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U. S. S. WHEATLAND (AKA-85)

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5 June 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for Month of April, Submission of.  
Reference: (a) ComInCh Ser. 7152 of 29 Oct. 1943.  
(b) ALNAV 176-43.  
(c) DesLant X-22 (Revision 2)

3-5 April 1945 (Zone plus four time)

1430 Q USS WHEATLAND (AKA-85) commissioned at Atlantic Basin Iron Works, Brooklyn, N. Y. This vessel was thereupon attached to Chief of Naval Operations. 1800 Ship moved to 35th St., Pier, Brooklyn, N. Y. for loading supplies.

6 April 1945

1600 Q Ship moved to Navy Yard Annex, Bayonne, N. J., for deperming.

7 April 1945

0700 Q Ship moved to anchorage in Gravesend Bay to load ammunition.

8 April 1945

1100 Q Proceeded to Long Island Sound to conduct sea trials.

9 April 1945

Long Island Sound conducting sea trials.

10 April 1945

1230 Q Proceeded to 35th St., Pier, Brooklyn, N. Y.

11-13 April 1945

Completed loading supplies and finishing of various work items by Atlantic Basin Iron Works. Loaded part of landing craft.

14 April 1945

In accordance with ComPhibTraLants directives reported this date for duty, and underway for Norfolk, Va., at 1300 Q via QJC 200, 196<sup>0</sup>T and QJC 145 and 175; my confidential despatch 141412, "for shakedown."

2000 Q - 39<sup>0</sup>05N, 73<sup>0</sup>53W

15 April 1945

1200 Q Arrived off NOB, Norfolk, Va., and moored berth 45, pier 4.

0800 Q - 36<sup>0</sup>53'N, 75<sup>0</sup>18'30W

16 April 1945

0800 Q Moved to anchorage in berth 25, Hampton Roads, loaded remaining landing craft.

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17 April 1945

1230 Q Moved to anchorage off Little Creek, Va., for amphibious training exercises and commenced same.

18-19 April 1945

Continued conducting amphibious training exercises at anchor off Little Creek, Va.

20 April 1945

1200 Q Underway for Chesapeake Bay to conduct tactical trials.  
1800 Q Anchored off the mouth of the Rappahanock River, Chesapeake Bay.

21 April 1945

0700 Q Underway for firing area Southern Baker, Chesapeake Bay, to conduct spotting, SRBP and AA practice, firing at anchored raft, towed sleeve, and drone. 1800 Q Concluded practice and proceeded to anchorage off Cape Charles City, Md. Expended 45 rounds 5"38, 1299 rounds 40 MM and 5503 rounds 20 MM.

22 April 1945

0600 Q Proceeded to anchorage off Little Creek, Va. 1600 Q Proceeded to anchorage off Cape Charles City, Md.

23 April 1945

0900 Q Underway in Chesapeake Bay, conducting fueling at sea exercises with USS ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM (DD-756). 1100 Q Completed exercises and proceeded to berth 5, Hampton Roads, Va.

24 April 1945

Continued amphibious training exercises at anchor, berth 5, Hampton Roads, Va.

25 April 1945

Concluded amphibious training exercises. 1400 Q Proceeded to Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., for post shakedown availability, in accordance with ComPhib-TraLant confidential despatch 221448 of April.

26-29 April 1945

Moored at pier 6, berth 39, Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing post shakedown availability.

30 April 1945

0700 Q Underway for Army Base, Norfolk, Va., to load cargo in accordance with ComPhib-TraLant confidential despatch 291838 of April. 1300 Q Commenced loading cargo from pier 2, Army Base, Norfolk, Va.

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1-6 May 1945 (Zone plus four time).

Moored berth 25 pier 2, Army Base, Norfolk, Va. loading cargo. Attached to ComSerForLant. 0630 Q 5 May completed loading cargo.

7 May 1945

1400 Q Underway from alongside Berth 25, Pier 2, Army Base, Norfolk, Va. in accordance with ComSerForLant secret despatch 042003 of May in company with USS LEE FOX (APD-45), USS J. Q. ROBERTS (APD-94), USS BEGOR (APD-127), USS CAVALLARO (APD-128) composing TU 29.6.1 with CTU in USS WHEATLAND. 2030 Q Took departure from buoy "XS" enroute to Cristobal, C.Z. Escorts formed Anti-Submarine screen 54.

2000 - 36° 56.5' N  
74 44 ' W

8 May 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 35° 09.5' N      1200 - 34° 13' N      2000 - 32° 26' N  
72 54 ' W                      72 57' W                      73 15' W

9 May 1945

0800 Q Formed Anti-Submarine screen 53. USS LEE FOX assumed formation guide 700 yards ahead of USS WHEATLAND for station keeping training. 1800 Q Disposition resumed screen 54.

0800 - 29° 33.5' N      1200 - 28° 41' N      2000 - 26° 58' N  
73 38 ' W                      73 47' W                      74 11' W

10 May 1945

1000 Q Formed Air Defense Screen 71. Simulated approach of enemy aircraft for CIC plotting practice. Manned General Quarters stations. Simulated launching of air craft and vectored them out toward enemy aircraft. Conducted evasive maneuvers, using 5"38 bursts in various sectors and at various altitudes as targets representing hostile aircraft, fired all batteries. Expended 22 rounds 5"38, 516 rounds 40MM. No casualties. 1050 Q Resumed screen 54.

0800 - 24° 12' N      1200 - 23° 21' N      2000 - 21° 50' N  
74 09.5' W                      74 25' W                      74 33' W

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11 May 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 19° 06' N	1200 - 18° 20' N	2000 - 16° 42' N
74° 40' W	75° 11' W	76° 15' W

12 May 1945

1010 Q Formed Air Defense Screen 71. Simulated approach of enemy aircraft for CIC plotting practice. Manned General Quarters stations. Simulated launching of aircraft and vectored them out toward enemy aircraft. Conducted evasive maneuvers. Using 5"38 bursts in various sectors and at various altitudes as targets representing hostile aircraft, fired all batteries. No casualties. Expended 16 rounds 5"38, 297 rounds 40MM. 1115 Q Resumed screen 54.

0800 - 14° 21' N	1200 - 13° 15' N	2000 - 12° 01.5' N
77° 40' W	78° 03' W	79° 33' W

13 May 1945

0700 Q Entered swept channel, having formed Form 18, USS WHEATLAND following screen. 0800 Q Entered Cristobal Harbor. 0900 Q Moored to pier 10, Colon Dock, Cristobal, C.Z. TU 29.6.1 dissolved in accordance with CSF secret despatch 042003 of May. In my 131703 reported for duty to CincPac via Radio Balboa. Now attached: Amphibious Forces Pacific Fleet, TransSquad 24, TransDiv 72.

14 May 1945 (Zone plus five time)

0600 R Underway from pier 10, Colon Dock, Cristobal, C.Z. 0630 R Commenced transiting Panama Canal. 1430 R Completed uneventful transit of Panama Canal. 1508 Took departure from Panama Bay station ship, proceeding independently in accordance with ComPaSeaFron secret despatch 131537 of May, enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2000 - 07° 38' N
79° 30' W

15 May 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 06° 40.5' N	1200 - 06° 43' N	2000 - 06° 50' N
82° 11' W	83° 08' W	85° 00' W

16 May 1945

Underway as before. 1300 R Held anti-aircraft drill, General Quarters stations manned, using varied bursts of 5"38 as a target for the automatic weapons, fired all batteries. No casualties. Expended 6 rounds 5"38, 145 rounds 40MM and 1888 rounds of 20MM. 1530 Streamed balloons and commenced testing 30 and 50 caliber guns on the landing boats. Expended 500 rounds 30 cal. and 850 rounds 50 cal. 2330 R Increased to full speed to contact Tug Hillsboro Inlet and Tow requesting medical assistance pursuant to ComPaSeaFron confidential despatch 170137 of May.

