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9 October 1944.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet
and Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of
September 1944.

Reference: (a) PacFleet Conf. ltr. 2CL-44.

Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary - herewith.

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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90). Zone (-)7 Entire Month.

11 September 1944.

The U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90) was placed in commission at Oakland, California at 1400 this date at Moore Dry Dock Company building yard. The ship was accepted by the Maritime Commission, and turned over by that Commission to the Navy Department.

The condition of the ship when her acceptance trials were conducted by the Maritime Commission on 6 September 1944, is described in the "Sub-Board of Inspection and Survey, Office of Assistant Industrial Manager USN, Ferry Building, San Francisco, California, letter file AKA90 trials and inspections, dated 7 September 1944 to President, Board of I and S, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

At 1600, proceeded to Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California for loading stores.

11-16 September 1944.

Loaded fitting-out stores, ammunition, fuel and provisions. Testing machinery and equipment. Underway 1700, 16 September 1944, to Northside Pier #31, San Francisco, California. Depermed and Degaussed between Piers 31 and 33.

17-21 September 1944.

Calibrated SG radar, Radio and direction finders; compensated both magnetic compasses; testing machinery and equipment; exercised at general drills.

22-24 September 1944.


Underway 22 September 1944 independently to San Pedro, California for shakedown training. Enroute, held full power trials including backing test; deep sea tests of anchor gear at sixty (60) fathoms each anchor; steering tests; test fired all 20mm guns and 40mm guns. Reduced visibility prevented firing 5"/38 guns.

24 September 1944.

Arrived San Pedro, California; reported to Commander, San Pedro Shakedown Group for duty.

25-30 September 1944.

At San Pedro, California conducting shakedown exercises daily underway, training personnel and testing material, in accordance with orders from Commander, San Pedro Shakedown Group.


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1 November 1944.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet
and Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of
October 1944.

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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), Zone (-)7 Entire Month.

1-10 October 1944.

At San Pedro, California, continued shakedown exercises, underway practically everyday training personnel and testing material in accordance with orders, of Commander San Pedro Shakedown Group. Exercises included fueling at sea; passing mail at sea; streaming paravanes; firing all guns at surface and air targets; determination of tactical data at various rudder angles and runs at various speeds over measured mile off Point Fermin. On the nights of 2nd-3rd October 1944 and 3rd-4th October 1944, participated in division tactical exercises in company, OTC, ComTransDiv 41 embarked in the U.S.S. OLMSTED (APA-188).

10 October 1944.

Reported to Commander Training Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. Underway independently 1832 for San Diego, California. Arrived daylight, 11 October 1944.

12 October 1944.

Inspected by Staff of Commander Training Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. 1600 reported Commander Ship Training Group, Training Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet; then, underway for Oceanside, California; arrived 2358. Conducted Amphibious Training Exercises off Oceanside, California 13-16 October 1944; off San Diego, California 17-19 October 1944; off San Clemente Island 20-21 October 1944; and again off Oceanside, California for final exercises during period 22-26 October 1944. Amphibious exercises included ship to shore movement of landing boats (landing and retracting), firing the boat guns at surface and air targets; handling combat cargo during the day and at night with ship darkened. Conducted night tactical exercises on 16-17 October 1944 with U.S.S. CECIL (APA-96), OTC; and 25-26 October 1944 with U.S.S. WHITLEY (AKA-91), Commanding Officer, U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), OTC.

26-31 October 1944.

Underway 1200, 26 October 1944 for San Pedro, California. Arrived 1600; reported Commander Naval Drydock, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California, for post shakedown availability in accordance with ComPhibsTraPac Orders of 23 October 1944.

Due to reduced visibility during the entire month of October 1944 off Los Angeles-San Diego Area, the radar, RDF and fathometer were used very advantageously.


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4 December 1944

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of November 1944.
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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90).

1-6 November 1944. Zone + 7 time.

Undergoing post shakedown overhaul at Naval Drydocks, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California. 6 November 1944 anchored San Pedro Harbor, California, berth B7. Received FFT Pearl Harbor the U.S.S. CHOTAUK, IX 188, detail of 6 officers and 61 men.

7 November 1944.

Underway 0801, 7 November 1944 for San Francisco, California. Arrived, 1145, 8 November 1944; moored to pier 48B, San Francisco, California. Reported to Port Director for loading.

8-15 November 1944.

Received miscellaneous cargo aboard at pier 48B, loaded day and night by commercial stevedores under supervision of Port Director's representatives, San Francisco, California.

16-17 November 1944.

Underway 0603, 16 November 1944; moored 0835, 16 November 1944, to Parr Terminal No. 4, Richmond, California. Received ammunition and explosives aboard 16-17 November 1944, which was loaded by stevedores day and night.

18-24 November 1944.

Underway 0736, 18 November 1944; compensated magnetic compasses in San Francisco Bay; 1140 passed under Golden Gate Bridge enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H., through points prescribed by routing officer, Western Sea Frontier, until diverted due to new submarine operations in area through which we were originally routed.

24 November 1944.

Arrived Pearl Harbor, T.H. at 1507; moored at Berth M3. 1930 began discharging cargo day and night using Naval Construction Battalion units operating under jurisdiction of Freight Office. Reported to Administrative Commander, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, for duty.

24-30 November 1944. Zone + 9½ time.

Unloading miscellaneous cargo at Berth M3, Pearl Harbor, T.H., using Naval Construction Battalion personnel.

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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90).

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
November	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
7			34°05'N	119°13'30"W	35°11'N	121°17'W
8	37°40'N	122°51'W				
18	37°51'N	122°24'45"W	37°45'30"N	122°39'40"W	36°51'20"W	124°30'W
19	35°38'30"N	128°05'30"W	35°17'N	129°10'W	34°20'N	131°21'W
20	33°16'30"N	135°03'W	33°14'N	136°12'W	33°19'N	138°49'W
21	33°18'30"N	142°42'W	32°38'N	143°35'30"W	31°04'N	144°33'W
22	28°57'N	146°49'W	28°05'N	147°41'30"W	26°55'N	149°02'W
23	25°00'30"N	151°26'W	24°29'N	152°30'W	23°34'30"N	154°08'20"W
24	21°42'30"N	156°41'W	21°13'45"N	157°43'17"W		


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6 January 1945

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

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of December 1944.
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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90)

1 December 1944.

Completed unloading cargo at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., which was loaded in San Francisco, Calif. during month of November 1944.

2-5 December 1944.

Moored to buoys in Pearl Harbor, T.H.

6-9 December 1944.

Participated in amphibious training exercises in Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. in company with U.S.S. BAYFIELD (APA-33), (with Commander Transport Squadron 15 embarked, OTC), U.S.S. SIBLEY (APA-206), U.S.S. SHOSHONE (AKA-65), and U.S.S. BERRIEN (APA-62); tactical exercises each night, with ships darkened except for dimmed side running lights; normal cruising formation, line of division guides; this vessel's position was astern U.S.S. SIBLEY in port column. On 6 December and 9 December the above vessels fired AA practices at towed sleeve.

9 December 1944.

Entered Honolulu Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

10 December 1944.

Loaded training combat cargo (Army material).

11-16 December 1944.

Participated in amphibious training exercises with U.S.S. BAYFIELD (APA-33), (with Commander Transport Squadron 15 embarked, OTC), U.S.S. SHOSHONE (AKA-65), U.S.S. SANBORN (APA-193), U.S.S. SIBLEY (APA-206), and U.S.S. SANDOVAL (APA-194) including actual landing at Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. of 390th regimental combat team with equipment; tactical exercises each night, with ships darkened except dimmed side running lights; normal cruising formation as for previous exercises.

13 December 1944.

While following astern U.S.S. SIBLEY, in Maalaea Bay, at 1921 local time, forming up for normal cruising formation, in compliance with signal from OTC, this vessel and U.S.S. BAYFIELD collided, the stem of the BAYFIELD penetrating the

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starboard side of this vessel at frame 51 (#2 hold, forward half only) for a depth of approximately six (6) feet. No injuries resulted on either ship; there was no spread of damage; the forward half only of #2 hold deep tank flooded. Anchored Maalaea Bay. Shored damaged area and installed bulkhead to minimize entrance of sea while enroute to Navy Yard. (Report of collision was made by C.O. WHITESIDE ltr., AKA-90/L11-1, serial number 113, dated 15 December 1944 to CominCh via official channels. A board of investigation convened on board the U.S.S. BAYFIELD on 21 December 1944, by order of Transport Squadron Fifteen to inquire into the collision).

14 December 1944.

Participated in landing of 390th regimental combat team, including troops and supplies, at Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. Continued improving repairs to damaged hull structure caused by the collision.

15-16 December 1944.

Reloaded troops and equipment of RCT. 2045 underway for Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., escorted by YMS-386. Arrived 0700, 16 December 1944. Debarked troops and unloaded training combat cargo (Army material).

17 December 1944.

Shifted berth from Honolulu to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

18-24 December 1944.

Awaiting availability of drydock to effect repairs caused by collision on 13 December 1944.

24-31 December 1944.

In #4 drydock, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., undergoing repairs.

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8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
December	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
6	21°19'N	157°58.3'W	20°55'15"N	157°40'30"W	20°38.5'N	157°13.5'W
7	20°43'30"N	156°31'03"W			20°22'N	156°28.6'W
8	20°40'48"N	156°31'30"W	20°41'4"N	156°32'6"W	20°32.3'N	156°29.5'W
9	20°44.2'N	156°31'W	20°44.2'N	156°31'W		
11					21°12"N	157°55'W
12					20°39'30"N	156°31.8'W
13	20°41'N	156°31.2'W	20°41'N	156°31.2'W	20°39'30"N	156°31'06"W
16	21°17'30"N	157°53'W				
17			21°18'05"N	157°57'35"W		

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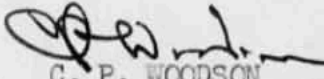
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11 February 1945

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

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To: The Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Task Force 51, Task Force 53, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 46.

1-8 January 1945. Zone time plus 9½.

Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, undergoing repairs. Yard repainted exterior of ship solid blue color (measure 21) over prior coating (measure 32).

9 January 1945.

Adjusted deguassing system at deperming station, due to change in magnetic properties of steel used in repairing starboard side of ship at frame 51.

10 January 1945.

Compensated magnetic compasses south of Oahu Island, T.H.

11 January 1945.

Berth C-5 Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

12-18 January 1945.

Participated in amphibious training exercises (ComPhibsForPac Training Order A29-44) with Transport Squadrons 15 and 16, and supporting forces, off Maui and Kahoolawe Islands, simulating assault landings, CTF 51, Vice Admiral R. K. TURNER, U.S. Navy, Commander, Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, OTC. Fired AA gunnery exercises at towed sleeve on the 12th and 18th of January 1945 enroute to and returning from Maui. Tactical exercises, with ships darkened, were held each night except 13th and 15th January 1945, Transport Squadron 16 operating independently of Transport Squadron 15 for these exercises, CTF 53 (Rear Admiral Harry W. HILL, U.S. Navy, Commander, Amphibious Group 2, U.S.S. AUBURN flagship) OTC. Normal cruising disposition, line of division guides, four (4) columns, with inner and outer screen; this vessel's position being number 3 in port column, temporary Transport Division 27. Anchored Lahaina Roads and Maalaea Bay, Maui Island, T.H., nights 13-14, and 15-16 respectively. 18 January 1945 moored West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

19-21 January 1945.

Loaded cargo ammunition, 600 rounds 8 inch projectile and powder, and replenished ship's ammunition supply.

