U.S.S. MARQUETTE (AKA-95)

CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

27 July 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the Month of June 1945.
Reference: (a) CominCh Restricted Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943.

20 - 29 June 1945.

1. At 1200, 20 June 1945, this vessel was placed in commission as the U.S.S. MARQUETTE (AKA95). Commissioning ceremonies were held at the New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York, and Commander John E. Gabrielson, U.S. Navy, assumed command. Lieutenant John D. Corry, (DM), U.S.N.R. is the Executive Officer.

2. During this period the ship was moored to pier "J", berth 15, New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York, fitting out and taking on board commissioning supplies.

3. In accordance with Commander Task Force 23, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Operations Plan 413-45, this vessel became a part of Task Force 23 for the purpose of training and shakedown.

30 June 1945.

At 0750, the ship got underway from the U.S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York in accordance with Commandant, Third Naval District serial 06358 of June 22, 1945 for Bayonne, New Jersey. At 0930 arrived at Bayonne. At 1205 commenced deperming. At 1330 deperming was completed and the ship proceeded to Gravesend Bay to load ammunition. Loading of ammunition completed at 2200.
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1. The U.S.S. MARQUETTE (AKA-95) is an attack cargo vessel operating under Commander Task Force 23, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Operation 413-45 for the purpose of training and shakedown.

July 1, 1945.

At 0912 underway from Gravesend Bay, New York for U.S. Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia for training and shakedown. Compass adjusters on board.

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At 1210 compass adjusters left the ship and the vessel took departure from Ambrose Light Vessel.

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At 1445 anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

July 3, 1945.

At 1355 inspection party, Captain John Meyer, U.S.N., senior member, United States Atlantic Fleet Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia came aboard. A shakedown period of fifteen days was outlined of which this was the first day. At 1540 twelve LCVP’s and one LCPL were delivered to fill boat allowance.
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C-C-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

5 August 1945.

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July 4, 1945.

At 1330 underway for Little Creek area where exercises in hoisting and lowering boats were held. The ship went to General Quarters and condition A-1 was set. After dark, the ship was darkened and inspections were conducted to see that the exercise was satisfactory.

July 5, 1945.

Remained in Little Creek area and conducted drills similar to those of July 4, 1945.

July 6, 1945.

Conducted exercises similar to those of 4 and 5 July 1945. At 1344 underway and returned to Hampton Roads.

July 7, 1945.

At 0809 underway for Wolf Trap degaussing range. Compensated compasses and ran degaussing range. At 1533 anchored south of Wolf Trap degaussing range.

July 8, 1945.

At 0851 underway for gunnery exercise. During the day the following practices were fired: Test firing; AA target practice (towed sleeve); Short Range Practice (surface target); AA practice (drone) and night AA practice (illuminated sleeve). At 2339 anchored off Windmill Lighthouse.

July 9, 1945.

At 0659 underway to run the measured mile and obtain tactical data. At 1830 anchored off Annapolis, Md.

July 10, 1945.

At 0705 underway to continue exercise commenced on July 9, 1945. Rigged for towing and fueling at sea. At 1010 commenced full power and smoke prevention run. At 1835 completed full power and smoke prevention run. At 1906 anchored off Cape Charles City, Virginia.
5 August 1945.

Subject: War Diary for the Month of July 1945.

July 11, 1945.

At 1329 underway to obtain tactical data. At 2023 anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

July 12, 1945.

At 0910 inspection party, of whom Captain John Meyer, U.S.N. was the senior member, from the United States Atlantic Fleet Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group came on board. 1104 exercised in General Quarters. 1130 exercised at condition A-1. 1134 secured from emergency drills, 1200 commenced Battle problem. 1300 Battle problem completed. 1450 inspection party left the ship. 1530 underway proceeding to Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. 1745 moored to dock in Navy Yard.

July 13, 1945 to July 16, 1945.

Availability at Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.

July 17, 1945.

At 0839 underway and proceeded to the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia. Loaded ammunition and stores throughout the day. Completed fueling ship.