0800 - 07° 42' N	1200 - 08° 02.5' N	2000 - 08° 21' N
87° 24' W	88° 24' W	89° 59' W

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17 May 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 09° 27' N	1200 - 09° 56' N	2000 - (S) 10° 42' N
92° 49' W	93° 47' W	96° 05' W

18-20 May 1945 (Zone plus six time)

Underway as before.

18th	19th	20th
0800 - 11° 52' N	0800 - 13° 37' N	0800 - 14° 56.5' N
99° 41' W	105° 42' W	111° 00' W
1200 - 12° 03' N	1200 - 13° 42' N	1200 - 15° 09' N
100° 43' W	106° 56' W	111° 37.5' W
2000 - 12° 47' N	2000 - 14° 24' N	2000 - (T) 15° 41' N
102° 45' W	108° 43' W	113° 37' W

21 May 1945 (Zone plus seven time)

0300 Made contact with Hillsboro Inlet and Tow. Which stated neither medical aid nor assistance was required.

0800 - 16° 28' N	1200 - 16° 43' N	2000 - 17° 02' N
116° 20' W	117° 22' W	119° 20' W

22 May 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 17° 39' N	1200 - 17° 57' N	2000 - (U) 18° 17' N
122° 23' W	123° 23' W	125° 34' W

23-25 May 1945 (Zone plus eight time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 18° 52' N	0800 - 19° 49' N	0800 - 20° 31' N
128° 42' W	134° 50' W	140° 37' W
1200 - 19° 03' N	1200 - 19° 57' N	1200 - 20° 35' N
129° 44' W	135° 33' W	141° 37' W
2000 - 19° 22' N	2000 - 20° 10' N	2000 - (V) 20° 43' N
131° 47' W	137° 43' W	143° 52' W

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26-27 May 1945 (Zone plus nine time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 20 <sup>o</sup> 49' N 146 <sup>o</sup> 29' W	26th <sup>o</sup>	0800 - 21 <sup>o</sup> 12' N 152 <sup>o</sup> 15' W
1200 - 20 <sup>o</sup> 53' N 147 <sup>o</sup> 29' W		1200 - 21 <sup>o</sup> 14' N 153 <sup>o</sup> 10' W
2000 - 21 <sup>o</sup> 01' N 149 <sup>o</sup> 21' W		2000 - (VW) 21 <sup>o</sup> 18' N 155 <sup>o</sup> 09' W

28 May 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half)

0735 VW Entered swept channel and proceeded into Pearl Harbor, T.H., mooring to buoys bow and stern in berth X-9.

29 May 1945

0730 VW Underway shifting berth. 0818 VW Moored to pier in berth K-5 Pearl Harbor T.H. 1315 VW Commenced discharging cargo to dock.

30-31 May 1945

Moored berth K-5 Pearl Harbor, T.H. discharging cargo.

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1-2 June 1945 (Zone plus nine and one half time)

Moored berth K-5, Pearl Harbor, T.H.; attached to Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, TransSquad 24, TransDiv 72. Discharging cargo.

3 June 1945

0630 VW Moved to berth X-10, and moored bow and stern to buoys, alongside U.S.S. DEVOSA (AKA-27).

4-10 June 1945

Moored as before.

11 June 1945

0800 VW TU 13.10.1 established in accordance with AdComPhibsPac Training Order Al25-45 dated 10 June 1945. Consisting of U.S.S. WHEATLAND (AKA-85) and U.S.S. BARNETT (APA-5), CTU Captain W.P. McCarthy in U.S.S. BARNETT. Moored as before.

12 June 1945

0600 VW CTU 13.10.1 Training Order Al-45 dated 11 June 1945 became operative. U.S.S. HAMPTON (APA-115), U.S.S. BURLESON (APA-67), U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA-97) were indicated as potential joinees during the course of the training operation. 0630 VW Underway in accordance with Training Orders Al25-45 and Al-45, sortied from Pearl Harbor and proceeded to south corner of Operating Area Charlie 8, in company with U.S.S. BARNETT (APA-5) Flagship, using Form 18, Barnett guide. Held anti-aircraft practice on towed sleeves while on course 180°T, fired all batteries. This was a good practice as varied angles of approach and altitudes were used while crossing over the ships. Expended, 65 rounds of 5"38, 1557 rounds of 40MM, 2063 rounds of 20MM. Tactical maneuvers, general drills, and communication drills were held during the balance of the day as the disposition proceeded south to Operating Area Charlie 4, where we cruised during the night.

0800 - 21° 13' 00" N 1200 - 20° 54' 00" N 2000 - 20° 16' 00" N  
157° 52' 00" W 157° 22' 00" W 156° 45' 00" W

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13 June 1945

Proceeded north from Operating Area Charlie 4, passing to the west of Kahoolawe Island. The disposition then came to course 090° T; passing to the southered of Lanai Island to the Transport Area, located 15,000 yards off the beaches of Maui Island just south of Kamaole ATB. 0730 Commenced simulated invasion exercises. After all boats were lowered, proceeded to assigned berth off Kamaole, landing boats going into beach in waves, and landing boats continued simulated cargo trips supplying the beach, with the ship conducting simulated loading of the boats. During the day the ship held damage control and battle problems, and continued simulated cargo unloading and landing exercises. 1200 VW Joined by U.S.S. MERRICK (AKA-97). 1930 VW Simulated approach of enemy planes and hoisted boats against time. 2012 VW Underway proceeding south between Kahoolawe Island and Maui Island Form 18, guiding on Barnett, Merrick astern. Torpedo planes and motor torpedo boats hit just after dark while still in the strait, and aided by the moon and well placed flares theoretically sank all ships, despite evasive maneuvers. Upon the completion of the exercise proceeded south to Area Charlie 8 and cruised for the balance of the night.

0800 - 20° 41' 39" N 1200 - 20° 31' 00" N 2000 - 20° 40' 30" N  
156° 34' 50" W 156° 27' 51" W 157° 15' 15" W

14 June 1945

Repeated previous day's exercise in all details until 1430 being joined by U.S.S. BURLERSON (APA-67) at 0720 VW. Then loaded all boats and proceeded on course 270° T for the northwest corner of Operating Area Charlie 12, conducting tactical maneuvers, signal and communication drills enroute, Form 18, guiding on Barnett, with Burlerson and Merrick astern in that order.

0800 - 20° 41' 39" N 1200 - 20° 31' 00" N 2000 - 20° 40' 30" N  
156° 34' 34" W 156° 27' 51" W 157° 15' 15" W

15 June 1945

0345 VW Proceeded north on 000° T to rendezvous. 0500 VW Made contact with disposition which was subsequently identified as submarines and escorts, and commenced scheduled exercises. Proceeded on various courses in operating Area's Charlie 11 and 12, in accordance with Annex I of Training Order A125-45. This exercise was very successful from the standpoint of the submarines who succeeded in theoretically sinking the disposition. At least one torpedo passed under this vessel, and one hit amidships. 1130 VW Ceased operations with the submarines and proceeded to the northwest corner of Charlie 10 for AA Practice with a drone (model) plane. Made contact with drone ship, which was unable to keep any drogues in the air. Exercise concluded at 1230 VW, proceeded on 070° T and 000° T to Pearl Harbor. 1700 VW Moored berth W-9, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

0800 - 21° 12' N 1200 - 21° 12' N  
158° 41' W 158° 12' W



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16-20 June 1945

Moored berth W-9, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 17 June 1000 VW commenced loading cargo.