21 January 1945.

Proceeded Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., berth 28.

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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Task Force 51, Task Force 53, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 46.

22-26 January 1945.

Loaded 2250 tons combat cargo, and personnel consisting of ten (10) officers and 129 enlisted men.

27-31 January 1945.

Underway, in accordance with Commander, Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, operation plan, A25-44, with Transport Squadron 16 to Eniwetok, following astern Transport Squadron 15, in same cruising disposition as for training exercises 12-18 January 1945 aforementioned. On 27 January 1945, fired AA gun practices at towed sleeve with Transport Squadron 16. On 31 January 1945, fired AA gun practices at drone with Temporary Transport Division 27.

The expenditures of ammunition for training purposes were as follows:

DATE	5"38	40 MM	20 MM
January			
12	4 rounds AA common	296 rounds HET	918 rounds HEI and HET
18	7 rounds AA common	738 rounds HET	1057 rounds HEI and HET
27	11 rounds AA common	400 rounds HET	930 rounds HEI and HET
31	None	316 rounds HET	1509 rounds HEI and HET

Zone times were changed as follows:

DATE	From	To
January		
27	Zone time plus 9½	Zone time plus 10½
29	Zone time plus 10½	Zone time plus 11
30	Zone time plus 11	Zone time plus 11½
31	At 2330 crossed 180th Meridian at Latitude 16° 46.5' N traveling west. Time advanced 24 hours.	

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8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
January	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
12			21°01'N	157°55.8'W	19°41'N	157°33'W
13	20°44'N	156°38'09"W				
14	20°45'04"N	156°40'04"W	20°44'N	156°36'06"W	19°36'N	157°03'W
15	20°44'4"N	156°37'1"W				
16	20°46'N	156°30'W			19°42'N	156°53'W
17					19°48.30'N	157°21'W
18			21°08'45"N	157°57'50"W		
27			21°12'30"W	157°55'30"W	20°22.3'N	159°19'W
28	19°43.9'N	161°27'W	19°42.30'N	162°02'45"W	19°40'N	163°53'30"W
29	19°25'N	166°16'W	19°21.8'N	167°00'W	19°00'N	168°57'W
30	18°38'N	171°22'W	18°31'N	172°19'W	18°07'N	174°14'W
31	17°19'N	176°42.5'W	17°18.5'N	177°33.5'W	17°00'N	179°13'W

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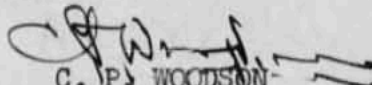
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23 March 1945.

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

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To: The Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Task Force 51, Task Force 53, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 46.

2-5 February 1945. Zone time plus 11½.

Underway enroute Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, in company with Transport Group ABLE, in formation, line of Division guides, 4 columns, with inner and outer screen, this vessel's position being number 3 in the port column, temporary transport division 27; Transport Group ABLE following 20 miles astern Transport Group BAKER, in accordance with ComPhibsForPac OpPlan A25-44.

5-6 February 1945. Zone time minus 11.

Fueled and provisioned at Eniwetok.

7-11 February 1945. Zone time minus 10.

Enroute Eniwetok to Saipan, Marianas Islands, in same formation as indicated 1-5 February, above. Fired AA gun practice on 7 February 1945, in company with Commander Transport Squadron 16.

11 February 1945.

Arrived Saipan, Marianas Island Group.

12-13 February 1945.

Participated with Task Force 51 in dress rehearsal of assault landing off Tinian Island.

14-15 February 1945.

Provisioned at Saipan.

16-19 February 1945.

Enroute Saipan to Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, via routes prescribed by ComPhibsForPac OpPlan A25-44. During the cruise from Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., to Iwo Jima no actual sighting of enemy surface vessels were made by this Command. However, reports of sightings of periscopes and sound contacts were received from other vessels. While enroute from Honolulu, Oahu, T.H., to Iwo Jima, participated with TransGroup ABLE in tactical exercises, gunnery exercises, paravane exercises, radar tracking and simulated air attacks; dawn and dusk alerts were held daily including damage control and casualty problems.

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19 February 1945. (D Day)

Arrived Iwo Jima as a unit of TransGroup ABLE. As TransRon 16 approached transport area ABLE, TempTransDiv 27 and TransDiv 46 slowed speed so that leading ships of these divisions took stations abeam the last ship in column of TransDivs 48 and 47. The lowering of WHITESIDE'S boats and their reporting to transports U.S.S. HOCKING (APA-121), U.S.S. DEUEL (APA-160), U.S.S. DARKE (APA-159), and U.S.S. TOLLAND (AKA-64) for landing of the landing force was in accordance with plan. Twenty-one (21) boats from this vessel, all that were assigned, landed their personnel and cargo on the beach, under heavy mortar and machine gun fire, at scheduled time. There were no casualties to this Command.

20-22 February 1945.

Delivered 800 rounds 8" HC ammunition to U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA (CA-37) at Iwo Jima.

23-26 February 1945.

Furnished landing boats (LCMs) to assist unloading other transports. Delivered 150 rounds 5"38 ammo to destroyers; receiving empty ammo containers. From 20-26 February inclusive retired each night. Enemy air raid warnings were received frequently but no planes singled out this ship as a target.

27-28 February 1945.

Unloading combat cargo at Iwo Jima.

The expenditures of ammunition for training purpose were as follows:

DATE	5"38	40 MM	20 MM
February			
7	5 rounds AA common	346 rounds HET	1625 rounds HEI and HET

Zone times were changed as follows:

DATE	From	To
February		
2	Zone time plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Zone time minus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	Zone time minus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Zone time minus 11
9	Zone time minus 11	Zone time minus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
10	Zone time minus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Zone time minus 10

Dropped 1 February due to crossing International Date Line.

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

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8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
February	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
2	16°28'N	178°22.5'E	15°57'N	177°15'E	15°29'N	175°33'E
3	14°41'N	172°53'E	14°33.5'N	172°03'E	14°05'N	170°08'E
4	13°23'N	167°25'E	13°06'N	166°37.5'E	12°17'5"N	164°59'E
5	11°36'N	162°49'E				
6	11°36'N	162°49'E				
7	11°31'45"N	162°18'30"E	11°31'45"N	162°18'30"E	11°04'N	162°03'E
8	11°50'N	159°33'E	11°58'N	158°48'E	12°15.5'N	157°12'E
9	12°58'N	154°43'E	13°00'N	153°38'E	13°19'N	152°14.5'E
10	13°52'N	149°46'E	14°02'N	148°49'E	14°12.5'N	147°41'E
16	15°21'30"N	145°01'E			15°21'30"N	145°01'E
17	16°18'N	142°43'E	17°01'N	143°05'30"E	18°07'N	141°59'E
18	20°13'N	147°42'30"E	20°58'N	142°17'E	21°30'N	142°03'E
19	24°37'N	141°21'E	24°38'55"N	141°19'30"E	24°34'N	141°30'E

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of March 1945.

Reference: (a) PacFleet Confidential Letter 101-45.

Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary, herewith.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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

WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Task Force 51, Task Force 53, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 46.

1-5 March 1945. Zone time minus 10.

At Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, discharging combat cargo and personnel. Received 178 personnel casualties aboard on 4 March 1945. At 0003, 5 March 1945 completed unloading cargo (2164 tons) and personnel (10 officers, 129 enlisted).

5-7 March 1945. Zone time minus 10.

At 1800 K, 5 March 1945, proceeded to Guam, Marianas Islands, with the following vessels: U.S.S. CALLAWAY (APA-35), with Commander Transport Division 33 embarked, OTC, U.S.S. O'HARA (APA-90), U.S.S. FELAND (APA-11), U.S.S. FREDERICK FUNSTON (APA-89), U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9), and U.S.S. GEORGE BADGER (APD-33) screening vessel; arrived 0916, 8 March 1945.

8 March 1945. Zone time minus 10.

Delivered one hundred eighty-eight (188) personnel casualties to U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam, Marianas Island; delivered special consignment officer messenger mail, and approximately 30 tons empty ammunition containers to Guam.

9-16 March 1945.

Underway 1800, 9 March 1945 in company with above vessels to Tulagi, Florida Island, Solomon Island Group; arrived 1305, 16 March 1945. Fired AA practice with above vessels at towed sleeve on 16 March 1945.

17-19 March 1945. Zone time minus 11.

1147, 17 March 1945, underway in company with the following vessels to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands: U.S.S. TOLLAND (AKA-64), SOPA, U.S.S. YANCEY (AKA-93), U.S.S. STOKES (AKA-68), U.S.S. CARTARET (APA-70), and screening vessels U.S. S. BRADY (DE-445, and U.S.S. RALLS (DE-306); arrived 1732, 19 March 1945. Began loading combat cargo and personnel.

20-24 March 1945. Zone time minus 11.

At 0400, 22 March 1945 completed loading ship with combat cargo, 1682 tons, for 27th Division, 10th Army.

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Completed loading army personnel, 9 officers and 172 men.

25-31 March 1945. Zone time minus 11.

0650, 25 March 1945, underway in company with Task Group 51.3, Commander Transport Squadron Sixteen (16), embarked in U.S.S. CECIL (APA-96) OTC, to Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands Group. On 25 March 1945 fired AA gun practices George, Charlie Tare and How with Task Group 51.3.

While at Iwo Jima, there were numerous air alerts, but no enemy plane singled out this vessel for attack. Smoke (fog) generators and smoke floats used together were very effective in covering the ship, except in presence of strong winds. Enroute Iwo Jima to Espiritu Santo and subsequently to Ulithi, no actual sighting of enemy surface vessels was made by this Command. Several reports of sound contacts were received, and evasive measures taken; but none was positively determined to be a submarine. Dawn and dusk alerts were held daily, including damage control and casualty problems.

The expenditures of ammunition for training purposes were as follows:

DATE	5"38	40 MM	20 MM
March			
16	25	617	4122
25	9	380	820

Zone times were changed as follows:

DATE	From	To
March		
12	Zone time minus 10	Zone time minus 11
31	Zone time minus 11	Zone time minus 10 ¹

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8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	24°44'16"N	141°18'11"E				
3			24°46'31"N	141°16'06"E		
5					24°18'30"N	141°10'00"E
6	21°57'N	141°44'E	21°16'N	142°00'E	19°49'N	142°19'E
7	17°37'N	143°15'E	16°56'N	143°32'E	15°36'N	144°13'E
8	13°28'N	144°34'E	13°27'18"N	144°38'17"E		
9			13°27'18"N	144°38'17"E	13°27'N	144°20'E
10	11°26'N	143°21'E	10°42'N	143°19'E	09°12'08"N	143°14'E
11	06°47'N	143°11'E	06°02'N	143°15'E	04°31'05"N	143°31.5'E
12	02°56.5'N	145°28'E	02°20'N	145°55'E	01°58'N	146°51'E
13	00°01'N	149°03'E	00°16'S	149°16'E	01°06'S	150°43'E
14	02°26'S	152°51'E	03°08'S	153°29'E	03°41'S	154°52'E
15	05°31'S	156°53'E	05°57'S	157°33'E	07°06'S	158°54'E
16	08°35'20"S	160°07'E	09°08'54"S	160°09'50"E	09°05'40"S	160°10'26"E
17	09°05'40"S	160°10'26"E	09°07'01"S	160°10'E	09°46'10"S	161°00'E
18	11°35'00"S	162°08'00"E	12°10'S	162°47'00"E	13°21'30"S	164°02'30"E
19	15°19'S	166°07.5'E	15°49'15"S	166°59'07"E	16°30'50"S	167°10'20"E
25	15°36'45"S	167°16'15"E	15°01'15"S	167°26'50"E	13°45'S	166°24'30"E
26	11°54'S	164°54'30"E	11°14'30"S	164°20'00"E	09°55'30"S	163°36'30"E
27	08°19'S	161°49'E	07°53'30"S	161°15'30"E	07°00'S	159°59'E
28	05°23'S	158°12'E	04°44'S	157°37'E	03°32'S	156°33'30"E
29	01°59'S	154°43'E	01°30'S	154°06'E	01°00'S	152°41'30"E

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DATE	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
30	00°18'S	150°30'E	00°04'S	149°55'E	00°27'N	148°58'30"E
31	01°52'N	147°03'E	01°52'N	146°31'E	02°36'30"N	145°19'E

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3 May 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of April 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFleet Confidential Letter 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary, herewith.

