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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. Al6-3/cjd

% Fleet Post Office,
New York, N. Y.
28 February 1945.

SERIAL NO. WD/01

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 28 February 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FFL/Al2-1/Al6-3 Serial 7152 dated 29
October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending February 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).


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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

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

23 February 1945

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
New York, N. Y.

- (1) Designation and composition of unit: Commissioning and Shakedown Training
- Designation of next higher echelon: ComPhibTraLant
- Fleet or Force to which attached: Atlantic Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior Commandant, THIRD Naval District Confidential Ltr. Serial 05428 of 15 February 1945 .

23 February 1945

At 1125, the commissioning party consisting of Captain H. V. McKittrick, U.S.Navy, Captain of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and other naval officials, placed the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) in commission at the Todd Shipbuilding Corporation, Erie Basin, Brooklyn, New York, with Lieutenant Commander J. S. HEROLD (D), U.S. Naval Reserve assuming command of ship. Following the commissioning ceremonies the commanding officer presented the commendation ribbon to Lieutenant Jack W. HERRMANN, (MC), U.S.N.R., for meritorious performance of duty as medical officer aboard the U.S.S. LANING and to Ralph E. PENDERGAST, EM1c, U.S.Navy, the Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance during three aggressive war patrols. At time of commissioning there were 35 officers and 322 enlisted personnel attached to the ship.

In mid-afternoon shifted from Erie Basin, Brooklyn, New York, over to 33rd Street Pier, Brooklyn, New York, to load allowance of supplies and stores.

24-25-26 February 1945

Moored to 33rd Street Pier, Brooklyn New York, loading stores and supplies.

27 February 1945

Underway at 1210 enroute to U.S. Naval Deperming Station, Bayonne, New Jersey, where ship was depermed.

28 February 1945

Underway early this morning for Gravesend Bay, New York Harbor to load ammunition at 2215 16 Naval Officers from Brooklyn Navy Yard and 14 civilians from Todd Shipbuilding Corporation reported as inspection party for trial runs.

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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

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SERIAL NO. WD/02

% Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
31 March 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D. C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 31 March 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated 29
October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending March 1945.

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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO.

31 March 1945.

SERIAL NO.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

- (1) Designation of Unit: Shakedown Training
Designation of higher echelon: ComPhibTraLant
Fleet or Force to which attached: Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the
Immediate Superior Commandant, THIRD Naval District Confidential
Ltr. Serial 05428 of 15 February 1945.

1 March 1945

At 0745 underway from GRAVESEND BAY, NEW YORK HARBOR to LONG ISLAND SOUND, in obedience to orders of Commandant THIRD Naval District to conduct trial runs. Steaming through EAST RIVER during most of the forenoon watch. At 1100 swung ship for compass adjustment and then proceeded on into LONG ISLAND SOUND to run the measured mile. Commenced running the measured mile at 1245. Having completed runs, proceeded to anchorage in OYSTER BAY, LONG ISLAND SOUND, NEW YORK.

0800 in the NARROWS, NEW YORK HARBOR.
1200 off EXECUTION ROCKS, LONG ISLAND SOUND.

2 March 1945

Underway at 0727 continuing trial runs of ship, steaming at full power for four hours. In the afternoon the ship was put through the full power reversing trials. At 1623 anchored in OYSTER BAY, LONG ISLAND SOUND, NEW YORK.

0800 off Buoy 32A, LONG ISLAND SOUND, NEW YORK.
1200 off STRATFORD ISLAND LIGHT, LONG ISLAND SOUND.

3 March 1945

While at anchor, tested anchor windlass heaving in on both anchors simultaneously. At 0745 underway enroute to BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Proceeded through EAST RIVER and moored at 1450 to 33rd street pier, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

0800 leaving OYSTER BAY anchorage.
1200 EAST RIVER, NEW YORK.

4-5-6-March 1945

Moored to 33rd Street pier, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

7 March 1945

Underway at 1305 from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK enroute to NORFOLK, VIRGINIA in obedience to Commandant THIRD Naval District orders of 6 March 1945, to report to COMPHIBTRALANT for shakedown training. With Buoy "A" abeam to port at AMEROSE CHANNEL entrance, set course 197°T, standard speed 14.5 knots (75 RPM), using standard zig-zag plan No. 8.

Position: 2000 - Latitude 39° 22.8'N, Longitude 73° 46.5'W.

8 March 1945

At 0600 sighted SEA BUOY bearing 200°T, distance 8 miles and at 0646 entered swept channel and proceeded on to NORFOLK. At 1314 anchored in berth F-3, HAMPTON ROADS, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Position: 0800 - Latitude 36° 55.5'N, Longitude 74° 57.8'W.

9 March 1945

Anchored in HAMPTON ROADS. At 1235 inspection party from COMPHIBTRALANT came aboard to inspect ship for progress made since commissioning. The inspection party left the ship at 1445.

10 March 1945

Underway at 0832 from HAMPTON ROADS enroute to CHESAPEAKE BAY in obedience to COMPHIBTRALANT orders to conduct shakedown training. Swung ship for compass adjustment off CAPE HENRY and proceeded to CHESAPEAKE BAY through YORK SPIT CHANNEL. At 1657 made three runs on degaussing range and then anchored off CAPE CHARLES CITY, VIRGINIA for the night.

Position: 1200 - Latitude 37° 00'N, Longitude 76° 02'W.

11 March 1945

Underway at 0634 proceeding to designated firing area in CHESAPEAKE BAY. 0845 went to general quarters and conducted firing practice on aerial target. During the afternoon, fired all guns at a surface target. At 1450 commenced anti-aircraft firing practice at a drone. At 1600 secured from gunnery practice and anchored off CAPE CHARLES CITY.

0800 off SMITH POINT LIGHT HOUSE, CHESAPEAKE BAY.
1200 off Buoy "6", CHESAPEAKE BAY.

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

12 March 1945

Underway early this morning at full power for a test run of six hours. With NO POINT LIGHT abeam to port, reversed course and steamed back to WOLF TRAP LIGHT. At 1457 commenced swinging ship to obtain tactical data. At 1800 anchored off CAPE CHARLES CITY, CHESAPEAKE BAY, VIRGINIA.

0800 off WINDMILL POINT LIGHT HOUSE, CHESAPEAKE BAY.
1200 off POINT LOOKOUT LIGHT, CHESAPEAKE BAY.

13 March 1945

Underway at 0745 steaming at 2/3 speed making preparations to stream paravanes. Both paravanes in the water at 0942. At 1055 the U.S.S. NEWELL came alongside to port for fueling at sea exercises. At 1216 completed fueling at sea exercises and proceeded through YORK SPIT CHANNEL enroute to NORFOLK. Anchored at 1622 in berth F-3, HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude 37° 18.5'N, Longitude 76° 04.8'W.
1200 - Off WINDMILL POINT, CHESAPEAKE BAY.

14 March 1945

At 0744 underway to LYNNHAVEN ROADS anchorage to continue shakedown training. At 0812 exercised crew at general quarters for actual tracking drill on planes. Secured from general quarters at 0904, and set condition I-A. Anchored off BRADFORD BEACH, VIRGINIA and began disembarking all boats. In mid afternoon LSM 190 came alongside to port with dummy cargo for loading practice.

0800 - HAMPTON ROADS Anchorage, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

15 March 1945

Set condition I-A again for a time test on lowering boats and getting them back aboard, taking only 42 minutes to get all boats in the water and 2 hours, 10 minutes to get them back aboard. Secured from condition I-A, underway enroute to NORFOLK NAVY YARD. 1555 moored to berth I-A, NORFOLK NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, beginning a four day availability period.

16-17-18-19-March 1945

Availability period at NORFOLK NAVY YARD, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA.

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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San Francisco, Calif.

20 March 1945

Availability period completed, underway at 1040 enroute to NAVAL OPERATING BASE, and moored to pier No. 4, NAVAL OPERATING BASE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

21 March 1945

Moored at pier No. 4, NAVAL OPERATING BASE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. At 1145 commenced loading cargo.

22-23-24-25-March 1945

Loading cargo at pier No. 4, NAVAL OPERATING BASE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

26 March 1945

At 1805, 42 enlisted personnel of U.S. Navy reported aboard for further transportation.

27 March 1945

Underway at 1547 enroute from NORFOLK, VIRGINIA to PANAMA CANAL in company with U.S.S. VINTON (AKA 83), guide, in obedience to COMSERVLANT orders of 26 March 1945. With seaward buoy abeam to port set course 129°T and took station 1000 yards on port beam of guide.

Position: 2000 - Latitude 36° 53.8'N, Longitude 75° 15.8'W.

28 March 1945

Steaming as before in company with U.S.S. VINTON (AKA 83). At 2021 changed base course to 188°T.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude 35° 41'N, Longitude 73° 01'W.
1200 - Latitude 34° 25.1'N, Longitude 73° 01.2'W.
2000 - Latitude 32° 19'N, Longitude 73° 12.2'W.

29 March 1945

Steaming as before. 1400 commenced zig-zagging in accordance to standard plan No. 7. Ceased zig-zagging at 1800.

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San Francisco, Calif.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude $29^{\circ} 34'N$, Longitude $73^{\circ} 45'W$.
1200 - Latitude $28^{\circ} 27.1'N$, Longitude $73^{\circ} 53'W$.
2000 - Latitude $27^{\circ} 03.2'N$, Longitude $74^{\circ} 05'W$.

30 March 1945

Steaming as before. At 0852 commenced steaming on various courses passing through CROOKED ISLAND PASSAGE. 0932 passed SAN SALVADOR LIGHT abeam to starboard. 1520 passed BIRD ROCK LIGHT abeam to port, distance 11 miles. 1535 passed LONG ISLAND abeam to starboard, distance 15 miles.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude $24^{\circ} 27'N$, Longitude $74^{\circ} 16'W$.
1200 - Latitude $23^{\circ} 35'N$, Longitude $74^{\circ} 19.5'W$.
2000 - Latitude $21^{\circ} 56'N$, Longitude $74^{\circ} 49'W$.

31 March 1945

Steaming as before, passing through WINDWARD PASSAGE. 0501 passed CAPE MAYSI LIGHT, CUBA abeam to starboard. 1223 changed course to $208^{\circ}T$. 1322 passed NAVASSA ISLAND LIGHT abeam to port, distance 7 miles.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude $19^{\circ} 36.5'N$, Longitude $74^{\circ} 23.7'W$.
1200 - Latitude $18^{\circ} 44.5'N$, Longitude $74^{\circ} 58'W$.
2000 - Latitude $17^{\circ} 09.5'N$, Longitude $75^{\circ} 55'W$.

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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. AKA-84/Al6-3/etm

SERIAL NO. WD/03

% Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
30 April 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 30 April 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FF1/Al2-1/Al6-3 Serial 7152 dated
29 October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending April 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).


J. S. HEROLD.

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30 April 1945.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

- (1) Designation of Unit: Training
Designation of next higher echelon: AdComPhibPac
Fleet or Force to which attached: Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior AdComPhibPac No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945.

1 April 1945

Steaming in company with the U.S.S. VINTON, guide, on base course 208° true at standard speed of 14.5 knots (76 RPM), in condition of readiness II, material condition Baker, enroute from NORFOLK, VIRGINIA to PANAMA CANAL.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	14° 43'N	77° 22'W
1200	13° 53'N	77° 51'W
2000	12° 21'N	78° 40'W

2 April 1945

At 0603 sighted ISLA GRANDE light bearing 144° true and at 0730 took station astern of guide and commenced steaming various courses at various speeds entering swept channel to PANAMA CANAL. Entered LIMON BAY, CANAL ZONE at 0850 and anchored awaiting pilot. Underway at 0955 commencing transit of PANAMA CANAL. 1116 passed through GATUN LOCKS and retarded ships clocks one hour at 1200 to conform with time zone plus five. Passed through PEDRO MIGUEL locks at 1416. At 1618 passed through MIRA FLORES LOCKS and proceeded to berth #1, Naval Operating Base, BALBOA, CANAL ZONE and moored at 1710.

0800 Approaching PANAMA CANAL.
1200 In GATUN LOCKS.

3 April 1945

The U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) this date reported by dispatch for duty in the Pacific Fleet. At 1330 made all preparations for getting underway and at 1401 got underway in obedience to Port Director's orders, BALBOA, enroute to PEARL HARBOR, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. Steaming in company with the U.S.S. VINTON (AKA 83), guide. At 2110 set base course 241° true at standard speed 14.5 knots (76 RPM).

