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WAR DIARY - USS VERMILION (AKA 107)  
MONTH OF JULY 1945

1, 2, and 3 July 1945

1. Task Group 23.8 (Commander, Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group)
3. Berth #2, 33rd St. Pier, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4. Fitting out for shakedown.

4 July 1945

2. Confidential Operation Order CTF 23, No. 415-45 of 19 June 1945.
3. 0800 and 1200, Berth #2, 33rd St. Pier, Brooklyn, N. Y. 2000 Lat. 40-00 N, Long. 73-45W.
4. Operating singly in route Brooklyn, N. Y. to Norfolk, Va. shakedown area. 1738 Streamed paravanes.

5 July 1945

3. 0800 Lat. 36-55N, Long. 75-20W. 1200 and 2000 anchorage Berth #4, Hampton Roads, Va.
4. Fitting out for shakedown.

6, 7, 8, and 9 July 1945

2. Fleet Operational Training Schedule for auxiliary vessels.
3. Anchorage berth #4, Hampton Roads, Va.
4. Fitting out for shakedown, and conducting drills in accordance with schedule.

10 July 1945

3. 0800 Berth #4, Hampton Roads, Va; 1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay. 2000 anchorage LB-13, Lynnhaven Roads, Va.
4. Conducting Shakedown exercises.

11 July 1945

3. 0800 anchorage LB-13, Lynnhaven Roads, Va. 1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay; 200 anchorage berth #2, Hampton, Roads, Va.

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12 July 1945

3. 0800 Berth #2, Hampton Roads, Va; 1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay. 2000 anchorage at mouth of the Rappahannock River.
4. Compensating compasses and adjusting degaussing gear.

13 July 1945

3. 0800 anchorage at mouth of the Rappahannock River; 1200 and 2000 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay.
4. Conducting gunnery exercises. 1215 test fired all guns. 1333 commenced firing on towed sleeve. 1725 ceased firing on sleeve. 2032 commenced firing on battle raft. 2107 ceased firing on raft.
6. Expended 132 rounds of 5' 38", 760 rounds of 40MM, and 6813 rounds of 20MM. Ammunition for test and target firing.

14 July 1945

3. 0800 anchorage area "C" at mouth of Fleets Bay, Maryland. 1200 anchorage at mouth of Patuxent River, Cedar Point, Maryland. 2000 anchorage at mouth of Severn River, Annapolis, Maryland.
4. Conducting speed trials on measured mile using full power.

15 July 1945

3. 0800 anchorage at mouth of Severn River, Annapolis, Maryland. 1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay. 2000 anchorage off Cape Charles City, Virginia.
4. Conducting speed trials on measured mile.

16 July 1945

3. 0800 anchorage off Cape Charles City, Virginia. 1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay. 2000 anchorage berth#25, Hampton Roads, Virginia.
4. Conducting fueling at sea exercises.

17 July 1945

2. Verbal orders COTCLANT.
3. 0800 and 1200 anchorage berth # 25, Hampton Roads, Virginia. 2000 Pier #4, berth #29, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
4. Conducting boat drills and undergoing departure inspection by Commander Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group.

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18 and 19 July 1945

2. COTCLANT despatch 181425, July.
3. Pier #4, berth #29, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
4. Yard availability.

20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 July 1945

3. Berth #1, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
4. Yard availability.

27 July 1945

3. 0800 Berth #1, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.  
1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay. 2000 anchorage berth #5,  
Hampton Roads, Virginia.
4. Conducting post-repair trials on main engines.

28 July 1945

1. Task Group 23.19
2. COTCLANT confidential letter, Serial No. 02944 dated 22 July 1945.
3. 0800 and 1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay. 2000 Lat. 36-50N,  
Long. 74-10W.
4. Conducting tests with IST 980 and LSM 104 to determine the  
durability of log camels and laminated wood camels. Reference:  
USS Vermilion letter, Serial No. 49 of 10 August 1945 to COTCLANT.

29 July 1945

|       |             |             |             |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3.    | <u>0800</u> | <u>1200</u> | <u>2000</u> |
| Lat.  | 37-10N      | 37-30N      | 37-00N      |
| Long. | 74-10W      | 74-00W      | 74-10W      |

30 July 1945

|       |             |             |             |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3.    | <u>0800</u> | <u>1200</u> | <u>2000</u> |
| Lat.  | 37-05N      | 36-50N      | 36-50N      |
| Long. | 74-00W      | 74-30W      | 75-50W      |

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31 July 1945

1. Task Group 23.8 (CAVSG)
2. COTCLANT confidential despatch 311805, July.
3. 0800 anchorage #3, Hampton Roads, Virginia. 1200 and 2000 Berth #1, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
4. Yard availability.

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MONTH OF AUGUST 1945

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 August 1945

1. Task Group 23.8 (Commander, Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group)
2. COTCLant confidential despatch 311805, July.
3. Berth #1, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.
4. Yard availability.

8 August 1945

3. 0800 Berth #1, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.  
1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay. 2000 Pier #5, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.
4. Conducting post repair trial on main engine.