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

WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Task Force 51, Task Group 51.3, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 46.

1-3 April 1945. Zone time - minus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Enroute ESPIRITU SANTO, New Hebrides Islands, to ULITHI, Western Caroline Islands in company with Task Group 51.3, Commodore J. B. McGOVERN, U.S. Navy, Commander, Transport Squadron Sixteen (16), OTC. Anchored ULITHI 3 April 1945.

4-9 April 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

0859, 4 April 1945, underway with above task group plus three (3) tankers, U.S.S. SEVERN (AO-61), U.S.S. NEMASKET (AOG-10), and U.S.S. WABASH (AOG-4), from ULITHI to OKINAWA, NANSEI SHOTO Island Group. On the morning of 9 April 1945, Transport Squadron Sixteen (16) approached OKINAWA Island from the southeast, the squadron being in line of division columns, four (4) columns, in accordance with CTG 51.3 Operation Plan A5-45; this vessel's station was number 5 ship in the third column from the left. Transport Division 47 was detached, and the remaining ships formed column and proceeded to the west coast of OKINAWA Island, off HAGUSHI Beach, via channel between MAE SHIMA and NAGANNU SHIMA; this vessel's station was number 7 in the column. Upon arrival off HAGUSHI Beach at 1029, boats were lowered and despatched to the following transports: U.S.S. HOCKING (APA-121), U.S.S. DARKE (APA-159), and U.S.S. DEUEL (APA-160); and assisted in landing the troops of the 27th Army Division with equipment over the HAGUSHI Beaches, in support of assault forces then on OKINAWA.

9-16 April 1945. Zone time - minus 9.

At OKINAWA, unloading combat cargo for 27th Army Division. During the period 9-11 April, the heavy weather made unloading operations very difficult; on 12 April the weather moderated considerably and continued to improve until 15 April. The cargo was unloaded using this vessel's boats, augmented by one (1) LSM. At 1150, 15 April completed unloading cargo (1684 tons) and troops (172 enlisted, 9 officers). On 16 April, in compliance with orders from CTG 51.3, delivered to U.S.S. EPPING FORREST (LSD-4) four (4) boat loads of critical spare parts including welding rods, steel plate (various weights), pipe fittings, metal bar stock (steel, monel, and brass), fenders, wire rope, manila, landing boat spares including two (2) engines. Transferred to Boat Pool Able nine (9) boats (8 LGMs and 1 LCV(P)) completely equipped, the LCV(P) being equipped completely as smoke boat including SCR radio, fog generator, and boat crew. During the period 9-16 April at OKINAWA, enemy planes were present daily, principally at night; two (2) were engaged by gun fire from this vessel; none made attack directly on this vessel.

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Fog generators and smoke floats used together were moderately effective in concealing the ship.

16-20 April 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

0900, 16 April underway from OKINAWA to SAIPAN, Marianas Islands, with units of Transport Squadron Sixteen (16), Commodore J. B. McGOVERN, U.S. Navy, OTC. 1524, 20 April anchored SAIPAN outer anchorage, berth M4. Immediately after anchoring, number one (1) boiler economizer tubes were found to be leaking excessively; disabled boiler for repairs and remained at SAIPAN when Commander, Transport Squadron Sixteen (16) with other units of Transport Squadron Sixteen (16), less U.S.S. YANCEY (AKA-93), sailed.

21-22 April 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

Completed repairs to number one (1) boiler, evening 21 April. 22 April received three (3) landing boats LCM6s (56 feet long, 14 feet 1 inch wide) for transportation to GUAM; experimented with them by loading two (2) on each of the four (4) hatches fitted with 30 ton booms; with the following results:

HATCH	AVERAGE WEATHER CONDITIONS	IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS
No. 2	1 LCM6	2 LCM6
No. 3	2 LCM6	2 LCM6
No. 4	1 LCM6	2 LCM6
# No. 5	1 LCM6	2 LCM6

Rough weather none.

Transferred ten (10) LCV(P)s to U.S.S. HANSFORD (APA-106). Received one (1) LCV(P) from U.S.S. YANCEY (AKA-93). At 1800, 22 April 1945, proceeded independently to GUAM.

23-25 April 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

Arrived off GUAM at daylight 23 April 1945, but due to heavy movement of ships did not enter the harbor until about 1400. Upon anchoring transferred following boats to Boat Pool GUAM, four (4) LCV(P)s and one (1) LCP(L); and received from the

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Pool the following used boats: Eight (8) LCM3s, fourteen (14) LCV(P)s, one (1) LCP(L). Provisioned to capacity. Underway noon, 25 April independently to ULITHI. Transported from GUAM to ULITHI: (a) 41 Navy enlisted men, 4 Coast Guard enlisted men. (b) About 100 tons equipment and spares for Transport Squadron Sixteen (16) landing boats. (c) One (1) extra LCM3 for U.S.S. SANDOVAL (APA-194); this boat was hoisted by No. 4 boom starboard side and rigged inboard as far as possible, stern forward, against the two (2) LCM3s resting on number 4 hatch; the underside of the boat rested on the gunwale and cribbing erected on deck; wire straps were used to secure it in place.

26-30 April 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

Arrived ULITHI noon, 26 April. Fueled to capacity. 1900, disabled number 1 boiler; welded economizer tubes which had not been previously welded, as a preventive measure; the economizer tubes in that boiler have leaked intermittently, due apparently to poor rolling originally. 29 and 30 April, fired AA practices GEORGE, CHARLIE type tare, and HOW, while at anchor at NORTHERN end of the lagoon, in company with U.S.S. LUBBOCK (APA-197), OTC, U.S.S. MISSOULA (APA-211), and U.S.S. HOCKING (APA-121).

While enroute ESPIRITU SANTO to ULITHI and thence to OKINAWA, several reports of sound contacts were received and evasive action taken, but no actual sighting of submarines was made by this Command. Dawn and dusk alerts were held daily, including damage control and casualty problems.

The expenditures of ammunition for training purposes were as follows:

DATE	5"38	40 MM	20 MM
April			
29	22	620	2772
30	20	604	2540

Zone times were changed as follows:

DATE	From	To
April		
3	Zone time minus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Zone time minus 10
6	Zone time minus 10	Zone time minus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Zone times were changed as follows: - continued

DATE	From	To
April		
8	Zone time minus 9½	Zone time minus 9
17	Zone time minus 9	Zone time minus 9½
18	Zone time minus 9½	Zone time minus 10

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
April	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	03°58'N	143°20'E	04°11'30"N	142°40'E	05°05'30"N	141°51'E
2	06°47'N	140°46'E	06°44'N	140°58'E	07°46'N	140°11.5'E
3	09°26'30"N	139°46'E	09°57'50"N	139°42'20"E	10°03'05"N	139°42'25"E
4			10°02'30"N	139°52'15"E	11°30'N	139°12'45"E
5	13°22'N	137°57'30"E	14°00'N	137°27'E	15°09'00"N	136°24'E
6	16°40'N	135°24.5'E	17°05'00"N	134°47'E	18°02'N	134°08'E
7	20°00'N	133°08'E	20°20'N	132°40'E	21°27'N	131°54'E
8	22°43'N	130°43'E	23°12'30"N	130°25'E	24°26'N	129°21'E
9	26°04'N	127°29'30"E	26°20'32"N	127°43'57"E		
16			26°01'N	127°29'45"E	24°55'N	128°50'20"E
17	23°56'N	131°17'E	23°20'N	131°55'E	23°29'45"N	133°32'E
18	21°20'N	135°55'E	21°02'30"N	136°42'E	20°08'45"N	138°02'30"E
19	18°43'30"N	139°58'E	18°13'30"N	140°45'E	17°19'N	142°09'30"E

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DATE	0800		1200		2000	
April	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
20	15°43'N	144°32'30"E	15°20'N	145°13'E	15°13'37"N	145°39'25"E
22					15°02'N	145°22'E
23	13°27'40"N	144°33'58"E	13°25'55"N	144°34'01"E		
25					12°23'N	143°12'E
26	10°32'36"N	140°31'30"E				

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of May 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFleet Confidential Letter 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary, herewith.

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

WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Amphibious Forces, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 46.

1-8 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

At ULITHI, WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS. Fired AA practices GEORGE, CHARLIE type TARE and HOW in company with units of Transport Squadron 16 on May 2,3,4, and 5, while at anchor in the lagoon. 8 May 1945, at 1545, proceeded independently to SEEADLER HARBOR, MANUS ISLAND, ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO; arrived 0848, 11 May 1945.

11 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

1303, 11 May 1945, proceeded independently to LUNGA, GUADALCANAL ISLAND, SOLOMON ISLANDS, via VITIAZ STRAIT, to lift Army cargo from GUADALCANAL to FINSCHHAFEN; arrived 1214, 14 May 1945. When leaving VITIAZ STRAIT, approximately four (4) miles off HUON PENINSULA, NEW GUINEA, very strong westerly set, estimated at six (6) to eight (8) knots, was experienced; the chart cautions mariners regarding the current.

15 May 1945. Zone time - minus 11.

Fueled at fuel dock, Marker Dog, PURVIS BAY, FLORIDA ISLAND, and provisioned at TULAGI, FLORIDA ISLAND. Returned to LUNGA, GUADALCANAL ISLAND, at 1704, 15 May 1945.

16-19 May 1945. At GUADALCANAL. Zone time - minus 11.

16 May 1945 waiting to be loaded. 17 May 1945, at 1700, moored to Mt. Austin Dock at KUKUM Beach, GUADALCANAL, for loading. 17-19 May 1945, U.S. Army port authorities loaded ship with Army equipment plus 240 tons Navy equipment for delivery to FINSCHHAFEN, NEW GUINEA. Unused cargo space aboard was allocated to Army authorities at TREASURY ISLAND.

20 May 1945. Zone time - minus 11.

0700, underway for TREASURY ISLAND, SOLOMON ISLANDS, to receive additional equipment enroute to FINSCHHAFEN. Fired AA practices GEORGE, CHARLIE type TARE and HOW in forenoon off SAVO ISLAND. About 2100, 20 May 1945, received orders from CTG 11.5.6 diverting this ship, to arrive 0800, 21 May 1945, to MUNDA, NEW GEORGIA ISLAND GROUP, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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21 May 1945. Zone time - minus 11.