21 June 1945

0330 VW Completed loading cargo. 1500 VW Received aboard for transportation 252 troops and 15 officers U.S. Army. 1715 VW Underway in accordance with CHSF conf. letter Ser. 0856-21-June 1945 for Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. 1750 Took departure from point "X" Pearl Harbor, T.H. proceeding singly.

2000 - 20° 45' N  
158° 02.5' W22 June 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 19° 08' N 1200 - 19° 39' N 2000 W - 19° 28' N  
160° 20' W 161° 23' W 163° 35' W23 June 1945 (Zone plus ten time)

Held drill for ready guns of each watch, sending up balloons as targets. Expended 85 rounds of 5"38, 1210 rounds of 40MM, and 1102 rounds 20MM.

0800 - 19° 08' N 1200 - 18° 55' N 2000 X - 18° 30' N  
166° 54' W 168° 01.5' W 170° 16' W24 June 1945 (Zone plus eleven time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 17° 53' N 1200 - 17° 41' N 2000 - 17° 10' N  
173° 32' W 174° 33' W 176° 56' W25 June 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 16° 31' N 1200 - 16° 12.5' N 2000 - 15° 42.5' N  
179° 57.5' W 179° 03' E 177° 03' E27 June 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 14° 54' N 1200 - 14° 42.5' N 2000 Y - 14° 06' N  
174° 08.5' E 173° 09.5' E 171° 01' E28 June 1945 (Zone minus twelve time)

Held firing practice for ready guns firing at 5"38 bursts, expended 20 rounds 5"38, 383 rounds 40MM, 997 rounds 20MM.

0800 - 13° 17' N 1200 - 12° 40' N 2000 - 12° 27' N  
168° 18' E 167° 16' E 165° 40.5' E29 June 1945

1040 M Entered swept channel. 1200 M Anchored in Berth R-9, Anchorage Area "A", Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

0800 - 11° 38' N  
163° 03' E

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30 June 1945

1335 M Underway from berth R-9, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in accordance with Port Director, Eniwetok, confidential letter A4-3/RFM dated 30 June 1945. 1439 M Took departure with buoy no. 2 abeam to port 100 yards for Ulithi, Caroline Islands, proceeding singly.

2000 - 11° 23' N  
161° 04' E

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1 July 1945 (Zone minus twelve time)

Enroute from Eniwetok, Marshal Islands to Ulithi, Caroline Islands, in accordance with Port Director, Eniwetok confidential letter A4-3/RFM dated 30 June 1945. Attached to Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, TransSquad 24, TransDiv 72.

0800 -  $11^{\circ} 49' N$     1200 -  $12^{\circ} 04' N$     2000 -  $12^{\circ} 31' N$   
           $157^{\circ} 57' E$                      $156^{\circ} 54' E$                      $154^{\circ} 48.5' E$

2-3 July 1945 (Zone minus eleven time)

Underway as before.

	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
0800 -	$12^{\circ} 54' N$	0800 - $10^{\circ} 58' N$
	$151^{\circ} 51' E$	$146^{\circ} 08.5' E$
1200 -	$12^{\circ} 35' N$	1200 - $10^{\circ} 37' N$
	$150^{\circ} 54.5' E$	$145^{\circ} 13.5' E$
2000 -	$11^{\circ} 54' N$	2000K- $10^{\circ} 15' N$
	$149^{\circ} 03' E$	$143^{\circ} 05' E$

4 July 1945 (Zone minus ten time)

0840K Entered swept channel. 0943K Anchored in Urushi Anchorage, Berth 33, Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands.

0800 -  $09^{\circ} 55' N$   
           $140^{\circ} 30' E$

5 July 1945

0617K Underway from Berth 33, Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, in accordance with Port Director Ulithi, secret letter A4-3/9 dated 4 July 1945 for Leyte, Philippine Islands.

0800 -  $10^{\circ} 08' N$     1200 -  $10^{\circ} 25' N$     2000 -  $10^{\circ} 23' N$   
           $139^{\circ} 40' E$                      $138^{\circ} 36' E$                      $136^{\circ} 31' E$

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6 July 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 10° 29' N      1200 - 10° 26' N      2000 - 10° 32' N  
         133° 11' E                      132° 03' E                      129° 35' E

7 July 1945 (Zone minus nine time)

1000I Entered Leyte Gulf. 1341I Anchored off Tarraguna,  
Leyte, P.I. Berth 995, Tarraguna Anchorage, Leyte Gulf.

0800 - 10° 35' N                      1200 - 10° 42.5' N  
         126° 13' E                                      125° 27' E

8 July 1945

Anchored as before. 0706I Commenced discharging cargo in  
ship's landing boats over beaches of Leyte.

9 July 1945

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo 2 LCT's assisting.  
0600I Commenced disembarking troops in landing boats over Leyte  
beaches. 1416I Completed discharging cargo for Leyte. Discharged  
151 vehicles and 83 tons general cargo. 1500I Completed disembarking  
troops. 1524I Underway for Guiuan, Samar, P.I. in accordance with  
CSD 101 secret despatch 080217. 1804I Entered gate, Guiuan Road-  
stead. 1914I Anchored in berth A-16, Guiuan Roadstead, off Guiuan,  
Samar, P.I.

10-13 July 1945

Anchored as before.

14 July 1945

Shifted to an anchorage between berth Z-13 and Z-38, Guiuan  
Roadstead, off Guiuan, Samar, P.I. 0955I Commenced discharging  
cargo using LCT's.

15 July 1945

Anchored as before. 1605I Completed discharging cargo.  
Discharged 638 tons general cargo.

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16 July 1945

0647I Underway in accordance with CincPac confidential despatch 100129 of July and Port Director Guiuan, Samar, P.I., secret letter serial 157 dated 15 July 1945, for Angaur, Palau Islands.

0800 - 10° 53' N 1200 - 10° 26' N 2000 - 10° 08' N  
125° 35' E 126° 21' E 128° 10' E

17 July 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 09° 44' N 1200 - 09° 31' N 2000 - 09° 16.5' N  
130° 32' E 131° 32' E 133° 20' E

18 July 1945 (Zone minus ten time)

1400K Anchored off southeastern side of Angaur, Palau Islands.  
2028K Commenced loading cargo using ships boats and 2 LCT's while anchored in the open sea.

0800 - 07° 27' N 1200 - 06° 54' N  
134° 54.5' E 134° 19' E

19 July 1945

Anchored as before. Loading cargo.

20 July 1945

Anchored as before. 1615K Received aboard 3 officers and 63 enlisted personnel (Army and Marine, for transportation).

21 July 1945

Anchored as before. 0029K Completed loading cargo. Loaded 139 vehicles and 403 tons general cargo of the 7th AAA Marines. 0230K Received 9 officers and 136 enlisted Marine personnel for transportation. 1230K Took departure 2 miles East of Angaur, Palau Islands, for Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in accordance with confidential letter of Port Director, Peleliu Island, dated 20 July 1945. 1927K Held gunnery practice using floating buoy as target. Expended 21 rounds 5"38, 260 rounds 40MM, and 730 rounds 20MM. No casualties.

