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By: NDC NARA Date: Dec 31, 2012

18 August 1945

0758 Underway in obedience to Port Director's Ulithi, routing instructions of 17 August to sortie with UOK Convoy #49. Convoy Commodore Capt. J. R. LANNON, USN in USS ZEILIN (APA 3), escorted by TU 94.18.19, CTU in USS HILARY P. JONES (DD 427). 0939 Having reached assigned station #42 in formation, assumed formation course and axis 039°(t). Guide in USS ZEILIN (APA 3). Distance and interval 700 yards. 1355 Changed course and axis to 324°(t).

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	XXXX	10°22'N	11°41'N
Longitude:	XXXX	139°58'E	138°53'E

UOK Convoy #49
19 August 1945
Zone minus 10

1900 Retarded clocks one hour to conform with minus 9 time zone.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	13°54'N	14°41'N	16°22'N
Longitude:	137°04'E	136°37'E	135°23'E

20 August 1945
Zone minus 9

Steaming as before enroute to Okinawa.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	18°28'N	19°13'N	20°36'N
Longitude:	133°48'E	133°26'E	132°24'E

21 August 1945

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	22°34'N	23°14'N	24°33'N
Longitude:	130°58'E	130°23'E	129°16'E

22 August 1945

0415 Sighted Okinawa Island bearing 335°(t), distance 29 miles. 0552 Detached by Convoy Commodore with other ships of column 4 to proceed to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1046 Anchored in berth B-24, Buckner Bay.

23 August 1945 thru 29 August 1945

Anchored as before.

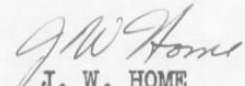
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30 August 1945 and 31 August 1945

Fueled carriers in harbor and upon completion returned to
Berth B-24.


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1 October 1945

AO73/A12/A9
Serial 0144

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: War Diary for the Month of September 1945 -
Submission of.
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.

1. USS MILLICOMA (AO 73)
1 September 1945
Zone minus 9

Anchored in Berth B-24, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Islands. Ships present USCGS TANEY (AGC 37) (SOPA), USS HAMUL (AD 20) (Admin SOPA), battleships, cruisers, carriers, destroyers, destroyer escorts, auxiliaries, and various small craft of the Allied Pacific Fleet. During day fueled USS WICHITA (CA 45) and USS MOBILE (CL 63) moored alongside in our berth.

2 September 1945

Anchored as before.

3 September 1945

Fueled USS KELLER (DE 419) and USS MITCHELL (DE 417).

4 September 1945

Underway in obedience to COMSERVDIV 104 (Fuel) dispatch 031014. Fueled USS RELIEF (AH 1) in Berth B-96 and USS SANCTUARY (AH 17) in Berth B-95, and upon completion anchored in Berth B-96.

5 September 1945

Returned to Berth B-24. Fueled USS FRANKFORD (DD 497), USS NIELDS (DD 616), and USS ROBINSON (DD 562).

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6 September 1945

Underway in obedience to COMSERVDIV 104 (Fuel) dispatch 050714. Fueled USS CAPE GLOUCESTER (CVE 109), USS SUWANEE (CVE 27), and USS LOUISVILLE (CA 28), and upon completion anchored in Berth B-25.

7 September 1945

Fueled HMS DERG.

8 September 1945

0825 Underway in obedience to CTF 52 secret dispatch 061629 escorted by SC 1036 to overtake and join TU 52.9.11 (CTU Lt. Comdr. A.L.C. WALDRON, USN, in USS MACOMB (DMS 23)). 1200 Reached assigned station 33 in formation. Formation course 346°(t), distance and interval 800 yards. This vessel has partial cargo of fuel oil, diesel oil, aviation gasoline, and deck cargo.