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
2000	07° 44.3'N	79° 30.9'W

ENCLOSURE (A)

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

4 April 1945

Steaming as before. Changed base course at 0010 to 270° true. Passed JICARATTA LIGHT abeam to starboard, distance 10 miles. At 2001 changed base course to 289° true.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	07° 01'N	82° 08'W
1200	06° 52'N	83° 05'W
2000	06° 36.3'N	84° 49.5'W

5 April 1945

Steaming as before. At 1800 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with zone time plus six.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	07° 33'N	87° 17'W
1200	07° 49.1'N	88° 06.5'W
2000	08° 28.3'N	89° 56.9'W

6 April 1945

Steaming as before. Changed base course at 0930 to 288° true. At 2108 engines stopped due to loss of feed water. Normal steaming power restored at 2111.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	09° 29'N	92° 52'W
1200	09° 43'N	92° 48'W
2000	10° 23'N	95° 43.8'W

7 April 1945

Steaming as before. At 2038 engine stopped due to casualty on main steam line. Normal steaming power restored at 2310.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	11° 11.8'N	98° 20'W
1200	11° 36.2'N	99° 18.8'W
2000	12° 03'N	100° 59.5'W

8 April 1945

Steaming as before. At 1341 changed base course to 286° true and at 1800 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with zone time plus seven.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	12° 54.5'N	103° 38.5'W
1200	13° 09.8'N	104° 31.1'W
2000	13° 48.2'N	106° 44.5'W

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

9 April 1945

Steaming as before. Changed base course to 283° true at 2007.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	14° 34.8'N	109° 29.5'W
1200	14° 48.2'N	110° 28'W
2000	15° 21'N	112° 25.2'W

10 April 1945

Steaming as before. During the afternoon the crew was exercised at General Quarters, Damage Control, Fire and Steering Casualty Drills.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	16° 60.8'N	115° 20.3'W
1200	16° 15.2'N	116° 27'W
2000	16° 40.2'N	118° 27'W

11 April 1945

Steaming as before. During the afternoon watch exercised the crew at General Quarters, Damage Control, Fire and Steering Casualty Drills. At 1800 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone time plus eight.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	17° 17'N	121° 25.5'W
1200	17° 29'N	122° 41'W
2000	17° 53'N	124° 36.2'W

12 April 1945

Steaming as before. At 1301 exercised crew at General Quarters and commenced anti aircraft practice firing at aerial targets. At 1429 ceased firing, having expended 1429 rounds of 20MM, 141 rounds 40MM and 17 rounds of 5"/38.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	18° 35'N	127° 34'W
1200	18° 44.7'N	128° 35.8'W
2000	19° 04.9'N	130° 37.2'W

13 April 1945

Steaming as before. At 1300 exercised crew at General Quarters and commenced anti aircraft firing practice at aerial target. 1430 ceased all exercises, having expended 14 rounds of 5"/38, 169 rounds of 40MM and 848 rounds of 20MM.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	19° 34.9'N	133° 40'W
1200	19° 44.2'N	134° 42.6'W
2000	20° 03.2'N	136° 34.4'W

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

14 April 1945

Steaming as before. At 1800 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with zone time plus nine. Changed base course at 2100 to 273° true.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	20° 22'N	139° 22.9'W
1200	20° 35.2'N	141° 09.3'W
2000	20° 49.1'N	142° 50.2'W

15 April 1945

Steaming as before.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	21° 01'N	146° 07.1'W
1200	21° 04'N	147° 08.8'W
2000	21° 10.9'N	149° 12.9'W

16 April 1945

Steaming as before. At 0807 commenced zig-zagging. At 1800 retarded ship's clocks thirty minutes to conform with zone time nine and one half. Ceased zig-zagging. At 2100 and resumed base course 273° true.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	21° 17.5'N	152° 22.1'W
1200	21° 16.7'N	150° 11.2'W
2000	21° 20.2'N	155° 02.7'W

17 April 1945

At 0350 sighted MALOKAI ISLAND bearing 264° true, distance 17 miles. At 0519 commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds taking station astern of guide for anti aircraft practice firing, at aerial targets. At 0754 ceased firing all guns, having expended 823 rounds of 20MM, 304 rounds of 40MM and 7 rounds of 5"/38. Secured from General Quarters at 0756 and proceeded to PEARL HARBOR. Passed through anti submarine net gate at 0959 and moored to berth K-3, Naval Supply Depot, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. All passengers left the ship at 1345. Commenced unloading cargo at 1430.

0800 4 miles off DIAMOND HEAD LIGHT.

18,19,20,21 April 1945

Moored to berth K-3 PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS unloading cargo.

22 April 1945

Made preparations for getting underway. Underway at 1626 enroute to MAUI ISLAND to conduct training in Amphibious Landing Operations. 5

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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San Francisco, Calif.

At 1744 set base course 110° true at standard speed of 11.5 knots (55 RPM). Changed base course at 2200 to 099° true.

23 April 1945

At 0700 joined Task Unit 13.10.3 for Amphibious Training. Hove to at 0729 in transport area and commenced lowering all boats in water for landing operations on MAUI ISLAND. Proceeded at 1018 to assigned anchorage and anchored at 1130. Underway at 1611 steaming in formation for night cruising.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	20° 40.7'N	156° 35.3'W
2000	20° 26.4'N	156° 53.2'W

24 April 1945

At 0646 set condition of of readiness IA, approaching transport area off KAHOOLAWE ISLAND. Lowered all boats in water for training in landing operations on KAHOOLAWE BEACH. During the forenoon watch, the crew was exercised at simulated plane attacks, fire, and damage control drills. Ceased all exercises at 1241 and joined formation for night cruising.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	20° 41'N	157° 42.5'W
1200	20° 40.5'N	157° 43'W
2000	20° 08.4'N	157° 54.5'W

25 April 1945

At 0405 commenced steaming at various speeds maintaining station in firing disposition. Went to General Quarters at 0610 and commenced firing AA guns at aerial drone. Ceased firing at 0758, having expended 407 rounds of 20MM, 120 rounds of 40MM. At 1033 commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds exercising at tactical maneuvers. At 1430 exercised at tactical and battle drills with simulated attacks by friendly submarines. Secured from all drills at 1520 and took station in cruising disposition. Commenced zig-zagging at 1857 on base course 276° true. At 2255 ceased zig-zagging and commenced exercises at emergency turns to port and starboard. Ceased exercises and resumed normal cruising disposition on base course 090° true.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	21° 10'N	158° 07.3'W
1200	12° 31'N	158° 06.8'W
2000	21° 08'N	159° 06'W

26 April 1945

Went to General Quarters at 0750 and commenced anti aircraft practice firing on aerial target. While firing the damage control parties were put through a series of damage control problems. Ceased firing at 1020 and rejoined formation having expended 8 rounds of 5"/38, 261 rounds of 40MM and 1096 rounds of 20MM. At 1609 streamed port and starboard paravanes. Recovered paravanes at 1650 and commenced zig-zagging in formation on base course 170° true. Ceased zig-zagging at 2056.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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San Francisco, Calif.

0800	21° 03.8'N	158° 51'W
1200	20° 46.8'N	157° 54.7'W
2000	19° 30.6'N	157° 55.2'W

27 April 1945

Steaming as before making preparations for towing exercises. Tow line secured, proceeding at 1238 at various speeds with the U.S.S. CARLISLE in tow. Secured from towing exercises at 1440 and commenced steaming on various courses and various speeds rejoining cruising formation. At 1945 commenced making emergency turns to port and starboard. Ceased emergency turns at 2015 and set base course 180° true at standard speed of 12 knots (62 RPM).

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	19° 18.2'N	157° 39.5'W
1200	19° 05.7'N	157° 48.2'W
2000	19° 13'N	157° 27'W

28 April 1945

Steaming as before making preparations for towing exercises. At 0818 commenced towing the U.S.S. CLEBURNE at a very slow speed and gradually working up to 8 knots. Cast off tow at 1010 and hove to awaiting to be towed. Under tow at 1205 by the U.S.S. CLEBURNE. Went to General Quarters at 1242, cast off tow line, and exercised at fire, damage control and emergency steering casualty drills. Secured from General Quarters at 1345 and commenced swinging ship for compass deviation. Resumed station in formation at 1759 for night cruising. Exercised at various tactical maneuvers during the first watch.

29 April 1945

Steaming as before in formation. At noon PC 602 came alongside for fuel, water and provisions. Rejoined cruising formation at 1307 and commenced exercises at tactical maneuvers.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	19° 25.2'N	157° 40.4'W
1200	19° 18.4'N	157° 58'W
2000	19° 08'N	157° 58.5'W

30 April 1945

Steaming as before in formation enroute to PEARL HARBOR. Proceeded independently and entered swept channel at 1403 and moored in berth C-6, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
0800	20° 41.1'N	157° 58'W
1200	21° 09.2'N	157° 55.5'W

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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)

FILE NO. AKA-84/A16-3/etm

SERIAL NO. WD/04

% Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.
31 May 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 31 May 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated
29 October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending May 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).


J. S. HEROLD.

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31 May 1945.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

1-2 May 1945

Zone Time Plus 9½.

- (1) Designation of Unit: None
Designation of next higher echelon: AdComPhibPac
Fleet or Force to which attached: Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior Commander Task Unit 13.10.3 orders of 30 April 1945.
Moored in berth C-6, EAST LOCH, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

3 May 1945

Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior AdComPhibsPac Secret Orders of 2 May 1945.

Underway at 0852, shifting from berth C-6 to berth W-7, NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT, WEST LOCH, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. Moored alongside dock at 1045.

4-5-6-7-8-9-10 May 1945

Loading cargo at berth W-7, NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

11 May 1945

Zone Time Plus 10.

- (1) Designation of Unit: Operating Independently
Designation of next higher echelon: ComSeryPac
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier Confidential Orders of 10 May 1945.

At 0824 underway from PEARL HARBOR, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, enroute to ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS, operating singly without surface escort, in obedience to orders of the Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier with 2,642 tons of general cargo aboard and 7 officers, 26 enlisted personnel, U.S. Navy, for transportation to forward area. At 1258 took departure from seaward end of swept channel, base course 181°(T), standard speed 14.3 knots, 75 RPM. Changed base course at 1440 to 272°(T).

31 May 1945.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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At 1600 retarded ship's clocks thirty minutes to conform with time zone plus ten and commenced zig-zagging in accordance with standard U.S. Navy Plan #8.

Positions - 1200 20° 37.4'N - 157° 58.8'W.
2000 20° 01'N - 159° 24.7'W.

12 May 1945

Steaming as before. At 0810 changed standard speed to 16.3 knots, 87 RPM. At 1852 main engine stopped due to failure of forced draft blowers. Normal steaming power restored at 1903. At 2000 changed base course to 260°(T).

Positions - 0800 19° 06.8'N - 168° 13.6'W.
1200 18° 57.7'N - 169° 09.4'W.
2000 18° 28'N - 171° 27.3'W.

13 May 1945

Zone Time Plus 11. Steaming as before. At 1600 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with time zone plus eleven.

Positions - 0800 19° 06.8'N - 168° 13.6'W.
1200 18° 57.7'N - 169° 09.4'W.
2000 18° 28'N - 171° 27.3'W.

14 May 1945

Steaming as before. At 0900 changed standard speed to 16 knots, 84 RPM.

Positions - 0800 17° 56.2'N - 174° 25.1'W.
1200 17° 43.7'N - 175° 23.4'W.
2000 17° 14.4'N - 177° 22'W.

16 May 1945

Zone Time Minus 12. Steaming as before. Crossed the 180th meridian and retarded ship's clocks twenty four hours to conform with east longitude time. Main engine stopped at 0539 due to loss of water in amin feed system. Normal steaming power resumed at 0543. Changed base course at 0954 to 256°(T). At 1600 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with zone time minus twelve.

Positions - 0800 16° 33'N - 179° 44.5'E.
1200 16° 19.2'N - 178° 42.2'E.
2000 15° 46.3'N - 176° 25.1'E.

31 May 1945.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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17 May 1945

Steaming as before. At 0815 changed standard speed to 15.5 knots, 82 RPM.
Changed base course at 2300 to 252°(T).

Positions - 0800 15° 00.6'N - 173° 26.3'E.
1200 14° 48.5'N - 172° 28.2'E.
2000 14° 14.2'N - 170° 30'E.

18 May 1945

Steaming as before. At 2030 changed base course to 240°(T).

Positions - 0800 13° 23.1'N - 167° 44.9'E.
1200 13° 07.1'N - 166° 47.8'E.
2000 12° 29'N - 164° 55.9'E.

19 May 1945

Ceased zig-zagging at 0730 and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to DEEP ENTRANCE, ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS. At 0826 passed between JAPTAN and PARRY ISLANDS entering lagoon and anchored in berth N-10, awaiting further orders.

Position - 0800 Approaching ENIWETOK ATOLL.

20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31 May 1945

Anchored in berth N-10, ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. AKA-84/A16-3/etm

SERIAL NO. WD/05

% Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.
30 June 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 30 June 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated
29 October 1943.

ENClosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending June 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).


J. S. HEROLD.

cc: CINCPac
ComAdComPhipPac
ComPhibPac

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

30 June 1945.

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

1 June 1945.

Zone Time Minus 12.

- (1) Designation of Unit: None
Designation of next higher echelon: ComServPac
Fleet or Force to which attached: Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior
Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier Confidential Orders of 10 May 1945.

Anchored in berth N-10, ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS, awaiting further orders.

2-3-4 June 1945

Anchored in berth N-10, ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

5 June 1945

Zone Time Minus 11.

- (1) Designation of Unit: Operating Independently
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior
Port Director, ENIWETOK, Confidential Order of 5 June 1945.

At 1115 underway from ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS enroute to ULITHI ATOLL, CAROLINE ISLANDS, operating singly without surface escort. At 1155 took departure from seaward end of DEEP ENTRANCE Channel, base course 105°(T), standard speed 15.3 knots, 80 RPM. At 1215 changed base course to 138°(T). At 1315 changed base course to 270°(T). At 1435 changed base course to 281°(T). At 1600 retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with time zone minus eleven. Changed base course at 2000 to 280°(T).

Position: 1200 Off DEEP ENTRANCE, ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS.
2000 11° 31.3' N - 160° 19.2' E.

6 June 1945

Steaming as before. At 0800 commenced zig-zagging in accordance with U.S. Navy Standard Plan No. 8. Ceased zig-zagging at 2100. At 2232 went to general quarters, unidentified aircraft approaching ship. At 2052 secured from general quarters, after no further trace of aircraft was detected.

