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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712,874.

1. In accordance with Reference (a) the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE, for the month of January 1945 is submitted herewith.

15 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. At 0800, in obedience to ComPhibTraLant Dispatch Orders DTG 131442 January, reported ready for duty to ComServLant. (CTF 29).

16 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. At 0900 underway from Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va. for Bayonne, N.J. to load cargo in obedience to ComServLant Secret Dispatch Orders 152019 January. At 1151 when Cape Henry Light was abeam the USS CHARLES E. BRANNON (DE 446) reported alongside as escort. At 1537 cleared the seaward entrance to Chesapeake Bay Swept Channel and took departure.

<u>Position</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	36° 55' N	37° 25' N
Longitude	75° 57' W	74° 32' W

17 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. At 0535 entered New York Swept Channel and proceeded to Bayonne, N. J. The USS CHARLES E. BRANNON advised proceed independently. At 0930 moored portside to Berth 25, Bayonne Annex, Navy Yard, New York, Bayonne, N. J.

18 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. At 0900 stevedores commenced loading general cargo.

25 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. At 1720 completed loading. Cargo received 3,883 short tons.

26 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. At 0520 underway from Bayonne, N. J. and proceeded to the Ammunition Pier, Leonardo, N. J. to load ammunition. 0828 moored starboard side to Berth 1, Ammunition Pier, Leonardo, N. J. and at 0900 stevedores commenced loading ammunition.

27 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. At 0145 completed loading. 280 short tons of ammunition received. At 1316 underway for the Canal Zone in obedience to ComServLant Secret Dispatch Orders 152019 January. 1430 USS CHARLES E. BRANNON reported alongside as escort. At 1630 cleared seaward entrance of New York Swept Channel and took departure.

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28 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. Held small arms practice firing this day.

Ammunition expended: 500 rounds 45 cal.; 50 rounds 50 cal.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	36° 15' N	35° 03' N	33° 07' N
Longitude	73° 01' W	73° 00' W	73° 24' W

29 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 4. Exercised all gun crews at practice firing this date. Ammunition expended: 854 rounds 20MM; 74 rounds 40MM; 4 rounds 5"38 cal.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	30° 30' N	29° 20' N	27° 17' N
Longitude	73° 59' W	74° 10' W	74° 15' W

30 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 5.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	24° 19' N	23° 19' N	21° 24' N
Longitude	74° 24' W	74° 20' W	74° 14' W

31 January 1945. Zone Time Plus 5.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	19° 06' N	18° 14' N	16° 50' N
Longitude	74° 57' W	75° 39' W	76° 39' W

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From: The Commanding Officer.
 To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
 Subj: War Diary.
 Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712,874.

1. In accordance with Reference (a) the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of February 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 5. Enroute from New York to the CANAL ZONE with USS CHARLES E. BRANNON (DE-446) as escort. Exercised 20MM and 40MM gun crews at firing practice. Ammunition expended: 640 rounds 20MM; 94 rounds 40MM.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	14°25'N	13°10'N	11°34'N
Longitude	78°00'W	78°41'W	79°12'W

2 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 5. At 0608 entered seaward entrance of CANAL ZONE swept channel. 0714 anchored in Lemon Bay, CANAL ZONE awaiting pilot and orders to proceed through the Canal. 1023 got underway for passage through the Canal. At 1944 moored port side to Pier 1, Naval Ammunition Depot, Balboa, CANAL ZONE.

3 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 5. 1334 underway from Balboa, CANAL ZONE enroute singly to Pearl Harbor, T. H. in obedience to Port Director, Balboa, CANAL ZONE dispatch 031455 February 1945 and CNO, CINCPAC direction. 2000 Latitude 07°50'N, 79°25'W.

