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

30 April 1945

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

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- (1) U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Fleet Operational Training Command, CTF 23, operations order number 216-45.
- (2) Commissioned this date at Houston, Texas by order of Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District.
- (3) EIGHTH Naval District movement order number 246 of 11 April 1945.
- (4) Houston, Texas.

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- (1) Fitting out, Houston, Texas. 1817 Underway Houston to Galveston, Texas.

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- (1) Depermed at Galveston, Texas.

27-30

- (1) Preparing for Shakedown training, Galveston, Texas.

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

31 May 1945

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WAR DIARY FOR MAY 1945

- 1
- (1) Preparing for Shakedown in vicinity of Galveston, Texas pursuant to orders of Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District.
- 2
- (1) Conducted structural test firing.
- 3
- (1) Galveston, Texas.
- 4
- (1) Reported to CTU 23.8.2 for shakedown training at Galveston, Texas.
- 5
- (1) Conducted twenty-four hour steady steaming test.
- 6-10
- (1) Conducted shakedown training in local waters, Galveston, Texas.
- 11-15
- (1) Undergoing post-shakedown yard availability at Texas Coast Shipyard, Galveston, Texas.
- 16
- (1) Underway Galveston, Texas to Gulfport, Mississippi in accordance with NTS orders ND8 GALV A4-3(pf) serial 94 of 14 May 1945, for loading cargo and for further orders.
- (2) 20000 29°21'N 94°21'15"W
- 17
- (1) 0800 29°03'32"N 92°14'W
1200 28°46'N 91°24'W
2000 28°47'30"N 89°46'30"W
- 18-25
- (1) Gulfport, Mississippi.

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- (1) Pursuant to orders of Chief of Naval Operations despatch 041415 of 5 May 1945, departed Gulfport, Mississippi for Manus Island, Admiralty Islands via Canal Zone.

(2) 2000 29°33'N 88°34'15"W

(1) 0800 27°41'N 87°44'W
1200 27°05'N 87°27'W
2000 25°08'N 86°35'W

(1) 0800 28°25'N 85°51'W
1200 22°47'N 85°35'W
2000 22°01.5'N 85°00.5'W

(1) 0800 29°04'N 83°48'W
1200 19°33'10"N 83°23'W
2000 18°29'30"N 82°32'W

(1) 0800 30°33'N 81°04'W
1200 16°00'N 80°51'W
2000 14°42'N 80°31'30"W

(1) 0800 31°37'30"N 80°29'W
1200 11°59'N 80°20'W
2000 10°39'N 80°02'W

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30 June 1945

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Reference: (a) Cominch Serial 7152 dated 29 October 1943.
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WAR DIARY FOR JUNE 1945

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- (1) U. S. SEVENTH Fleet.
- (2) Chief of Naval Operations confidential despatch 041415 of 5 May 1945.
- (3) Cristobal, C. Z. discharging cargo #1 hatch because of suspected fire amid cargo in lower tiers of #1 hold.

2-3

- (1) Cristobal, C. Z. discovered and extinguished fire amid general cargo in #1 hatch.

4-19

- (1) Cristobal, C. Z. salvaging and reloading cargo, undergoing repairs as a result of fire damage.

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- (1) Underway, enroute Panama, C. Z. to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands.

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|-----|------|--------|------------|
| (1) | 0800 | 7°22'N | 79°34'16"W |
| | 1200 | 6°47'N | 79°58'W |
| | 2000 | 5°48'N | 80°50'30"W |

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|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| (1) | 0800 | 5°34'45"N | 82°51'W |
| | 1200 | 5°28'45"N | 83°44'W |
| | 2000 | 5°24'15"N | 84°22'45"W |

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|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| (1) | 0800 | 5°20'N | 86°22'30"W |
| | 1200 | 5°20'30"N | 86°43'45"W |
| | 2000 | 5°20'15"N | 87°58'30"W |

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|-----|------|-----------|---------|
| (1) | 0800 | 5°17'15"N | 89°41'W |
| | 1200 | 5°20'48"N | 91°02'W |
| | 2000 | 5°17'N | 92°26'W |