Position: 0800 12° 01.7' N - 157° 18' E.
1200 12° 10.8' N - 156° 24' E.
2000 12° 27' N - 154° 35.5' E.

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

30 June 1945.

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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San Francisco, Calif.

7 June 1945.

Zone Time Minus 10. Steaming as before. At 0230 changed base course to 275° (T). At 0500 resumed zig-zagging. Changed base course at 0800 to 250° (T). Retarded ship's clocks at 1600 to conform with time zone minus 10. Ceased zig-zagging at 2000.

Positions: 0800 12° 45.3' N - 151° 40' E.
1200 12° 22.9' N - 150° 48.6' E.
2000 11° 44.8' N - 148° 37.8' E.

8 June 1945

Steaming as before. At 0500 Commenced zig-zagging. Changed base course at 1000 to 262° (T). Ceased zig-zagging at 2000. At 2200 changed base course to 268° (T).

Positions: 0800 10° 43' N - 145° 43.8' E.
1200 10° 31.8' N - 144° 49' E.
2000 10° 10.8' N - 143° 04.1' E.

9 June 1945

Steaming as before. At 0633 sighted GIELAP ISLAND bearing 246° (T), distance 15 miles. At 0826 commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to approaches to ULITHI ATOLL. At 0835 passed through MUGAI channel entering lagoon and anchored at 0922 in berth 154, ULITHI ATOLL, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS, awaiting further routing instructions.

Position: 0800 Approaching ULITHI ATOLL, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS.

10 June 1945

Anchored in berth 154, ULITHI ATOLL, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS.

11 June 1945

At 1610 shifted from berth 154 and anchored in berth 550, ULITHI ATOLL, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS.

12 through 30 June 1945

Anchored in berth 550, ULITHI ATOLL, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS, awaiting onward routing instructions. On June 10, 20 and 26 went to general quarters when unidentified aircraft was detected in the vicinity. No enemy action was observed.

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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84) REG. NO 164

FILE NO. AKA-84/A16-3/etm

SERIAL NO. WD/06

% Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.
31 July 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 31 July 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated
29 October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending July 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).


J. S. HEROLD.

CC: CINCPac
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31 July 1945.

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

1 July 1945.

Zone Time Minus 10.

- (1) Designation of Unit: None
Designation of next higher echelon: ComServPac
Fleet or Force to which attached: Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior Port Director, ENIWETOK, Confidential Order of 5 June 1945.

Anchored in berth 550, ULITHI ATOLL, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS, awaiting further routing instructions.

2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 July 1945.

Anchored in berth 550, ULITHI ATOLL, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS.

10 July 1945.

- (1) Designation of Unit: Convoy U.O.K. 36
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior Port Director, ULITHI, Secret Orders of 9 July 1945.

At 0708 Underway in obedience to Port Director's Orders, ULITHI, of 9 July 1945, enroute from ULITHI to OKINAWA SHIMA. At 0918 Arrived on station with convoy U.O.K. 36, composed of both Navy and Merchant ships. Convoy Commodore, Captain W. N. THOMPSON, USN, U.S.S. MARATHON, flagship. Base course of convoy $325^{\circ}(T)$, standard speed 14 knots (75 RPM).

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions - 0800	Off entrance MUGAI CHANNEL, ULITHI.	
1200	$10^{\circ} 32' N.$	$139^{\circ} 42.3' E.$
2000	$11^{\circ} 58.4' N.$	$138^{\circ} 44' E.$

11 July 1945.

Zone Time Minus 9.

Steaming as before in convoy. At 0800 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 11. Retarded ships clocks at 1600 to conform with zone time minus 9. Ceased zig-zagging at 1905.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions - 0800	$14^{\circ} 14.1' N.$	$137^{\circ} 04.3' E.$
1200	$14^{\circ} 53.8' N.$	$136^{\circ} 37.2' E.$
2000	$16^{\circ} 24.9' N.$	$135^{\circ} 26.4' E.$

ENCLOSURE (A)

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

31 July 1945.

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

12 July 1945.

Steaming as before in convoy.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions - 0800	18° 36.8' N.	133° 51.5' E.
1200	19° 19.1' N.	133° 21.2' E.
2000	20° 38.5' N.	132° 12' E.

13 July 1945.

Steaming as before in convoy.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions - 0800	22° 43.7' N.	130° 45' E.
1200	23° 18.9' N.	130° 20' E.
2000	24° 34.9' N.	129° 14.1' E.

14 July 1945.

Steaming as before in convoy. Changed base course at 0203 to 290°(T). At 0545 the convoy split into two groups, each group reforming and proceeding to the assigned anchorages. Formed single column at 0900 for entering port. Passed through TATSU KUCHI CHANNEL entering BUCKNER BAY. At 1154 Anchored in berth 166, KATCHIN WAN, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA SHIMA.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Position - 0800	25° 59.8' N.	127° 45' E.

15 July 1945.

Anchored in berth 166, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA.

16 July 1945.

Anchored as before. Commenced unloading cargo at 1355.

17 July 1945.

Anchored as before. At 1335 Ceased unloading cargo and commenced hoisting boats aboard due to typhoon warnings.

18 July 1945.

Anchored as before. Resumed unloading cargo at 1030, but due to increased typhoon warnings unloading had to be stopped. At 2045 an unidentified aircraft was reported in the vicinity. Set Condition of Readiness I and commenced making smoke. Secured from Condition I at 2145, no enemy action observed. Underway at 2307 shifting to berth L-92 in accordance with Port Director's orders.

ENCLOSURE (A)

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

31 July 1945.

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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19 July 1945.

Steaming as before shifting to berth L-92 in outer anchorage of BUCKNER BAY. At 0025 anchored in berth L-92 BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, awaiting SOPA instruction to execute typhoon plan X-ray. Rain and strong winds from the southeast caused moderate swells and sea in outer anchorage. At 1708 sortied from BUCKNER BAY in company with the USS MONROE, OTC and guide, retiring from area in execution of typhoon plan X-ray. Heavy seas with winds of a force of about 30 knots were encountered, subsiding to a moderate sea with a strong breeze around midnight.

20 July 1945.

Steaming as before. At 0907 took cruising position in convoy with the USS MARATHON, OTC and guide. At 1841 joined elements of Task Unit 99.1.1, USS CASCADE, OTC and guide, base course 000°(T), standard speed 6 knots (32 RPM), who were returning to OKINAWA.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions - 0800	25° 13.5' N.	120° 44.2' E.
1200	25° 33.1' N.	129° 31.1' E.
2000	26° 06.2' N.	129° 10.2' E.

21 July 1945.

Steaming as before returning to OKINAWA. At 1346 formed single column for entering port and commenced standing into BUCKNER BAY. Anchored at 1621 in B-184, KATCHIN WAN, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA and commenced unloading cargo.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions - 0800	26° 29.3' N.	128° 27.3' E.
1200	26° 07' N.	128° 10.2' E.

22 July 1945.

At 0200 red flares were observed coming from a ship in the outer anchorage. It was later determined that the USS MARATHON had been hit by enemy action. At 0210 Set Condition of Readiness I when an unidentified aircraft had been reported in area. Commenced making smoke at 0216. Secured from Condition of Readiness I and recalled all smoke boats when all clear signal was reported.

23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31 July 1945.

Anchored in berth B-184, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, unloading cargo. On the nights of the 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of July, enemy aircraft was detected in the vicinity and the anchorage was covered immediately by an efficient smoke screen. No enemy activity was observed by this vessel. Completed unloading cargo on the 30th of July, having unloaded 2,642 tons of cargo.

ENCLOSURE (A)

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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. AKA-84/A16-3/etm

SERIAL NO. WD/07

% Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
31 August 1945.

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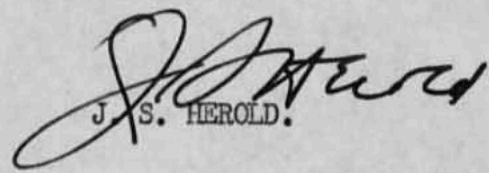
From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 31 August 1945, of the
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Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FFL/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated
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31 August 1945.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

Zone Time Minus 9

- (1) Designation of Unit: 95.5.1
Designation of Next Higher Echelon: ComServPac
Fleet of Force to which attached: Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior
Commander Task Group 95.5 orders of 1 August 1945.

1 August 1945

Anchored in Berth B-184 KATCHIN WAN, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA awaiting routing instructions. At 1530 received orders from SOPA Eastern OKINAWA to execute typhoon plan X-ray immediately. Got underway at 1746 as part of Task Group 95.5 and retired from OKINAWA to pass clear of approaching typhoon. Sea moderate with a strong breeze.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Position: 2000	<u>25° 57.5' N.</u>	<u>128° 07.5' E.</u>

2 August 1945

Steaming as before. At 0630 arrived on station in cruising disposition with elements of Task Unit 95.5.1, O.T.C. and guide in USS HAMUL (AD 16). Base course 180° T and standard speed 8 knots (42 RPM). At 1929 changed base course to 000° T. Sea is still moderate with rain squalls and a strong breeze.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800	- <u>24° 53.8' N.</u>	<u>128° 08.3' E.</u>
1200	- <u>24° 56.5' N.</u>	<u>128° 44.1' E.</u>
2000	- <u>25° 44.2' N.</u>	<u>129° 16.3' E.</u>

3 August 1945

Steaming as before. Heavy rain reduced visibility to a few hundred yards. Winds continued with a force of about 25 knots. At 0735 changed base course to 250° T, heading toward BUCKNER BAY, Sea moderated around noon with a gentle breeze. Formed single column for entering port at 1436. Sighted OKINAWA at 1525 bearing 320° T, distance 24 miles. Proceeding independently at 1717 and anchored in berth B-184, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800	- <u>26° 19.3' N.</u>	<u>128° 46.4' E.</u>
1200	- <u>26° 14' N.</u>	<u>128° 21.1' E.</u>

4 August 1945

Anchored in BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA.

ENCLOSURE (A)

31 August 1945.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
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San Francisco, Calif.

5 August 1945

Anchored as before in BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA. Set condition I at 0210 when enemy aircraft was detected in vicinity. The anchorage was immediately covered with a very efficient smoke screen. At 0354 secured from condition I and ceased making smoke.

6 August 1945

- (1) Designation and Composition of Unit: Convoy OKU #17
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Orders PORT DIRECTOR'S ORDERS, OKINAWA, of 6 August 1945.

Anchored as before. At 0215 set condition I upon report of enemy aircraft in vicinity and commenced making smoke. Anti-aircraft fire was observed coming from shore batteries but no enemy action was seen by this ship. Secured from condition I at 0410. Underway at 0841 as part of convoy OKU #17, enroute from OKINAWA to ULITHI, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS. Convoy Commodore, Captain A. T. MOEN, USN in USS GRIMES (APA 172). At 1230 took departure from OKINAWA AREA. Base course 141° T. Standard speed 12.5 knots (62 RPM).

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 1200 -	26° 00' N.	127° 43.4' E.
2000 -	24° 38.1' N.	128° 44.5' E.

7 August 1945

Steaming as before in convoy. At 1309 set condition I when an unidentified aircraft was reported within 20 miles of convoy. Lost contact with plane at 1441 and secured from condition I.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	22° 30' N.	130° 27.6' E.
1200 -	21° 43.9' N.	130° 55.3' E.
2000 -	20° 10.3' N.	132° 03.9' E.

8 August 1945

Steaming as before. Two tankers were detached from convoy and were operating independently.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	17° 56.9' N.	133° 44.2' E.
1200 -	17° 17.3' N.	134° 12.1' E.
2200 -	15° 59' N.	135° 11.3' E.

9 August 1945

Steaming as before in convoy. At 0535 three ships were detached from convoy.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	14° 01.8' N.	136° 43.4' E.
1200 -	13° 23' N.	137° 11.1' E.
2000 -	12° 04.3' N.	137° 49.2' E.

ENCLOSURE (A)

31 August 1945.

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

10 August 1945

Zone Time Minus 10.

Steaming as before in convoy. At 0800 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform with zone time minus 10. Sighted ULITHI ATOLL at 1052 bearing 190° T, distance 15 miles. Proceeding independently at 1223 to enter ULITHI lagoon. At 1323 passed through MUGAI CHANNEL and anchored in Berth 31 to await routing instructions to PEARL HARBOR.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	$10^{\circ} 23' N.$	$139^{\circ} 44.1' E.$
1200 -	$10^{\circ} 03' N.$	$139^{\circ} 52.1' E.$

11 August 1945

Anchored as before at ULITHI, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS. Reports were received by radio that the Japanese Government had agreed to accept unconditional surrender, but the reports were not confirmed. At 0900 orders were received to go to SAIPAN instead of PEARL HARBOR as part of Task Unit 12.1.2. All ships had orders to fuel and provision to capacity.

12 August 1945

Anchored as before at ULITHI, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS.

13 August 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit: 12.1.2
- (2) Identifying designation of the Operation Plan PORT DIRECTOR'S ORDERS, ULITHI, of 12 August 1945.

Anchored as before. Underway at 0708 enroute from ULITHI to SAIPAN as part of Task Unit 12.1.2, Captain A. T. MOEN, USN, Task Unit Commander in the USS GRIMES (APA 172). This unit is composed of the USS GRIMES, MERIWETHER, LANIER, BRAXTON, MELLETTE, WAUKESHA and three destroyers escorts. Base course 083° T. Standard speed 16 knots. At 2000 received dispatch from CINCPAC diverting the Task Unit to GUAM.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	$10^{\circ} 01.6' N.$	$139^{\circ} 51.5' E.$
1200 -	$10^{\circ} 16.9' N.$	$140^{\circ} 50.1' E.$
2000 -	$11^{\circ} 35.2' N.$	$142^{\circ} 29.2' E.$

14 August 1945

Steaming as before. At 0555 sighted GUAM bearing 350° T, distance 37 miles. At 0941 entered APRA HARBOR, GUAM, MARIANAS and moored to pier EASY. Commenced loading cargo at 1751, consisting of vehicles, gasoline, ammunition and provisions.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Position: 0800 -	$13^{\circ} 13' N.$	$144^{\circ} 30' E.$

ENCLOSURE (A)

31 August 1945.

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San Francisco, Calif.

