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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)
2. Fitting out for shakedown.

4 July 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
4. Fitting out for shakedown.

6, 7, 8, and 9 July 1945
2. Fleet Operational Training Schedule for auxiliary vessels.
4. Fitting out for shakedown, and conducting drills in accordance with schedule.

10 July 1945

11 July 1945
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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.

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.

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 LST 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. | 0800 | 1200 | 2000 |
   | Lat. 37-10N | 37-30N | 37-00N |
   | Long. 74-10W | 74-00W | 74-10W |

30 July 1945
3. | 0800 | 1200 | 2000 |
   | Lat. 37-05N | 36-50N | 36-50N |
   | Long. 74-00W | 74-30W | 75-50W |
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MONTH OF JULY 1945 (CONT'D)

31 July 1945

1. Task Group 23.8 (CAVSG)
2. COTCIANT 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 23.6 (Commander, Auxiliary Vessels Shakedown Group)
2. COTCInat confidential despatch 311805, July.
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.

9 August 1945

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

10 August 1945

2. COTCInat 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 Vessels.
3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.
4. Awaiting trainee crew.

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13 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

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.
27 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 (CI 41) of Task Unit 23.13.1.

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.

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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945

1 and 2 September 1945

1. Task Unit 23.13.3 of Task Group 23.13.
3. Buoy #67, East Passage, Newport, R. I.

3 September 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.
7 September 1945

2. COTC/Clant 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.
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.
4. Debarking passengers and awaiting further orders.

10, 11 and 12 September 1945

4. Awaiting orders.

13 September 1945

2. COTC/Clant 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.
2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr 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.

22 and 23 September 1945
3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.

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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MONTH OF OCTOBER 1945

1 October 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 MISPIILLION.

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 40-26N, 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.

5, 6, and 7 October 1945

3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I.

8 October 1945

2. CTG 23.13 opspdltr. A4-3, dated 3 October 1945, and despatch 0814,07.
3. Anchorage #45, East Passage, Newport, R. I. Afternoon operations in Narragansett Seaward Channel.
4. Conducting training exercises for pre-commissioning detail of USS CANISTRO.

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).
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.

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, 1,600 rounds of 40MM, and 6,780 rounds of 20MM ammunition.

12, 13 and 14 October 1945

3. Buoy #7, East Passage, Newport, R. I.

15 October 1945

2. CTG 23.43 opspdltr. 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 1,500 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.

22, 23, 24 and 25 October 1945

4. Upkeep and repair period.

26, 27, 28 and 29 October 1945


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. GCTClant 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. GCTClant 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.
27 November 1945

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

28 November 1945

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

29, 30 November 1945

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