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9 September 1944

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief United States Fleet and
Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: War Diary.

18 August 1944

1100, the S.S. WILD PIGEON was moored starboard side to, 27th Street Pier, West Yard, Moore Dry Dock Company, Oakland, California. The officers and crew assembled for commissioning ceremonies of the U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88). Commander C.G. McCORD, USN (Ret), representing the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, read his orders directing him to place the ship in commission in the United States Naval Service. The U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88) was acquired for use under U.S. Maritime Contract #1188 and was accepted for use in the Naval Service by Commander C.G. McCORD, USN (Ret), on 18 August 1944 and delivered to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander W.M. McCLOY, D-V(G), USNR.

1507, underway from Pier 27, West Yard, Moore Dry Dock Company, Oakland, California, to the Naval Supply Depot, Pier 5, Berth "H", Oakland, California. At 1542 moored starboard side to, Pier 5; commenced taking on stores and provisions.

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19 - 23 August 1944

Moored starboard side to, Pier 5, Berth "H", Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California. During the five-day period at Naval Supply Depot the ship took on provisions, fuel and ammunition.

24 August 1944

At 0700 underway for Pier 31, San Francisco, California, for deperming operations. At 1427 underway from Pier 31, to Naval anchorage in San Francisco Bay.

25 August 1944

At Naval anchorage, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. Exercised crew at gunnery drills and General Quarters.

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26 August 1944

Underway at 1015 for measured mile runs and for making radar calibrations. 1734, anchored Naval anchorage, San Francisco Bay.

27 August 1944

Underway at 0844 and held general drills. Commenced Radio Direction Finder calibration at 1206; completed calibration at 1415; anchored at 1500 in Naval anchorage, San Francisco Bay.

28 August 1944

Anchored as before; held general drills.

29 August 1944

Underway at 0905 for San Pedro, California, in accordance with Operation Order No. 122-44, of C.T.F. 14, dated 3 August 1944, serial 02713. Exercised crew at various general drills during the day. Position: 1200 - Lat. 37°39'5" N; Long. 123° W. 2000 - Lat. 35° 39' 5" N. Long. 133° 37" W.

30 August 1944

En route from San Francisco, California, to San Pedro, California. At 0643 commenced Structural Test Firing. The following ammunition expended: 4 rounds 5"/38; 32 round 40mm target; 240 rounds 20mm service.

At 1546 anchored in Berth D-6, San Pedro Harbor, California. Position: 0800 - Lat. 33° 40' 2" N. Long. 120° 03" W. 1200 - Lat. 33° 41" N. Long. 119° 04" 7" W.

31 August 1944

Anchored as before. Captain E.P. ABERNATHY, USN, accompanied by his staff and inspection board from San Pedro Shakedown Group, Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet, came on board and made an inspection.

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At 1600, the LCM(3), while being hoisted aboard on to #3 hatch, from port side, fell from the hoisting hook onto the ship at frame #75 and from there into the water - a drop of twenty-five (25) feet. The landing craft filled with water and capsized, but was immediately secured to the ship's side and later hoisted aboard.

Five (5) men sustained injuries and were immediately given first aid by the ship's doctor. Two men were later transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, California, for x-rays and further treatment.

After thorough investigation, the cause of the accident was attributed to a faulty shackle on the slings which were furnished as original equipment on the landing craft.

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1 September 1944

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Anchored in Berth D-6, Los Angeles Harbor, California. The U.S.S. UVALDE is under training with the San Pedro Shakedown Group, Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific Fleet.

Underway at 0835 for exercises, in obedience to C.T.G. 14.4 Operation Plan No. 11-44 of 26 August 1944. Held general drills in accordance with Operation Plan and returned to anchorage in Berth D-6, Los Angeles Harbor, California.

2 September 1944

Underway 0841 for measured mile runs and tactical maneuvers, off Point Vicente. Returned to anchorage in Berth D-6, Los Angeles Harbor, California.

3 September 1944

Anchored Los Angeles Harbor, California; held general drills during the day.

4 September 1944

Underway 0813 to calibrate Radio Direction Finder, and for structural test firing. Commenced structural test firing at 1329 of 40mm and 20mm guns, expended 56 rounds of 40mm target ammunition and 649 rounds of 20mm service ammunition; no casualties. After completion of firing crew was exercised at general drills and then the ship returned to Naval anchorage at Los Angeles Harbor, California.

5 September 1944

Underway 0712 and exercised the following firing exercises, pursuant to orders of Commander Shakedown Group, San Pedro: "Day Battle

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Practice ROGER, SPSG Exercise #4018", 10 rounds 5"/38 A.A.C. SPDN
2959 expended, no casualties. Returned to Naval anchorage, Los Angeles
Harbor, California.

6 September 1944

Anchored in Los Angeles Harbor, California. Exercised crew at
general drills.

7 September 1944

Underway 0802 and exercised crew at general drills. At 1356
executed the following gunnery exercises, pursuant to orders, Commander
Shakedown Group, San Pedro, SPSG Exercise #4012, A.A. Machine Gun
Battle Practice "GEORGE". Expended the following ammunition: 29 rounds
5"/38 cal., A.A. service; 956 rounds 40mm A.A. service; 2,975 rounds
20mm service; no casualties. Returned to Naval anchorage, Los Angeles
Harbor, California, upon completion of scheduled exercises.

8 September 1944

Underway 0806 for steady run data.

Position: 0800 - Lat. 33° 43' N, Long. 118° 14' W.
1200 - Lat. 33° 40' 30" N, Long 118° 42' 25" W.
2000 - Lat. 33° 41' 30" N, Long. 120° 06' 50" W.

9 September 1944

Underway in shakedown status under Com Task Group 14.4. Completed
full-power run. Exercised crew at general drills. Made engine backing
trials and then returned to Naval anchorage, Los Angeles Harbor, California.

Position: 0800 - Lat. 35° 51' N, Long. 120° 03' 12" W.

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At anchor, Los Angeles Harbor, California. Exercised crew at
general drills.

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11 September 1944

Underway 0806 to complete scheduled shakedown exercises in obedience to movement order of C.T.G. 14.4 of 2 August 1944. Fueled PC-777 and YMS-867 while underway in accordance with scheduled exercise. Exercised crew at general quarters. Returned to anchorage, Los Angeles Harbor, California.

12, 13 September 1944

Underway at 0800 to carry out "T-7" exercises. After completion of "T-7" crew was exercised at general drills. Returned to anchor at Los Angeles Harbor, California.

14 September 1944

Underway at 0809 from Naval anchorage, Los Angeles Harbor, California, for San Diego, California, pursuant to ComPhibsTraPac despatch order 121932 of 12 September 1944. Moored at 1747 in San Diego Harbor, California, to buoys "40" and "41".

Position: 1200 - Lat. 33° 09' 45" N, Long. 117° 53' W.

15 September 1944

Moored in San Diego Harbor, California. Underway 1615 from San Diego Harbor to assigned training area in compliance with S.T.G. Training Operation Order #102-44, serial 615, of 15 September 1944. Anchored in Berth XRAY 10, Coronado Roads, California.

16, 17, 18, 19 September 1944

Anchored in Coronado Roads, California; exercised crew at Condition 1-A.

20 September 1944

Anchored in Coronado Roads, California; exercised crew at Condition 1-A. Underway at 1803 from Berth XRAY 10, Coronado Roads, California, for tactical maneuvers in compliance with ComPhibsTraPac despatch 192351, of 19 September 1944, in company with U.S.S. APPLING (APA-58).

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21 September 1944

Completed tactical exercises and anchored at 0759 in Berth XRAY 10, Coronado Roads, California. Exercised crew at Condition 1-A during the day and evening.

22 September 1944

Anchored Coronado Roads; exercised crew at Condition 1-A.

23 September 1944

Underway at 0350 from anchorage Berth XRAY 10, Coronado Roads, California, to maneuver in immediate vicinity in order to carry out Exercise "T-8", ship-to-shore exercise, as outlined in the Transport Doctrine, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Exercise was carried out in a dense fog. Exercise was completed satisfactorily under these adverse conditions and the ship returned to anchorage, Berth XRAY 10, Coronado Roads, California.

24 September 1944

Exercised crew at Condition 1-A during the day. Underway at 1601 from Berth XRAY 10, Coronado Roads, in compliance with ComPhibsTraPac Operation Order 102-44, of 23 September 1944, to exercise at Tactical Maneuvers. Underway all night.

25 September 1944

Anchored at 0916 in Berth XRAY 10, Coronado Roads, California. Exercised crew at Condition 1-A.

26 September 1944

Exercised crew at Condition 1-A during the day. Underway at 1811 in compliance with ComPhibsTraPac despatch 252322 of September 1944, for Tactical Maneuvers. Underway all night.

27 September 1944

Ceased Tactical Exercises with APA-58 at 0700 and proceeded to

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anchor in Berth B-1, Pyramid Cove, San Clemente Island. At 1300
eight ship's boats left ship to conduct Exercise "G-63".

28 September 1944

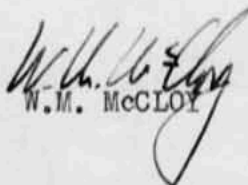
in the morning ship's boats completed firing exercise. Under-
way at 1629 for anchorage in Coronado Roads, San Diego, California.
Anchored in Berth XRAY 10 at 2043.

29 September 1944

Transferred practice cargo-loading equipment to the U.S.S. WARRICK
AKA-89. Underway in compliance with ComPhibsTraPac despatch 281952 of
September 1944, for San Pedro, California. At 1955 moored port side to,
Berth 31, Pier 3, U.S. Naval Drydocks, Terminal Island, California.

30 September 1944

Moored to Berth 31, Pier 3, U.S. Naval Drydocks, Terminal Island,
California. Commenced post-shakedown availability of approximately one
week.


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1 October 1944

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Moored to Pier 3, Berth 31, U.S. Naval Drydocks, Terminal Island, California, for post-shakedown availability period.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6 October 1944

Moored to Pier 3, Berth 31, U.S. Naval Drydocks, Terminal Island, California, for post-shakedown availability period.

7 October 1944

Underway from Pier 3, Berth 31, U.S. Naval Drydocks, Terminal Island, California, in accordance with ComPhibsTraPac despatch order 062061 of October 1944. Anchored in berth D-3, Los Angeles Harbor, California.

8, 9 October 1944

Anchored in berth D-3, Los Angeles Harbor, California.

10 October 1944

Underway from Los Angeles Harbor, California, to San Francisco, California, in accordance with ComPhibsTraPac Secret despatch 091956 of October, 1944.

2000 - Lat. 31° 17'.5 N, Long. 120° 27'.5 W

11 October 1944

At 1508 moored port side to, berth 90-B, Islais Creek, Potrero Neuvo, San Francisco, California. Stripped hatches and ready to receive cargo.

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12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 October 1944

Moored pier 90-B, Islais Creek, San Francisco, California, loading cargo.

19 October 1944

Completed loading cargo and underway at 0732 for U.S. Naval Anchorage, berth #14, San Francisco Harbor, California. Loaded war heads in #1 hatch and remained at anchor.

20 October 1944

Underway at 1410 from San Francisco Harbor, California, to Manus, Admiralty Islands, in compliance with Commander Western Sea Frontier Movement Order #334-CR, dated 19 October 1944.

21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 October 1944

21 October	0800	Lat. 35° 47' N	Long. 125° 42' W
	1200	35° 16' N	126° 46' W
	2000	34° 11.5' N	128° 40' W
22 October	0800	32° 36' N	131° 47' W
	1200	32° 03' N	132° 52.5' W
	2000	31° 00' N	135° 11' W
23 October	0800	29° 34' N	138° 20' W
	1200	28° 58' N	139° 17' W
	2000	27° 52.5' N	141° 05' W
24 October	0800	26° 09' N	143° 56' W
	1200	25° 34.5' N	144° 45' W
	2000	24° 15' N	141° 47' W
25 October	0800	22° 14.5' N	149° 27' W
	1200	21° 39' N	150° 19' W
	2000	20° 28' N	152° 00' W

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26 October	0800	Lat. 18° 27' N	Long. 154° 34' W
	1200	17° 56' N	155° 25' W
	2000	17° 18.5' N	157° 23' W
27 October	0800	16° 17' N	160° 19' W
	1200	15° 50.5' N	161° 18' W
	2000	15° 00' N	163° 22' W
28 October	0800	13° 42' N	166° 16' W
	1200	13° 28' N	167° 09' W
	2000	12° 37' N	168° 56' W
29 October	0800	11° 22' N	171° 40' W
	1200	10° 55' N	172° 35.5' W
	2000	10° 04' N	174° 31' W
30 October	0800	08° 58.5' N	177° 24' W
	1200	08° 32' N	178° 18' W
	2000	07° 27' N	179° 36.5' W

The following ammunition was expended during battle practice problems on the dates indicated:

26 October	5"/38	7 - projectile	20mm - 756 - rounds HEI
		7 - powder	370 - rounds HET
	40mm	120 - rounds	
30 October	5"/38	1 - projectile	20mm - 259 - rounds HEI
		1 - powder	129 - rounds HET

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1 November 1944

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Steaming singly to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, in compliance with Commander Western Sea Frontier, Movement Order #334-44, dated 14 October 1944, with full cargo.

0800	Lat. 06° 06' N	Long. 176° 56' E
1200	05° 35' N	176° 17.5' E
2000	04° 40' N	174° 30' E

2, 3, 4, 5 November 1944

2 November	0800	Lat. 04° 07' N	Long. 171° 40' E
	1200	03° 55' N	170° 36' E
	2000	03° 29' N	168° 31' E
3 November	0800	02° 67' N	175° 35' E
	1200	02° 29.5' N	164° 38' E
	2000	01° 54' N	162° 23' E
4 November	0800	01° 12' N	159° 28' E
	1200	00° 58' N	158° 27' E
	2000	00° 27' N	156° 38' E
5 November	0800	00° 02' S	153° 59' E
	1200	00° 15' S	153° 01' E
	2000	00° 37' S	150° 54' E

6 November 1944

0800 Lat. 01° 15' S Long. 148° 38' E

At 1500 entered Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, and at 1511 anchored in Berth 358.

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7, 8, 9 November 1944

Remained at anchor in Berth 358, Seeadler Harbor, awaiting availability of unloading facilities and orders to commence discharging cargo.

10 November 1944

Remained at anchor in Berth 358.

At 0850, U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD (AE-11) which was anchored 2800 yards distant, bearing 180°(t), exploded and sank immediately beneath a towering column of dense black smoke which screened the entire area adjacent to her anchorage. Against the possibility that an aerial bombing was underway, all hands responded immediately to General Quarters. No material damage nor personnel casualties resulted aboard UVALDE. At 0855 UVALDE's Fire and Rescue Party joined boats of other ships present at the scene of action. At 0943 the Ship's Doctor answered a call from U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9) for medical assistance, blood plasma, and other medical supplies. At 1018 blood plasma and other medical supplies were dispatched to U.S.S. MINDANAO (ARG-3), and at 1052 sent a Thomas splint to U.S.S. MAULEY (APD-1)

No further description or analysis of the circumstances surrounding this catastrophe, upon which any value as an eye-witness account could be set, can be here attempted because of the split-second action and this ship's comparative remoteness from the anchorage of MOUNT HOOD. It had been known that a barge had been tied alongside the starboard side of MOUNT HOOD and that apparently, ammunition was being unloaded on to it.

