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**U. S. S. VENANGO (AKA-82)**  
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2 January 1945

Commissioned as a unit of U. S. Atlantic Fleet to report to Com Three under temporary orders pending readiness for shakedown cruise. Lt. Comdr. T. A. Whitaker, D-M, USNR, Commanding. Moored Pier No. 14, Bethlehem Shipyard, Hoboken, N. J.

3 January

Underway to new mooring, Pier No. 33, Brooklyn, N. Y. to load stores.

4 - 5 January

No remarks.

6 January

Underway to Deperming Station, Navy Yard Annex, Bayonne, N. J.

7 January

Underway from Deperming Station to Gravesend Bay, N. Y. to load 5"/38 ammunition. Ammunition received: 1,000 rounds 5"/38, 10,720 rounds 40 MM, tracer H. E., 2432 rounds 40 MM I, 576 rounds A P, 192 rounds blind loaded 40 MM, 35,040 rounds 20 MM, and 150 smokepots.

8 January

0800 Anchored Gravesend Bay, N. Y.

1200 40° 57' 6" N - 73° 35' 5" W

2000 40° 57' 6" N - 73° 35' 5" W

Underway from Gravesend Bay, N. Y. to Long Island Sound, N. Y. for trial runs. Calibrated magnetic compasses and rangefinder. Tested steering by all means available.

9 January

0800 40° 57' 6" N - 73° 35' 5" W

1200 40° 56' N - 73° 35' 40" W

2000 Anchored Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Continued trial runs; ran measured mile; measured turning circles; made two hour full power run.

10 January

0800 40° 56' N - 73° 35' W

1200 East River, New York

2000 Pier No. 33, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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10 January (cont.)

Completed trial runs. Underway to and moored at Pier No. 33, Brooklyn, N. Y. Completed ship's work and loading dry stores.

11 - 12 January

No remarks.

13 January

2000 Ambrose Channel, New York.

Underway to Gravesend Bay, N. Y. to complete loading of ammunition. Received 10,000 rounds 40 MM, 22,500 rounds .30 cal. rifle, 18,000 rounds .45 caliber; and 60 pyrotechnics, 327 5"/38 common, and 527 5"/38 cartridges.

1949 Pursuant to orders from Comphibtrulant's letter FE 25/a4-3(7) serial 05303 underway from Gravesend Bay, N. Y. to Norfolk, Va. to report to Comphibtrulant and O in C Transport Shakedown at Administrative Command.

14 January

0800 37° 31' N - 74° 28' W

1200 37° 54' N - 75° 27' W

2000 36° 58' N - 76° 22' W

Enroute from New York to Norfolk, Va.

1542 Anchored in Berth No. 6, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

15 January

Anchored, Berth No. 6, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

16 January

0800 Anchored, Berth No. 6, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

1200 37° 00' N - 76° 19' W

2000 37° 54' 06" N - 76° 10' W

Pursuant to orders of Comphibtrulant underway to Chesapeake Bay for Shakedown Cruise. Completed re-compensating magnetic compasses and ran degaussing range. Anchored off Cove Pt., Maryland.

17 - 19 January

Anchored 38° 20' 10" W - 76° 21' 3" W.

Conducted general exercises and lowered and hoisted boats at Condition 1A.

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20 January

0800 38° 20.3' N - 76° 21.3' W

1200 37° 40' N - 76° 10' W

2000 37° 19.5' N - 76° 04.6' W

Underway from Cove Pt., Maryland to anchorage off Cape Charles City, Virginia. Successfully streamed paravanes and completed a four hour full power speed run.

21 January

0800 37° 19.8' N - 76° 04.6' W

1200 37° 28.5' N - 76° 03.6' W

2000 37° 18.5' N - 76° 05' 21" W

Completed structural firing, tracking drills, and target sleeve shooting. Ammunition expended: 2,410 rounds 20 MM, 518 rounds 40 MM, 41 rounds 5"/38. Anchored off Cape Charles City, Virginia.

22 January

0800 Anchored, Cape Charles City, Va.

1200 37° 29' N - 76° 06' W

2000 Moored, Portsmouth, Va.

1054 Underway for fueling at sea exercises with DE 709. 1200 Completed fueling exercises. Enroute to Berth 1A, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia on courses conforming to York Spit Thimble Shoal, and Norfolk Channels.

1730 Moored.

23 - 26 January

Moored, Portsmouth Navy Yard for yard availability.

27 January

Pursuant to despatch 231800 from CNO shifted berth to Berth 42, Pier 4, NOB, Norfolk, Virginia to load cargo for FRAY as designated by BUSANDA.

28 - 31 January

Moored Berth 42, NOB, Norfolk, Virginia. Loading cargo.

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T. A. Whitaker, Lt. Comdr. USNR  
Commanding

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1 February 1945

Under temporary orders reporting to ComFIVE and ComPhibTraLant.  
Moored, Pier 4, Berth 42, N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia, loading cargo.  
1700 - Completed loading cargo.

2 February

2000 -  $36^{\circ} 41.5' N - 74^{\circ} 17' W$   
Moored as before. 1211 Pursuant to despatch dated 1st February to  
ComServLant, action ComFIVE and ComFIFTEEN, underway from N.O.B., Nor-  
folk, Virginia to Canal Zone. Time departure Cape Henry, 021800Z via  
point XS at standard speed 14.5 knots (83 RPM). Steadied on course  $130^{\circ} T$ .

3 February

0800 -  $34^{\circ} 21' N 72^{\circ} 58' W$   
1200 -  $33^{\circ} 22' N 73^{\circ} 03' W$   
2000 -  $31^{\circ} 26' N 73^{\circ} 28' W$   
plus 4 ZT  
Steaming on course  $130^{\circ} T$  at standard speed 14.5 knots (83 RPM).  
0912 - Changed course to  $201^{\circ} T$ . 1310 - Changed course to  $191^{\circ} T$ .

4 February

0800 -  $28^{\circ} 26' N 74^{\circ} 01' W$   
1200 -  $27^{\circ} 30' N 74^{\circ} 10' W$   
2000 -  $25^{\circ} 43' N 74^{\circ} 26' W$   
Plus 4 ZT  
Steaming on course  $191^{\circ} T$  at standard speed 14.5 knots (83 RPM).  
1814 - Changed course to  $186^{\circ} T$ .

5 February

0800 -  $22^{\circ} 57' N 74^{\circ} 27' W$   
1200 -  $27^{\circ} 30' N 74^{\circ} 10' W$   
2000 -  $25^{\circ} 43' N 74^{\circ} 26' W$   
Plus 4 ZT  
Steaming on course  $186^{\circ} T$  at standard speed 14.5 knots (83 RPM).  
0038 - Sighted Watling Island Light, San Salvador, bearing  $192^{\circ} T$  distant  
 $27\frac{1}{2}$  miles. 0153 - Changed course to  $153^{\circ} T$ . 0308 - Watling Island Light.,  
abeam to starboard - changed course to  $196^{\circ} T$ . 0645 - Sighted Bird Rock  
Light bearing  $174^{\circ} T$  distant 15 miles. 0742 - Changed course to  $210^{\circ} T$ .  
0808 - Bird Rock abeam to port. 0814 - Changed course to  $202^{\circ} T$ .  
0837 - Fortune Island sighted bearing  $150^{\circ} T$ . 1200 - Changed base course  
to  $156^{\circ} T$ . 1924 - Cape Maysi sighted bearing  $287^{\circ} T$ , changed base course  
to  $210^{\circ} T$ . 2154 - Pt. Caleta Light abeam to starboard.

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0800 - 18° 03' N 75° 18' 5" W

1200 - 16° 54.5' N 75° 53' W

2000 - 15° 18' N 76° 58' W

Plus 4 ZT

Steaming on course 210° T at standard speed 14.5 knots (83 RPM).

0456 - Navissa Light abeam to port distant seven miles.

7 February

0800 - 12° 34' N 78° 20' W

1200 - 11° 41' N 78° 48' W

2000 - 10° 03' N 79° 25' W

Plus 4 ZT

Steaming on course 210° T at standard speed 14.5 knots (83 RPM).

0800 - Adjusted course to 205½° T. 1910 - Adjusted course to 208° T.

2100 - Fire in #7 hold. 2112 - Fire extinguished, no damages.

2152 - Passed PT "M", 09° 38' N 79° 55' W and made approach to

Panama Canal Zone. 2340 - Passed through anti-submarine nets.

2344 - Pilot Dear Aboard.

8 February

0800 - Moored

1200 - 9° 21' N 79° 55' W

2000 - 8° 58' N 79° 35.5' W

Plus 5 ZT

0022 - Moored Berth 9A, Cristobal, Canal Zone in compliance with despatch from ComPacSeaFron dated 070532, to receive boarding officers and services. 1158 - Underway from Cristobal, Canal Zone, via Panama Canal, enroute Pearl Harbor, in accordance CNO instructions to depart Balboa approximately 0100Z, 9 February, to report to AdComPhibsPac, reference Port Director, Balboa despatch of 8 February.

2126 - Cleared Canal Zone steadied on course 180° T at standard speed 14.0 knots (80RPM).

9 February

0800 - 7° 03.5' N 80° 38' W

1200 - 7° 02' N 81° 35' W

2000 - 6° 48' N 83° 29' W

Plus 5 ZT

Steaming on course 180° T at standard speed 14.0 knots (80 RPM).

0341 - Changed base course to 241° T. 0454 - Radar contact on Frailes Light, bearing 300° T distant 16 miles. 0840 - Changed course to

272° T. 1359 - Changed course to 257° T. 1634 - Changed course to 262° T.

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## 10 February

0800 - 7° 41' N 86° 23' W  
1200 - 7° 08' N 87° 30' W  
2000 - 7° 45' N 88° 38' W  
Plus 6 ZT

Steaming on course 262° T at standard speed 14.0 knots (80 RPM).  
0100 - Changed base course to 285° T.

## 11 February

0800 - 8° 28' N 91° 37' W  
1200 - 8° 45' N 92° 36' W  
2000 - 9° 28' N 94° 21' W  
Plus 6 ZT

Steaming on course 285° T at standard speed 14.0 knots (80 RPM).  
1019 - Changed base course to 290° T.

## 12 February

0800 - 10° 27.5' N 96° 32.5' W  
1200 - 10° 44' N 98° 03' W  
2000 - 11° 15' N 99° 37' W  
Plus 6 ZT

Steaming on course 290° T at standard speed 14.0 knots (80 RPM).  
1624 - 1730 - Exercised gun crews at target practice. Ammunition expended 12 rounds 5"/38 AA common, 132 rounds 40mm HE incendiary tracer and 1920 rounds 20mm, one tracer to two non-tracer.

## 13 February

0800 - 12° 02' N 102° 24' W  
1200 - 12° 21½' N 103° 23' W  
2000 - 13° 04' N 105° 16' W  
Plus 6 ZT

Steaming on course 288° T at standard speed 14.0 knots (80 RPM).  
0807 - Adjust course to 291° T. 2018 - Adjusted course to 288° T.

## 14 February

0800 - 13° 59' N 108° 17' W  
1200 - 14° 18' N 109° 22' W  
2000 - 14° 47.5' N 111° 17' W  
Plus 7 ZT

Steaming on course 288° T at standard speed 14.0 knots (80RPM)  
2040 - Adjusted course to 284° T.



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## 15 February

0800 - 15° 25' N 114° 04' W

1200 - 15° 37' N 115° 00' W

2000 - 16° 02' N 116° 52' W

Plus 7 ZT

Steaming on course 284° T at standard speed 14 knots (80 RPM).

1620 - General Quarters for firing practice at balloon target.

Ammunition expended: 30 rounds 40mm and 1000 rounds 20mm.

## 16 February

0800 - 16° 40' N 119° 42' W

1200 - 16° 53.5' N 120° 38.5' W

2000 - 17° 16' N 122° 35' W

Plus 7 ZT

Steaming on course 284° T at standard speed 14.2 knots (80 RPM).

2000 - adjusted base course to 283° T.

## 17 February

0800 - 18° 02' N 125° 52' W

1200 - 18° 15' N 126° 48' W

2000 - 18° 41' N 128° 55' W

Plus 8 ZT

Steaming on course 283° T at standard speed 14.2 knots (80 RPM).

1200 - Increased speed to 15.0 knots (85 RPM).

## 18 February

0800 - 19° 11.5' N 132° 04.5' W

1200 - 19° 21.5' N 133° 10.5' W

2000 - 19° 38.5' N 135° 16.5' W

Plus 8 ZT

Steaming on course 283° T at standard speed 15.0 knots (85 RPM).

1830 - Changed base course to 278° T. 2040 - Adjusted base course to 277° T.

## 19 February

0800 - 20° 03' N 138° 28' W

1200 - 20° 10' N 139° 31' W

2000 - 20° 18' N 141° 41' W

Plus 8 ZT

Steaming on base course 277° T at standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM).

2055 - Adjusted base course to 274° T.

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## 20 February

0800 - 20° 38' N 145° 26' W

1200 - 20° 40' N 146° 24' W

2000 - 20° 50' N 148° 24' W

Plus 9 ZT

Steaming on base course 274° T at standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM).

## 21 February

0800 - 21° 04' N 151° 28' W

1200 - 21° 06' N 152° 29' W

2000 - 21° 16' N 154° 34' W

Plus 9½ ZT

Steaming on base course 274° T at standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM).