July 18, 1945.

At 0930 underway and proceeded to anchorage at Hampton Roads, Virginia.


During this period the ship was anchored in Hampton Roads and exercised at various drills, ship upkeep and instruction.

July 23, 1945.

At 1739 the ship got underway and proceeded to pier number seven, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
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July 24, 1945.

At 0845 inspection party, of whom Captain John Meyer, U.S.N. was the senior member, from the United States Atlantic Fleet Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group came on board for inspection. At 0937 Rear Admiral C.F. Bryant, U.S.N. with his staff came on board for inspection. At 0958 Rear Admiral Bryant completed his inspection of the ship and left. At 1003 exercised at condition Baker. 1025 exercised at condition A-1. 1056 exercised at General Quarters. 1110 commenced Battle Problem. 1210 finished Battle Problem. Exercised at abandon ship drill. 1215 secured from all drills. At 1331 the Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group Inspection Party left the ship. At 1500 shifted berth to north side of pier two.


Loading general cargo during this period.

July 28, 1945.

At 1730 shifted berth to the south side of pier two from the north side. Continued loading cargo.


Loaded general cargo throughout this period.

J. E. Gabrielson.
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3 September 1945.

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1 August 1945.

At 0917 underway from Hampton Roads in accordance with
Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet despatch #31519 of July
1945. At 1333 set course and took departure for the Panama Canal in
company with the U.S.S. OGLETHORPE (AKA-100).

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7 August 1945.

At 1638 moored port side to pier 10, Cristobol, Canal Zone.

8 August 1945.

At 1053 commenced transit of the Panama Canal. 1908 Completed transit of the Panama Canal and took departure for Pearl Harbor, T.H., in company with the U.S.S. OCELETHORPE (AKA-100), the U.S.S. MORELLI (FF-63), the U.S.S. GLADTHE (FF-62), and the U.S.S. KAY WEST (FF-17).

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  - 1200: 17° 29' N
  - 2000: 17° 29' N

- **Longitude**
  - 0800: 121° 08' W
  - 1200: 121° 34' W
  - 2000: 123° 35' W

#### 18 August 1945
- **Latitude**
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  - 1200: 18° 14' N
  - 2000: 18° 39' N

- **Longitude**
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  - 1200: 127° 42' W
  - 2000: 129° 34' W

#### 19 August 1945
- **Latitude**
  - 0800: 19° 14' N
  - 1200: 19° 26' N
  - 2000: 19° 29' N

- **Longitude**
  - 0800: 132° 30' W
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#### 20 August 1945
- **Latitude**
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  - 2000: 20° 42' N

- **Longitude**
  - 0800: 138° 35' W
  - 1200: 139° 35' W
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#### 21 August 1945
- **Latitude**
  - 0800: 20° 56' N
  - 1200: 20° 59' N
  - 2000: 20° 06' N

- **Longitude**
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- **Latitude**
  - 0800: 21° 16' N
  - 1200: 21° 22' N
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- **Longitude**
  - 0800: 151° 22' W
  - 1200: 152° 23' W
  - 2000: 154° 32' W

#### 23 August 1945
- **Latitude**
  - 0800: 21° 14' N

- **Longitude**
  - 0800: 157° 29' W

1000 Lying to off Pearl Harbor, T.H.
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23 August 1945.

At 1413 moored starboard side to berth Fox-7, Pearl Harbor, T.H.
At 1734 shifted berth and moored starboard side to berth M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

24 August 1945 - 27 August 1945

Discharging cargo, from berth M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

28 August 1945.

At 0730 shifted berth to Xray-6, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

29 August 1945.

At 1450 shifted berth to M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Commenced discharging cargo.

30 August 1945 - 31 August 1945

Discharging cargo.

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To: Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

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1. Forwarded.

J. A. ACKERMAN,
By direction.

cc: CO, USS MARQUETTE (AKA95).
U. S. S. MARQUETTE (AKA-95)
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1 September 1945.