4 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 5.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000 (Plus 6 Z.T.)</u>
Latitude	06°55'N	06°40'N	06°47'N
Longitude	79°42'W	83°40'W	85°42'W

5 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 6. Exercised 20MM and 40MM gun crews at firing practice. Ammunition expended: 815 rounds 20MM; 156 rounds 40MM.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	07°30'N	07°55'N	08°29'N
Longitude	88°16'W	89°05'W	90°49'W

6 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 6.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	09°21'N	09°43'N	10°18'N
Longitude	93°42'W	94°36'W	95°32'W

7 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 7. Exercised 5" and 40MM gun crews at firing practice. Ammunition expended: 19 rounds 5"38cal.; 182 rounds 40MM.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	11°00'N	11°25'N	12°00'N
Longitude	99°09'W	100°32'W	101°53'W

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8 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 7.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	13°04'N	13°16'N	13°48'N
Longitude	104°50'W	105°36'W	107°23'W

9 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 7.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u> (Plus 8 Z.T.)
Latitude	14°32'N	14°43'N	15°06'N
Longitude	110°00'W	110°52'W	112°38'W

10 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 8. Test fired 30 and 50 cal. machine guns.
Ammunition expended: 960 rounds 30 cal.; 320 rounds 50 cal.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	15°40'N	15°49'N	16°18'N
Longitude	115°09'W	116°06'W	118°01'W

11 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 8.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	16°56'N	17°04'N	17°30'N
Longitude	120°57'W	121°49'W	123°46'W

12 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 8. Exercised 20MM gun crews at firing practice.
Ammunition expended: 926 rounds 20MM.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	18°08'N	18°19'N	18°31'N
Longitude	126°35'W	127°32'W	128°28'W

13 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 8.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u> (Plus 9 Z.T.)
Latitude	19°08'N	19°18'N	19°42'N
Longitude	132°30'W	133°33'W	136°02'W

14 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	20°09'N	20°12'N	20°21'N
Longitude	139°18'W	140°00'W	141°58'W

15 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9. Exercised 40MM gun crews at firing practice.
Ammunition expended: 248 rounds 40MM.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	20°35'N	20°40'N	20°40'N
Longitude	145°00'W	146°12'W	147°16'W

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16 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	21°03'N	21°08'N	21°22'N
Longitude	151°25'W	152°29'W	154°43'W

17 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. 0811 exchanged calls with Harbor Entrance Control Station, Pearl Harbor, T. H. 1001 moored to Buoy X-ray 3, East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

18 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1007 underway from mooring buoy X-ray 3. Shifting berth to Naval Ammunition Depot, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, T. H. to unload ammunition. 1138 moored portside to berth W-3, Naval Ammunition Depot and at 1630 commenced unloading ammunition.

20 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. At 1135 completed unloading ammunition. 1354 underway from Naval Ammunition Depot. Shifting berth to Buoy X-ray 4, East Loch and moored at 1535.

21 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. At 1655 underway from Buoy X-ray 4. Shifted to berth K-5, Naval Supply Depot to discharge general cargo. 1734 moored starboard side to berth K-5 and at 1940 commenced unloading general cargo.

27 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1056 Commander, Transport Division 56 called officially on the Commanding Officer. In accordance with AdComPhibsPac Secret dispatch 270218 February, Commanding Officer reported to Commander, Transport Division 56 for duty. 1108 Commander, Transport Division 56 left the ship. 1625 Completed unloading. 1645 underway from berth K-5, Naval Supply Depot. Shifted to mooring buoy X-ray 9, East Loch, and moored at 1720.

28 February 1945. Zone Time Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Underway from mooring at buoy X-ray 9. Shifted to Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H. and moored at berth B24 at 1704.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712,874.

1. In accordance with Reference (a) the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of March 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 9.5. Moored at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

5 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 9.5. Shifted berth from Navy Yard to buoy X-ray 9 and secured at 0927.

6 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 9.5. 1330 Underway from buoy X-ray 9, Pearl Harbor to load at Army Transport Base, Honolulu in obedience to order of Port Director, Pearl Harbor Visual Dispatch orders 062030 of March 1945. 1807 Moored starboard side to Berth 26, Army Transport Service Base, Honolulu. Commenced loading at 2140.