22 July 1945

2000 - 07° 32' N 135° 53' E

Underway as before. 1855 Held gunnery practice using varied 5"38 bursts as targets for the automatic weapons. Expended 2 rounds 5"38, 131 rounds 40MM, and 768 rounds of 20MM. No casualties.

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0800 - 08° 34' N    1200 - 09° 02' N    2000 - 09° 56' N  
          138° 31' E            139° 27' E            141° 18' E  
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23-25 July 1945 (Zone minus eleven time)

	<u>23rd</u>		<u>24th</u>		<u>25th</u>
0800 -	10° 45' N	0800 -	12° 36' N	0800 -	11° 57.5' N
	144° 05' E		150° 00' E		156° 10.5' E
1200 -	10° 56' N	1200 -	12° 45' N	1200 -	11° 51' N
	145° 06' E		151° 01' E		157° 08.5' E
2000 -	11° 35' N	2000 -	12° 30' N	2000 -	11° 34.5' N
	147° 06' E		153° 02' E		159° 11' E

26 July 1945 (Zone minus twelve time)

Underway as before. 0945L Entered swept channel. 1140L Moored alongside Navy Tanker IX-210 in berth M-4, Anchorage A, Eniwetok Atoll. 1255L Received 64,000 gallons Navy Special Fuel oil. 1400L Underway from alongside Navy Tanker IX-210 Berth M-4, in accordance with Port Director Eniwetok confidential letter A4-3/RFM/gr/Eve dated 26 July 1945, for Pearl Harbor.

0800 - 11° 12' N    2000 - 11° 39' N  
          161° 03' E            163° 38' E

27 July 1945

Underway as before.

0800 - 12° 22' N    1200 - 12° 35.5' N    2000 - 13° 03' N  
          166° 33.5' E            167° 35' E            169° 35' E

28-29 July 1945 (Zone minus thirteen time)

Underway as before.

	<u>28th</u>		<u>29th</u>
0800 -	13° 44' N	0800 -	15° 17.5' N
	172° 17' E		178° 14' E
1200 -	13° 57' N	1200 -	15° 30' N
	173° 19' E		179° 16' E
2000 -	14° 30' N	2000 -	15° 53' N
	175° 17' E		178° 45.5' W

29 July 1945 (Zone plus eleven time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 16° 40' N    1200 - 16° 52' N    2000 - 17° 13.5' N  
          175° 46.5' W            174° 48' W            172° 47' W

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9 August 1945

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30-31 July 1945 (Zone plus ten time)

Underway as before.

	<u>30th</u>			<u>31st</u>		
0800	- 17°	50'	N	0800	- 18°	52' N
	170°	06'	W		163°	52.5' W
1200	- 18°	06'	N	1200	- 19°	04' N
	169°	06'	W		162°	51' W
2000	- 18°	27'	N	2000	- 19°	24' N
	167°	03'	W		160°	44' W

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

26 September 1945

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for Month of August, Submission of.  
Reference: (a) ComInCh Ser. 7152 of 29 OCT. 1943.  
(b) ALNAV 176-43.  
(c) DesLant X-22 (Revision 2).

1 August 1945 (Zone minus ten time)

Underway from Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Pearl Harbor, T.H. pursuant to Port Director Eniwetok Confidential letter A4-3/RFM/gr/Eve dated 26 July 1945. 1138 V Entered swept channel to Pearl Harbor. 1235 V Moored starboard side to Berth M-3 Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1500 VW Disembarked 12 officers and 199 enlisted passengers. 1915 VW Commenced discharging cargo. Attached to TransDiv 72, TransRon 24, 5th Phib, Pacific Fleet.

0800 - 20° 30'N 158° 00'W

2 August 1945 (Zone minus nine and one-half time)

Moored as before, discharging cargo. Captain H. Y. McCowan USN, ComTransDiv 72, held informal inspection of the ship.

3 August 1945

Moored as before. 0315 VW Completed discharging cargo. Discharged 139 vehicles and 403 tons of general cargo, 7th AAA Marines. Pursuant to AdComPhibPac letters H2-1/L9-1 serial 22817 dated 3 August 1945, serial 23494 dated 7 August 1945, were granted 10 days availability for voyage repairs. 1626 VW Shifted berth to X-8, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

4-12 August 1945

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

13-16 August 1945

Moored as before. Pursuant to AdComPhibPac confidential despatch 112243 of August, commenced conducting instruction of student SeaBee stevedore teams on a twenty-four hour basis, using winches and holds of numbers one and five hatches and the ship's winch operator teams. 1400 VW 16 August shifted berth to W-6, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

17-19 August 1945

Moored as before. Continued conducting instruction of student SeaBee stevedore teams on twenty-four hour basis, using winches and holds of numbers one and five hatches and the ship's winch operator teams.

20-22 August 1945

Moored as before. In accordance with ComPhibGrp 4's secret despatch 202329 of August now attached Temporary TransDiv 39, Temporary TransRon 22, PhibGrp 4, 5th Phib, Pacific Fleet.

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

26 September 1945

Subject: War Diary for Month of August, Submission of.  
-----23 August 1945

1406 VW Underway for Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. in accordance with AdComPhibPac secret despatch 231050 and ComTransDiv 39 Secret Movement Order #1-45 dated 22 August 1945; 1200. 1610 VW Formed in single column formation, guiding on OTC, CTD 39 in U.S.S. CUSTER (APA-40), followed by U.S.S. WHEATLAND (AKA-85), U.S.S. QUEENS (APA-103), U.S.S. CLEFMONT (APA-143) and U.S.S. COLUSA (APA-74) in that order, distance 700 yards.

2200 - 21° 23' N 156° 55' W

24 August 1945

0622 VW Entered Hilo Harbor swept channel. 0705 VW Entered Hilo Harbor, Wheatland leading formation. 0735 VW Moored berth 4, pier 3, Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. 0900 VW Commenced loading cargo.

25 August 1945

Moored as before, loading cargo. 1500 VW Embarked 11 officers and 403 enlisted men of the 5th Marine Division.

26 August 1945

0605 VW Shifted to anchorage berth 6, and continued loading cargo. 1500 VW Shifted to anchorage berth 2, and continued loading cargo. 1730 VW Completed loading cargo, having received 2118.5 tons of cargo consisting of 1186.2 tons of general cargo, 156 vehicles, 335.4 tons of ammunitions, and 510 drums of gasoline.

27 August 1945

0100 VW Underway in accordance with CHSF Confidential letter APD-601 dated 26 August 1945, Routing Instructions M-197, for Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. proceeding independently. 1415 VW Entered Pearl Harbor swept channel. 1600 VW Moored in berth X-12 to buoys forward and aft. 1730 VW Disembarked 2 officers and 121 enlisted men, 5th Marine Division.

0800 - 20° 22' N      1200 - 19° 59' N  
           156° 35' W      157° 24' W

28-31 August 1945

Moored as before, no remarks.

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To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for Month of September, Submission of.  
Reference: (a) ComInCh Ser. 7152 of 29 Oct. 1943.  
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(c) DesLant X-22 (Revision 2).

1 September (Zone plus nine and one half)

Moored as before in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Attached Temporary Trans-Div 39, Temporary TransRon 22, PhibGroup 4, 5th Phib, Pacific Fleet. 1254 VW Underway for Saipan, Marianas Islands in accordance with ComTransRon 22 Secret despatch 312305 of August and ComTransRon 22, Cruising Instructions, serial 0019 dated 29 August 1945. 1351 VW Commenced forming up in accordance with CTS 22, Cruising Instructions, cruising disposition 4-T. 1610 VW Formation complete; Fifth ship in column 4, cruising disposition 4-T, guiding on ComTransDiv 39 in U.S.S. CUSTER (APA-40) in company with TransRon 22, Formation guide and OTC, ComTransRon 22 in U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104).