1015 - Radar contact (S.G.) on vessel bearing 268° T distant 39,000 yards. 1025 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #25. 1200 - Increased speed to 15 knots (86 RPM). 1500 - Contact identified visually as LST 866 enroute Pearl Harbor. 1527 - Ceased Z-Z Plan #25 and resumed base course 274° T. 1935 - Commenced Z-Z Plan #6. 2043 - Ceased Z-Z Plan #6 and resumed base course 274° T. Various radar contacts on passing ships were received. 2043 - Maintained base course, zig-zagging only when surface contacts were reported.

## 22 February

0800 - Off Buoy #1, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

1200 - Moored Berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Plus 9½ ZT

Steaming on base course 274° T at standard speed 15 knots (86 RPM).

0355 - Changed base course to 265° T on radar bearings. No navigational lights visible. 0557 - Energized D.G. coils. 0610 - Changed base course to 235° T on radar bearings on Ilio Pt, Molokai Island.

0605 - Replied to challenge of a patrol craft. Changed course to 225° T on radar bearing on Makapuu Pt. 0721 - Changed course to 265° T. 0807 - Diamond Head Light abeam to starboard, received entrance instructions. Proceeded on various courses to off sea buoy #1 to await pilot. 0922 - Pilot Lt. R. M. Hardy, USNR aboard, proceeded into Pearl Harbor and moored in berth X-8 starboard side to SS Wm, R. Davie. Reported to AdComPhibSPac for duty as a unit of Transport Division Sixty-Three.

## 23 - 26 February

Moored in berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, T.H. No remarks.

## 27 February

Shifted from mooring berth X-8 to berth K-5 to unload cargo.

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28 February

Berthed at Pier K-5. Continued unloading cargo. As per despatch from AdComPhibsPac the USS VENANGO is ordered to report for duty to ComTransDiv 56.

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1 March 1945

U.S.S. Venango (AKA 82) a unit of ComTransDiv 56, Fifth Fleet, Task Unit 51.13.5.

Moored starboard side to north side of pier "K", berth K-5, U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Discharging cargo.

2 March 1945

Moored as before. MHR civilian stevedores aboard unloading cargo.

3 March 1945

Moored as before. Unloading cargo.

4 March 1945

Moored as before. 1704 Underway from berth K-5, pier K, Naval Supply Depot, Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Honolulu, T.H. Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming with the channel. 1745 Cleared swept channel, steadied on course 100°T. at standard speed, 14.5 knots, (75 RPM). 1910 Proceeding at various courses and reduced speeds to pier 26. 1920 Moored port side to Army Transport Service Pier 26, Honolulu, T.H. 2130 Commenced receiving cargo.

5 March 1945

Moored as before. Loading cargo.

6 March 1945

Moored as before. Loading cargo.

7 March 1945

Moored as before. 1108 Underway from Pier 26, Honolulu, T.H. to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1114 Proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming with channel. 1150 Cleared submarine nets steadied on course 179°T. 1202 Aloha Tower bearing 065°T. Proceeding in channel, to Bouys X-2. 1340 Moored port side to Dutch naval vessel Tabinta in Berth X-2.

8 - 9 March 1945

Moored as before. No remarks.

10 March 1945

Moored as before. 1536 Underway from Berth X-2 for Berth B-24. Steaming at various speeds and courses conforming with channel. 1630 Moored starboard side to U.S.S. Briscoe (APA 65) in berth B-24.

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11 - 13 March 1945

Moored as before. No remarks.

14 March 1945

Moored as before. 1350 Commenced taking aboard 82nd Sig. Const. Bn. Light (R) personnel and Signal Corps vehicles and gear. Eleven (11) officers; one hundred and thirty-three (133) men.

15 March 1945

2000 - 20° 05' N 158° 14' W.

Plus 9½ ZT.

Moored as before. 1218 Pursuant to orders from Port Director, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. departed Pearl Harbor, T.H. for Eniwetok, Marshall Is. 1311 With channel buoy #1 abeam to starboard, distance 1000 yards, took departure, set base course 151°T and 150°(pgc) at full speed of 14.6 knots (82 RPM). 1312 P.C. 580 joined ship in performance of duties as escort. 1315 Changed base course to 181°T, 180°(pgc). 1347 Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #6, USF-10A. 1540 PC 580 ceased escort duty. 1850 Ceased Zig-Zag, resumed base course. 1855 Altered base course to 265°T (pgc), 262° (psc). 1900 Commenced Zig-Zag plan #23, USF-10A. Base course 265°T (pgc), 262°(psc). 2035 Adjusted base course to 263°T(pgc), 262°(psc). 2038 Observed four (4) white flares bearing 210°T. Unidentified. Probably search flares from an airplane.

16 March 1945

0800 - 19° 48.5'N 161° 07.0'W.

1200 - 19° 42.5'N 162° 06.0'W

2000 - 19° 29.0'N 164° 10.0'W

Plus 9½ ZT.

Steaming on course 263°T(pgc), 259°(psc), full speed, 14.6 knots(82 RPM). Zig-Zagging in accordance with Plan #23, USF-10A. 0100 Set clocks back thirty (30) minutes conforming with Plus 10 ZT. 0709 Ceased Zig-Zagging, resumed base course. 1936 Increased speed to 14.9 knots (84 RPM). 2320 Adjusted base course to new course of 260°T(pgc), 254½°(psc).

17 March 1945

0800 - 19° 05'N 167° 11'W

1200 - 18° 53.5'N 168° 10'W

2000 - 18° 31'N 170° 18'W

Plus 10 ZT.

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17 March 1945(cont)

Steaming on course 260°T(pgc), 254°(psc) full speed 14.8 knots(84 RPM).  
0639 Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #23, USF-10A. 0818 Ceased Zig-Zagging,  
resumed base course. 0825 Adjusted course to 259°T(pgc), 253°(psc).  
1908 Adjusted base course to 258°T(pgc), 252°(psc).

18 March 1945

0800 - 17° 57'N 173° 29'W  
1200 - 17° 44'N 174° 31'W  
2000 - 17° 17'N 176° 30'W  
Plus 10 ZT

Steaming on course 258°T(pgc), 252°(psc). 0721 Adjusted base course  
to 257°T(pgc), 250°(psc). 1900 Commenced Zig-Zag plan #23, USF 10-A  
Base course 257°T(pgc), 250°(psc).

19 March 1945

0800 - 16° 47'N 179° 31'W  
Plus 11 ZT

Steaming on course 256°T(pgc), 249°(psc), full speed, 14.6 knots(84 RPM).  
0108 Ceased Zig-Zagging, resumed base course. 0730 Adjusted base course  
to 253°T(pgc), 247°(psc). 1000 Crossed the International Date Line,  
180th Meridian, Westbound.

20 March 1945

1200 - 16° 22.5'N 179° 28'E  
2000 - 15° 43'N 177° 29'E  
Minus 13 ZT

Steaming on course 253°T(pgc), 247°(psc), full speed, 14.6 knots,(84 RPM).  
1602 Exercised crew at General Quarters. Anti-Aircraft drill. Firing  
at balloon targets. Ammunition expended: 320 rounds 20mm, one tracer to  
two non-tracer; 100 rounds 40mm H.E. incendiary tracer; 8 rounds 5"/38  
A.A. common. 1920 Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #6, USF-10A.

21 March 1945

0800 - 14° 59.5'N 174° 24'E  
1200 - 14° 44'N 173° 25'E  
2000 - 14° 14'N 171° 29'E  
Minus 12 ZT

Steaming on course 253°T(pgc), 246°(psc), full speed, 14.6 knots(84 RPM)  
Zig-Zagging in accordance with Plan #23, USF-10A. 0100 Set clocks back  
one(1) hour, conforming with minus 12 ZT. 0100(-12 ZT) Ceased Zig-Zagging  
resumed base course. 1840 Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #6, USF-10A. Base course  
254°T(pgc), 249°(psc).

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22 March 1945

0800 - 13° 28'N 168° 29'E.  
1200 - 13° 06'N 167° 31'E.  
2000 - 12° 24.5'N 165° 32.5'E  
Minus 12 ZT.

Steaming on course 254°T(pgc), 249°(psc), full speed, 14.6 knots ,  
(84 RPM). Zig-Zagging in accordance with Plan #6, USF-10A. 0230 Ceased  
Zig-Zagging, resumed base course. 0232 Adjusted base course to 252°T  
(pgc), 248°(psc). 0710 Adjusted base course to 251°(pgc), 246½°(psc).

23 March 1945

0800 - 11° 34'N 162° 52' E.  
Minus 12 ZT.

Steaming on course 251°T(pgc), 246½°(psc), full speed, 14.6 knots(82 RPM).  
0842 Changed base course to 245°T(pgc), 240½°(psc). 0846 Eniwetok Atoll  
sighted bearing 040° relative. 0905 Proceeding at various courses and  
speeds conforming with channel entrance. 1045 Anchored in Berth #76,  
Eniwetok Harbor, Marshall Islands.

24 March 1945

Minus 12 ZT.  
Anchored in Berth #76, Eniwetok Harbor, Marshall Islands.

25 March 1945

Minus 12 ZT.  
Anchored as before. 1216 Pursuant to orders of the Port Director,  
Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, got underway departed Eniwetok for Ulithi,  
Western Caroline Islands. 1930 Adjusted base course to 280°T(pgc),  
281½°(psc).

26 March 1945

0800 - 12° 02'N 157° 24'E  
1200 - 12° 15'N 156° 22.5'E  
2000 - 12° 37.5'N 154° 23'E  
Minus 11 ZT.

Steaming on course 279°T(pgc), 280°(psc), full speed, 15.6 knots(84 RPM).  
Zig-Zag Plan #6, USF-10A on base course 281°T(pgc), 284°(psc). 2000 Ceased  
Zig-Zagging, resumed base course. 2005 Reduced speed to 14 knots(80 RPM)

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27 March 1945

0800 - 13° 00'N 151° 38'E  
1200 - 13° 07.5'N 150° 41'E  
2000 - 12° 40.5'N 148° 33'E

Minus 11 ZT

Steaming on course 280°T(pgc), 283°(psc). 0616 Increased speed to 14.6 knots (84 RPM), full speed. 1200 Adjusted base course to 245°T(pgc), 244½°(psc).

28 March 1945

0800 - 11° 31'N 145° 49'E  
1200 - 11° 01'N 144° 51'E  
2000 - 10° 37'N 142° 54'E

Minus 10 ZT

Steaming on course 245°T(pgc), 244½°(psc). Full speed 14.3 knots(82 RPM). 0005 Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #24, USF-10A on base course 245°T(pgc), 244½°(psc). 0720 Ceased Zig-Zagging. Resumed base course. 0945 Adjusted base course to 242°T(pgc), 242½°(psc). 1238 Adjusted base course to 259°T(pgc), 260°(psc). Reduced speed to 14.0 knots (80 RPM). 1800 Adjusted base course to 258°T(pgc), 259°(psc). 2332 Engine room reported as being unable to keep pressure on boiler #1. Ship slowing. 2340 Ship dead in the water. 2350 Underway on boiler #2 at approximately nine knots, base course 258°T(pgc).

29 March 1945

0800 - 10° 06'N 140° 08'E  
1200 - 10° 37'N 142° 54'E  
2000 - 10° 16'N 140° 40'E

Minus 10 ZT

Steaming on course 258°T(pgc) at approximately nine knots. 0025 Boiler #1 cut in resumed full speed, 14 knots (80 RPM). 0100 Increased speed to 14.6 knots (84 RPM). 0208 Reduced speed to 14.4 knots (82 RPM). 0516 Reduced speed to 14.0 knots (80RPM). 0832 Altered base course to 033°T(pgc) 026°(psc). Hove to until visibility increases allowing us to enter port, Radar bearing on Ulithi 248°T at 20 miles. 1049 Received T.B.S. message from Ulithi giving instructions to set typhoon condition II. Proceeded on various courses at reduced speeds standing out to sea during typhoon of force nine (9) winds and heavy squalls.

30 March 1945

Minus 10 ZT

0800 - 10° 01'N 139° 50'E

0300 Changed course to 260°T at speed 8 knots(42 RPM) to make Ulithi Atoll approach. 1130 Entered Ulithi Atoll during rain squalls. 1250 Anchored Berth 216. 1600 Commanding Officer reported to Port Director, Ulithi, for duty.

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Anchored as before.

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1 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

U.S.S. VENANGO (AKA 82), a unit of ComTransDiv 56, Fifth Fleet, Task Unit 51.13.5, anchored at Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands in berth 216.

2 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before. No remarks.

3 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before.

0707 - Underway, shifting to berth 295 to refuel.

0805 - Moored starboard side to port side of AO 76.

0827 - Commenced fueling.

1000 - Completed fueling

1028 - Underway, shifting to previous berth, 216.

4 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before.

0000 - Pursuant to orders of ComPhibGrp 12, operations order A 1202-45, attached this date to Task Organization 55.8.

5 - 11 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before. No remarks.

12 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before. On signal from O.T.C. (U.S.S. OKANOGAN) put ship in condition of readiness for getting underway within four hour's notice.

13 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before.

1525 - Received signal from O.T.C. (U.S.S. OKANOGAN) to get underway and form column at 1635.

1720 - Pursuant to orders from C.T.G. 55.8, got underway and proceeded at various courses and speeds conforming with the channel, enroute Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands for Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, Japan. This ship a part of T.G. 55.8 escorted by U.S.S. MUSTIN (DD 413), U.S.S. ABERCROMBIE (DE 343) and U.S.S. OBERRENDER (DE 344).