0800, arrived off MUNDA BAR; anchored off SASAVELLE ISLAND, NEW GEORGIA ISLANDS, SOLOMON ISLANDS. The Naval unit at MUNDA, except two (2) officers and a few men, had moved, forward. Loaded only one (1) small diesel tractor and one (1) search-light trailer (Army equipment); the other vehicles at MUNDA were too large to fit in the empty cargo space aboard; the information as to the dimensions of the cargo space available aboard had not been furnished MUNDA authorities prior ship's arrival. Awaiting routing orders.

22 May 1945. Zone time - minus 11.

About 1030, Lieutenant C. H. SMITH, Royal Australian Navy Reserve, came aboard and wrote in pencil our orders to proceed FINSCHHAFEN direct; via route to be selected by Commanding Officer. 1100, underway to FINSCHHAFEN.

24 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

Moored Pier 6, LANGEMAK BAY, FINSCHHAFEN, NEW GUINEA. Began unloading Army cargo. Navy cargo was retained aboard because the U.S. Naval Base, except one (1) officer and a few men, had moved, forward.

25 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

0440, 25 May 1945, completed unloading Army cargo.

26 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

Awaiting routing instructions.

27-28 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

1314, 27 May 1945, underway for MANUS ISLAND, ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. 1114, 28 May 1945, when off entrance SEEDLER HARBOR, MANUS ISLAND, received orders from NOIC, NEW GUINEA, directing this ship to return FINSCHHAFEN immediately. Reversed course and complied.

29 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

At 1234, moored Pier 6, LANGEMAK BAY, FINSCHHAFEN, NEW GUINEA. At 2047 began receiving Army cargo aboard.

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29-31 May 1945. Zone time - minus 10.

At LANGEMAK BAY, loading cargo and personnel.

The expenditures of ammunition for training purposes were as follows:

DATE May	5"38	40 MM	20 MM
2	30	590	2632
3	30	600	2700
4	30	596	2525
5	26	608	2438
20	30	619	3603

Zone times were changed as follows:

DATE May	From	To
13	Zone time minus 10	Zone time minus 11
23	Zone time minus 11	Zone time minus 10

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE May	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
8					09°14'N	140°09'E
9	06°57'30"N	141°45'30"E	04°49'30"N	143°12'30"E		
10	02°13'N	144°58'E	01°32'20"N	145°32'30"E	00°28'N	146°16'E
11	01°56'00"S	147°18'20"E			03°21'25"S	147°13'30"E
12	06°18'30"S	147°56'30"E	06°49'S	148°48'E	07°35'S	150°39'E
13	08°35'20"S	153°39'E	08°57'S	154°38'E	09°25'S	156°12'E
14	09°14'30"S	159°18'20"E	09°24'30"S	159°59'40"E		
15	09°13'45"S	160°06'55"E	09°09'12"S	160°14'26"E		

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DATE	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
20	09°17'05"S	159°53'50"E	09°21'S	159°15'E	08°58'S	157°15'E
21	08°26'42"S	157°11'24"E				
22			08°26'32"S	157°13'48"E	08°17'30"S	155°27'15"E
23	07°40'S	152°32'E	07°26'30"S	151°48'E	07°08'S	150°20'E
24	06°34'30"S	147°53'E				
27					05°07'S	147°25'30"E
28	02°29'S	147°15'E	01°56'55"S	147°25'02"E	03°29'25"S	147°11'30"E
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2 July 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of June 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFleet Confidential Letter 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary, herewith.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Amphibious Forces,
Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 48.

1 June 1945. At LANGEMAK BAY, FINSCHAFFEN, NEW GUINEA. Zone time - minus 10.

Completed loading Army Cargo (918 tons) and personnel three (3) officers, twenty-four (24) men for delivery LEYTE, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, and SUBIC BAY, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS. 1300 Underway independently for SUBIC BAY via LEYTE GULF, LEYTE ISLAND, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, operating under CINCPAC orders with instructions to report upon arrival SUBIC BAY to Commander 7th Fleet by dispatch and to ComTransRon 16 in person for duty in Transport Squadron 16.

2-6 June 1945. Zone time - minus 9.

Steaming independently enroute to LEYTE, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS; arrived 1419, 6 June 1945; anchored in SAN PEDRO BAY.

7-9 June 1945. SAN PEDRO BAY, LEYTE, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS. Zone time - minus 9.

0049, 7 June 1945, commenced discharging Army cargo (868 tons) into LCTs and LCMs alongside; completed 0915, 9 June 1945. Replenished fuel, provisions and ammunition. 0925, 9 June 1945, underway to GUIUAN HARBOR, SAMAR ISLAND, PHILLIPINE ISLANDS; anchored GUIUAN HARBOR, 1915, 9 June 1945.

10-11 June 1945. At GUIUAN HARBOR, SAMAR, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS. Zone time - minus 9.

10 June 1945, began discharging Navy cargo (240 tons), which was loaded at GUADALCANAL ISLAND, SOLOMON ISLANDS; received four (4) Naval Officers, 107 Naval enlisted men, for transportation to SUBIC BAY, LUZON, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS.

0634, 11 June 1945, Completed discharging Navy cargo. 1156 Underway to SAN PEDRO BAY, LEYTE, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS. 1708 Anchored in Berth 462, SAN PEDRO BAY; compensated compasses enroute.

12-13 June 1945. Zone time - minus 9.

1330, 12 June 1945, Underway independently to SUBIC BAY, LUZON, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS via SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT.

14 June 1945, arrived SUBIC BAY, LUZON, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS. Reported to Commander 7th Fleet and Commander 7th Amphibious Group, by dispatch, for duty in TransRon 16, and to Commander, Transport Squadron Sixteen (16) in person for duty. Transferred following passengers: Army - three (3) officers, twenty-four (24) enlisted men; Navy - four (4) officers and 107 enlisted men. Discharged Army cargo (50 tons).

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15-25 June 1945. At SUBIC BAY, LUZON, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS. Zone time - minus 9.

15 June 1945, further reported to Commander Amphibious Group 12 and Commander Task Group 76.8 for duty in connection with amphibious training, and to Commander, Transport Division 48 for duty in 48th TransDiv. Cleaned fireside and waterside of both boilers; fueled; upkeep, exercised at boat machine gun and pistol practice. 25 June 1945, received two (2) Army officers for transportation.

26-27 June 1945. Zone time - minus 9.

0630, 26 June, underway enroute to CEBU CITY, CEBU, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS, via VERDE ISLAND passage, in company with TransDiv 48, in column formation U.S.S. TALLADEGA (APA-208) with Captain C. L. ANDREWS, USN, embarked, ComTransDiv 48, OTC, U.S.S. MISSOULA (APA-211), U.S.S. LUBBOCK (APA-197), U.S.S. DICKENS (APA-161) and U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), in that order. Arrived 1800, 27 June 1945.

28-29 June 1945. At CEBU HARBOR, CEBU, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS. Zone time - minus 9.

28-29 June 1945, TransDiv 48 officers and officers of the 132nd Regiment of AMERICAL DIVISION, U.S. Army, planned rehearsal of RCT landing.

30 June 1945. Zone time - minus 9.

0700, underway with TransDiv 48 to DANAE, CEBU, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS. Arrived 1000; TransDiv 48 loaded combat troops and equipment off DANAE BEACH, as part of training program preliminary to offensive operations. This vessel loaded aboard using ship's boats, 188 tons combat cargo consisting solely of vehicles (some partially loaded) and drums of gasoline, diesel oil, and lube oil. Received two (2) officers, 67 enlisted men of the 132nd Regiment, AMERICAL DIVISION, U.S. Army. 1700, completed loading; proceeded to anchorage; 1800, anchored with TransDiv 48 in MAGELLAN BAY, MACATAN ISLAND, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS.

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
June	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1					05°35'30"S	146°54'20"E
2	03°04'S	144°45'30"E	02°43'S	143°37'50"E	02°13'15"S	141°36'30"E
3	00°15'20"S	138°54' E	00°25'00"N	138°14' E	01°48'30"N	136°57'50"E
4	03°52'30"N	135°01'30"E	05°01'50"N	134°17'E	06°11'00"N	132°52'20"E
5	07°27'N	130°57'E	08°03'N	139°58'30"E	08°54'N	128°37'E

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DATE	0800		1200		2000	
June	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
6	10° 12'N	126° 20'E	10° 42'N	125° 35'E		
12					10°48'30"N	126°13'10"E
13	12°59'00"N	124°35'15"E	12°36'35"N	123°51'40"E	13°02'15"N	122°15'15"E
14	14°40'00"N	120°12'20"E				
26	14°37'N	120°04'30"E	13°49'N	120°27'45"E	12°27'45"N	121° 41'E
27	09°23'20"N	122°23'30"E	09°06'00"N	123°19'30"E		
30	10°17'30"N	124°02'20"E	10°30'45"N	124°02'35"E		

Zone times were changed as follows:

DATE	From	To
June		
3	Zone time minus 10	Zone time minus 9
5	Zone time minus 9	Zone time minus 8
7	Zone time minus 8	Zone time minus 9

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2 August 1945

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of July 1945.
Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 101-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary, herewith.

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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Amphibious Forces, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 48, Task Unit 76.8.8.

1-22 July 1945. Operated off DANAE BEACH, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, with Transport Division 48, (CTD 48, Captain C. H. ANDREWS, USN, Commander Training Unit ABLE Three), in connection with refresher amphibious training of the AMERICAL DIVISION, U.S. Army as indicated below. Zone time - minus 9.

1 July 1945.

At anchor, MAGELLAN BAY, MACTAN ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, in company with Transport Division 48. Exercised at emergency drills. Planned, with officers of 132nd Regiment of AMERICAL DIVISION, refresher amphibious training of their regiment for period 30 June - 6 July 1945, including complete regimental combat team assault landings with equipment.

2-4 July 1945.

Underway daily with Transport Division 48 to DANAE BEACH, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, for training with 132nd Regiment; anchored MAGELLAN BAY each evening upon completion of the day's training. On 2 July, Battalion Landing Team exercises were held, boats simulating artillery waves being dispatched from transports, but no artillery loaded; after all units landed and established communications on the beach, the troops were reembarked. This vessel furnished landing boats to transports in accordance with ComTransDiv 48 Training Order. On 3 July Regimental Combat Teams landed, with only hand equipment; and reembarked. On 4 July RCT made complete assault landing, followed by unloading of equipment from TransDiv 48. Troops and equipment were reloaded on APAs of TransDiv 48; this vessel did not reload until 5 July 1945 due to the assigned vehicles being used to distribute equipment for the APAs.

5 July 1945.

A critique was held aboard U.S.S. TALLADEGA (APA-208), Flagship CTD 48, attended by Commander Transport Division 48, Commanding Officers of ships of TransDiv 48, T.Q.M.s, Beach Masters, Boat Group Commanders, Senior Medical Officers, Battalion Commanders and Regimental Commander of 132nd Regiment, and Commanding General AMERICAL DIVISION.

6 July 1945.

RCT, 132nd Regiment, AMERICAL DIVISION, made complete assault landing, followed by complete unloading of equipment from TransDiv 48. Upon completion of exercises, TransDiv 48 proceeded to CEBU harbor, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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7 July 1945. At CEBU CITY, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

A critique was held by the 132nd Regiment, AMERICAL DIVISION, at their headquarters, jointly with TransDiv 48; conference was attended by the Army officers of the 132nd Regiment and Commanding Officer's of ships of TransDiv 48. Embarked aboard U.S.S. WHITESIDE fifty-two (52) enlisted men and three (3) officers of the 182nd Regiment, AMERICAL DIVISION. Planned, with officers of 182nd Regiment of AMERICAL DIVISION, refresher amphibious training of their regiment for period 7-14 July 1945, including complete Regimental Combat Team assault landings with equipment.