2000 W - 20° 05.0' N  
158° 20 ' W

2 September (Zone plus ten time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 19° 55' N      1200 - 19° 57' N      2000 X - 19° 52' N  
160 58' W      161 52' W      164 05' W

3 September (Zone plus eleven time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 19° 44' N      1200 - 19° 41.5' N      2000 - 19° 41.5' N  
166 53' W      167 52 ' W      169 46 ' W

4 September

Underway as before. 1000 X ComPhibGroup 4 in U.S.S. MT. MC KINLEY (AGC-7) joined formation.

0800 - 19° 32' N      1200 - 19° 29' N      2000 Y - 19° 19' N  
172 40' W      173 39' W      175 43' W

5 September (Zone plus twelve time)

Underway as before. 1003 Y OTC conducted tactical drills for 45 minutes.

0800 - 19° 09' N      1200 - 19° 07' N      2000 - 19° 01' N  
178 30' W      179 22' W      178 48' E

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7 September (Zone minus twelve time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 18° 55' N  
176° 03' E1200 - 18° 48' N  
175° 17' E2000 - 18° 35' N  
173° 12' E8 September

Underway as before. 1000 M OTC commenced 55 minutes of tactical exercises. 1618 M ComPhibGroup 4 in U.S.S. MT MC KINLEY (AGC-7), assumed tactical command.

0800 - 18° 08' N  
170° 25' E1200 - 17° 58' N  
169° 34' E2000 - 17° 39' N  
167° 48' E9-10 September (Zone minus eleven time)

Underway as before.

9th0800 - 17° 07' N  
165° 10' E1200 - 16° 55' N  
164° 19' E2000 - 16° 26' N  
162° 37' E10th0800 - 15° 35' N  
160° 04' E1200 - 15° 20' N  
159° 17' E2000 - 15° 17' N  
157° 19' E11-12 September (Zone minus ten time)

Underway as before.

11th0800 - 15° 13' N  
154° 40' E1200 - 15° 11' N  
153° 47' E2000 - 15° 06' N  
152° 03' E12th0800 - 14° 55' N  
149° 31' E1200 - 14° 53' N  
148° 38' E2000 - 14° 49' N  
147° 10' E13 September

Underway as before. 0539 K ComTransRon 22 in U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104) assumed tactical command. 0545 K Formation laying to off Saipan Harbor awaiting improvement in the weather in order to enter. 0900 K OTC entered harbor, formation following in single column. 1120 M Entered Saipan swept channel. 1140 K Entered Saipan Harbor. 1155 K Anchored in berth L-39, Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Marianas Is. Long ground swell in anchorage.

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14 September

Anchored as before. Long ground swell in anchorage. Ship rolling and pitching moderately.

15 September

0600 K Went along side tanker PEQUOT HILL for fuel oil. Due to long ground swell and the motion of the ships, sustained superficial damage to port life raft rack and two life rafts.

16 September

Anchored as before. Long ground swell. Ship rolling and pitching moderately. 1600 K Underway in accordance with CTG 54.21 secret despatch 120449 of September and CTS 22 Secret Cruising Instructions serial 0024 dated 14 September 1945, for Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. 1620 Commenced forming up in accordance with CTS 22 Cruising Instructions, Cruising Disposition 4-T. 1954 Formation complete; 5th ship in starboard column, guiding on ComTransDiv 39 in U.S.S. CUSTER (APA-40), in company with TransRon 22, OTC and formation guide, ComTransRon 22 in U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104).

2000 - 15° 31' N  
145° 28' E

17 September

Underway as before. 1750 Formation guide assumed by TransDiv 72 in U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA-109).

0800 - 17° 03' N  
143° 12' E

1200 - 17° 43' N  
142° 48' E

2000 I - 19° 15' N  
141° 50' E

18 September (Zone minus nine time)

Underway as before.

0800 - 21° 36' N  
140° 43' E

1200 - 22° 08' N  
140° 22' E

2000 - 25° 31' N  
139° 31' E

19 September

Underway as before. 1201 I ComPhibGroup 4 in U.S.S. MOUNT MC KINLEY (AGC-7) assumed tactical command of the formation. 1250 I ComTransRon 22 in U.S.S. WESTMORELAND (APA-104) assumed formation guide.

0800 - 25° 14' N  
137° 37' E

1200 - 25° 39' N  
137° 01' E

2000 - 26° 26' N  
135° 40' E

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20 September

Underway as before. 1300 I Commenced change in disposition from a four column to a three column formation in accordance with ComPhibGroup 4, 192335 and 200100 of September. 1434 I Formation complete and TransRon 22 received a 'well done' from the OTC.

0800 - 27° 40' N	1200 - 28° 04' N	2000 - 28° 59' N
133° 31' E	132° 45' E	131° 39' E

21 September

Underway as before. 0800 I Passed through Tokara Gunto, between Suwamose Shima and Auseki Jima, into the East China Sea. 1015 I TransDivs 64 and 72 commenced interchanging positions. 1615 I Commenced forming Approach Disposition in accordance with OTC's 250707. 1730 I Disposition complete; 13th ship in starboard column of a two column formation.

0800 - 29° 35' N	1200 - 29° 52' N	2000 - 31° 09' N
129° 32' E	128° 54' E	129° 01' E

22 September

0315 I Entered swept channel between Nagasaki and Goto Retto with a median on 129° 30' E and proceeded due north. 0703 I Anchored off entrance to Sasebo Harbor and commenced lowering all boats. 0752 I Underway for assigned anchorage in Sasebo Lower Harbor. 0844 I Anchored assigned berth, Sasebo Lower Harbor. 1212 I Underway for Repair Basin, Sasebo Navy Yard. 1338 I Moored in berth I-3, Repair Basin, Sasebo Navy Yard, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. 1505 I Commenced unloading cargo and disembarking troops.

23-24 September

Moored as before, unloading cargo.

25 September

0140 I Completed unloading cargo and disembarking troops, having unloaded 2118.2 tons of cargo, consisting of 1186.2 tons of general cargo, 335.5 tons of ammunition, 510 drums of gasoline, and 156 vehicles, and disembarked 282 enlisted men and 9 officers, of the 5th Marine Division. 0803 I Proceeded to berth 12, Sasebo Lower Harbor. 0835 Turned over 4 LCM(3)'s and 1 LCVP in accordance with TransRon 22's, 241443 of September to Cub 18. 1005 I Underway for Subic Bay, P.I. in accordance with ComPhibGroup 4's, 241335, 250050, ComTransRon 22's, 250008, ComTransDiv 39's 242130 all of September, via swept channel. 1130 Formed Cruising Disposition 2-T, steaming in starboard column, sixth ship of two column formation, guiding on ComTransDiv 72 in U.S.S. GRAFTON (APA-109), CTG 54.21.2 and OTC steaming in company with TG 54.21.2 TransDivs 39 and 72.

1200 - 32° 55.5' N	2000 - 31° 15' N
129° 42.5' E	128° 49' E

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26 September

Underway as before. 2030 I Passed through Okinawa Gunto, leaving Hate Shima, Naka Shima, and Mae Shima close aboard to starboard, and Keise Shima to port.

0800 -  $28^{\circ} 56' N$   
 $128^{\circ} 06' E$

1200 -  $28^{\circ} 07' N$   
 $127^{\circ} 49' E$

2000 -  $26^{\circ} 20' N$   
 $127^{\circ} 29' E$

27 September

Underway as before.

