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Subject: Factual History - Submission of.
Reference: (a) ALPAC-202 of 14 September 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Complete Factual History of U.S.S.
CACHE from Commissioning to Decom-
missioning.

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1. In accordance with reference (a) a factual history
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A FACTUAL HISTORY
OF THE U.S.S. CACHE (AO67)
FROM NOV. 3, 1942 TO JAN. 1943

The U.S.S. CACHE was built by Sun Shipbuilding Company at Chester, Penn. She was built for the Maritime Commission as the S.S. STILLWATER and upon completion delivered to the Navy at Maryland Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Baltimore, Maryland, for conversion to a fleet oiler.

NOVEMBER 1942

Undergoing conversion at Maryland Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. 3rd. Commander B.N. WARD, U.S.N., in obedience to Com 5th naval district Commissioned the U.S.S. CACHE with Lt. Comdr. P. ANDERSEN, U.S.N.R., Commanding, and Lt. R.B. ENGLISH, U.S.N.R. as Executive Officer. 4th. Underway in obedience to Com 5th orders for scheduled shakedown runs in the Chesapeake Bay and further outfitting in Norfolk Navy Yard.

DECEMBER 1942

Undergoing shakedown as before. 9th. Completed shakedown and outfitting and anchored at Hampton Roads, Va., awaiting further instructions. 11th. Underway for Beaumont, Texas, in obedience to Comservforlant orders of 20 December 1942, in company with T.U. consisting of five oilers and three escorts. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. CHEMUNG. 17th. Stood into Neches river and moored to dock, Magnolia Petroleum Company, Beaumont, Texas, to load cargo. 18th. Completed loading and underway for Norfolk, Virginia, in obedience to previous orders. 24th. Stood into harbor and moored to fuel dock, Craney Island, Norfolk, Virginia, to discharge cargo. 26th. Completed discharging all cargo and underway to run degaussing range. At 1425 anchored in berth #27 Hampton Roads, Virginia.

JANUARY 1943

Anchored as before. 4th. Underway for Baytown, Texas, in accordance with Comservforlant orders of 2 January, 1943. In company with T.U. consisting of four oilers and three escorts. C.T.U. in U.S.S. SALAMONIE. 9th. Moored to Humble Oil Dock, Baytown, Texas, for cargo. 10th. Completed receiving cargo. 11th. Underway for Norfolk, Virginia, in obedience to previous orders. 16th. Stood into harbor and moored starboard side to pier #5 N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia, to discharge cargo. 19th. Shifted to berth #2, fuel annex, Craney Island and completed discharging cargo. 20th. Shifted to anchorage, berth #26, Hampton Roads. 21st. Underway and conducted fueling at sea exercises and at 1807 returned to berth #26. 24th. Underway for Beaumont, Texas, in obedience to Comservforlant instructions #102525. In company with U.S.S. ATASCOSA and one destroyer escort. O.T.C. in U.S.S. ATASCOSA. 29th. Moored starboard side to Magnolia Docks, Beaumont, Texas, for cargo. 30th. Completed receiving cargo.

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FEBRUARY 1943

Moored as before. 1st. Underway for Norfolk, Virginia, in obedience to previous orders. In company with U.S.S. ATASCOSA, S.S. MONTANA, and one destroyer escort. O.T.C. in U.S.S. ATASCOSA. 6th. Stood into harbor and anchored in berth #23, Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Virginia. 8th. Shifted to Standard Oil Docks, Craney Island, to adjust cargo. 12th. Underway for Argentia, Newfoundland, in obedience to Comservforlant instruction of 6 February, 1943, with U.S.S. HAMILTON as escort. 16th. Anchored in Placentia Bay, Newfoundland. 17th. Shifted to oil dock, N.O.B. to discharge cargo. 21st. Completed discharging cargo. 22nd. Underway for Norfolk, Virginia, in accordance with previous orders, with U.S.S. HAMILTON as escort. 25th. Reported to Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia, for general overhaul and repairs. 28th. Drydocked.

MARCH 1943

Drydocked as before. 2nd. Underway from drydock and moored port side to pier #1-A. 14th. Shifted berth. Moored port side to pier, Norfolk Navy Yard. 19th. Underway for Baytown, Texas, in accordance with Comservforlant orders with deck cargo of P.T. Boats. In company with U.S.S. ATASCOSA and one escort. O.T.C. in the ATASCOSA. 25th. Moored starboard side to oil dock, Humble Oil and Refining Company, Baytown, Texas. 26th. Completed loading cargo. 29th. Underway for Panama in accordance with Comservforlant orders. In company with U.S.S. ATASCOSA and one escort as before.