8 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 9.5. 1145 Completed loading. Type and approximate weight of major cargo stowed being as follows:

Vehicles	519 short tons
Gasoline	196 short tons
Petroleum Prod.	35 short tons
Organization Equip.	159 short tons
Special Equip.	3 short tons
Cargo from USS LUMEN	15 short tons
Miscellaneous	204 short tons
Total	1131 short tons

1502 Underway from Army Transport Base, Honolulu, for Pearl Harbor, pursuant to order Port Director, Honolulu. 1638 Moored to Buoy C-5, East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

11 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 9.5. Pursuant to verbal orders, Commanding General, via Transport Quartermaster 10th Army, Major W. P. GREENE, US Army reported aboard with 11 officers and 99 men, comprised as follows:

3rd Sig. Batt. Lt. Const., 4 Officers, 60 men.
Unit B, Det. 62, 7th Weather Sqdn., 1 Officer, 2 men.
2nd Prov. M.P. Batt., 4 Officers, 2 men.
Prov. Sig. Radio Int. Co. (R), 1 Officer, 10 men.
97th Ord. Bomb Disposal Squad, 1 Officer, 6 men.
2857th Eng. Gas Gen. Det., 1 Officer, 2 men.
105th Army Postal Unit, 2 men.
519 M.P. Batt. (P), 10 men.
3181st Sig. SV Batt., 5 men.

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14 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 9.5. Underway singly from Pearl Harbor, T. H. for Eniwetok, MARSHALL ISLANDS in obedience to order Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier, Serial 0215 of 12 March 1945. 1008 Cleared outer entrance dredged channel, Pearl Harbor. 1214 Commenced all gun crews firing practice at sleeve target towed by plane. 1348 Completed firing practice. Ammunition expended: 46 rounds 5"38, 1150 rounds 40MM, 4700 rounds 20MM.

<u>Position</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	20°52'N	19°49'N
Longitude	157°55'W	159°30'W

15 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	19°34'N	19°26'N	19°17'N
Longitude	162°34'W	163°36'W	165°48'W

16 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	18°47'N	18°39'N	18°10'N
Longitude	169°06'W	170°09'W	172°25'W

17 March 1945. Zone Time Plus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	17°29'N	17°15'N	16°41'N
Longitude	175°34'W	176°36'W	179°13'W

19 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. Exercised 30 cal. and 50 cal. gun crews at firing practice. Ammunition expended: 2500 rounds 30 cal., 1400 rounds 50 cal.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	15°53'N	15°37'N	15°01'N
Longitude	177°23'E	176°24'E	174°13'E

20 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	14°06'N	13°46'N	13°03'N
Longitude	170°52'E	169°46'E	167°33'E

21 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. Exercised all gun crews at firing practice. Ammunition expended: 5 rounds 5"38, 124 rounds 40MM, 1060 rounds 20MM.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	13°04'N	12°46'N	12°13'N
Longitude	167°05'E	166°25'E	164°57'E

22 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. 0733 Sighted Parry Island Light bearing 245° True, distance 4.5 miles, and at 0911 anchored in N-7, Eniwetok, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

25 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 12. 1515 Underway singly from Eniwetok, M.I. for Ulithi, C. I. in obedience to order Port Director, Eniwetok, M.I. 2 Officers and 31 men of the US Navy were taken aboard at Eniwetok for transportation to Ulithi, CAROLINE ISLANDS. 2000 Position Latitude 11°21'N, Longitude 161°15'E.

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26 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	11°58'N	12°08'N	12°27'N
Longitude	157°50'E	156°55'E	154°53'E

27 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

Ammunition expended: 280 rounds.

Exercised 20MM gun crews at firing practice.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	13°05'N	13°11'N	12°39'N
Longitude	151°44'E	150°52'E	148°36'E

28 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 10.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	11°35'N	11°02'N	10°21'N
Longitude	145°49'E	144°57'E	141°26'E

29 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 0805 Sighted Falalop Is. bearing 296° True, distance 1 mile. 0900 Standing into Ulithi Harbor, CAROLINE ISLANDS. 0953 Anchored in berth 225 South Anchorage.

31 March 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 1830 The 2 officers and 31 men of US Navy, passengers from Eniwetok for Ulithi, left the ship.

2. Submitted herewith.

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1 May 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712,874.