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(1)	0800	25	5°17'N	94°21'W
	1200		5°17'N	94°56'30"W
	2000		5°25'15"N	96°26'15"W
(1)	0800	26	5°20'N	98°30'30"W
	1200		5°17'N	99°12'45"W
	2000		5°17'N	100°45'W
(1)	0800	27	5°20'30"N	102°55'45"W
	1200		5°20'N	103°29'45"W
	2000		5°17'N	104°43'30"W
(1)	0800	28	5°13'N	106°38'30"W
	1200		5°11.2'N	107°17'W
	2000		5°09'N	109°42'15"W
(1)	0800	29	5°06'30"N	111°34'W
	1200		5°05'30"N	112°18'W
	2000		5°03'N	113°47'N
(1)	0800	30	4°58'30"N	116°10'W
	1200		4°57'30"N	116°54'W
	2000		4°55'30"N	118°21'30"W

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31 July 1945

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To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
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WAR DIARY FOR JULY 1945

1

- (1) U. S. SEVENTH Fleet.
- (2) Chief of Naval Operations confidential despatch 041415 of 5 May 1945.
- (3) Enroute Panama, C.Z. to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands.

0800	04°51'30"N	120°33'50"W
1200	04°50'00"N	121°19'00"W
2000	04°46'00"N	122°48'00"W

2

(1) 0800	04°40'00"N	125°01'00"W
1200	05°13'00"N	125°29'00"W
2000	05°03'00"N	126°57'30"W

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(1) 0800	04°47'00"N	129°10'00"W
1200	04°41'30"N	129°53'00"W
2000	04°35'00"N	131°09'00"W

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(1) 0800	04°19'30"N	133°31'00"W
1200	04°11'30"N	134°15'30"W
2000	04°06'00"N	134°45'00"W

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(1) 0800	03°58'00"N	137°58'30"W
1200	03°45'30"N	138°43'00"W
2000	04°28'00"N	140°03'00"W

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(1) 0800	04°06'00"N	142°15'00"W
1200	03°58'00"N	143°00'30"W
2000	03°41'00"N	144°29'00"W

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(1)	0800	03°26'00"N	146°53'00"W
	1200	03°22'30"N	147°36'30"W
	2000	03°15'10"N	149°09'00"W

8

(1)	0800	03°04'30"N	151°21'12"W
	1200	03°01'00"N	152°06'00"W
	2000	03°00'00"N	153°36'00"W

9

(1)	0800	02°48'30"N	155°45'30"W
	1200	02°48'00"N	156°29'30"W
	2000	02°49'00"N	157°49'00"W

10

(1)	0800	2°33'00"N	160°04.5'W
	1200	2°42'00"N	160°52.0'W
	2000	2°44'00"N	162°09.0'W

11

(1)	0800	2°42'00"N	164°17.0'W
	1200	2°41'00"N	165°00.0'W
	2000	2°43'00"N	166°08.0'W

12

(1)	0800	2°50'00"N	168°09.0'W
	1200	2°49'00"N	168°50'.0W
	2000	2°41'00"N	170°09.0'W

13

(1)	0800	2°41'00"N	172°21.5'W
	1200	2°42.9'N	173°09.5'W
	2000	2°34.5'N	174°37.5'W

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(1)	0800	2°25'30"N	176°45'30"W
	1200	2°22.8'N	177°28.8'W
	2000	2°18.5'N	178°32.5'W

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(1)	0800	2°21'00"N	179°21.5'E
	1200	2°20'00"N	178°38'E
	2000	2°15.5'N	177°29'E

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(1)	0800	2°14'N	175°31'E
	1200	2°15'30"N	174°51'E
	2000	2°12.5'N	173°34'E

18

(1)	0800	2°05.5'N	171°36.4'E
	1200	2°01.0'N	170°57.5'E
	2000	1°48.5'N	169°29.0'E

19

(1)	0800	1°34.0'N	167°31.0'E
	1200	1°29.0'N	166°51.0'E
	2000	1°22.0'N	165°41.0'E

20

(1)	0800	1°02.0'N	163°37.7'E
	1200	0°58.0'N	163°03.0'E
	2000	1°01.0'N	161°41.0'E

21

(1)	0800	00°37'00"N	159°45.0'E
	1200	00°33.3'N	159°06.0'E
	2000	00°38.0'N	158°16.5'E

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(1)	0800	00°25.0'N	156°43.5'E
	1200	00°19.0'N	156°03.0'E
	2000	00°10.5'N	155°17.0'E

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(1)	0800	00°12.0'S	153°55.0'E
	1200	00°16.5'S	153°15.0'E
	2000	00°31.0'S	151°55.0'E

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(1)	0800	00°36.5'S	149°55.0'E
	1200	00°46.5'S	149°27.5'E
	2000	00°58.5'S	148°26.5'E

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(1) Arrived Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands.