UVALDE's boats remained for several hours in the vicinity to aid in the search for survivors.

11, 12 November 1944

Remained at anchor in Berth 358, awaiting orders to unload cargo.

13 November 1944

At anchor in Berth 358. Published the Articles for the Government of the Navy at quarters. Received orders from Port Director to proceed to East Murzim Dock and at 1432 got underway. Moored starboard side at 1551 and commenced unloading cargo.

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14 November 1944

Moored starboard side to East Murzim Dock, Manus Island, as before, engaged in unloading cargo. At 1215 LSM #319, while attempting to come alongside, struck UVALDE's port smoke generator. No serious damage was sustained and the generator was found to operate normally upon testing it.

15, 16, 17, 18, 19 November 1944

Moored as before, unloading cargo.

20 November 1944

Moored as before, unloading cargo. At 1300 received 5"/38 cal., 40mm and 20mm ammunition aboard.

21 November 1944

Moored as before. Finished unloading cargo and secured all hatches for sea.

22 November 1944

Moored as before, engaged in cleaning up ship.

23 November 1944

Underway at 0554 for the purpose of compensating compasses. Anchored at 1317 in Berth 320, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands.

24, 25 November 1944

Anchored as before, awaiting further orders.

26 November 1944

Anchored as before; engaged in general drills.

27 November 1944

Anchored as before. Practiced at general drills and lowering boats, all twenty-four of which were put in the water in a total elapsed time of 23 minutes and 25 seconds.

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In compliance with Commander, Naval Base, Navy #3205 verbal orders and Commander Task Force 79 secret dispatch 230104, of November 1944, temporarily transferred one officer and sixteen enlisted men, with eight LCM-3's to Boat Pool #15, Manus Island.

28 November 1944

Remained at anchor as before.

29 November 1944

Weighed anchor at 1321, for Milne Bay, New Guinea, in compliance with Port Director, Navy #3205 Secret Movement Order #236, of 27 November 1944. Engaged in anti-aircraft firing at sleeve target towed by TBF-type plane at altitude of approximately 500 feet. Expended 1,489 rounds 20mm service ammunition and 234 rounds 40mm service ammunition. Position at 2000, Lat. 03° 02.5' S, 147° 11' E Long.

30 November 1944

Underway.

0800	Lat. 05° 14.5' S	Long. 147° 22' E
1200	05° 55' S	147° 39' E
2000	07° 09' S	148° 04' E

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Steaming singly to Milne Bay, New Guinea in compliance with Port Directors, Navy #3205 Secret Movement Order #236, of 27 November 1944.

Anchored at 1722 in Berth F-4, in Gilli Gilli Anchorage, Milne Bay, New Guinea.

2 December 1944

Remained at anchor.

3 December 1944

Underway for Pier #1, Hilimoi, Milne Bay, New Guinea at 0505. Pursuant to CTG 77.9 Movement Order A174-44, as amended by CTG 77.9, serial 00098, of 1 December 1944, commenced loading cargo at 1030. At 1743 completed loading 100 tons of miscellaneous cargo of Headquarters 489th Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, 6th Army.

4 December 1944

In accordance with CTG 77.9 Movement Order A174-44, as amended by CTG 77.9, serial 00098, of 1 December 1944, six officers and seventeen enlisted men of the Headquarters 489th Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, reported aboard for transportation.

At 1230 underway from Pier #1, Hilimoi, Milne Bay, New Guinea, for Oro Bay, New Guinea in obedience to CTF 78 despatch #260214 of 26 November 1944.

2000 Lat. 09° 40' S Long. 150° 08' E

5 December 1944

Anchored at 0632, Oro Bay, New Guinea.

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Anchored at Oro Bay, New Guinea.

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13 December 1944

At 0712 underway for target practice off Oro Bay, New Guinea. Set General Quarters modified, which condition was designed to man all ship's guns during attack while debarkation was in progress. The firing practice was to train new gun crews. Condition III, Sections I, II, III gun crews also participated in target practice. Returned to anchorage at Oro Bay, New Guinea. The following ammunition was expended; 35 rounds 5"/38 projectiles; 29 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 5095 powder; 8 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder; 1423 rounds 40mm service ammunition; 2,688 rounds 20mm service ammunition.

14, 15, 16 December 1944

At anchor Oro Bay, New Guinea.

17 December 1944

At 0137 underway for Pier "A", Oro Bay, New Guinea. At 0229 moored to Pier "A" and commenced loading cargo in accordance with CTG 77.9 Movement Order A174-44.

18 December 1944

Moored to Pier "A", Oro Bay, New Guinea, and continued loading cargo.

19 December 1944

Underway from Pier "A" at 1231, having loaded approximately 1025 tons of miscellaneous cargo, consisting mainly of vehicles, gasoline and organizational equipment. Anchored in Oro Bay, New Guinea at 1300. The following units of 6th Army Troops were embarked during the afternoon:

	Officers	- Enlisted	- Total
Hq., 983rd Ambulance Corps, 135th Med. Group	3	37	40
Hq., 3444th Quartermaster Truck Co.	2	52	54
PCAU #20	1	7	8
PCAU #21	1	7	8
Hq., Rear Echelon 4th Engr., Special Brigade	1	35	36

20 December 1944

Anchored, Oro Bay, New Guinea.

21 December 1944

At 0726 ComTask Group #77.9.4, composed of this ship and U.S.S. BLACKWOOD (DE-219), underway from Oro Bay, New Guinea to Manus Island, Admiralty Group, pursuant to despatch CTG 77.9, serial 172320 dated 18 December 1944. Exercised crew and passengers at Abandon Ship Drill

0800	Lat. 8° 52' 15" S	Long. 148° 32' 40" E
1200	" 8° 04' 24" S	" 148° 10' 30" E
2000	" 6° 09' S	" 147° 50' E

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22 December 1944

Underway in company with the USS BLACKWOOD (DE-219). Held AA firing practice in the morning and expended the following ammunition; 966 rounds of 20mm service ammunition; 12 rounds of 40mm service ammunition; 2 rounds of 5"/38 projectiles; 2 rounds of 5"/38 Powder SPDN 2959. At 1707 moored port side to U.S.S. LEOPARD (IX-122) for refueling, berth 109, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

0800 Lat. 03° 13' S Long. 147° 09' E

23 December 1944

Underway from port side of U.S.S. LEOPARD and anchored in berth 350, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Group.

24, 25 December 1944

Remained at anchor, Seeadler Harbor.

26 December 1944

Exercised crew at General Quarters at 0650. At 0655, Captain Royal S. ABBOTT, Commander Transport Division Five, Pacific Fleet, with staff inspection party, assisted by Captain C.L.C. ATKINSON and officers of the U.S.S. OLMSTED came aboard to hold inspection. Condition IA was set after the arrival of the inspection party and commenced debarkation exercises. All hatches were stripped and one load was placed in each LCM-6. Secured from Condition IA and inspection at 0900, set regular port routine.

27 December 1944

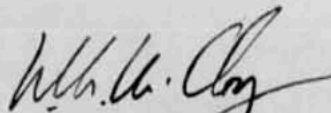
Anchored berth 350, Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Group.

28 December 1944

Shifted berths from #350 to berth W-41, Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Group.

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Anchored Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Group.


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To: The Commander in Chief United States Fleet and
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1 January 1945 (Zone +10°00')

The U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88) is attached to the Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Transports, Pacific Fleet, temporarily attached to Seventh Fleet, Transport Division Five (temporary) (Captain W. T. ABBOTT, USN, Commander Transport Division 5 (temp), U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188), Flagship).

Anchored in berth W-41, SEEADLER Harbor, MANUS Island, Admiralty Group. Ensign H.M. ZELE, USNR, and sixteen (16) enlisted men returned aboard after completing temporary duty with the Navy Boat Pool at MANUS Island in accordance with Navy Boat Pool #15, Navy #3205 letter, serial 021 of 1 January 1945, and Navy #3205 letter, serial 1 of 1 January 1945. Took aboard 848 gallons of Standard Navy Fuel Oil from YG-24.

2 January 1945

At 0700 underway in accordance with Movement Order #A174-44 (Top Secret), as amended by CTG 77.9, serial A00098, letter of 1 January, 1945. Took assigned station in Plan T-3 of CTG 77.9 (Rear Admiral R.L. CONOLLY, USN, Commander Reinforcement Group, U.S.S. APPALACHIAN (AGC-1), Flagship,) U.S.S. LATIMER (APA-152) disposition guide, U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188), division guide, and O.T.C. in U.S.S. APPALACHIAN, in position 1000; our position third ship in column DOG, Transdiv Group, acting as single station unit with standard distance of 600 yards. Used Zig Zag Plan #6 of USF 10-A. En route to objective no enemy forces were sighted, but sound contact and reports of sighting of torpedo wakes were recorded by this vessel via TBS. Reports received are as follows:

2 January 1945 at 2050 two lookouts of U.S.S. PETROV BAY (CVE-80) sighted a torpedo wake. Position, lat. 3-32. N., long. 168-23. E.

0800	lat. 1-58. S	long. 147-14. E
1200	1-35. S	146-47. E
2000	00-25. S	145-34. E

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3 January 1945 (Zone -09 30)

Under way as before. Exercised crew at General Drills. In the afternoon held AA-practice firing at a towed sleeve, and expended the following ammunition: 359 rounds 40mm AA ammunition and 1402 rounds of 20mm AA service ammunition.

0800 lat. 00-55. N Long. 143-40. E

1200 " 01-18. N " 143-47. E

2000 " 01-56. N " 141-50. E

4 January 1945 (Zone -09 00)

Under way as before. Exercised crew at General Drills and in the afternoon held AA firing practice firing at target sleeve. The following ammunition was expended: 901 rounds 40mm AA service ammunition; 2911 rounds of 20mm AA service ammunition.

0800 lat. 02-49. N long. 139-30. E

1200 " 03-08. N " 138-42.5 E

2000 " 03-51. N " 137-10. E

5 January 1945

Under way as before. Fueled U.S.S. COOLBAUGH (DE-217), alongside to port. COOLBAUGH received 15,923 gallons of Navy Special Fuel Oil.

0800 lat. 04-57. N long. 135-10. E

1200 " 05-16. N " 134-30. E

2000 " 05-46. N " 133-31. E

6-7-8-9-10 January 1945

Under way as before. Exercised crew frequently at General Drills. The following sightings of torpedo wakes were received via TBS:

8 January 1945 at 0140 U.S.S. NEWMAN (APD-59) reported sound contact on one torpedo. Position, lat. 9-16. N, long. 124-22. E.

9 January 1945 at 0156, U.S.S. NORMAN SCOTT (DD-690) reported torpedo wake. Position, lat. 10-41. N, long. 121-40. E.

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9 January 1945 at 1027 U.S.S. FRAZIER (DD-607) reported sighting a
torpedo wake. Definite contact with enemy submarine was not reported.

6 January 1945 0800 lat. 07-15. N long. 131-01. E
1200 " " 07-36. " " 130-36. E
2000 " " 08-30. " " 128-54. E

7 January 1945 0800 lat. 09-49. N long. 126-38. E
1000 " " 10-10. N " " 126-10. E
2000 " " 09-45.5 N " " 125-09. E

8 January 1945 0800 08-53. N 123-15. E
1200 08-58. N 123-41. E
2000 09-49.3 N 122-00. E

9 January 1945 0800 17-36. N 121-12. E
1200 12-06.5 N 120-59.5 E
2000 13-02. N 120-11.5 E

10 January 1945 0800 14-46.5 N 119-17.5 E
1200 15-25.5 N 119-10.5 E
2000 16-26. N 119-16.5 E

11 January 1945

Entered LINGAYEN Gulf before sunrise and proceeded to anchorage with
all hands at General Quarters. Visibility was exceptionally poor during
the approach to the anchorage, as ships of this formation and those at
anchor were making smoke in accordance with SOPA instructions. This was
continued each morning and evening twilight on each of the days UVALDE was
present. Progress toward anchorage was definitely difficult under these
circumstances but was subsequently effected without mishap.

While still proceeding slowly to anchorage in Berth C-5 off "Blue
Beach" boats were lowered. All were waterborne by 0857 and stripping of
hatches was commenced. 0925 Commenced unloading cargo into boats, ship
being maneuvered slowly towards Berth C-5 off "Blue Beach". Our first
boat arrived at the beach with cargo at 0955. At 1025 a two-hundred man
working party (Army Personnel) from U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-133) came aboard
to assist in unloading cargo. At 1029 anchored in Berth C-5, LINGAYEN
Gulf, LUZON, PHILIPPINE Islands, the ship being kept in readiness for

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getting underway immediately. At 1300, pursuant to the authority contained in GWO Operational Instructions #73, dated 12 October 1944, Headquarters Sixth Army, the following Army Personnel, who were passengers aboard this ship, were detached and transferred to destination.

	Officers	Enlisted	Total
Hdqs. 499th Port Batt. Trans. Corps	6	17	23
Hdqs. 983rd Ambulance Corps; 135th Med. Grp.	3	37	40
Hdqs. 3444th Quartermaster Truck Co.	2	52	54
P.C.A. #20	1	7	8
P.C.A. #21	1	7	8
Hdqs. Rear Echelon 4th Engr. Special Brigade	1	35	36

Received "Flash Red" at 1853, enemy planes bearing 260° (t), distance 10 miles. At 1910 enemy bomber sighted over "Yellow Beach". Beach Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire. At 1911 the enemy bomber was reported to have dropped four bombs on or near the beach and disappeared flying south.

12 January 1945

On the morning of 12 January 1945 the weather was clear with some clouds, unlimited visibility except for artificial smoke. The ship was in Condition 1-A; discharging cargo. Wind from 230 (t), force 2; sea from 220 (t), amount 1. At 0612 a "bogie" was reported bearing 162 (t), distant 39 miles. Preparation was made to lay smoke screen. At 0628 "many boggies" reported, as enemy planes bearing between 325 (t), 090 (t) and 290 (t), distant 20 miles. These planes were never sighted by this vessel. At 0630 began laying smoke screen. This was not entirely effective, as the smoke made by other ships blew away from this vessel and our own smoke boats were not able to cover the ship at all times. At 0704 a new "bogie" was reported and sighted. It circled and passed astern of our position, distant 7000 yards and out of range. Other ships in the vicinity were firing on the target as the plane went into a dive attack and released bombs on U.S.S. GILLIGAN (DE-508). A second plane was picked up by binoculars at 0723, identified as a VJL, and when within range and upon orders, ship's gun #14 (40mm) opened fire, target bearing 030 (t), estimated 3800 yards distant. Eighteen rounds were fired which appeared to fall short. At 0730 the plane went into a suicide dive through the smoke screen and it was reported via TBS that it struck U.S.S. RICHARD W. SUESINS (DE-342). At 0745 the smoke screen was secured in accordance with SOPA instructions. At 0803 a third enemy plane was observed by lookouts bearing 310 (t), distant 5 miles, heading toward this ship. General Quarters was set and fire was opened on the enemy plane

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bearing 340 (t), range 3200 yards, with guns #11 and #11 (40mm's). Eighty-three rounds were expended. At 0805 the enemy plane turned and dived into U.S.S. BELKNAP (APD-34), hitting aft of her superstructure, exploded and set fire to the ship. BELKNAP got under way while still afloat. At 0815 the fire appeared to be under control. At 0830 secured from General Quarters, set Condition 1-A and continued unloading cargo. At 0923 ICT #735 came alongside to port of #3 hatch to assist in unloading and subsequently cast off at 2000. At 1840 an unidentified plane was reported by TBS to be in the vicinity, but it was not sighted. At 1850 the plane was reported as an enemy plane and was reported shot down by anti-aircraft control.

