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AK170/A16-3 Serial (02) CONFIDENTIAL

From:

The Commanding Officer.

To:

The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject:

War Diary, Month of April 1945, forwarding of.

Reference:

(a) CominCH Serial 7152 dated 29 October 1943.

Enclosure:

(A) War Diary, Month of April 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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WAR DIARY for April 1945

Operating under:

Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District. Changes: CTU 23.8.2

April 4

/ 5 Time Zone

Moored at N.S.D., Westwego, La. Comdr. J. T. CHIPMAN, USNR, accepted the ship for commissioning for Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District, and turned ship over to Lieut. Comdr. L. F. MARSHALL, USNR, Commanding Officer. The Commanding Officer ordered the watch set. Moved ship to Naval Deperming Station, Westwego, La., in obedience to orders of Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District.

April 5

After completion of deperming, moved ship to N.S.D., New Orleans, La., and took on provisions.

April 6

Upon completion of provisioning, moved ship to Todd-Johnson Dry Dock #5, Algiers, La., for preparing ship bottom, in obedience with orders from Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District.

April 7

Resting on keel blocks in Todd-Johnson Dry Dock

April 8

By orders Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District, underway from Todd-Johnson Dry Dock #5 to N.S.D., Westwego, La. At 1258 Stove a 12" hole in port bow and sprung Frame 8 when ship was set on LBF Section B by strong wind while mooring alongside.

April 9

Underway in accordance with orders from Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District, from N.S.D., Westwego, La., to Todd-Johnson Dry Dock Co., Algiers, La., to effect repairs on port bow and anchor windlass.

April 10-11

Moored as before.

April 12

Moved ship under orders of Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District, from Todd-Johnson Dry Dock

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WAR DIARY for April 1945 (Cont.)

to Avondale Fuel Dock, Avondale, La., where ship took on 112,371 gallon of fuel.

- April 13 Moved ship in accordance with orders from Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District, from Avondale Fuel Dock, Avondale, La., to N.A.D., Lansdale, La., and received 298 rounds 3"/50; 13,140 rounds 20 MM and small arms ammunition.
- April 14 Underway to anchorage at Burrwood, La., from N.A.D.,
 Lansdale, La., in obedience to orders from Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District, for availability to complete stowage of ship's commissioning
 allowance.
- April 15-16 Anchored in Burrwood, La., anchorage.
- April 17

 Underway to Galveston, Texas, from Burrwood., La., in accordance with orders from CTU 23.8.2, for shakedown exercises. Swung ship to compensate compass. 1020 Set condition I (General Quarters) and conducted structural firing tests on all guns. Expended 120 rounds 20MM; 4 rounds 3"/50. No casualties, conditions satisfactory.
- April 18 Ship arrived in Galveston, Texas. Moored at Pier 19.
- April 19-22 Held daily routine shakedown exercises and inspections under CTU 23.8.2., off Galveston, Texas.
- April 23 Routine shakedown cruise. 1210 Began firing practice, expended 45 rounds 3"/50, 990 rounds 20MM ammu-nition. No casualties.
- April 24 Underway from Galveston, Texas, to New Orleans, La., in accordance with orders from Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District.
- April 25 Arrived in New Orleans, La., for post-shakedown availability. Anchored in Quarantine Anchorage.

 Discharged 252 rounds 3"50; 11,880 rounds of 20MA

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WAR DIARY for April 1945 (Cont.)

April 25 (Cont.) ammunition at N.A.D., Lansdale, La.

April 26 Moved ship to Gulf Engineering Co, New Orleans,

La., for post shakedown availability.

April 27-29 Moored as before.

April 30 Underway to Avondale Fuel Docks, Avondale, La.

Submitted: 14

H. H. WIRCHHOF

Lieut.(jg) USNR

Navigator

Approved:

L. F. MARSHALL

Lieut. Comdr. USNR

Commanding

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WAR DIARY for May 1945

Commander Panama Sea Frontier

Operating Under: Changes: Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District (IndMan.)