15 August 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit: TU 12.1.2
- (2) Identifying Designation of Operational Plan PORT DIRECTOR'S ORDERS GUAM of 14 August 1945.

Moored as before. At 0905 received word that President Truman had announced the capitulation of the Japanese Empire. Loaded with 137 Marine officers and men of the Fourth Regiment, reinforced, of the Sixth U.S. Marine Division and 1500 tons of combat cargo, the ship got underway at 1800 with Task Unit 12.1.2 enroute to 31° N 143° E to rendezvous with units of the Third Fleet.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Position: 2000 -	13° 37.9' N.	144° 40.2' E.

16 August 1945

Steaming as before with Task Unit 12.1.2.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	16° 24.9' N.	144° 59.8' E.
1200 -	17° 01.9' N.	144° 46.4' E.
2000 -	18° 44.9' N.	144° 05.2' E.

17 August 1945

Steaming as before with Task Unit 12.1.2.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	21° 48.2' N.	143° 41.1' E.
1200 -	22° 52.4' N.	143° 48.3' E.
2000 -	25° 12.8' N.	144° 07.4' E.

18 August 1945

Steaming as before enroute to rendezvous position. At 2003 joined forces with Task Group 30.8 and steamed with them for three hours and then reformed Task Unit 12.1.2.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	28° 18.9' N.	144° 01.2' E.
1200 -	29° 10.8' N.	143° 45.7' E.
2000 -	30° 41.5' N.	143° 19' E.

19 August 1945

- (1) Designation of Group: TF 31
- Designation of Next Higher Echelon: ComThird Fleet
- Fleet or Force Attached: Third Fleet, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet.

ENCLOSURE (A)

31 August 1945.

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- (2) Designation of Operation Plan of Immediate Superior CTG OPERATIONAL PLAN No. 1-45
of 20 August 1945.

Steaming as before with Task Unit 12.1.2. At 0503 commenced steaming various courses at various speeds maneuvering in rendezvous area. At 2005 joined forces with Task Force 31, USS IOWA Flagship. Rear Admiral Badger, USN, Task Force Commander.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	31° 26.5' N.	143° 32.2' E.
1200 -	31° 00' N.	143° 47' E.
2000 -	30° 21.1' N.	144° 24' E.

20 August 1945

Steaming as before with Task Force 31 in rendezvous area.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	31° 48' N.	143° 34.9' N.
1200 -	31° 11.4' N.	143° 48.8' N.
2000 -	31° 02.0' N.	144° 05.2' N.

21 August 1945

Steaming as before with Task Force 31.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	31° 33.0' N.	143° 35' E.
1200 -	31° 16' N.	142° 53.9' E.
2000 -	30° 43.7' N.	141° 38.9' E.

22 August 1945

Steaming as before with Task Force 31. At 0615 fueled alongside the USS KENNERAGO (AO 81).

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	31° 11' N.	142° 02' E.
1200 -	31° 36.8' N.	142° 21.8' E.
2000 -	32° 33.8' N.	142° 46.8' E.

23 August 1945

Steaming as before with Task Force 31.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	32° 12.2' N.	143° 13.2' E.
1200 -	32° 45.6' N.	142° 51.2' E.
2000 -	32° 48.7' N.	142° 39.1' E.

24 August 1945

Steaming as before transferring mail and medical supplies to other ships in Task Force 31.

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31 August 1945.

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	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	32° 52.8' N.	142° 49.1' E.
1200 -	32° 38.4' N.	142° 52.4' E.
2000 -	31° 58.0' N.	143° 04.1' E.

25 August 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit: TG 31.4.2
- (2) Designation of the Operation Plan of Immediate Superior CTG 31.4 OPERATION PLAN No. 1-45 of 23 August 1945.

Steaming as before. At 0542 Task Unit 31.4.2 formed, with O.T.C. and guide in the USS GRIMES. Guide for Task Group 31.4, USS SAN DIEGO (CL-53). Commodore SMOOT, Group Commander.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	32° 14.7' N.	142° 47.9' E.
1200 -	32° 37.6' N.	142° 32.2' E.
2000 -	32° 16' N.	141° 47' E.

26 August 1945

Steaming as before with Task Unit 31.4.2. Fueled the USS BARR (APD 39) at 1645.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Positions: 0800 -	33° 24' N.	141° 33.2' E.
1200 -	33° 06.4' N.	142° 01.9' E.
2000 -	33° 22.9' N.	141° 42.9' E.

27 August 1945

- (1) Designation of Operation Plan of Immediate Superior ComTransDiv 60 Landing Attack Order No. 9-45 of 24 August 1945.

Steaming as before with Task Unit 31.4.2. At 0605 Task Unit changed course to 307° T and headed for Japan. Sighted MIYAKE SHIMA at 0940 bearing 355° T, distance 30 miles. Sighted O SHIMA and HONSHU, JAPAN ahead, distance 33 miles. At 1608 changed course to 000° T and proceeded to Berth 41 where the ship anchored at 1705 in SAGAMI WAN, HONSHU, JAPAN. Ships present included most of the large ships of the Third Fleet. Flagship USS MISSOURI with Admiral Halsey aboard. Other Units included the British Battleship HMS KING GEORGE V and several cruisers.

	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
Position: 0800 -	34° 04.9' N.	140° 21' E.
1200 -	33° 34.1' N.	139° 58' E.

28, 29 August 1945

Anchored in Berth 41 SAGAMI WAN, HONSHU, JAPAN awaiting orders to proceed into TOKYO BAY.

ENCLOSURE (A)

31 August 1945.

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30 August 1945

Anchored as before. Underway at 0249 enroute from SAGAMI WAN To TOKYO BAY as part approach unit number one with troops and cargo aboard for occupation of YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE. Unit number one is composed of the USS GRIMES, MELLETTE, MERIWETHER, OZARK, LANIER, GARRARD and WAUKESHA with two minesweepers and one escort. Proceeding through URAGO SUIDO at 0542. Passed KANNON SAKI Light abeam to port at 0659, distance 1400 yards. Anchored at 0743 in Berth Charlie in transport area Able and commenced lowering all boats for landing operations. Sent 8 LCVP's to the LANIER, and 2 LCM's and 6 LCVP's to the MELLETTE to be used in the assault waves on YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE. H-Hour was 0930 when the first assault waves hit the beach. First group of boats loaded with cargo went into beach at 1115.

31 August 1945

Anchored in TOKYO BAY unloading cargo.

ENCLOSURE (A)

none

U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. AKA-84/A16-3/etm

SERIAL NO. WD/08

c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
30 September 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 30 September 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated
29 October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending September 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).

J. S. Herold
J. S. HEROLD.

30 September 1945

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

1 September 1945

Zone Time Minus 9.

(1) Designation of Unit:

TU 30.3.5

Designation of Next Higher Echelon:

COMTHIRDFLEET

Fleet or Force to which attached:

Amphibious Force Third Fleet,
Pacific Fleet

(2) Identifying Designation of the Operational Plan or Order of Immediate Superior ComTransDivSIXTY Orders of 1 September 1945.

Anchored in Transport Area Baker in TOKYO KAIWAN, JAPAN unloading cargo for YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE. At 0012 completed discharging 1500 tons of general cargo. Underway at 1530 in obedience to ComTransDiv 60 orders, enroute from TOKYO KAIWAN to SAIPAN, MARIANAS. Task Unit designation 30.3.5. with OTC and guide in the USS GRIMES, Task Unit Commander, Captain A. T. MOEN, USN. The unit is composed of the GRIMES, BRAXTON, LANIER, MERIWETHER AND WAUKESHA. At 1703 took departure from TOKYO BAY and set course 262° T. At 1806 changed course to 174° T. At 1844 changed course to 136° T. At 2227 changed course to 164° T.

Position: 2000 38° 41' N. 139° 39' E.

2 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 1023 changed course to 144° T and formed cruising disposition 2-Tare. At 2014 changed course to 148° T.

Positions: 0800 32° 12' N. 141° 16' E.
1200 31° 20' N. 141° 45' E.
2000 29° 58' N. 142° 59' E.

3 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 0622 changed course to 180° T.

Positions: 0800 27° 14' N. 144° 25' E.
1200 26° 26' N. 144° 23' E.
2000 24° 32' N. 144° 18' E.

4 September 1945

Zone time minus 10.

Steaming as before. At 1310 passed FAROLLON DE PAJORIS, VOLCANO ISLANDS abeam to port, distance 35 miles. Advanced ship's clocks one hour at 1900 to conform with zone time minus 10.

Positions: 0800 21° 52' N. 144° 18' E.
1200 20° 51' N. 144° 15' E.
2000 19° 04' N. 144° 12' E.

30 September 1945.

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5 September 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit: TransRon 12
Designation of Next Higher Echelon: ComPhibGroup 4
Fleet or Force Attached: Fifth Fleet Amphibious Force,
Pacific Fleet.
- (2) Identifying designation of the Order of the Immediate Superior ComTransDivSIXTY
Orders of 5 September 1945.

Steaming as before. At 0140 changed course to 157° T. Passed ANATAHON ISLAND abeam to port at 0930, distance 49 miles. At 1202 sighted SAIPAN ISLAND bearing 115° T, distance 35 miles. Proceeding independently at 1331 and anchored in berth M-42 SAIPAN HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANAS to await loading instructions. Task Unit 30.3.5 dissolved and ComTransRon 12 (temporary) took command.

Positions: 0800 16° 20'11 N. 144° 48' E.
1200 15° 27' N. 145° 14'8 E.

6 September 1945

Anchored at SAIPAN, MARIANAS. At 1600 received 8 LCM's and 11 LCVP's from Boat Pool, SAIPAN to complete ship's allowance of boats.

7-8-9 September 1945

Anchored at SAIPAN, MARIANAS awaiting loading instructions.

10 September 1945

Anchored as before. Underway at 0736 in obedience to Port Director's orders to go alongside TANAPAG HARBOR PIER. Steaming on various courses at various speeds at 1004 and proceeded through dredged channel. At 1210 moored to Pier Able Five, TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN. Commenced loading cargo at 1445 of the SECOND MARINE DIVISION.

11 September 1945

Moored to Pier Able Five TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN loading cargo.

12 September 1945

Moored as before loading cargo. At 2200 ceased all loading due to typhoon warnings.

30 September 1945.

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13 September 1945

Moored as before. Resumed loading cargo at 0905. The USS CAMBERIA relieved the USS GRIMES as ComTransRon 12. Commodore KNOWLES, USN, Transport Squadron Commander. At 2315 completed loading cargo having received 1825 tons of general cargo.

14 September 1945

Underway at 0755, shifting to berth M-38 in outer harbor and anchored there at 0905.

15-16 September 1945

Anchored in berth M-38 Saipan Harbor, SAIPAN, MARIANAS, awaiting routing instructions.

17 September 1945

Underway at 0629 and fueled alongside the USS CARIBOU. Upon completion of fueling anchored L-41 SAIPAN HARBOR.

18 September 1945

Zone time minus 9.

(1) Designation of Group:

TG 54.3

(2) Identifying designation of Immediate Superior ComTransRon 12 Sortie and Movement Order 7-45 of 17 September 1945.

Underway at 1615 in obedience to orders from ComTransRon 12, enroute from SAIPAN to NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, JAPAN, loaded with 88 officers and enlisted men of the Second Marine Division and 1825 tons of cargo. The Task group is composed of 21 U.S. Navy ships with two escorts. OTC and guide in USS CAMBERIA. Commodore KNOWLES, USN, Task Group Commander. Steaming on base course 306° T in cruising disposition 3-William. Standard speed 14.3 knots (75 RPM). At 1830 retarded ships clocks one hour to conform with zone time minus 9.

Position: 2000 15° 54'11 N. 144° 53'18 E.

19 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 0916 changed course to 334° T and commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 8. Ceased zig-zagging at 1100.

Positions: 0800 17° 44'18 N. 142° 44'16 E.
1200 18° 29'16 N. 142° 17'18 E.
2000 20° 07'18 N. 141° 24'18 E.

30 September 1945.

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20 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 0808 changed course to 328° T. At 1559 changed course to 308° T.

Positions: 0800 22° 28.6 N. 140° 14.8 E.
1200 23° 17.2 N. 139° 40.8 E.
2000 24° 46.5 N. 138° 18.2 E.

21 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 0806 changed course to 302° T. At 2019 changed course to 310° T.

Positions: 0800 26° 35.3 N. 135° 42.6 E.
1200 27° 04.8 N. 134° 47.9 E.
2000 28° 06.3 N. 132° 53.1 E.

22 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 0322 changed course to 281° T. Sighted the TOKARA GUNTO at 0640 bearing 286° T, distance 50 miles. Passed between SUWANOSE SHIMA and AKUSAKI SHIMA at 1040 and entered the EAST CHINA SEA. At 1535 changed course to 327° T. At 2043 changed course to 016° T.

Positions: 0800 29° 28.5 N. 130° 17.5 E.
1200 29° 36.1 N. 129° 24.4 E.
2000 30° 43.5 N. 128° 54.1 E.