APRIL 1943

Steaming as before. 3rd. Anchored in Limon Bay to await passage through canal. 4th. Underway and proceeded through canal. At 1915 moored to pier in Balboa Inner Harbor, Balboa, Canal Zone. 6th. Underway independently for Bora Bora, Society Islands, in accordance with instructions from Comservforpac, Via Com 15. 20th. Moored to buoys in Fannie Bay, Bora Bora, Society Islands, to discharge diesel fuel. 22nd. Completed discharging diesel fuel and got underway for Noumea, New Caledonia, in accordance with ComSoSeaFron letter of 20 April. 30th. Anchored in berth #27, Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia.

MAY 1943

Anchored as before. 1st. Shifted to Great Roads and unloaded deck cargo of P.T. Boats. 7th. Completed discharging cargo to various ships. 8th. Underway for San Pedro, California, in accordance with Comseron 3rd Fleets instructions. 26th. Moored starboard side to pier #2 Los Angeles Ship Yard, Los Angeles, California for repairs.

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JUNE 1943

Moored as before. Shifted to berth #90. 14th. Shifted to oil dock, berth #88 for cargo. 16th. Underway to make trial runs and at 1620 moored port side to Shell Oil Company Dock for cargo. 20th. Underway for Noumea, New Caledonia, in accordance with orders.

JULY 1943

Steaming as before. 7th. Made rendezvous with U.S.S. KANKAKEE and one escort and proceeded in company. O.T.C. in U.S.S. KANKAKEE. 8th. Anchored in Uemo Bay, New Caledonia. 1540 Shifted to berth "AZ", Great Roads. 9th. Underway for Guadalcanal in company with the U.S.S. KENMORE, KOTA AGOENG (Dutch), and three escorts. O.T.C. in the U.S.S. KENMORE. 12th. U.S.S. ELLIOTT joined convoy. 135h. Moored to buoys off Kukum Beach, Guadalcanal, to discharge cargo. 14th. Shifted to Port Purvis, Florida Island, and continued fueling various ships. 17th. Completed discharging all cargo to YO'S 144 and 41. 18th. Underway for Espiritu Santo with U.S.S. DENT as escort. 20th. Anchored in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo. 25th. Received cargo for the U.S.S. MONONGAHELIA. 28th. Underway for Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in company with two destroyers as escorts. 29th. Made rendezvous with T.U. 32.4.7 and traveled in company. C. T. U. in the AMERICAN LEGION. 30th. Moored to buoy off Koli Point, Guadalcanal, to discharge cargo. Fueling various units alongside. Shifted to Tulagi Harbor and moored alongside Y.O. #144.

AUGUST 1943

Moored as before. 1st. Shifted to Port Purvis for further discharge of cargo. 2nd. Underway for Espiritu Santo in T.U. 32.4.10 consisting of the CACHE, S.S. DEL BRASIL, and two escorts. C.T.U. in the CACHE. 4th. Anchored in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo. 5th. Received cargo from S.S. PACIFIC SUN. 8th. Underway for Efate, with U.S.S. SANFLEY as escort. 9th. Anchored in Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides to serve as station tanker, 21st. Shifted to Fila Harbor, Efate Island. 22nd. Returned to Havannah Harbor.

SEPTEMBER 1943

Anchored and serving as station tanker as before. 27th. Shifted to Fila Harbor, Efate Island, and anchored in berth "Dog". 28th. Underway for Tulagi, Florida Island, Solomon Islands as T.U. 32.5.9 consisting of U.S.S. CACHE, and one escort. C.T.U. in the CACHE. 30th. Stood into Purvis Bay, Florida Island, to discharge cargo to U.S.S. ARGONNE and shore station.

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Moored as before. 1st. Shifted to Tulagi Harbor and moored alongside Y.O. #41 to discharge cargo. 3rd. Underway for Havannah Harbor, Efate Island, New Hebrides, as T.U. 32.5.9 consisting of CACHE and one escort. C.T.U. in the CACHE. 4th. Anchored in Havannah Harbor. 5th. Assumed duty as station tanker.

NOVEMBER 1943

Anchored as before. 4th. Underway for Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Island, with the U.S.S. SAMPSON as escort. 5th. Anchored in Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo. Assumed duty as station tanker. 12th. Shifted anchorage to Turtle Bay, Espiritu Santo, and continued fueling assignments as before. 16th. Shifted anchorage to Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, and received cargo. 18th. Underway for Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, with U.S.S. WARRINGTON as escort. 20th. Moored in Purvis Bay to discharge cargo to shore. 21st. Shifted to Tulagi Harbor and moored starboard side to Y.O.G. #41 to discharge cargo. 22nd. Shifted to berth #19, off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, and at 1510 got underway for Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands, with U.S.S. WARRINGTON as escort. 24th. Moored starboard side to S.S. YEAGER in berth #36, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, to receive cargo. Assumed duties as station tanker.