0800 -  $23^{\circ} 57' N$   
 $126^{\circ} 50' E$

1200 -  $23^{\circ} 24' N$   
 $126^{\circ} 06' E$

2000 -  $22^{\circ} 22' N$   
 $127^{\circ} 51' E$

28 September

Underway as before. 1300 I Passed through Balingtang Channel, between Balingtang and Batan Islands.

0800 -  $20^{\circ} 50' N$   
 $122^{\circ} 55' E$

1200 -  $20^{\circ} 18' N$   
 $122^{\circ} 18' E$

2000 -  $19^{\circ} 45' N$   
 $120^{\circ} 35' E$

29 September

Underway as before.

0800 -  $17^{\circ} 31' N$   
 $119^{\circ} 28' E$

1200 -  $16^{\circ} 53' N$   
 $119^{\circ} 19.5' E$

2000 -  $15^{\circ} 43.5' N$   
 $119^{\circ} 33' E$

30 September

Underway as before. 0800 I Lying to off entrance to Subic Bay, P.I. awaiting opportunity to enter. 1035 I Proceeding to anchorage off entrance to Subic Bay awaiting receipt of replacements for LCM(3)'s and LCVP turned over to Cub 18 at Sasebo. 1530 I Received aboard 4 LCM(3) and 1 LCVP from Subic Bay Boat Pool. 1549 I Underway for Manila Bay in company with TransRon 22. 1820 I Entered Manila Bay, P.I. leaving Corregidor Island to Starboard. 2029 I Anchored in Manila Bay off Cavite, P.I.

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To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
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Reference: (a) ComInCh Ser. 7152 of 29 Oct. 1943.  
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(c) DesLant X-22 (Revision 2).

1 October (Zone plus nine time)

Anchored in Manila Bay off Cavite, P.I. Attached to Temporary TransDiv 39, 395  
Temporary TransRon 22, PhibGroup 4, 5th Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet. 1933 I  
Went alongside U.S.S. BANSHEE (IX-178) for fuel oil. While alongside for fuel,  
weather closed in with heavy rains and high winds. The AKA-38 with a tanker dragg-  
ing anchor passed starboard side within 25 yards. Our tanker with two anchors out,  
commenced dragging so we got underway having completed 95 percent of full capacity.  
Boat Group Commander lead all boats in water into Pasig River to await moderation  
of weather.

2 October

0000 I Weather moderated. 0027 I Anchored in Manila Bay outer anchorage.  
1817 I Underway for Lingayen Gulf, P.I. in accordance with ComTransRon 22 despatches  
020734 and 020635 in company with TransRon 22. Cruising Disposition 3T, 5th ship in  
port column.

2000 - 14° 31' N  
120° 36' E

3 October

Steaming as before. 1647 I Anchored in Lingayen Gulf off San Fabian, P.I.  
2050 I Commenced loading elements of 32nd division U.S. Army and their equipment  
using ships boats. Ground swells at loading beach are slowing up loading of boats.  
Sent twenty hand working party to beach to rig lines and hold boats in position to  
assist loading.

0800 - 16° 09' N      1200 - 16° 31' N  
119° 39' E            120° 15' E

5 October

Anchored as before. LCT 732 and 1034 assisting in loading.

6 October

Anchored as before. 0345 I Completed loading cargo and embarking troops.  
Embarked 102 enlisted men and 11 officers of the 32nd U.S. Army division. Received  
1113 tons of cargo, 254 tons of ammunition, 55 tons gasoline, 267 tons of general  
cargo and 138 vehicles.

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7 October

Anchored as before. 2020 I Set typhoon Condition II, on orders from OTC.

8 October

Anchored as before. Commodore S. P. Jenkins, 9047, USN, detached ComTransRon 22 this date and hauled down flag. Administration remaining in WESTMORELAND. Captain Marion Y. Cohen, 8672, USN, ComTransDiv 72 assumed temporary command of TransRon 22, and shifted his pennant from the GRAFTON to the WESTMORELAND.

9 October

Anchored as before. 1020 I Underway from Lingayen Gulf, P.I. in accordance with ComTransRon 22, OpPlan dated 6 October 1945 number A3-45 proceeding to Sasebo, Kyushu Island, Japan with elements and equipment of 32nd U.S. Army division. 1020 I Formed Cruising Disposition 3T, fifth ship in starboard column. 1515 I Conducted general drills to accustom troops to ship board routine.

1200 - 16° 22' N	2000 - 17° 44' N
120° 14' E	120° 14' E

10 October

Steaming as before.

0800 - 19° 46' N	1200 - 19° 57' N	2000 - 20° 45' N
121° 01' E	121° 43' E	123° 01' E

11 October

Steaming as before.

0800 - 22° 00' N	1200 - 22° 27' N	2000 - 23° 13' N
124° 36' E	125° 11' E	126° 27' E

12 October

Steaming as before. 1410 I Formed single column to pass through Okinawa Gunto. 1657 I Reformed Cruising Disposition 3T.

0800 - 24° 56' N	1200 - 25° 41' N	2000 - 27° 06' N
127° 42' E	127° 25' E	127° 42' E

13 October

Steaming as before.

0800 - 29° 27' N	1200 - 30° 13' N	2000 - 31° 25' N
128° 36' E	128° 56' E	129° 13' E

14 October

Steaming as before. 0617 I Anchored in Matushima Suido, Kyushu, Japan awaiting orders to enter Sasebo Harbor. 1540 I Underway to berth in Sasebo Harbor. 1855 I Moored in Berth H-3, a dry dock, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. 2145 I Commenced discharging cargo.



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17 October

Moored as before. 1330 I Completed disembarking personnel and unloading equipment of elements 32 Division U. S. Army, having discharged 113 tons of cargo, 254 tons of ammunition, 55 tons of gasoline, 367 tons of general cargo, 138 vehicles and disembarked 102 enlisted men and 11 officers. 1400 I Shifted to berth 3, Sasebo Outer Harbor, Kyushu, Japan.

23 October

Anchored as before. 0945 I In accordance with ComServDiv 103(A) Pers. Off. Com5th Flt. Dispatch 271125 of September 50 enlisted men, of Ships Company were transferred to Senior Officer present, Sasebo, for distribution to other units of the fleet. 1130 I Received 160 enlisted men and 11 officers of U.S. Navy for transportation to the U.S. 1356 I Underway from anchorage in Sasebo Outer Harbor, Kyushu, Japan, in accordance with dispatch 212256 (CincPac) and Sasebo Port Director's letter serial 88, proceeding to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, acting as personnel lift to San Francisco, Calif., USA.

2000 - 32° 03' N  
129° 15' E

24 October

Steaming as before.

0800 - 29° 35' N      1200 - 28° 49' N      2000 - 27° 09' N  
128° 23' E      128° 10' E      127° 29' E

25 October

Steaming as before. 0718 I Entering Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 0822 I Anchored in berth B-87, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima. 1620 I Received 7 officers and 91 enlisted men aboard for transportation to Guam. 1736 I Underway for Guam, Marianas Islands, in accordance with Okinawa Port Director's dispatch 3256 of 25 October 1945.

2000I- 25° 44' N  
128° 00' E

26 October

Steaming as before.

0800 - 23° 15' N      1200 - 22° 36' N      2000 - 21° 34' N  
129° 35' E      130° 22' E      131° 45' E

27 October

Steaming as before.

0800 - 19° 48' N      1200 - 19° 19' N      2000 - 18° 22' N  
134° 31' E      135° 20' E      136° 56' E

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28 October (Zone minus 10 time)

Steaming as before.