23 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 0400 sighted KUBA SHIMA lighthouse, KYUSHU, JAPAN, bearing 040° T, distance 26 miles. Hove to at 0748 in transport area Peter, awaiting anchorage assignment in NAGASAKI KO. Proceeding independently at 0801 and anchored in berth 3 NAGASAKI KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN. Commenced unloading cargo at 1800.

24 September 1945

Anchored as before. Underway at 0915 in obedience to Port Directors orders NAGASAKI, to go alongside wharf in Harbor. At 1210 moored to DEJIMA WHARF, NAGASAKI, JAPAN and commenced unloading cargo on to dock.

25-26-27 September 1945

Moored to DEJIMA WHARF, unloading cargo. Completed unloading 1825 tons of cargo at 1800, 27 September 1945.

30 September 1945

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

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28 September 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit: TransRon 12
- (2) Identifying designation of order of Immediate Superior ComTransRon 12 Movement Order No. 8-45 of 27 September 1945.

Underway at 0714 from alongside DEJIMA WHARF and anchored in Berth 3 outer harbor, NAGASAKI KO, KYUSHU, JAPAN. Got underway at 1329 in obedience to ComTransRon 12 orders, as part of TransRon 12, enroute from NAGASAKI KO, JAPAN to MANILA PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. OTC and guide in the USS CAMBERIA. Commodore KNOWLES, USN tactical commander. Arrived on station at 1436 in cruising disposition 2 CHARLIE. Base course 222° T, standard speed 10 knots 50 (RPM). At 1810 changed course to 200° T.

Position: 2000 32° 05.2 N. 129° 15.4 E.

29 September 1945

Steaming as before. At 1200 changed course to 235° T, and reduced speed to 8 knots (45 RPM).

Positions: 0800 29° 40.0 N. 128° 17.9 E.
1200 28° 54.2 N. 128° 04.9 E.
2000 27° 57.2 N. 126° 47.1 E.

30 September 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit: TU 54.19.9

Steaming as before. At 0622 changed course to 050° T. At 1435 the USS CAMBERIA and TILL left the formation and proceeded back to NAGASAKI, JAPAN. OTC and guide shifted to the USS FREESTONE, with Captain C. L. CARPENTER, USN, assuming tactical command. Task Unit designation changed to 54.19.9. At 1619 changed course to 100° T.

Positions: 0800 27° 30.1 N. 125° 52.8 E.
1200 27° 59.2 N. 126° 26.5 E.
2000 28° 26.9 N. 127° 18.2 E.

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31 October 1945.

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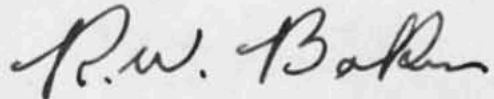
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1 October 1945

- Zone Time Minus 9.
- (1) Designation of Unit: TU 54.19.9
- Designation of Next Higher Echelon: COMPHIBGROUP 4
- Fleet or Force to which attached: Amphibious Force Fifth Fleet,
Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of Operational Plan or Order of Immediate Superior
ComTransRon 12 Movement Order No 8-45 of 27 September 1945.

Underway enroute from NAGASKI, JAPAN to SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS in company with nine US NAVY ships of Task Unit 54.19.9, OTC and guide in the FREESTONE (APA 167). Task Unit Commander, Captain C. L. CARPENTER, USN. Base course 147°T. Standard speed 8 knots (42 RPM). At 0022 Changed course to 197°T. At 0726 Changed standard speed to 14 knots (75 RPM). At 1019 Passed IYE JIMA, OKINAWA GUNTO, abeam to port, distance 19 miles. Steaming on various courses at 1359, passing through the KERAMA RETTOS. At 2205 Changed course to 229°T.

Position: 0800 27° 27.8' N. 127° 30.1' E.
1200 26° 44.3' N. 127° 32.' E.
2000 25° 05.' N. 127° 28.5' E.

2 October 1945

Steaming as before.

Position: 0800 23° 29.9' N. 125° 52.1' E.
1200 22° 51.1' N. 125° 20.2' E.
2000 21° 49.2' N. 124° 17.' E.

3 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 0542 Changed course to 220°T. Passed SABATANG ISLAND, BATAN ISLANDS abeam to starboard at 0725, distance 7 miles. At 2301 Changed course to 195°T.

Position: 0800 20° 09.9' N. 121° 52.3' E.
1200 19° 56.8' N. 121° 05.' E.
2000 18° 34.1' N. 120° 02.' E.

4 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 0621 Changed course to 165°T. At 1336 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds approaching entrance of SUBIC BAY, Passed through anti submarine nets at 1558 and anchored in berth 133 SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Transferred 4 LCM'S to OLANGAPO Boat Pool and at 2054 got underway enroute to LINGAYEN GULF in obedience of orders of CTU 54.19.9 of 4 October 1945.

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4 October 1945 Cont'd.

Unit composed of 5 AKA'S with OTC and guide in the CAPRICORNUS (AKA 57). With SUBIC BAY LIGHT abeam took departure on course 262°T. Standard speed 15 knots (80 RPM). At 2330 Changed course to 350°T.

Position: 0800 15° 56.8' N. 119° 21.3' E.
1200 14° 58.8' N. 119° 39.2' E.

5 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 0650 passed CAPE BOLANDO and entered LINGAYEN GULF. At 1230 commenced steaming various courses at various speeds approaching anchorage. Anchored at 1326 off SAN FABIAN, LINGAYEN GULF. Received 5 US ARMY LCM'S from Army Boat Pool and got underway at 2144 enroute to MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS via route EIM. Standard speed 15 knots (80 RPM).

Position: 0800 16° 29.5' N. 119° 05.1' E.
1200 16° 17.5' N. 120° 15.5' E.

6 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 1347 passed CORREGIDOR ISLAND abeam to starboard, distance 1 mile and commenced steaming various courses at various speeds conforming to MANILA BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Anchored at 1650 in berth 644 MANILA BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, and reported to ComPhibGroup 14 for orders.

Position: 0800 15° 11.0' N. 119° 37.9' E.
1200 14° 29.3' N. 120° 08.6' E.

7-8-9-10 October 1945

Anchored in berth 644, MANILA BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. On 10 October 1945 exchanged 2 NAVY LCM'S and 3 LCVP'S with the CAPRICORNUS for 2 ARMY LCM'S and 2 ARMY JIG Boats.

11 October 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit
(2) Identifying designates

None.
Port Directors Order, MANILA, Serial 00371984 of 11 October 1945 and ComPhibGroup 14 despatch of 11 October 1945

Anchored as before. Underway at 1741 enroute to LINGAYEN GULF, in obedience to Port Director's Orders. MANILA, of 11 October 1945. Steaming independently conforming to standard route along west coast of LUZON. Speed 15 knots (80 RPM).

Position: 2000 14° 25.4' N. 120° 18.3' E.

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12 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 0735 entered LINGAYEN GULF and proceeded to anchorage. At 1136 anchored off SAN FABIAN, LINGAYEN GULF, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Position: 0800 16° 36.8' N 120° 02.7' E.

13 October 1945

Underway at 0700 in obedience to Commanding Officer's orders, BRAXTON (APA 138), to shift anchorage to ARINGAY. Anchored off ARINGAY, LINGAYEN GULF, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, at 0900.

14-15-16 October 1945

Loading cargo at ARINGAY, LINGAYEN GULF, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

17 October 1945

Underway at 0802 shifting anchorage to SAN FERNANDO HARBOR. At 0936 Anchored in berth B-16 SAN FERNANDO ROADS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

18 October 1945

- (1) Designation of Unit: 54.15.16
Designation of Next Higher Echelon: ComPhibGroup 14
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operational Plan of Order of Immediate Superior Port Directors dispatch, SAN FERNANDO, 170900 of October 1945.

Anchored as before. At 1030 Lieut. R. W. BAKER, U.S.N.R. relieved Lt. Comdr. J.S. HEROLD, U.S.N.R. as commanding officer. Underway at 1801, loaded with 348 U.S. ARMY Officers and enlisted personnel and 903 tons of cargo of the 123rd Regiment of the 33rd Division of the 6th ARMY, enroute from SAN FERNANDO to WAKAYAMA, JAPAN. Base course 000°T. Standard speed 14 knots (78 RPM).

Position: 2000 16° 57.3' N. 120° 12.1' E.

19 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 0810 entered BALINTANG CHANNEL and passed BALATANG ISLAND, BATAN ISLANDS abeam to Port, distance 7 miles. At 1455 Changed course to 052°T.

Positions: 0800 19° 36.2' N. 120° 52.' E.
1200 19° 55.5' N. 121° 42.' E.
2000 20° 58.6' N. 123° 18.5' E.

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20 October 1945

Steamin as before. At 2300 Changed course to 030°T.

Positions: 0800 22° 39.7' N. 125° 26.2' E.
1200 23° 11.9' N. 126° 07.9' E.
2000 24° 13.5' N. 127° 37.1' E.

21 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 0800 Changed course to 050°T.

Positions: 0800 26° 00.8' N. 128° 36.1' E.
1200 27° 35.7' N. 129° 24.9' E.
2000 27° 44.1' N. 130° 52.9' E.

22 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 1914 Changed course to 000°T.

Positions: 0800 29° 19.1' N. 133° 07.2' E.
1200 29° 56.8' N. 133° 43.7' E.
2000 31° 06.1' N. 134° 37.1' E.

23 October 1945

Steaming as before. At 0450 sighted MUROTO SAKI LIGHT, JAPAN bearing 297°T, distance 30 miles. Entered KII SUIDO at 0807 and proceeded through swept channel. Anchored at 1220 off WAKAYAMA, JAPAN.

24-25-26 October 1945

Anchored off WAKAYAMA, JAPAN, disembarking troops and cargo.

27-28-29-30-31 October 1945

Anchored off WAKAYAMA, JAPAN, awaiting orders.

END ENCLOSURE (A)

U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. AKA-84/A16-3/clg

SERIAL NO. WD/04

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30 November 1945.

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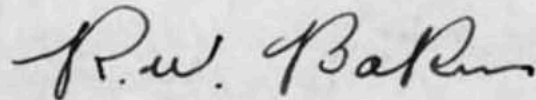
From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the Month ending 30 November 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated
29 October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending November 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).



R. W. BAKER.

30 November 1945.

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- (1) Designation of Unit: Operating Independently
Designation of next higher echelon: CincPac
Fleet or Force to which attached: Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of the Operation Plan or Order of the Immediate Superior: Port Director, WAKAYAMA, JAPAN.

1 November 1945

Anchored in berth A-85 WAKAYAMA KO, JAPAN. Underway at 1531 enroute from WAKAYAMA, JAPAN, to NAGOYA, JAPAN, operating independently, in accordance with orders of the Port Director, WAKAYAMA, JAPAN. At 1929 took departure from seaward end of swept channel, base course 110°T, standard speed 13.5 knots (73 RPM). At 2250 Changed base course to 053°T.

Positions - 2000 33° 27.0'N - 135° 06.4'E

2 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0630 commenced steaming various courses at various speeds conforming to swept channel entrance to ISENO UMI, NAGOYA, JAPAN. At 1234 Anchored in berth A-68 ISENO UMI, NAGOYA, JAPAN. At 1438 Seven U.S. Army LCM's and two U.S. Army JIG boats were transferred to the U.S. Army boat pool, NAGOYA.

3,4,5,6, November 1945

Anchored as before.

7 November 1945

Anchored as before. At 1458 five LCVP's were transferred to the U.S. Navy boat pool NAGOYA.

8 November 1945

Anchored as before.

9 November 1945

Anchored as before. At 0900 transferred one LCPL to U.S. Navy boat pool NAGOYA. Underway at 1124 enroute from NAGOYA, JAPAN, to SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, U.S.A., operating independently, in accordance with orders of Port Director, NAGOYA, JAPAN, with 14 U.S. Navy Officers, 25 U.S. Navy enlisted men, 1 U.S. Coast Guard Officer, 10 U.S. Coast Guard enlisted men, 2 U.S. Army Officers, and 275 U.S. Army enlisted

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men as passengers. At 1708 took departure from seaward end of swept channel on base course 125°T, standard speed 16 knots (88 RPM). At 2245 changed base course to 090°T.

Positions - 2000 33° 52.3'N - 137° 46.0'E

10 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0300 changed base course to 070°T.

Positions - 0800 33° 58.5'N - 141° 36.1'E
1200 34° 19.2'N - 142° 45.9'E
2000 35° 11.9'N - 145° 13.2'E

11 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100 ship's clocks advanced one hour to conform to zone time minus 10.

Positions - 0800 36° 35.5'N - 148° 22.1'E
1200 37° 02.1'N - 149° 31.0'E
2000 37° 56.5'N - 151° 52.3'E

12 November 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions - 0800 39° 02.6'N - 155° 39.5'E
1200 39° 27.0'N - 156° 49.8'E
2000 40° 28.8'N - 159° 03.9'E

13 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone time minus eleven.

Positions - 0800 41° 24.9'N - 162° 42.7'E
1200 41° 43.4'N - 164° 02.3'E
2000 42° 26.7'N - 166° 28.7'E

14 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0804 changed base course to 075°T. At 1405 sighted horned, spherical mine abeam to starboard, distance 1000 yards. At 1410 commenced steaming various courses to attempt to destroy mine by 20MM gun fire. Mine sunk at 1447 without exploding. Total ammunition expended 1740 rounds of 20MM. At 1455 resumed base course 075°T.