DECEMBER 1943

Moored as before. 19th. Underway for Tulagi, Florida Island, as T.U. 35.7.4 consisting of CACHE and one escort, U.S.S. CONWAY. C.T.U. in the CONWAY. 21st. Moored in Purvis Bay to discharge cargo to shore. 22nd. Underway as T.U. 35.7.4 to fuel at sea with U.S.S. GUST as escort. C.T.U. in CACHE. 23rd. Made scheduled rendezvous and conducted fueling at sea exercise. 24th. Moored in Purvis Bay to discharge cargo to shore. 26th. Underway for Espiritu Santo with U.S.S. GREISWOLD as escort. 28th. Moored portside to S.S. J.W. VAN DYKE, berth #32, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, for cargo. 29th. Shifted to alongside S.S. WESTERN SUN for cargo. 30th. Shifted to berth #25 and at 1142 got underway for Purvis Bay, Florida Island, as T.U. 35.7.8 with U.S.S. SAMPSON as escort. C.T.U. in CACHE.

JANUARY 1944

Steaming as before. 1st. Moored in Port Purvis to discharge cargo to shore. 1002 Shifted to Guadalcanal and moored to buoys off Kukum Beach to discharge cargo to shore. Underway for fueling at sea assignment as T.U. 35.7.8 consisting of U.S.S. CACHE with U.S.S. SAMPSON as escort. C.T.U. in CACHE. 2nd. and 3rd. Fueled T.G. 37.2 at sea. 4th. Moored to Dolphins, Gavutu Harbor, to discharge cargo to Tonombozo Island storage. 5th. Shifted to Port Purvis and moored to Dolphins to discharge cargo to shore. 6th. Shifted

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to Kukum Beach to discharge cargo to shore. Underway for Espiritu Santo as T.U. 35.7.8 consisting of U.S.S. CACHE with U.S.S. ACREE as escort. C.T.U. in CACHE. 8th. Moored port side S.S. J.H. TUTTLE in berth #36 Second Channel, Espiritu Santo, for cargo. 9th. Underway and anchored in berth #34. 16th. Underway for Guadalcanal as T.U. 35.7.6 consisting of CACHE, two merchant ships, and two escorts. C.T.U. in CACHE. 18th. Moored to buoys off Kukum Beach, Guadalcanal, to discharge cargo to shore. 20th. Shifted to Furvis Bay to discharge cargo. 21st. Underway for Espiritu Santo as T.U. 35.7.6 with the U.S.S. SOUTHARD as escort. C.T.U. in CACHE. 22nd. U.S.S. CACHE was TORPEDOED. Torpedo hit ship on port side near frame #52 $\frac{1}{2}$ and was able to proceed under own power. One man was reported missing. 23rd. Moored to buoy Second Channel, Espiritu Santo. 28th. Shifted to floating drydock in Pallikulo Bay, Espiritu Santo, for temporary repairs.

FEBRUARY 1944

Docked as before. 21st. Underway from dock and moored to buoy at berth #12 Second Channel, Espiritu Santo. 22nd. Underway for San Pedro, California, U.S. with U.S.S. LEVY as escort. 23rd. U.S.S. LEVY detached and proceeded on assigned duties.

MARCH 1944

Steaming as before. 8th. Anchored in berth A-3, outer San Pedro Harbor. 9th. Shifted to drydock #3, Roosevelt Base, N.O.B. for repairs.

APRIL 1944

Drydocked as before.

MAY 1944

Drydocked as before. 27th. Shifted from drydock #3 to pier #3. 31st. Underway for trial runs and at 1718 anchored in outer-harbor.

JUNE 1944

Anchored as before. 1st. Ran degaussing range and compensated compasses and returned to anchorage. 2nd. Made trial runs and returned to Shell Oil Docks for loading. 4th. Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands. 11th. Moored port side to dock Kuakua Island, Pearl Harbor. 12th. Under-

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way for Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, in T.U. 16.8.2 consisting of eight ships and three escorts. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. LASSEN. 20th. Moored starboard side to U.S.S. CIMARRON in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 22nd. Underway and anchored in berth 337. 23rd. Assumed duty of fueling various units within the harbor.