13 January 1945

Anchored as before in LINGAYEN Gulf. 0145 "Flash Red", enemy planes in vicinity and at 0200 "All Clear". LSM's #21 and #66, and ICT #735 assisted in unloading. Completed discharging cargo at 1702, secured all hatches and made all preparations for getting underway. 1738 Underway from anchorage in LINGAYEN Gulf, LUZON, PHILIPPINE Islands in compliance with ComTask Force #78, Directive 130351, January 1945 as part of Task Unit 78.11.3.

2000 lat. 16° 25.3' N long. 120° 10.3' E

14-15 January 1945

Enroute to LEYTE, PHILIPPINE Islands.

14 January 1945	0800	lat. 15° 24' N	long. 119° 08' E
	1200	14° 32' N	119° 13' E
	2000	13° 03' N	119° 49' E
15 January 1945	0800	10° 46' N	121° 29' E
	1200	10° 13' N	121° 46' E
	2000	08° 50.5' N	122° 50' E

16 January 1945

1500 Anchored at TAYTAY Point, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Islands.

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17 January 1945 (Zone -09 00)

Underway at 1020 for SAN PEDRO Bay to fuel in obedience to despatch orders #162152 from CTG #78.6 of 16 January 1945. 1409 Moored port side to S.S. E.J. HENRY, Merchant Tanker, in berth #89, SAN PEDRO Bay. Received on board 2,785 barrels of Navy Special Fuel Oil.

18 January 1945

Underway from port side of S.S. E.J. HENRY, Merchant Tanker, berth #89, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island and dropped anchor in berth #104, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island. 1716 Underway from LEYTE Island for HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA in compliance with Movement Order A 10-25 of Commander Third Lingayen Reinforcement Group, dated 17 January 1945 as part of TransDiv 11, of Task Group 78.6. Took station as fifth ship in column, TransDiv 11, in formation "4-T" of Task Group 78.6 (Captain R.W. ABBOTT, USN, C.T.C. in LEONARD HOOD (APA-12)).

2000 lat. $10^{\circ} 40.5' N$ long. $125^{\circ} 14' E$

19 January 1945

Underway for HOLLANDIA Bay, NEW GUINEA.

0800 lat. $09^{\circ} 40' N$ long. $126^{\circ} 54' E$
1200 $09^{\circ} 12' N$ $127^{\circ} 31' E$
2000 $08^{\circ} 19' N$ $128^{\circ} 37' E$

20 January 1945

Underway for HOLLANDIA Bay, New Guinea. 1030 Destination changed from HOLLANDIA, NEW GUINEA to BIAK, SCHOUTEN Group, by C.T.F. #78 despatch #191109 of 19 January 1945. Exercised crew at general drills.

0800 lat. $07^{\circ} 14' N$ long. $130^{\circ} 46' E$
1200 $06^{\circ} 53' N$ $131^{\circ} 33' E$
2000 $06^{\circ} 00' N$ $132^{\circ} 55' E$

21 January 1945

Underway for BIAK Island, SCHOUTEN Group.

0800 lat. $03^{\circ} 35' N$ long. $134^{\circ} 04' E$
1200 $02^{\circ} 50' N$ $134^{\circ} 30' E$
2000 $01^{\circ} 18' N$ $135^{\circ} 17' E$

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U.S.S. UWALDE (AKA-82)

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22 January 1945 (Zone -09 00)

At 1228 anchored in berth #26, Special Anchorage outside SORIDO Lagoon, BIAK Island. Fueled U.S.S. WALTER C. WADE (DE-412) having discharged 39,366 gallons of Navy Standard Fuel Oil. At 1815 pursuant to orders of Regimental Commander Headquarters, 163rd Infantry, Eight Army, dated 22 January 1945, five (5) officers and one-hundred twenty-five (125) enlisted personnel embarked as passengers.

23 January 1945

At 0825 moored port side to Dock #2, SORIDO Lagoon, BIAK Island. Pursuant to orders of Regimental Commander Headquarters, 163rd Infantry, Eight Army, dated 23 January 1945, two (2) officers and one-hundred twenty-seven (127) enlisted personnel embarked as passengers. 1045 Commenced loading cargo.

24-25 January 1945

Moored port side to Dock #2, SORIDO Lagoon, BIAK Island. Continued loading cargo.

26 January 1945

Completed loading 1,639 tons of cargo. At 0614 made preparations for getting underway. 0733 Anchored outside SORIDO Lagoon, BIAK Island. One (1) officer of the 163rd Infantry embarked for transportation. At 0830 pursuant to verbal orders by Regimental Commander of 163rd Infantry, two (2) officers and ninety-four (94) men were transferred to U.S.S. WILSON (APA-53). Two (2) enlisted men of the 163rd Infantry embarked for transportation; authority, Regimental Commander, Headquarters 163rd Infantry, order dated 23 January 1945.

27 January 1945

Anchored outside SORIDO Lagoon, SCHOUTEN Group.

28 January 1945

Anchored as before. Received the following Army Personnel for transportation:

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	Officers	Enlisted	Total
Officers, 163rd Infantry		1	1
43rd Engineers	1	43	44
476th AA Anti-Weapons Batt. (Sqn)	1	1	2

29-30-31 January 1945 (Zone -09 00)

Anchored outside of SORIDO Lagoon, SCHOUTEN Group.

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1 February 1945 (Zone - 09 00)

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Anchored outside SORIDO Lagoon, BIAK Island, SCHOUTEN Group.

2 February 1945

Remained at anchor during the day. At 2200 underway for LEYTE, PHILIPPINE Islands in obedience to C.T.G. 78.6 Movement Order A10-45 of 24 January 1945. Took assigned station in tactical formation 4-TARE as seventh ship in column ABLE. O.T.C. in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD, formation guide in position as first ship of column ABLE. Distance 600 yards, interval, 1000 yards.

3 February 1945

Enroute from BIAK Island, SCHOUTEN Group, to LEYTE, PHILIPPINE Islands. At 0653 joined formation with Task Group 78.5 (Commodore H.W. GRAF, USN, Commander Task Group 78.5, U.S.S. ZEILIN, Flagship). Steaming in formation 4-TARE with O.T.C. in U.S.S. ZEILIN (APA-3), guide of formation in position as first ship in column BAKER, Transdiv 41 in column CHARLIE of formation. At 0856 the U.S.S. HERALD OF THE MORNING (APA-173), the ship ahead of us in column had a steering casualty, sheared directly ahead of this ship. The O.O.D. skillfully maneuvered the ship, avoiding collision. The UVALDE received a "Well Done" from the O.T.C. The ship then moved up to occupy station vacated by U.S.S. HERALD OF THE MORNING, which took station as last ship in column CHARLIE. Exercised crew at emergency drills during the day.

0800	00° 09' N	136° 01.5' E
1200	00° 53' N	135° 00' E
2000	02° 27' N	134° 54' E

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4 February 1945 (Zone - 09 00)

Enroute from BIAK Island, SCHOUTEN Group, to LEYTE, PHILIPPINE Islands. At 1104, executed signal to change fleet disposition, took station as third ship in column DOG, column guide, U.S.S. HEYWOOD (APA-6), fleet guide, U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12). O.T.C. and C.T.G. 78.5 on the U.S.S. ZEILIN, first ship in column BAKER. Took standard distance, 600 yards and standard interval, 1000 yards. Tactical drill was held in the afternoon by O.T.C.

0800	04° 44' N	133° 52.5' E
1200	05° 25' N	133° 35' E
2000	06° 35' N	132° 27' E

5 February 1945

Enroute from BIAK Island, SCHOUTEN Group to LEYTE, PHILIPPINE Islands. At 0855 Task Unit 78.5.2 joined forces with this disposition. Exercised the crew at general drills in the afternoon.

0800	07° 57' N	130° 23' E
1200	08° 37' N	129° 56' E
2000	09° 48' N	128° 48' E

6 February 1945

Enroute as before. At 0830 the U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498) reported a floating mine about two hundred (200) yards off the starboard side of the formation (10-29.30 N latitude, 126-08.15 E longitude). The mine was sunk by the U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498), using light machine gun fire. 1520 anchored in LEYTE Gulf, PHILIPPINE Islands.

0800	10° 24' N	126° 16' E
1200	10° 43.5' N	125° 26' E

7 February 1945

Anchored at LEYTE Gulf, PHILIPPINE Islands. At 1130 underway to MINDORO in obedience to C.T.F. 78 (Vice Admiral D.E. DARBEY, USN, Commander Task Force 78, U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE, Flagship) mailgram 060440 of February 1945. Took assigned station as third ship in column FOX, U.S.S. WARREN (APA-53), column leader. Fleet guide and O.T.C. (C.T.G. 78.5) in U.S.S. ZEILIN (APA-3); position, first ship in column CHARLIE. C.T.G. 78.6 in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12), first ship in column DOG. At 1938 executed signal to take close interval of 700 yards.

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8 February 1945

Steaming enroute to MINDORO. At 1915 speed of column DOG, EASY, and FOX (T.G. 78.6) reduced to four (4) knots to take departure from Task Group 78.5, which proceeded to LINGAYEN Gulf, PHILIPPINE Islands. Fleet guide and O.T.C. of Task Group 78.6 in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12) in position in T.G. 78.6 formation of 3-TARE as first ship in column BAKER, this ship in position as third ship, column CHARLIE. Standard distance, 600 yards, standard interval, 1000 yards. Reversed course of T.G. 78.6 several times during the night to enable this Task Group to approach their assigned anchorage just before dawn.

9 February 1945

At 0712 reduced speed to approach anchorage. Commenced lowering boats at 0741 and stripping hatches in preparation for the rapid discharge of cargo. The ship anchored 0808 one (1) mile from the center of "White Beach", 12-27-42 N latitude, 121-00.18 E longitude, with Task Group 78.6. Last boat water borne at 0822 and commenced discharging cargo over "White Beach", S.E. part MINDORO Island, PHILIPPINE Islands. LSM #315, and LCT #718 and LCT #677 assisted in unloading cargo.

10 February 1945

Continued discharging cargo. The ship was completely discharged at 1144, having unloaded 1,639 tons at the rate of 60 tons per hour. About forty percent (40%) of the tonnage was represented by vehicles and guns, the remainder evenly divided between high explosives, drummed gasoline and oil, and organizational equipment. Boats were plentiful and beach conditions were ideal. The hatch working parties were composed of men of the 41st Infantry. Various units of the 41st Infantry, totaling nine (9) officers and one hundred ninety-three (193) enlisted men were detached from this ship. At 1251 underway for LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group in obedience to C.T.G. 78.6 mailgram, dated 29 January 1945. Took assigned station in formation 3-TARE of Task Group 78.6, 600 yards astern of U.S.S. CALVERT (APA-32) with standard interval 1000 yards. Our position, third ship in column CHARLIE. Column guide, U.S.S. WARREN (APA-53). Fleet guide, O.T.C. and C.T.G. 78.6 in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12), position, first ship in column BAKER.

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11 February 1945

Enroute from MINDORO Island to LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

0800	09° 15' N	122° 28' E
1200	08° 49' N	122° 51' E
2000	09° 08' N	124° 06' E

12 February 1945

Enroute from MINDORO Island to LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Broke formation at 0915 and proceeded to SAN PEDRO Bay anchorage. At 1054 anchored SAN PEDRO Bay, Berth #128, on the following anchorage bearings: Old Fort, 215° 15' (t), Middle Hill, 253° (t), Hill "522", 307° 30' (t).

13 February 1945

Anchored in berth #128, special anchorage, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Received from U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD (APA-12) seven (7) LCVP boats. Underway at 1529 for Navy Tanker, U.S.S. CARIBOU (IX-114). 1723 moored starboard side to U.S.S. CARIBOU (IX-114) and commenced taking on fuel. Completed taking fuel at 2220, having received on board 167,990 gallons of Navy Fuel Oil.

14 February 1945

Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. CARIBOU (IX-114) in berth No. 75, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Underway at 0637 and anchored at 0807 off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

15 February 1945

Anchored off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Received two (2) LCM(3)'s from U.S.S. OCONTO (APA-187).

16 February 1945

Anchored off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0900 underway and anchored at 1200 in Special Anchorage, Berth #112, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

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17 February 1945

Anchored in Special Anchorage, Berth #112, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Released from temporary duty with Transport Division Eleven (temporary) and Seventh Fleet and became a part of Transport Division Forty-one, Transport Squadron Fourteen reporting to CINCPAC in accordance with Annex "A" to CANF, SWPA, OP Plan 18-44 of 30 December 1944.

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U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188), Flagship.

ComTransRon 14:
Commodore C.G. RICHARDSON, USN
U.S.S. CAVILIER (APA-37), Flagship.

18-19-20-21 February 1945

Anchored in Special Anchorage, Berth #112, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

22 February 1945

Anchored in Special Anchorage, Berth #112, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Exercised crew at general drills.

23 February 1945

Anchored in Special Anchorage, Berth #112, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

24 February 1945

Underway at 0705 to shift berths from berth #112 to berth #103, Special Anchorage, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Underway at 1312 and moored port side to U.S.S. FOMALHAUT (AK-22) in berth #116, SAN PEDRO Bay. At 1800 commenced taking aboard cargo ammunition. Completed loading cargo ammunition consisting of 120 Mk 6 Depth Charges and 60 Mk 7 Depth Charges and at 2115 underway and shifted berth. 2223 anchored in berth #117, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

25 February 1945

Underway at 0713 from berth #117 and anchored in berth #112 at 0815. At

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2121 flash "RED" control "YELLOW" received over TBS from SOPA, ship immediately went to general quarters and at 2235 flash "WHITE" was received and ship secured from condition I.

26-27 February 1945

Anchored in berth #112, Special Anchorage, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

28 February 1945

Anchored in berth #112, Special Anchorage, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. At 1600 YO-77 came alongside and this ship took aboard 13,000 gallons of diesel oil.

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Commander Transport Squadron FOURTEEN:
Commodore C. G. RICHARDSON, U.S.N.
U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA-100), Flagship.

Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE:
Rear Admiral J. L. HALL, Jr.
U.S.S. TETON (AGC-14), Flagship.

Anchored in berth #112, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

2 March 1945

Underway from berth #112 at 0630 to go alongside tanker for fuel. At 0747 moored port side to U.S.S. GAZELLE (IX-116), Navy Tanker, in berth #74, SAN PEDRO Bay. Completed fueling at 0951, having taken on board 27,463 gallons of Navy Standard Fuel Oil and 8 barrels of #2190-T lube oil. Underway from tanker at 0956 and anchored in berth #112, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

3 March 1945

Underway from berth #112 at 0927 and anchored at 1119 off DULAG, in special anchorage, berth #647, LEYTE Gulf, PHILIPPINE Group.

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Anchored off DULAG in berth #647, LEYTE Gulf, PHILIPPINE Group.

5 March 1945

Anchored off DULAG in berth #647, LEYTE Gulf, PHILIPPINE Group. At 0410 Flash Red, Control Yellow, sounded General Quarters. Secured from General Quarters at 0425. Set Condition "1-A" at 0745, and commenced lowering boats at 0800. Last boat water borne at 0819. Secured from Condition "1-A" at 0829 and remained at anchor.