Positions:	1200	2000
Latitude:	26°31'N	27°43'N
Longitude:	128°37'E	128°09'E

9 September 1945

Steaming as before, enroute Okinawa to fueling at sea rendezvous, Sasebo area, Kyushu, Japan. 2039 Radar reported peaks on southwestern coast of Kyushu, bearing 079°(t), distant 50 miles.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	29°26'N	30°03'N	31°08'N
Longitude:	128°26'E	128°48'E	129°12'E

10 September 1945

0803 TU made rendezvous with PGM 19 to be escorted through swept channel. 1221 Anchored in Matsu Shima Suido, Sasebo area, Kyushu, Japan. Commenced replenishing ships of TG 52.3

11 September 1945

2209 Completed replenishing TG 52.3 having replenished 2 DMS, 20 AMs, 10 YMSs, 1 AMc, 4 SCs, 6 PGMs, 1 PCER, 12 LCIs, 1 ATA, and 1 ATF, having delivered 3,599 bbls fuel oil, 11,460 bbls diesel oil, 40,000 gals. fresh water, 27 gas cylinders, 100 drums lube oil, 7 tons fresh provisions, 8½ tons frozen provisions, and 24 tons dry provisions.

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12 September 1945

Fueled 3 YMSs, 1 AM, and 1 DMS.

13 September 1945

Anchored as before.

14 September 1945

0536 Underway in obedience to visual dispatch 130230 of TG 52.3. Escorted by USS MACOMB (DMS 23) (OTC Lt. Comdr. A.L.C. WALDRON, USN). Set course 180°(t).

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	32°31'N	31°32'N	29°37'N
Longitude:	129°30'E	129°12'E	128°46'E

15 September 1945

0441 Radar reported Okinawa Island bearing 190°(t), distant 42 miles. 1015 CTU detached this vessel to proceed independently. 1237 Anchored Berth B-88, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 13

Positions:	0800
Latitude:	26°43'N
Longitude:	128°25'E

16 September 1945

1050 Underway in obedience to SOPA, Buckner Bay, dispatch 152150 to sortie with Division One in accordance with Typhoon plan X-ray. 1310 Joined Division One, taking station 1500 yards astern of USS HAMUL (AD 20) (OTC). This ship did not outrun typhoon. Barometer fell to 29.03. Wind exceeded 60 knots. Seas were very high. Stood by USS HAMUL (AD 20) which had a complete power failure. This ship suffered steering casualty, crack in telemotor line, due to laboring in heavy seas. Steered from aft.

Positions:	1200	2000
Latitude:	26°11'N	25°11'N
Longitude:	128°00'E	126°11'E

17 September 1945

With USS HAMUL having effected repairs and typhoon receding returned to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1825 Anchored in Berth B-76, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

Positions:	0800	1200
Latitude:	25°23'N	25°31'N
Longitude:	127°03'E	127°31'E

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18 September 1945 to 26 September 1945

Anchored as before.

27 September 1945

0533 Underway in obedience to CTF 52 dispatch 260740. Enroute to fueling at sea rendezvous off Yaku Shima, Nansei Shoto. In company with USS RUDDY (AM 380) as TU 52.9.12, CTU in this vessel. 0613 Passed through net gate. Set course 090°(t).

Positions:	1200	2000
Latitude:	26°43'N	27°54'N
Longitude:	129°13'E	130°40'E

28 September 1945

0430 Radar reported Yaku Shima bearing 330°(t), distant 60 miles. 0909 Anchored Yaku Shima Bay. Replenished TG 52.2. Fueled 5 MSs, 1 DM, and 4 PGMs. 1548 Underway in company with USS RUDDY in obedience to CTG 52.2 dispatch 280600. Enroute to Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan. Set course 017°(t).

Positions:	0800	2000
Latitude:	30°05'N	30°59'N
Longitude:	130°48'E	130°00'E

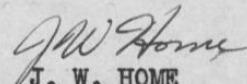
29 September 1945

0615 USS RUDDY destroyed two floating mines 500 yards to starboard of course. 1231 Anchored in Berth 33, Sasebo Ko, Kyushu, Japan.

Positions:	0800
Latitude:	32°25'N
Longitude:	129°28'E

30 September 1945

Anchored as before. USS SANTA FE (CL 60) (SOPA), USS YOSEMITE (AD 19) (Admin SOPA).


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1. USS MILLICOMA (AO-73)
1 October 1945
Zone minus 9

Anchored in berth #33, Sasebo Ko, Kyushu Island.
Ships present: USS SANTA FE (CL-60)(SOPA), USS YOSE-
MITE (AD-19)(Adm SOPA), cruiser, carrier, destroyers,
auxiliaries, and various small craft of the U.S. Pacific
Fleet.