0800 - 16° 48' N	1200 - 16° 26' N	2000 - 15° 07' N
139° 17' E	144° 40' E	141° 56' E

29 October

Steaming as before. 0800 13° 29' N, 144° 30' E. 1025 K Entering Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas Islands, with pilot. 1055 K Moored to buoys in berth 6. 1456 K Seven officers and 91 enlisted men (Passengers) disembarked. 1620 K Five of the ship's LCM(3)'s (all) were transferred to ARP, Piti Point, in accordance with AdCom-PhibsPac dispatch 290405. 1622 K Reported to ComWesSeaFron for duty and operational control in compliance CinCPac 270119 and 270922 of October 1945.

30 October

Moored as before. 0850 K Seven officers and 249 enlisted men of U.S. Navy embarked for transportation to U.S. 1110 K Received 250 bags of U.S. Mail for transportation to U.S. 1215 K Underway in accordance with Guam Port Director's serial no. 2798 dated 29 October 1945 for San Francisco, Calif., to proceed along a Great Circle route.

2000 - 14° 34' N
146° 11' E

31 October

Underway as before.

0800 - 16° 18' N	1200 - 16° 50' N	2000 - 17° 58' N
148° 41' E	149° 34' E	151° 17' E

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## SHIP HISTORY

*History of*

The U. S. S. WHEATLAND (AKA-85) is a standard C-2 hull built for the U. S. Maritime Commission by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company at Wilmington, N. C. She was acquired by the Navy in 1944 and towed to New York for conversion, first being scheduled for conversion at the 56th Street Yard of Bethlehem Steel Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., but was actually completed at the Atlantic Basin Iron Works in Brooklyn.

The WHEATLAND, named for a county in Montana, is an attack cargo ship, part of the large Navy Amphibious Forces. She has an over-all length of 459 feet, a beam of 63 feet, and a displacement of 13,812 tons. She is designed to carry combat cargo and vehicles plus a moderate number of troops on invasions. There are 8 LCM's (landing craft mechanized) and 16 LCVP's (landing craft vehicles personnel) carried on board for use in transporting this combat material and combat personnel to the beach during invasive action. The ship has a maximum speed of approximately 17 knots, and a steaming radius of about 16,500 miles. Her armament consists of 1 - 5"/38, 4 twin 40MM, and 16 - 20MM. The laundry is operated free for the crew and a ship's store, post office and library are other facilities found aboard.

A. A. Vischio, Commander, U. S. N. R., has been Commanding Officer since the ship was taken over by the Navy, previously having commanded the U. S. S. ARGENTUS (AKA-1) during which time he participated in the invasions of Italy. As a result of these successful invasions, he was awarded the Legion of Merit. Lieutenant Commander E. E. Havlik has served as Executive Officer and was instrumental in the formation of the crew during pre-commissioning days December 1944 to April 1945) at Newport, R. I.

The assigned complement before hostilities ceased with Japan was 35 officers and 325 enlisted men which includes the landing boat group.

Commissioning ceremonies were held on the 3rd of April 1945 at the Atlantic Basin Iron Works, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Captain N. U. McKittrick, U. S. N. representing the Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

After sea trials in Long Island Sound, and completion of loading, she sailed for Hampton Roads, Virginia, 14 April, arriving noon of the following day. For the next ten days the ship went through a strenuous shakedown and amphibious training period. At the conclusion thereof, she was granted a post shakedown availability at the Norfolk Navy Yard, commencing 25 April.

On the 30th of April, the WHEATLAND cleared the Norfolk Yard and commenced loading her first cargo, of dry stores, at the Norfolk Army Base. By 5 May she was down to her marks with 5038 tons of cargo.

7 May 1945, in company with the U. S. S. CAVALIAR (APD-128), the U. S. S. LEE FOX (APD-45), the U. S. S. ROBERTS (APD-94), and the U. S. S. BEGOR (APD-127), as TU 29.6.1, the Task Unit Commander being Commander Vischio, we sailed for Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., via the Panama Canal. The APD's left us at the canal; we continued on independently, transiting and clearing Panama May 14th.

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0800 on the 28th of May saw the WHEATLAND entering Pearl Harbor, where we immediately discharged our cargo, and then stood by for about 10 days. June 12 - 15 the WHEATLAND in company, for various portions of the period, with the U. S. S. BARNETT (APA-5), U. S. S. BURLESON (APA-67), U. S. S. MERRICK (AKA-97), conducted an amphibious training operation off Maui, T. H.

Immediately upon our return to Pearl Harbor, we commenced loading vehicles and cargo of elements of the 9th Army Corps, plus a quantity of Navy equipment. On June 21 we embarked 252 enlisted men and 15 officers of the 9th Corps, and the same day we sailed for Leyte and Samar, P. I., being routed via Eniwetok and Ulithi Atolls, at which we stopped overnight on 29 June and 4 July respectively.

On the 7th of July 1945, the WHEATLAND entered Leyte Gulf, dropping anchor off Tarragona, 25 miles south of Tacloban, Leyte. There we disembarked the elements of the 9th Corps, we were carrying, with their equipment. 9 July found us crossing Leyte Gulf to Guiuan Roadstead, of Guiuan, Samar, P. I. There we lay till 14 July when we discharged the remainder of our cargo.

At first light, 16 July, the WHEATLAND sailed for Angaur in the Palaus Islands, where we arrived 18 July. The same day we commenced loading vehicles, equipment and cargo of the 7th Marine AAA, while anchored in the open sea in 50 fathoms of water. The loading was completed early in the morning of 21 July, by which time we had also received 19 Army and 44 Marine enlisted personnel from Peleliu Island plus 2 Navy and 1 Marine Officers, and 193 men and 9 officers of the 7th Marine AAA.

The same day, after laboriously heaving in the anchor by a juror windlass, the regular windlass having been rendered inoperative by salt water seepage, we sailed for Pearl Harbor, stopping at Eniwetok four hours for fuel, 26 July.

We arrived at Pearl Harbor 1 August 1945 and discharged our cargo, and passengers. Being granted a 10 day availability for voyage repairs, we commenced a period of repairs, maintenance, and instruction that lasted until 22 August. During this time we were inspected by our division commander, Captain H. V. McGown, USN, ComTransDiv 72, and also made contact with our Squadron Commander's staff, ComTransRon 24.

Commencing 13 August we also carried on a 24 hour a day school for student SeaBee stovedores, using the ship's own winch and hatch teams, on numbers one and two hatches, this training was concluded 19 August. On the 20th we were transferred to Temporary TransDiv 39, Temporary TransRon 22, PhibGroup 4, of the 5th Amphibious Force Pacific Fleet.

On the 23rd of August, in company with the majority of our division, the WHEATLAND sailed for Hilo, Hawaii, T.H. where we arrived at dawn of the 24th. Immediately upon arrival we commenced loading vehicles and cargo of elements of the Fifth Marine Division at maximum speed. At first light of the 26th we moved into the stream to complete loading, and embarked 403 enlisted personnel and 11 officers of the 5th Marine Division.

At 0100 on the 27th we sailed independently for Pearl Harbor, arriving that same day, and immediately disembarked 121 enlisted men and 2 officers of the 5th Marine Division.

