T), speed 15 knots. 0150 changed course to 272° (T). 0900 set ship's clocks to zone plus ten time.

0800 position lat. 20-58 N; long. 146-06 W 1200 position lat. 20-03 N; long. 147-17 W 2000 position lat. 21-06 N; long. 149-22 W

7 March 1945 (Zone plus ten)

Steaming as before on course 272° (T), speed 15 knots. 0824 commenced zig zagging. 1945 decreased speed to 14.5 knots. 2200 set ship's clocks to zone plus ten and one half time.

0800 position lat. 21-17 N; long. 152-25 W 1200 position lat. 21-12 N; long. 153-18 W 2000 position lat. 21-26 N; long. 155-07 W

8 March 1945 (Zone plus ten and one half)

Steaming as before on course 272° (T), speed 14.5 knots. 0100 decreased speed to five knots. 0645 ceased zig zagging, and increased speed to 14.5 knots. 0707 exercised at anti-aircraft gunnery practice in accordance with CincPac directive of 8 March 1945. 0915 completed gunnery exercises and proceeded to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1033 passed Makapuu light abeam to starboard, distance 5 miles. 1114 passed Diamond Head light abeam to starboard, distance two miles. 1145 entered Pearl Harbor. 1328 moored in berth F-7, Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1400 set ship's clocks to zone plus nine and one half time.

0800 position lat. 21-30 N; long. 157-06 W 1200 position lat. 21-22 N; long. 157-58 W

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9 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth F-7, Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1830 got underway to shift berth in obedience to visual dispatch from Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. 1850 moored in berth M-3, Merry Point, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

10-15 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Discharged cargo and made all necessary repairs to material.

16 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 0713 got underway to shift berth in obedience to visual dispatch from Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. 0758 moored in berth X-4 off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

17-23 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth X-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

24 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth X-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 0658 got underway pursuant to ComTransDiv 60 order number A4-45 of 23 March 1945. 0743 passed through anti-submarine nets, and proceeded to take assigned station in Transport Training Unit 13.10.16. 0834 set base course 198° (T) and commenced zig zagging, speed 12 knots. 1027 changed base course to 227° (T). Exercised at emergency maneuvers. 1138 ceased zig zag, and changed course to 180° (T). 1334 commenced anti-aircraft gunnery practice. 1433 completed gunnery practice. 1500 commenced towing exercises. 1643 U.S.S. DUTCHESS (APA 98) in tow. 1726 secured from towing exercises. 1759 set course 160° (T), speed 12 knots. 2000 held damage control drills; changed course to 090° (T).

0800 position lat. 21-29 N; long. 157-58 W 1200 position lat. 21-24 N; long. 158-02 W 2000 position lat. 21-24 N; long. 157-57 W AKA 78/Dw Al2-1 Serial C-540

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25 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.16 on course 090° (T), speed 12 knots. 0314 changed course to 025° (T). 0545 changed course to 085° (T). 0700 proceeded to assigned station in transport area to conduct Condition 1A exercises. 0756 hove to in transport area in Maalaea Bay, Maui Island, T.H. exercising at Condition 1A exercises. 1542 steaming on course 270° (T), speed 10 knots, in company with Transport Training Unit. 1648 commenced streaming paravanes. 1743 secured paravanes. 1902 changed course to 180° (T), and increased speed to 12 knots. 2116 changed course to 090° (T).

0800 position lat. 21-24 N; long. 157-30 W 1200 position lat. 21-24 N; long. 157-30 W 2000 position lat. 20-30 N; long. 157-00 W

26 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.16 on course 090° (T), speed 12 knots. 0036 changed course to 180° (T). 0043 changed course to 270° (T). 0125 increased speed to 14 knots. 0230 changed course to 000° (T), and decreased speed to 10 knots. 0518 changed course to 078° (T), increased speed to 12 knots. 0645 proceeded to assigned station in transport area to conduct Condition 1A exercises. 0730 hove to in transport area, Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. exercising at Condition 1A. 0950 commenced anti-aircraft tracking drill. 1105 secured from tracking drill. 1435 completed Condition 1A exercises. Proceeded to assigned station in Transport Training Unit and set course 264° (T), speed 12 knots. 1735 changed course to 180° (T). 1945 changed course to 090° (T). 2326 changed course to 000° (T). 2347 changed course to 270° (T), decreased speed to 8 knots.

0800 position lat. 21-24 N; long. 157-30 W 1200 position lat. 21-24 N; long. 157-30 W 2000 position lat. 20-11 N; long. 156-57 W



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27 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.16 on course 270° (T), speed 8 knots. 0248 changed course to 010° (T). 0455 changed course to 030° (T), and increased speed to 12 knots. 0645 proceeded to assigned station in transport area Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. exercising at Condition 1A. 0945 exercised gun crews at anti-aircraft tracking drill. 1053 commenced laying smoke screen. 1106 secured from anti-aircraft tracking drill and ceased laying smoke screen. 1400 secured from Condition 1A exercises. 1500 proceeded to assigned station in Transport Training Unit and set course 265° (T), speed 12 knots. 1525 changed course to 235° (T). 1709 changed course to 180° (T). 1721 conducted anti-aircraft firing practice, firing at bursts. 1732 completed firing practice. 1933 exercised at tactical maneuvers and ship handling with Transport Training Unit. 2000 completed tactical maneuvering exercises. 2028 changed course to 090° (T).

0800 position lat. 20-42 N; long. 156-33 W 1200 position lat. 20-43 N; long. 156-34 W 2000 position lat. 20-23 N; long. 156-53 W

28 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.16 on course 090° (T), speed 12 knots. 0025 decreased speed to 8 knots. 0038 changed course to 000° (T). 0058 changed course to 270° (T). 0318 changed course to 010° (T). 0614 changed course to 090° (T). 0645 proceeded independently to assigned station in transport area of Kahoolawe Island, T.H., commenced laying smoke screen. 1058 ceased laying smoke screen. 1320 secured from all exercises and proceeded to assigned station in Transport Training Unit formation. 1400 set course 270° (T), speed 8 knots. 2148 changed course to 000° (T). 2202 reduced speed to 6 knots. 2350 changed course to 319° (T).

0800 position lat. 20-39 N; long. 156-42 W 1200 position lat. 20-42 N; long. 156-42 W 2000 position lat. 20-30 N; long. 157-22 W AKA 78/Dw Al2-1 Serial C-540

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29 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.16 on course 319° (T), speed 6 knots. OO10 steaming at various courses and speeds to conduct maneuvers with submarines. O800 completed maneuvers with submarines, course 090° (T), speed 12 knots.

1312 changed course to 010° (T). 1523 standing in to Pearl Harbor at various courses and speeds. 1525 passed buoy number one abeam to port. 1652 moored in berth X-8. Pearl Harbor, T.H.

0800 position lat. 21-01 N; long. 158-24 W 1200 position lat. 20-59 N; long. 158-03 W

30 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth X-8, Pearl Herbor, T.H.

31 March 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 0815 got underway for San Francisco, California pursuant to AdComPhibsPac directive of 28 March. 0855 passed through anti-submarine nets. 0905 with buoy number one close abeam to starboard took departure. 0926 set course 090° (T), speed 15 knots. 0952 passed Diamond Head light abeam to port, distance two and one half miles. 1039 passed Makapuu light abeam to port distance three and one half miles. 1045 set course 049° (T). 1900 commenced zig zagging. 2300 changed base course to 056° (T).

1200 position lat. 21-29 N; long. 157-20 W 2000 position lat. 22-44 N; long. 155-48 W

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1. In compliance with reference (a), War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO month ending 30 April 1945 is forwarded herewith:

1 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming independently from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to San Francisco, California, on course 056°(T), speed 15 knots, in obedience to AdComPhibsPac directive of 28 March 1945. 2000 increased speed to 15.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 24-29 N; long. 153-32 W 1200 position lat. 25-05 N; long. 152-30 W 2000 position lat. 26-10 N; long. 150-36 W

2 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming as before on course 056°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 1006 changed course to 062°(T). 1821 reduced speed to 13.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 27-44 N; long. 147-59 W 1200 position lat. 29-10 N; long. 147-12 W 2000 position lat. 29-08 N; long. 145-22 W

3 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming as before on course 062°(T), speed 13.5 knots. 0100 set ship's clocks to zone plus eight time. 0631 increased speed to 15.5 knots. 1606 changed course to 060°(T).

0800 position lat. 30-15 N; long. 143-14 W 1200 position lat. 30-22 N; long. 142-49 W 2000 position lat. 31-20 N; long. 140-53 W

4 April 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 060°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 0001 changed course to 064°(T).

0800 position lat. 32-53 N; long. 137-45 W 1200 position lat. 33-17 N; long. 136-38 W 2000 position lat. 30-19 N; long. 134-20 W

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5 April 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 064°(T), speed 15.5 knots.

0045 changed course to 067°(T). 0650 reduced speed to 15 knots.

0800 position lat. 35-43 N; long. 130-47 W

1200 position lat. 36-02 N; long. 129-37 W

2000 position lat. 36-53 N; long. 127-13 W

6 April 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 067°(T), speed 15 knots.

0200 set ship's clocks to zone plus seven time. 0440 changed course to 090°(T). 0950 sighted Farallon Island light bearing 067°(T). 1000 changed course to 075°(T). 1048 passed Farallon Island light abeam to port, distance 3 miles, proceeding up San Francisco swept channel at various courses and speeds. 1050 buoy "B" abeam to port, distance 700 yards. 1206 passed buoy "K" abeam close to starboard. 1250 passed under golden gate bridge. 1329 passed under San Francisco-Oakland bridge. 1404 moored in berth 90-A, San Francisco, California.

0800 position lat. 37-39 N; long. 123-57 W

1200 position lat. 37-50 N; long. 122-30 W

7 - 11 April 1945 (Zone plus seven)

Moored in berth 90-A, San Francisco, California, striking aboard cargo.