2 October to 13 October 1945

Anchored as before. Fueled various U.S. and
Japanese ships.

14 October 1945

Anchored as before. 1550 Pursuant to ComServDiv
103 A dispatch of 14 October, got underway, proceeded
alongside USS PECOS (AO-65), and moored to buoy 21.
Received diesel oil from USS PECOS.

15 October 1945

Assumed duties of Sasebo Harbor Fuel Adminis-
trator, pursuant to CTU 55.8.1 (SOPA) dispatch 140517
October 1945.

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16 October to 21 October 1945

Moored as before.

22 October 1945

1235 Underway in obedience to ComServDiv 103 A visual dispatch 211445 October to fueling at sea rendezvous with USS MOOSE (IX-124) and TG 52.12. Set course 189°(t)

Position:	2000
Latitude:	31°40'N
Longitude:	129°09'E

23 October 1945

0558 Made fueling at sea rendezvous with USS MOOSE. Upon receipt of cargo of diesel oil, set course 318°(t) and proceeded to fueling at sea rendezvous with TG 52.12.

Position:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	32°03'N	32°27'N	32°20'N
Longitude:	129°22'E	128°54'E	126°40'E

24 October 1945

0747 In Yellow Sea, off southwest coast of Korea, made rendezvous with TG 52.12. 1607 Having replenished TG 52.12, set course 146°(t) to return to Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan, in obedience to basic orders.

Position:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	34°09'N	34°09'N	32°48'N
Longitude:	124°07'E	124°43'E	125°27'E

25 October 1945

Steaming as before. 1720 Entered Sasebo Ko, Kyushu, Japan. 1802 Anchored in berth #32.

Position:	0800	1200
Latitude:	32°24'N	32°30'N
Longitude:	128°24'E	129°29'E

26 October 1945

Discharged fuel oil cargo to USS ELK (IX-115) and diesel oil cargo to USS MOOSE (IX-124) in obedience to ComServDiv 103 Fuel dispatch of 25 October.

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1620 Underway for Yokohama, Japan, in obedience to ComServDiv 103 A dispatch 250857 October. 1652 Passed through entrance Sasebo Ko. Set course 233°(t).

Position: 2000
Latitude: 32°29'N
Longitude: 129°30'E

27 October 1945

Steaming as before.

Position:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	31°00'N	31°21'N	32°20'N
Longitude:	130°59'E	132°16'E	133°48'E

28 October 1945

Steaming as before. 1631 Sighted Fuji Yama bearing 014°(t) distance 79 miles.

Position:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	33°22'N	33°47'N	34°19'N
Longitude:	136°23'E	137°31'E	138°47'E

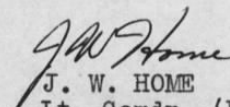
29 October 1945

0613 Proceeding various courses and speeds to conform with Tokyo Kaiwan entrance channel. 0839 Anchored in berth F-41, Yokohama District, Tokyo Kaiwan, Japan.

Position: 0800
Latitude: 35°20'N
Longitude: 139°42'E

30 October and 31 October 1945

Anchored as before.


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1. USS MILLICOMA (AO-73)
1 November 1945
Zone minus 9

Anchored in Berth F-41, Yokohama District, Tokyo Kaiwan, Honshu, Japan. Ships present: USS PASADENA (CL-65) (SOPA), USS ARGONNE (AG-31) (Admin. SOPA), battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, destroyer escorts, auxiliaries, and various small craft of the United States and Allied Pacific Fleets.

2 November 1945

In obedience to ComServDiv 102 dispatch O11235 November 1945 moored alongside to port of USS MERRIMACK (AO-37) in Berth F-58 to receive black oil bunkers. Later proceeded alongside to starboard of SS LONE JACK in Berth E-18 to discharge remaining cargo of aviation gasoline.

3 November 1945

Returned to Berth F-41.

4 and 5 November 1945

Anchored as before.

6 November 1945

0532 All preparations having been made, underway in obedience to ComServDiv 102 dispatch O20427 November 1945 to stand out of Tokyo Kaiwan proceeding to San Francisco, California, via Great Circle Route.