8 July 1945.

0640 underway with TransDiv 48 to DANAE BEACH, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; upon arrival, TransDiv 48 loaded combat cargo of the 182nd Regiment; then anchored in MAGELLAN BAY, MACTAN ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

9 July 1945.

Anchored in MAGELLAN BAY. Exercised at emergency drills and disembarking and reembarking troops.

10-12 July 1945.

Underway daily with TransDiv 48 to DANAE BEACH, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, for training 182nd Regiment, as indicated above for the 132nd Regiment for the period 2-4 July 1945.

13 July 1945.

At anchor in MAGELLAN BAY. A critique was held aboard U.S.S. TALLADEGA (APA-208) with the same officers attending as noted on 5 July 1945 critique, except 182nd Regiment personnel replaced 132nd Regiment.

14 July 1945.

RCT, 182nd Regiment, made complete assault landing, followed by complete unloading of equipment from TransDiv 48. Upon completion of exercises, TransDiv 48 anchored in CEBU harbor, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

15 July 1945. At CEBU CITY, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

A critique was held by the 182nd Regiment, AMERICAL DIVISION, at their headquarters, jointly with TransDiv 48; conference was attended by the Army officers of the 182nd Regiment and Commanding Officer's of TransDiv 48. Embarked aboard U.S.S. WHITESIDE fifty-eight (58) enlisted men and one (1) officer of the 164th Regiment, AMERICAL DIVISION. Planned, with officers of the 164th Regiment, refresher amphibious training of their regiment for period 15-22

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July 1945, including complete Regimental Combat Team assault landings with equipment.

16 July 1945.

0656 underway with TransDiv 48 to DANAE BEACH, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Upon arrival TransDiv 48 loaded combat cargo of the 164th Regiment then anchored in MAGELLAN BAY, MACTAN ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

17 July 1945.

Anchored in MAGELLAN BAY. Exercised at emergency drills and disembarking and reembarking troops.

18-20 July 1945.

Underway daily with TransDiv 48 to DANAE BEACH, CEBU ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, for training 164th Regiment, as indicated above for the 132nd Regiment for the period 2-4 July 1945.

21 July 1945.

At anchor in MAGELLAN BAY. A critique was held aboard U.S.S. TALLADEGA (APA-208) with the same officers attending as noted on 5 July critique, except 164th Regiment personnel replaced 132nd Regiment.

22 July 1945.

RCT, 164th Regiment, AMERICAL DIVISION, made complete assault landing, followed by complete unloading of equipment and debarkation of troops from TransDiv 48. Upon completion of exercises, the U.S.S. LUBBOCK (APA-196), SOPA, and U.S. S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), were detached temporarily from TransDiv 48 and proceeded to GUIUAN, SAMAR ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via HILUTANGAN channel, BOHOL and SURIGAO straits.

23 July 1945.

Arrived GUIUAN harbor, SAMAR ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Exchanged five (5) landing boats, type LCM3s for equal number, type LCM6s. 1623 underway independently for SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via SAN BERNARDINO strait.

24 July 1945.

Proceeding independently GUIUAN to SUBIC BAY.

25 July 1945.

1107 anchored SUBIC BAY. Reported to Commander Transport Squadron 16 and

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Commander Transport Division 48; ComTransDiv 48 departed SUBIC BAY prior to WHITESIDE anchoring. Disabled number 1 boiler to repair leaky economizer tubes.

25-31 July 1945. Zone time - minus 9. At SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Fueled and provisioned; material upkeep; repairs to number 1 boiler were not completed until 2 August 1945 due to the necessity of cutting out the header. Furnished fresh water to small craft.

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

DATE	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
2	10°31'20"N	124°06'40"E	10°28'15"N	124°02'35"E		
5			10°29'25"N	124°03'20"E		
6	10°31'18"N	124°06'12"E	10°30'50"N	124°03'58"E		
8	10°19'30"N	124°05'06"E	10°30'48"N	124°02'35"E		
11	10°31'58"N	124°07'45"E	10°30'32"N	124°06'35"E		
16	10°17'24"N	124°02'03"E	10°31'50"N	124°02'00"E		
18	10°30'27"N	124°04'21"E	10°30'56"N	124°04'56"E		
20	10°30'55"N	124°06'42"E	10°30'30"N	124°03'00"E		
22	10°30'24"N	124°07'35"E	10°30'55"N	124°04'04"E	09°22'05"N	123°35'02"E
23	10°42'15"N	125°28'02"E			11°31'30"N	125°43'01"E
24	12°57'01"N	124°54'45"E	12°29'00"N	124°07'00"E	12°55'00"N	122°37'39"E
25	14°20'00"N	120°27'30"E				

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16 September 1945

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of August 1945.
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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Third Fleet, Third Amphibious Force, Task Force 32, Task Force 33 (TOKYO FORCE), Task Group 33.1, Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 48.

Zone description minus 9 for entire month.

1-6 August 1945.

At SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, continuing materiel maintenance.

7 August 1945.

0615 underway independently to LUCENA, TAYABAS BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; arrived 1627; reported ComTransDiv 48 for duty with TransDiv 48, training cavalry regiments of FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION, U.S. Army (ComTransDiv 48, CTU 76.8. 8, Commander Training Unit A-3).

8-12 August 1945.

At anchor, off LUCENA, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, participating with TransDiv 48 in training schedule for 5th Cavalry RCT by furnishing landing boats to APAs. 8 August forenoon: Conference on U.S.S. TALLADEGA (APA-208), Flagship, of Commanding Officer's ships of TransDiv 48, Boat Group Commanders, Medical Officers, Beachmasters, and U.S. Army representatives to discuss training program. Afternoon: Squadron Landing Team exercise with H-Hour 1500. 9 August 1945: RCT (no unloading) with naval gunfire support and air support; all firing was simulated. 10 August 1945: RCT landing with complete unloading of equipment. After communication nets were established ashore, troops and equipment were reloaded. 11 August forenoon: Critique attended by same officers that attended conference forenoon 8 August 1945. Afternoon: Instruction of troops. 12 August 1945 forenoon: RCT landing with complete unloading of equipment. Afternoon: Underway with TransDiv 48 for CANDA, TAYABAS BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, anchored 1445.

13 August 1945.

0254 underway with TransDiv 48 for LEMERY, BALAYAN BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; arrived 0812, participated in amphibious training 8th Cavalry, 1st Division, U.S. Army.

14 August 1945.

0645 underway with TransDiv 48 for ABUNG BEACH, TAYABAS BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; arrived 1556.

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15 August 1945.

Participating with 8th Cavalry Division in amphibious training exercises. Received information of Japanese surrender. Training exercises cancelled.

16 August 1945.

0655 underway independently to SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; arrived 1706.

17-19 August 1945.

SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, fueled and provisioned.

20 August 1945.

0646 underway with TransDiv 48 to BATANGAS, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS; arrived 1442. Embarked 106 personnel of the 432nd Port Company, 1st Cavalry, U.S. Army.

21-24 August 1945.

At BATANGAS, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 21-23 August 1945 loaded 812 tons combat cargo and 246 army personnel for delivery TOKYO BAY, JAPAN. Sent eight (8) WHITESIDE landing craft boats LCMs under own power to SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, and loaded aboard eight (8) U.S. Army LCMs.

25 August 1945.

Underway with TransRon 16, part of Task Force 33 (Rear Admiral J. I. HALL, Jr., U.S. Navy, ComPhibGrp12; CTF33 (TOKYO FORCE) embarked in U.S.S. HANFORD (APA-106) SOFA), combat loaded with First Cavalry Division, U.S. Army, for TOKYO BAY, JAPAN. Vice Admiral T. S. WILKINSON, U.S. Navy, ComThirdPhibFor and CTF32 embarked in U.S.S. MOUNT OLYMPUS (AGC-8) with other units of TF32 joined the formation off the entrance to MANILA BAY.

26 August 1945.

The Task Force diverted to SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, due to reported typhoon along proposed route. Anchored overnight.

27-31 August 1945.

27 August 1945, 0815, underway with TOKYO FORCE, TF33, for TOKYO BAY, JAPAN, in

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U.S.S. DICKENS (APA-161)
U.S.S. DAUPHIN (APA-97)
U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90)
U.S.S. PAMINA (AKA-34)

TRANSPORT DIVISION 46

U.S.S. CECIL (APA-96)
U.S.S. LENAWEE (APA-195)
U.S.S. DEUEL (APA-160)
U.S.S. DARKE (APA-159)
U.S.S. BOSQUE (APA-135)
U.S.S. GASCONADE (APA-85)
U.S.S. TOLLAND (AKA-64)

CENTER COLUMN

TRANSPORT DIVISION 16

U.S.S. HANSFORD (APA-106)
U.S.S. MT.OLYMPUS (AGC-8)
U.S.S. BOTOCOURT (APA-136)
U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA-105)
U.S.S. TODD (AKA-71)
U.S.S. MEDEA (AKA-31)

TRANSPORT DIVISION 47

U.S.S. RUTLAND (APA-192)
U.S.S. HIGHLANDS (APA-119)
U.S.S. ST. MARYS (APA-126)
U.S.S. SHENEBURNE (APA-203)
U.S.S. LIBRA (AKA-12)

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TRANSPORT DIVISION 65

U.S.S. LAVACA (APA-180)
U.S.S. CLEARFIELD (APA-142)
U.S.S. SHERIDAN (APA-51)
U.S.S. CULLIMAN (APA-78)
U.S.S. BRISCOE (APA-65)
U.S.S. SIRONA (AKA-43)

SCPA CTF 32, OTC CTF 33. Second in command TOKYO FORCE Commodore J. B. McGOVERN,
U.S. Navy, ComTransRon 16, CTG 33.1.

Darkened ship each night, exercised at tactical maneuvers enroute.

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

Aug.	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
7	14°44'05"N	120°15'45"E	13°34'00"N	120°54'00"E		
13	13°52'00"N	120°52'00"E				
14	13°42'01"N	120°54'00"E	13°49'00"N	121°43'00"E		
16	13°40'55"N	121°36'00"E	13°44'45"N	120°32'10"E		
20	14°37'15"N	120°13'30"E	13°48'30"N	120°34'45"E		
25	13°42'30"N	121°02'15"E	13°40'29"N	120°40'30"E	14°48'00"N	119°49'00"E
26	14°30'18"N	120°11'00"E				

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	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
27			14°44'00"N	120°12'59"E	15°34'15"N	119°39'00"E
28	18°06'15"N	120°08'30"E	18°58'00"N	120°33'00"E	20°02'00"N	121°53'00"E
29	21°39'N	124°08'15"E	22°12'N	125°01'E	23°22'30"N	126°30'E
30	25°18'00"N	128°42'00"E	25°48'00"N	129°28'00"E	26°58'15"N	130°50'00"E
31	28°55'30"N	133°07'00"E	29°31'30"N	133°58'30"E	30°42'30"N	135°35'30"E

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3 October 1945

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Task Force 54 (5th Amphibious Force), Task Group 54.11 (Amphibious Group 11, Central Occupation Group), Transport Squadron 16, Transport Division 46.

Zone description minus 9 for entire month.

1-2 September 1945.