12 April 1945 (Zone plus seven)

Moored in berth 90-A, San Francisco, California. 1704 pursuant to Western Sea Frontier movement order number 234-C&R of 11 April 1945 got underway for Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. Standing out of San Francisco Harbor at various courses and speeds. 1742 passed under San Francisco-Oakland bridge. 1808 passed under golden gate bridge. 1844 passed buoy "K" abeam to port, close aboard. 2006 passed Farallon Island light abeam to starboard, distance two and one half miles, set course 230°(T), speed 15.5 kmots. 2000 position lat. 37-41 N; long. 122-59 W

13 April 1945 (Zone plus seven)

Steaming independently on course 230°(T), speed 15.5 knots.

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0500 changed course to 240°(T). 2200 set ship's clocks to zone plus seven time.

0800 position lat. 35-40 N; long. 125-51 W 1200 position lat. 35-08 N; long. 126-54 W 2000 position lat. 38-08 N; long. 129-18 W

14 April 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 240°(T), speed 15.5 knots.

0803 reduced speed to 15 knots. 1554 changed course to 236°(T).

0800 position lat. 32-29 N; long. 132-51 W

1200 position lat. 31-55 N; long. 133-59 W

2000 position lat. 30-54 N; long. 135-58 W

15 April 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 236°(T), speed 15 knots. 0800 position lat. 29-15 N; long. 138-51 W 1200 position lat. 28-42 N; long. 139-48 W 2000 position lat. 27-32 N; long. 141-42 W

16 April 1945 (Zone plus eight)

Steaming as before on course 236°(T), speed 15 knots. 0800 reduced speed to 14.5 knots. 1000 set ship's clocks to zone plus nine time.

0800 position lat. 25-55 N; long. 144-33 W 1200 position lat. 25-11 N; long. 145-32 W 2000 position lat. 24-06 N; long. 147-13 W

17 April 1945 (Zone plus nine)

Steaming as before on course 236°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 2047 changed course to 241°(T), and reduced speed to 13.5 knots. Set ship's clocks to zone plus nine and one half time.

0800 position lat. 22-24 N; long. 149-37 W 1200 position lat. 22-04 N; long. 150-38 W 2000 position lat. 21-04 N; long. 152-23 W

18 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming as before on course 241°(T), speed 13.5 knots. 0520 changed course to 245°(T). 0632 sighted land ahead. 0650

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increased speed to 15 knots. 0655 changed course to 253°(T). 0839 entered Hilo, Hawaii, swept channel and proceeded at various courses and speeds to anchorage. 0930 anchored in Hilo Bay, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. 0800 position lat. 19-54 N; long. 154-52 W

19 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Anchored in Hilo Bay. 1505 got underway to shift berth pursuant to visual dispatch 191344 April from Port Director Hilo, Hawaii. 1533 moored to pier number two, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. 1650 commenced discharging cargo.

20 - 23 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored to Pier number two, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. discharging cargo.

24 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored to Pier number 2, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. discharging cargo. 1500 completed discharging cargo. 1546 got underway for anchorage in Hilo Bay. 1608 anchored in Hilo Bay, Hilo, Hawaii. 1714 pursuant to AdComPhibsPac directive of 20 April 1945 got underway for Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. Standing out of Hilo Bay on various courses and speeds. 1745 with Alia Point abeam to port, distance three miles, took departure and set course 337°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 1857 changed course to 297°(T). 2009 decreased speed to 14 knots. 2144 changed course to 257°(T). 2000 position lat. 20-16 N; long. 155-27 W

25 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming independently enroute to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. on course 257°(T), speed 14 knots. Oll9 changed course to 311°(T). O640 sighted Diamond Head, Oahu, distance 16 miles. O750 lying to off entrance to Pearl Harbor. 1232 received despatch from AdComPhibsPac to join Transport Training Unit 13.10.3; set course 189°(T), speed 15.5 knots for rendezvous. 1300 sighted Transport Training Unit dead ahead, distance eleven miles. 1330 took position assigned in formation, course 322°(T), speed 12 knots. 1427 changed course to 270°(T). 1547 commenced zigzagging.

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1748 ceased zigzagging and changed course to 276°(T). 1858 commenced zigzagging, 2300 ceased zigzagging, and exercised at tactical maneuvers and ship handling.

0800 position lat. 21-17 N; long. 157-54 W 1200 position lat. 21-17 N; long. 157-57 W 2000 position lat. 21-13 N; long. 159-12 W

26 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.3 on course 276°(T), speed 12 knots; exercising at tactical maneuvers and ship handling. O213 decreased speed to 10 knots. O230 changed course to 096°(T), completed tactical maneuvering and ship handling exercises. O751 increased speed to 12 knots. O812 commenced anti-aircraft firing exercise, firing at sleeve. 1019 completed anti-aircraft firing exercises. 1058 changed course to 137°(T). 1145 changed course to 118°(T). 1230 changed course to 180°(T). 1605 changed course to 170°(T). 1610 streamed paravanes. 1645 recovered paravanes. 1858 commenced zigzagging. 2050 ceased zigzagging. 2130 changed course to 180°(T). 0800 position lat. 21-06 N; long. 158-57 W

0800 position lat. 21-06 N; long. 158-57 W 1200 position lat. 20-51 N; long. 158-06 W 2000 position lat. 19-06 N; long. 157-46 W

27 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.3 on course 180°(T), speed 12 knots. 0036 changed course to 090°(T). 0234 changed course to 000°(T). 0800 changed course to 270°(T). 0809 changed course to 180°(T). 0816 lying to while various ships in training unit conduct towing exercises. 1510 towing exercises completed; steaming on course 030°(T), speed 12 knots. 1800 pursuant to AdComPhibsPac directive detached from Transport Training Unit 13.10.3, and proceeded in company with U.S.S. CARLISLE (Guide), and U.S.S. WINSTON to rendezvous with Transport Training Unit 13.10.5, course 080°(T), speed 10 knots. 1932 changed course to 000°(T). 2212 commenced zigzagging.

0800 position lat. 19-12 N; long. 157-37 W 1200 position lat. 19-25 N; long. 157-36 W 2000 position lat. 19-37 N; long. 157-27 W

28 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with U.S.S. CARLISLE (Guide), and

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U.S.S. WINSTON enroute to rendezvous with Transport Training Unit 13.10.5 on course OOO°(T), speed 10 knots, zigzagging.
0302 ceased zigzagging. 0530 changed course to 090°(T). 0722 changed course to 075°(T). 0730 proceeding at various courses and speeds to maneuver into transport area and join Transport Training Unit 13.10.5. 0900 lying to in transport area in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.5 conducting amphibious training exercises. 1516 proceeding at various courses and speeds to assigned station in transport training unit cruising formation. 1630 set course 235°(T), speed 10 knots. 1717 commenced streaming paravanes. 1819 changed course to 270°(T). 1836 recovered paravanes. 1930 changed course to 211°(T). 1957 changed course to 180°(T). 2243 changed course to 225°(T). 2301 changed course to 270°(T). 2321 changed course to 315°(T). 2340 changed course to 000°(T).

0800 position lat. 20-41 N; long. 156-41 W 1200 position lat. 20-42 N; long. 156-35 W 2000 position lat. 20-26 N; long. 157-03 W

29 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.5 on course 000°(T), speed 10 knots. 0210 changed course to 045° (T), speed 8 knots. 0630 changed course to 075°(T). 0645 steaming at various courses and speeds approaching transport area in Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. 0730 lying to in transport area conducting amphibious training exercises. 1130 proceeding at various courses and speeds to anchorage off Keawakapu, Maui. 1152 anchored off Keawakapu. 1328 got underway and proceeded to assigned station for towing exercises. 1520 commenced towing exercises. 1801 completed towing exercises, proceeded to assigned station in transport training unit cruising formation. 1905 steaming on course 260°(T), speed 12 knots, in assigned station. 2025 changed course to 220°(T). 2048 changed course to 180°(T). 2320 changed course to 225°(T). 2339 changed course to 270°(T).

0800 position lat. 20-41 N; long. 156-35 W
2000 position lat. 20-41 N; long. 156-50 W

30 April 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming in company with Transport Training Unit 13.10.5 on course 270°(T), speed 12 knots. 0002 changed course to 315°(T). 0025 changed course to 000°(T). 0248 changed course to

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045°(T). 0540 proceeding at various courses and speeds to assigned station in transport area. 0718 lying to in transport area conducting amphibious training exercises. 1105 proceeding to anchorage at various courses and speeds. 1201 anchored off Keawakapu, Maui, T.H. 1600 got underway and proceeded to assigned station in transport training unit cruising formation. 1640 on station, course 265°(T), speed 12 knots; commenced streaming paravanes. 1700 reduced speed to 4 knots and recovered paravanes. 1715 increased speed to 12 knots. 1807 commenced zigzagging. 1902 ceased zigzagging. 1915 changed course to 220°(T). 1925 changed course to 180°(T). 2100 exercised crew at general quarters and conducted damage control drills. 2246 secured from general quarters and damage control drill. 2325 changed course to 270°(T). 2352 changed course to 003°(T).

0800 position lat. 20-41 N; long. 156-34 W 1200 position lat. 20-41 N; long. 156-28 W 2000 position lat. 20-30 N; long. 156-57 W

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Commanding Officer.

To:

Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject:

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Reference:

(a) Navy Department Bulletin (Cumulative Edition) dated 31 December 1943, 43-1531, paragraph 4 (c).

Enclosure: (A) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) month ending 31 May 1945.

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

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0800 position lat. 20-40 N; long. 156-34 W 1200 position lat. 20-41 N; long. 156-28 W 2 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half) Steaming as before. 0045 passed Cape Kaea light abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. 0514 changed course to 0000(T). 0616 sighted Oahu, T.H. dead ahead. 0813 changed course to 0220 (T). 0824 proceeding at various courses and speeds into Honolulu Harbor. 1027 passed through anti-submarine net. 1044 moored

port side to Pier 8, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.

3 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored port side to Pier 8, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. 1839 pursuant to orders of Port Director, Honolulu, shifted berth to Pier 26.

4 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored starboard side to Pier 26, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. 0800 commenced receiving cargo.

5 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored as before. 1221 pursuant to orders of Port Director, Monolulu, of 5 May, shifted berth from Pier 26 to Pier 27.

6 - 7 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored port side to Pier 27, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., receiving cargo.