9 August 1945

3. Pier #5, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.
4. Awaiting instructions from COTCLant.

10 August 1945

2. COTCLant confidential despatch 091428.
3. 0800 Pier #5, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.  
1200 maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay.  
2000 Lat. 37-50N Long. 74-20W
4. Compensating compasses until 1305, at which time took departure for Newport, R. I.

11 August 1945

3. 0800 Lat 40-05N Long. 72-20W  
1200 Lat 40-50N Long. 71-10W  
2000 anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Reporting to CTG 23.13 for assignment as training ship.

12 August 1945

1. Task Unit 23.13.3 of Task Group 23.13
2. Standard Instructions for Auxiliary Training Vessel.
3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Awaiting trainee crew.

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13 August 1945

2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr. A4-3, dated 9 August 1945.
3. 0800 and 1200 anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of USS CALOOSAHATCHEE (AO 98).

14 August 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport R. I. Afternoon operations in Narragansett Seaward Channel.

15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 August 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Observance of holiday at end of war.

20 August 1945

2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr. A4-3, dated 16 August 1945.
3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I. Afternoon operations in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of USS ADIRONDACK.

21 August 1945

3. 0800 and 2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
1200 maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.

22 August 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
2000 maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.

23 August 1945

3. 0800 Lat. 40-30N Long. 71-00W  
1200 maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.  
2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting gunnery exercises, firing all guns at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 33 rounds of 5"/38, 4010 rounds of 20MM, and 633 rounds of 40MM ammunition.

24, 25 and 26 August 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Concluding training exercises.

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MONTH OF AUGUST 1945 (CONT'D)

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27 August 1945

2. CTG 23.13 opspdtr. A4-3, dated 23 August 1945.
3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I. Afternoon operations in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of USS FORT MANDAN (LSD 21).

28 August 1945

3. 0800 and 2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I. 1200 maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.

29 August 1945

3. 0800 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I. 1200 maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel. 2000 Lat. 40-30N Long. 71-00W
4. Conducting gunnery exercises, firing all guns on towed sleeve. Conducting night maneuvers with USS PHILADELPHIA (CL 41) of Task Unit 23.13.1.
6. Expended 25 rounds 5"/38, 3625 rounds 40MM, and 3625 rounds of 20MM, ammunition.

30 August 1945

3. 0800 Lat. 40-30N Long. 71-00W 1200 maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel. 2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting training exercises and maneuvering with USS VANADIS (AKA 49), and USS VERITAS (AKA 50) of Task Group 23.13.

31 August 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Concluding training exercises.

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945

1 and 2 September 1945

1. Task Unit 23.13.3 of Task Group 23.13.
2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr. A4-3, dated 23 August 1945.
3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Concluding training exercises.

3 September 1945

2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr. A4-3, dated 30 August 1945.
4. Awaiting trainee crew.

4 September 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I. Afternoon operations in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of the USS FORT MARION (LSD 22), and maneuvering with the USS VANADIS (AKA 49) and USS VERITAS (AKA 50) of Task Group 23.13.

5 September 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I. 2000 Lat. 40-43N, Long. 71-00W.
4. Conducting training exercises and night maneuvers with USS PROVIDENCE (CL 82) of Task Unit 23.13.2.

6 September 1945

3. 0800 Lat. 40-41N, Long. 70-53W  
1200 Lat. 41-05N, Long. 70-15W  
2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting training exercises, maneuvers, and gunnery exercises, firing all guns at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 35 rounds 5"/38, 2710 rounds 20MM, and 1033 rounds of 40MM ammunition.



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7 September 1945

2. COTCLant despatch 062057.
3. 0800 and 1200 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
2000 Lat. 40-21N, Long. 71-56W.
4. Concluding training exercises and taking on passengers from the pre-commissioning detail of the USS MIDWAY (CVB 41).  
1345 Underway from Newport, R. I., en route Norfolk, Va., in company with USS VANADIS (AKA 49), USS VERITAS (AKA 50) and USS XENIA (AKA 51).

8 September 1945

3. 0800 Lat. 37-50N, Long. 74-21W.  
1200 Lat. 37-03N, Long. 75-10W.  
2000 Anchorage #25, Hampton Roads, Va.
4. Transporting pre-commissioning detail of USS MIDWAY (CVB 41) to Newport News, Va.

9 September 1945

3. 0800 Anchorage #25, Hampton Roads, Va.  
1200 Pier #8, Newport News, Va.  
2000 Anchorage #22, Hampton Roads, Va.
4. Debarking passengers and awaiting further orders.

10, 11 and 12 September 1945

3. Anchorage #22, Hampton Roads, Va.
4. Awaiting orders.

13 September 1945

2. COTCLant despatch 121903.
3. 0800 Anchorage #22, Hampton Roads, Va.  
1200 Lat. 37-53N, Long. 75-52W.  
2000 Lat. 38-05N, Long. 74-10W.
4. En route Norfolk, Va., to Newport, R. I.

14 September 1945

3. 0800 Lat. 40-24N, Long. 72-52.5W.  
1200 Lat. 41-21N, Long. 71-21W.  
2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.

15 and 16 September 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Awaiting trainee crew.