JULY 1944

Anchored as before. 1st. Underway for Pearl Harbor in T.U. 16.7.12 consisting of two aircraft carriers, two oilers, and two escorts. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. NATOMA BAY. 7th. Moored starboard side to S.S. LUCKENBACK. 8th. Shifted to fuel dock, berth #3. 9th. Shifted berths and moored to Dolphins at avgas docks. 1558 Underway for Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, in convoy consisting of twelve ships with three escorts. S.S. AZAIEA CITY O.T.C. 18th. Anchored in berth 324, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 24th. Underway for fueling area in T.U. 16.7.7. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. MAZAMA. 27th. Joined T.G. 50.17 and fueled at sea as ordered while in company. C.T.G. in the U.S.S. HENLEY.

AUGUST 1944

Steaming as before. 1st. Discharged remaining cargo to U.S.S. PLATTE and proceeded to Eniwetok Atoll, in T.U. 16.7.7. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. TAYLOR. 4th. Anchored in berth #336, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 5th. Underway and moored port side to U.S.S. LACKAWANNA for cargo. 6th. Returned to berth #336. 11th. Fueled various ships alongside. 18th. Received cargo from Y.O. 76. 20th. Underway for Manus Island, Admiralty Islands in T.G. 30.8. C.T.G. in the U.S.S. JOHN D. HENLEY. 26th. Anchored in Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Anchored as before. 1st. Underway for fueling at sea rendezvous with T.G. 30.8. C.T.G. in U.S.S. JOHN D. HENLEY. U.S.S. CACHE in T.U. 30.8.4. 2nd. Commenced fueling T.G. 38.2. 3rd. Completed fueling T.G. 38.2 and rejoined T.G. 30.8. 5th. Moored to oil dock, Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands for cargo. 6th. Underway and anchored in berth #339. 12th. Underway for fueling area in T.U. 30.8.4. 15th. Joined T.G. 30.8. C.T.G. in U.S.S. JOHN D. HENLEY. Fueled various ships. 16th. Fueled T.G. 38.2. 17th. Fueled T.G. 38.1. 1430 T.U. 30.8.4 completed assignment. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. BARNES. 21st. Moored port side to S.S. BUENA VENTURA in berth #204, Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands, for cargo. 22nd. Underway and anchored in berth #363.

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Anchored as before. 1st. Underway for fueling at sea in T.U. 30.8.4. 4th. Joined T.G. 30.8 and proceeded in company fueling as ordered. 9th. T.U. 30.8.4 detached from T.G. 30.8 and proceeded to Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. 11th. Moored port side to U.S.S. KANKAKEE, berth #73, Kossol Roads, Palau Islands. 1815 Underway for Seeadler Harbor, Manus Islands, in T.U. 30.8.4. 15th. Moored starboard side to U.S.S. ARMADILLO in berth #345, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Islands, for cargo. 16th. Underway and anchored in berth #12. 17th. Underway for fueling area in company with T.U. 30.8.4. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. TAYLOR. 22nd. Joined T.G. 30.8 and proceeded in company fueling as ordered. 26th. Completed fueling assignments. 29th. Moored port side to S.S. COOLEE DAM, berth #159, Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands, for cargo.

NOVEMBER 1944

Moored as before. 1st. Anchored in berth #55. 4th. Underway for fueling at sea in T.U. 30.8.4. C.T.U. in the U.S.S. JOHN D. HENLEY. 7th. Fueled T.G. 38.3. 12th. Fueled T.G. 38.4. 13th. Fueled various units. 15th. Discharged cargo to U.S.S. TOMAHAWK and proceeded with two oilers and escorts to Ulithi Atoll. 17th. Anchored in berth #136, Ulithi Atoll. 20th. Witnessed the Torpedoing of the U.S.S. MISSISSINENA while at anchor in joining berth. 26th. Received cargo from S.S. ESSO PATTERSON. 30th. Underway for fueling area in T.U. 30.8.4.

DECEMBER 1944

Steaming as before. 1st. Commenced returning to port. 3rd. Anchored in berth #222, Ulithi Harbor. 10th. Underway for fueling at sea in T.U. 30.8.4. T.G. 30.8 consists of four units. C.T.G. in the U.S.S. DEWEY. 13th. Made fueling rendezvous and continued in company with T.G. 30.8 fueling as ordered. 18th. Witnessed typhoon. Winds from 90 to 100 knots and seas 30 to 50 feet. 20th. Completed fueling assignments and T.U. 30.8.4 proceeded to Ulithi Atoll. 23rd. Moored starboard side to S.S. SACKETT HARBOR in berth #437, Ulithi Atoll, for cargo. 25th. Anchored in berth #437. 31st. Fueled various ships alongside.