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8 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored as before. 1300 pursuant to AdComPhibsPac Secret dispatch 032341 of 8 May, got underway from Pier 27, Honolulu, 0ahu, T.H. for Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 1344 passed through anti-submarine net. 1355 took departure with Diamond Head Light bearing 104°(T), Barbers Point Light bearing 277°(T); and set course 210°(T), speed 15 knots. 1435 increased speed to 15.5 knots. 1915 changed course to 265°(T).

2000 position lat. 19-59 N; long. 158-12 W

9 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Steaming independently from Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, on course 265°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 0710 changed course to 267°(T). 1700 changed course to 265°(T). 1900 set all ship's clocks back one and one half hours to conform to Zone plus 11 time.

0800 position lat. 19-37 N; long. 161-18 W 1200 position lat. 19-35 N; long. 162-23 W 2000 position lat. 19-23 N; long. 165-01 W

10 May 1945 (Zone Plus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 265°(T), speed 15.5 knots.

1438 changed course to 258°(T). 2018 changed course to 259°(T).

0800 position lat. 18-56 N; long. 168-07 W

1200 position lat. 18-42 N; long. 169-18 W

2000 position lat. 18-15 N; long. 171-33 W

11 May 1945 (Zone plus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 259°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 0617 charged course to 258°(T). 0820 changed course to 257°(T). 1111 decreased speed to 15 knots. 1900 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform to Zone Plus 12.

0800 position lat. 17-36 N; long. 174-55 W 1200 position lat. 17-21 N; long. 176-05 W 2000 position lat. 16-56 N; long. 178-06 W

13 May 1945 (Zone plus twelve)

Steaming as before on course 257°(T), speed 15 knots. Oll5 changed course to 254°(T). O400 crossed international date line and advanced calendar date to 13 May.

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0800 position lat. 16-14 N; long. 178-56 E
1200 position lat. 15-59 N; long. 177-59 E
2000 position lat. 15-27 N; long. 176-02 E

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14 May 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before on course 254°(T), speed 15 knots. 0700 changed course to 256°(T). 2143 changed course to 253°(T).

0800 position lat. 14-36 N; long. 173-03 E

1200 position lat. 14-23 N; long. 172-11 E
2000 position lat. 13-56 N; long. 170-28 E

15 May 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before on course 253°(T), speed 15 knots. 0800 changed course to 252°(T). 1200 changed course to 251°(T) and decreased speed to 14.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 13-09 N; long. 167-40 E 1200 position lat. 12-55 N; long. 166-46 E 2000 position lat. 12-16 N; long. 165-02 E

16 May 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before on course 251°(T), speed 14.5 kmots. 0743 increased speed to 15 kmots. 0715 sighted Eniwetok Atoll dead ahead, distance 15 miles. 0842 arrived off entrance to swept channel, approach to Deep Channel, Eniwetok Atoll. 0850 passed #2 channel buoy abeam to starboard, distance 1000 yards. 0955 anchored in anchorage "A", berth "K-8", Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

17 - 24 May 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Anchored as before.

25 May 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Anchored in Eniwetok Lagoon, Marshall Islands, anchorage "A", berth "K-8". 1451 pursuant to Port Director, Eniwetok, order of 25 May 1945, got underway for Ulithi, Caroline Islands, and proceeded to sea via deep entrance channel. 1534 took departure from seaward end of deep entrance channel. Set course 294°(T), speed 15 knots. 1619 changed course to 212°(T). 1634 changed course to 270°(T). 1702 changed course to 285°(T). 1746 changed course to 281°(T). 2145 changed course to 280°(T). 2000 position lat. 11-20 N; long. 161-26 E

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26 May 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming independently from Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, to Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, on course 280°(T), speed 15 knots. 0800 changed course to 281°(T). 1900 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform to Zone 10-11 time. 2000 changed course to 280°(T).

0800 position lat. 11-51 N; long. 158-25 E 1200 position lat. 12-02 N; long. 157-26 E 2000 position lat. 12-28 N; long. 155-12 E

27 May 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 280°(T), speed 15 knots. 0450 changed course to 276°(T). 0700 changed course to 268°(T). 0905 changed course to 250°(T). 1900 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform to Zone minus ten time.

0800 position lat. 12-56 N; long. 152-16 E 1200 position lat. 12-37 N; long. 151-12 E 2000 position lat. 11-58 N; long. 149-14 E

28 May 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before on course 250°(T), speed 15 knots. 0200 changed course to 251°(T). 1230 changed course to 261°(T). 2100 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform to Zone minus nine time.

0800 position lat. 10-55 N; long. 146-22 E 1200 position lat. 10-36 N; long. 145-27 E 2000 position lat. 10-17 N; long. 143-26 E

29 May 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 261°(T), speed 15 knots. 0000 changed course to 268°(T). 0615 sighted Fais Island bearing 240°(T), distance 15 miles. 0800 sighted Falalop Island dead ahead, distance 17 miles. 0842 changed course to 250°(T). 0942 entered Ulithi Lagoon via Mugai Channel. 1038 anchored between berths No. 21 and No. 22. 1553 pursuant to Port Director, Ulithi, order of 29 May 1945, got underway in company with convoy UOK 19 for Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands, and proceeded to sea via Mugai Channel. 1629 passed Buoy No. 1 close aboard to starboard. 1638 with Falalop Island bearing 270°(T), distance 4 miles, took departure and set course 040°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 1829 changed course to 325°(T), speed 15 knots.

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0800 position lat. 10-01 N; long. 140-09 E 2000 position lat. 10-31 N; long. 139-49 E

30 May 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming in company with Convoy UOK 19 escorted by Task Unit 94.18.18 enroute from Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, to Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands, on course 3250(T), speed 14 knots.

0800 position lat. 12-44 N; long. 138-03 E 1200 position lat. 13-25 N; long. 137-25 E 2000 position lat. 15-00 N; long. 136-17 E

31 May 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming in company with Task Unit 94.18.18 enroute from Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands to Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands, on course 325°(T), increased speed to 14.5 knots. 1708 decreased speed to 14 knots.

0800 position lat. 17-23 N; long. 134-35 E 1200 position lat. 17-58 N; long. 134-05 E 2000 position lat. 19-30 N; long. 133-02E

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(A) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) month ending

30 June 1945.

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JUNE 1945

1 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming in company with convoy UOK-19 escorted by task unit 94.18.18 enroute from Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands to Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands on course 328°(T), speed 14 knots. 0556 changed course to 325°(T). 2215 reduced speed to 13 knots. 2245 changed course to 295°(T).

0800 position lat. 21-30 N; long. 131-46 E
1200 position lat. 22-06 N; long. 131-11 E
2000 position lat. 23-29 N; long. 130-11 E

2 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 295°(T), speed 13 knots. 0515 changed course to 250°(T). 0548 as directed by CTF-31 this vessel was detached from

Steaming as before on course 295°(T), speed 13 knots. 0515 changed course to 250°(T). 0548 as directed by CTF-31 this vessel was detached from convoy UOK-19 with orders to report to ComTransDiv 68 in retirement area south of Okinawa Jima. Reported to ComTransDiv 68 and took assigned station in convoy UOK-18 awaiting orders to proceed to transport area at Okinawa.

0800 position lat. 24-30 N; long. 128-01 E 1200 position lat. 24-08 N; long. 128-03 E 2000 position lat. 24-11 N; long. 128-05 E

3 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before. Oloo set course 336°(T), speed 9 knots and left retirement area for transport area off Hagushi, Okinawa Jima. O510 increased speed to 11 knots. O533 changed course to 346°(T). O649 sighted Okinawa Jima bearing O26°(T), distance thirty three miles. O635 changed course 335°(T). O735 increased speed to 15 knots. O805 southern tip of Okinawa Jima abeam to starboard, distance 12 miles. Changed course to O16°(T). O830 Mae Shima beam to port, distance 1½ miles. O853 Nagannu Shima abeam to starboard, distance 2½ miles, decreased speed to 12 knots. O900 changed course to 072°(T). 1030 anchored in Berth 159 How off Hagushi, Okinawa Jima, Ryukyu Islands. 1600 commenced discharging cargo. 2205 called all hands general quarters on signal of air alert. 2240 secured from general quarters and resumed discharging of cargo.

O800 position lat. 26-05 N; long. 127-25 E

4 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored off Hagushi, Okinawa Jima discharging cargo. 1300 commenced preparing ship for heavy weather due to typhoon warnings. Winds of typhoon intensity expected in this locality in the early morning of 5 June. All cargo operations discontinued.

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8 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored as before, discharging cargo. From 0100 to 0430 there were continuous raids. A few planes got within five miles of the anchorage, but were turned back by our air and surface units. 0800 another raid was attempted at this time, but was scattered by the screen.

9 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored as before, discharging cargo. Sporadic raids continued throughout the early morning. One plane got through the screen and flew over the beach at Hagushi where it drew the fire of a ship in transport area and shore batteries. In the evening two small raids were turned back and scattered by the screen.

10 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored as before, discharging cargo. 0350 a few enemy aircraft attempted a raid on the anchorage and were turned back by the screen.

11 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored as before, discharging cargo. 1100 completed discharging cargo. 1216 pursuant to Commander Task Force 31 order of 11 June 1945 got underway independently for Ulithi, Caroline Islands and to rendezvous convoy OKU-7 at sea, set course 2160(T), speed 15.5 knots. 1254 passed Naha, Okinawa Jima abeam to port, distance 32 miles. 1314 Omine Misaki abeam to

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port, distance 3 miles, changed course to 180°(T). 1340 with the southern tip of Okinawa Jima abeam to port, distance 4 miles, changed course to 153° (T). 1500 sighted convoy OKU-7. 1554 assumed designated station in convoy OKU-7 escorted by Task Unit 31.29.3, and set course 144°(T), speed 10 knots. 2000 position lat. 25-Ol N; long. 128-14 E

12 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming with convoy OKU-7 escorted by Task Unit 31.29.3 on course 144° (T), speed 10 knots. 1715 passed floating contact mine abeam to port, distance 300 yards. 1740 USS Aaron Ward (DM-34) destroyed mine with gunfire five miles astern of convoy.

0800 position lat. 23-27 N; long.129-31 E 1200 position lat. 22-27 N; long. 129-51 E 2000 position lat. 21-54 N; long. 130-44 E

13 June 1945 (Zone mimus nine)

Steaming as before. 0608 reduced speed to 8.5 knots. 1059 made emergency turn to starboard, escort reporting a possible submarine contact. 1122 resumed base course.