1745 - Leaving channel steaming on various and speeds conforming with tactical maneuvers of forming into a cruising formation of four columns. Interval 1000 yards, distance 600 yards.

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## 13 April 1945 (continued)

- 1945 - Steadied on base course  $325^{\circ}$  T (PGC).  
 2000 - Assumed standard speed 15 knots. U.S.S. OKANOGAN (APA 220) convoy guide in station #31. This ship in station #11.

## 14 April 1945

- 0800 -  $12^{\circ}37'$  N  $138^{\circ}08'$  E  
 1200 -  $13^{\circ}24.5'$  N  $137^{\circ}21'$  E  
 2000 -  $14^{\circ}58'$  N  $136^{\circ}17'$  E  
 Minus 9 ZD  
 Steaming on base course  $325^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $326^{\circ}$  (PSC). Standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM).  
 0535 - Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #6 USF 10A on base course  $325^{\circ}$  T (PGC).  
 0634 - Pursuant to orders of screen commander, two P.C. escorts left screen and returned to base.  
 0706 - Adjusted standard speed to 15.5 knots (87 RPM)  
 1244 - Adjusted base course to  $327^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $328^{\circ}$  (PSC).  
 1742 - Executed emergency turn to starboard. Steadied on course  $367^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $328^{\circ}$  (PSC)  
 1803 - Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #6 USF 10A.  
 1900 - Ceased zig-zag, resumed base course.  
 1908 - Upon signal from O.T.C. executed emergency turn to starboard. Steadied on course  $357^{\circ}$  T (PGC).  
 1917 - Resumed base course. No-sub contact.

## 15 April 1945

- 0800 -  $17^{\circ}20.5'$  N  $134^{\circ}29'$  E  
 1200 -  $18^{\circ}05'$  N  $134^{\circ}00'$  E  
 2000 -  $19^{\circ}45'$  N  $132^{\circ}59'$  E  
 Minus 9 ZD  
 Steaming on base course  $327^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $328^{\frac{1}{2}}$  (PSC).  
 0650 - Executed  $20^{\circ}$  turn to starboard.  
 0706 - Executed  $20^{\circ}$  turn to port.  
 0714 - Executed  $20^{\circ}$  turn to starboard.  
 0735 - Increased standard speed to 16.5 knots (93 RPM)  
 0749 - Executed  $20^{\circ}$  turn to port.  
 0803 - Executed  $20^{\circ}$  turn to starboard. Turns due to a non-sub contact.  
 0832 - Commenced Zig-Zag Plan #6 USF 10A. Adjusted base course to  $330^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $331^{\circ}$  (PSC).  
 0910 - U.S.S. GOSHEN (APA 174) assumed temporary position as convoy guide.  
 0917 - Reduced speed to 10 knots (56 RPM).  
 1045 - Ceased Zig-Zag, resumed base course to allow U.S.S. OKANOGAN to resume position as convoy guide and O.T.C.  
 1113 - Increased speed to 16.5 knots (93 RPM).  
 1122 - Resumed Zig-Zag Plan #6 USF 10A.  
 1949 - Adjusted base course to  $325^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $327^{\circ}$  (PSC).  
 2034 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

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16 April 1945

0800 - 22°13.5' N 131°14' E

1200 - 22°57' N 130°40' E

2000 - 24°18' N 129°28' E

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on course 325° T (PGC) 327° (PSC) at standard speed of 15.2 knots (86 RPM).

0503 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #6 USF 10A.

0728 - Adjusted speed to 15 knots.

1304 - Adjusted base course to 323° T (PGC) 328° (PSC).

1500 - Test fired #4 40mm.

1717 - Executed emergency turn 50° to port.

1720 - Executed emergency turn 20° to port. Submarine contact on starboard bow.

1726 - Sounded general alarm, all hands to battle stations.

1732 - Resumed base course 323° T (PGC) non-sub contact.

1739 - Resumed zig Zag Plan #6 USF 10A.

1740 - Secured from General Quarters.

2025 - Adjusted base course to 327° T (PGC) 329° (PSC).

2150 - Ceased zig zag, resumed base course 327° T (PGC).

2245 - To avoid another convoy, executed 20° turn to starboard.

2257 - Executed 20° turn to starboard.

2314 - Executed 40° turn to port, resumed base course.

17 April 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on course 327° T (PGC) 329° (PSC) at standard speed of 14 knots (80 RPM).

0231 - Executed corpen george movement to new base course of 292° T (PGC) 297° (PSC).

0507 - Adjusted base course to 270° T (PGC).

0525 - Land (Okinawa Shima) visible off starboard beam bearing 340° T distance 16 miles

0530 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #6 USF 10A.

1614 - Ceased zig zag.

0654 - Adjusted base course to 335° T (PGC).

0700 - Formed a cruising disposition of two columns.

0713 - Engine breakdown due to loss of vacuum. Forced to drop back astern of formation.

0719 - Engine casualty repaired, full way on, making standard speed.

0750 - Adjusted base course to 090° T (PGC).

0917 - Proceeded on various courses at reduced speeds to anchorage H-141.

1033 - Anchored in Southwest Okinawa Shima, Ryukyus Islands, Japan, in berth 158 in 47 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor at the water's edge. Engines in standby condition.

1337 - Embarked one officer and 100 stevedores to handle cargo.

1830 - Commenced unloading boats.

2023 - "Flash red" signal, All hands to General Quarters. Numerous enemy planes reported at a distance. No action observed in the transport area.

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17 April 1945 (Continued)

2237 - Secured from General Quarters. Discontinued unloading cargo pending further orders from C.T.G. 55.8.

18 April 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before. In modified 1-A Condition.

0700 - Commenced discharging cargo. Unloading cargo very slowly due to inability of beach to handle same.

1930 - "Flash Red" signal. All hands to battle stations. Making smoke and maintaining picket patrol. Numerous enemy planes in vicinity at high altitude.

2054 - Secured from General Quarters.

19 April 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo.

0800 - Cargo discharge report: percent of total cargo discharged, 36%; vehicles, 73%; petroleum, 14%;

1700 - Cargo discharge report: total cargo, 70%; general cargo, 100%; vehicles, 80%; petroleum, 42%.

1919 - "Flash Red". All hands to General Quarters. No enemy planes appeared in area.

1936 - Secured from General Quarters. Continued discharge of cargo.

20 April 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0442 - "Flash Red". All hands to General Quarters.

0508 - Secured from General Quarters. Four to five enemy planes reported in area.

0830 - Cargo discharge report: total cargo, 80%; rations, 100%; ammunition, 100%; vehicles, 80%; general cargo, 98%.

1700 - Cargo discharge report: total cargo, 92%; general cargo, 100%; petroleum, 100%; vehicles, 90%.

1911 - "Flash Red". All hands to General Quarters.

2313 - Secured from General Quarters. Seventeen separate raids reported in area over land targets.

21 April 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0600 - Continued cargo discharge.

0730 - Cargo discharge report: total cargo, 100%.

0800 - Set modified watch Condition III.

1947 - "Flash Red". All hands to General Quarters. Making smoke as ordered.

2314 - Secured from General Quarters. All enemy planes passed over land targets.

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22 April 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0053 - "Flash Red". All hands to General Quarters. Making smoke as ordered.

0255 - Secured from General Quarters.

1300 - Made all preparations for getting underway.

1328 - Pursuant to orders from C.T.U. 51.29.20 underway at various courses and speeds conforming with channel, enroute Okinawa Shima for Saipan Island, Marianas Islands.

1418 - Commenced sortie with convoy. This ship a part of T.U. 51.29.20 composed of 16 ships. Convoy guide and O.T.C. in U.S.S. SARASOTA (APA 204). Escorted by five DD's and DE's.

1427 - Set convoy speed at 13 knots (68 RPM) standard speed.

1455 - Upon signal from O.T.C. shifted station from 53 to 43.

1529 - Increased convoy speed to 13.5 knots.

1546 - Adjusted course to  $155^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

1641 - Adjusted base course to  $143^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

1710 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #11 BR248.

1833 - Ceased zig zag, resumed base course.

2000 - Adjusted base course to  $118^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $109^{\circ}$  (PSC).

2100 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #11 BR248

23 April 1945

0800 -  $24^{\circ}10'$  N  $130^{\circ}29'$  E

1200 -  $23^{\circ}42'$  N  $131^{\circ}06'$  E

2000 -  $22^{\circ}46.5'$  N  $132^{\circ}30.5'$  E

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on base course,  $118^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $109^{\circ}$  (PSC) zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11 BR248.

0925 - Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course.

1024 - Executed  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turn to starboard.

1049 - Executed  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turn to port.

1100 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #11 BR248, base course  $118^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

1428 - Ceased zig zag, resumed base course.

1430 - Executed several  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turns when a DD reported a submarine contact. Proved non-sub.

1512 - Resumed base course  $118^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

1520 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #11 BR248.

1800 - Adjusted convoy speed to 13 knots (75 RPM) standard.

24 April 1945

0800 -  $21^{\circ}37'$  N  $134^{\circ}50.5'$  E

1200 -  $21^{\circ}12'$  N  $135^{\circ}55'$  E

2000 -  $20^{\circ}42.5'$  N  $136^{\circ}43'$  E

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on base course  $118^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $108^{\circ}30'$  (PSC) zig zagging on Plan #11 BR248.

0850 - U.S.S. LUMEN (AKA 30), in position 42, dropped from formation to refuel. This ship shifted from position 43 to position 42.

0905 - Decreased speed to 12 knots.

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24 April 1945 (Continued)

- 0940 - Ceased zig zagging on signal. Resumed base course.
- 1216 - Executed  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turn to port.
- 1220 - Upon signal, executed  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turn to starboard.
- 1225 - Set clocks ahead one hour conforming with minus 10 zone time.
- 1340 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #11 BR248. Contacts were again non-sub.

25 April 1945

- 0800 -  $19^{\circ}51'$  N  $138^{\circ}40'$  E
  - 1200 -  $19^{\circ}27'$  N  $139^{\circ}16'$  E
  - 2000 -  $18^{\circ}36'$  N  $140^{\circ}30'$  E
- Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course  $118^{\circ}$  T (PGC), zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11 BR248.

- 0200 - Sighted a yellow flare on bearing  $039^{\circ}$  T which indicated friendly submarine in area. Escort investigated - contacts proved friendly.
- 0910 - Adjusted base course to  $123^{\circ}$  T (PGC).
- 0929 - Adjusted base course to  $125^{\circ}$  T (PGC).
- 1830 - Executed  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turn to port.
- 1834 - Adjusted base course to  $125^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $122^{\circ}30'$  (PSC).
- 1850 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #11 BR248.
- 2037 - Adjusted base course to  $123^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

26 April 1945

- 0800 -  $17^{\circ}19.5'$  N  $142^{\circ}33'$  E
  - 1200 -  $16^{\circ}54'$  N  $143^{\circ}08'$  E
  - 2000 -  $15^{\circ}48'$  N  $144^{\circ}12'$  E
- Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course  $123^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $118^{\circ}$  (PSC) zig zagging according to Plan #11 BR248 at standard speed 13 knots.

- 0810 - Decreased speed to 11 knots (67 RPM) steaming standard.
- 1743 - Decreased speed to 10 knots.
- 2013 - Adjusted base course to  $125^{\circ}$  T (PGC).
- 2030 - Decreased speed to 8 knots.



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Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course 125° T (PGC) 122½° (PSC), zig zagging in accordance with Plan #11 BR248.

0250 - Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course.

0300 - On signal from O.T.C. executed wheeling movement to port to new base course 104° T (PGC) 101° (PSC).

0312 - Increased speed to 10 knots.

0330 - Commenced Zig Zag Plan #11 BR248.

0545 - Ceased zig zagging, resumed base course. Sighted Saipan, Marianas Islands, proceeded independently to anchorage M-5. Reported to Port Director for onward routing.

0805 - Anchored in Saipan Harbor in Berth M-5.

28 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before. No remarks.

29 April 1945

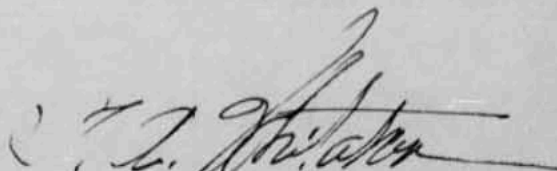
Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before. This date, reported by dispatch CinCPac Pearl for duty.

30 April 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before. No remarks.



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1 May 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored, a unit of Transport Division SIXTY-THREE (63), reporting to Port Director Saipan, Marianas, in Berth M-5.

1530 - Underway, shifting from anchorage to dock.

1723 - Moored port side to Pier A-1, Tanapag Harbor.

2 May 1945

Moored as before.

0638 - Construction Battalion stevedores came aboard to assist in loading cargo.

0820 - Commenced loading ship. Cargo consisting of equipment for the Twenty-first (21st) C.B. Unit.

3 - 9 May 1945

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo for Twenty-first (21st) C.B. Battalion.

10 May 1945

Moored as before.

1820 - Underway shifting from Berth A-1, Tanapag Harbor to Berth M-5 Saipan Harbor at various courses and reduced speeds conforming to channel.

1943 - Anchored in Berth M-5.

11 May 1945

Anchored as before.

1416 - Underway to adjust magnetic compass.