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Positions - 0800 43° 30.0'N - 170° 29.2'E
1200 43° 50.5'N - 172° 09.3'E
2000 44° 24.3'N - 174° 38.9'E

15 November 1945 - 14 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone time minus twelve. At 1300 crossed the 180th Meridian and retarded ship's clocks twenty - four hours to conform to zone time plus twelve.

Positions - 0800 45° 32.3'N - 178° 17.1'E
1200 45° 53.2'N - 179° 38.5'E
2000 46° 33.3'N - 177° 33.2'W

15 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 1405 exercised at steering casualty drill. Secured from steering casualty drill at 1420. At 2000 changed base course to 080°T.

Positions - 0800 47° 47.7'N - 173° 27.8'W
1200 48° 12.1'N - 172° 05.2'W
2000 48° 56.2'N - 169° 09.2'W

16 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone time plus eleven. At 0900 exercised crew at fire drill. At 0910 secured from fire drill.

Positions - 0800 49° 26.5'N - 165° 39.1'W
1200 49° 25.7'N - 162° 37.0'W
2000 49° 44.2'N - 159° 10.8'W

17 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone time plus ten.

Positions - 0800 50° 05.8'N - 154° 51.9'W
1200 50° 18.6'N - 153° 08.9'W
2000 50° 31.7'N - 149° 53.2'W

18 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100 advanced ship's clocks one hour to conform to zone time plus nine. At 0500 changed base course to 090°T. At 0830 changed base course to 095°T.

30 November 1945

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Positions - 0800 50° 48.2'N - 145° 15.8'W
1200 50° 41.1'N - 143° 38.1'W
2000 50° 28.4'N - 140° 16.0'W

19 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0100 advanced ships clocks one hour to conform to zone time plus eight. At 0830 changed base course to 101°T.

Positions - 0800 50° 01.8'N- 135° 47.2'W
1200 49° 51.2'N- 134° 18.5'W
2000 49° 26.3'N- 131° 10.1'W

20 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0001 changed base course to 105°T. At 0525 main engine stopped due to faulty relief valve. At 0742 normal steaming power restored. At 1012 sighted AMPHITRITE POINT, VANCOUVER ISLAND, CANADA, bearing 055°T, distance 39 miles. Sighted CAPE FLATTERY, WASHINGTON, U.S.A., bearing 117°T, distance 38 miles at 1145. Entered the STRAITS OF JUAN DE FUCA at 1419. At 1810 changed base course to 090°T. At 1936 changed base course to 110°T. At 2013 changed base course to 133°T and entered ADMIRALTY INLET. At 2048 commenced steaming various courses at various speeds conforming to channel and entrance to ELLIOTT BAY, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

Positions - 0800 48° 55.2'N - 127° 15.0'W
1200 48° 41.0'N - 125° 43.6'W

21 November 1945

Steaming as before. At 0044 moored starboard side to Pier 37, ELLIOTT BAY, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. At 0803 the following passengers were disembarked: 14 Naval Officers, 25 U.S. Naval enlisted men, 1 U.S. Coast Guard Officer, 10 U.S. Coast Guard enlisted men, 2 U.S. Army Officers, and 275 U.S. Army enlisted men. At 1348 Underway from Pier 37 shifting to Berth Fox, ELLIOTT BAY. Anchored in Berth Fox at 1455.

22,23,24,25 November 1945

Anchored as before.

26 November 1945

Anchored as before. Underway at 1551 moving to dry dock. Entered dry dock at 1732.

27,28 November 1945

In dry dock as before.

30 November 1945

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29 November 1945

In drydock as before. At 0845 left drydock under tow. Anchored in Berth 5, ELLIOTT BAY at 0901.

30 November 1945

Anchored as before.

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FILE NO. AKA-84/A16-3/clg

SERIAL NO. WD/08

c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.,
31 December 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, Navy Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: War Diary for the month ending 31 December 1945, of the
U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) CominCh Ltr. FFL/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 dated
29 October 1943.

Enclosure: (A) War Diary of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) for the
month ending December 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, in accordance with the
instructions as given in reference (a).

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

U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.

1 December 1945

- (1) Designation and Composition of Unit: None
Designation of Next Higher Echelon: Commander Western Sea Frontier
Fleet or Force to which attached: Pacific Fleet
- (2) Identifying Designation of Operational Plan or Order of Immediate Superior:
None.

Anchored in Berth Five ELLIOTT BAY, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Underway at 1325 shifting to dock. At 1345 moored port side to S.S. MORMACKEN at Pier Fox TODD SHIPYARD, SEATTLE DIVISION, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-and 10 December 1945

Moored as before.

11 December 1945

Moored as before. At 1050 in accordance with BuPers despatch of 10 November 1945, serial 781, Commander Elmer O. DAVIS, USN, relieved Lt. Comdr. Robert W. BAKER, USNR, as Commanding Officer. At 1300 exercised crew at fire quarters and secured at 1310.

12-13 and 14 December 1945

Moored as before.

15 December 1945

Moored as before. Underway at 1010 to undergo post-repair trial run in PUGET SOUND. At 1656 moored portside to PIER 48, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

16 December 1945

Moored as before.

17 December 1945

Moored as before. Underway at 1505 in accordance with verbal orders from Commander Western Sea Frontier of 17 December 1945 enroute from SEATTLE, WASHINGTON to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, proceeding independently. Took departure at 2310 with CAPE FLATTERY LIGHT abeam to port, distance four miles, on base course 225°T, standard speed 15 knots, (80 RPM).

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18 December 1945

Steaming as before. At 0145 changed base course to 178°T, changed standard speed to 13 knots (68 RPM). At 1300 changed standard speed to 12 knots (62 RPM).

Positions: 0800 46° 33.6'N. 125° 18' W.
1200 45° 52' N. 125° 21.6'W.
2000 44° 08.9'N. 125° 24.5'W.

19 December 1945

Steaming as before. At 1701 sighted CAPE MENDOCINO LIGHT bearing 067°T, at a distance of thirty miles. Changed base course to 138°T, at 2030.

Positions: 0800 41° 57.9'N. 125° 07.5'W.
1200 41° 15.5'N. 125° 04.3'W.
2000 39° 37.1'N. 124° 55.3'W.

20 December 1945

Steaming as before. 0035 Sighted POINT ARENA LIGHT bearing 100°T, distance 26 miles. At 0230 passed POINT ARENA LIGHT abeam to port, distance 15 miles. At 0238 changed standard speed to 14 knots, (75 RPM). At 0530 sighted POINT REYES LIGHT bearing 125°T, distance 27 miles. At 0544 changed standard speed to 15 knots, (82 RPM). Sighted FAVALLON LIGHT at 0630 bearing 152°T, distance 22 miles. At 0716 changed base course to 117°T. At 0730 passed POINT REYES LIGHT abeam to port, distance 12,000 yards. At 0830 sighted SAN FRANCISCO LIGHT SHIP bearing 119°T, distance 10,000 yards. At 0840 changed base course to 132°T. At 0845 passed SAN FRANCISCO LIGHT SHIP abeam to port and commenced steaming various courses and speeds conforming to entrance SAN FRANCISCO BAY. At 0945 passed under GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. At 1015 passed under OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE. At 1203 moored port side to PIER 5, BERTH HOW, NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

21 December 1945

Moored as before. At 0930 commenced taking on cargo.

22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30 and 31 December 1945

Moored as before.

END

ENCLOSURE (A)

U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. AKA84/A7/cjd

SERIAL NO. 504

Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.
21 November 1945



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

Subject: History of the U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84).

Reference: (a) ALPac 202 dated 142240 September 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Ship's History for period 23 February 1945 to
21 November 1945.

- 1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith as directed.

R. W. Baker

R. W. BAKER.

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U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

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HISTORY OF THE U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)

From the laying of the keel at the North Carolina, Shipbuilding Company, Wilmington, North Carolina, a C2-S-AJ3 hull type began to develop, until the time when she slid down the ways into the briny deep, as N.C. Hull 140 built for U.S. Maritime Commission, Hull 1395, on September 6, 1944 at 1415.

Mrs. H. V. Mason, wife of the Resident Hull Inspector of the Maritime Commission, was the sponsor.

The Navy then stepped in and the United States Ship WAUKESHA was born, and the ship was entrusted to the Todd Erie Shipyards, Brooklyn, New York, for conversion into an Attack Cargo type. The U.S.S. WAUKESHA was named after the county of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

From all parts of the globe, Veterans of the Pacific and Atlantic campaigns, youngsters fresh from their first bit of the Navy - "BOOT CAMP", gathered at the Naval Training Station, Newport, Rhode Island, where they were welded into a unit under the guidance of the Commander, Operational Training Command, Atlantic Fleet, with certain key personnel at the Shipyard to follow through with the conversion.

On 23 February 1945, Captain H. V. McKittrick, U.S. Navy, Captain of the Yard, Navy Yard, New York, N.Y., accepted the ship for the Navy Department, and delivered her into the custody of Lieutenant Commander John S. Herold (D), U.S.N.R., for commissioning.

At 1115, in the presence of the ship's company and a large number of guests, Lieutenant Commander Herold read his orders and assumed command. The Executive Officer, Lieutenant Robert W. Baker, (D), U.S.N.R., set the watch, and we were now ready to play our part in the conquest of Japan. Little did we know what lay before us, but each one was eager to come to grips with the common enemy.

Senior Officers (Heads of Departments) on board at time of commissioning were:

Lieutenant Commander John S. Herold (D), U.S.N.R.,	Commanding Officer.
Lieutenant Robert W. Baker, (D), U.S.N.R.,	Executive Officer.
Lieutenant Robert H. Dunnington, (D), U.S.N.R.,	Gunnery Officer.
Lieutenant Jared Darlington, III, (E), U.S.N.R.,	Engineering Officer.
Lieutenant (jg) Clifford A. Brown, U.S. Navy	Communication Officer.
Lieutenant (jg) John F. Trippler, U.S. Navy	First Lieutenant.
Lieutenant (jg) Murray "P" Mangum, (D), U.S.N.R.,	Navigator.
Lieutenant Jack W. Herrmann, MC, U.S.N.R.,	Medical Officer.
Lieutenant Max R. Connelly, SC, U.S. Navy	Supply Officer.

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HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)

A total of 35 officers and 322 enlisted men comprised the ship's complement.

After preliminary trials and inspections in Long Island Sound by the Navy and Ship yard representatives, and the loading of ship's supplies, the ship departed for Norfolk, Virginia, on 7 March 1945, arriving on 8 March 1945.

During the period 9-20 March 1945, various phases of Amphibious Training, tests, inspections, overhaul, etc., were conducted in Chesapeake Bay under the Shakedown Board of Commander Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet and the Norfolk Navy Yard.

20-27 March 1945 - General Cargo was loaded at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

27 March 1945 - "D" (for departure) Day saw the WAUKESHA take leave of Norfolk, and sail for the Pacific to take her rightful place with the Amphibious Forces.

On 2 April 1945, the transit of the Panama Canal was completed, and the WAUKESHA reported to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, for duty, departing on 3 April 1945 for Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Arrived Pearl Harbor on 17 April 1945, and unloading continued until 22 April 1945.

From 22 to 30 April 1945, the final training phases of amphibious operations were conducted in the Hawaiian Area, upon the completion of which the ship was considered ready to take her place as a unit of the Pacific Fleet.

The first loading of cargo for use in anti-submarine warfare was taken at Pearl Harbor, and on 11 May 1945, departed for OKINAWA.

Arrived ENIWETOK, Marshall Islands on 19 May 1945, reported for further routing, and departed on 5 June 1945.

Arrived ULITHI, Caroline Islands on 9 June 1945, and after a short wait, utilized to good advantage in shipboard work, training and recreation, the long awaited order: "The ship will get underway at" was received and we departed in convoy for OKINAWA, arriving on 14 July 1945, anchoring in BUCKNER BAY.

Using ships boats LCMs and LCVPs, for the first time, cargo was transported to the beach. This unloading continued until 30 July 1945, being interrupted twice by typhoons which caused all ships in the harbor to put to sea, and by nightly Japanese air raids, fortunately none of which caused any battle damage.

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On 6 August 1945, in convoy, departed for ULITHI, arriving on 10 August 1945, with orders to proceed to Pearl Harbor.

11 August 1945 brought forth word that the Japanese Government would surrender unconditionally, and orders were changed to proceed to Saipan, Marianas Islands.

On 13 August 1945, diverting orders to GUAM, Marianas Islands were received, and on 14 August 1945, the ship docked in Apra Harbor, GUAM.

Rush loading of cargo and personnel of the 4th Regiment (Reinforced) U.S. Marines, was the order of the day. On 15 August 1945, the official announcement of the capitulation of the Japanese Empire was received, but the celebration of this long awaited event was necessarily postponed (until arrival in the United States) due to the urgency of our mission, and loading continued at a pace beyond first estimation, and we departed to rendezvous with the Third Fleet off the coast of Japan as a part of the force to occupy the Tokyo Area.

Due to bad weather the entrance into Japanese waters was delayed, and on 27 August 1945, the ship anchored in SAGAMI WAN, HONSHU, Japan.

30 August 1945 - a day long awaited by the civilized peoples of the world - the landing of Naval and Military forces on Japanese soil. Boats and crews ready, hatch crews at their post, the signal, and the race to get men and supplies ashore. The initial landing on the shores of the YOKOSUKA Naval Base began.

No previous combat operations had been participated in by the WAUKESHA, although many of her officers and crew were veterans of the South and Central Pacific, Alaska, and the Mediterranean and Normandy operations. The spirit of the ship rose to extreme heights when she was chosen to be among the first, and the first AKA, to occupy the Japanese Empire. A signal honor.