0800 position lat. 20-13 N; long. 132-00 E 1200 position lat. 19-49 N; long. 132-16 E 2000 position lat. 18-45 N; long. 132-44 E

1/4 June 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before. 0725 changed course to 138°(T). 1900 advanced all ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone minus ten time.

0800 position lat. 17-26 N; long. 133-34 E 1200 position lat. 17-05 N; long. 133-51 E 2000 position lat. 16-31 N; long. 134-23 E

15 June 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before. 0710 increased speed to 9 knots. 1130 made emergency turn to starboard, escort reporting submarine contact. 1142 resumed base course.

0800 position lat. 15-27 N; long. 135-20 E 1200 position lat. 15-00 N; long. 135-45 E 2000 position lat. 14-14 N; long. 136-23 E

16 June 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before. 0700 increased speed to 10 knots. 1341 changed course to 142°(T). 2207 changed course to 125°(T).

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16 June 1945 (Zone minus ten) (Cont'd)

0800 position lat. 12-54 N; long. 137-23 E 1200 position lat. 12-25 N; long. 137-43 E 2000 position lat. 11-32 N; long. 138-19 E

17 June 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before. 0638 changed course to 155°(T). 0750 conducted anti-aircraft gunnery exercises, firing at sleeves. 0833 sighted Ulithi Atoll bearing 187°(T), distance 10 miles. 1011 changed course to 190°(T). 1027 reduced speed to 7 knots. 1053 with Falalop Island abeam to starboard distance three miles arrived off Ulithi and proceeded to Mugai Channel. 1210 entered Mugai Channel. 1246 in accordance with orders of Port Director Ulithi proceeded to fueling berth. 1355 moored starboard side to U.S.S. SEPULGA (AO 20) and commenced fueling ship. 1656 completed fueling ship and got underway for anchorage berth in Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Lagoon. 1724 anchored in berth eight.

0800 position Lat. 10-13 N; long. 139-55 E 1200 position Lat. 09-58 N; long. 139-45 E

18 June 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Anchored in Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Lagoon. 1541 in compliance with CincPos Pearl Despatch 160141 June and as directed by Port Director, Ulithi, got underway for Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. 1559 entered Mugai Channel. 1650 with Falalop Island bearing 000°(T), distance two miles took departure and set course 065°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 1738 changed course to 051°(T) and commenced zigzagging.

2000 position lat. 10-11 N; long. 140-36 E

19 June 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before. 0700 changed course to 079°(T), reduced speed to 15 knots. 1530 changed course to 070°(T). 1900 set all ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform with Zone minus eleven time.

0800 position lat. 10-37 N; long. 143-41 E 1200 position lat. 10-47 N; long. 144-31 E 2000 position lat. 11-12 N; long. 145-54 E

20 June 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before. 1005 changed course to 089°(T). 2100 changed course to 098°(T).

0800 position lat. 12-11 N; long. 148-31 E 1200 position lat. 12-23 N; long. 149-26 E 2000 position lat. 12-32 N; long. 151-15 E

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21 June 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before. 1000 increased speed to 15.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 12-08 N; long. 154-03 E 1200 position lat. 12-06 N; long. 154-55 E

2000 position lat. 11-53 N; long. 156-46 E

22 June 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before. 1300 changed course to 101°(T). 1744 sighted Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, bearing 060°(T), distance 17 miles. 1835 passed Eniwetok Island, Eniwetok Atoll abeam to port, distance 15 miles. 1843 changed course to 0750(T). 1900 set all ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to Zone minus twelve time. 2130 changed course to 073°(T).

0800 position lat. 11-28 N; long. 159-40 E

1200 position lat. 11-25 N; long. 160-35 E 2000 position lat. 11-11 N; long. 162-20 E

23 June 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before. 1400 changed course to 0750(T). 2030 changed course to 0770(T).

0800 position lat. 12-02 N; long. 165-09 E

1200 position lat. 12-24 N; long. 166-14 E

2000 position lat. 12-56 N; long. 168-04 E

24 June 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before. 0700 reduced speed to 15 knots. 2200 changed course to 076°(T).

0800 position lat. 13-49 N; long. 171-01 E

1200 position lat. 13-54 N; long. 171-50 E

2000 position lat. 14-14 N; long. 173-35 E

25 June 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before. 0635 changed course to 0740(T). 2000 changed course to 076°(T).

0800 position lat. 14-52 N; long. 176-23 E

1200 position lat. 15-15 N; long. 177-13 E 2000 position lat. 15-50 N; long. 178-56 E

25 June 1945 (Zone plus twelve)

Steaming as before. 0030 crossed international date line and set date back to 25 June, changed time zone to plus twelve. 0700 changed

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25 June 1945 (Zone plus twelve) (Cont'd)

course to 077°(T). 0800 reduced speed to 14.5 knots. 1230 changed course to 079°(T). 1800 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone plus eleven time. 2200 changed course to 081°(T).

0800 position lat. 16-27 N; long. 178-16 W 1200 position lat. 16-41 N; long. 177-24 W 2000 position lat. 17-02 N; long. 175-53 W

26 June 1945 (Zone plus eleven)

Steaming as before. 2014 changed course to 082°(T). 0800 position lat. 17-25 N; long. 173-13 W 1200 position lat. 17-44 N; long. 172-21 W 2000 position lat. 18-09 N; long. 170-37 W

27 June 1945 (Zone plus eleven)

Steaming as before. 0650 increased speed to 15.5 knots. 1800 advanced all ship's clocks one hour to conform to Zone plus 10.

0800 position lat. 18-28 N; long. 167-58 W 1200 position lat. 18-40 N; long. 167-02 W 2000 position lat. 18-55 N; long. 165-20 W

28 June 1945 (Zone plus ten)

Steaming as before. 1436 reduced speed to 15 knots. 1555 changed course to 080°(T). 1800 advanced all ship's clocks one-half hour to conform with Zone plus nine and one half time. 2055 reduced speed to 13 knots.

0800 position lat. 19-23 N; long. 162-08 W 1200 position lat. 19-30 N; long. 161-01 W 2000 position lat. 19-49 N; long. 159-10 W

29 June 1945 (Zone plus nine and one-half)

Steaming as before. Ol07 changed course to OO4°(T), reduced speed to 12 kmots. O412 increased speed to 13 kmots. O509 increased speed to 14.5 kmots. O513 sighted Oahu, T.H. bearing Ol0°(T), distance 30 miles. O537 increased speed to 15 kmots. O644 changed course to OO8°(T). O700 with Diamond Head Light bearing O70°(T), distance 8 miles, arrived off entrance to Pearl Harbor; stopped all engines, lying to awaiting orders to enter harbor. O840 proceeding to assigned berth. O936 moored in berth X-8 starboard side to Norwegian Merchant Vessel NARVIK.

0800 position lat. 21-12 N; long. 157-56 W

30 June 1945 (Zone plus nine and one-half)

Moored in berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, Cahu, T.H., starboard side to Norwegian Merchant Vessel NARVIK.

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AKA-78/Sd Al2-1/Al6-3 Serial: C-593 U. S. S. TREGO (AKA-78)

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From:

Commanding Officer.

To:

Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO, forwarding of.

Reference:

(a) Navy Department Bulletin (Cumulative Edition) dated 31 December 1943, 43-1531, paragraph 4 (c).

Enclosure:

(A) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) month ending 31 July 1945.

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

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WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) JULY 1945

1 - 8 July 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

9 July 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored in berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. 1110 got underway to shift berth. 1211 moored port side to in berth W-6, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

10 - 17 July 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored port side to in berth W-6, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., receiving cargo.

18 July 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored as before. 1330 ceased receiving cargo. 1443 pursuant to AdComPhibsPac Dispatch 081917 July got underway independently for Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 1520 passed through anti-submarine nets. 1530 passed buoy No. 1 abeam to starboard, close aboard. 1535 with Diamond Head Light bearing 101°(T), distance 8 miles, took departure and set course 182°(T), speed 15 knots. 1900 set all ship's clocks back one half hour to conform with zone plus ten time. 2015 changed course to 264°(T).

2000 position lat. 20-08 N; long. 157-56 W

19 July 1945 (Zone plus ten time)

Steaming as before on course $264^{\circ}(T)$, speed 15 knots. 0630 changed course to $265^{\circ}(T)$.

U800 position lat. 19-45 N; long. 160-54 W 1200 position lat. 19-40 N; long. 161-47 W 2000 position lat. 19-22 N; long. 163-40 W

20 July 1945 (Zone plus ten)

Steaming as before on course $265^{\circ}(T)$, speed 15 knots. 0706 changed course to $260^{\circ}(T)$. 1900 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform with zone plus eleven time. 2000 changed course to $259^{\circ}(T)$.

0800 position lat. 19-06 N; long. 166-55 W 1200 position lat. 18-57 N; long. 167-50 W 2000 position lat. 18-32 N; long. 170-05 W

21 July 1945 (Zone plus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 259°(T), speed 15 knots. 0630 changed course to 257°(T).

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21 July 1945 (Zone plus eleven) (Cont'd)

0800 position lat. 17-58 N; long. 173-20 W 1200 position lat. 17-47 N; long. 174-15 W 2000 position lat. 17-20 N; long. 176-11 W

22 July 1945 (Zone plus eleven)

Steaming as before on course $257^{\circ}(T)$, speed 15 knots. 1100 changed course to $254^{\circ}(T)$. 1900 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform with zone plus twelve time. 2100 changed course to $253^{\circ}(T)$.

0800 position lat. 16-40 N; long. 179-14 W 1200 position lat. 16-28 N; long. 179-49 E 2000 position lat. 15-55 N; long. 177-27 E

24 July 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before on course 253°(T), speed 15 knots. Having crossed the international date line advanced the calendar date one day to Tuesday, 24 July, and changed time zone to minus twelve. 1200 changed course to 254°(T).

0800 position lat. 15-08 N; long. 174-42 E 1200 position lat. 14-49 N; long. 173-41 E 2000 position lat. 14-17 N; long. 171-46 E

25 July 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before on course 254°(T), speed 15 knots. 0700 changed course to 252°(T). 1631 increased speed to 15.5 knots. 2100 reduced speed to 15 knots.