1615 - Completed compass adjustment.

1659 - Anchored in berth M-5, Saipan Harbor.

12 - 22 May 1945

Anchored as before. No remarks.

23 May 1945

Anchored as before.

1500 - Made all preparations for getting underway.

1620 - Pursuant to order NB 3245 Port Director, Saipan, underway enroute Saipan, Marianas to Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, Japan. Steaming out of harbor on various courses and speeds conforming to channel.

1725 - Ships in cruising disposition of three (3) columns. This ship in position twelve (12). O.T.C. and convoy guide in U.S.S. CLINTON (APA 144). Convoy consists of five (5) ships in three columns, distance seven hundred (700) yards, interval one thousand (1000) yards. Escorted by four (4) escorts.

1725 - Steadied on base course 324° T (PGC).

1755 - Increased speed to 14.5 knots (82 RPM). Set watch condition III.

1835 - Went to General Quarters for evening alert.

1914 - Secured from General Quarters.

2000 - 15° 44.5' N 145° 12' E

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24 May 1945

Steaming on base course  $305^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $303^{\circ}$  (PSC) at standard speed 14.5 knots (82 RPM) 1136 executed  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turn to port. 1142 executed  $45^{\circ}$  emergency turn to starboard, resumed base course. 1600 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11. 2000 ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

0800 -  $17^{\circ}32'$  N  $142^{\circ}$   $43.5'$  E

1200 -  $18^{\circ}03'$  N  $141^{\circ}$   $54'$  E

2000 -  $19^{\circ}10'$  N  $140^{\circ}$   $14'$  E

Minus 10 Z.D.

25 May 1945

Steaming on base course  $306^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $306^{\circ}$  (PSC). 0900 went to General Quarters for firing practice. 0930 secured from General Quarters. Ammunition expended: 5"38 - AA common - 11 rounds, 40 MM (non self dest.) HEIP - 96 rounds, 20 MM - 960 rounds. 1425 convoy screen made a sound contact. Executed various emergency turns upon signal from O.T.C. 1459 resumed base course. Two escorts remained with contact.

0800 -  $20^{\circ}52'$  N  $137^{\circ}$   $51'$  E

1200 -  $21^{\circ}18'$  N  $136^{\circ}$   $59'$  E

2000 -  $22^{\circ}26'$  N  $135^{\circ}$   $27'$  E

Minus 10 Z.D.

26 May 1945

Steaming on base course  $306^{\circ}$  T (PGC) standard speed 14.5 knots (82 RPM) 0905 on signal from O.T.C., assumed position 32. 1012 adjusted base course to  $300^{\circ}$  T (PGC). 1200 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11. 1153 ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. Adjusted base course to  $281^{\circ}$  T (PGC)  $281^{\circ}$  (PSC) 1556 increased convoy speed to 15 knots (84 RPM). 1700 Set clocks back one hour in conformance with minus 9 zone time.

0800 -  $24^{\circ}07'$  N  $133^{\circ}$   $18'$  E

1200 -  $24^{\circ}31.5'$  N  $132^{\circ}$   $29'$  E

2000 - Sky overcast.

Minus 9 and 10 Z.D.

27 May 1945

Steaming on base course  $281^{\circ}$  T (PGC) at standard speed 15 knots (84 RPM) 0220 convoy reported bearing  $208^{\circ}$  T, range, 15000 yds. Upon signals from O.T.C., maneuvering at various courses and speeds in order to safely pass other convoy. Pursuant to orders of C.T.F. 51, adjusted course to  $335^{\circ}$  T (PGC) in company with U.S.S. SANDOVAL (APA 194), APD 31, and DMS 10 enroute to Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa. 0734 standing into Nakagusuku Wan at various courses and speeds. Went to General Quarters. 1020 proceeding to anchorage berth B-100 on various courses and speeds. Pilot A. Moore, Lieut. USNR, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on the bridge. 1050 secured from General quarters. Enemy planes in area.

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1103 anchored in berth B-100, Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. Minus 9 Z.D.

28 May 1945

Anchored as before. Crew at General Quarters. Many enemy planes in general area but no hostile action observed. 0723 enemy planes, (VALS), attacking shipping in area. 0901 secured from General Quarters. 2256 went to General Quarters. 2325 secured. No action in area. Minus 9 Z.D.

29 May 1945.

Anchored as before. 1917 went to General Quarters. 2007 secured from General Quarters. No action in area. Minus 9 Z.D.

30 May 1945

Anchored as before. 2325 forty-nine C.B. enlisted men and warrant officer Craighead came aboard to assist in unloading. 2400 set watch Condition 1-A. Minus 9 Z.D.

31 May 1945

Anchored as before. 0100 commenced discharging cargo. 0218 went to General Quarters. 0315 secured from General Quarters. No action in area. Minus 9 Z.D.

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1 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

This ship, a unit of Transport Division SIXTY-THREE (63), reporting independently to Port Director, Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands. Anchored in Berth E-101 Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands. Engines on thirty (30) minutes standby condition. Ship in readiness condition 1A and material condition Baker. Discharging cargo with stevedores of the 36th Naval Construction Battalion aboard assisting. 1945 - Went to General Quarters.

2123 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition 1A. No enemy action observed in area.

2 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

3 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0228 - Went to General Quarters.

0355 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition 1A. Enemy aircraft in area but no action observed.

1239 - Went to General Quarters.

1251 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition 1A. Enemy aircraft in area but no action observed.

1308 - Went to General Quarters.

1449 - Secured from General Quarters set watch condition 1A. Enemy planes in area. One Japanese plane, VAL type, crashed into water in transport area.

2203 - Went to General Quarters.

2241 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition 1A. No action in area.

4 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

1800 - Pursuant to orders of CTR 31 made all preparations to get underway to obtain sea-room for expected typhoon.

1830 - Underway from Berth E-83, Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa Shima. Proceeding on various courses and speeds conforming with channel.

1920 - Passed sea buoy #2 abeam to starboard; distance: 100 yards.

Steaming on base course 090° T (PGC), 090° (PSC) at standard speed 7 knots (40 RPM). Convoy disposition as follows: Convoy Commander and O.T.C.

U.S.S. VENANGO, 11, S.S. NORMAN HOPGOOD, 12, S.S. CAPE CONSTANCE, 13, S.S. CUBA VICTORY, 21, S.S. OCEAN TELEGRAPH, 22, S.S. JOHN OWENS, 23.

Escort vessels in screen; three DDs: U.S.S. ROWE, U.S.S. LOWRY, U.S.S. GUEST.

2300 - Altered base course to 210° T (PGC), 211° (PSC).

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5 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on course 210° T (PGC), 211° (PSC) standard speed 9 knots (50 RPM).

0020 - Adjusted course to 215° T (PGC), 216° (PSC).

0200 - Executed wheeling movement to port to course 030° T (PGC).

0510 - Commenced executing various wheeling movements and speed changes preparatory to entering Nakagusuku Wan.

0831 - Passed through anti-submarine nets, proceeding to Berth B-83 at various courses and reduced speeds conforming with channel.

0918 - Anchored in Berth B-83, Nakagusuku Wan.

1117 - Went to General Quarters.

1134 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition III. No enemy action observed in area.

6 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

1610 - Went to General Quarters.

1735 - Secured from General Quarters set watch condition III. Enemy action observed outside harbor. One plane shot down by destroyer; second plane crash-dived into same destroyer.

7 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

0319 - Went to General Quarters.

0409 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition IA. Enemy planes in area; no action observed.

2126 - Went to General Quarters.

2230 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition IA. No action in area.

8 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0054 - Went to General Quarters.

0511 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition III. No enemy action observed.

2001 - Went to General Quarters.

2242 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition III. No enemy action in area.

9 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0223 - Went to General Quarters.

0335 - Secured from General Quarters.

0349 - Went to General Quarters.

0429 - Secured from General Quarters.



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- 0451 - Went to General Quarters.
- 0525 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition IA. Nuisance raids. No action observed.
- 1940 - Went to General Quarters.
- 2017 - Secured from General Quarters; no action observed in area.

10 June 1945

- Minus 9 ZD
- Anchored as before. Continued unloading cargo.
- 1916 - Went to General Quarters.
- 1950 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition IA. No action observed.

11 June 1945

- Minus 9 ZD
- 1135 - Pursuant to orders of Port Director, underway from Berth B-83, Nakagusuku Wan, standing out of harbor on various courses and reduced speeds conforming with swept channel. Traveling independently to rendezvous with convoy at 1245.
- 1224 - Passed through anti-submarine nets.
- 1239 - Pursuant to orders of Port Director, reversed course. Steaming back to anchorage in harbor due to lack of escorts.
- 1350 - Anchored in Berth B-83.

12 June 1945

- Minus 9 ZD
- Anchored as before. Continued unloading cargo.
- 1700 - Cargo 100 per cent unloaded.

13 June 1945

- Minus 9 ZD
- Anchored as before.
- 0703 - Went to General Quarters.
- 0718 - Secured from General Quarters, set watch condition III. No action in area.

14 June 1945

- Minus 9 ZD
- Anchored as before. This date received orders from CTF 31 to report CinCPac Adv. by despatch for further orders.
- 1252 - Underway from Berth B-83, Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, enroute to Saipan, Marianas. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to rendezvous off Southern Okinawa with convoy OKS #8.
- U.S.S. VENANGO temporary convoy commander of convoy consisting of U.S.S. VENANGO and S.S. CLOVIS VICTORY. Escorted by DMS 30.
- 1350 - With light house bearing 299° T and point of land bearing

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001° T, took departure and set course 090° T (PGC), 089° (PSC) at standard speed 16 knots (90 RPM).

1522 - Altered course to 247° T (PGC) 253° (PSC).

1724 - Assumed station 11 in Convoy OKS #8 enroute to Saipan, Marianas. O.T.C. and convoy guide in station 21. Interval: 1000 yards; distance: 600 yards. Escorted by four APDs. Steaming on course 144° T, standard speed 13.5 knots (74 RPM).

1741 - Executed 45 degree emergency turn to starboard.

1747 - Executed 45 degree emergency turn to port.

1950 - Executed wheel to port to course 119° T. These movements were exercises.

2000 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 11, BR 248.

2025 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

2000 - 28° 20' N 128° 00' E

15 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on course 119° T (PGC), 118° (PSC), at standard speed 13.5 knots (73 RPM).

0600 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 11, BR 248.

1500 - Commenced firing drill in accordance with Plan 13 Baker, USF-10A.

1600 - Completed firing drill. Ammunition expended: 6 rounds 5"/38 AA Common, 100 rounds 40mm HET, 240 rounds 20mm HET and HEI.

2015 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 119° T (PGC) 118° (PSC)

0800 - 24° 05' N 130° 34' E

1200 - 23° 37' N 131° 24' E

2000 - 22° 52' N 133° 04' E

16 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on course 119° T (PGC), 118° (PSC) at standard speed 13.5 knots (74 RPM).

0500 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 11Z BR 248.

1440 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

1450 - Altered base course, by wheeling, to 125° T (PGC), 122½° (PSC).

1500 - Commenced zig-zagging, Plan 11Z BR 248.

1920 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

1930 - Executed 45 degree emergency turn to port on signal from O.T.C.

1947 - Executed 45 degree emergency turn to starboard. Reported as an excellent sound contact which later proved erratic; probably a friendly submarine.

0800 - 21° 47' N 135° 20' E

1200 - 21° 20' N 136° 08' E

2000 - 20° 18' N 137° 38' E

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17 June 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Steaming on course  $125^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $122^{\circ}$  (PSC), at standard speed 13.5 knots (74 RPM).

0500 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 11 BR 248.

1424 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

0800 -  $18^{\circ} 53'$  N  $159^{\circ} 58'$  E

1200 -  $18^{\circ} 26'$  N  $140^{\circ} 38'$  E

2000 -  $17^{\circ} 21'$  N  $142^{\circ} 11'$  E

18 June 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on course  $125^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $120\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC) at standard speed 13.5 knots (74 RPM).

0900 - Set clocks ahead one hour to conform with minus ten zone time.

1135 - Land sighted (Saipan) bearing:  $055^{\circ}$  T; distance: 39 miles.

1230 - On signal from O.T.C., altered base course to  $102^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $096^{\circ}$  (PSC).

1350 - Standing into Saipan Harbor independently on various courses and at various speeds conforming with channel.

1537 - Anchored in Berth L-52, Saipan Harbor.

0800 -  $15^{\circ} 43'$  N  $144^{\circ} 40'$  E

19 June 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before.

1446 - Pursuant to orders of CinCPOA, Pearl, underway, independently, from Berth L-52, Saipan Harbor enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H. Steaming at various courses and speeds conforming with channel.

1537 - Passed through anti-submarine nets.

1538 - With sea buoy abeam to starboard, distance: 50 yards, steadied on course  $350^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $350\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC), at standard speed 15 knots (82 RPM).

1700 - Altered course to  $108^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

1808 - Altered course to investigate object burning in water. At first believed to be plane crash, as many B-29s were passing spot. Object identified as incendiary bomb dropped from one of planes mentioned.

2305 - Altered course to  $099^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $093^{\circ}$  (PSC)

2000 -  $15^{\circ} 16'$  N  $146^{\circ} 14'$  E

20 June 1945

Minus 11 ZD

Steaming on course  $099^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $093^{\circ}$  (PSC) at standard speed 15.5 knots (84 RPM).