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17 and 18 September 1945

2. CTG 23.13 opspdtr A4-3, dated 14 September 1945.
3. 0800 and 2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail  
of the USS OREGON CITY, and maneuvering with USS HAYTER (APD 80)  
of Task Group 23.13.

19 September 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
2000 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.

20 September 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.  
2000 Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.

21 September 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.  
2000 Anchorage #48, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting gunnery exercises, firing at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 2508 rounds of 20MM and 654 rounds of 40MM ammunition.

22 and 23 September 1945

3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Concluding training exercises.

24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 September 1945

3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Upkeep and repair period.

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1 October 1945

1. Task Unit 23.13.3 of Task Group 23.13.
2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr. A4-3, dated 26 September 1945.
3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I. Afternoon operations in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of USS MISPILLION.

2 October 1945

3. 0800 and 2000 Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I. 1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.

3 October 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I. 2000 Lat 40-28N, Long. 71-00W

4 October 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel. 2000 Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting gunnery exercises, firing all guns at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 13 rounds 5"/38, 468 rounds 40MM, and 2940 rounds 20MM ammunition.

5, 6, and 7 October 1945

3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Concluding training exercises.

8 October 1945

2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr. A4-3, dated 3 October 1945, and despatch 081407.
3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I. Afternoon operations in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of USS CANISTEO.

9 October 1945

3. 0800 and 2000 Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I. 1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises and maneuvering with USS LITTLE ROCK (CL 92).

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10 October 1945

3. 0800 Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
1200 and 2000 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises, maneuvers, and gunnery exercises, firing all guns at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 472 rounds of 40MM, 4213 rounds of 20MM, and 40 rounds 5"/38 ammunition.

11 October 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.  
2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting training exercises, maneuvers, and gunnery exercises, firing all guns at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 23 rounds of 5"/38, 1600 rounds of 40MM, and 6780 rounds of 20MM ammunition.

12, 13 and 14 October 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Concluding training exercises.

15 October 1945

2. CTG 23.43 opspdtr. A4-3, dated 10 October 1945.
3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Awaiting trainee crew.

16 October 1945

3. 0800 and 2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of USS NAVASOTA. Exercising at tactical maneuvers with USS LITTLE ROCK (CL 92).

17 October 1945

3. 0800 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.  
1200 and 2000 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises, maneuvers, and gunnery exercises, firing all guns at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 58 rounds of 5"/38, 364 rounds of 40MM, and 1500 rounds of 20MM ammunition.

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18 October 1945

3. 0800 and 1200 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.  
2000 Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Conducting training exercises, maneuvers, and gunnery exercises, firing all guns at towed sleeve.
6. Expended 1200 rounds 40MM and 3280 rounds of 20MM ammunition.

19, 20 and 21 October 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Concluding training exercises.

22, 23, 24 and 25 October 1945

4. Upkeep and repair period.

26, 27, 28 and 29 October 1945

4. Observing Navy Day schedule. Ship open to visitors.

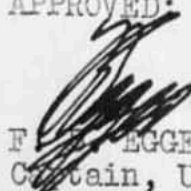
30 and 31 October 1945

2. CTG 23.43 despatch 292100.
4. Conducting training exercises for detail from NTS, Newport, R.I.

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1 November 1945

1. Task Unit 23.43.3 of Task Group 23.43.
2. COTCLant Despatches 291627 and 291630.
3. 0800 Maneuvering in Narragansett Seaward Channel.  
1200 Lat. 40-31N, Long. 71-49W.  
2000 Lat. 39-12N, Long. 73-44W.
4. 0758 Underway from Newport, R. I., en route to Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.

2 November 1945

3. 0800 Lat. 36-59N, Long. 75-30W.  
1200 Maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay.  
2000 Pier #4, Berth #26, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.
4. Yard Availability.

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 November 1945.

2. COTCLant Despatch 032150.
3. Pier #4, Berth #26, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.

20 November 1945

2. ComFive Despatch 201715.
3. 0800 Pier #4, Berth #26, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.  
1200 Maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay.  
2000 Pier #3, Berth #32, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
4. Conducting post repair trials on main engines.

21, 22, 23, 24, 25 November 1945

3. Pier #3, Berth #32, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
4. Awaiting orders.

26 November 1945

2. ComFive Despatch 251420.
3. 0800 Pier #3, Berth #32, Norfolk, Va.  
1200 Maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay.  
2000 Anchorage #5, Hampton Roads, Va.
4. Conducting training exercises.

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27 November 1945

3. 0800 Anchorage #5, Hampton Roads, Va.  
1200 Maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay.  
2000 Anchorage #5, Hampton Roads, Va.
4. Conducting training exercises.

28 November 1945

2. ComFive Despatch 282055.
3. 0800 Anchorage #5, Hampton Roads, Va.  
1200 Maneuvering in Chesapeake Bay.  
2000 Pier #2, Berth #23, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
4. Conducting training exercises.

29, 30 November 1945

2. COTCLant Despatch 271512.  
ComTen Dispatch 282106.
3. Pier #2, Berth #23, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
4. Loading Cargo for NOB, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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