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(1) U. S. SEVENTH Fleet

(2) ComServForSEVENTH Fleet Despatch #190043.

(3) Underway, enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

2000	1°37'00"S	146°57'00"E
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(1)	0800	00°19'00"S	145°13'00"E
	1200	00°03'00"S	144°40'00"E
	2000	00°48.5'S	143°29'00"E

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(1)	0800	1°59'00"N	141°45'00"E
	1200	2°19.3'N	141°08'00"E
	2000	2°43.5'N	140°06'00"E

29

(1)	0800	3°37.5'N	138°31.0'E
	1200	3°56.5'N	137°56.5'E
	2000	4°44.5'N	136°52.5'E

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(1)	0800	5°33.2'N	139°59.5'E
	1200	5°48.5'N	134°18.0'E
	2000	6°33.0'N	132°54.5'E

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(1)	0800	7°23.5'N	131°23.0'E
	1200	7°39.5'N	130°55.0'E
	2000	8°14.5'N	129°59.5'E

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

31 August 1945

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To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
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Enclosure: (A) War Diary, Month of August 1945.

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

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

31 August 1945

WAR DIARY FOR AUGUST 1945

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- (1) U. S. SEVENTH Fleet.
- (2) ComServForSEVENTH Fleet Dispatch #190043.
- (3) Enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands to Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

0800	9°06.5'N	128°27.5'E
1200	9°23'N	127°57'E
2000	10°01'N	126°37'E

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|----------|-----------|------------|
| (1) 0800 | 10°21.2'N | 125°20'E |
| 1200 | 9°46.2'N | 125°06.1'E |
| 2000 | 9°04.7'N | 123°51.5'E |

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|----------|-----------|------------|
| (1) 0800 | 9°34'N | 122°16.2'E |
| 1200 | 10°16'N | 121°51.5'E |
| 2000 | 11°20.5'N | 121°28'E |

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|----------|-----------|------------|
| (1) 0800 | 13°27.7'N | 120°11.2'E |
| 1200 | 14°10.3'N | 120°02'E |
- Arrived Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

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- (1) Subic Bay, Philippine Islands.

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WAR DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1945

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- (1) U. S. SEVENTH Fleet.
- (2) AFWESPAC Dispatch #241712 dated 24 September 1945.
- (3) San Pedro Bay, Tacloban, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands.

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- (1) Underway San Pedro Bay, Tacloban, Leyte Island, Philippine Island to Guinan, Samar, P.I. with general cargo in accordance with AFWESPAC Dispatch #241712, dated 24 September 1945.
Arrived Guinan, Samar, P.I.
Underway Guinan, Samar, P.I. to San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., with general cargo, pursuant to AFWESPAC Dispatch #241712, dated 24 September 1945.

(2)	2000	10°44.5'N	125°27.7'E
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(1)	0800	9°11.6'N	124°05.5'E
	1200	9°00.0'N	123°23.0'E
	2000	9°34.2'N	122°15.2'E

11

(1)	0800	11°32'N	121°17'E
	1200	12°30'N	121°11'E
	2000	13°38'N	120°06.7'E

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(1)	0800	15°47'N	119°38'E
	1200	16°24.9'N	119°45.8'E

Arrived San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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- (1) San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

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- (1) Underway San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. to Manila, Luzon, P.I. with general cargo, pursuant to AFWESPAC Dispatch #241712, dated 24 September 1945.

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| (2) | 2000 | 16°30'N | 119°47'E |
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|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| (1) | 0800 | 14°24'N | 120°04.4'E |
| | 1200 | 14°28.5'N | 120°45'E |

25-27

- (1) Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

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- (1) Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands.
(2) Completed Discharging cargo.

29

- (1) Underway Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea in accordance with AFWESPAC operational orders of 27 October 1945.

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|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| (2) | 1200 | 14°08.5'N | 120°15.5'E |
| | 2000 | 12°55'N | 120°30'E |

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|-----|------|----------|------------|
| (1) | 0800 | 10°31'N | 121°30.5'E |
| | 1200 | 8°47.2'N | 121°57'E |
| | 2000 | 8°44.2'N | 123°02'E |

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(1)	0800	9°46'N	125°12.5'E
	1200	10°25.2'N	125°24.2'E
	2000	9°51.5'N	126°32'E

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