6 March 1945

Anchored off DULAG in berth #647, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. At 0745 set Condition "1-A". 0800 Commenced exercise "T-7", commenced lowering boats; all boats water borne at 0819. 0822 Secured from Condition "1-A". At 1500 underway for loading anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. At 1536 anchored in Special Anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

7 March 1945

Anchored in Loading Anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. While hoisting out LCM #6, Hull #C-46889, at 0745 the port forward pad-eye to which the port forward leg of the hoisting sling is secured, tore loose, allowing the boat to strike gunwale of the ship at frame #53, starboard side and punching a hole in bottom of boat. The bow went down first, causing the boat to capsize. Salvage work was commenced immediately and there were no injuries to personnel. 0927 Commenced combat loading ship, receiving general cargo of Service Company and attached units of 382nd Infantry. 1400 LCM #6 righted, secured to starboard side of hatch #4, continued salvage work. At 2215 secured from loading cargo.

8 March 1945

Anchored in Loading Anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0322 Flash Red, Control Yellow, sounded General Quarters. 0340 Flash White, secured from General Quarters. Commenced general loading of cargo at 0800. LCT's 900, 1016 and 1208 assisted in bringing cargo to the ship. Continued loading through the night.

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Anchored in Loading Anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Continued taking cargo on board.

10 March 1945

Anchored in Loading Anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Continued loading ship with the assistance of LCT's 898, 1016, 1208 and LSM 231. Received one landing craft LCP(L), Hull #C-46192, BuShips #D-33232, Engine #38352, with standard equipment, from the U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA-100), by authority of ComTransRon 14.

11 March 1945

Anchored in Loading Anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Continued loading general cargo. At 2130 eighteen (18) enlisted men of the 504th AA reported on board for transportation.

12 March 1945

Anchored in Loading Anchorage off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Continued loading general cargo. At 0815 completed loading general cargo consisting of vehicles, ammunition, organizational equipment, rations and hospital equipment, totaling 1,500 tons. Underway at 1030 and anchored off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

13 March 1945

Anchored off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. At 1200 pursuant to shipment order #94584 P-J, the following officers and enlisted men reported on board for transportation:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
Company 382nd Infantry	9	101
321st Engineer Battalion	2	10
TOTAL	<u>11</u>	<u>111</u>

1523 Underway to shift anchorage. 1610 Anchored in berth #609 off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

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14 March 1945

Anchored in berth #609 off SAN JOSE, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1332 Underway, pursuant to movement order, serial #00014, Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A1204-45 (Annex-D) dated 11 March 1945, for anchorage "Easy One", LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Took station in Transport Group Easy, composed of Transport Divisions FORTY, FORTY-ONE, and FORTY-TWO in compound formation of line of Division in Column, Group Commander (O.T.C.) and formation guide in U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA-100) guide of Column "C". Division FORTY-ONE Commander and guide in U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188) guide of Column "A" (TransDiv 41), this ship in position as fifth ship in Transport Division FORTY-ONE. Standard distance of formation 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards. 1601 Anchored in Area Easy one, LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

15 March 1945

Anchored at LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group in Transport Area, Easy One. Underway at 0632 in pursuant to movement order #00014, Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A1204-45 (Annex-D) dated 11 March 1945, for training purposes. Took assigned position as fifth ship in Column with Transport Division FORTY-ONE. 1136 Anchored in Transport Anchorage, Easy One, berth #23, off TAYTAY Point, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1750 Underway pursuant to movement order #00014, Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A1204-45 (Annex-D) dated 11 March 1945. Took assigned station as fifth ship in Column of Transport Division FORTY-ONE. Guide in U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188). Tactical exercises held by O.T.C. At 2029 anchored in Transport Anchorage Easy One, berth "Queen" in LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

16 March 1945

Anchored in Transport Anchorage, Easy One, berth "Queen", LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0645 Underway pursuant to movement order #00014, Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A1204-45 (Annex-D) dated 11 March 1945. Took assigned position as fifth ship in Column with Transport Division FORTY-ONE. 1145 Anchored in Easy One, Transport Anchorage, berth #21, off

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TAYTAY Point, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1339 Underway for training purposes. 1724 Anchored in Transport Anchorage, Easy One, berth "Queen", in LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

17 March 1945

Anchored in Transport Anchorage, Easy One, berth "Queen", LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0201 Underway for training purposes. 0815 Set Condition "1-A", lowered away all boats in accordance to movement plan (Annex-K), Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A1204-45. 0850 Secured from Condition "1-A". 1105 Anchored near Transport Area Easy, off TAYTAY Point, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

18 March 1945

Anchored near Transport Area Easy, off TAYTAY Point, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1258 Underway pursuant to movement order #00014, Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A-1204-45 (Annex-D) dated 11 March 1945, for training purposes. 1523 Anchored in Transport Area, Easy One, berth "Queen", in LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

19 March 1945

Anchored in Transport Area, Easy One, berth "Queen", in LAUAAN Bay, SAMAR Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0206 Underway, pursuant to movement order #00014, Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A-1204-45 (Annex-D) dated 11 March 1945. Took assigned station in Column Transport Division FORTY-ONE as fifth ship, 600 yards astern U.S.S. FON DU LAC (APA-166). Column guide and O.T.C. in U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188). 0702 Set Condition "1-A". 0710 Lowered away all boats in accordance with movement order. 0744 Secured from Condition "1-A". 0811 Anchored in Transport Area, Easy One, berth #21, off TAYTAY Point, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

20 March 1945

Anchored in Transport Area, Easy One, berth #21, off TAYTAY Point, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0635 Underway to shift berth. 0739 Anchored in berth #737, off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1131 Underway, pursuant to movement order #00014, Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE, #A-1204-45 (Annex-D) dated 11 March 1945. 1328 Sounded General Quarters and commenced firing "Baker"

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AA practice. 1150 Secured from AA practice, having expended the following ammunition 5"/38 - 6 rounds projectiles (A.A.C.); 6 rounds 5"/38 powder SPDN 2959; 40mm - 196 rounds AA Service Ammunition. 1455 Secured from General Quarters and Transport Division FORTY-ONE proceeded independently for assigned anchorage. 1720 Anchored off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

21 March 1945

Anchored off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1045 Received three (3) Dukws aboard, pursuant to orders of Commander Transport Division FORTY-ONE despatch #210945. Eight (8) Army enlisted men reported aboard with Dukws in accordance with shipment order #94115 K-K. 1711 Underway and anchored 1750 on the following anchor bearings: Hill "120" 319°(t), Hill "1000" 331° 15'(T), Old Fort 349°(t).

22 March 1945

Anchored off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0958 Underway to shift berth. 1115 Anchored in berth #88, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1228 Underway, and moored starboard side to, to Merchant Tanker, S.S. HANGING ROCK, in berth #73. XO-77 moored alongside port side aft at 1555. 1650 Completed fueling from XO-77, having received 9,000 gallons of Navy Diesel Oil. 1657 Completed fueling ship, having received on board 50,000 gallons of fuel oil. 1730 Underway and proceeded to berth #319, SAN PEDRO Bay, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

23 March 1945

At anchor in SAN PEDRO Bay, berth #319, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

24 March 1945

At anchor in SAN PEDRO Bay, berth #319, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 0650 Underway to shift berth. 0936 Anchored in berth #737, Special Anchorage, off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

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At anchor in berth #737, Special Anchorage, off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

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27 March 1945

At anchor in berth #737, Special Anchorage, off DULAG, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1116 Underway from LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group to OKINAWA SHIMA in obedience to Commander Transport Division FORTY-ONE Movement Order #1-45, dated 20 March 1945. Took station as fifth ship in Column "C" (Transport Division FORTY-ONE) in disposition "2-T" of Task Unit 51.13.2, (Commodore C.G. RICHARDSON, USN, Commander Task Unit 51.13.2) O.T.C. and Formation Guide in U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA-100) first ship in Column "B" (Transport Division FORTY), Transport Division FORTY-ONE forming Column "C". Commander Task Force 51 present in U.S.S. ELDORADO (AGC-11). Standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards. Change disposition at 1407 to "3-T" for scheduled AA target practice with Baker and Uncle runs. 1700 Secured from AA firing practice, having expended the following ammunition: 11 rounds 5"/38 AA projectiles; 11 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 AAC power; 504 rounds 40mm AA Service Ammunition; 417 rounds 20mm Service Ammunition. Returned to disposition "2-T". 1857 Commenced zig-zagging on Plan #6 of USF 10A.

2000 - 10° 36' N 120° 10' E

28 March 1945

Enroute to OKINAWA SHIMA from LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

0800 - 12° 30' N 127° 30' E
1200 - 13° 05' N 127° 52' E
2000 - 14° 26' N 128° 12' E

29 March 1945

Enroute to OKINAWA SHIMA from LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. In the morning tactical maneuvers were held by the O.T.C. in U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188). In the afternoon tactical maneuvers were continued and ship also exercised at streaming paravanes.

0800 - 16° 05' N 129° 52' E
1200 - 16° 38' N 130° 06' E
2000 - 17° 49' N 131° 10' E

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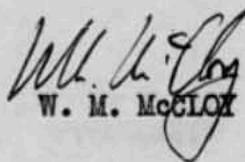
Enroute to OKINAWA SHIMA from LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. Had scheduled tactical exercises in the morning and afternoon. 1710 Submarine contact reported by U.S.S. PURDY (DD-734), convoy escort at 21° 31' N; 30° 52'. Made several emergency turns and then resumed zig-zagging on Plan #6 of USF LOA at 1843. Commenced one hour of scheduled tactical maneuvers at 1930.

0800	-	20°	08'	N	132°	02'	E
1200	-	20°	44'	N	131°	37'	E
2000	-	21°	41'	N	130°	41'	E

31 March 1945

Enroute to OKINAWA SHIMA from LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group. 1715 The U.S.S. WALTER C. WANN (DE-412) came alongside to deliver guard mail. 1755 Received "Flash Red" from O.T.C., sounded General Quarters. "Flash White" received at 1807, secured from General Quarters.

0800	-	23°	28'	N	129°	20'	E
1200	-	23°	31'	N	129°	01'	E
2000	-	24°	42'	N	127°	50'	E


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Commander Amphibious Group TWELVE:
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U.S.S. TETON (AGC 14), Flagship.

Enroute to OKINAWA SHIMA Island from LEYTE Gulf, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group as part of Task Unit 51.13.2, 12th Amphibious Group of Southern Attack Force. O.T.C. is C.T.U. 51.13.2 in U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA 100), our station fifth ship in Column "C". Standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards, in Formation "2-T". 0235 Sounded General Quarters, enemy aircraft in vicinity, secured at 0330. At 0333 Sounded General Quarters and secured at 0336. 0356 Sounded General Quarters 0553 and set Condition 1-ABLE. 0608 Commenced lowering away boats. 0616 All engines stopped, lying to in Transport Area EASY, nine (9) miles off Southern Landing Beaches, OKINAWA GUNTO. 0646 All boats water borne. 0745 Commenced debarkation. At 1600 started maneuvering to approach anchorage closer to the beach. 1628 Anchored on the following anchor bearings: Sakihara Saki Light 195°(t), Makiminato Saki Point 141°(t), engines in a standby condition and again commenced unloading cargo. 1909 General Quarters. 1910 Commenced making smoke. 1911 Heavy "AA" fire off to port. 1915 Suicide Plane crashed or bombed ship reported to be the U.S.S. ACHEARNAR (AKA 53). 1920 On order of C.T.S. #14 prepared to get underway. 1926 Secured smoke generators and underway

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to make night retirement, visibility zero, conned by radar and took station in formation "2-T" of Transport Squadron #14 as third ship in starboard column, TransDiv 41, 600 yards astern of U.S.S. FON DU IAC (APA 166). O.T.C. and formation guide in U.S.S. NESHOPA (APA 206), first ship in port column.

2 April 1945

Cruising at various courses and speeds in formation "2-T" during the night. 0536 General Quarters and commenced approach for our assigned anchorage in Transport Area EASY. 0632 Secured from General Quarters and anchored at 0805 in Transport Area EASY on the following anchor bearings: Left tangent Kamirjama Shima 243°(t), Sakihara Saki Light 199°(t). 1110 Commenced unloading general cargo. 1731 Underway in compliance with despatch #020430 of C.T.G. 55.2, to make night retirement from Transport Area. Took station as fourth ship in center column of Formation "2-T", of Task Group 55.2. Guide and O.T.C. in U.S.S. NESHOPA (APA 206), first ship in center column. Formation steaming at close interval of 700 yards and close interval of 500 yards. Underway all night steaming at various courses and speeds.

3 April 1945

Steaming in formation "2-T" as fourth ship in Column BAKER, 600 yards astern of U.S.S. OCONTO (APA 116). O.T.C. in U.S.S. NESHOPA (APA 116), first ship in Column ABLE. 0537 Sounded General Quarters. 0554 Received signal from O.T.C. in U.S.S. NESHOPA (APA 116) to proceed independently to anchorage berth previously assigned.

Entered a moderately heavy smoke screen about thirteen (13) miles from the transport anchorage off Brown and White Beaches. At 0559 Item, C.I.C. reported enemy aircraft bearing 240°(t), approaching the starboard column. The starboard guns were trained to the reported bearing of the plane. The plane was picked up and tracked from 0600 to 0601 Item, when it momentarily was hidden from view by the smoke screen. At 0601 the plane came out of the smoke screen at 200°(t), and 40mm #41, which had been tracking the plane and had reported on the target, was ordered to commence firing. The plane went into a dive and began strafing the U.S.S. LATIMER (APA 152) and attempted what appeared to be a suicide attack. During its dive the 40mm, gun #41, continued to fire and hits were observed by the Commanding Officer, the Fire Control Officer and the Assistant Fire Control Officer. As the plane approached to 1300 yards of this vessel, 20mm guns opened fire.

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The pilot of the plane apparently was unable to complete suicide attack on the U.S.S. LATIMER and attempted to regain control and try a suicide run on this vessel, which was then off the LATIMER's port beam approximately 900 yards distance. As the plane pulled up, projectiles from the guns of the U.S.S. UVALDE were seen hitting the plane. It crashed approximately 50 yards off the port side of the U.S.S. LATIMER (APA 152), approximately 850 yards from this vessel. It did not explode or burn, but sank immediately. Rounds fired by 40mm: 26; by 20mm: 68. Official credit together with authority to display authorized insignia was received from C.T.D. #41, despatch #030402, of April 1945. Anchored at 0813 on following anchor bearings: Hill #400: 105°(t), Hill #78: 210°(t), Sakihara Saki Point 244°20'(t). 0820 commenced discharging cargo. L.C.T. #901 secured to starboard side of hatch #3 to assist in the discharge of cargo. LSM #28 secured to port side of hatch #4. Remained at anchor during the night and continued unloading.

4 April 1945

Anchored as before, engine room in standby status. 0255 Flash Red, Control Yellow, commenced making smoke on order of SOPA. 0300 Flash White, stopped making smoke. 0435 Flash Red, Control Yellow, enemy planes in area, commenced making smoke. Flash Blue at 0526 and all clear at 0552. Continued discharging cargo throughout the day.

5 April 1945

Anchored off Hagushi, OKINAWA Island, RYUKYUS Group. Cargo holds secured due to weather conditions. 1530 Flash Red and at 1547 Flash White. LST #553 tied up to port side of hatches #1, #2 and #3 and commenced discharge of cargo. Secured from discharging cargo at 1720 and LST #553 cast off. Remained at anchor during the night.