0800 position lat. 13-29 N; long. 168-50 E 1200 position lat. 13-11 N; long. 167-54 E 2000 position lat. 12-30 N; long. 165-59 E

26 July 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Steaming as before on course 252°(T), speed 15 knots. 0900 conducted anti-aircraft firing practice, firing on sleeves. 1025 sighted Parry Island, Eniwetok, bearing 287°(T) distance 10 miles and changed course to 290°(T). 1109 arrived at Deep Entrance, East Channel, Eniwetok, and proceeded to anchorage. 1156 anchored in berth No. 236, Anchorage "C", Eniwetok Lagoon.

0800 position lat. 11-35 N; long. 163-03 E

27 July 1945 (Zone minus twelve)

Anchored as before in Eniwetok Lagoon. 1202 pursuant to Port Director Eniwetok Atoll directive of 26 July got underway independently for Apra Harbor, Guam, and proceeded to and out of Deep

CONFIDENTIAL WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) JULY 1945 27 July 1945 (Zone minus twelve) (Cont'd). Entrance, East Channel. 1240 with beacon on Japtan Island bearing 297°(T), distance 2 miles, took departure and set course 213°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 1345 changed course to 262°(T). 1428 changed course to 278½°(T). 1800 changed course to 279½°(T). 1900 set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform with zone minus eleven time. 2000 position lat. 11-28 N; long. 160-11 E 28 July 1945 (Zone minus eleven) Steaming as before on course 27920(T), speed 15.5 knots. 1900 time.

set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform with zone minus ten

0800 position lat. 12-00 N; long. 157-02 E 1200 position lat. 12-07 N; long. 156-12 E 2000 position lat. 12-27 N; long. 154-07 E

29 July 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before on course 27920(T), speed 15.5 knots. 2000 reduced speed to 15.2 knots.

> 0800 position lat. 12-54 N; long. 150-56 E 1200 position lat. 13-04 N; long. 149-59 E 2000 position lat. 13-23 N; long. 148-00 E

30 July 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before on course 27920(T), speed 15.2 knots. 0000 changed course to $275\frac{1}{2}$ °(T). 0400 changed course to $283\frac{1}{2}$ °(T). 0600 sighted Rota Island, Marianas Islands, bearing 328°(T), distance 30 miles, and Guam Island, Marianas Islands, bearing 265°(T), distance 30 miles. 0719 changed course to $298\frac{1}{2}$ °(T). 0813 with Harmon Point, Rota Island, bearing 025°(T), changed course to $263\frac{1}{2}$ °(T). 0918 changed course to 2010(T). 1020 sighted entrance to Apra Harbor bearing 1700 (T), distance 6 miles. 1100 lying to off entrance to Apra Harbor. 1320 proceeding into harbor. 1402 moored in berth No. 23 Apra Harbor. Guam, Marianas Islands.

0800 position lat. 13-48 N; long. 145-02 E

31 July 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Moored as before in Apra Harbor, Guam.

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Enclosure:

(A) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) month ending 31 August 1945.

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

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WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) AUGUST 1945

1 - 8 August 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Moored in Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands, discharging cargo.

9 August 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Moored as before in Apra Harbor, Guam. 0706 Pursuant to Port Director, Guam, confidential directive of 6 August 1945 got underway from Apra Harbor for Guadalcanal. 0725 Buoy No. 3 abeam to starboard, close aboard. 0746 With Orate Point, Guam, bearing 104°(T) distance four miles, took departure independently and set course 180°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 0858 With Cocos Island bearing 044°(T), distance six miles changed course to 095°(T). 2100 Reduced speed to 15 knots.

0800 position lat. 13-25 N; long. 144-33 E 1200 position lat. 13-05 N; long. 145-20 E 2000 position lat. 12-59 N; long. 147-23 E

10 August 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before on course 095°(T), speed 15 knots. 0700 Changed course to 097°(T).

0800 position lat. 12-25 N; long. 150-20 E 1200 position lat. 12-22 N; long. 151-03 E 2000 position lat. 12-11 N; long. 152-54 E

11 August 1945 (Zone mimus ten)

Steaming as before on course 097°(T), speed 15 knots. 1800 Set all ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to zone minus eleven time.

0800 position lat. 11-57 N; long. 155-43 E 1200 position lat. 11-45 N; long. 156-36 E 2000 position lat. 11-36N; long. 158-16 E

12 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 097°(T), speed 15 knots. 0650 Changed course to 100°(T). 1122 Changed course to 120°(T). 1435 Changed course to 162°(T).

0800 position lat. 11-15 N; long. 161-02 E 1200 position lat. 11-05 N; long. 161-58 E 2000 position lat. 9-27 N; long. 162-53 E

13 August 1945 (Zone mimus eleven)

Steaming as before on course $162^{\circ}(T)$, speed 15 knots. 1525 Changed course to $192^{\circ}(T)$.

0800 position lat. 6-53 N; long. 163-48 E 1200 position lat. 5-55 N; long. 164-13 E 2000 position lat. 4-09 N; long. 164-21 E

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14 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 1920(T), speed 15 knots. 2000 Reduced speed to 13.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 1-22 N; long. 163-49 E 1200 position lat. 0-21 N; long. 163-38 E 2000 position lat. 1-35 S; long. 163-13 E

15 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 192°(T), speed 13.5 knots. 1915 changed course to 228°(T).

0800 position lat. 4-18 S; long. 162-33 E 1200 position lat. 4-59 S; long. 162-28 E 2000 position lat. 6-36 S; long. 161-53 E

16 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 192°(T), speed 13.5 knots. O219 Made radar contact on land bearing 218°(T), distance 24 miles, identified as Gower Island, Solomon Islands. O424 Changed course to 196°(T). O618 Passed Malaita Island abeam to port distance 13 miles. O622 Changed course to 217°(T), and increased speed to 15.5 knots. O912 With Borogohi Island bearing O90°(T), distance 5½ miles, changed course to 171°(T). 1100 Entered Iron Bottom Sound, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. 1150 Moored to Point Cruz Dock. 1610 Commenced receiving cargo.

O800 position lat. 8-38 S: long. 160-05 E

17 - 19 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Moored to Point Cruz Dock receiving cargo.

20 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Moored as before. 0605 Completed cargo operations. 1310 Pursuant to despatch from Commander Task Unit 11.5.6 of 190308 August, got underway for Russell Islands. 1315 With Point Cruz bearing 226°(T), distance 1½ miles, took departure and set course 316°(T), speed 16 knots. 1403 With Beacon "0" bearing 180°(T), distance 4½ miles, changed course to 295°(T). 1615 With Beacon "E" Kurimarua Island bearing 225°(T), distance 1½ miles, arrived at the northern entrance to Sunlight Channel, Russell Islands, and changed course to 203°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 1637 Lying to awaiting pilot. 1655 Proceeded up Sunlight Channel at various courses and speeds. 1731 Moored to South Dock, White Beach, Banika Island, Russell Islands. 2055 Commenced receiving cargo.

21 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Moored as before.

22 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Moored as before. 1209 Pursuant to C.T.U. 11.56 dispatch 190308 August 1945 got underway for Apra Harbor, Guam, and proceeded at various courses and speeds to northern entrance Sunlight Channel. 1244 With Beacon "E" Kurimauri bearing 110°(T) distance one mile, took departure and set course 081°(T), speed 15.5 knots. 1512 With Ruadika Island bearing 004°(T), distance 9½ miles, changed course to 038°(T). 1550 Passed North Island abeam to starboard distance 5 miles. 1616 changed course to 045°(T). 1830 With Cape Astrolabe bearing 090°(T), distance 9½ miles, changed course to 000°(T). 2041 With Gower Island bearing 111°(T), distance 12.5 miles, changed course to 044°(T).

2000 position lat. 7-58 S; long. 160 25 E

23 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course $044^{\circ}(T)$, speed 15.5 knots. 0353 Changed course to $012^{\circ}(T)$. 0825 Decreased speed to 15 knots.

0800 position lat. 5-30 S; long. 161-54 E 1200 position lat. 4-36 S; long. 162-08 E 2000 position lat. 2-47 S; long. 162-33 E

24 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course Ol2°(T), speed 15 knots.

0800 position lat. 0-07 S; long. 162-50 E 1200 position lat. 1-00 N; long. 163-03 E 2000 position lat. 2-52 N; long. 163-36 E

25 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 012°(T), speed 15 knots. 0510 Changed course to 340°(T). 1215 Reduced speed to 14.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 5-38 N; long. 163-57 E 1200 position lat. 6-50 N; long. 163-36 E 2000 position lat. 8-35 N; long. 163-03 E

26 August 1945 (Zone minus eleven)

Steaming as before on course 340°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 0800 Sighted Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, bearing 043°(T), distance 13 miles, and changed course to 279°(T), speed 14 knots. 1900 Set all ship's clocks back one hour to conform with zone minus ten time.

0800 position lat. 11-15 N; long. 161-56 E 1200 position lat. 11-26 N; long. 161-05 E 2000 position lat. 11-46 N; long. 159-01 E

27 August 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before on course 279°(T), speed 14 knots. 0800 Increased speed to

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0800 position lat. 12-09 N; long. 156-15 E 1200 position lat. 12-18 N; long. 155-19 E 2000 position lat. 12-35 N; long. 153-30 E

28 August 1945 (Zone mimus ten)

Steaming as before on course 279°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 0800 position lat. 13-05 N; long. 150-37 E

1200 position lat. 13-12 N; long. 149-39 E 2000 position lat. 13-28 N; long. 147-44 E

29 August 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before on course 279°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 0345 Picked up Rota Island, Marianas Islands, by radar bearing 300°(T), distance 50 miles. 0449 Sighted Rota Island bearing 310°(T), distance 30 miles. 0605 Sighted Guam Island bearing 345°(T), distance 25 miles. 0700 With Harnom Point, Rota Island, bearing 355°(T), distance 16.5 miles, changed course to 269°(T). 0830 With Pt. Ritidian bearing 151°(T), distance 11 miles, changed course to 204°(T). 1010 With Orote Pt. bearing 160°(T), distance 2 miles, arrived off entrance to Apra Harbor, Guam, and hove to awaiting pilot. 1112 Proceeded to entrance Apra Harbor and thence to berth. 1154 Moored in berth No. 19.