Enroute SUBIC BAY, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, with Task Force 33 (TOKYO FORCE), including TransRon 16, Task Group 33.1, to TOKYO BAY, JAPAN; Vice Admiral T. S. WILKINSON, U.S. Navy, embarked in U.S.S. MT. OLYMPUS (AGC-8), ComThirdPhibFor, CTF 32, SOPA; Rear Admiral J. L. HALL, U.S. Navy, embarked in U.S.S. HANSFORD (APA-106), ComPhibGroup 11, CTF 33, OTC. Ships in formation, line of division guides, as indicated below:

PORT COLUMN

TRANSPORT DIVISION 48
U.S.S. TALLADEGA (APA-208)
U.S.S. MISSOULA (APA-211)
U.S.S. DICKENS (APA-161)
U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90)
U.S.S. PAMINA (AKA-34)

TRANSPORT DIVISION 46
U.S.S. CECIL (APA-96)
U.S.S. LENAWEE (APA-195)
U.S.S. DEUEL (APA-160)
U.S.S. DARKE (APA-159)
U.S.S. BOSQUE (APA-135)
U.S.S. TOLLAND (AKA-64)
U.S.S. MEDEA (AKA-31)

CENTER COLUMN

TRANSPORT DIVISION 47
U.S.S. HANSFORD (APA-106)
U.S.S. MT. OLYMPUS (AGC-8)
U.S.S. RUTLAND (APA-192)
U.S.S. HIGHLANDS (APA-119)
U.S.S. ST. MARYS (APA-126)
U.S.S. SHERBURNE (APA-205)
U.S.S. YANCEY (AKA-93)

STARBOARD COLUMN

TRANSPORT DIVISION 16
U.S.S. SAKAGIT (AKA-105)
U.S.S. BOTETOURT (APA-136)
U.S.S. TODD (AKA-71)
U.S.S. GASCONADE (APA-85)
U.S.S. LIBRA (AKA-12)
U.S.S. SIRONA (AKA-43)

TRANSPORT DIVISION 65
U.S.S. LAVACA (APA-180)
U.S.S. CLEARFIELD (APA-142)
U.S.S. SHERIDAN (APA-51)
U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78)
U.S.S. BRISCOE (APA-65)

Arrived YOKOHAMA HARBOR, JAPAN, 2 September 1945, in column formation, this vessel No. 7. Moored to dock, berth 10, south pier, YOKOHAMA. Began unloading Army cargo.

3 September 1945.

Completed unloading 812 tons Army cargo and 246 personnel 1st Cavalry Division, Tenth U.S. Army, and eight (8) Army landing boats, LCM type.

4-11 September 1945.

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4 September underway with TransRon 16 for GUAM, MARIANAS ISLANDS; Commodore J. B. McGOVERN, U.S. Navy, ComTransRon 16 embarked in U.S.S. CECIL (APA-96) OTC and SOPA. On 7 September the squadron diverted to LEYTE GULF, LEYTE ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. 11 September anchored SAN PEDRO BAY, LEYTE ISLAND, P.I. Fueled.

12-14 September 1945.

At SAN PEDRO BAY. Provisioned.

15-16 September 1945.

0620, 15 September, underway with orders to proceed with U.S.S. LENAWEE (APA-195) to GUIUAN, SAMAR ISLAND, P.I., to pick up ten (10) landing craft, LCMs, (eight (8) for this vessel and two (2) for U.S.S. LENAWEE), then proceed together to BUGO, MINDANAO ISLAND, P.I., C.O. WHITESIDE OTC. After anchoring GUIUAN, received orders cancelling directive to pickup boats. 1700 proceeded with U.S.S. LENAWEE to BUGO, MACAJALAR BAY, MINDANAO ISLAND, P.I., arrived 0800, 16 September 1945. Moored to pontoon dock; began loading U.S. Army cargo, 99th Signal Battalion, Tenth Corps, Sixth U.S. Army.

17-19 September 1945.

At BUGO, MINDANAO. 1600, 18 September, completed loading 1,800 tons U.S. Army cargo; unmoored from dock and anchored. Received eight (8) Army landing boats (6 LCMs, 2 LCCs) for transportation to KURE, JAPAN.

20 September 1945.

TransRon 16 entered harbor, picked up Army landing craft and stood out; this vessel joined it, and proceeded to LEYTE GULF, ComTransRon 16 OTC and SOPA.

21 September 1945.

0540, on orders from OTC, proceeded independently to TACLOBAN, LEYTE ISLAND, P.I., to load additional Army cargo. Anchored 0920. TransRon 16 proceeded ABUYOG, LEYTE ISLAND, P.I.

22 September 1945.

Cargo arrived alongside too late to load. 0630 underway, stood out of harbor, and at 1000 joined Task Group 54.11, TransRon 16, off HOMONHON ISLAND, P.I., enroute to KURE, HONSHU ISLAND, JAPAN, Rear Admiral B. J. RODGERS, U.S. Navy, ComPhibGroup 11 and CTG 54.11, Central Occupation Group, OTC and SOPA. Steaming in line of division guides. Burned navigational lights. Diverted to BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA ISLAND, NANSEI SHOTO, to await clearing of mines in KURE area.

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25 September 1945.

Anchored BUCKNER BAY with Task Group 54.11.

25-27 September 1945.

At BUCKNER BAY. 27 September fueled.

28-30 September 1945.

28 September underway with Task Group 54.11; steamed south and west of OKINAWA RETTO to avoid typhoon. About midnight, 30 September, the Task Group received order to return to BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA ISLAND.

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

Sept.	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	32°17'00"N	137°57'00"E	32°54'30"N	138°32'00"E	34°01'00"N	139°53'00"E
2	35°12'24"N	139°45'00"E				
3					34°47'30"N	139°36'30"E
5	32°49'00"N	140°58'00"E	32°09'30"N	141°19'00"E	30°39'30"N	142°10'00"E
6	28°33'00"N	143°31'00"E	27°45'00"N	143°58'00"E	26°06'00"N	144°02'30"E
7	23°51'00"N	143°29'00"E	23°20'00"N	142°40'30"E	22°14'30"N	141°06'00"E
8	20°48'00"N	138°53'30"E	20°12'00"N	138°07'00"E	19°01'30"N	136°41'00"E
9	17°22'00"N	134°36'00"E	16°55'00"N	133°48'00"E	15°40'00"N	132°22'00"E
10	14°01'00"N	130°18'00"E	13°31'00"N	129°36'30"E	12°31'00"N	127°52'00"E
11	10°36'00"N	125°49'30"E	11°06'30"N	125°07'45"E		
15	11°02'03"N	125°16'21"E			10°30'00"N	125°19'45"E
16	08°35'50"N	124°40'00"E				
20					09°20'15"N	124°37'00"E

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Sept.	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
21	11°05'00"N	125°12'00"E				
22	10°57'30"N	125°17'15"E	10°36'00"N	126°00'00"E	11°41'30"N	127°05'00"E
23	14°07'00"N	127°51'00"E	15°00'00"N	128°10'00"E	16°48'00"N	128°19'00"E
24	19°34'30"N	128°07'00"E	20°29'00"N	128°08'30"E	22°16'00"N	128°12'30"E
25	24°51'00"N	128°10'00"E	25°43'00"N	128°09'00"E		
28					26°56'00"N	127°35'30"E
29	25°47'30"N	126°23'00"E	25°48'00"N	126°56'00"E	25°57'30"N	127°07'20"E
30	26°56'30"N	126°23'00"E	27°10'00"N	127°09'00"E	27°21'00"N	128°58'00"E

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1 October 1945

Moored in berth NOB Mole, San Pedro Harbor, California portside to U.S.S. BURDEN R. HASTINGS (DE-19), alongside USS GREER (DE-23). Plus eight (8) time zone in use throughout unless otherwise specified.

2 October 1945

Moored as before.

3 October 1945

Moored as before. 0825 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0827 USS HASTINGS underway from alongside to port. 0831 Underway breasting alongside USS GREER (DE-23). 0837 Moored port side to USS GREER (DE-23) in berth NOB Mole, San Pedro Harbor, California.

4 October 1945

Moored as before. 1015 USS GREER (DE-23) underway from alongside to port. 1017 Underway, enroute to Anchorage "Oboe", San Pedro Harbor, Calif. in compliance with visual message 041732. 1037 Anchored in berth "Oboe 1" in 6 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. 1323 YF-952 moored alongside to starboard. 1325 Commenced unloading ammunition. 1830 Completed unloading all the ammunition on board. 1833 USS YF-952 underway from alongside to starboard. 1910 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1921 Underway shifting berths in accordance with Port Director San Pedro visual message 050355 of October 1945. 1958 Moored port side to USS HASTINGS (DE-19) alongside USS GREER (DE-23) in berth NOB, Mole, San Pedro Harbor, California.

5 October 1945

Moored as before.

6 October 1945

Moored as before.

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3 November 1945

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of October
1945.
Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary, herewith.
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1-25 October 1945 zone time minus 9.

1 October 1945.

1500 anchored BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, NANSEI SHOTO, with Transport Squadron 16, having steamed, in vicinity OKINAWA GUNTO to avoid track of typhoon, since 28 September 1945.

2 October 1945.

At anchor BUCKNER BAY.

3-5 October 1945.

Underway 3 October 1945 with Transport Squadron 16 (KURE Group of Central Occupation Group) for KURE, JAPAN. Rear Admiral B. J. RODGERS, U.S. Navy, ComPhibGrp 11, and CTG 54.11 (Central Occupation Group) embarked in U.S.S. CALVERT (APA-32) SOPA and OTC. 5 October entered INLAND SEA via BUNGO SUIDO and anchored in North-eastern area IYO NADA overnight with TG 54.11.

6-8 October 1945.

6 October proceeded via KUDAKO SUIDO to AKA-NADA anchorage, berth 7, thence to berth 25 HIRO WAN anchorage, near KURE, JAPAN. Began unloading Army cargo. 8 October shifted anchorage to NEKO SETO, berth 11, nearer HIRO BEACH. Completed unloading cargo 2240 item, 8 October.

9-14 October 1945.

At anchor NEKO SETO. 11 October, CTS 16 with transports under his command assigned to MAGIC CARPET duty departed for various staging centers to lift personnel to continental United States. This vessel, U.S.S. TOLLAND (AKA-64), U.S.S. YANCEY (AKA-93), and U.S.S. TODD (AKA-71) of TransRon 16 remained for further duty in this area. 12 October, in compliance CincPac/CincPoa dispatch 112052, reported by dispatch to Com7thFlt for duty connection lift of Chinese troops; further reported Com7thPhib and ComTransRon 24 for duty.

13-14 October 1945.

Sent recreation parties to HIROSHIMA to see destructive results of Atomic Bomb.

15-21 October 1945.

0600 underway with U.S.S. TOLLAND (AKA-64) CTU 54.18.26, U.S.S. YANCEY (AKA-93),
U.S.S. TODD (AKA-71)

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for MANILA, P.I., via SUBIC BAY where ten (1) landing craft (eight (8) LCMs two (2) LGVPs) were picked up.

21-22 October 1945.

21 October at MANILA, P.I. Fueled and provisioned. Reported for duty to Com-TransDiv 36, on oral orders from him, for duty in Temporary TransDiv 36.

23-26 October 1945.

23 October underway with Temporary TransDiv 36 for HAIPHONG, FRENCH INDO CHINA, Captain C. L. TYLER, U.S. Navy, embarked in U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31), CTD 36 and CTU 78.6.3, SOPA and OTC. Arrived 26 October.

27-30 October 1945. Zone time minus 7.