0252 - Altered course to  $104^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $098^{\circ}$  (PSC).

0430 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 11, BR 248.

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20 June 1945 (continued)

- 0605 - Adjusted course to  $103^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $100^{\circ}$  (PSC).
- 0630 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.
- 0900 - Set clocks ahead one hour to conform with minus eleven zone time.
- 2015 - Adjusted course to  $105^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

0800 -  $14^{\circ} 35'$  N  $149^{\circ} 08'$  E  
1200 -  $14^{\circ} 27'$  N  $149^{\circ} 46'$  E  
2000 -  $14^{\circ} 01'$  N  $152^{\circ} 02'$  E

21 June 1945

Minus 11 ZD

Steaming on course  $105^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $097^{\circ}$  (PSC) at standard speed 14.9 knots (84 RPM).

- 0515 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 11 BR 248.
- 0628 - Adjusted base course to  $103^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $097\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC).
- 0715 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.
- 0759 - Received radio message of torpedoed ship (ARL 9), location:  $12^{\circ} 41'N$   $156^{\circ} 30'E$ .
- 1250 - Altered course to  $081^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $072\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC).
- 1501 - Altered course to  $103^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $096^{\circ}$  (PSC).
- 1510 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 11 BR 248.
- 1720 - Sighted DE 25, U.S.S. WINTLE, distance: 9 miles; bearing:  $155^{\circ}$  T; received message: "Have you seen any disabled ships?" Answered in the negative.
- 2101 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 11 BR 248.

0800 -  $13^{\circ} 12'$  N  $154^{\circ} 34'$  E  
1200 -  $13^{\circ} 02'$  N  $155^{\circ} 30'$  E  
2000 -  $12^{\circ} 44'$  N  $157^{\circ} 24'$  E

22 June 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course  $104^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $095^{\circ}$  (PSC), at standard speed 16.5 knots (86 RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 11 BR 248.

- 0616 - Altered base course to  $110^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $101\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC).
- 0900 - Set all clocks ahead one hour to conform with minus 12 zone time.
- 1400 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.
- 1612 - Made radar contact with West Spit Island, Eniwetok Atoll, bearing:  $090^{\circ}$  T; distance: 55,000 yards.
- 1625 - Altered course to  $130^{\circ}$  T (PGC).
- 1635 - Sighted Iguvin Island, Eniwetok Atoll, bearing:  $055^{\circ}$  T; distance: 24,400 yards.
- 1756 - Altered course to  $076^{\circ}$  T.
- 1930 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 24, USF-10A.

0800 -  $12^{\circ} 03'$  N  $160^{\circ} 10'$  E  
1200 -  $11^{\circ} 49'$  N  $160^{\circ} 53'$  E  
2000 -  $11^{\circ} 16'$  N  $162^{\circ} 41'$  E

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23 June 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course  $076^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $066\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC), zig-zagging on Plan 11 ER 248 at standard speed 14.0 knots (82 RPM).

0655 - Sighted Bikini Atoll bearing  $145^{\circ}$  T; distance: 16 miles.

0953 - Ceased zig-zagging, altered course to  $345^{\circ}$  (PGC) to hold A.A. gunnery firing practice. Ammunition expended: 5"/38 AA Common: 10

rounds; 40mm, HEIT (non-self destructive): 246 rounds; 20mm (HET and HEI): 360 rounds.

1011 - Altered course to  $074^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $064\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC).

1900 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 24, USF-10A.

0800 -  $11^{\circ} 59' N$   $165^{\circ} 18' E$

1200 -  $12^{\circ} 19' N$   $166^{\circ} 12' E$

2400 -  $12^{\circ} 45' N$   $167^{\circ} 49' E$

24 June 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course  $074^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $064^{\circ}$  (PSC) at standard speed 14.0 (84 RPM). Zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 24, USF-10A.

0800 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

1900 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 24, USF-10A.

0800 -  $13^{\circ} 32' N$   $170^{\circ} 27' E$

1200 -  $15^{\circ} 51.5' N$   $171^{\circ} 31' E$

2000 -  $14^{\circ} 16' N$   $173^{\circ} 21' E$

25 June 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course  $075^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $063\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC) at standard speed 14 knots (82 RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 24, USF-10A.

0700 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

1940 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 24, USF-10A.

2103 - Ceased zig-zagging resumed base course.

0800 -  $14^{\circ} 57' N$   $175^{\circ} 51' E$

1200 -  $15^{\circ} 12' N$   $176^{\circ} 36' E$

2000 -  $15^{\circ} 41' N$   $178^{\circ} 22' E$

26 June 1945

Minus 13 ZD

Steaming on course  $075^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $063\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC) at standard speed 14 knots (84 RPM).

0200 - Adjusted course to  $078^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $066^{\circ}$  (PSC).

0300 - Crossed International Date Line (180th Meridian) eastward bound.

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25 June 1945

Plus 11 ZD

Steaming on course 078° T (PGC), 066½° (PSC), at standard speed 14 knots (84 RPM).

0300 - Crossed International Date Line (180th Meridian) eastward bound.

0530 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 24, USF-10A.

0700 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

1530 - Maneuvering at various courses for target practice.

1544 - Commenced firing guns.

1558 - Secured from firing practice. Ammunition expended: 20mm (HET and HEI) 420 rounds; 40mm (HEIT)(non-self-destructive) 56 rounds; (HEIP) 56 rounds.

1940 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 24, USF-10A.

2215 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

0800 - 16° 22' N 178° 49' W

1200 - 16° 30' N 177° 52' W

2000 - 16° 56' N 176° 03' W

26 June 1945

Plus 11 ZD

Steaming on course 078° T (PGC), 066° (PSC), at standard speed 15.2 knots (86 RPM).

0105 - Passed AKA 78 abeam to port; distance, 2 miles.

0500 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 24, USF-10A.

0700 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

1530 - Steaming at various courses for firing practice.

1601 - Ceased firing all guns, secured from firing practice, resumed course 077° T (PGC), 065½° (PSC). Ammunition expended: 5"/38 AA common, 13 rounds; 40mm (HEIT)(non-self-destructive), 270 rounds; 20mm (HET and HEI), 1,860 rounds.

1905 - Commenced zig-zag Plan 24, USF-10A.

2327 - Reduced speed to 15 knots (82 RPM).

0800 - 17° 42' N 172° 58' W

1200 - 18° 47' N 171° 57' W

2000 - 18° 08' N 169° 55' W

27 June 1945

Plus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course 081° T (PGC), 068½° (PSC) at standard speed 14 knots (82 RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 24, USF-10A.

0700 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

0900 - Set clocks ahead one hour to conform with plus ten (10) zone time.

0800 - 18° 39' N 167° 04' W

1200 - 18° 41' N 166° 25' W

2000 - 19° 03' N 164° 24' W

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28 June 1945

Plus 10 ZD -- plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ZD

Steaming on base course  $081^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $069^{\circ}$  (PSC), at standard speed 13.5 knots (82 RPM), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 24, USF-10A.

0700 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

0900 - Set clocks ahead one-half hour to conform with plus nine and one half ( $9\frac{1}{2}$ ) zone time.

1322 - Adjusted course to  $080^{\circ}$  T (PGC).

1744 - Reduced speed to 11.8 knots (72 RPM).

2000 - Commenced burning dimmed navigation lights.

2010 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 24, USF-10A.

2110 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

2315 - Altered base course to  $003^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $354\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC).

0800 - 19 29' N 161 38' W

1200 - 19 44' N 160 36' W

2000 - 19 54' N 158 39' W

29 June 1945

Plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ZD

Steaming on course  $003^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $354\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (PSC), at standard speed 11 knots (64 RPM).

0245 - Reduced speed to 6.6 knots (40 RPM).

0255 - Sighted land (Oahu) bearing  $008^{\circ}$  T; radar distance, 32 miles.

0325 - Altered course to  $000^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $352^{\circ}$  (PSC).

0600 - Altered course to  $358^{\circ}$  T (PGC),  $351^{\circ}$  (PSC). Degaussing coils energized.

0625 - Increased speed to two-thirds ahead, 11.8 knots (60 RPM).

0629 - Steaming at various courses and reduced speeds standing into Pearl Harbor, T.H. Pilot aboard.

0839 - Passed between buoys one and two at entrance to harbor.

0929 - Moored in berth C-5, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

1200 - U.S.S. CENTAURUS (AKA 17) moored starboard side to our port side.

30 June 1945

Plus  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ZD

Anchored as before. No remarks.

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1 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

This ship, a unit of Transport Division SIXTY-THREE (63), reporting independently to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T.H. for loading. Moored in berth C-5, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2 - 6 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Moored as before. No remarks.

7 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

1548 - Pursuant to orders of AdComPhibsPac, underway from berth C-5, standing out of Pearl Harbor at reduced speeds on various courses conforming with channel. Enroute to Honolulu Harbor.

1830 - Moored port side to pier 31, berth 32.

2310 - Commenced loading miscellaneous cargo of beer, lumber, cement and tar.

8 - 12 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo.

13 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Moored as before.

1810 - Pursuant to orders from AdComPhibsPac, underway from pier 31, Honolulu, T.H., sailing independently, enroute to Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands. Reporting to Port Director, Ulithi for further routing to Angaur, Samar, and Leyte. Steaming at various courses and reduced speeds conforming with channel. Commanding Officer at conn, Executive Officer, Navigator on the bridge.

1836 - With sea buoy #1 abeam to starboard, close aboard, set course 193° T (PGC), 178° (PSC).

1954 - Altered course to 180° T (PGC), 166° (PSC).

2000 - Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #24, USF-10A.

2345 - Notified AdComPhibsPac that we had suffered a casualty to the high pressure turbine casing at the joint and recommended return to Pearl Harbor.

2000 - 20° 50' N 157° 55' W

14 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Steaming on course 180° T (PGC), 165° 30' (PSC), at standard speed 14.9 knots (84 RPM). Zigzagging in accordance with plan #24, USF-10A.

2400 - Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course.

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0242 --Altered course to 085° T (PGC), 071° (PSC), to return to Pearl Harbor, T.H., pursuant to AdComPhibsPac despatch 141049.

0422 - Reduced speed to 14.6 knots (82 RPM).

0658 - Reduced speed to 10 knots (56 RPM).

0653 - Altered course to 002° T (PGC).

0820 - Sighted land bearing 005° T; distance 35 miles.

0950 - Altered course to 358° T (PGC), 350° (PSC).

1141 - Laying off Pearl Harbor, T.H., maneuvering on various courses and speeds conforming with channel.

1225 - Proceeding into Pearl Harbor, T.H. to berth X-9.

1331 - Moored in berth X-9, Pearl Harbor, T.H., starboard side to port side of S.S. CAPE DOUGLAS.

15 - 16 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Moored as before. No remarks.

17 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Moored as before.

1620 - Made preparations for getting underway to shift berths.

1727 - Underway from berth X-9, shifting berth to B-2.

1812 - Moored in berth B-2, port side to starboard side of U.S.S. TRINA (IX 223).

18 - 22 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Moored as before. Navy Yard workmen aboard repairing damage to main engines.

23 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Moored as before.

0658 - Pursuant to orders of AdComPhibsPac underway from berth B-2, Pearl Harbor, T.H., sailing independently, enroute to Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands. Reporting to Port Director, Ulithi for onward routing to Angaur, Samar, and Leyte. Standing out of harbor at various courses and reduced speeds conforming with channel.

0825 - Took departure and set course 180° T (PGC), 161° 45' (PSC) at standard speed 15 knots (85 RPM).

2035 - Reduced speed to 14 knots (80 RPM).

2050 - Altered course to 266° T (PGC).

2100 - Commenced zigzagging according to plan #24 USF-10B.

1200 - 20° 02' N 158° 00' W

2000 - 19° 47' N 159° 38' W

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24 July 1945

Plus 9½ ZD

Steaming on base course 266° T (PGC), 252° (PSC), at full speed 14 knots (80 RPM). Zigzagging in accordance with plan #24, USF-10B.

0727 -- Increased speed to 14.6 knots (84 RPM).

0900 - Set back all clocks ½ hour to conform with plus 10 zone time.

2000 - Changed from zigzag plan #24, USF-10B to plan #6, USF-10B.

2005 - Increased speed to 15.6 knots (88 RPM).

0800 - 19° 36' N 162° 22' W

1200 - 19° 27' N 163° 22' W

2000 - 19° 14' N 165° 11' W

25 July 1945

Plus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course 265° T, 266° (PGC), 253° (PSC), at full speed 15.6 knots (88 RPM). Zigzagging in accordance with plan #6, USF-10B.

0600 - Adjusted base course to 261° T, 262° (PGC), 247° (PSC). Changed from zigzag plan #6, USF-10B to plan #24, USF-10B.

1654 - Reduced speed to (86 RPM).

2000 - Changed from zigzag plan #24, USF-10B to plan #11, BR 248.

0800 - 18° 56' N 168° 06' W

1200 - 18° 46' N 169° 06' W

2000 - 18° 24' N 171° 05' W

26 July 1945

Plus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course 259° T, 260° (PGC), 246° (PSC) at full speed 15.0 knots (86 RPM). Zigzagging in accordance with plan #11, BR 248.

0600 - Changed from plan #11, BR 248 to plan #12, BR 248.

0815 - Commenced firing practice for all General Quarters gun crews.