0800 position lat. 13-40 N: long. 144-55 E

30 August 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Moored as before. 1711 Got underway to shift berth. 1811 Moored starboard side to dock "Z", Apra Harbor.

31 August 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Moored as before. 0815 Got underway to shift berth. 0919 Moored starboard side to Pier "G", Apra Harbor, Guam. 1000 Commenced discharging cargo.

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To:

Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

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(A) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) month ending 30 September 1945.

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WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) SEPTEMBER 1945

1 - 7 September 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Moored starboard side to Pier G, Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands.

8 September 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Moored starboard side to Pier G, Apra Harbor. 1137 Pursuant to Cinc-Pac AdvHed Dis 290706 August 1945, got underway independently from Pier G, Apra Harbor, for Leyte, P.I. 1340 With Orote Pt. bearing 102°(T), distance two and one half miles, took departure and set course 282°(T), speed 13 knots. 2000 Changed course to 250°(T).

speed 13 knots. 2000 Changed course to 250°(T).
1200 position lat. 13-26 N; long. 144-40 E
2000 position lat. 13-19 N; long. 143-10 E

9 September 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming independently from Guam to Leyte, P.I. on course 262°(T), speed 13 knots.

0800 position lat. 12-53 N; long. 140-32 E 1200 position lat. 12-46 N; long. 139-46 E 2000 position lat. 12-38 N; long. 138-08 E

10 September 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming independently from Guam to Leyte, P.I. on course 262°(T), speed 13 knots. 1400 All ship's clocks set back one hour to conform with minus nine zone time.

0800 position lat. 12-09 N; long. 135-26 E 1200 position lat. 17-00 N; long. 134-37 E 2000 position lat. 11-41 N; long. 132-43 E

11 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming independently from Guam to Leyte, P.I. on course 262°(T), speed 13 knots. 1100 Deceased speed to 11.5 knots. 1935 Changed course to 258°(T).

0800 position lat. 11-23 N; long. 130-02 E 1200 position lat. 11-14 N; long. 129-12 E 2000 position lat. 10-56 N; long. 127-36 E

12 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming independently from Guam to Leyte, P.I. on course 260°(T), speed 11.5 knots. O200 Sighted Suluan Island Light bearing 288°(T), distance 32 miles. O444 Passed Suluan Island Light abeam to starboard, distance 7 miles. O611 Stopped engines and hove to off Homonhon Island HECP to receive anchorage charts. O614 Proceeded to Guiuan, Samar, P.I. on course 323°(T), speed 14 knots. O745 With Sundi Point, Samar, bearing

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12 September 1945 (Zone minus nine) - Continued.

088°(T), distance 12½ miles, arrived off the entrance of Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, and hove to awaiting pilot. 0949 Anchored in berth B-2, off Manicani Island, Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, P.I.
0800 position lat. 10-54 N; long. 125-37 E

13 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in berth B-2, off Manicani Island, Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, P.I.

14 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in berth B-2, off Manicani Island, Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, P.I., 1400 Pursuant to CincPacAdvHed Dis 290706 August 1945, and as directed by Port Director, Guiuan, Samar, P.I., got underway for Manila, P.I. 1417 With northern tip of Suluan Island bearing 120°(T), distance 22 miles, took departure and set course 210°(T), speed 15 knots. 1455 With Handig Point bearing 090°(T), distance 7½ miles, changed course to 164°(T). 1537 With Barapdaban Point bearing 082°(T), distance 12 miles, changed course to 137°(T). 1603 With Barapdaban Point bearing 047°(T), distance 11 miles, changed course to 090°(T). 1733 With Suluan Island Light bearing 333°(T), distance 12½ miles, changed course to 030°(T). 1847 With northern tip of Suluan Island bearing 257°(T), distance 15½ miles, changed course to 342° 30'(T).

2000 position lat. 17-07 N; long. 126-07 E

15 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming independently from Samar, P.I. to Manila, P.I., on course 342°(T), speed 10 knots. Ol30 Changed course to 310°(T). 0425 Changed course to 270°(T). 0612 Sighted San Bernardino Light bearing 235°(T), distance 22 miles. With Biri Head Point bearing 238°(T), distance 21 miles, changed course to 252°(T). 0733 With San Bernardino Light bearing 190°(T), distance 8 miles, changed course to 204°(T). 0805 Entered San Bernardino Strait. 0908 with Ticlin Island bearing 321°(T), distance 2 miles, changed course to 217°(T). 0929 With Calantas Rock bearing 060°(T), distance 3½ miles, changed course to 309°(T), and reduced speed to 13 knots. 1108 Increased speed to 13.5 knots. 1201 With San Miquel Light bearing 233°(T), distance 4½ miles, changed course to 270°(T). 1228 With San Miquel Light bearing 140°(T), distance 4½ miles, changed course to 218°(T). 1300 With San Miquel Light bearing 070°(T), distance 8½ miles, changed course to 270°(T). 1316 With Colrada Point Light bearing 190°(T), distance 7½ miles, changed course to 288°(T). 2040 Changed course to 304°(T).

0800 position lat. 12-47 N; long. 124-15 E 1200 position lat. 12-46 N; long. 123-39 E 2000 position lat. 13-08 N; long. 121-56 E

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16 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming independently from Guiuan, Samar, P.I. to Manila, Luzon, P.I. on course 304°(T), speed 13 knots. 0004 With Malabrigo Light bearing 082°(T), distance 5½ miles, changed course to 270°(T). 0135 With Santiago Light bearing 310°(T), distance 7 miles, changed course to 296°(T). 0318 With Tanawan Point Light bearing 123°(T), distance 10 miles, changed course to 000°(T). 0446 With Fortune Island Light bearing 262°(T), distance 2 miles, changed course to 346°(T). 0513 Sighted Corregidor Light bearing 010°(T), distance 15 miles, decreased speed to 12 knots. 0630 With Corregidor Light bearing 326°(T), distance 3½ miles, entered Manila Bay. 0849 Anchored in berth 45, Manila Bay, Luzon, P.I. 1400 In obedience to CincPacAdvHed Dis 290706 August 1945, reported to Commander, Fifth Amphibious Force for duty in Transport Squadron 20. 0800 position lat. 14-30 N; long. 120-50 E

17 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in berth 45, Manila Bay, Luzon, P.I.

18 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in berth 45, Manila Bay, Luzon, P.I. 0701 Pursuant to Com TransRon 20 secret movement order No. A9-45 of 16 September 1945, and as directed by Port Director, Manila, got underway for Subic Bay. 0728 With San Nicholas Shoals Light bearing 228°(T), distance 3½ miles, took departure and set course 248°(T), speed 14 knots. 0835 With Corregidor Light bearing 217°(T), distance 5 miles, entered North Channel. 0844 With Corregidor Light bearing 163°(T), distance 2 miles, took departure and set course 249°(T), speed 15 knots. 0910 With Luzon Point, Bataan Peninsula, bearing 324°(T), distance 7 miles, changed course to 300°(T). With Caibobo Point bearing 005°(T), distance 7 miles, changed course to 327°(T). 1057 Changed course to 034°(T). 1107 Entered Subic Bay. 1158 Anchored in berth 65, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. Transferred six LCM-6's to Subic Bay Boat Pool. 1707 Got underway for Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. 1744 With Subic Bay Light abeam to starboard, distance 1 mile, took departure and set course 198°(T), speed 12½ knots. 1801 With Las Frailes Rock bearing 298°(T), distance 7 miles, changed course to 291°(T). 1943 Changed course to 283°(T). 2006 Changed course to 348°(T).

0800 position lat. 14-29 N; long. 120-45 E 2000 position lat. 14-50 N; long. 119-15 E

19 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming independently from Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. on course 348°(T), speed 12.5 knots. 0025 Changed course to 004°(T). 0320 Changed course to 048°(T), decreased speed to 11.5 knots. 0523 Changed course to 090°(T). 0640 Changed course to 110°(T), sighted H.E.C.P. San Fernando Point bearing 094°(T), distance 7 miles. 0745

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SEPTEMBER 1945

19 September 1945 (Zone minus nine) - Continued.

anchored 2 miles southwest of H.E.C.P. San Fernando Poi Luzon, P.I. 1552 Got underway at various courses and s Transport Squadron 20, U.S.S. MONTOUR (APA-101), flagsh

anchored 2 miles southwest of H.E.C.P. San Fernando Point, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. 1552 Got underway at various courses and speeds to join Transport Squadron 20, U.S.S. MONTOUR (APA-101), flagship, at anchor off San Fabian. 1845 Anchored in transport area off San Fabian, Luzon, P.I. 2200 Cannon Company 25th Division, 161st infantry, 6th Army, reported aboard for transportation.

20 - 27 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in transport area off San Fabian, Luzon, P.I., loading army equipment.

28 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored off San Fabian, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. 1200 Pursuant to ComTransRon 20 Dispatch 272348 September, got underway to fuel at San Fernando, Luzon, P.I., and proceeded out of transport anchorage at various courses and speeds. 1250 With west bank of Bagupan River bearing 160°(T), distance 8 miles, took departure and set course 358°(T), speed 15 knots. 1440 With San Fernando Point Light bearing 090°(T), distance one mile, arrived off San Fernando and proceeded to Harbor Entrance at various courses and speeds. 1537 Passed buoy No. 2 abeam to starboard, distance 60 yards. 1550 Approaching U.S.S. KENWOOD (IX-179) to refuel. 1639 Moored port side to starboard side of U.S.S. KENWOOD (IX-179) in berth A-9.