At HAIPHONG, FRENCH INDO CHINA. Loaded 583rd Regiment of the 125th Division of the Chinese 52nd Army, consisting of seventy-six (76) officers, 975 enlisted, and one (1) interpreter, with regimental cargo. Colonel LAO YU HANG, Infantry, Commanding Officer troops. Prior loading, all personnel and cargo were sprayed with de-lousing fluid. Major W. H. VAN LOAN, U.S. Army Reserve, reported as Liaison Officer.

30-31 October 1945.

30 October underway 1700 with Temporary TransDiv 36 (with 52nd Chinese Army embarked) for CHINWANGTAO, CHINA, column formation, Captain C. L. TYLER, U.S. Navy, embarked in U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31) CTD 36 and CTU 78.6.3 SOPA and OTC. Considerable diarrhea among the Chinese troops, but, as far as is known, no cholera.

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

Oct.	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	26°48'00"N	128°42'00"E				
3			26°20'30"N	128°31'30"E	27°22'45"N	129°59'00"E
4	29°16'30"N	131°29'00"E	30°02'00"N	131°45'00"E	31°26'00"N	132°22'30"E
5	32°37'30"N	132°30'00"E	33°05'45"N	132°09'30"E		
15	33°55'30"N	132°34'30"E	33°24'30"N	132°00'00"E	31°54'30"N	132°04'00"E
16	29°34'00"N	131°14'00"E	28°48'00"N	130°57'30"E	27°27'24"N	129°49'00"E

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Oct.	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
17	25°38'00"N	128°04'30"E	24°47'30"N	127°42'30"E	23°32'20"N	126°10'00"E
18	21°47'30"N	124°04'00"E	21°14'00"N	123°13'00"E	20°02'30"N	121°52'20"E
19	18°44'00"N	120°05'00"E	17°44'00"N	119°35'00"E	16°22'00"N	119°24'20"E
21	14°34'30"N	120°16'15"E				
23			14°31'09"N	120°53'54"E	14°27'00"N	119°02'30"E
24	14°37'00"N	116°06'00"E	14°47'30"N	115°04'30"E	14°52'20"N	113°02'30"E
25	15°05'30"N	109°57'30"E	15°49'30"N	109°23'30"E	17°13'30"N	108°25'30"E
26	20°08'30"N	107°02'00"E				
30					20°02'50"N	107°09'15"E
31	17°56'00"N	108°18'30"E	18°05'00"N	108°59'30"E	18°02'00"N	110°48'15"E

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3 December 1945

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of
Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Subject: U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90); War Diary for month of November
1945.
Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter LCI-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary, herewith.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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WAR DIARY U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90), U.S. Pacific Fleet, Service Force, Task Force 16, permanent post war assignment.

Zone description minus 8 for entire month.

1-7 November 1945.

Enroute HAIPHONG, FRENCH INDO-CHINA to CHINWANGTAO, CHINA in company with Temporary Transport Division 36, with Chinese 52nd Army embarked; Captain C. L. TYLER, USN, embarked in U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31), Commander Temporary Transport Division 36 and Commander Task Unit 78.6.3, SOPA and OTC. Two (2) Chinese enlisted soldiers died aboard this vessel at sea enroute from illness, probably cholera; buried them at sea. The Transport Division encountered floating mines enroute, in such quantity as to necessitate, on one occasion, each of the eight (8) ships maneuvering independently for approximately an hour to clear the concentrated mined area. Upon arrival off CHINWANGTAO, at dawn 7 November, gun firing was seen clearly about seven (7) miles to the northward, vicinity of SHANHAIKUAN. Chinese Communists and Chinese Central Government troops were reported to be engaged in civil war. 7 November, disembarked Chinese troops (the 583rd Regiment of the 125th Division of 52nd Army, consisting of 76 officers, 973 enlisted and 1 interpreter) alongside dock at CHINWANGTAO. No recreation parties were sent ashore due to unstable political conditions. Sprayed thoroughly with D.D.T. all areas aboard which had been used by Chinese troops. There was no infection of the Ship's Company.

8 November 1945.

Proceeded CHINWANGTAO, CHINA to TAKU, CHINA, in company with Temporary Transport Division 36; arrived 9 November.

9-30 November 1945. At TAKU, CHINA.

11 November, detached from duty with Temporary Transport Division 36; reported to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, for orders. 13 November, on orders from Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, reported to Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, for duty (permanent post war assignment). At anchor, awaiting orders.

8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. positions were as follows:

	0800		1200		2000	
Nov.	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	18°23'00"N	113°03'00"E	18°36'00"N	113°55'00"E	18°57'00"N	115°35'00"E
2	20°03'00"N	117°55'00"E	20°23'30"N	118°43'00"E	21°06'30"N	120°18'00"E

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Nov.	0800		1200		2000	
	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
3	23°08'00"N	122°07'00"E	23°52'00"N	122°51'00"E	25°12'30"N	124°14'30"E
4	27°35'30"N	124°06'00"E	28°28'00"N	123°45'30"E	30°15'00"N	123°21'30"E
5	32°53'30"N	122°34'45"E	33°21'30"N	122°23'30"E	34°56'00"N	122°45'00"E
6	37°20'30"N	123°24'00"E	37°45'15"N	122°35'15"E	38°32'30"N	121°05'30"E
8					39°47'30"N	119°41'00"E
9	38°54'02"N	118°10'00"E				

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From: Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.  VIA AIR MAIL

Subject: Ship's History - Forwarding of.

Enclosure: (A) Ship's history of the U.S.S. WHITESIDE
(AKA-90).

1. Enclosure (A) has been reviewed, declassified and cleared for publication and is forwarded for use by the Office of Public Information.

2. The WHITESIDE supported operations at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Nanpo Shoto and Nansei Shoto. She is now engaged in "magic carpet" duty, returning Pacific veterans.

3. The WHITESIDE is scheduled to arrive at San Francisco on 27 December. Since she was built and commissioned at Oakland, California, it is believed her record may provide material for a press release by Com 12.

FITZHUGH LEE,
By Direction.

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HISTORY OF U. S. S. WHITESIDE AKA90

Brief Description of Ship

Type	ASSAULT CARGO SHIP
Design	C2-S-B1
Length	459 feet 6 5/16 inches.
Breadth	Extreme 63 feet.
Draft, loaded	25 feet 9 inches.
Displacement - loaded	13,860 tons.
light	6,538 tons.
Fitted to carry	7,322 tons.
Speed	16.7 knots.
Propulsion	Turbine
Propeller	One.
Complement	35 officers, 326 enlisted.
Troop accommodations	12 Officers, 66 enlisted.

Invasion Operations

IWO JIMA, NANPO SHOTO	19 February - 5 March 1945.
OKINAWA, NANSEI SHOTO	9 - 16 April 1945.

Enemy Occupation Operations

TOKYO BAY, HONSHU, JAPAN	2 - 4 September 1945.
(Lift of units of 1st Cavalry Division from Batangas, Luzon P.I.)	
KURE, HONSHU, JAPAN	6 - 14 October 1945.
(Lift of units of 41st Infantry, 10th Corps, 6th U.S. Army from Bugo, Mindanao, P.I.)	

Chinese Troop Lift

From HAIPHONG, Fr. Indo China to CHINWIANGTAO, China 28 October - 7 November 1945.

(76 Officers, 975 enlisted of 583rd Regiment, 125th Division of 52nd Chinese Army)

HISTORY OF U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90)

The U.S.S. WHITESIDE is the third of the six-ship UVALDE class AKAs (AKA 88-93) built by the Moore Dry Dock Company of Oakland, California. It was converted from the C-2 Maritime Commission design, with added heavy cargo handling equipment, additional berthing and messing spaces for the crew and officers, davits and hatch cradles to carry 16 LCVPs and 8 LCMs, and the following armament: one 5"-38 dual purpose gun, four twin mount 40 m.m. guns and eighteen 20 m.m. guns. In addition sixteen .50 caliber and thirty-two .30 caliber machine guns are carried for the landing craft.

On June 12, 1944, the hull was launched at the Moore yard and was sponsored by Mrs. Miriam C. Becker, prominent San Francisco society matron and wife of Dr. George H. Becker, at that time president of the Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco. The occasion was a commemorative program celebrating the YCA's centennial. Before conversion to navy use, the ship was scheduled to be named the "S.S. Wings of the Morning", after a famous clipper ship of the 19th century. The ultimate name is for the County of Whiteside, state of Illinois, a prosperous dairy farming section named after General Samuel Whiteside, who distinguished himself as a leader of the Rangers in the War of 1812.

Commander C.P. Woodson, USN, accepted command of the WHITESIDE on commissioning day, 11 September 1944, from Commander Charles G. McCord, USN (Ret.), representing the Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District.

The original roster of officers was as follows:

Commander C.P. Woodson, USN.....	Commanding Officer
Lieutenant C. Henc, USN.....	Executive Officer
Lieut.(jg) O.U. Stiff, USNR.....	Navigator
Lieut.(jg) J.M. McClelland, USNR.....	Gunnery Officer
Lieutenant B.R. Everson, USNR.....	First Lieutenant
Lieut.(jg) G.W. Cooper, USN.....	Engineering Officer
(Relieved during shakedown training by	
Lieutenant C.C. York, USNR)	
Lieut.(jg) C.W. Hughes, USNR.....	Communications Officer
Lieut.(jg) J.E. McCollum, USN.....	Ass't. Engineering Officer
Ensign R.W. Beegle, USN.....	Ass't. Gunnery Officer
Ensign G.J. Joelson, USNR.....	Watch and Division Officer
Ensign S.W. Scott, USN.....	Assistant to First Lieutenant
Ensign R.E. Spillman, USNR.....	Assistant Navigator
Ensign C. Stowers, USNR.....	Watch and Junior Division Officer
Ensign E.W. Allen, USNR.....	Assistant Communications Officer
Ensign C.L. Williams, USNR.....	Radar Officer
Ensign R.A. Pierce, USNR.....	C.I.C. Officer
Ensign G.E. Kollasch, USNR.....	Junior Watch and Division Officer
Lieutenant J.W. Lent, USNR (MC).....	Medical Officer
Lieut.(jg) G.E. Leary, USNR (SC).....	Supply Officer
Boatswain P.W. Taylor, USN.....	Ass't. to First Lieutenant
Chief Electrician R.S. Morris, USNR.....	Ass't. Engineering Officer
Machinist M.A. Gammon, USN.....	Ass't. Engineering Officer
Carpenter W.L. Farmer, USN.....	Ass't. to First Lieutenant
Pay Clerk N.J. Cartmill, USNR.....	Ass't. to Supply Officer

Lieutenant E.M. Anderson, USNR.....Boat Group Commander
 (Relieved during shakedown training by
 Lieutenant J.C. Carew, USNR)
 Lieut.(jg) J. C. Mings, USNR.....Ass't. Boat Group Commander
 Lieut.(jg) C. Hatchart, USNR.....Ass't. Boat Group Commander
 Ensign E.J. Kelleher, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander
 Ensign E.T. Baker, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander
 Ensign T.F. McCoy, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander
 Ensign K.E. Likes, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander
 Ensign J.P. Moore, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander
 Ensign M.O. Hatfield, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander
 Ensign J.K. Shiffler, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander
 Ensign R.E. Miller, USNR.....Boat Wave Commander

Like most new ships built during the war, the WHITESIDE had at the outset an inexperienced crew, made up chiefly of men who had never been to sea. When she sailed out of San Francisco harbor for shakedown cruise she had only one deck officer who was qualified as a watch stander and only 16 of the 36 officers had ever been to sea before. The proportion of men new to the sea among the crew was even greater.