0837 - Secured from firing practice; ammunition expended: 5"/38 - 7 rounds AA common; 40MM - 365 rounds HEIT (non-self destruction);

20MM - 980 rounds HET and HEI.

0900 - Set back all clocks one hour to conform with plus 11 zone time.

Altered base course to 255° 30' T, 255° (PGC).

1613 - Adjusted base course to 256° T, 257° (PGC), 243° (PSC).

0800 - 17° 51' N 173° 59' W

1200 - 17° 36' N 175° 11' W

2000 - 17° 08' N 177° 00' W

27 July 1945

Plus 11 ZD

Steaming on base course 256° T, 257° (PGC), 243° (PSC) at full speed 15.0 knots (86 RPM). Zigzag plan #11, BR 248 in use.

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0847 - Crossed International Date Line (180th meridian) westward bound.

0800 - 16° 29' N 179° 49' W

28 July 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course 257° T, 258° (PGC), 244° (PSC) at full speed 14.7 knots (86 RPM). Zigzagging with plan #11, BR 248.

0900 - Set back all clocks one hour to conform with minus 12 zone time.

1200 - 16° 11' N 179° 00' W

2000 - 15° 44' N 177° 04' E

29 July 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course 255° T, 256° (PGC), at full speed 15.0 knots (86 RPM).

1205 - Increased speed to 15.2 knots (88 RPM).

2005 - Adjusted base course to 254° T, 255° (PGC).

2020 - Ceased zigzagging, resumed base course.

0800 - 15° 01' N 174° 18' E

1200 - 14° 47' N 173° 24' E

2000 - 14° 14' N 171° 30' E

30 July 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course 254° T, 255° (PGC), 243° (PSC) at full speed 15.2 knots (88 RPM).

0045 - Increased speed to 90 RPM.

0200 - Adjusted course to 252° T, 253° (PGC), 241° (PSC).

0210 - Passed cargo ship abeam to port; distance approximately 1800 yards.

0530 - Commenced zigzagging according to plan 11, BR 248. Reduced speed to 15.2 knots (88 RPM).

1600 - Ceased zigzagging. Commenced firing practice for all guns.

1619 - Secured from firing practice. Ammunition expended: 5"/38 - 10 rounds AA common; 40MM - 116 rounds HEIP; 20MM - 1200 rounds HET and HEIP. Adjusted course to 252° T, 253° (PGC).

1632 - Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #25, USF-10B.

2025 - Adjusted base course to 251° T, 252° (PGC), 240° (PSC).

0800 - 13° 17' N 168° 32' E

1200 - 13° 05' N 167° 37' E

2000 - 12° 33' N 165° 45' E

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31 July 1945

Minus 12 ZD

Steaming on base course  $262^{\circ}$  T,  $263^{\circ}$  (PGC),  $248^{\circ}$  (PSC), at full speed 15.0 knots (88 RPM). Zigzag plan #25, USF-10B in use.

1038 - Sighted land bearing  $194^{\circ}$  T; 14 miles. Identified as Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

1100 - Altered base course to  $248^{\circ}$  T,  $249^{\circ}$  (PGC),  $241^{\circ}$  (PSC).

1630 - Altered base course to  $280^{\circ}$  T,  $281^{\circ}$  (PGC),  $277^{\circ}$  (PSC).

0800 -  $12^{\circ} 00' N$   $162^{\circ} 54' E$

1200 -  $11^{\circ} 49' N$   $162^{\circ} 00' E$

2000 -  $11^{\circ} 37' N$   $160^{\circ} 07' E$

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1 August 1945

Minus 12 ZD

This ship a unit of Transport Division SIXTY\*THREE (63), reporting independently to Port Director, Ulithi, W. Caroline Is., for onward routing to Angaur, Leyte and Samar. After unloading, reporting ComServron 10 for further orders. Steaming on base course 280° T, 281° (PGC), 277° (PSC); at full speed 15 knots (88 RPM); enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Ulithi, W. Caroline Is. zig-zagging in accordance with plan 8, BR 248.

0600 - Changed to zig-zag plan 25, USF-10B.

0900 - Set back all clocks one hour to conform with minus 11 zone time.

0800 - 12° 00' N 157° 18' E

1200 - 12° 15' N 156° 07' E

2000 - 12° 36' N 154° 07' E

2 August 1945

Minus 11 ZD

Steaming on base course 280° T, 281° (PGC), 276° (PSC) at full speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Zig-zag plan #25, USF-10B in use.

0450 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

0500 - Altered course to 249° T, 250° (PGC), 243° (PSC).

0505 - Commenced zig-zag plan #25, USF-10B.

0908 - Reduced speed to 14.8 knots (86 RPM).

1600 - Commenced firing practise for all guns.

1627 - Secured from firing practise. Ammunition expended: 5"38-4 rounds illuminating projectile, 1 round AA common 40 MM- 503 rounds; 20 MM- 1000 rounds.

0800 - 12° 43' N 151° 14' E

1200 - 12° 26' N 150° 26' E

2000 - 11° 48' N 149° 33' E

3 August 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course 248° T, 249 (PGC) at full speed 14.7 knots (86 RPM). Zig-zag plan #25, USF-10B in use.

0900 - Set back all clocks to conform with minus 10 ZD.

0928 - Altered base course to 261° T, 262 (PGC), 256° (PSC).

1800 - Changed to zig-zag plan 11, BR 248.

2334 - Adjusted base course to 266° T, 267° (PGC).

0800 - 10 47' N 145 54' E

1200 - 10 31' N 144 45' E

2000 - 10 13' N 142 50' E

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Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course  $266^{\circ}$  T,  $267^{\circ}$  (PGC),  $262^{\circ}$  (PSC), at full speed 14.7 knots (86 RPM). Zig-zag plan 11, BR 248 in use.

0530 - Made radar contact on land bearing  $060^{\circ}$  T; distance: 12 miles. (Ulithi).

0851 - Adjusted base course to  $262^{\circ}$  T,  $263^{\circ}$  (PGC),  $260^{\circ}$  (PSC).

0915 - Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course.

0930 - Steaming at various courses and reduced speeds conforming with channel. Proceeding to anchorage.

1042 - Anchored in berth 146, Ulithi Harbor, northern anchorage.

0800 -  $10^{\circ} 01' N$   $140^{\circ} 04' E$

5 August 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before.

0817 - Pursuant to orders of Port Director, underway from berth 146, Ulithi Harbor. Steaming on various courses at reduced speeds conforming with channel.

0951 - Took departure set course  $204^{\circ}$  T,  $202^{\circ}$  (PGC) at full speed 15 knots (88 RPM), enroute Ulithi, W. Caroline Is, to Angaur, Palau Is.

1000 - Commenced zig-zag plan 24, USF-10B.

1400 - Altered base course to  $241^{\circ}$  T,  $242^{\circ}$  (PGC).

2200 - Altered base course to  $249\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  T,  $249^{\circ}$  (PGC).

2000 -  $08^{\circ} 11' N$   $138^{\circ} 03' E$

6 August 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course  $249\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  T,  $249^{\circ}$  (PGC), at full speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Zig-zagging plan 24, USF-10B in use.

0616 - Passed possible mine abeam to port; distance: 700 yds. Did not open fire because of inadvisability of thus giving away ship's position at daybreak.

1000 - Altered base course to  $270\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  T; distance: 35 miles. Koror Roads)

1222 - Ceased zig-zagging, courses at reduced speeds conforming with channel. Proceeding to anchorage berth.

1346 - Anchored on Hydrographer Bank off Peleliu and Angaur, Palau Is.

0800 -  $06^{\circ} 58' N$   $135^{\circ} 21' E$

1200 -  $06^{\circ} 53' N$   $134^{\circ} 23' E$



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7 August 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Anchored as before. Loading cargo.

1730 - Completed loading cargo.

1825 - Pursuant to orders of Port Director, Pelieu, underway from Hydrographer Bank; steaming on various courses at reduced speeds as necessary; enroute from Angaur, Palau Islands to Leyte, Samar, Phillipine Islands.

1945 - Took departure, set course  $270^{\circ}$  T, at full speed 15 knots (88 RPM).

2000 - Commenced zig-zag plan 24, USF-10B.

2331 - Altered base course to  $290^{\circ}$  T,  $299^{\circ}$  (PGC),  $200^{\circ}$  (PSC).

2000 -  $06^{\circ} 49' N$   $133^{\circ} 55' E$

8 August 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course  $298^{\circ}$  T,  $299^{\circ}$  (PFC), at full speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Zig-zag plan 24, USF-10B in use.

0900 - Set back all clocks one hour to conform with minus 9 zone tome.

0800 -  $07^{\circ} 25' N$   $131^{\circ} 16' E$

1200 -  $07^{\circ} 59' N$   $130^{\circ} 16' E$

2000 -  $08^{\circ} 58' N$   $128^{\circ} 34' E$

9 August 1945

Minus 10 ZD

Steaming on base course  $299\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  T,  $301^{\circ}$  (PGC), at full speed 15 knots (88 RPM). Zig-zag plan 24, USF-10B in use.

0408 - Altered base course to  $313\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  T,  $314^{\circ}$  (PGC).

0450 - Made radar contact on land bearing  $238^{\circ}$  T; distance 76 miles. (Mindanao, P.I.)

1018 - Steaming on various courses at various speeds, entering Leyte gulf.

1041 - Proceeding as directed, to anchorage.

1349 - Anchored in berth 987, Tarraguna and Abuyog, Leyte gulf, Phillipine Islands.

0800 -  $10^{\circ} 24' N$   $126^{\circ} 12' E$

10 August 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0801 - Underway from berth 987, gulf of Leyte, to berth #12, off Leyte.

1134 - Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Phillipine Islands in berth 12.

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- 10 August 1945 (continued)  
1700 - Commenced unloading cargo in #4 hold.
- 11 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Anchored as before.  
0819 - Underway from berth 12, San Pedro Bay anchorage, enroute to berth A-18 Guiuan.  
1157 - Laying to off channel entrance, Guiuan Roadstead awaiting Pilot.  
1244 - Proceeding on various courses and speeds entering channel.  
1301 - Anchored in berth A-18, Guiuan Roadstead, Philippine Islands.
- 12 - 20 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Anchored in berth A-18, Guiuan Roadstead, Samar Island, Philippine Is.
- 21 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Anchored as before.  
1335 - Underway from berth A-18, shifting to dock at Manicani Island, Samar.  
1417 - Moored port side to dock, Manicani Island.
- 22 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Moored as before.  
0630 - Commenced unloading cargo.
- 23 - 24 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Moored as before. Continued unloading cargo.
- 25 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Moored as before.  
1158 - Underway for berth A-304 off Calicoan dock, Philippines.  
1312 - Anchored in berth A-304.  
1635 - Commenced unloading cargo.
- 26 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Anchored as before.
- 27 August 1945  
Minus 9 ZD  
Anchored as before.

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27 August (continued)

1425 - Underway, shifting to dock, Calicoan Island.

1446 - Moored port side to berth #4, Calicoan dock, Calicoan Island.

28 - 29 August 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Moored as before. Unloading cargo.

30 August 1945

Minus 9 ZD

1548 - Pursuant to orders of Port Director, Leyte, underway from berth #4 Calicoan dock, proceeding to berth 545, Tolosa, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands.

1940 - Anchored in southeastern San Pedro Bay near channel Buoy #3 because of darkness.

31 August 1945

Minus 9 ZD

Anchored as before.

0614 - Underway from anchorage proceeding to berth 74 to refuel from YO 164.

1733 - Moored port side to starboard side of YO 164. Taking on fuel.

1028 - Underway from berth 74 proceeding to berth 542.

1401 - Anchored in berth 542, Tolosa, San Pedro Bay, Philippine Islands.

As of this date this ship attached to T.G. 33.3 Transport Squadron 13, Transport Division 53 (temp.).



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Minus 9 ZT

This ship a unit of Transron 13, Third Fleet, T.G. 33.3. Anchored in berth 542, Leyte Gulf off Tolosa, Leyte, Philippine Islands. 109 Army stevedores aboard loading cargo, of 8th Army troops and equipment.

3 September 1945

Anchored as before.

1057 - Underway, enroute Tolosa, Leyte to Manial, Luzon Island, Philippines. Steaming independently per orders of ThirdPhibForceRep Leyte, reporting as a unit of TransRon 24.

1300 - Steaming on course 181°T (pgc) entering Surigao Strait.

1620 - Steaming on course 241°T, Binit Pt. light abeam to starboard.

1000 - 10° 56' N 125° 13' E

2000 - 09° 29' N 124° 51' E

4 September 1945

Steaming on course 270°T (pgc) at standard speed 15 knots.

0108 - Silno light abeam to port.

1407 - Steaming on course 334°T (pgc), Tagauayan Is. abeam to port; distance: fifteen miles.

1859 - Ambulong light abeam to starboard; distance: 33 miles.

0800 - 09° 43' N 122° 10' E

1200 - 10° 32' N 127° 43' E

5 September 1945

Steaming on course 325°T.

0041 - Calairti light abeam to starboard; bearing: 050°T; distance: 7500 yards.

0457 - Steaming on course 058°T (pgc); Caballo light bearing 059°T.

0810 - Proceeding at various courses and speeds to berth 552.

0835 - Anchored in berth 552, Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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Anchored as before.

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7 September 1945

Anchored as before.