29 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Moored port side to U.S.S. KENWOOD (IX-179) berth A-9, San Fernando, Luzon, P.I. 0657 Pursuant to ComTransRon 20 Dispatch 272348 of September got underway to rejoin Transport Squadron 20 at anchor in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., and stood out of San Fernando Harbor at various courses and speeds. 0717 With San Fernando Light bearing 174°(T), distance 1½ miles, took departure and set course 178°(T), speed 15 knots. 0913 Changed course to 128°(T). 0922 With Mount Santo Tomas bearing 057°(T), distance 17 miles, arrived in Transport Area and proceeded at various courses and speeds to assigned anchorage berth. 0950 Anchored in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. 1659 Pursuant to ComTransRon 20 visual dispatch 290725 September, got underway to shift berth to typhoon anchorage off Port Sual, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., proceeding on various courses and speeds in company with other vessels of this squadron. 1841 Anchored off Port Sual, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

0800 position lat. 16-30 N; long. 120-15 E

30 September 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored off Port Sual, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

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Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

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Enclosure:

(A) War Diary for U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) month ending 31 October 1945.

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

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WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) OCTOBER 1945

1 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in company with vessels of Transport Squadron 20 (temporary) in typhoon anchorage off Port Sual, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. The 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, embarked in vessels of the squadron. During the night the typhoon expected to pass close to Lingayen Gulf passed well clear to the northward. 1659 On signal from Commander Transport Squadron 20 (Commander Task Unit 54.8.1) embarked in U.S.S. MONTOUR (APA 101) the squadron got underway for Nagoya, Honshu, Japan and sortied from Lingayen Gulf in cruising disposition of three columns (Transport Division 63 (temp.) left column, Transport Division 58 (temp.) center column, Transport Division 68 (temp.) right column). U.S.S. TREGO steaming as last ship in column of Division 58. On departure from the gulf set course 348°(T), speed 13 knots.

2000 position lat. 16-40 N; long. 120-10 E

2 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 348°(T). 0012 Changed course to 012°(T). 0454 Changed course to 030°(T). 0930 Changed course to 040°(T). 1123 Changed course to 075°(T). 1310 Sighted Sabatng Island, 045°(T), distance 30 miles. 1430 With Babuyan Island abeam to starboard, distance 25 miles, changed course to 080°(T). 1646 Passed Batan Island abeam to port, distance 18 miles. 1801 Changed course to 050°(T).

0800 position lat. 19-10 N; long. 120-35 E 1200 position lat. 19-50 N; long. 121-14 E 2000 position lat. 20-29 N; long. 123-00 E

3 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 050°(T), speed 13 knots. 0805 Changed course to 055°(T). 2042 Changed course to 047°(T).

0800 position lat. 22-16 N; long. 124-46 E 1200 position lat. 22-48 N; long. 125-48 E 2000 position lat. 23-51 N; long. 127-30 E

4 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 047°(T), speed 13 knots. 0910 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1045 Squadron reversed course to avoid another typhoon. 1836 Reversed course again and came to 050°(T). At this time typhoon had passed east of squadron on a north north easterly course.

0800 position lat. 25-21 N; long 129-31 E 1200 position lat. 25-55 N; long 129-44 E 2000 position lat. 24-31 N; long 129-08 E

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5 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 050°(T), speed 10 knots. 0745 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0907 Changed course to 040°(T). 1243 Changed course to 035°(T). 1814 Squadron was advised that destination had been changed to Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 1838 Changed course to 020°(T).

0800 position lat. 26-45 N; long. 130-30 E

0800 position lat. 26-45 N; long. 130-30 E 1200 position lat. 27-23 N; long. 131-13 E 2000 position lat. 28-52 N; long. 132-15 E

6 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 020°(T), speed 15 knots. 0910 Changed speed to 9 knots. 1114 Changed course to 065°(T). 1125 Changed course to 110°(T). 1135 Changed course to 155°(T). 1143 Changed course to 170°(T). 1540 By direction of 0.T.C. fell out of formation and sank oil drum with 40MM. gun fire. 1625 Resumed station in formation. 1640 Changed course to 125°(T). 1650 Changed course to 080°(T). 1659 Changed course to 035°(T). 2039 Changed speed to 8.5 knots. 1705 Changed course to 017°(T).

0800 position lat. 31-42 N; long. 133-34 E 1200 position lat. 32-07 N; long. 133-48 E 2000 position lat. 31-46 N; long. 134-17 E

7 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course O17°(T), speed 9 knots. O145 Made Radar contact on Shikoku Island bearing 310°(T), distance 35 miles. O506 Changed course to O08°(T). O515 Sighted Honshu Island, Japan bearing O15°(T), distance 33 miles. O545 Sighted I Shima Island bearing 345°(T), distance 26 miles. O550 Changed speed to 15 knots. O604 Passed Ichiye Saki light abeam to starboard, distance 22 miles. O606 Changed course to 325°(T). O636 Changed course to 343°(T). O639 Squadron formed into single column to enter port. O641 Changed speed to 12 knots. O700 Steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to movements of column guide in Kii Suido Swept Channel. O747 Entered Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 1043 Anchored in Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 0800 position lat. 33-53 N; long. 134-52 E

8 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan.

9 October 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Anchored in Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 1209 As directed by Commander Amphibious Group 8 got underway for typhoon anchorage. 1308 Anchored in Wakanoura Wan off Okino Shima in berth T-41.

CONFIDENTIAL WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) OCTOBER 1945 10 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in Wakanoura Wan, Honshu, Japan off Okino Shima in berth T-41. 1525 Commenced riding out typhoon using engines to ease strain on anchor chain. 11 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in Wakanoura Wan, Honshu, Japan off Okino Shima in berth T-41. 0702 Got underway to return to berth T-41, having dragged from original anchorage due to heavy winds. 0804 Moored in berth T-41. 1508 Pursuant to Commander Amphibious Group 8 dispatch 110209 October, got underway to return to Transport anchorage, berth 25, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. Anchored in berth 25, Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 12-23 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in Transport Area, berth 25, Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 24 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan, berth 25. 0636 Pursuant to Commander Service Division 103 dispatch 231045, got underway to refuel from U.S.S. PECOS (A065) in berth B-58 Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 0723 Moored port side to U.S.S. PECOS (A065). 0955 Got underway to return to berth 25 in transport anchorage, Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 1030 Anchored in berth 25, Transport Area, Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 25 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in berth 25, Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 26 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in berth 25, Wakanoura Wan, Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. 1339 Pursuant to Commander Transport Squadron 20 order of 23 October, got underway in company with Transport Squadron 20 for Nagoya, Honshu, Japan and proceded to assigned station as sixth ship in column on various courses and speeds. 1415 Took assigned station astern of U.S.S. RANKIN (AKA-103) with U.S.S. MONTOUR (APA-101) as formation guide. 1435 With the left tangent of Nu Shima bearing 320°(T), distance 3-1/2 miles, took departure and set course 180°(T), speed 12.5 knots. 1441 Passed buoy "O" abeam to port, close aboard. 1558 Passed I Shima abeam to starboard, distance 2 miles. - 3 -

CONFIDENTIAL WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) OCTOBER 1945 26 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) - Continued. 1639 With I Shima bearing 259°(T), distance 18 miles, changed course to 147°(T). 1741 Changed course to 112°(T). 2150 With Kashino Saki Light bearing 0430(T), distance 13 miles changed course to 0900(T). 2230 Changed course to 0520(T). 27 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Steaming in company with Task Unit 54.26.33 enroute from Wakayama to Nagoya, Honshu, Japan on course 052°(T), speed 11.5 knots. 0410 Sighted Daio Saki Light bearing 355°(T), distance 19 miles. 0430 Changed course to 010°(T). 0506 Changed speed to 8 knots. 0545 Changed course to 030°(T). 0554 Daio Saki Light abeam to port, distance 8 miles. 0638 With buoy #1 abeam to port, distance 500 yards, changed course to 000°(T) and entered swept channel. 0830 With Shira Saki Light abeam to port, distance 7.5 miles, changed course to 317°(T) and changed speed to 10.5 knots. 0904 With Trako Zaki Light abeam to starboard, distance 1-1/4 miles, changed With Irako Zaki Light abeam to starboard, distance 1-1/4 miles, changed course to 309°(T). 0906 With buoy "9" close aboard to port, changed course to 270°(T) and changed speed to 7.5 knots. 0944 With buoy "11" close aboard to port, changed course to 3300(T). 1331 Anchored in berth 6, Transport Area, Ise Wan, Honshu, Japan. 0800 position lat. 34-25 N; long. 137-04 E 1200 position lat. 34-48 N; long. 136-43 E 28 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in berth 6, Transport Area, Ise Wan, Honshu, Japan. 29 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Anchored in berth 6, Transport Area, Iseno Umi, Nagoya Ko, Honshu, Japan. 0720 As directed by Commander Amphibious Group Eight, got underway, for inner harbor. 1019 Moored port side to New Dock, berth 19, Nagoya Harbor, Japan. Upon docking discharge of cargo and Army personnel commenced. 30-31 October 1945 (Zone minus nine) Moored starboard side to berth 19, New Dock, Nagoya, Honshu, Japan. Cargo operations in progress.

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1 November 1945 (Zone mimus nine)

Moored port side to New Bock, Magoya, Honshu, Japan, discharging equipment and personnel of the 25th Infantry Bivision, U.S. Army, 1032 Completed discharging cargo and got underway for transport anchorage in Ise Wan. 1208 Anchored in assigned berth. 1390 This vessel was detached from duty in Transport Squadron 20(temp.) and 5th Amphibious Force. The Commanding Officer then made an official call on Commander Transport Squadron 20.

2 November 1945 (Zone mimus 9)

Anchored as before. 1054 Pursuant to Commander in Chief Pacific Ocean Area dispatch and as directed by Port Birector, Magoya, Honshu, Japan, got undersay independently for Milne Ray, New Guinea. 1129 With buoy #20 absem to port close aboard, entered Magoya Swept Channel. 1509 Left Swept Channel and with Saio Saki bearing 090°(T), distance 1600 yards, set course 150°(T), speed 14 knots. 1618 Changed course to 1700(T).

> 1200 position lat. 34-47 N; long. 136-43 E 2000 position lat. 33-09 N; long. 137-33 H

3 November 1945 (Zone minus nine)

Steaming as before on course 170°(T). 1845 Increased speed to 14.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 30-30 N; long. 138-11 E 1200 position lat. 29-30 N; long. 138-12 E 2000 position lat. 27-44 N; long. 138-22 E

4 November 1945 (Zone mimus nine)

Steaming as before on course 1700(T), speed 14.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 24-52 N; long. 138-57 B 1200 position lat. 23-54 N; long. 139-09 E 2000 position lat, 21-59 N; long, 139-28 E

5 November 1945 (Zone mimus nine)

Steaming as before on course 170°(7), speed 14.5. 1800 Set all ship's clocks ad one hour to conform with minus ten time some.