Moored starboard side to pier M-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H. At 1557 underway to shift berth. 1634 moored to ways at berth Xray 10, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2 September 1945 - 9 September 1945.

The ship maintained routine upkeep during this period.

10 September 1945.

At 0727 underway to shift berth. At 0811 moored starboard side to berth A-10, Advanced Base Reshipment Depot, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 0825 commenced loading cargo.

11 September 1945 - 16 September 1945.

Continued cargo loading operations throughout this period.

17 September 1945.

At 0656 underway for Honolulu, T.H. 0853 moored port side to berth 39, Honolulu, T.H. 1915 commenced loading cargo.

18 September 1945.

Continued loading cargo.

19 September 1945.

Loaded cargo throughout the day. At 2100 all cargo loaded and holds secured.
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1 October 1945.

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20 September 1945.

At 1201 underway for Guam, M.I. in accordance with Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier's confidential serial 01502 of September 19, 1945.

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25 September 1945.

Crossed the 180th Meridian from East to West advanced time from 24th to 26th September 1945.
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From: Commander, Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: U.S.S. MARQUETTE (AKA-95) - War Diary for the Month of September 1945.

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J. A. ACKERMAN,
By direction.

cc: CO, USS MARQUETTE (AKA-95)
From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Ship's History - Submission of.

Reference: (a) AlPac 202-45.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the history of the U.S.S. MARQUETTE(AKA95) is submitted herewith.

20 - 29 June 1945

At 1200, 20 June 1945, this vessel was placed in commission as the U.S.S. MARQUETTE(AKA95). Commissioning ceremonies were held at the New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York, and Commander John E. Gabrielson, U.S. Navy assumed command. Lieutenant John D. Corry, (DE), U.S. Naval Reserve as the Executive Officer.

During this period the ship was moored to pier "J", berth 15, New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York, fitting out and taking on board commissioning supplies.

In accordance with Commander Task Force 23, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Operations Plan 413-45, this vessel became a part of Task Force 23 for the purpose of training and shakedown.

On 30 June 1945, at 0750 the ship got underway from the U.S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York in accordance with Commandant THIRD Naval District serial 06358 of 22 June 1945 for Bayonne, New Jersey. At 0930 arrived at Bayonne. At 1205 commenced deperming. At 1330 deperming was completed and the ship proceeded to Gravesend Bay to load ammunition. Loading of ammunition was completed at 2200.

1 July 1945

At 0912 underway from Gravesend Bay, New York for U.S. Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia for training and shakedown.

2 July 1945

At 1445 anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.
3 July 1945

An inspection party with Captain John Keyer, U.S. Navy as senior member, United States Atlantic Fleet Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia came aboard at 1335.

A shakedown period of fifteen days outline of which this was the first day. At 1540 twelve LCVP's and one LCP(L) were delivered to fill boat allowance.

4 - 6 July 1945

At 1330, 4 July 1945 the ship got underway for Little Creek Area where exercises in hoisting and lowering boats were held. The ship also went to General Quarters and Condition 1-A. Ship remained in Little Creek Area until 6 July 1945 and conducted drills similar to those of 4 July 1945.

7 - 11 July 1945

At 0809 underway from Hampton Roads to conduct gunnery exercises and obtain further tactical data. Returned to Hampton Roads at 0223, 11 July 1945, exercises completed.

12 July 1945

At 0910 inspection party, of whom Captain John Keyer, U.S. Navy was the senior member, from the United States Atlantic Fleet Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group, came on board. At 1104 commenced prescribed exercises and battle problem. At 1330 exercises and battle problem completed. At 1530 ship got underway and proceeded to Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia for Navy Yard availability.

13 - 16 July 1945

Navy Yard availability.

17 July 1945

Loaded ammunition, stores and fuel.

18 July 1945

At 0930 underway to anchorage at Hampton Roads, Virginia.
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19 - 22 July 1945

During this period ship was anchored in Hampton Roads and exercised at various drills, ship upkeep and instruction.