6 April 1945

Anchored off Hagushi, OKINAWA Island, RYUKYUS Group. 0310 Flash Red, Control Yellow, commenced making smoke. 0630 Secured from General Quarters. 0800 Pontoon Barge #16 came alongside of #3 hatch for cargo. 0836 General Quarters, secured at 0857. 1234 General Quarters, secured at 1315. Pontoon Barge cast off for the beach with cargo. 1516 General Quarters until 1528. 1605 Jap plane crashed into Transport Area, bearings 015°(t), approximately 3000 yards. 1607 General Quarters. 1614 Jap plane sighted bearing 300°(t),

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under heavy anti-aircraft fire. 1615 Jap plane shot down, falling in water, distance 6,000 yards, bearing 315°(t). 1643 Jap plane shot down bearing 355°(t), distance 24,000 yards. 1712 Jap plane bearing 355°(t), shot down, crashing into water, distance about 7,000 yards. 1615 Two friendly F6F planes brought under fire by inshore craft off our starboard side, both planes shot down. 1739 Jap plane dove on ship bearing 353°(t), distance 24,000 yards, missing ship and crashed into the water. 1801 Sighted anti-aircraft fire bearing 310°(t), 1803 sighted splash in water bearing 310°(t), distance 8,000 yards; believed to be a plane shot down. 1805 Plane shot down bearing 315°(t), distance 10 miles. 1825 Secured from General Quarters. This vessel did not fire at any time during this day. Commenced making smoke at 1851 and secured at 1951 on order C.T.F. 51. Remained at anchor during the night.

7 April 1945

Anchored off Hagushi, OKINAWA Island, RYUKYUS Group. 0335 Flash Red, Control Yellow, General Quarters, commenced making smoke. 0610 Secured from making smoke and General Quarters. 0746 Anchor aweigh, pursuant to despatch 070620Z, originator U.S.S. MERIWEATHER (APA 203) for purpose of moving closer to beach to expedite unloading. At 0810 anchored in berth H-89 on the following anchor bearings: Hill #400, 110°30'(t), conspicuous hill, 071°51'(t). Commenced discharging cargo. 1201 IST's along beach opened fire on and shot down a Navy F6F. Plane crash landed on beach. Underway at 1905 to shift anchorage. Anchored in berth H-158 at 1954 on the following anchor bearings: Makimenato Saki Point 180°(t), distance 4½ miles. 2015 Flash Red, General Quarters, commenced making smoke and secured at 2109. Remained at anchor during the night.

8 April 1945

Anchored off Hagushi, OKINAWA Island, RYUKYUS Group. Flash Red at 0330 and secured at 0345. 0807 Completed unloading ship. Cargo discharged consisted of: Organizational Equipment, 101 tons; Vehicles, 468 tons; G-4 Supplies, 963; a total of 1,532 tons of 96th Infantry Division, TENTH Army; personnel consisted of 10 officers and 127 men.

9 April 1945

Anchored off Hagushi, OKINAWA Island, RYUKYUS Group. 0504 Flash Red

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and secured at 0553. At 0741 underway for Transport Area BAKER, pursuant to Radio Despatch #081838 dated 9 April 1945 to form part of Task Unit 51.29.11. Took station at 1015 as third ship in first column, standard distance 600 yards, standard interval 1000 yards. Unit Guide 51.29.11 and O.T.C. in U.S.S. DADE (APA 99). Enroute to SAIPAN, MARIANAS Group. As other ships joined our Unit, our position in the formation changed to: 600 yards astern of the U.S.S. AQUARIUS (AKA 16) as fourth ship in second column.

1200	26° 17.5' N	127° 13' E
2000	25° 24.5' N	128° 07' E

10 April 1945

Steaming enroute from OKINAWA GUNTO to SAIPAN, MARIANAS Group. At 1607 U.S.S. FEIBERLING (DE 640), convoy escort, reported submarine contact and commenced dropping depth charges at approximate position 23° 15' N, 132° 09' E. Convoy executed emergency turns and at 1614 the U.S.S. FEIBERLING (DE 640), reported a positive hit on a submarine, sinking same. O.T.C. awarded credit for one enemy submarine to U.S.S. FEIBERLING. At 1623 escorts reported new submarine contact. Convoy executed emergency turns away from contact. Escort lost contact and the convoy continued zig-zag course.

0800	24° 06' N	130° 32' E
1200	23° 43' N	131° 24' E
2000	22° 58' N	133° 02.5' E

11-12 April 1945

Enroute from OKINAWA GUNTO to SAIPAN, MARIANAS Group.

11 April 1945	0800	21° 24' N	135° 34' E
	1200	21° 06' N	136° 21' E
	2000	20° 15.5' N	137° 53' E

12 April 1945	0800	18° 41' N	140° 04' E
	1200	18° 21' N	140° 38' E
	2000	17° 34' N	141° 59' E

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11 MAY 1945

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Subject: War Diary.

13 April 1945

Enroute from OKINAWA GUNTO to SAIPAN, MARIANAS Group. 1615 Commenced to break formation upon signal from O.T.C. and proceeded independently for anchorage. Anchored at 1657 in berth "M-4" on the following bearings: Hill "295" $14^{\circ}45'(t)$; Hill "1555" $113^{\circ}45'(t)$; Mutcho Light House $100^{\circ}20'(t)$, MANIAGASSA Island Beacon $076^{\circ}(t)$.

0800	$16^{\circ} 16' N$	$144^{\circ} 14' E$
1200	$15^{\circ} 36' N$	$144^{\circ} 50' E$

14 April 1945

Anchored in berth "M-4" off MUTCHO Point, SAIPAN Island. Underway at 0559 for PEARL HARBOR, T.H. in obedience to despatch #081838 of 13 April 1945 received from the Port Director, SAIPAN Island and C.T.F. #51.

0800	$15^{\circ} 15.7' N$	$146^{\circ} 04' E$
1200	$15^{\circ} 03' N$	$146^{\circ} 56' E$
2000	$14^{\circ} 40' N$	$148^{\circ} 43' E$

15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23 April 1945

Steaming singly, enroute to PEARL HARBOR, T.H. from SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group.

15 April 1945	0800	$14^{\circ} 00' N$	$151^{\circ} 25' E$
	1200	$13^{\circ} 54' N$	$152^{\circ} 18' E$
	2000	$13^{\circ} 34' N$	$153^{\circ} 52' E$
16 April 1945	0800	$12^{\circ} 53' N$	$156^{\circ} 31' E$
	1200	$13^{\circ} 54' N$	$157^{\circ} 24' E$
	2000	$12^{\circ} 08' N$	$159^{\circ} 09' E$
17 April 1945	0800	$11^{\circ} 26.5' N$	$161^{\circ} 48' E$
	1200	$11^{\circ} 16' N$	$162^{\circ} 34' E$
	2000	$11^{\circ} 47' N$	$164^{\circ} 11' E$
18 April 1945	0800	$12^{\circ} 24' N$	$166^{\circ} 42' E$
	1200	$12^{\circ} 39' N$	$167^{\circ} 30' E$
	2000	$13^{\circ} 07' N$	$169^{\circ} 16' E$

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11 MAY 1945	

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Subject: War Diary.

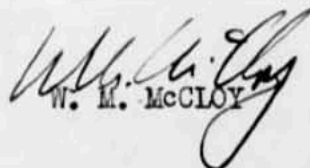
19 April 1945	0800	13° 37' N	171° 32' E
	1200	13° 57' N	172° 22' E
	2000	14° 25' N	173° 39' E
20 April 1945	0800	15° 31' N	176° 32' E
	1200	15° 29' N	177° 24' E
	2000	15° 52.5' N	179° 12' E
20 April 1945	0800	16° 33' N	178° 11' W
	1200	16° 44.5' N	177° 19' W
	2000	17° 11' N	175° 27' W
21 April 1945	0800	17° 42' N	172° 32' W
	1200	18° 02' N	171° 36' W
	2000	18° 17' N	169° 41' W
22 April 1945	0800	18° 39' N	166° 40' W
	1200	18° 53' N	165° 42' W
	2000	19° 06' N	163° 49' W
23 April 1945	0800	18° 20' N	166° 02' W
	1200	19° 34' N	160° 26' W
	2000	19° 41.5' N	158° 38' W

24 April 1945

Steaming singly enroute to PEARL HARBOR, T.H. from SAIPAN Island. 1200 Maneuvering to conform with harbor traffic and moored at 1221 starboard side to U.S.S. LYCOMING (APA 155) in berth X-11, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU Island, T.H.

25-26-27-28-29-30 April 1945

Moored in berth X-11, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU Island, T.H. for buoy availability and voyage repairs. Painted ship, took on stores, fuel and provisions.


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2 JUN 1945

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief United States Fleet and
Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: War Diary.

1 May 1945 (Zone plus 09 30)

The U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88) is attached to the Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Transports, Pacific Fleet, and part of Transport Division FORTY-ONE, Transport Squadron FOURTEEN.

Commander Transport Division FORTY-ONE:
Captain H. J. WRIGHT, U.S.N.
U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188), Flagship.

Commander Transport Squadron FOURTEEN:
Commodore C. G. RICHARDSON, U.S.N.
U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA-100), Flagship.

Moored for and aft to buoys in Berth K-11, East Loch, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU Island, T.H., for buoy availability and voyage repairs. U.S.S. LYCOMING (APA-155) moored to starboard side and U.S.S. CENTAURUS (AKA-17) moored to port side. Took on stores, fuel and provisions. Continued painting ship.

2 May 1945

Moored in Berth K-11, East Loch, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU Island, T.H.

3 May 1945

Moored in Berth K-11, East Loch, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU Island, T.H. 0710 Underway for Pier 31-A, HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H., in obedience to Port Director, PEARL HARBOR, T.H. despatch #012150, of 2 May 1945. Reported for temporary assignment under Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet in accordance with AdComPhibsPac SECRET despatch #020558 of 2 May 1945. At 1117 moored port side to Pier 31-A, HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H. Commenced taking on cargo.

4-5-6-7-8 May 1945

Moored port side to Pier 31-A, HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H. Continued loading cargo.

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Subject: War Diary.

9 May 1945

Moored port side to Pier 31-A, HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H. Pursuant to verbal orders from Commandant FOURTEENTH Naval District, five (5) officers received on board as passengers. Fifty (50) enlisted men reported aboard as passengers for transportation. Completed loading cargo at 2300. The cargo consisted of: bombs, 1,031 tons; general cargo, 315 tons; bomb accessories, 51 tons; vehicles, 338 tons; drop tanks, 51 tons; mines, 411 tons; mail, 1 ton; personnel effects, 24 tons; fuses, 2 tons, and steel pipes, 7 tons; total tonnage, 2,232 tons.

10 May 1945

Moored port side to Pier 31-A, HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H. 0805 Underway for ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands, in accordance with ComNavSeaFron ltr, serial 0547 of 9 May 1945. Two Navy TBF's rendezvoused with ship at appointed time. 1045 General Quarters for "AA" firing practice. 1201 Secured from General Quarters having fired HON, GEORGE and UNCLE runs, expending the following ammunition: 16 rounds 5"/38 AAC projectiles; 16 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder; 1690 rounds of 40mm AA service ammunition; and 6550 rounds of 20mm AA service ammunition.

1200	20° 39' N	158° 01' W
2000	19° 54' N	159° 13' W

11 May 1945

Enroute from HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H., to ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands. In the afternoon General Drills were held for the crew and passengers.

0800	19° 38' N	161° 51' W
1200	19° 31' N	162° 55' W
2000	19° 26' N	165° 11' W

12, 13 May 1945

Enroute from HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H., to ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands.

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	1200	18° 50' N	169° 13' W
	2000	18° 26' N	171° 03' W

13 May 1945	0800	17° 44' N	174° 02' W
	1200	17° 34' N	174° 58' W
	2000	17° 11' N	177° 03' W

15 May 1945

Expended four rounds of 40mm AA service ammunition from gun #41.

0800	16° 34' N	180° 00' W
1200	16° 18.4' N	179° 06' E
2000	15° 45' N	177° 11' E

16 May 1945

1915 Held AA firing practice. Commenced firing at burst from 5"/38. 1521 Ceased firing, having expended the following ammunition: 55 rounds of 20mm AA service ammunition; 2 rounds of 40mm AA service ammunition and 1 round of 5"/38 AAC projectiles; 1 round 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder.

0800	15° 30' N	174° 23' E
1200	14° 47.5' N	173° 28' E
2000	14° 16' N	171° 32' E

17 May 1945

1102 Held surprise AA target practice, commenced firing at burst from 5"/38. 1107 Ceased firing, having expended the following ammunition: 24 rounds 20mm AA service ammunition; 4 rounds of 40mm AA service ammunition; 3 rounds of 5"/38 AAC projectiles and 3 rounds of 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder.

0800	13° 29' N	168° 14' E
1200	13° 12' N	167° 48.5' E
2000	12° 35' N	165° 56' E

18 May 1945

Enroute from HONOLULU, OAHU Island, T.H., to ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands. Anchored at 1254 in Special Anchorage "D" Berth 265,

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ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands. Made preparations for the discharge of cargo. Commenced loading 397 tons of small arms ammunition.

0800 11° 46' N 163° 11' E

19 May 1945

Anchored in Special Anchorage "D" Berth 285, ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands. One officer and eleven (11) enlisted passengers were transferred. Continued loading small arms ammunition.

20 May 1945

Anchored in Special Anchorage "D" Berth 285, ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands. Received six (6) enlisted man on board as passengers for transportation. Continued loading small arms ammunition.

21 May 1945

Anchored in Special Anchorage "D" Berth 285, ENIWETOK Atoll, MARSHALL Islands. Completed loading small arms ammunition at 0510, having taken on board 397 tons. 1055 Underway for GUAM, MARIANAS Group in accordance with confidential routing instructions, Port Director's Office, ENIWETOK, of 21 May 1945. 1336 Sounded General Quarters, preparing for "AA" firing practice. The tow planes made GEORGE, HOW and UNCLE runs. Secured General Quarters at 1424 and immediately set General Quarters Modified and continued GEORGE, HOW and UNCLE runs. Secured from "AA" firing practice at 1500 having expended the following ammunition: 27 rounds 5"/38 AAC projectiles; 27 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder; 2204 rounds 40mm AAC service ammunition; 5929 rounds 20mm AA service ammunition.

1200 11° 24' N 162° 25' E
2000 11° 29' N 160° 20' E

22 May 1945

Steaming singly enroute from ENIWETOK Atoll to GUAM, MARIANAS Islands.

0800 11° 59' N 157° 26' E
1200 12° 11' N 156° 28' E
2000 12° 31' N 154° 32' E

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23 May 1945

Steaming singly enroute from ENIWETOK Atoll, to GUAM, MARIANAS Islands. 1838 Commenced "AA" practice fire at 5"/38 burst. 1841 Secured from "AA" firing practice having expended: 5"/38, 3 rounds of AAC projectiles; 3 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder; 101 rounds 20mm AA service ammunition.

0800	12° 52' N	151° 37' E
1200	13° 01' N	150° 38' E
2000	13° 21' N	148° 25' E

24 May 1945

Steaming singly enroute from ENIWETOK Atoll, to GUAM, MARIANAS Islands. 0809 Sighted GUAM Island, MARIANAS Group. 1130 Received Port Director's dispatch #240105 directing vessel to proceed to SAIPAN Island. Lay to outside of harbor and transferred four (4) officers and forty (40) enlisted passengers to Navy #939. Underway for SAIPAN Island at 1700.