0800 position lat. 18-58 M; long. 139-52 E

1200 position lat. 18-31 M; long. 139-57 E

2000 position lat. 16-51 H: long. 140-04 E

2000 position let, 16-51 N; long, 140

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6 November 1945 (Zone mimus ten)

Steaming as before on course 170°(T), speed 14.5 knots.

0800 position lat. 14-12 N; long. 140-33 E
1200 position lat. 13-21 N; long. 140-38 E
2000 position lat. 11-30 N; long. 141-06 E

7 November 1945 (Zone mimus ten)

Steaming as before on course 170°(T), speed 14.5 knots.
0800 position lat. 08-44 N; long. 141-35 E
1200 position lat. 07-37 N; long. 141-43 E
2000 position lat. 05-30 N; long. 142-03 E

8 November 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Steaming as before on course 170°(T), speed 14.5 knots. 0700 Changed course to 177°(T). 2245 Made Radar contact on Aua Island, distance 22-1/2 miles bearing 180°(T). 2300 Changed course to 132°(T).

0800 position lat. 02-40 N; long. 142-47 E 1200 position lat. 01-40 N; long. 142-50 E 2000 position lat. 00-20 N; long. 142-56 E

9 November 1945 (Zone mimus ten)

Steaming as before on course 132°(T), speed 14.5 kmots. 0306 Passed Awin Island about to port, distance 15 miles. 0949 Sighted Bam Island bearing 204°(T), distance 45 miles, 1300 Changed course to 140°(T). 1440 Sighted Karkar Island bearing 180°(T), distance 60 miles, 1728 Passed Karkar Island about to starboard, distance 32.5 miles. 1745 Sighted Hankow Reef bearing 152°(T), distance 50 miles. 1830 Changed course to 135°(T). 1831 Passed Bagabag Island about to starboard, distance 55 miles. 2054 Changed speed to 14 knots. 2230 With Long Island about to port, changed course to 165°(T).

0800 position lat. 02-38 8; long. 144-47 E 1200 position lat. 03-13 S; long. 145-35 E 2000 position lat. 04-42 S; long. 146-53 E WAR DIARY, U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78)

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speed to 13.5 knots. 1231 Increased

10 November 1945 (Zone minus ten)

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Steaming as before on course 165°(T), speed 14 kmets. 0035 With Rook Island about to part, distance 20 miles, changed course to 142°(T). 0307 With Butcher Point bearing 214°(T), distance 11 miles, changed course to 122°(T) and reduced speed to 13.5 kmets. 1231 Increased speed to 14 kmets. 1653 Increased speed to 14.6 kmets. 2112 Changed course to 149°(T). 2153 Changed speed to 13 kmets. 2247 Changed course to 183°(T). 2340 Passed Kitava Island about to starboard, distance 9.5 miles.

G800 position lat. 06-35 %; long. 148-38 E

0800 position lat. 06-35 %; long. 148-38 E 1200 position lat. 07-01 S; long. 149-17 E 2000 position lat. 07-56 S; long. 150-50 E

11 November 1945 (Zone mimus ten)

Steaming as before on course 183°(T), speed 13 knots. 0540 With Cape Pierson abeem to starboard, distance 11 miles, changed course to 200°(T). 0619 Sighted Regamm Island bearing 184°(T), distance 15 miles. 0640 Sighted Blakeney Island bearing 213°(T), distance 17 miles. 0806 With Blakeney Island bearing 324°(T), distance 4 miles, changed course to 277°(T) and entered Milne Bay. 0845 Changed speed to 14.6 knots. 1107 With Likitabu Point bearing 010°(T), changed course to 294°(T). 1215 Anchored in Waga Anchorage, Milne Bay, New Quinea.

0800 position lat. 10-26 S; long. 151-17 E 1200 position lat. 10-23 S; long. 150-23 E

12-24 November 1945 (Eone minus ten)

Anchored in Wage Anchorage, Milno Bay, New Guinea,

25 November 1945 (Zone minus ten)

Anchored as before. 0535 Got underway to moor alongside dock. 0605 Noored portaids to postsom dock, Gamadodo, Nilne Bay, New Ouissa. 0910 Commenced receiving I and D material on board as cargo.

26-30 November 1945 (Zone mimus ten)

Moored as before engaged in cargo operations.

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(A) History of U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78).

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

2. Copies of enclosure (A) are being forwarded this date in accordance with references (a) and (c).

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U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78)

HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78)

United States Ship TREGO was built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company of Wilmington, North Carolina, in early 1944 for duty in the Amphibious Forces of the Pacific Fleet. She was launched in June 1944 and towed to New York in July where her completion as an Attack Cargo Ship for the Navy was begun on 1 August 1944 by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company, 56th Street Yard, Brooklyn, New York.

The TREGO was placed in commission at the Bethlehem Yard on December 21, 1944, and was scheduled to depart from New York on January 1st for her shakedown in Chesapeake Bay. The departure from New York, however, was delayed until January 24th as a result of damage to the ship caused by grounding during the builders' trials in Long Island Sound on December 28th.

On arrival in Hampton Roads, Virginia, on January 25th, the ship was inspected by a board of officers representing the Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, after which her complement of landing craft was received on board, and she sailed for a week's shakedown in Chesapeake Bay.

After the shakedown was completed, the TREGO reported for duty and was ordered to load cargo at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., for Pearl Harbor. On completion of loading the ship sailed for the Panama Canal on February 16th escorted by the U.S.S. GOSSELIN (APD-126). The canal was transited on February 22nd, and the TREGO proceeded alone to Pearl Harbor where she arrived on March 8th and discharged her cargo.

The ship was then sent on a five-day training cruise off Maui, Hawaiian Islands, in company with a number of other new vessels of the Amphibious Forces. After this the TREGO discharged her landing boats at Pearl Harbor and sailed for San Francisco where she was loaded with new boats and replacement equipment for the 5th Marine Division which was then back at the Hawaiian Islands from Iwo Jima.

After this cargo was discharged at Hilo, Hawaii, the TREGO spent another week with a transport training unit at Maui. These maneuvers were cut short by the receipt of orders to proceed to Honolulu where the ship loaded equipment and personnel of the 7th Air Force for Okinawa. She sailed from Honolulu for Eniwetok Atoll on May 2nd and left Eniwetok Atoll for Ulithi Atoll on May 25th. The ship arrived at Ulithi on May 27th and departed the same day in convoy for Okinawa.

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On June 2nd the TREGO arrived at Hagushi, on the west coast of Okinawa, in a convoy consisting of transports and Amphibious Force vessels. Discharge of cargo and personnel was begun soon after arrival, but this was frequently interrupted by the appearance of Japanese aricraft who were by that time so reduced in strength that they provided primarily nuisance value. They did give the TREGO's crew a few nervous moments on several occasions, but the ship did not get a chance to take any of them under fire although her anti-aricraft batteries were in readiness and her gun crews anxious to take a crack at the night-time intruders.

After completing the unloading of her cargo on the beach in ship's boats, the TREGO sailed from Okinawa for Pearl Harbor where she arrived June 28th. After a ten-day availability to do some much-needed work on the main engines and the boilers, she was off again on July 18th, this time with a general load of maintenance equipment for Guam.

An uneventful 3500-mile passage to Guam was completed on July 30th after a short stop-over at Eniwetok. The ship's next orders took her to the South Pacific, to which she was enroute when the war ended. Guadalcanal was the first stop, and this was followed by a visit to the Russell Is. At both places cargo for transportation to Guam was received on board, and upon completion of loading the ship headed north through Indispensible Strait for Guam where she arrived on the 29th of August. Discharging of the cargo began the next day, and on September 8th the TREGO sailed for the Philippines to discharge mail and cargo at Guiuan, Samar, and then proceeded by way of San Bernardino Strait to Manila where she reported to the 5th Amphibious Force for duty in Transport Squadron 20, which was then at anchor in Manila Bay.

The squadron sailed from Manila for Lingayen Gulf on September 17th, but the TREGO was delayed in sailing until the following day by the discharge of cargo. Enroute to Lingayen Gulf a brief stop was made at Subic Bay to turn in the ship's LCM landing craft to the Subic Bay Boat Pool.

On September 19th the TREGO rejoined Transport Squadron 20 off San Fabian in Lingayen Gulf and started loading men and equipment of the 161st Infantry Regiment on arrival. This regiment, part of the 25th Infantry Division, was scheduled to participate in the occupation of Japan. Four other Attack Cargo Ships and sixteen Attack Transports comprised the squadron which was under the command of Commodore H. W. GRAF, USN., with his flag in the attack transport, U.S.S. MONTOUR. A typhoon which passed north of the Philippines delayed the departure of the squadron until the evening of October 1st. The

U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78) arrival of the squadron at its destination was further delayed by another typhoon which swept up from the Philippine Sea toward Japan. After this storm had passed off to the north east the squadron steamed in Wakanoura Wan on October 7th and anchored off Wakayama, Honshu, to await orders to proceed to its destination at Nagova. On the 9th of October the squadron was ordered to its typhoon anchorage in Wakanoura Wan due to the apporach of a third typhoon from the south west. The typhoon passed Wakayama the next day after which the squadron returned to its assigned anchorage off Wakayama. The squadron left Wakayama for Nagoya on October 27th where it arrived the following morning. The unloading of the 25th Division and their equipment commenced immediately and was completed on 1 November. The squadron was then disbanded, and the TREGO sailed the following day for Milne Bay, New Guinea, where she was ordered to load men and equipment at the Naval Base for return to Samar, Philippine Islands. was under the command of Lieut. Comdr. James F. HUNNEWELL, USNR., of Boston, Massachusetts. Her executive officer was As the ship was never under direct attack by the enemy, it

Throughout her comparatively brief war career the TREGO Lieut. George W. MC COY, USNR., of West Chester, Pennsylvania. is difficult to single out officers or men who made conspicuous contributions to the operation of the ship, and no attempt therefore will be made. To every officer and man of the ship belongs the credit for the successful completion of the TREGO's cruising under the relentless strain of wartime conditions.