During the afternoon of 1 September, in company with a number of amphibious vessels in command of Rear Admiral Reifsneider, we got underway for Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan with three day stop at Saipan; Marianas Islands, for logistics. For the first time the WHEATLAND sailed in convoy, there being a total of 34 ship's including escorts. The voyage was uneventful; we sighted our first Japanese Islands at dawn September 21st, and passed several more during the day. Early on the 22nd found us steaming up to Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, from the south. Shortly after daybreak we sighted the entrance to Sasebo Harbor and anchored off the entrance with the rest of the formation, to lower our boats. By 0800 we were underway again entering the harbor, anchoring shortly thereafter just inside to await the securing of the docks areas.

At noon a Japanese pilot came aboard, and ten minutes later we were underway for the docks, our berth being in the Repair Basin of the Navy Yard. At 1330 we were moored to the dock, the first United States or Allied ship to dock in Sasebo. We commenced discharging cargo immediately and continued at top speed, completing same and disembarking the last of our troops in the early hours of September 25th. At 0800 we moved out to a berth in the lower harbor, having completed our part in the occupation of Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.

The next phase of our journey started a short time after 1000 on the same day when we, as a member of TransRon 22, steamed out for Subic Bay, P.I. We arrived there on the 30th in the morning, and after taking on board 4 LCM's and 1 LCV as replacements for those left in Japan, we got underway in the afternoon for Manila Bay, P.I. At 2029 that night the anchor was let go at Manila Bay off Cavite, P.I. Here we encountered high winds and a rough sea, but took aboard dry and frozen stores plus a quantity of fuel.

On the 2nd of October, it was underway again, this time for Lingayen Gulf, P.I., we were, as before, in company with TransRon 22. The next afternoon saw us anchored in Lingayen Gulf off San Fabian, P.I. We wasted no time; that same evening at 2050 commenced loading elements of 32nd Division, U. S. Army, using our ship's boats. We embarked 102 enlisted men and 11 officers in addition to the cargo of the same division by the 6th of October. Underway again on the 9th of October proceeding with TransRon 22 to our next stop, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.

Matushima Suido special anchorage, Kyushu, Japan was our next stop, where we anchored at 0617 on the morning of the 13th. At 1540 the same afternoon, we were moving again until 1835, at which time we were moored in Berth H-3, Sasebo Harbor, Kyushu, Japan. A few hours later the same day, we began unloading cargo.

This concludes the history of the U.S.S. WHEATLAND up to 15 October 1945.

A. A. VISCHIO.

C/O FLEET POST OFFICE  
San Francisco, California

29 September 1945

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To: The Commander in Chief.  
Via: (1) The Commander, Transport Division THIRTY-NINE (Temporary).  
(2) The Commander, Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO (Temporary).  
(3) The Commander, Amphibious Group FOUR.  
(4) The Commander, FIFTH Amphibious Force.  
(5) The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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References: (a) Cincpac Ltr. A2-11/A12, Confidential Serial 1 CI-45 of 1 January 1945.  
(b) ComTransRon 22 (Temporary) OpOrder A2-45, Annex N.  
(c) ComPhibGrp 4 OpPlan No. A411-45, Annex P.

1. As directed by references (a), (b), and (c), the following report is submitted.

PART I

1. On 22 September 1945 this vessel a unit of Transport Division THIRTY-NINE (Temporary) forming a part of Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO (Temporary, Amphibious Group FOUR entered Sasebo, Ko, Kyushu, Japan and discharged troops and cargo in accordance with Commander, Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO (Temporary) Occupation Order A2-45. This ship furnished boats to various units of the squadron as ordered by Commander, Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO (Temporary) and Commander, Transport Division THIRTY-NINE (Temporary). This vessel debarked troops and cargo at a dock in Sasebo Navy Yard, completing unloading at 0230 Item time, 25 September. Got underway from lower harbor at 1001 Item time, 25 September and departed the area as ordered by Commander, Transport Squadron TWENTY-TWO (Temporary).

PART II

1. This ship was a unit of Task Group 54.21 composed of 18 APAs, 8 AKAs and 1 LSV under the Command of Commander, Amphibious Group FOUR.

2. Sortied from Pearl Harbor, T.H., at 1000 Victor William time on 1 September 1945 enroute to Saipan, Marianas Island. Enroute conducted general drills, daily briefing of troops and crew on operation and landing orders. Manoeuvring exercises were conducted by OTC on several occasions. Arrived Saipan at 1155 King time, 13 September 1945. Received logistics and departed at 1609 King time on 16 September 1945. Enroute Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, conducted general drills and daily briefing of crew and troops. Scheduled training at Saipan was cancelled due to heavy swells.

3. Our mission was to land troops and supplies in continuance of the occupation of the Japanese Empire at utmost speed to prevent sabotage and disorder, and to insure complete subjugation of the Japanese.

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PART III - CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT OF ACTION - ALL TIMES ITEM

22 September 1945

- 0703 - Anchored in outer anchorage, Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan.
- 0704 - Lowered away all boats.
- 0725 - All boats dispatched in accordance, Master Boat Employment Plan, Alternate 2.
- 0752 - Underway for inner harbor.
- 1159 - Japanese Pilots came aboard and two tugs alongside to assist in moving into Boat Repair Basin, Sasebo Navy Yard.
- 1212 - Underway for Boat Repair Basin.
- 1338 - Made fast to dock in Boat Repair Basin.
- 1340 - Started unloading troops and cargo.

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- 0230 - Completed unloading cargo and troops.
- 0803 - Underway for lower anchorage.
- 0926 - Anchored in lower harbor.
- 1001 - Underway, departing the area.

PART IV - ORDINANCE

1. As this operation was conducted without enemy opposition, no offensive or defensive action was necessary by this Task Group.
2. No enemy resistance encountered.

PART V - DAMAGE

1. There was no damage incurred by this vessel during this operation.
2. There was no damage inflicted upon the enemy.

PART VI - AMPHIBIOUS ACTION

1. TROOPS AND CARGO.
  - A. This vessel embarked 282 enlisted men and 9 officers of various units of the 5th Marine Division.
  - B. These troops embarked at Hilo, Hawaii, T.H., during the period 24 to 26 August 1945, and disembarked at Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan on 22 September 1945.
  - C. A total of 2118.5 tons of cargo was received aboard consisting of:

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1186.2 Tons of general cargo  
 335.4 Tons of ammunition  
 115 Tons of gasoline  
 156 Miscellaneous vehicles

D. Cargo loaded at Hilo, Hawaii, T.H., 24 to 26 August inclusive and discharged 22 to 25 September at Sasebo Naval Base, Sasebo, Japan. All cargo loading and unloading was conducted by ship's crew with assistance of embarked Marines.

2. LANDING CRAFT.

- A. This vessel had 8 LCM(3)s, 15 LCVPs, and 1 LCPL.
- B. Landing craft dispatched in accordance with Master Boat Plan. No ship's boats were used for unloading this ship's cargo or personnel. However, during the unloading phase, boats were made available to other units of the squadron.

SPECIAL FEATURES AND INCIDENTS

1. The Japanese Pilots and tugs were of no assistance in docking. This ship made use of own LCM(3)s for cocking and undocking. Dock area in which this vessel was moored was very congested with Japanese material.
2. In the first 12 hours of unloading 33 per cent of cargo was discharged. At that time the dock became so congested that the average for each 12 hours thereafter dropped to 16 per cent. Lack of adequate transportation from dock to dumps caused this drastic cut and considerably delaying the unloading.

PART VII -- PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE AND CASUALTIES

1. All hands performed their duties in a highly satisfactory manner. They worked long hours and were commended for their admirable spirit and devotion to their duties.
2. No casualties of any nature were incurred.

PART VIII - LESSONS LEARNED, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is considered that this operation was well planned and executed by all units concerned.

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