A fast turn-around saw this ship, in company, sail from Tokyo WAN, enroute to SAIPAN, Marianas, arriving on 5 September 1945.

During the period 5 to 17 September 1945, remained at anchor at Saipan, engaging in recreation, shipboard repairs, obtaining of logistics, and the loading of cargo and personnel of the SECOND MARINE DIVISION. Some personnel were transferred for demobilization.

On 18 September 1945 in company with a transport squadron, departed for NAGASAKI, KYUSHU, Japan, arriving on 23 September 1945, and anchored in NAGASAKI KO. The next day, moved into the inner harbor, moored to DEJIMA WHARF, and commenced unloading.

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While in this harbor, partial views were obtained of the destruction wrought by the second of the atomic bombs dropped on the Japanese Homeland.

On the completion of unloading on 28 September 1945, underway for SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, arriving on 4 October 1945. Four (4) LCMs were transferred to Olangapo, and the ship departed for LINGAYEN GULF to obtain Five (5) Army LCMs from the Army Boat Pool, on 5 October 1945, departing the same day for MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, and anchored there on 6 October 1945.

During the period 7-10 October 1945, remained at Anchor in Manila Harbor, Liberty was granted, logistics obtained, and 2 additional Army LCMs and 2 Army Jig boats were obtained. Six officers and 14 men were transferred for demobilization.

Underway for LINGAYEN GULF on 11 October, and on 12 October anchored off SAN FABIAN. On 13 October shifted anchorage to ARINGAY, loaded cargo and personnel of the 33rd division of the 6th Army, and on completion on 17 October shifted anchorage to SAN FERNANDO.

On 18 October 1945, Lieutenant Robert W. Baker, (D), U.S.N.R., relieved Lieutenant Commander John S. Herold (D), U.S.N.R., as Commanding Officer, and Lieutenant Clifford A. Brown, U.S. Navy, assumed duties as Executive Officer. Two officers and two men were transferred for demobilization.

Departed for WAKAYAMA, Japan, arriving on 23 October 1945, and disembarked troops and unloaded cargo, which was completed on 25 October 1945.

On 23 October 1945, the WAUKESHA was detached from duty with the FIFTH FLEET, and reported for duty with the Naval Transportation Service.

The period 26-31 October was spent at WAKAYAMA waiting for orders, recreation, etc.

Departure was then taken for NAGOYA, Japan, arriving on 1 November 1945, reporting ready for sea on 2 November 1945.

On 8 November 1945, orders were received to sail for Seattle, Washington, and Army and Navy Personnel for demobilization were brought aboard, and the ship sailed on 9 November 1945.

Arrived Seattle, Washington, on 21 November 1945, unloaded personnel and reported for orders.

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Thus, during the short period of nine (9) months, and even though not participating in primary combat operations, the ship assisted in the secondary phases, cruised many miles in visiting the following places:

East and West Coasts of the United States.
Hawaiian, Marshall, Caroline, and Marianas Islands.
Okinawa.
Philippine Islands (Manila, Subic, Lingayen).
Japan (Tokyo Bay, Nagasaki)(Wakayama, and Nagoya).

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)

c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California,
28 September 1945.

AKA: A16-3/opj

Serial 034.

CONFIDENTIAL

- From: Commanding Officer;
 To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
 Via: (1) C.T.U. 54.3.12 (Captain A.T. MOEN, U.S.N.) ComTransDiv 60,
 U.S.S. GRIMES (APA 172), Flagship.
 (2) C.T.G. 54.3 - Nagasaki Group (Commodore H.B. KNOWLES, U.S.N.),
 ComTransRon 12, U.S.S. CAMBRIA (APA 36), Flagship.
 (3) C.T.G. 54.1 - Southern Occupation Group (Rear Admiral L.F.
 REIFSNIDER, U.S.N.) Commander Amphibious Group 4,
 Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, U.S.S. MT MCKINLEY, Flagship.
 (4) C.T.F. 54 (Vice Admiral H.W. HILL, U.S.N.) Commander FIFTH
 Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S.S. AUBURN, Flagship.
 (5) Commander FIFTH Fleet.
 (6) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.

Subject: Action Report, Nagasaki Occupation, 23-27 September 1945.

- References: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
 (b) Pacific Fleet Confidential Ltr. 1 CL-45.
 (c) ComTransRon 12 desp. 210616 September 1945.

Enclosure: (A) General Action Report, Occupation of Nagasaki, 23-27 September 1945.

1. In compliance with references (a), (b), and (c), Enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

2. Due to the absence of ComTransDiv 60 from this area, this report is forwarded direct to ComTransRon 12 to prevent excessive delay. A copy is forwarded direct to ComTransDiv 60.

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U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)

CONFIDENTIAL

28 September 1945

ACTION REPORT

Part I Brief Summary

A. At 1056 KING Time, 10 September 1945 moored to Pier A-5, Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, and commenced loading cargo and vehicles of the Second Marine Division. Completed loading 1825 tons of cargo on 13 September 1945.

In company with Task Group 54.19 (TransRon 12) this ship as a part of Task Unit 54.19.1 departed Saipan at 1615 KING Time, 18 September 1945.

Arrived Nagasaki, Japan 23 September 1945, and commenced unloading from anchorage in outer harbor. On 24 September, moved into the inner harbor and moored to the DeJima wharf, where unloading continued.

Completed unloading at 1730 27 September 1945.

Part II Preliminaries

- A.
 1. United States Fleet.
 2. Task Force 54 (Fifth Amphibious Force).
 3. Task Group 54.3 (Nagasaki Group).
 4. Task Unit 54.3.12 (Transport Division 60).
 - (a) U.S.S. GRIMES (F) (APA 172)
 - (b) U.S.S. MERIWETHER (APA 203)
 - (c) U.S.S. LANIER (APA 125)
 - (d) U.S.S. MELLETTE (APA 156)
 - (e) U.S.S. BRAXTON (APA 138)
 - (f) U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
 - (g) U.S.S. TYRRELL (AKA 80)
- B. Covered in Parts I and III.
- C. Covered in Parts I and III.
- D. Covered in Parts I and III.
- E. Covered in Part IV-B.

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Part III. Chronological Account of Action.

A. 10-11-12-13 September 1945

Loading cargo at Pier 5-A, Saipan.

14-15-16-17 September 1945

At anchor, Saipan.

18 September 1945

Underway for Nagasaki, Japan in company with Task Group 54.19.

19-20-21-22 September 1945

Underway, enroute to Nagasaki.

23 September 1945 (ITEM Time)

Arrived Nagasaki, Japan. Anchored in Berth 3, Nagasaki Ko at 0951. Despatched 15 LCVF to U.S.S. BRAXTON (APA 138) to land assault battalion. 1800 commenced unloading.

24 September 1945

0915 underway to dock at DeJima wharf.

1045 docked ship.

1250 commenced discharging cargo on dock.

25-26-27 September 1945

Unloading cargo.

- B. The weather was most favorable during unloading operations. No time was lost due to weather.

Part IV Ordnance

- A. No guns of this ship or guns in lading boats were fired; no ammunition was expended.
- B. No enemy activity was observed.

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Part V Damage

- A. No battle damage was sustained by this ship or its boats.
- B. No battle damage to enemy units was observed.

Part VI Special Comments and Information

- A. No comment.
- B. No comment.
- C. 1(a) 8 officers, 80 enlisted, of the 2nd Marine Division.
1(b) Embarked at Saipan 10 September 1945, disembarked at Nagasaki, Japan 27 September 1945.
1(c) 1825 tons of vehicles, ammunition, rations, Quartermaster and PX supplies.
2(a) 8 LCM(3)
15 LCVP
1 LCPL
2(b) Boats were in good running order. Only one trip was made to the beach by boats, the remainder of the cargo being unloaded at the dock. Boats were despatched to ships in the stream under orders of ComTransRon 12. 1 LCM was transferred to the boat pool on 27 September 1945.
3. No comment.
4. A shortage of trucks delayed unloading at the dock.
5. There were no casualties.

Part VII Personnel Performance and Casualties

No personnel casualties.
Performance of all personnel was excellent.

Part VIII Lessons Learned, Conclusions and Recommendations.

- 1. Unloading from this ship was delayed because vehicles were loaded beneath general cargo. Vehicles should have been loaded as a number one priority.

USS Waukesha

REG. NO 479
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AKAB4/AL6-3/opj
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c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California,
5 September 1945.

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From: Commanding Officer.
 To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
 Via: (1) C.T.U. 31.4.2 (Captain A.T. MOEN, USN, ComTransDiv60,
 U.S.S. GRIMES, Flagship.)
 (2) C.T.G. 31.4 (Commodore R.N. SMOOT, USN) Commander Transport
 Group, now SOPA Administrative, Yokosuka.)
 (3) Commander Task Force 31 (Rear Admiral O.C. BADGER, USN,
 ComBatDiv 7, U.S.S. SAN DIEGO, Flagship.)
 (4) Commander Third Fleet.
 (5) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.

Subject: Action Report, Tokyo Bay Occupation (Yokosuka Naval Base,
 August 30-31, 1945).

Reference: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.
 (b) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 1 CL-45.

Enclosure: (A) General Action Report, Occupation of Yokosuka Naval Base,
 Tokyo Bay Area, August 30-31, 1945.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), Enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

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5 September 1945

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A. This ship, attached to Task Unit 12.1.2 arrived off Apra Harbor, Guam, at 0900 KING Time, 14 August, tied up alongside Pier "E" at 1030 and commenced loading vehicles and cargo of the Fourth Marine Regiment, Sixth Marine Division at 1750. Upon completion of loading at 1745, 15 August 1945 departed Apra Harbor, joined Task Unit 12.1.2 at 2200 and proceeded to rendezvous with the Third Fleet at 2000 ITEM, 19 August.

In company with Task Force 31 (Yokosuka Occupation Force, formed 20 August) this ship, in company with T.U. 12.1.2, redesignated Task Unit 31.4.2, operated in the general area 400 miles southeast of Tokyo where fueling and provisioning were conducted until 27 August in preparation for entering Tokyo Bay. Entered Sagami Wan with Task Unit 31.4.2 and anchored at 1705 on 27 August in company with units of the Third Fleet and British Pacific Fleet. Underway from Sagami Wan at 0245 30 August in company with Task Unit 31.4.2 for Tokyo Bay. Arrived in the Transport Area at 0743 and commenced landing operations at 0745. Completed unloading at 0012, 1 September, secured for sea and departed Tokyo Bay at 1530 in company with assigned Task Unit less the U.S.S. MELLETTE.

Part II. Preliminaries.

- A. 1. United States Third Fleet.
 2. Task Force 31 (Yokosuka Occupation Force).
 3. Task Group 31.4 (Transport Group).
 4. Task Unit 31.4.2 (Transport Unit Able).
 U.S.S. GRIMES (F) (APA 172)
 U.S.S. MERIWETHER (APA 203)
 U.S.S. LANIER (APA 125)
 U.S.S. MELLETTE (APA 156)
 U.S.S. BRAXTON (APA 138)
 U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84)
- B. Covered in Parts I and III.
 C. Covered in Parts I and III.
 D. Covered in Parts I and III.
 E. Covered in Part IV-B.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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ACTION REPORT

Part III. Chronological Account of Action.

A. 14 August 1945 (KING Time)

0900 Arrived Apra Harbor, Guam.
1030 Moored alongside Pier "E", Apra Harbor.
1430 All hatches open and ready for loading.
1750 Commenced loading vehicles and cargo.

15 August 1945

1745 Completed loading and secured for sea.
1839 Underway.
2200 Rendezvoused with and joined Task Unit 12.1.2

19 August 1945 (ITEM Time)

2000 Rendezvoused with units of the Third Fleet.

20-26 August 1945

Steaming in company with Task Force 31 and units of the Third Fleet. Conducted fueling at sea and provisioning in preparations for entering Tokyo Bay.

27 August 1945

1705 Anchored in Sagami Wan.

30 August 1945

0245 Underway in company with Task Unit 31.4.2.
0600 Commenced approach to Tokyo Bay.
0720 Entered Tokyo Bay.
0745 Anchored in Transport Area. Commenced landing operations.
0815 Despatched 8 LCVP's to the U.S.S. LANIER.
0818 All boats waterborne. Despatched 6 LCVP's and 2 LCM's to the U.S.S. MELLETTE.
0930 H Hour.
0940 All hatches open and ready for unloading at all holds. Commenced unloading.
2130 Ceased unloading on orders from C.T.U. due to warning of mine adrift in the area.

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Part III Chronological Account of Action (Cont'd).

31 August 1945

0200 Continued unloading on signal.
1057 Received LSM 368 alongside to port forward.
1621 Received LSM 208 starboard side aft.
2125 Completed unloading forward and cast off LSM 368.

1 September 1945

0012 Completed unloading ship.
0045 Cast off LSM 208.
0700 Despatched 8 LCM's and 11 LCVP's to C.T.G. 31.8 (SOFA Administrative, Yokosuka) for transfer and assignment to Boat Pool.
1140 Boat crews returned to ship.
1515 Underway in company with Transport Division 60, less the U.S.S. MELLETTE, standing out of Tokyo Bay.

B. The weather was most favorable during loading operations at Guam, but during the unloading phase the wind and sea in Tokyo Bay necessitated light loading of boats during the nights of 30 and 31 August.

Part IV Ordnance.

A. No guns of this ship or guns carried in boats of this ship were fired; no ammunition was expended.

B. No enemy gunnery, torpedo or aircraft activity was observed.

Part V Damage.

A. No battle damage was sustained by this ship or boats of this ship.

B. No battle damage to enemy units was observed.

Part VI Special Comments and Information.