CTF 23 Commandant, TENTH Naval District

May 1

Moored at Avondale Fuel Docks, Avondale La., received 80,469 gallon of fuel. 0658 Underway from Avondale Fuel Dock, Avondale, La., to N.A.D., Lansdale, La., in accordance with orders from Industrial Manager, EIGHTH Naval District. Received 304 rounds 3"/50, 12,960 rounds 20MM and small arms ammunition. 1510 Underway from N.A.D. Lansdale, La., to Gulfport, Miss., in accordance with orders from Commandant EIGHTH Naval District.

May 2

Arrived in Gulfport, Miss., and moored port side to Berth #1, West Pier, N.S.D., Gulfport, Miss.

May 3-9

Moored as before while loading general cargo.

May 10

Underway from Gulfport, Miss., to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in obedience to orders from Commandant EIGHTH Navel District.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	30-21N	30-08N	29-04N
Long.	89-45W	88-45W	88-20W

May 11

Underway as before.

27-13N	26-37N	25-24N
87-18W	86-55W	86-25W

May 12

. Underway as before.

Lat.	23-29N	23-02N	21-49N
Long.	85-42W	85-29W	85-07W

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WAR DIARY for May 1945

May 13 / 4 Time	Zone	hour to plus 4 time	zone.	
		0800	1200	2000
	Lat. Long.	20-58N 83-22W	20-42N 82-34W	20-31 N 81-26W

Underway as before. May 14

Lat.	20-04N	19-53N	19-40N
Long.	79-27W	78-40W	77-05W

May 15 Underway as before.

> Lat. 17-40N Long. 75-13W

> > 1020 Arrived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and anchored in Berth #34. 1033 Captain MURPHY and party from Board of Inspection and Survey came aboard. 1250 Underway and began running standardization trials off Guantanamo Bay. 2020 Returned to Berth #34 Guantanamo upon completion of day's tests.

May 16 Continued standardization trials. 2000 Moored portside to Pier Baker, NOB, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, having completed tests for Board of Inspection and Survey.

Moored as before. Took aboard 34,960 gallon of fuel.

Underway from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Canal Zone, in obedience to orders of routing officer, NOB, Guantanamo Bay.

2000

19-38N Lat. 75-14W Long.

May 17-18

May 19

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		WAR DIARY for May 1	945	
May 20		Underway as before.		
		0800	1200	2000
	Lat. Long.	17-39N 76-08W	17-08N 76-33W	16-03N 77-25W
May 21		Underway as before.		
	Lat. Long.	14-22N 76-08W	13-33N 79-03W	12-15N 79-25W
May 22		Underway as before.		
	Lat. Long.	08-59N 79-50W	07-38N 79-51W	
May 22 # 5 Time 2	Cone	Arrived in Limon Bay, side to Pier #10, Cris clocks 1 hour to confe	stobal, C.Z. 1600 I	letarded.
May 23		1200 Underway to pass cede to Pearl Harbor, orders from Commander Took departure on sea	T. H., in obediend Panama Sea Frontie	e to r. 1950
May 24		Underway as before.		
		0800	1200	2000
	Lat.	07-07W 79-59W	06-45N 80-26W	06-48N 82-46W
May 25		Underway as before.		
	Lat.	06-52N 83-46W	06-45N 84-19W	06-55N 85-24W
May 26		Underway as before.	1	The same
	Lat. Long.	07-34N 87-20W	07-49N 87-45W	08-16N 89-02W

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May 27		Underway as bef	ore. Held general	drills.
		0800	1200	2000
		08-55N 91-00W	09-11N 91-43W	09-37N 93-01W
May 28 / 6 Time Z	one		ore. Retarded clockus six time zone.	eks 1 hour to
	Lat.	10-15N 95-00W	10-28N 95-57W	10-59N 97-32W
May 29		Underway as bef	Core. Held general	drills.
		11-42N 99-41W	11-55N 100-20W	12-25N 101-47W
May 30		Underway as bei	fore.	
		13-09N 103-57W	13-14N 104-34W	13-45N 105-48W
May 31		Underway as bei	fore.	
	Lat. Long.	14-17N 108-05W	14-33N 108-30W	14-57N 108-57W

Submitted: 1444

H. H. KIRCHMOFF Lieut. (jg) USNR

Navigator

Approved: K. T. Manhael

Lieut. Comdr. USNR

Commanding

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(A) War Diary, Month of June 1945.