Following is a chronology of the ship's activities to date:

11-24 September 1944

Loaded fitting out stores, ammunition, fuel and provisions. Testing machinery and equipment. Depermed and degaussed.

24 September - 31 October 1944

Conducting shakedown exercises and amphibious training off San Pedro, San Clemente, San Diego and Oceanside, California.

31 October - 7 November 1944

Undergoing post shakedown availability at Naval Drydocks, Terminal Island, San Pedro, California.

7-18 November 1944.

Underway and loading miscellaneous cargo at San Francisco, California.

18-24 November 1944

Underway independently from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

24-30 November 1944

Discharging miscellaneous cargo, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Reported Commander Transport Squadron 16 for duty.

1-5 December 1944

Moored in Pearl Harbor.

6-16 December 1944. (Temporary duty with Commander Transport Squadron 15).

Participated with Army in amphibious training exercises in Mānāloa Bay, Maui, T.H., including tactical exercises, night retirements, simulated and actual beach landings of combat cargo and personnel, and firing exercises. On 13 December the WHITESIDE and the U.S.S. BAYFIELD (APA33) collided during darkness while forming up for a night retirement exercise. This ship, which was in column astern U.S.S. SIBLEY (APA206), was rammed on the starboard side, in No. 2 hold, by the BAYFIELD. No personnel were injured on either ship. The ship completed the week's training exercises with Transport Squadron 15; then discharged the combat cargo and personnel at Honolulu, T.H.

18-24 December 1944 at Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Awaiting availability of drydock to effect repairs of damage caused by collision.

24-31 December 1944

In #4 Drydock, Pearl Harbor.

1-12 January 1945

Undergoing painting and miscellaneous repairs in Pearl Harbor.

12-18 January 1945

Participated in amphibious training exercises with Transport Squadron 16 off Maui and Kahoolawe Islands, T.H.

19-27 January 1945

Loaded 2250 tons of combat cargo and Army personnel consisting of 10 officers and 129 enlisted men for Iwo Jima invasion.

27 January - 19 February 1945

Underway from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Iwo Jima, Nanpo Shoto, in company with ships of Transport Squadron 16, part of Task Force 51, stopping at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands and Saipan, Marianas Islands, en route.

19 February - 5 March 1945

At Iwo Jima; participated in D Day landings; unloaded cargo ammunition during first week, retiring each night to avoid air attacks in transport area. During second week at objective discharged cargo into LCMs, LSMs and LSTs. Loaded ~~189~~ 188 casualties for transportation to Guam; departed Iwo Jima on 5 March 1945 with Transport Division 33, Transport Squadron 16 having sailed previously.

5-19 March 1945

En route from Iwo Jima to Esperitu Santo, New Hebrides Islands, stopping at Guam, Marianas Islands (to debark casualties) and Tulagi, Florida Island, enroute.

20-24 March 1945 at Esperitu Santo.

Loaded 1682 tons of combat cargo for 27th Division, 10th U.S. Army, for Okinawa invasion.

25 March - 9 April 1945

Underway in company with Transport Squadron 16 (Task Group 51.3) Commander Transport Squadron 16, Commodore J.B. McGovern, USN, OTC and SOPA, from Esperitu Santo to Okinawa, Nansei Shotō, stopping for logistics enroute at Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands.

9-16 April 1945

Unloading combat cargo and personnel at Okinawa for 27th Army Division, using ship's boats and one LSM. During this week daily raids by Japanese suicide planes were made but none were successful in attacks on ships of Transport Squadron 16. The unloading was slowed by the necessity for the crew to go to general quarters at least twice a day, sometimes for continuous periods of several hours. Two planes were engaged by gun fire from this vessel. Fog generators and smoke floats were used nightly to screen the ship during attacks.

16-20 April 1945

Underway with Transport Squadron 16 from Okinawa to Saipan. When the squadron sailed on 21 April from Saipan, this vessel remained to effect boiler repairs.

22-25 April 1945

Sailed independently from Saipan to Ulithi via Guam, Marianas Islands, to load boats and Transport Squadron 16 stores.

26 April-8 May 1945

At Ulithi. Fired gunnery practices with Transport Squadron 16.

8-14 May 1945

Underway independently for Lunga, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, via Manus, Admiralty Islands, under orders Commander-in-Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet.

14 May - 2 June 1945

Loaded Army and Navy cargo at Lunga, Guadalcanal, and proceeded to Munda, Sasaville anchorage, New Georgia Islands, where additional cargo was lifted. Proceeded then to Finschhafen, New Guinea, where the entire Army cargo was discharged at the dock. Another Army cargo was loaded here for Leyte and Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

2-6 June 1945

Underway independently from Finschhafen to Leyte, Philippine Islands.

6-11 June 1945

Discharged part of Army cargo (868 tons) at Tacloban, Leyte, and all Navy cargo at Guiuan Harbor, Samar Island, P.I.

12-25 June 1945

Proceeded independently to Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I.; arrived 14 June and reported to Commander Transport Squadron 16 and Commander Transport Division 48 for duty. Discharged all cargo.

26 June - 22 July 1945

Proceeded with ships of Transport Division 48 to Danae, Cebu Island, Philippine Islands; loaded combat troops and equipment of the Americal Division and participated with them in amphibious training off Cebu beaches.

22 July - 19 August 1945

22 July departed Cebu with U.S.S. LUBBOCK (APA-197) for Guiuan, Samar, for stores; then to Subic Bay, P.I., independently; arrived 26 July and effected boiler repairs. On 7 August proceeded independently to Lucena, Luzon, P.I.; rejoined Transport Division 48, and participated in amphibious training with the 1st Cavalry Division. This training continued until 15 August when the Japanese surrender was announced. On 16 August proceeded independently to Subic Bay, P.I., fueled and provisioned. At Anchor until 20 August.

20-24 August 1945

20 August proceeded independently to Batangas, Luzon, P.I.; rejoined Transport Division 48; and embarked 106 personnel of the 432nd Port Company, 1st Cavalry, and loaded 812 tons of combat cargo for Tokyo Force operation.

24 August - 2 September 1945

Underway with Transport Squadron 16, part of Task Force 33 (Tokyo Force) from Batangas to Tokyo Bay, Japan, stopping at Subic Bay, P.I., for a 48 hour delay due to storm conditions. 2 September 1945 arrived at Yokohama, Japan; Jap surrender ceremonies aboard U.S.S. MISSOURI (BB63) anchored in Tokyo Bay occurred during the forenoon.

2-3 September 1945

Discharged combat cargo and personnel over Yokohama docks.

4-19 September 1945

4 September - underway with Transport Squadron 16 from Yokohama to Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands; Arrived 11 September; provisioned and fueled. The WHITESIDE (OTC) and the U.S.S. LENAWEE (APA195) then proceeded to Bugo, Macajalar Bay, Mindanao Island, Philippine Islands, and loaded combat cargo and personnel of the 41st Infantry Division, 10th Corps, 6th U.S. Army over pontoon docks.

20 September - 6 October 1945

20 September rejoined Transport Squadron 16 (which was returning loaded from Zamboanga) and proceeded Leyte Gulf, P.I.; at dawn 21 September WHITESIDE proceeded independently to Tacloban for Army Cargo; Transport Squadron 16 anchored Abuyog. 22 September underway with Transport Squadron 16 (Kure Group of Central Occupation Group) from Leyte Gulf to Kure, Honshu Island, Japan. Rear Admiral

B. J. Rodgers, USN, Commander Amphibious Group 11 and Commander Task Group 54.11 OTC and SOPA; Commodore J. B. McGovern, USN, Commander Transport Squadron 16, Commander Kure Group. Enroute the squadron was diverted to Buckner Bay, Okinawa, where it remained until 3 October except for a period of 3 days (28 September to 1 October) when the ships left the harbor and sailed around the island to avoid the track of a typhoon. On 5 October, the squadron entered the Inland Sea via Bungo Strait and anchored overnight in swept channel northwestern part of Iyo Nada, and next morning proceeded via Kudako Suido to anchorage at Hiro Wan.

6-15 October 1945

At anchor Hiro Wan, near Kure, Japan; completed discharging Army cargo and troops into ship's boats, LSMs, LCTs and barges 8 October. 9 to 12 October sent recreation parties, with beer from ship's cargo, to Nasake Jima, Hiro Wan, and on 13 and 14 October sent recreation parties to Hiroshima, the first Japanese city destroyed by an atomic bomb, 20 miles north of Hiro Wan. On 11 October, Commander Transport Squadron 16, with transports assigned to MAGIC CARPET (Transporting armed forces to continental U.S.) duty, departed Hiro Wan for various staging centers. This vessel with three (3) other AKAs of the squadron remained for duty to be assigned by Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

12 October 1945. In compliance with CincPac/CincPoa dispatch 112052 reported to Commander Seventh Fleet for duty in connection with lift of Chinese Troops. Further reported Commander Seventh Amphibious Force and Commander Transport Squadron 24.

15-21 October 1945.

0600 Underway with U.S.S. TOLLAND (AKA-64) Commander Task Unit 54.18.26, U.S.S. YANCEY (AKA-93) for Manila, P.I., via Subic Bay where ten (10) landing craft (eight (8) LCMs, two (2) LCVPs) were picked up.

21-22 October 1945.

21 October at Manila, P.I. Fueled and provisioned. Reported for duty to Commander Transport Division 36. This is the first visit of the MINIBILE to Manila.

23-26 October 1945.

23 October underway with Temporary Transport Division 36 for Haiphong, French Indo China, Captain C. L. TYLER, U.S. Navy, embarked in U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31), Commander Transport Division 36 and Commander Task Unit 78.6.3, SOPA and OTC. Arrived 26 October.

27-30 October 1945

At Haiphong. Loaded cargo and troops, 76 officers and 975 enlisted, of 583rd Regiment, 125th Division of the 52nd Chinese (Central Government) Army. Colonel LAO YU HANG, infantry, C.O. Troops.

30 October - 7 November 1945.

Proceeded from French Indo-China to Chinwangtao, China, in company with Temporary Transport Division 36; arrived 7 November. Two Chinese enlisted died at sea enroute, from illness, probably cholera. Buried them at sea. The Transport Division encountered floating mines enroute, in such quantity as to necessitate, on one occasion, each of the eight (8) ships maneuvering independently for approximately an hour to clear the concentrated mined area. Upon arrival off Chinwangtao, at dawn 7 November, gun firing was seen clearly to the Northward, vicinity of Shanhaikuan. Chinese Communists and Chinese Central Government troops were reported to be engaged in civil war.

7- November 1945.

Disembarked Chinese troops and cargo alongside dock at Chinwangtao. No recreation parties were sent ashore due to unstable conditions.

8-November 1945.

Proceeded Chinwangtao, China, to Taku, China, in company with Temporary Transport Division 36; arrived 9 November.

9-30 November 1945.

At Taku. November 12 detached from Transport Division 36; reported to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and to Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, for duty (permanent postwar assignment).

1-December 1945.

Reported for duty in MAGIC CARPET (transporting personnel to continental United States).

Note: In accordance with ALNav 318-45, the following information is added:

The U.S.S. WHITESIDE (AKA-90) has had only one Commanding Officer, Commander CHARLES PHILIP WOODSON, U.S. Navy, 39237, whose home address is 1349 Josephine Street, Berkeley, California.

Since commissioning, no awards for outstanding performance of duty have been assigned to personnel of this vessel.