0800	13° 44' N	145° 33' E
1200	13° 30' N	144° 40' E
2000	13° 59' N	144° 45' E

25 May 1945

Steaming singly enroute from GUAM to SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. 0700 Anchored in berth M26, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. In accordance with visual dispatch #250518, made preparations for shifting berths. Underway at 1759 and anchored at 1900 in berth L61, inner harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group.

26 May 1945

Anchored in berth L61, inner harbor, SAIPAN. LCT 3356 moored along side #4 hatch. At 1100 received from U.S.M.M. Navy #3245, 37 rounds of 5"/38 AAC ammunition; 37 rounds of 5"/38 CHG NF 2501; 5040 rounds of 20mm AA 030111, and 9900 rounds of 20mm AA 011711 ammunition. At 1510 commenced unloading mines from hatch #4 into LCT.

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27, 28, 29, 30, 31 May 1945

Anchored in berth L61, inner harbor, SAIPAN Island. Continued unloading
mines into LCT's.


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1 July 1945

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To: The Commander in Chief United States Fleet and
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Subject: War Diary.

1 June 1945 (Zone minus 10)

The U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88) is attached to the Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Transports, Pacific Fleet, and is part of Transport Division FORTY-ONE, Transport Squadron FOURTEEN. Reported to Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet for temporary assignment on 2 May 1945 in accordance with AdComPhibsPac Secret despatch #020558 of 2 May 1945.

Commander Transports Division FORTY-ONE:
Captain H. J. WRIGHT, U.S. Navy
U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188), Flagship.

Commander Transport Squadron FOURTEEN:
Commodore D. L. RYAN, U.S. Navy
U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA-100), Flagship.

Anchored in Berth L-61, inner harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. At 2015 completed unloading 411 tons of mines from hatch #4.

2 June 1945

Anchored in Berth L-61, inner harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. 1700 Commenced discharging cargo from hold #5 into LCT #1058.

3-4-5 June 1945

Anchored in Berth L-61, inner harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. Continued discharging cargo from hatch #5.

6 June 1945

Anchored in Berth L-61, inner harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. Completed unloading cargo from hatch #5 at 1915, having discharged 496 tons of 300-pound bombs.

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7 June 1945

Anchored in Berth L-61, inner harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. 0606 Underway for TINIAN Harbor pursuant to Port Director visual despatch #0605444, of June 1945. 0908 Moored port side to in Berth #5, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. Commenced discharging cargo.

8-9-10-11 June 1945

Moored port side to in Berth #5, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. Continued unloading cargo.

12 June 1945

Moored port side to in Berth #5, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. Completed discharging cargo at 0618, having discharged 39½ tons of general cargo and 226½ tons of vehicles. Underway to shift berths in accordance with Port Director, TINIAN, despatch #1121552 of June 1945. Anchored in berth "F-23" at 1108.

13-14 June 1945

Anchored in berth "F-23", inside anti-submarine net, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group.

15 June 1945

Anchored in berth "F-23", inside anti-submarine net, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. Underway at 1010 in accordance with Port Director, TINIAN, visual despatch #142148 of June 1945. 1418 Moored port side to pontoon deck, Pier 7-A, TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN Island. Commenced discharging cargo from holds #2 and #5.

16 June 1945

Moored port side to pontoon dock, Pier 7-A, TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. Ceased discharge of cargo at 1600, having discharged 80 tons of 20mm and 40mm ammunition, 20 tons of vehicles and 17 tons of general cargo. 1659 Underway to shift berths pursuant to Port Director messenger despatch, reference #16 of 4082. At 1801 anchored in berth L-60, inside anti-submarine net, SAIPAN Harbor.

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17 June 1945

Anchored in berth L-60, inside anti-submarine net, SAIPAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. 0638 Underway pursuant to Port Director visual despatch #161136 of June 1945. Anchored 0846 in berth F-23, TINIAN Harbor.

18-19 June 1945

Anchored in berth F-23 inside anti-submarine net, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. 1626 Underway pursuant to Port Director radio despatch #190355Z, of June 1945. 1708 Moored starboard side to dock #7, TINIAN Harbor. Commenced discharging cargo at 2000. Due to the shortage of available stevedore personnel, ship's company was used exclusively in discharging cargo at this port.

20-21-22 June 1945

Moored to dock, berth #7, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. Continued discharging cargo.

23 June 1945

Moored to dock, berth #7, TINIAN Harbor, MARIANAS Group. Secured from discharging cargo at 0550, having discharged 7 tons of steel, 535 tons of bombs (300-pound demo.), 2 tons fuses (mines), 17½ tons of fuses (bombs) and 51 tons of tail fins. 1033 Underway in accordance with verbal orders of Port Director, TINIAN Harbor. 1301 Anchored in berth L-64, SAIPAN Island, Inner Harbor. 1752 Underway for dock in accordance with visual despatch #230510Z of June 1945, from Port Director, SAIPAN Island. 1905 Moored port side to pontoon dock "A-1", TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN Island. 2000 Commenced discharging cargo, ship's company acting as stevedores.

24 June 1945

Moored to pontoon dock "A-1", TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. Continued discharging cargo.

25 June 1945

Moored to pontoon dock "A-1", TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN Island, MARIANAS Group. Completed discharging cargo at 0045, having discharged 278 tons of

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general cargo and 69½ tons of vehicles. At 0605 underway from TANAPAG Harbor, to GUAM, MARIANAS Group in accordance with orders of Port Director, Saipan, of 24 June 1945. At 1642 moored to buoys forward and aft in berth #19, APRA Harbor, GUAM. 2150 Commenced discharging cargo into LCT's.

26 June 1945

Moored to buoys forward and aft in berth #19, APRA Harbor, GUAM. Continued discharging cargo. 1215 Commenced receiving diesel oil from YOG #59. Completed receiving diesel oil, having received on board 8500 gallons. Sixty (60) enlisted men reported aboard for transportation, authority: Port Director, Guam, visual despatch #260547 of June 1945. 2010 Commenced receiving fuel from YO #124.

27 June 1945

Moored to buoys fore and aft in berth #19, APRA Harbor, GUAM. 0230 Completed taking on fuel oil, having received 210,000 gallons. 0800 Completed discharge of ship, having unloaded 23 tons of 20mm and 40mm ammunition, 294 tons of 30 cal. and 50 cal. ammunition, 52 tons of drop tanks and ½ ton of pyrotechnics at this port. 1015 Underway in accordance with order of Port Director, Guam, reference #pdg 1485, dated 26 June 1945, for SAN FRANCISCO, California.

28 June 1945

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM, to SAN FRANCISCO, California. 0532 Commenced "AA" firing practice at 5"/38 burst. 0546 Completed firing practice, having expended the following ammunition: 6 rounds 5"/38 cal. AAC projectiles; 6 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder; 342 rounds 20mm AA Service ammunition. 1302 Exercised crew and passengers at emergency drills.

0800	12° 40' N	148° 36' E
1200	12° 36' N	149° 27' E
2000	12° 24' N	151° 12' E

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At 2327 this date, a plain language radio despatch which is reproduced in full below reported that a merchant ship had sighted a submarine in the vicinity of this vessel. This information was coordinated with the plot then being maintained in CIC on a surface vessel. The events as recorded and plotted immediately preceding and following the receipt of the contact report are logged below.

- 2200/28 Ship in Condition II and darkened, steaming on base course $097^{\circ}(t)$, zig-zagging according to Plan #45 of Zig-Zag Diagrams of 1940, making good 13.5 knots. Ship's position: Lat. $12^{\circ} 21' 45''$ N, Long. $151^{\circ} 37' 30''$ E.
- 2219/28 Surface target which was designated target "A" was picked up on the SG radar bearing $050^{\circ}(t)$, range 34,700 yards. A DRT track was set up and the target's course and speed were determined to be $127^{\circ}(t)$, 11 knots. Due to the range at which it was picked up, the course, speed and fact that it showed IFF, the target was evaluated as a Naval auxiliary. Due to subsequent events, it is believed at least possible that the IFF indication might have been a second sweep return from a distant ship and that the target under consideration was a merchantman, unless some merchantmen are now equipped with IFF, of which possibility we are not aware.
- 2229/28 Target "A" appeared to change course to $101^{\circ}(t)$.
- 2250/28 Target "A" altered course radically to $325^{\circ}(t)$ and appeared to increase speed 1 or 2 knots.
- 2302/28 Target "A" changed course to $105^{\circ}(t)$ and continued on this course at a speed of 13 knots until 0016, when it faded from view at 44,000 yards. The action of this ship occasioned some speculation when the course change was first noticed. This maneuver carried it to a point 8,700 yards in a direction of $345^{\circ}(t)$ from its position at the start of the maneuver, at which point it resumed a course approximately the same as the original of $127^{\circ}(t)$.
- 2327/28 The submarine contact previously referred to at this time is quoted in full: (reference: FOX No. J-5208):

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Originator: S.S. J.D. ROSS, passed to all U.S. Navy ships for action Radio Guam, date/time group 281255Z: "12-34 N 151-44 E SUBMARINE SIGHTED OFF STERN". This position was plotted and found to have been two points abaft our port beam, distance $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles, when originated by the ROSS at 2255. At 2255 target "A" bore $040^{\circ}(t)$, 303(r), 16 miles, and had just commenced her radical maneuvers five minutes before. Assuming our target to be the ROSS, our plot put the reported submarine $15\frac{1}{2}$ miles dead astern of her, but plotting errors on the part of either ship could easily have closed his range to visual distance.

- 2335/28 Changed course to $147^{\circ}(t)$ to avoid dangerous waters.
- 0100/29 Changed course to $100^{\circ}(t)$, being now nine (9) miles south of the original course line and being assured that any pursuing submarine from the position reported was faced with a very unfavorable stern-chase. At no time did this ship have any radar contact that might have been evaluated as a submarine.
- 0330/29 A second contact report was received as follows (reference FOX No. J-5231): Originator: S.S. MORRIS SHEPARD, passed to all U.S. Navy ships by Radio Honolulu, date/time group 281703Z: "12-50 N 151-17 E SUBMARINE SIGHTED". If this was the submarine previously reported, there was no further danger from her, as this vessel's latitude was at the time of the report $11^{\circ} 59' N$ and our latitude $152^{\circ} 35' E$.

29-30 June 1945 (30 June - minus 11 Zone)

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM, MARIANAS Group to SAN FRANCISCO, California. On the morning of 30 June at 0547 commenced "AA" firing practice at 5"/38 burst. 0552 Ceased "AA" firing practice, having expended the following ammunition: 4 rounds 5"/38 AAC projectiles; 4 rounds 5"/38 2959 powder; 30 rounds 40mm AAC Service Ammunition.

29 June	0800	$11^{\circ} 55' N$	$153^{\circ} 43' E$
	1200	$11^{\circ} 53' N$	$154^{\circ} 35' E$
	2000	$11^{\circ} 48' N$	$156^{\circ} 26' E$

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1 July 1945

To: The Commander in Chief United States Fleet and
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Subject: War Diary.

30 June	0800	11° 23' N	158° 55' E
	1200	11° 17' N	159° 54' E
	2000	11° 09' N	161° 38' E

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U. S. S. UVALDE (AKA-88)

**CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

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1 August 1945

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To: The Commander in Chief United States Fleet and
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1 July 1945 (Zone minus 11)

The U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88) is attached to the Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Transports, Pacific Fleet, and part of Transport Division FORTY-ONE, Transport Squadron FOURTEEN. Reported to Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet for temporary assignment on 2 May 1945 in accordance with AdComPhibsPac secret despatch #020558 of 2 May 1945.

Commander Transport Division FORTY-ONE
Commodore H. J. WRIGHT, U.S. Navy
U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188), Flagship

Commander Transport Squadron FOURTEEN
Commodore D. L. RYAN, U.S. Navy
U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27), Flagship

Steaming singly enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island to SAN FRANCISCO, California in accordance with the order of Port Director, GUAM, reference #pdg 1485, dated 25 June 1945.

0800	12° 39' N	163° 51' E
1200	13° 15' N	164° 36' E
2000	14° 27' N	166° 00' E

2 July 1945

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island to SAN FRANCISCO, California. At 1820 commenced "AA" firing practice. Secured from firing practice at 1821 having expended the following ammunition: 12 rounds of 40mm AAC service ammunition.

0800	16° 24' N	168° 05' E
1200	16° 51' N	169° 54' E
2000	17° 51' N	170° 21' E

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3, 4 July 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island, to SAN FRANCISCO, California.

3 July	0800	19° 21' N	172° 22' E
	1200	19° 51' N	173° 07' E
	2000	20° 54' N	174° 42' E
4 July	0800	22° 33' N	177° 04' E
	1200	23° 04' N	177° 50' E
	2000	24° 05' N	179° 50' E

4 July 1945 (Zone plus 12)

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island to SAN FRANCISCO, California.
Set ship's time back 24 hours to agree with plus 12 time zone 4 July 1945
(Western Hemisphere date). At 1525 commenced "AA" firing practice at
5"/38 burst. 1527 Completed gunnery practice, having expended the follow-
ing ammunition: 2 rounds 5"/38 AAC projectiles; 2 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959
powder; 36 rounds 40mm AAC service ammunition; 53 rounds 20mm AA service
ammunition.

0800	25° 37' N	179° 18' W
1200	26° 07' N	177° 25' W
2000	26° 55' N	175° 36' W

5, 6 July 1945 (Zone plus 11)

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island to SAN FRANCISCO, California.

5 July	0800	28° 00' N	173° 06' W
	1200	28° 29' N	172° 05' W
	2000	29° 16' N	170° 12' W
6 July	0800	30° 29' N	167° 18' W
	1200	30° 53' N	166° 22' W
	2000	31° 35' N	164° 20' W

7 July 1945 (Zone plus 10)

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island to SAN FRANCISCO, California.

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Commenced firing practice on surface target at 1437. Ceased firing at 1444 having expended the following ammunition: 5 rounds 5"/38 AAC projectiles; 5 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder. Commenced firing practice at 2010 and secured at 2011 having expended the following ammunition: 12 rounds 20mm AA service ammunition.

0800	32° 31' N	161° 21' W
1200	32° 55' N	160° 18' W
2000	33° 35' N	158° 12' W

8, 9, 10, 11 July 1945

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island to SAN FRANCISCO, California.

8 July	0800	34° 33' N	154° 53' W
	1200	34° 50' N	153° 41' W
	2000	35° 22' N	151° 17' W
9 July	0800	36° 03' N	147° 32' W
	1200	36° 18' N	146° 32' W
	2000	36° 44' N	144° 09' W
10 July (Zone plus 9)	0800	37° 16' N	140° 49' W
	1200	37° 25' N	139° 31' W
	2000	37° 41' N	137° 02' W
11 July (Zone plus 8)	0800	37° 55' N	133° 33' W
	1200	37° 50' N	132° 35' W
	2000	37° 54' N	130° 15' W

12 July 1945 (Zone plus 7)

Enroute from APRA Harbor, GUAM Island to SAN FRANCISCO, California.
2333 Anchored in Naval Anchorage, San Francisco Bay, SAN FRANCISCO, California.