A. No comment.

B. No comment.

C. 1. a. Eight officers, 129 enlisted, Fourth Marine Regiment, Sixth Marine Division.

b. Embarked at Guam 15 August 1945, disembarked at Yokosuka Naval Base, Tokyo Bay 30-31 August 1945.

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Part VI Special Comments and Information (Cont'd).

c. 1350 tons of vehicles, ammunition, rations, Quartermaster's and PX's supplies were loaded on a hurry-up basis and not according to plan.

d. Loaded at Guam 15 August 1945, unloaded at Yokosuka Naval Base, Tokyo Bay 30-31 August 1945.

2. a. Eight LCM(3).

Fifteen LCVP.

One LCPL.

b. All boats were in good operating order and only minor repairs were needed to keep them running. One LCM(3) of LSD 15 was used to make three trips to the beach with cargo. One hundred eleven (111) trips to the beach were made by this ship's boats with vehicles and cargo. Two (2) LXM's were made available on 31 August. This did much to expedite unloading as our boats were continuously tied up at the beach with a very slow turn-around.

3. No comment.

4. The beach party was short handed on personnel to unload boats. This factor delayed unloading.

5. No casualties were evacuated.

Part VII Personnel Performance and Casualties.

No personnel casualties were sustained. The performance of all personnel was excellent. Boat crews are to be especially commended for their boat handling and excellent work.

Part VIII Lessons Learned, Conclusions and Recommendations.

This was the first landing operation in which this vessel participated and, although there was little time for detail planning and no time available for practice maneuvers, it is believed that the overall operation was unusually efficient and smooth working, with operations in the Transport Area particularly free of the confusion which has so often characterized other operations.

It is emphatically believed that loading of loose cargo, as opposed to palletized, greatly facilitated the unloading of this vessel.

U. S. S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

FILE NO. AKA84/A16-3/etm

SERIAL NO. 035

c/o Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.
9 November 1945.

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : (1) C.T.U. 54.15.16 (Captain W. P. DAVIS, U.S.N.),
ComDesDiv 26, U.S.S. LIVERMORE (DD-429), Flagship.
(2) C.T.G. 54.6 WAKAYAMA GROUP (Rear Admiral A. G.
NOBLE, U.S.N.), Commander Amphibious Group
Eight, U.S.S. WASATCH (AGC-9), Flagship.
(3) C.T.F. 54 (Rear Admiral L. F. REIFSNIDER, U.S.N.),
Commander Amphibious Group Four, Amphibious Forces,
U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S.S. MT. MCKINLEY (AGC-7),
Flagship.
(4) Commander Fifth Fleet.
(5) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Action Report, Wakayama Landing, 25-26 October 1945
in Support of the Baker 10, Baker 11 and Baker 12
Operations.

Reference: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations 1920.
(b) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 1CL-45.
(c) CO, U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA 84) conf. ltr. AKA84/A16-3/etm
serial 034 dated 28 September 1945.

Enclosure: (A) General Action Report, Wakayama Landing 25-26
October 1945 in Support of the Baker 10, Baker 11
and Baker 12 Operations. *P. 2*

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (A)
is submitted herewith.

2. Due to the temporary nature of ComDesDiv 26 as commanding
officer of Task Unit 54.15.16 enroute San Fernando, Luzon to Wakayama,
this report is forwarded direct to ComPhibGroup 8 to prevent excessive
delay. A copy is forwarded direct to ComDesDiv 26.

R. W. Baker

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

9 November 1945.

ACTION REPORTPart I Brief Summary

Upon completion of the Nagasaki Operation, reference (c), this ship was ordered to Subic Bay, Luzon to drop landing craft then to Lingayen Gulf to pick up Army boats and finally to Manila for logistics arriving there 6 October. Reported to ComPhibGroup 14 for orders after fueling and provisioning in accordance with orders of ComTransRon 12.

Departed Manila for Lingayen 11 October accordance orders of ComPhib-Group 14. Upon arrival reported to Port Director, San Fernando for loading 1st Corps elements as directed by Lieutenant Colonel Billingsley, Sixth Army Transportation Officer.

Commenced loading cargo and personnel of the 123rd Infantry Regiment, 33rd Division at 141700 ITEM using own and Army boats from anchorage 4000 yards off Arin Quay Beach. Completed loading at 161530 ITEM and moved to anchorage off San Fernando awaiting further orders.

Departed San Fernando in company with Task Unit 54.15.16 at 181700 ITEM for Wakayama, Japan. Upon arrival 231200 ITEM Task Unit was dissolved. Reported to ComLSTFlot 34 for orders and commenced unloading at 250930 ITEM using own and Army boats at Yellow Beach, Wakayama from anchorage 3000 yards off the beach. Completed unloading except for Army boats and Army boat personnel at 260730 ITEM and reported ready for sea at 270600 pending disposition of Army boats.

Departed Wakayama at 011530 ITEM accordance orders ComLSTFlot 34 arriving Nagoya at 021230. Unloaded boats and detached personnel in accordance with orders of ComGen 6th Army and 534th E.B.&S.R. In accordance with orders of ComLSTFlot 13 reported to CinCPac info CNO ready for sea at Nagoya 030600 ITEM.

Loaded 15 Navy Officers, 35 Navy enlisted, 2 Army Officers, 275 Army enlisted as directed by Port Director and departed Nagoya 091200 ITEM for Seattle in accordance orders of Commander Western Sea Frontier.

Part II Preliminaries

- A. 1. United States Fifth Fleet.
 2. Task Force 54.
 3. Task Group 54.6 Wakayama Group (Rear Admiral A. G. NOBLE, U.S.N.) Commander Amphibious Group 8.
 4. Task Unit 54.15.16 (Capt. W. P. DAVIS, U.S.N.) ComDesDiv 26.
 (a) U.S.S. LIVERMORE (DD-429) Flagship
 (b) U.S.S. AUDRIAN (APA*59)
 (c) U.S.S. TROILUS (AKA-46)
 (d) U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84)

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9 November 1945.

ACTION REPORT

Part II (Continued)

- B. Covered in Parts I and III.
- C. Covered in Parts I and III.
- D. Covered in Parts I and III.
- E. Covered in Parts IV-B.

Part III Chronological Account of Action.

A. 4 October 1945

1600 Arrived Subic Bay, dropped Navy LCM's.
2100 Departed Subic Bay.

5 October 1945

1130 Arrived off San Fabian, Lingayen.
1800 Lifted 5 LCM's of 534th E.B.&S.R. plus crews.
2000 Departed Lingayen.

6 October 1945

1530 Arrived Manila.

6-10 October 1945

Fueled and Provisioned.

10 October 1945

Lifted 2 additional LCM's from U.S.S. CAPRICORNUS, 2 Jig boats,
3 Army Officers and boat crews.

11 October 1945

1700 Departed Manila for Lingayen.

12 October 1945

1130 Arrived off Arinquay, Lingayen Gulf.

14 October 1945

1700 Commenced loading.

16 October 1945

1530 Completed loading.

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9 November 1945.

ACTION REPORT

Part III (Continued)

17 October 1945

0800 Moved to anchorage off San Fernando.

18 October 1945

1030 Lieutenant R. W. BAKER relieved Lieutenant Commander J. S. HEROLD as Commanding Officer.

1700 Underway in company with Task Unit 54.15.16 for Wakayama.

18-23 October 1945

Enroute San Fernando to Wakayama.

23 October 1945

1200 Arrived Wakayama. Task Unit dissolved. Reported ComLSTFlot 34 for orders.

25 October 1945

0930 Commenced unloading.

26 October 1945

0730 Completed unloading except for Army boats and boat personnel.

27 October 1945

0600 Reported ready for sea pending disposition of Army boats.

27 October - 1 November 1945

At anchor Wakayama awaiting orders from Sixth Army Headquarters as to disposition of boats.

1 November 1945

1530 Underway for Nagoya.

2 November 1945

1235 Arrived Nagoya and anchored.

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9 November 1945.

ACTION REPORT

Part III (Continued)

1430 Discharged boats and personnel to 534th E.B.&S.R.

1445 Reported Ready for Sea to Senior Amphibious Representative (ComLSMFlot 13). Further ordered to report to CinCPac.

3 November 1945

0600 Reported for duty and orders to CinCPac info CNO.

4 November 1945

0730 Underway in accordance with Port Director orders to inner harbor Berth 5 alongside East Pier.

5 November 1945

0630 Underway from Berth 5 to anchorage in outer harbor.

5-7 November 1945

1130 Received orders from ComWesSeaFron to proceed Seattle available for personnel and cargo lift enroute.

8 November 1945

Embarked 15 Navy officers, 35 enlisted.

9 November 1945

1100 Embarked 2 Army Officers, 275 enlisted.

1200 Underway for Seattle.

- B. The weather was most favorable for loading and unloading with one exception. A fresh offshore wind caused a heavy surf during the night of October 14-15. One LCVP was lost after broaching at the loading beach and as a result of subsequent damage from a bulldozer attempting to remove it.
- C. None.

Part IV Ordnance

- A. No guns of this ship or guns carried in boats of this ship were fired, no ammunition was expended.

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9 November 1945.

ACTION REPORT

Part IV (Continued)

- B. No enemy gunnery, torpedo or aircraft activity was observed.
- C. None

Part V Damage

- A. No battle damage was sustained by this ship or boats of this ship. One boat was lost but was reported as an operational loss attributed to weather and surf.
- B. No battle damage to enemy units was observed.

Part VI Special Comments and Information

- A. No comment.
- B. No comment.
- C. Amphibious Action.
 - 1. Troops and Cargo.
 - a. 25 Officers, 286 enlisted of the 123rd Infantry Regiment 33rd Division, 3 Officers, 34 enlisted of the 534th E.B.&S.R.
 - b. Embarked officers and enlisted of the 123rd Infantry at Arinquay beach, Lingayen Gulf 16 October and disembarked some at Wakayama 26 October. Embarked officers and 14 enlisted of the 534th E.B.&S.R. at Manila 10 October, 20 enlisted of the 534th E.B.&S.R. at San Fabian 5 October and disembarked all 534th E.B.&S.R. personnel at Nagoya 2 November.
 - c. 903 tons of vehicles and engineering equipment. 7 Army LCM's and 2 Army Jig Boats of 534th E.B.&S.R.
 - d. Vehicles and Engineering Equipment loaded by boats from Arinquay beach, Lingayen October 14-16 unloaded by boats at yellow beach, Wakayama October 25-26. Army LCM's and Jig boats loaded at San Fabian and Manila October 5th and 10th. Unloaded at Nagoya November 2nd.

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9 November 1945.

ACTION REPORT

Part VI (Continued)

2. Landing Craft

- a. 1 LCM(3) 7 Army LCM.
12 LCVP Navy
1 LCPL Navy
2 Army Jig Boats

b. All boats were in good operating order but considerable difficulty was experienced at Arinquay beach during loading. A sand bar just off the beach fouled up several screws and repairs had to be made constantly with an average of 2 LCM's out of commission all the time. One LCVP was lost after broaching in a heavy surf. Additional damage from a Bulldozer trying to remove boat from beach made it useless and impossible to salvage.

c. No comment.

3. No comment.

4. Beach organization both for loading and unloading was excellent. Traffic moved regularly and it is the opinion of this command that excellent teamwork was the result of understanding and cooperation of all units concerned.

5. No casualties were evacuated.

Part VII Personnel Performance and Casualties.

No personnel casualties were sustained. The Performance of all personnel was excellent. Team work between Army and Navy boat crews was admirable. Cooperation between ship T.Q.M. and troop T.Q.M. and loading officers was excellent.

Part VIII Lessons Learned, Conclusions and Recommendations.

A.

1. Loading and unloading by boats both own and Army was accomplished in an excellent manner. This was the first time this ship has loaded by boats.
2. On October 26th this ship was reported ready for sea at Wakayama at 270600 ITEM but did not depart until 011530 ITEM a delay of 5 1/2 days. The Commanding Officer made two trips personally to Kobe Base Headquarters to expedite action on the disposition of Army boats and boat personnel destined for Nagoya.

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

9 November 1945.

ACTION REPORT

Part VIII (Continued)

Kobe Base Headquarters would not take action and requested transportation from 6th Army Headquarters for boats and personnel to Nagoya on October 27th. Departure was finally taken at 011570 ITEM November.

Upon arrival Nagoya no delay was experienced in detaching boats and personnel however after reporting Ready for Sea to the Port Director and awaiting orders from CinCPac this ship was ordered alongside Berth 5 inner harbor Nagoya for unloading. Information was requested of Port Director before moving but none was forthcoming.

Upon securing to the dock it was learned that the Sixth Army cargo officer had ordered the Waukesha to the dock for unloading and that it was all a mistake.

These comments are submitted only to explain the circumstances surrounding what this command considers as an unnecessary delay in available shipping at a time when the Army and Navy can ill afford it. If all cognizant commands, both Army and Navy, were familiar with the contents of CinCPac 090808 September (AlPac 189) quoted below for information it is believed that excessive delays as experienced by this ship would be illimitated and that available shipping for cargo and personnel could be used in accordance with the true spirit of AlPac 189.

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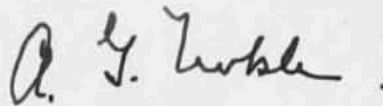
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To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: (1) Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
(2) Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Action Report, Wakayama Landing, 25-26 October 1945 in Support of the Baker 10, Baker 11 and Baker 12 Operations.

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A. G. NOBLE

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CO, USS WAUKESHA

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From: Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Action Report, Wakayama Landing, 25-26 October 1945
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