1026 - Underway from berth 552, Manila, enroute Manila to Yokohama, Japan. This ship a unit of ComTransRon 24 consisting of 22 ships. OTC and convoy guide in U.S.S. DADE (APA 99); station 21. This ship in station 17. This division guide U.S.S. BROOKINGS (APA 140) in station 11.

1200 - Reached point "A"; took cruising disposition 2CB.

1341 - Exercised all General Quarters gun crews at firing practice.

Ammunition expended: 5"38 3 rounds (AA Common)

40mm 640 rounds (HEIP)

20mm 1380 rounds (HET, HEI)

1539 - Formed cruising disposition 3C.

1716 - Steaming on course 350°T (pgc); standard speed: 13.5 knots.

8 September 1945

Steaming on course 005°T (pgc) at standard speed 13.5 knots.

1910 - Steaming on course 074°T.

0800 - 17° 57' N 120° 06' E

1200 - 18° 49' N 120° 24' E

2000 - 19° 55' N 121° 41' E

9 September 1945

Steaming on course 074°T (pgc), standard speed 14 knots.

0138 - Altered course to 049°T (pgc)

0800 - 21° 16' N 123° 59' E

1200 - 21° 51' N 124° 40' E

2000 - 23° 11' N 126° 14' E

10 September 1945

Steaming on course 052°T (pgc), standard speed 14.0 knots.

2200 - Steaming on course 042°T (pgc)

0800 - 24° 54' N 128° 11' E

1200 - 25° 25' N 128° 57' E

2000 - 25° 31' N 130° 56' E

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11 September 1945

Steaming on course 043<sup>OT</sup> (pgc) at standard speed 14.0 knots.  
1615 - At signal from OTC opened fire at 5<sup>38</sup> bursts fired by column  
guide with 40mm #2 and 20mm #6. Ammunition expended: 40mm (HEIP):  
84 rounds; 20mm (HET and HEI): 120 rounds.

0800 - 27° 19' N 132° 52' E

1200 - 27° 59' N 133° 30' E

2000 - 29° 21' N 134° 52' E

12 September 1945

Steaming on course 044<sup>OT</sup> (pgc), at standard speed 14.0 knots.

0800 - 31° 19' N 136° 56' E

1200 - 31° 56' N 137° 39' E

2000 - 33° 12' N 139° 52' E

13 September 1945

Steaming on course 055<sup>OT</sup> (pgc) at standard speed 12 knots.

0228 - Altered course to 346<sup>OT</sup> (pgc).

0605 - Maneuvering at various courses and speeds; shifting divisions,  
upon order from OTC, to form single column upon entering Tokyo Bay.

0733 - With Kazehaya light house bearing 263<sup>OT</sup> (pgc); distance: 5 miles,  
altered course to 020<sup>OT</sup> (pgc).

1005 - Proceeding up channel to Tokyo Bay with Transdiv 70, Transdiv 36  
and Transdiv 71 in single column in that order.

1005 - Entered Tokyo Bay, maneuvering at various courses and speeds  
approaching our anchorage berth; B12.

1200 - Anchored in berth B-12, Yokohama Area, Tokyo Bay, Japan.

1656 - Underway from berth B-12, shifting to dock, Yokohama.

1739 - Moored starboard side to dock, berth 8, center pier, Yokohama,  
Japan.

14 September 1945

Moored as before. Unloading cargo.

15 September 1945

This date reported for duty as a unit of Transron 24, T.G. 33.4,  
Third Fleet. Moored as before.

1056 - Completed unloading cargo.

1244 - Underway from berth 8, center pier, Yokohama, shifting to  
anchorage berth.

1343 - Anchored in berth B-12, Yokohama Area.

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16 September 1945

Anchored as before.

17 September 1945

Anchored as before.

0834 Underway from berth B-12, shifting to berth C-92.

0910 Anchored in berth C-92, Yokohama Area.

18 September 1945

Anchored as before.

0025 until 1712, maintaining slow speeds on main engine. Anchor detail set. Maneuvering about anchor to maintain position in berth. Typhoon in area causing extremely high seas and strong winds.

1712 - Secured main engine and anchor detail. Typhoon passed to north-east.

19 September 1945

Anchored as before.

0556 - Underway enroute Tokyo Bay to Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands. This ship in station 17 a unit of Transron 24. Steaming in convoy composed of 14 naval units. OTC and convoy guide in U.S.S. DADE in station 21. Proceeding in various formations at various speeds and courses leaving Tokyo Bay.

2319 - Steaming on course 140°T (pgc), standard speed 14 knots.

1200 - 34° 20' N 139° 51' E

2000 - 32° 37' N 140° 33' E

20 September 1945

As of this date this ship a unit of Transron 24, T.F. 54, Fifth Fleet. Steaming on course 140°T (pgc), at standard speed, 13.5 knots.

2238 - Altered course to 178°T (pgc).

0800 - 30° 37' N 142° 02' E

1200 - 30° 02' N 142° 40' E

2000 - 28° 35' N 143° 41' E



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21 September 1945

Steaming on course 178°T (pgc), at standard speed 14.5 knots.  
1559 - Altered course to 180°T (pgc).

0800 - 25° 57' N 144° 04' E

1200 - 24° 55' N 144° 10' E

2000 - 22° 58' N 144° 12' E

22 September 1945

Steaming on course 180°T (pgc) at standard speed 15 knots.

0800 - 20° 08' N 143° 56' E

1200 - 19° 07' N 144° 00' E

2000 - 17° 12' N 144° 13' E

23 September 1945

Minus 9 - Minus 10 Z.T.

Steaming on course 172°T (pgc) at standard speed 15 knots.

0640 - Sighted Rota Island, Marianas Islands, bearing 125°T; distance:  
47 miles.

1107 - Set all clocks ahead one hour to conform with minus 10 Z.T.

1415 - Laying to off Apra Harbor, Guam awaiting orders to enter.

1717 - Proceeding to berth 561, Apra Harbor on various courses and  
speeds conforming with channel.

1803 - Moored to buoy in berth 561, Apra Harbor, Guam Island.

0800 - 14° 19' N 144° 32' E

24 September 1945

Moored as before in berth 561.

0800 - Underway from berth 561; shifting to dock.

0845 - Moored starboard side to dock in berth "W", Apra Inner Harbor,  
Guam.

1150 - Commenced loading cargo of Third Marines, Sixth Marine Division.

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25 - 28 September 1945

Moored as before. Finished loading cargo.

29 September 1945

Moored as before. 0731 Underway from dock William, Apra Harbor; shifting ship to buoy. 0952 Moored port side to starboard side of U.S.S. SITKA (APA 113), in berth 7, Apra outer harbor.

30 September 1945

Moored as before. 1352 Underway from berth, proceeding out of harbor pursuant to orders of ComTransRon - 24. This ship a unit of TransDiv - 71, consisting of nine other Naval transport and cargo ships, enroute Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands to Saipan Harbor, Saipan Island, Marianas Islands. ComTransDiv - 71, OTC, and convey guide in U.S.S. BROOKINGS (APA 140) in station 21.



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1 October 1945

Minus 10 ZT

This ship a unit of Transron 24, Task Force 74, Fifth Fleet.  
Steaming on course 040°T, at standard speed 9 knots; enroute Guam, Marianas Islands to Saipan, Marianas Islands in convoy with nine other naval ships. OTC, convoy guide, ComTransDiv 71 in station 21. This ship in station 13.

0702 - Proceeding, independently, to assigned anchorage.

0756 - Anchored in berth L-53, Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Marianas Islands.

2 October 1945

Anchored as before.

1422 - Underway, pursuant to orders of ComTransRon 24, enroute, Saipan, Marianas Islands to Tsingtao, China; in company with nine (9) other naval vessels, comprising TransDiv 71. ComTransDiv 71, OTC, and convoy guide in U.S.S. BROOKINGS (APA 140) in station 21. This ship in station 13. Interval 1,000 yds, distance 600 yds. Proceeding on various courses and speeds to sortie.

1531 - Formed cruising disposition 2C-1, set course 270°T, standard speed 12 knots.

1900 - Set all clocks back to conform with -9 zone time.

2000 - 15° 14' N 144° 41'E

3 October 1945

Steaming on course 270°T (pgc) 268° 30' (psc)  
Standard speed 12 knots.

0640 - Maneuvered on various courses and speeds to form cruising dispositions 3C with TransDiv 70.

0800 - 15° 29.5' N 142° 28'E

1200 - 15° 52' N 141° 42'E

2000 - 16° 40' N 140° 25'E

4 October 1945

Steaming on course 305°T (pgc), standard speed 11.5 knots.

0800 - 17° 51' N 138° 50' E

1200 - 18° 16' N 138° 11' E

2000 - 18° 54' N 137° 14' E

5 October 1945

Steaming on course 305°T (pgc) at standard speed of 11.5 knots.

0957 - Starboard paravane boom collapsed while recovering paravanes, causing paravane to foul. With permission of OTC, dropped from column to recover paravane.

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1119 - Steaming at various speeds and courses to resume station.  
0800 - 20° 31' N 135° 05' E  
1200 - 20° 39' N 134° 26' E  
2000 - 21° 33' N 133° 12' E

6 October 1945

Steaming on course 306°T, at standard speed of 12 knots.  
2018 - Decreased convoy speed to 10 knots.  
0800 - 22° 51' N 131° 12' E  
1200 - 23° 19' N 130° 23' E  
2000 - 29° 22' N 129° 19' E

7 October 1945

Steaming on course 325°T (pgc), convoy speed of 10 knots.  
0800 - 25° 25' N 127° 45' E  
1200 - 25° 43' N 127° 12' E  
2000 - 26° 43' N 125° 53.5' E

8 October 1945

Steaming on course 324°T (pgc) convoy speed 13 knots.  
0800 - 28° 38' N 124° 50' E  
1200 - 29° 33' N 125° 12' E  
2000 - 30° 33' N 125° 49' E

9 October 1945

Steaming on course 020°T (pgc) convoy speed, 11 knots. Interval and distance 1,000 yds.  
0800 - 31° 44' N 125° 39' E  
1200 - 32° 07' N 125° 37' E  
2000 - 33° 26' N 125° 20' E

10 October 1945

Steaming on course 330°T (pgc) convoy speed, 13 knots.  
0838 - On signal from OTC, resumed standard distance between ships of 750 yds.  
0800 - 34° 57' N 123° 41' E  
1200 - 34° 50' N 123° 11' E  
2000 - 35° 21' N 121° 47' E

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Steaming on course 300<sup>0</sup>T (pgc) convoy speed, 6 knots.

0549 - Maneuvering on various courses and speed in preparation for entering harbor.

0903 - Passed Yunei Shan light abeam.

1126 - Anchored in berth F-4, Krachow Wan, of Tsingtao Shantung, China.

12 October 1945

Anchored as before.

1024 - Underway from berth F-4, on various courses and speeds to conform with channel to piers.

1113 - Moored to southside Pier #2, Tai Krang Harbor, Tsingtao, China.

1250 - Commenced discharging cargo.

1445 - Commenced diving operation to repair paravane chains.

13 - 14 October 1945

Moored as before.

15 October 1945.

Moored as before.

1630 - Underway at various courses and speeds conforming with the channel, from Pier #2, shifting berths.

1704 - Moored port side to starboard side of U.S.S. SARANAC (AO 74), berth F-5, Tsingtao inner harbor, China.

16 October 1945

Moored as before.

0616 - Underway to shift berths.

0635 - Anchored in berth F-4 Tsingtao, inner harbor, China.

17 October 1945

Anchored as before.

1620 - Pursuant to orders of ComTransRon 24, underway from berth F-4 inner harbor, Tsingtao, China enroute to Manila, P.I. In convoy with fourteen (14) other naval vessels, ComTransRon 24, OTC and convoy guide in U.S.S. DADE (APA 99), position 21, this ship in position 16. Interval 1,000 yds, distance 750 yds. Set course 101<sup>0</sup>T (pgc) and standard speed of 12 knots.

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18 October 1945

Steaming as before on course  $120^{\circ}$ T (pgc), convoy speed 13 knots.

0800 -  $34^{\circ} 33'$  N  $123^{\circ} 56'$  E

1200 -  $34^{\circ} 10'$  N  $124^{\circ} 37'$  E

2000 -  $32^{\circ} 35'$  N  $125^{\circ} 19'$  E

19 October 1945

Steaming as before on course  $155^{\circ}$ T (pgc), convoy speed 13 knots.

0800 -  $30^{\circ} 15'$  N  $125^{\circ} 12'$  E

1200 -  $29^{\circ} 26'$  N  $124^{\circ} 57'$  E

2000 -  $27^{\circ} 55'$  N  $124^{\circ} 38'$  E

20 October 1945

Steaming on course  $147^{\circ}$ T (pgc), convoy speed 13 knots.

0800 -  $25^{\circ} 48'$  N  $124^{\circ} 52'$  E

1200 -  $25^{\circ} 17'$  N  $124^{\circ} 16'$  E

2000 -  $24^{\circ} 09.5'$  N  $123^{\circ} 00'$  E

21 October 1945

Steaming on course  $220^{\circ}$ T (pgc), convoy speed; 13 knots.

0800 -  $22^{\circ} 23'$  N  $121^{\circ} 28'$  E

1200 -  $21^{\circ} 45'$  N  $121^{\circ} 08'$  E

22 October 1945

Steaming on course  $201^{\circ}$ T (pgc), convoy speed 13 knots.