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This vessel proceeding independently at a speed of 14.5 knots (90 rpm). Sixty-four naval passengers aboard for transportation to continental U.S.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	35°51'N	35°40'N	35°39'N
Longitude:	139°34'E	140°38'E	142°05'E

7 November 1945

0000 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with -10 time zone. 0140 SL radar reported ship bearing 183°(t) distant 16 miles. 0245 Identified ship as USS KANKAKEE (AO-39). 0802 USS KANKAKEE passed abeam to starboard distant 10 miles and faded from sight at 1410.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	37°22'N	37°40'N	38°29'N
Longitude:	144°58'E	145°55.5'E	148°03'E

8 November 1945

0000 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with -11 time zone.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	39°46'N	40°16.5'N	41°06'N
Longitude:	150°45'E	151°48.5'E	153°51'E

9 November 1945

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	41°32'N	41°29'N	41°29'N
Longitude:	157°18'E	158°29'E	161°86'E

10 November 1945

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	41°45.8'N	41°50'N	42°28'N
Longitude:	164°43.0'E	165°32'E	168°01'E

11 November 1945

0000 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with -12 time zone.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	43°28'N	43°41'N	44°07'N
Longitude:	171°20'E	172°41'E	175°11'E

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12 November 1945

0000 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with +11 time zone. 2400 Retarded clocks 24 hours to compensate for crossing International Date Line.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	44°47'N	44°59'N	45°14'N
Longitude:	179°15'W	179°31'W	176°49'W

12 November 1945

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	- -	45°39'N	45°50'N
Longitude:	- -	171°33'W	168°40'W

13 November 1945

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	45°51'N	45°51'N	45°38'N
Longitude:	164°53'W	163°11'W	160°30'W

14 November 1945

0000 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with +10 time zone.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	44°44'N	45°26'N	45°08'N
Longitude:	158°41'W	155°14'W	152°38'W

15 November 1945

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	44°44'N	44°26'N	44°29'N
Longitude:	148°36'W	147°20'W	144°36'W

16 November 1945

0000 Advanced clocks one hour to conform with +9 time zone.

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	43°04'N	42°51'N	42°16'N
Longitude:	141°17'W	139°56'W	137°27'W

17 November 1945

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Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	41°24'N	41°07'N	40°34'N
Longitude:	134°01'W	132°51'W	131°10'W

18 November 1945

2020 SL radar reported coast of United States bearing 045°(t), distant 60 miles. ³

Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Latitude:	39°09'N	38°56'N	38°24'N
Longitude:	126°59'W	126°09'W	124°35'W

19 November 1945

0410 Maneuvered on various courses and speeds to approach pilot vessel and commenced entering San Francisco Bay. 0737 In obedience to ComTwelve NavDist orders anchored in Anchorage 7 for agricultural inspection. Ships present: USS RAWLINS (APA-226) (SOPA), various ships and small craft of U.S. Pacific Fleet and merchant of the United Nations. 1009 Discharged all passengers. 1300 Reported to ComWesSeaFron and ComTwelve NavDist for disposition.

20 November 1945

0716 In obedience to Harbor Master's orders, shifted berth to Anchorage 9, Berth 47, for removal of ammunition.

21 November 1945

1110 In obedience to Harbor Master's orders, shifted to permanent berth, Anchorage 9, Berth 244.

22 November 1945

0800 In obedience to ComTwelve NavDist dispatch 212211 November 1945 reported to Assistant Naval Industrial Manager, San Francisco, for decommissioning. Personnel to be handled in accordance current NavPers and Twelve NavDist distribution directives. Decommissioning to be effected by ship's force while at anchor with probable assistance of Navy Yard at a later date.

23 November 1945

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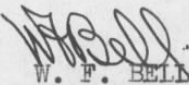
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24 November 1945

1230 Pursuant to BuPers dispatch 151655 of November 1945 and verbal directions of ComTwelve NavDist, Lt.Comdr. John Wayne HOME, (DM), USNR, (90444), relieved as Commanding Officer by Lt. Comdr. William Forrest BELL, USN, (71815).

25 November to 30 November 1945

Anchored as before.


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