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WAR DIARY for June 1945

Operating under:

Commander Panama Sea Frontier

Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet

Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier Commander Western Sea Frontier

June 1

Enroute from Cristobal, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., in obedience to orders from Commander Panama Sea Frontier. 1900 Retarded clocks 1 hour to conform with plus seven time zone.

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15-82N	15-36N	15-58N
Long.	112-04W	112-38W	114-01W

June 2

Underway as before.

7 Time Zone -

Lat. 16-18N 16-36N 16-54N Long. 115-27W 117-11W 118-33W

June 3

Underway as before.

Lat. 17-20N 17-21N 17-41N Long. 120-25W 121-02W 121-27W

June 4

Underway as before. 1900 Retarded clocks to conform with plus 8 time zone.

Lat.	18-04N	18-18N	18-37N
Long.	124-34W	125-12W	126-36W

June 5.

Underway as before.

8 Time Zone

Lat. 18-59N 19-07N 19-15N Long. 125-54W 129-37W 130-50W

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June 6

Underway as before.

0800 1200 2000

Lat. 19-42N 19-49N 20-19N Long. 133-16W 134-03W 135-20W

June 7 Underway as before. 1830 Retarded clocks bour to conform with plus 82 time zone.

Lat. 20-16N 20-20N 20-29N Long. 137-40W 138-20W 139-52W

June 8 Underway as before.

Lat. 20-42N 20-49N 20-56N Long. 142-09W 142-45W 144-04W

June 9 Underway as before. 2030 Retarded clocks a hour to conform with plus 9 time zone.

Lat. 21-03N 21-10N 21-11N Long. 146-02W 146-50W 148-12W

June 10 Underway as before. Exercised crew at general drills.

Lat. 21-11N 21-15N 21-19N Long. 150-07W 150-27W 151-44W

June 11 Underway as before. 2000 Retarded clocks \(\frac{1}{2} \) hour to conform with plus 9\(\frac{1}{2} \) time zone.

Lat. 21-20N 21-30N 21-30N Long. 153-45W 154-25W 155-45W

June 12 Underway as before.

Lat. 21-14N Long. 157-42W

0940 Received orders to proceed into Honolulu Harbor, T. H. Entered harbor and moored portside to Pier #29 and began to discharge Cargo. Reported to ComServForPac Fleet.

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June 13

Moored as before. Commander Service Squadron EIGHT held inspection. Captain Kirby-Smith, Jr., inspecting officer.

June 14-15

Moored as before.

June 16

Moored as before. 1905 Underway from Honolulu, T. H., to San Francisco, Calif., in obedience to confidential orders.

June 17

Underway as before. 1830 Advanced clocks 1 hour to conform to plus 9 time zone.

0800

1200

2000

Lat. Long. 22-39N 156-48W 23-12N 156-20W 23-53N 155-05W

June 18 4 9 Time Zone

Underway as before.

Lat.

25-00N 153-22W 25-17N 152-39W 25-45N 151-01W

June 19

Underway as before.

Lat. Long. 27-12N 147-39W

27-32N 148-56W 28-19N 148-49W

June 20

Underway as before. 1900 Advanced clocks 1 hour to plus 8 time zone.

Lat.

29-17N 144-43N

29-38N 144-57W 30-13N 143-45W

June 21 / 8 Time Zone

Underway as before.