0800 -  $18^{\circ} 18'$  N  $119^{\circ} 48'$  E

1200 -  $17^{\circ} 16'$  N  $119^{\circ} 28'$  E

2000 -  $15^{\circ} 40'$  N  $119^{\circ} 34'$  E

23 October 1945

Steaming on course 170 T (pgc) at standard speed 12 knots.

0500 Commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds, making entry into Manila Harbor. 1019 Anchored in berth 591, Manila Bay, Philippine Islands.

24-27 October 1945

Anchored as before. Relinquished command this date.

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T. A. Whitaker, Comdr., USNR.

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27 October 1945

Anchored as before. Assumed command this date.

28-29 October 1945

Anchored as before.

30 October 1945

Anchored as before.

0510 - Pursuant to orders of ComTransRon 24, underway from berth 591, Manila Harbor, Luzon, Philippine Islands enroute to Haiphong, French Indo China. In convoy with fifteen (15) other naval vessels, ComTransRon 24, OTC, and convoy guide in U.S.S. DADE (APA 99), position 11, this ship in position 24. Interval 1,000 yds., distance 600 yds. Set course 274°T(PGC) 271°(PSC), standard speed 12 knots.

1700 - Set all clocks back to conform with -8 Z.T.

0800 - 14° - 40'N 114° - 37'E

1200 - 14° - 42'N 113° - 44'E

2000 - 14° - 57'N 111° - 56'E

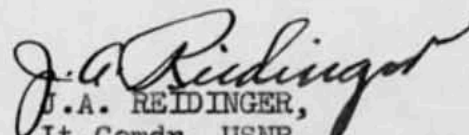
31 October 1945

Steaming on course 274°T(PGC) 270°(PSC) Convoy speed of 13.5 knots.

0800 - 16° - 27'N 109° - 31'E

1200 - 17° - 63'N 108° - 52'E

2000 - 18° - 34'N 107° - 55'E

  
J.A. REIDINGER,  
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1 November 1945

Minus 8 ZT

Steaming on course  $318^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $316^{\circ}$ (psc) enroute Manila, Luzon, P.I. to Haiphong, French-Indo China.

A unit of TransRon 24, ~~S~~wanth Fleet, T.G. 78.6 in convoy with seventeen (17) other Naval vessels. ComTransRon 24 and OTC in USS DADE (APA 99) in station 11, this ship in station 26, distance 600 yds, interval 1,000 yds, standard speed 12 knots.

2 November 1945

Steaming on course  $341^{\circ}$ T(pgc)  $341^{\circ}$ (psc) at 13.5 knots.  
0753 - Anchored in berth A-16, Tonkin Gulf, French-Indo China.  
1600 - Set clocks back one hour to conform with -7 ZT.

3. November 1945

Anchored as before.

1150 - Commenced loading troops and cargo of 52nd Chinese Army.  
1730 - Completed loading cargo and troops of 52nd Chinese Army.  
61 officer and 1,030 enlisted men.

4 November 1945

Anchored as before.

1007 - Underway from Tonkin Gulf, French-Indo China enroute to point "BOB". In convoy with 11 other Naval vessels, OTC and ComTransRon 24 in USS DADE (APA 99), in station 11, this ship in station 24, distance 600 yds, interval 1,000 yds, set course of  $148^{\circ}$ T(pgc) at convoy speed of 13.5 knots.

2000 -  $19^{\circ} - 01' N - 107^{\circ} - 50' E$

5 November 1945

Steaming on course  $090^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $088^{\circ}$ (psc) at 13.5 knots.

1150 - Increased distance to 800 yds

1849 - Decreased speed to 12 knots.

0800 -  $17^{\circ} - 49' N - 108^{\circ} - 42' E$

1200 -  $17 - 45' N - 110 - 25' E$

2000 -  $18 - 05' N - 111 - 43' E$

6 November 1945

Steaming on course  $070^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $065^{\circ}$ (psc) at 12 knots.

1606 - Increased speed to 13 knots.

0800 -  $18^{\circ} - 49' N - 113^{\circ} - 41' E$

1200 -  $18 - 42' N - 113 - 47' E$

2000 -  $18 - 42' N - 115 - 03' E$

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7 November 1945

Steaming on course 084°T(pgc), 082°(psc) at 13 knots enroute to Haiphong,  
French-Indo China to Chinwangtao, China.

1446 - Reduced speed to 12.5 knots  
0800 - 19° - 37' N - 117° - 11' E  
1200 - 20 - 02' N - 117 - 54' E  
2000 - 20 - 40' N - 119 - 17' E

8 November 1945

Steaming on course 068°T(pgc), 065°(psc) at 12.5 knots

0719 - Increased convoy speed to 13.5 knots.  
0800 - 21° - 30' N - 127° - 05' E  
1200 - 22 - 16' N - 121 - 21' E  
2000 - 23 - 33' N - 122 - 35' E

9 November 1945

Steaming on course 040°T(pgc), 035°(psc) at 13 knots

0800 - 25° - 22' N - 124° - 20' E  
1200 - 26 - 01' N - 124 - 47' E  
2000 - 27 - 47' N - 124 - 47' E

10 November 1945

Steaming on course 015°T(pgc), 014°(psc) at 13.5 knots

0800 - 30° - 25' N - 125° - 22' E  
1200 - 31 - 20' N - 125 - 37' E  
2000 - 33 - 11' N - 125 - 18' E

11 November 1945

Steaming on course 339°T(pgc), 339°(psc) at 14.5, knots

0800 - 35° - 55' N - 123° - 56' E  
1200 - 36 - 37' N - 123 - 33' E  
2000 - 37 - 53' N - 122 - 32' E

12 November 1945

Steaming on course 300°T(pgc), 299°(psc) at 13.5 knots.

0730 - Increased distance to 1,000 yds and reduced speed to 12 knots.  
1045 - Anchored in Gulf of Pohai, off Chinwangtao, China.  
0800 - 39° - 40' N - 119° - 49' E

13 November 1945

Anchored as before.

1730 - Underway to shift berth.  
1820 - Moored starboard side to outer end of breakwater in berth #7,  
Chinwangtao, China

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13 November 1945

1845 - Commenced disembarking elements of 52nd Chinese Army  
1950 - Completed disembarking elements of 52nd Chinese Army

14 November 1945

Moored as before.

0618 - Underway, per order of ComTransRon 24, enroute Chinwangtao, China to Taku, China. Set course of 190°T(pgc), 198°(psc) at standard speed of 12 knots.

1726 - Anchored in Gulf of Pohai off Taku, China.

15 November 1945

Anchored as before.

1440 - Underway, per order of ComTransRon 24, shifting berth to fuel ship.

1518 - Moored to starboard side of USS ASHTABULA (AO 51)

16 November 1945

Moored as before

0716 - Underway to anchorage.

0812 - Anchored in Gulf of Pohai off Taku, China.

17 - 18 - 19 November 1945

Anchored as before.

Accordance with CNO despatch No. 142321 reported to CNO (NTS) for administrative control and to ComWesSeaFron for operation control.

20 November 1945

Anchored as before

2257 - Underway, pursuant to orders of ComWesSeaFron, despatch 151948 November, enroute, anchorage in Gulf of Pohai off Taku, China to Seattle, Washington, in convoy with two (2) other Naval vessels, comprising Task Unit 78.19.6, OTC and convoy guide in USS TOLLAND (AKA 64) in station 11, this ship in station 13. Standard distance 1,000 yds.

21 November 1945

Steaming on course 118°T(pgc), 119°(psc) at 12 knots.

0800 - 38° - 35' N - 120° - 24' E

1200 - 38 - 16' N - 121 - 35' E

2000 - 37 - 01' N - 123 - 30' E

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22 November 1945

Steaming on course  $158^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $168^{\circ}$ (psc) at 14.5 knots  
0800 -  $34^{\circ}$  - 15' N -  $124^{\circ}$  - 51' E  
1200 - 33 - 21' N - 125 - 09' E  
2000 - 32 - 18' N - 126 - 32' E

23 November 1945

Steaming on course  $092^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $096^{\circ}$ (psc) at 14 knots  
0800 -  $31^{\circ}$  - 12' N -  $129^{\circ}$  - 18' E  
1200 - 30 - 56' N - 130 - 14' E  
2000 - 31 - 27' N - 132 - 30' E

24 November 1945

Steaming on course  $071^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $072^{\circ}$ (psc) at 14.5 knots  
Set all clock ahead one-half hour to conform with -8 1/2 ZT  
0800 -  $34^{\circ}$  - 15' N -  $124^{\circ}$  - 51' E  
1200 - 33 - 21' N - 125 - 09' E  
2000 - 32 - 18' N - 126 - 32' E

25 November 1945

Steaming on course  $053^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $053^{\circ}1/2$ (psc) at 14.5 knots  
Advanced all clocks one hour to conform with -9 1/2 ZT  
0800 -  $35^{\circ}$  - 12' N -  $142^{\circ}$  - 09' E  
1200 - 35 - 49' N - 143 - 11' E  
2000 - 36 - 59' N - 145 - 05' E

26 November 1945

Steaming on course  $055^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $057^{\circ}$ (psc) at 14.5 knots  
Advanced all clocks one hour to conform with -10 1/2 ZT

27 November 1945

Steaming on course  $055^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $056^{\circ}$ (psc) at 14.5 knots  
0800 -  $41^{\circ}$  - 28' N -  $153^{\circ}$  - 51' E  
1200 - 41 - 59' N - 154 - 57' E  
2000 - 42 - 54' N - 157 - 04' E

28 November 1945

Steaming on course  $062^{\circ}$ T(pgc),  $064^{\circ}$ (psc) at 14.5 knots.  
Advanced all clocks one-half hour to conform with -11 ZT.  
0800 -  $44^{\circ}$  - 14' N -  $160^{\circ}$  - 36' E  
1200 - 44 - 54' N - 161 - 53' E  
2000 - 45 - 58' N - 164 - 14' E

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29 November 1945

Steaming on course 062°T(pgc), 064°(psc) at 14.5 knots  
0800 - 47° - 16' N - 167° - 11' E  
1200 - 47 - 41' N - 168 - 17' E  
2000 - 48 - 09' N - 170 - 50' E

30 November 1945

Steaming on course 075°T(pgc), 073°(psc) at 14.5 knots  
Advanced all clocks one-half hour to conform with -11 1/2 ZT  
2045 - Crossed 180th meridian, east bound, at Lat. 49° - 10' N  
and retarded calendar day.  
0800 - 49° - 07' N - 175° - 09' E  
1200 - 49 - 09' N - 176 - 48' E  
2000 - 49 - 12.5'N - 179 - 45' E

30 November 1945

Steaming on course 090°T(pgc), 085°(psc) at 14.5 knots  
Advanced all clocks one-half hour to conform with +12 ZT  
0800 - 49° - 07' N - 175° - 57' W  
1200 - 48 - 57' N - 174 - 24' W  
2000 - 48 - 54' N - 171 - 28' W

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22 April 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
Via: The Commander, Task Unit 51 - 22.8  
The Commander, Task Group 51 - 22  
Subject: Action Report, OKINAWA, HYUNYUS ISLANDS,  
period - 17 to 22 April 1945.  
Reference: (a) ROUTE LTR. LCI-45.

1. The U.S.S. VENANGO (AKA 82), a unit of C.T.U. 51 - 22.8, operating in convoy from ULITHI to OKINAWA, HYUNYUS ISLANDS for the purpose of unloading officer and enlisted personnel and equipment of the 82nd Signal Corp, U.S. Army.

2. There was no enemy action in which this ship participated. Smoke screens were a regular part of defensive measures against enemy aircraft.

3. No guns were fired. Therefore, there is no record of the performance of ordnance material and equipment.

4. There was no battle damage.

5. All departments functioned smoothly with a minimum loss of time in unloading cargo. No personnel, cargo or boats were lost.

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14 June 1945

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

Via: The Commander, Task Group 31.19.

Subject: Cargo Unloading Operations, Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa,  
Ryukyus Islands, Japan - General Action Report for  
period 27 May - 14 June 1945.

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

1. The U.S.S. VENANGO (AKA 82) engaged in unloading cargo of the 21st Naval Construction Battalion during period 27 May 1945 through 14 June 1945.

2. This ship reported to Port Director, Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa, Ryukyus, Japan and to Commander Task Group 31.19, Senior Officer Present Afloat of this area.

3. The U.S.S. VENANGO (AKA 82) took no direct part in repelling hostile plane attacks, numerous attacking planes were observed at a distance.

4. No ammunition was expended. Fire discipline remains excellent.

5. No damage suffered by this vessel.

6. Special comments or information:

(a) Heavy interference of SA-2 Radar from TBS in anchorage area.

(b) Several hostile air targets showed questionable IFF.

7. Personnel performance was excellent. There were no casualties.

8. Lessons learned: No remarks.

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From: ✓ Commander Battleship Division FOUR.  
To: ✓ The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: Cargo Unloading Operations, Nakagusuku Wan, Okinawa,  
Ryukyus Islands, Japan - General Action Report for  
period 27 May - 14 June 1945.

1. Forwarded.

2. Lieutenant Commander T. A. Whitaker, USNR, as Commanding Officer of U.S.S. VENANGO (AKA 82), was designated convoy commodore of a six ship, merchant vessel type, convoy on 4 June 1945. These ships sortied BUCKNER BAY 4 June to ride out an approaching typhoon at sea. When it became apparent the typhoon would not hit OKINAWA the convoy returned on 5 June and was dissolved.

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