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1. In accordance with Reference (a) the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of April 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945 anchored at Ulithi awaiting orders. At 1720 13 April 1945, Zone Time Minus 10, underway for OKINAWA with, and in obedience to order, Commander, Task Group 55.8, USS OKANAGAN (APA 220) Flagship, and operations order ComTransDiv56 No. 3-45 of 2 April 1945. 1800 Cleared seaward entrance Mugai Channel and commenced Transport Division Tactical Plan in obedience to Commander, Task Group 55.8. 1807 General quarters. 1814 Commenced exercising 20MM and 40MM gun crews at firing practice at plane towed sleeve target. 1829 Completed firing practice. Ammunition expended: 272 rounds 40MM and 400 rounds 20MM. 1954 Completed Transport Division Tactical Plan and took station in cruising formation on course 325° True at standard speed 13.9 knots (75.0 r.p.m.) and screened by surface escorts. MUSTIN (DD 413) Commander Screen as directed by order Commander, Task Group 55.8. 2000 Position Latitude 10°10'N, Longitude 139°57'E.

14 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	12°32'N	13°24'N	14°56'N
Longitude	138°05'E	137°24'E	136°18'E

15 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	17°24'N	18°03'N	19°43'N
Longitude	134°33'E	134°07'E	133°02'E

16 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Latitude	22°17'N	22°53'N	24°00'N
Longitude	131°05'E	130°39'E	129°28'E

17 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0533 Sighted OKINAWA bearing 330° True, distance 15 miles. 0619 Proceeded on various courses and at various speeds in obedience to orders Task Group Commander, making approach to Maye Shima Is. passage. 0832 Maye Shima Is. abeam to port, distance 1.5 miles. Proceeding in obedience to orders Task Group Commander, making approach to West Beaches, OKINAWA. 1120 Anchored in Berth H-161. At 1600 received on board 1 officer and 100 men of the 4098th Quartermaster Railroad Batt. to assist with unloading. 1855 All ship's boats (8 LCM's, 15 LCVP's and 1 LCPL) waterborne and manned, ready for operations. 1900 Commenced unloading. 1950 In obedience to order Commander Task Group 55.8, stopped unloading due to beach not being ready to receive our boat loads. 2024 Air Raid Condition RED received. 2239 Condition WHITE all clear received.

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Subj: War Diary.

1 May 1945.

18 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0522 Resumed unloading. Our passengers, the US Army officers and men, left the ship at various times with boats loaded with vehicles and equipment for Purple Beach No. 2 which was approximately 5000 yards from our anchorage. Unloading operations were as continuous as conditions would allow from this date and time until 1900 of 21 April when the work was completed. Delays in unloading were encountered mainly from a 24 hour period of bad weather when the sea was too rough for the operation of our boats, inability to get the boats unloaded promptly on the beach, and periods of interruption during air raids, Condition RED. Two LSM's helped a great deal by each taking a load. No air action was taken during the enemy raids, but all guns and stations were manned, and two of our LCVP's were used for picket duty and to make smoke.

22 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1342 Underway from OKINAWA for Saipan with, and in obedience to order Commander, Task Unit 51-29-20, USS SARISOTA (APA 204) Flagship. Took departure from Okinawa, assumed station in cruising formation, and proceeded on various courses and at various speeds in obedience to order Task Unit Commander. 1549 Cleared Meye Shima Island and set course 155° True at standard speed 13.0 knots (70.0 r.p.m.) and screened by surface escorts. USS GENDREAU (DE 639) Commander Screen as directed by order Task Unit Commander. 2000 Position Latitude 25°20'N, Longitude 128°00'E.

23 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	24°19'N	23°40'N	22°46'N
Longitude	130°23'E	131°08'E	132°35'E

24 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0830 Pursuant to order Task Unit Commander, Commenced refueling USS CROSBY (APD 17). 1200 Completed the transfer of 42,796 gallons.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	21°33'N	21°13'N	20°37'N
Longitude	134°54'E	135°33'E	136°44'E

25 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 10.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	19°52'N	19°27'N	18°40'N
Longitude	138°36'E	139°13'E	140°24'E

26 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 10.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	17°20'N	16°54'N	15°59'N
Longitude	142°30'E	143°08'E	144°08'E

27 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. Sighted lights of Garapan on Saipan Is. bearing 104° True, distance 35 miles. 0739 In obedience to order Task Unit Commander, proceeding on various courses and at various speeds to assigned anchorage. 0910 Anchored in Berth M-32, Saipan Harbor.

30 April 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. Awaiting orders.

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1 May 1945.