23 July 1945

At 1739 underway for pier 7, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

24 July 1945

At 0845 inspection party of whom Captain John Hoyer, U.S. Navy was senior member, from United States Atlantic Fleet Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group, came on board for inspection. At 0937 Rear Admiral C. F. Bryant, U.S. Navy with his staff came on board for inspection. At 0958 Rear Admiral Bryant completed his inspection of the ship. At 1003 exercised at General Quarters, Condition 1-A, and abandon ship. 1110 commenced battle problem. At 1215 secured from all drills and battle problem. At 1331 Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group inspection party left the ship. At 1500 shifted berth to north side of pier two.

25 - 31 July 1945

Loaded general cargo during this period.

1 August 1945

At 0917 underway from Hampton Roads in accordance with Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet dispatch 1311519 of July 1945. At 1303 set course and took departure for the Panama Canal in company with the U.S.S. CHELTHORPE (AKA100).

2 - 6 August 1945

Enroute to Panama Canal.

7 August 1945

At 1638 moored port side to pier 10, Cristobal, Canal Zone.

8 August 1945

At 1053 commenced transit of Panama Canal. At 1903 completed transit of Panama Canal and took departure for Pearl Harbor, T.H., in company with the U.S.S. CHELTHORPE (AKA100), the U.S.S. ROBERLEY (FP63), the U.S.S. GLADWYN (FP62) and the U.S.S. KEY TEST (FP17).

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9 - 22 August 1945
Enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

23 August 1945
At 1000 off Pearl Harbor, T.H. At 1413 moored starboard side to berth Fox-7, Pearl Harbor, T.H. At 1734, shifted berth and moored starboard side to berth Mike-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

24 - 31 August 1945
Discharged cargo during this period.

1 - 9 September 1945
Ship was moored to berth Xray 10, Pearl Harbor, T.H., during this period.

10 September 1945
Shifted berth to A10, Advanced Base Reshipment Depot, Pearl Harbor, T.H. for loading of cargo.

11 - 16 September 1945
Loaded cargo during this period.

17 September 1945
At 0656 underway for Honolulu, T.H. At 0853 moored port side to berth 39, Honolulu for loading of cargo.

18 - 19 September 1945
Continued loading cargo during this period.

20 September 1945
At 1201 underway for Guam, M.I. in accordance with Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier's confidential serial 0152 of 19 September 1945.

21 - 30 September 1945
Enroute to Guam, M.I.

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2 - 3 October 1945

Enroute to Guam, M.I. 1642 moored to buoy, berth #703, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I.

4 October 1945

Berthed in Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I.

5 October 1945

0800 Underway from Berth #703, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I., due to cramped conditions of harbor.

6 October 1945

Steaming along coast of Guam awaiting orders to reenter Apra Harbor.

7 October 1945

0920 Reentered Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. and moored in berth #561.

8 October 1945

0758 Moored starboard side to Dock "Uncle", Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 0835 Commenced discharging cargo.

9 - 11 October 1945

Discharging cargo during this period.

12 October 1945

Discharging cargo completed. 0706 Underway to Berth #21, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I.

13 - 15 October 1945

Moored in Berth #21 awaiting orders.

16 October 1945

1420 Underway for Manus, Admiralty Islands in accordance with Com Marianas despatch 150143 of 15 October 1945.
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17 - 19 October 1945
Enroute to Manus, Admiralty Islands.

20 October 1945
0930 Entered Manus Island Harbor and anchored in berth #218.

21 October 1945
0839 Departed from Manus Island enroute to Brisbane, Australia.

22 - 25 October 1945
Enroute from Manus, Admiralty Islands to Brisbane, Australia.

26 October 1945
Enroute from Manus, Admiralty Islands to Brisbane, Australia.

27 October 1945
Enroute from Manus, Admiralty Islands to Brisbane, Australia.
0730 Entered Northwest Channel proceeding to berth at Brisbane, Australia. 1308 Moored port side to Mercantile Berth #2, Brisbane, Australia.

28 - 31 October 1945
Moored as before.

J. E. GABRIELSON.