Lat. Long. 31-13N 141-43W 31-25N 141-05W 32-11N 139-04W

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June 22

Underway as before.

0800 1200 2000

Lat. 33-09N 33-13N 34-04N Long. 136-54W 136-50N 134-38W

June 23 Underway as before.

Lat. 34-55N 36-09N 35-40N Long. 132-29W 131-42W 130-19W

June 24 Underway as before. 1900 Advanced clocks 1 hour to conform with plus 7 time zone.

Lat. 36-28N 36-38N 36-15N Long. 128-00W 127-14W 127-39W

June 25 Underway as before.

Lat. 37-17N 37-34N Long. 125-06W 124-15W

1702 Picked up San Francisco bar pilot and proceded to Naval Anchorage. 1812 Anchored in Naval Anchorage, San Francisco, California.

June 26 Anchored as before. 1500 Underway. 1610 Moored portside to Pier 18 North, San Francisco, Calif, to discharge cargo.

June 27-30 Moored as before.

Submitted:

H. H! KIRCHMOFF Lieut (jg) USNR

Navigator

Approved: h.T. March

Lieut. Comdr. USNR

Commanding

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(A) War Diary, Month of July 1945.

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Operating under:

Commander Western Sea Frontier. Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier.

July 1-3

Moored portside to Pier 18 North, San Francisco, Calif., undergoing repairs by Assistant Industrial Manager, TWELFTH Naval

District.

July 4

Shifted berths from Pier 18 North to Naval Anchorage Able, San Francisco Bay, San Fran-

cisco, Galif.

July 5

Shifted berth from Naval Anchorage Able to Pier 54 North, San Francisco, Calif., to

begin loading cargo.

July 6-14

Moored as before loading cargo.

July 15

Moored as before. 0800 Underway in San Francisco Bay swinging ship for compass compensation. 1035 Began swinging ship for RDF calibration. 1420 Underway from San Francisco, Calif., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., in accordance with confidential orders from Commander Western Sea Frontier. 2000 Lat. 37-35N Long. 123-06W.

July 16

Underway as before. 1900 Retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with plus 8 time zone.

0800

1200

2000

Lat. Long. 36-19N 125-01W 36-09N 125-49W 35-37N 127-36W

July 17 / 8 Time Zone

Underway as before. 1300 Exercised at General Quarters and Fire Drill.

Lat. Long.

34-53N 129-50W 34-25N 130-33N 33-53N 132-10W

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July 18

Underway as before.

0800 1200 2000

Lat. 33-08N 32-37N 32-03N Long. 134-23W 135-18W 136-43W

July 19 Underway as before. 1900 Retarded clocks one hour to conform with plus 9 time zone.

Lat. 31-12N 31-08N 30-23N Long. 138-47W 139-14W 141-04W

July 20 Underway as before. 4 9 Time Zone

Lat. 39-30N 29-14N 28-40N Long. 142-54W 145-22W 144-54W

July 21 Underway as before.

Lat. 27-39N 27-19N 26-39N Long. 146-45W 147-21W 148-35W

July 22 Underway as before.

Lat. 25-38N 25-19N 24-47N Long. 150-29W 151-02W 152-09W

July 23 Underway as before. 1900 Retarded clocks one-half hour to conform with plus 92 time zone.

Lat. 23-42N 23-34N 23-19N Long. 154-09W 154-43W 156-08W

July 24

9½ Time Zone

Underway as before. 0500 Began maneuvering at various courses and speeds off Oahu, T. H., to remain in firing area. 0720 Began target practice, expended 10 rounds 3"/50 and 696 rounds 20MM ammunition, no casualties. 0750 Proceeded to Pearl Harbor. 1416 Moored port side to Fox #6, Pearl Harbor, T. H. 1800 Shifted berths to K10, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Began unloading cargo.

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July 25 Moored as before. 1200 Shifted berth to Kl

Pearl Harbor, T. H., and began loading cargo.