JANUARY 1945

Anchored as before. 3rd. Underway in T.U. 30.8.4 to fueling area. C.T.U. 30.8.4 in U.S.S. NANTAHALA. 8th and 9th. Fueled units of T.F. 38. 22nd. Fueling escorts of T.U. 30.8.12 and T.G. 30.7. 23rd. Fueled units of T.F. 38. 27th. Stood in to Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands. Went alongside S.S. LUNDYS LANE to take on fuel. 30th. Anchored in berth #307 Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands.

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Anchored as before. 8th and 9th. Fueling ships in Ulithi Atoll. 16th-22nd. Fueling units of T.F. 38 in Ulithi Atoll. 23rd. Underway in T.U. 50.8.9 enroute fueling area. 27th. Fueled units of T.F. 38. 28th. Held consolidation exercises.

MARCH 1945

Steaming as before. 1st-3rd. Fueled units of T.F. 38. 5th. Reported to C.T.F. 51 for duty at Iwo Jima. 5th-16th. Fueling underway off Iwo Jima. 17th. Reported to C.T.G. 50.8 for duty. 23rd. Held consolidation exercises. 26th. Anchored in Ulithi Atoll.

APRIL 1945

Anchored as before. 1st. Underway in T.U. 50.18.6 enroute fueling area. 9th. Held fueling exercises with T.G. 58.3. 12th. Held consolidation exercises. 14th. Fueled units of T.G. 58.3. 16th. Fueled units of T.G. 58.2. 22nd. Anchored in berth #294 Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands. 30th. Underway in T.U. 50.8.6 enroute fueling area.

MAY 1945

Steaming as before. 4th. Joined T.G. 50.8. 28th. Formed T.U. 30.18.10 and proceeded to Okinawa Shima. 29th. Reported to C.T.G. 31.5 for duty. 30th.-31st. Fueled units of T.G. 31.5.

JUNE 1945

Anchored as before. 1st. Discharged remaining fuel to U.S.S. BRAZOS in Kerama Retto. Formed T.U. 31.15.16 and proceeded Ulithi Atoll. 5th. Anchored in berth #4 Ulithi Atoll. 23rd. Formed T.U. 30.8.7 and proceeded Okinawa Shima. 29th. Reported to C.T.U. 30.9.5 for duty. 30th. Anchored in berth K13, Kerama Retto.

JULY 1945

Anchored as before. 3rd. Underway in T.U. 99.1.47 enroute Ulithi Atoll. 4th. Held fueling exercises with T.U. 32.1.2. 8th. Moored port side S.S. CASTLE PICKNEY, Ulithi Atoll. 10th. Underway in T.U. 30.8.4 enroute fueling area. 17th. Reported to C.T.G. 30.8 for duty. 18th.

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Fueled units of T.U. 30.8.22. 20th.-22nd. Fueled units of T.G. 38.4.
26th. Fueled units of T.G. 38.3. 28th. Fueled units of T.U. 30.8.22.
31st. Held fueling exercise with T.G. 38.3.

AUGUST 1945

Steaming as before. 2nd. Fueled units of T.U. 30.8.22. 3rd. Fueled
units of T.G. 38.1. 13th. Formed T.U. 30.18.30 and proceeded Ulithi
Atoll. 19th. Anchored in berth #25, Ulithi Atoll.

SEPTEMBER 1945

Anchored as before. 8th. Formed T.U. 16.6.8 and proceeded Tokyo Bay.
13th. Anchored in berth F-35, Tokyo Bay. 24th. Underway in company
with U.S.S. ATASCOSA enroute San Pedro, California.

OCTOBER 1945

Steaming as before. 8th. Anchored in berth B5, San Pedro, California.
Underway enroute San Pedro, California to San Diego, California to
discharge avgas. 10th. Underway enroute San Diego, California to San
Francisco, California, Mare Island to ammunition dock Mare Island to
transfer ammunition ashore. 12th. Anchored in berth 33, anchorage 9,
San Francisco, California.

NOVEMBER 1945

Anchored as before. 29th. Underway to Sausalito Point, San Francisco,
Bay. Moored to bouy 1A, Sausalito Point, San Francisco Bay, California.
Began pre-decommissioning work. 30th. Underway to Kaiser Ship Yard #2.
Moored port side pier 3, berth 12, Kaiser Ship Yard #2, Richmond, Calif.,
to complete deccommissioning.

DECEMBER 1945

Moored as before.

JANUARY 1946

Moored as before. 14th. This date the U.S.S. CACHE decommissioned.