0800	37° 58' N	127° 15' W
1200	37° 56' N	125° 40' W

13 July 1945

Anchored in U.S. Naval Anchorage, SAN FRANCISCO Bay, SAN FRANCISCO, California. 0915 Pursuant to orders, U.S. Naval Receiving Station,

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Navy #926, dated 26 June 1945, sixty (60) enlisted passengers were transferred to the Receiving Station, Treasure Island, San Francisco, California.

14 July 1945

Anchored in SAN FRANCISCO Bay, SAN FRANCISCO, California. Two LCVP's, 1 LCM and 1 LCPL were exchanged by Landing Craft Equipment Depot, Albany, California for new boats, pursuant to authority contained in ComWestSeaFron despatch 101939 of July 1945.

15 July 1945

Anchored in SAN FRANCISCO Bay, SAN FRANCISCO, California. 1917 Underway for SEATTLE, Washington in accordance with Movement Order No. 278-45 - Operations, issued by Headquarters Western Sea Frontier, San Francisco, California dated 14 July 1945.

16, 17 July 1945

Underway for SEATTLE, Washington from SAN FRANCISCO, California.

16 July	0800	39° 06' N	124° 18' W
	1200	39° 41' N	124° 31' W
	2000	41° 18' N	124° 55' W
17 July	0800	43° 54' N	124° 46' W
	1200	44° 51' N	124° 37' W
	2000	46° 42' N	124° 29' W

18 July 1945

Enroute from SAN FRANCISCO, California to SEATTLE, Washington. 1020 Received visual orders from shore station to proceed to EVERETT, Washington. 1312 Anchored off EVERETT, Washington. 1830 Underway and at 1905 moored port side to U.S.S. ATTALA (APA-130), outboard U.S.S. ATTALA (APA-130) and the S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY at Pier "E", East side of Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

19 July 1945

Moored port side to Pier "E", outboard of U.S.S. ATTALA (APA-130) and S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY. Receiving the following services from the dock: telephone, electric power, steam and fresh water. Commenced voyage repair period.

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1 August 1945

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Subject: War Diary.

20 July 1945

Moored port side to Pier "E", outboard U.S.S. ATTALA (APA-130) and S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY. The S.S. BOZEMAN VICTORY stood out in the morning and the U.S.S. ATTALA in the afternoon, placing the UVALDE alongside Pier "E". At 1625 ship clear of dock, being towed astern, standing by to enter drydock. 1925 Ship in drydock.

21 July 1945

Ship in drydock, Everett Pacific Shipyard, EVERETT, Washington.

22 July 1945

Ship in drydock, Everett Pacific Shipyard, EVERETT, Washington. 1800 Left drydock and moored port side to U.S.S. SEVIER (APA-233) at Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipyard, EVERETT, Washington.

23 July 1945

Moored port side to, outboard of U.S.S. SEVIER (APA-233) at Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipyard, EVERETT, Washington. At 1820 unmoored from U.S.S. SEVIER (APA-233) and moored port side to Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipyard, EVERETT, Washington.

24, 25, 26, 27, 28 July 1945

Moored port side to Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipyard, EVERETT, Washington. Receiving the following services from the dock: steam, water and fire main pressure, electricity, compressed air and telephone service. Completed voyage repair period 2400, 28 July 1945.

29 July 1945

Moored port side to Pier "E", Everett Pacific Shipyard, EVERETT, Washington. 1022 Underway from Pier "E", EVERETT, Washington for SEATTLE Harbor, SEATTLE, Washington. 1405 Moored port side to Pier 91, Berth "C", Port of SEATTLE, SEATTLE, Washington. 1440 Commenced fueling ship and secured at 1750 having taken on board 80,646.3 gallons of Navy special fuel oil. At 1900 moved ship ahead by mooring lines to Berth "B", Pier 91.

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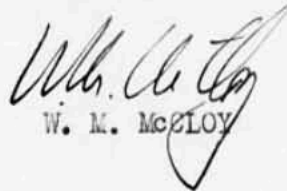
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30, 31 July 1945

Moored port side to Pier 91, Berth "B", SEATTLE, Washington, receiving stores and G.S.K.


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Subject: War Diary.

1 August 1945 (Zone plus 7)

The U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88) is attached to the Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Transports, Pacific Fleet, and part of Transport Division FORTY-ONE, Transport Squadron FOURTEEN.

Commander Transport Division FORTY-ONE
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U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27), Flagship.

Moored port side to Pier #91, Berth "B", Naval Supply Depot, Seattle, Washington. Receiving the following services from dock: telephone and fresh water. Received two (2) LCV(P)'s from U.S.S. CENTAURUS (AKA-17), authority: ComWesSeaFron despatch #301851 of July 1945. 1053 Underway, pursuant to Port Director's Movement Order No. 74-45 C&R #1101, for San Francisco, California.

1200 47° 44' N 122° 25' W
2000 48° 28' N 124° 28' W

2 August 1945

Enroute from SEATTLE, WASHINGTON to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. 0915 Commenced firing practice on target balloon. Ceased firing at 1017 having expended the following ammunition: 2110 rounds 20mm "AA" service ammunition; 158 rounds 40mm "AAC" service ammunition; 4 rounds 5"/38 "AAC" projectiles; 4 rounds 5"/38 SPDN 2959 powder.

0800 45° 29' N 124° 58' W
1200 44° 53' N 125° 04' W
2000 42° 42' N 125° 20' W

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3 August 1945

Enroute from SEATTLE, Washington to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. 1915 Anchored in U.S. Naval Special Anchorage, SAN FRANCISCO Bay, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

0800	39° 26' N	124° 57' W
1200	38° 29' N	124° 15' W

4 August 1945

Anchored in U.S. Naval Special Anchorage, SAN FRANCISCO Bay, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. 0554 Underway for POINT MOLATE, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA in accordance with Comdt. 12th N.D. visual despatch 040100 of August 1945. 0645 Anchored awaiting clearance of assigned berth. 0718 Moored port side to Dock "A", POINT MOLATE, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA. Receiving the following service from dock: fresh water. 1011 Commenced receiving cargo consisting of 50 gallon drums of fog oil.

5 August 1945

Moored port side to Dock "A", POINT MOLATE, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA loading fog oil.

6 August 1945

Moored port side to Dock "A", POINT MOLATE, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA. 1530 Completed loading 9,000 drums of fog oil. Underway at 1702 for Pier #50A, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. At 1857, while entering slip, severe vibrations were noted. Upon examination, found camel from dock caught in the propeller. A diver was sent down by Assistant Industrial Manager, inspected the propeller and reported the following conditions:

- (a) Several nicks, the deepest about three-eighths inch deep in the leading edge of one blade.
- (b) The tips of all blades slightly bent about three (3) inches from the end of blades.

At 1900 moored port side to Pier #50A, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Receiving service from dock as follows: fresh water and telephone. Commenced receiving general cargo at 2000.

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7 August 1945

Moored port side to Pier #50A, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. 1208
Received 35,818 gallons of fuel oil from YO-106. 1400 Received from Naval
Ammunition Facility, TREASURE ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA service
ammunition as follows:

Cartridges 5"/38 cal. SPDN 5946	-	50 rounds
Projectiles 5"/38 cal. AAC	-	50 rounds
40mm HEI-T-SD	-	4,320 rounds
40mm HEI-T-SD	-	800 rounds
Abandon Ship Kits	-	24

8 August 1945

Moored port side to Pier #50A, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. 1010 Nine
officers and sixty-six men reported on board for transportation, authority:
Port Director 12th N.D. Confidential ltr. L20-1(a) 14-DD/W1 of 8 August
1945. 2345 Completed receiving cargo.

9 August 1945

Moored port side to Pier #50A, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. 0720 Underway
to calibrate compasses. 1013 Completed calibrating compasses. 1032 Engines
ahead full to test damage done to screw on 6 August 1945. Definite vibra-
tions reported. 1208 Anchored in Anchorage Area, Berth #12, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA.

10 August 1945

Anchored in Anchorage Area, Berth #12, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. 1900
Underway for Bethlehem Steel Dry Dock in compliance with Assistant Indus-
trial Manager visual despatch 101807Z of August 1945. 1932 Ship entered
dry dock #1 and was held temporarily by mooring lines awaiting high tide.
2315 Tide high enough to place ship in position by use of lines. 2320
Resting on keel blocks.

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11 August 1945

Ship in dry dock #1, Bethlehem Steel Company, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. At 0215 dry dock floated and ship out of water. Receiving following services from dock: fresh water, electric power and telephone. Inspection revealed damage to propeller as follows: three blades bent back approximately eight inches, fourth about two feet. 1430 completed straightening of propeller in place; propeller not balanced. 1600 Commenced flooding dry dock and ship waterborne at 1615. 1709 Bow of ship cleared dry dock. At 1728 anchored to warm up main engines prior to getting underway. 1909 Underway for PEARL HARBOR, T.H., in accordance with ComWesSeaFron Movement Order 618-2115, of 8 August 1945.

12-13 August 1945 (Zone plus 8)

Enroute from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

12 August 0800	36° 31' N	125° 15' W
1200	36° 11' N	126° 47' W
2000	35° 20' N	127° 23' W
13 August 0800	34° 12' N	132° 47' W
1200	33° 43' N	133° 52' W
2000	32° 39' N	136° 16' W

14 August 1945 (Zone plus 9)

Enroute from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, to PEARL HARBOR, T.H. At 1400 the President of the United States, in a radio broadcast, announced that a state of war no longer exists between the United States of America and Japan, the Imperial Japanese Government having surrendered unconditionally.

0800	31° 22' N	139° 28' W
1200	30° 52' N	140° 33' W
2000	29° 51' N	142° 29' W

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15-16 August 1945

Enroute from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA to PEARL HARBOR, T.H.

15 August	0800	28° 22' N	145° 34' W
	1200	27° 56' N	146° 33' W
	2000	26° 58' N	148° 31' W
16 August	0800	25° 20' N	151° 21' W
	1200	24° 47' N	152° 18' W
	2000	23° 36' N	154° 19' W

17 August 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Enroute from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, to PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 0910 sighted OAHU Island dead ahead. 0955 Commenced AA-firing practice and secured at 1106, having expended the following ammunition:

20mm AA service ammunition	-	5,296 rounds
40mm AA service ammunition	-	993 rounds
5"/38 AAC projectiles	-	37
5"/38 SPDN powder	-	37

At 1524 moored starboard side to U.S.S. PROPUS (AK-132) in Berth X-15, PEARL HARBOR, EAST LOCH, OAHU, T.H. 1610 Nine officer passengers, having completed transportation, left ship. 1930 Sixty-six enlisted passengers left ship for Receiving Station, AIEA, T.H., having completed transportation.

0800 22° 04' N 156° 59' W

18 August 1945

Moored starboard side to U.S.S. PROPUS (AK-132), EAST LOCH, PEARL HARBOR, T.H. 1813 Underway for Dock K-5, KUAHUA Island, WEST END, PEARL HARBOR, T.H., in accordance with Captain of the Yard despatch 181050 of August 1945. Arrived at Dock K-5 at 1906, moored starboard side to. 2210 Commenced discharging cargo. Receiving fresh water service from dock.

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19-23 August 1945

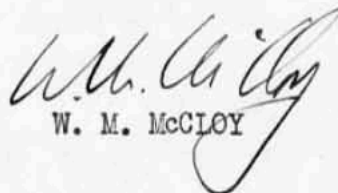
Moored starboard side to Dock K-5, KUAHUA Island, WEST END, PEARL HARBOR, T.H., discharging cargo.

24 August 1945

Discharge of cargo by Construction Battalion personnel was completed at 1740 and the ship was moved from Berth K-5 to Berth K-4, EAST LOCH, PEARL HARBOR and moored to buoys fore and aft, nesting with several other Navy and Merchant Marine ships.

25-31 August 1945

Moored to buoys fore and aft in Berth X-4, EAST LOCH, PEARL HARBOR, T.H. awaiting orders for future operations.


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1 September 1945 (Zone plus 9-1/2)

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Commander Transport Division FORTY-ONE
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Moored to buoys fore and aft in berth "X-4", East Loch, PEARL HARBOR, OAHU, T. H., awaiting orders for loading and next assignment of duty.

2 - 4 September 1945

Moored as before. At 0707 shifted to berth "X-11" in compliance with Captain of the Port's visual despatch 012340 of July 1945.

4 - 10 September 1945

Moored as before, carrying out routine drills and ship's maintenance work.

11 September 1945

Moored as before. At 1307 underway for HONOLULU, OAHU, T.H., in compliance with visual despatch 102045 originated by Port Director, PEARL HARBOR. At 1359 the ship cleared the channel entrance to PEARL HARBOR and at 1440 entered the channel to HONOLULU Harbor. The ship moored starboard side to pier 39-A, HONOLULU Harbor at 1512, hatches were stripped for loading cargo, and 1920 the first lift of cargo was struck below.

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12 September 1945

Moored as before, continued loading cargo.

13 September 1945

Moored as before. At 1230 the officers and crew were assembled on hatch #3. Commander W. M. McCLOY, (D), USNR, Commanding Officer then read his orders, reference: AdComPhibsPac P19-4/00, serial OPX-448 of 12 September 1945, and relinquished command to Lieutenant Frank C. DILWORTH, U.S. Navy, who then read his orders, reference: AdComPhibsPac P19-4/00, serial OP-10316 of 12 September 1945, and assumed command.

14 September 1945

Moored as before, continuing to load cargo. Completed loading cargo at 1400 having loaded 1,284 long tons of general cargo and mail. Commenced embarking Navy, Marine and Construction Corps personnel for transportation at 1430 and completed embarkation at 1530, having taken aboard sixteen officers and one-hundred seventy-eight enlisted men. In obedience to Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier orders of 14 September 1945, serial 01467, the ship got underway at 1600 for GUAM, MARIANAS Group.

Position	2000
Latitude	20° - 14'N
Longitude	158° - 02'W

15 - 24 September 1945 (Zone plus 10)

Enroute from HONOLULU, OAHU, T.H. to GUAM, MARIANAS Group.

Position	0800	1200	2000 (+ 11 zone)
Latitude	19° - 59'N	19° - 51'N	19° - 34'N
Longitude	160° - 45'W	161° - 42'W	163° - 52'W

16 September 1945 (Zone plus 11)

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	19° - 08'N	18° - 53'N	18° - 33'N
Longitude	166° - 46'W	167° - 48'W	169° - 51'W

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17 September 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	17° - 58'N	17° - 47'N	17° - 20'N
Longitude	172° - 46'W	173° - 43'W	175° - 48'W

18 September 1945

1220 Crossed the International Date Line.

Position	0800	1200	2000 (+ 12 zone)
Latitude	16° - 46'N	16° - 38'N	15° - 45'N
Longitude	178° - 51'W	179° - 55'W	177° - 50'E

19 September 1945

0001 Set ship's clocks ahead twenty-four hours to minus 12 zone time,
Eastern Hemisphere date 20 September 1945.

20 September 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	15° - 02'N	14° - 46'N	14° - 12'N
Longitude	174° - 53'E	173° - 51'E	171° - 42'E

21 September 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	13° - 24'N	13° - 07'N	12° - 28'N
Longitude	168° - 42'E	167° - 43'E	165° - 27'E

22 September 1945 (Zone minus 11)

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	11° - 53'N	11° - 33'N	11° - 44'N
Longitude	162° - 21'E	161° - 23'E	159° - 25'E

23 September 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12° - 12'N	12° - 21'N	12° - 42'N
Longitude	156° - 31'E	155° - 30'E	153° - 27'E

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24 September 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	13° - 13'N	13° - 22'N	13° - 42'N
Longitude	150° - 25'E	149° - 25'E	147° - 08'E

25 September 1945

Arrived off APRA Harbor, GUAM at 0737, entered harbor and moored to buoys in berth "T-6" at 0815. At 1325 ten officer passengers and one hundred sixty-eight enlisted passengers were debarked. At 2000 eight officers and one hundred sixty-eight enlisted men were embarked for transportation to SAIPAN.