July 26-27 Moored as before.

July 28 Moored as before. 1713 Shifted berth to X1

East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T. H., having avail-

ability for main engine repairs.

July 29 Moored as before.

July 30 Moored as before. 0803 Underway from Pearl

Harbor, T. H., to Eniwetok Atoll in accordance with confidential orders from Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier. 1900 Retarded ships clocks | hour

to conform with plus 10 time zone.

1200 2000

20-48N 19-52N Lat.

157-58W 158-40W Long.

July 31 Underway as before. 1300 Exercised at General

Quarters.

0800 1200 2000

Lat. 19-12N 19-04N 18-47N 160-40W 161-08W Long. 162-30W

Submitted:

Lieut. (jg) USNR

Navigator

Approved:

Lieut. Comdr. USNR

Commanding

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Operating Under: Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier Commander Service Division 102

Commander Service Division 102

August 1

Underway from Pearl Harbor, T. H., to Eniwetok

Atoll in obedience to orders of Commander

Hawaiian Sea Frontier. 1900 Retarded ship's

clocks one hour to conform with plus 11 time

zone

0800 1200 2000

Lat. 18-17N 18-04N 17-44N Long. 164-31W 165-12W 166-47W

August 2 Underway as before. 1300 Held Fire Drill. 1900 Retarded ship's clocks one hour to conform with plus 12 time zone.

Lat. 17-14N 17-03N 16-34N Long. 168-55W 169-37W 172-44W

August 3 Underway as before. # 12 Time Zone

Lat. 15-58N 15-48N 15-29N 174-05W 175-06W

August 4 Underway as before. 2400 Advanced clocks 24 hours to conform with -12 time zone.

Lat. 14-26N 14-11N 13-31N Long. 177-27W 178-07W 179-40W

August 6 Underway as before.

Let. 12-46N 12-30N · 11-57N 178-35E 177-00E 176-39E

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August 7

Underway as before. 1300 Exercised at General Quarters. 1312 Secured from General Quarters, held Abandon Ship Drill. 1319 Secured from Abandon Ship Drill.

0800 1200 2000

Lat. 11-18N 11-13N 10-39N 174-53E 174-38E 172-20E

August 8

Underway as before. 0830 Exercised at General Quarters. 0845 Secured from General Quarters, held Abandon Ship Drill. 0900 Secured from Abandon Ship Drill. 1300 Exercised at General Quarters. 1316 Secured from General Quarters. 1326 Exercised at Fire Drill. 1332 Secured from Fire Drill.

Lat. 09-58N 09-46N 09-52N Long. 170-22E 169-41E 168-25E

August 9

Underway as before. 1942 Exercised at General Quarters. 1958 Secured from General Quarters.

Lat. 10-26N 10-32N 10-47N Long. 166-27E 165-50E 164-27E

August 10

Underway as before. 1106 Anchored in Anchorage "A", Berth NAN 7, in 26 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor. 1630 Began unloading mail. 1900 Completed discharging mail.

Lat. . 11-12N Long. 162-31E

August 11

Anchored as before. 0700 Shifted berth. 0853 Anchored in Anchorage "G", Berth 563, in 16 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 1300 Began unloading provisions.

August 11 to 27 Anchored as before.

August 28

Anchored as before. 1200 Shifted berth. 1240 Moored starboard side to USS HARCOURT (IX-225), Anchorage "G", Berth 540. 1900 Began discharging fleet freight.

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August 29

Moored as before.

August 30

Moored as before. 1400 Secured from unloading cargo. 1758 Shifted berth. 1850 Moored starboard side to USS HABERSHAM (AK-186), Anchorage "G", Berth 521. 1900 Began discharging fleet freight.

August 31

Moored as before.

Submitted: 74

H. H. KIRCHMOFF Lieut.(jg) USNR

Navigator

Approved: K. F. Wanhace

L. F. MARSHALL Lieut. Comdr. USNR

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