26 September 1945

Underway for SAIPAN at 0710 in compliance with orders issued by Port Director, GUAM, dated 25 September 1945, serial PD 2474.

Position	0800	1200
Latitude	13° - 30'N	14° - 25'N
Longitude	144° - 36'E	145° - 01'E

Arrived TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN and anchored in assigned berth "L-67" at 1617.

27 September 1945

Anchored in berth "L-67" TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN. At 1000 commenced debarking passengers, completed debarkation of fourteen officer passengers, one hundred seventy-eight enlisted passengers. At 1541 underway to pier "B-1", TANAPAG Harbor, for unloading. Moored at 1659 port side to pier "B-1".

28 - 30 September 1945

Moored port side to pier "B-1", TANAPAG Harbor, discharging cargo.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

CONFIDENTIAL

1 November 1945

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief United States Fleet and
Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: War Diary.

1 October 1945 (Time zone minus 10)

The U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88) is attached to the Amphibious Forces, Transports, U.S. Pacific Fleet and is part of Transport Division FORTY-ONE, Transport Squadron FOURTEEN.

Commander Transport Division FORTY-ONE
Captain P. E. PENDLETON, U.S. Navy
U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188), Flagship.

Commander Transport Squadron FOURTEEN
Commodore D. L. RYAN, U.S. Navy
U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27), Flagship.

Moored portside to Berth "B-1", Tanapag Harbor, SAIPAN, MARIANAS Group. Army stevedores began unloading cargo at 0730 with ship's personnel manning the winches.

2 - 8 October 1945

Moored as before, discharging general cargo to dock and into LCT's moored alongside to starboard. Cargo unloading was completed at 2220 on 8 October 1945. Twice during this period this vessel was hit by amphibious craft attempting to retract from the beach between docks "A" and "B". At 0625 on 4 October the U.S.S. LST 357, attempting to turn completely around in the slip backed into this ship and pushed the gunwale between frames 85 and 87 inboard a distance of approximately one (1) inch. The U.S.S. LSM 388 collided bow to starboard side frame 83 at 1650 on 8 October 1945. Watertight integrity and seaworthiness of the UVALDE was not impaired in either case.

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9 October 1945

Moored as before. The UVALDE is now under Commander Task Group FIFTY-FOUR, part of Transport Squadron TWENTY, Commander Amphibious Group FOURTEEN. At 0809 the ship got underway for berth "M-16", Tanapag Harbor in compliance with message from Port Director, SAIPAN, dated 8 October 1945, anchoring in assigned berth at 0859. The UVALDE got underway at 1155 for San Pedro Harbor, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group in obedience to radio dispatch, reference #080616 of October 1945, from Port Director, SAIPAN.

Position	1200	2000
Latitude	15° 12.5' N	14° 01' N
Longitude	145° 40' E	144° 24' E

10 - 13 October 1945

En route from SAIPAN, MARIANAS Group to San Pedro Harbor, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

10 October 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000 (-9 zone)
Latitude	13° 07' N	12° 58' N	12° 34' N
Longitude	141° 52' E	141° 02' E	138° 58' E

11 October 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12° 12' N	12° 03' N	11° 50' N
Longitude	136° 13' E	135° 18' E	133° 21' E

12 October 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	11° 30' N	11° 20' N	11° 05' N
Longitude	130° 42' E	129° 46' E	127° 50' E

13 October 1945

Entered San Pedro Harbor, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group at 0824. 0939 The ship anchored in berth 18, San Pedro Harbor. The UVALDE got underway again at 1520 for CEBU City, CEBU Island, PHILIPPINE Group in

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accordance with routing instructions, serial no. 1528 dated 13 October 1945, from the Port Director, LEYTE, reference Commander Amphibious Group FOURTEEN dispatch dated 091326 of October 1945.

14 October 1945

En route San Pedro Harbor, LEYTE Island, PHILIPPINE Group to CEBU City, CEBU Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

Position	0800
Latitude	10° 05' N
Longitude	105° 49' E

The ship moored portside to Berth 7, CEBU City, CEBU Island, PHILIPPINE Group at 1025. 1409 Commenced loading equipment of the Army Signal Construction Battalion.

15 October 1945

Moored as before. Three (3) enlisted men reported aboard as passengers to proceed with the 33rd Signal Construction Battalion equipment being carried aboard. In accordance with routing instruction, serial no. 1528, dated 13 October 1945, from Port Director, LEYTE, the ship got underway at 1200 for SAN FERNANDO, LINGAYEN Gulf, LUZON Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

Position	2000
Latitude	8° 54' E
Longitude	122° 54' E

16 October 1945

En route CEBU City, CEBU Island, PHILIPPINE Group to SAN FERNANDO, LINGAYEN Gulf, LUZON Island, PHILIPPINE Group.

Position	0800	1200
Latitude	11° 19' N	12° 12.5' N
Longitude	121° 19' E	120° 57' E

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17 October 1945

The ship anchored temporarily in San Fernando Harbor, LINGAYEN Gulf, LUZON Island, PHILIPPINE Group at 0855, and at 0922 got underway for AGOO, LINGAYEN Gulf in obedience to visual dispatch #612353 from the Port Director, SAN FERNANDO. 1125 Anchored off AGOO, LINGAYEN Gulf.

18 October 1945

Anchored as before. 1325 Commenced loading vehicles from LCT's.

19 - 20 October 1945

Anchored as before, receiving ASCOMO vehicles and some general cargo. Six (6) officers and one-hundred thirty-three (133) enlisted men reported aboard on 20 October 1945 for transportation in accordance with Movement Order of Headquarters, ASCOMO, dated 6 September 1945.

21 October 1945

0020 Completed loading cargo. At 0740 the ship got underway for San Fernando, LUZON Island by authority of radio dispatch #200426 of October 1945 of Commander Amphibious Group FOURTEEN. At San Fernando rendezvous was made with the U.S.S. DIPHDA (AKA-59), and Task Unit 54.15.19, consisting of the DIPHDA and this vessel, was formed with Commander R. C. WILSON on the DIPHDA as O.T.C. In obedience to sailing order dated 21 October 1945 from Port Director, LINGAYEN, reference radio dispatch #200426 of October 1945 of Commander Amphibious Group FOURTEEN, the ship was underway again at 1549 for WAKAYAMA, HONSHU Island, JAPAN, taking station 800 yards aster of the DIPHDA.

Position	2000
Latitude	17° 25' N
Longitude	120° 15' E

22 - 25 October 1945

En route SAN FERNANDO, LINGAYEN Gulf, LUZON Island, PHILIPPINE Group to WAKAYAMA, HONSHU Island, JAPAN.

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22 October 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	19° 29' N	19° 57' N	20° 34' N
Longitude	120° 50' E	121° 27' E	122° 51' E

23 October 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	22° 13' N	22° 46' N	23° 38' N
Longitude	124° 54' E	125° 36' E	127° 01' E

24 October 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	25° 35' N	26° 18' N	27° 44' N
Longitude	129° 06' E	129° 42' E	129° 01' E

25 October 1945

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	29° 53' N	30° 28' N	31° 44' N
Longitude	133° 21' E	133° 56' E	134° 48' E

26 October 1945

A visual message from the U.S.S. DIPHDA (AKA-59) at 0729 ordered Task Unit 54.15.19 dissolved, and the UVALDE proceeded independently through a buoyed channel into WAKAYAMA Wan. At 1038 the ship anchored in WAKAYAMA Ko, Berth "A-108".

27 October 1945

Anchored as before. At 1335 the ship's crew, assisted by working parties of Army passenger personnel, began discharging cargo into the ship's LCM's.

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28 October 1945

Discharging cargo as before. Three (3) officers and thirty (30) enlisted men of the 33rd Signal Construction Battalion were debarked in the morning, transportation completed.

29 October 1945

0110 Completed unloading cargo. At 0725 the ship got underway to go alongside the U.S.S. PECOS (AO-65) in berth "B-52" for fueling. The ship moored portside to the PECOS at 0824 and at 1440 got underway for berth "B-43" in compliance with Port Director, WAKAYAMA, visual dispatch #282300 of October 1945. 1503 Anchored in berth "B-52". The remaining Army passengers aboard, four (4) officers and one-hundred three (103) enlisted men, were debarked at destination in the morning.

30-31 October 1945

Anchored as before, awaiting sailing orders. On 30 October 1945 the UVALDE was ordered to report to Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet for duty (permanent post-war assignment) by Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet dispatch #290320 of October 1945. The UVALDE remained at anchor on the 31st of October.

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

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HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. UVALDE (AKA-88)

The keel was laid on 27 March 1944, as the S.S. WILD PIGEON, but the ship was taken over by the Navy. It was the first ship on the West Coast to be built from the keel up as an "AKA". She was built by the Moore Drydock Company, Oakland, California, and was launched on 20 May 1944. Commodore C.G. McCord, U.S.N., Ret., accepted the ship for use in the naval service and delivered her to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander William M. McCloy, (D), USNR, at an impressive commissioning ceremony at 1100 on 18 August 1944.

The first five days of the ship's life were spent at Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, where stores, provisions, fuel, and landing craft were taken aboard. During the next five days the ship was depermed, radar and radio calibrations were made and exercises were concluded by running the measured mile.

On 29 August 1944 the UVALDE proceeded from San Francisco to San Pedro, California. Upon her arrival on 31 August, Captain E.P. Abernathy, USN, accompanied by his staff, came on board and made an inspection the results of which were satisfactory.

During the period from 1 September through 13 September 1944 the ship went through extensive shakedown exercises, upon the completion of which she got underway on 14 September for San Diego, California, for amphibious training.

From 15 September through 30 September the UVALDE conducted amphibious landing exercises in company with the U.S.S. APPLING (APA-58), and on 30 September 1944 returned to Terminal Island, California, for a post-shakedown availability period of one week.

Leaving Los Angeles Harbor on 10 October 1944 the UVALDE arrived in San Francisco on 11 October. From 11 October 1944 through 19 October, she loaded cargo at Pier 90-B, Islais Creek, San Francisco.

On 20 October 1944 UVALDE was underway from San Francisco, California, enroute to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands. On 1 November 1944 she crossed the International Date Line, and on 5 November all hands turned out to welcome aboard King Neptune as the UVALDE crossed the Equator. After a 6000-mile maiden voyage, the UVALDE arrived at her destination on 6 November 1944.

The next three days were spent in awaiting orders to discharge cargo. At 0820 on 10 November 1944, the U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD (AE-11) exploded and sank immediately. Many ships in the near vicinity of the MOUNT HOOD suffered an extreme number of casualties. The UVALDE responded by sending medical assistance and supplies to all in need.

On 13 November the UVALDE received orders to proceed to East Murzim Dock to commence unloading cargo. Unloading was completed on 21 November and on the 29th the UVALDE got underway for Milne Bay, New Guinea. On 3 December 1944 the UVALDE tied up to Pier 1, Hillimoi, Milne Bay, where 100 tons of miscellaneous cargo was loaded for Headquarters 489th Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, 6th Army. On 5 December 1944 UVALDE got underway for Oro Bay, New Guinea, arriving on 6 December. From 17 December through 19 December she loaded 1,025 tons of cargo consisting of vehicles, gasoline and organizational equipment for units of the 6th Army.

On 21 December 1944, the UVALDE and the U.S.S. BLACKWOOD (DE-219) were und way from Oro Bay, New Guinea, to Manus Island, Admiralty Group, arriving there on 22 December.

On 2 January 1945 the ship was underway on her first mission of war as part of Task Group 77.9, Rear Admiral R.L. Conolly, USN, Commander Reinforcement Group. On the morning of 11 January the UVALDE entered Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, and at 0925 our first boat load of cargo had reached the beach. During her stay at Lingayen Gulf the UVALDE witnessed her first suicide attacks by the Japanese Air Corps. On 13 January 1945 she was again underway from Lingayen Gulf to Leyte, where she arrived on 16 January. Two days later UVALDE weighed anchor and got underway for Biak, in the Schouten Group, arriving there on 23 January, when loading commenced at Dock #2, Sorido Lagoon.

Having completed loading on 2 February 1945 the UVALDE got underway for Leyte. On 3 February she joined formation with Task Group 78.5, Commodore H.W. Graf, USN, C.T.G. 78.5. The UVALDE anchored in Leyte Gulf on 6 February, remaining there until 7 February when she got underway for Mindoro Island. On 9 February she arrived at her anchorage at Mindoro and twenty-seven hours later was finished unloading, receiving a "Well Done" from Captain R.W. Abbott, USN, who was then O.T.C. 12 February found the UVALDE again at Leyte making preparations for another invasion. Six weeks of practice followed, and on 27 March 1945 the ship was underway for Okinawa. She steamed into the attack area on 1 April 1945 and by noon of the same day unloading was well under way. At 0559 on 3 April 1945 the UVALDE shot down a Japanese suicide plane making a strafing attack on the U.S.S. LATIMER (APA-152). Official credit was received from C.T.D. 41 and with it, the right to display a painted Jap flag on her bridge.

During her stay from 1 April to 9 April 1945, the UVALDE was continually at General Quarters due to frequent air attacks from the enemy. On 9 April the ship was underway to Saipan, Marianas, and upon arrival there, proceeded to Pearl Harbor.

After provisioning ship and loading cargo for the Marianas, the UVALDE left Pearl Harbor on 10 May 1945, arriving at Eniwetok eight days later. After taking on and discharging cargo and passengers she got underway for Guam. When unloading was finally completed in the Marianas, the UVALDE was ordered to proceed to San Francisco. Leaving Guam on 27 June she arrived in San Francisco on 12 July 1945. On 16 July the ship departed from San Francisco enroute to Everett, Washington, arriving there on 18 July. The ship was then drydocked to obtain repairs, which were completed on 28 July 1945.

Leaving Everett, Washington on 1 August 1945, the ship proceeded to San Francisco to load and return overseas. Loading was completed on 11 August and the following day the UVALDE was underway from San Francisco enroute to Pearl Harbor. At 1400 on 14 August 1945, the President of the United States announced in a radio broadcast that a state of war no longer existed between the United States and Japan, and that the Imperial Japanese Government had surrendered unconditionally.

On 17 August the ship arrived in Pearl Harbor and the following day commenced unloading cargo at Berth K-5. Unloading was completed on 24 August and on 11 September the UVALDE proceeded to Pier 39-A, Honolulu.

On 13 September 1945 the crew mustered at quarters for Change of Command Ceremonies, and at 1330 Commander William M. McCloy, (D), USNR, relinquished command to Lieutenant Frank C. Dilworth, USN. Lieutenant Jack W. Grove, (D), USNR, assumed

the duties of Executive Officer and Navigator.

On 14 September 1945 the UVALDE got underway from Honolulu for Guam, arriving there on 26 September. On 0700 the following day she got underway for Saipan, and arrived at that port on 1700 the same day.