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1. In accordance with Reference (a) the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of May 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. Anchored Saipan, MARIANAS ISLANDS awaiting orders.

2 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 1630 Pursuant to orders CinCPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H. of 30 April 1945 all LCM and LCVP boats (except 2 LCVP's) were transferred to Amphibious Boat Replacement Pool, Navy #3245. At 1820 underway singly for Guadalcanal, SOLOMON ISLANDS in obedience to orders Port Director, Saipan, of 2 May 1945. 2000 Position: Latitude 15°02'N, Longitude 145°56'E.

3 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 10.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	14°36'N	14°24'N	13°57'N
Longitude	149°09'E	150°09'E	152°03'E

4 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 10.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	13°15'N	12°59'N	12°29'N
Longitude	155°06'E	156°03'E	157°49'E

5 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	11°47'N	11°32'N	10°13'N
Longitude	160°29'E	161°28'E	162°41'E

6 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	07°15'N	06°20'N	04°27'N
Longitude	163°46'E	164°02'E	164°23'E

7 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	01°31'N	00°42'N	01°16'S
Longitude	163°52'E	163°45'E	163°17'E

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1 June 1945.

8 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	04°26'S	05°23'S	06°53'S
Longitude	162°41'E	162°22'E	161°41'E

9 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. At 0931 anchored US Naval Anchorage #13, Guadalcanal, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

12 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. At 1555 underway from anchorage, shifting berth to Kukum Docks to load cargo. 1651 Moored starboard side to and commenced loading general cargo, at 2120. US Army crews continue work day and night.

16 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. At 1600 pursuant to special order #1645, Rear Echelon, 6th Marine Division in the Field, Captain G. L. COMSTOCK, USMCR, reported aboard with 12 officers and 110 men.

17 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. At 1610 completed loading 1938 short tons of supplies and general equipment of the 6th Marine Division. At 1645 underway from Kukum Docks, shifting to Lunga Point. 1757 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal.

18 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. 0559 pursuant to order Port Director, Guadalcanal, underway for Tulagi to pick up deck load of boats and refuel ship. At 0813 anchored in Gavutu Harbor, Tulagi. At 1414 completed loading cargo of 8 LCM's and 14 LCP's. 1950 completed taking on fuel.

19 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. 0621 underway singly for Eniwetok, MARSHALL ISLANDS, in obedience to despatch order, Commander Task Unit 11-5-6, date time group 160302 May 1945.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	09°02'S	08°12'S	06°09'S
Longitude	159°56'E	160°23'E	160°30'E

20 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	03°38'S	02°51'S	01°16'S
Longitude	161°41'E	161°42'E	162°30'E

21 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	01°13'N	02°07'N	03°59'N
Longitude	163°35'E	163°40'E	163°58'E

22 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	06°49'N	07°38'N	09°16'N
Longitude	163°35'E	163°16'E	162°40'E

23 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. 0536 sighted Eniwetok Island bearing 347° True, distance 12 miles. 0739 anchored in Eniwetok, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

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29 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. At 1010 exercised crew at general quarters. Commenced extensive C.I.C. and gunnery drills against combat tactics, carried out by land based planes under direction of USS SARASOTA (APA-204). 1140 Secured from drills. No ammunition expended. 1355 Underway singly for Saipan in obedience to order Port Director, Eniwetok. 2000 Position: Latitude $11^{\circ}25'N$, Longitude $161^{\circ}18'E$.

30 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 11.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	$12^{\circ}01'N$	$12^{\circ}13'N$	$12^{\circ}45'N$
Longitude	$158^{\circ}17'E$	$157^{\circ}16'E$	$154^{\circ}55'E$

31 May 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 0935 Commenced exercising all port side gun crews at firing practice. 1039 Completed firing practice. Ammunition expended: 15 rounds 5", 188 rounds 40MM, 720 rounds 20MM.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Latitude	$13^{\circ}23'N$	$13^{\circ}34'N$	$14^{\circ}04'N$
Longitude	$151^{\circ}56'E$	$150^{\circ}56'E$	$148^{\circ}50'E$

2. Respectfully submitted.

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U.S.S. TROUSDALE (AKA-79)
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San Francisco, Calif.

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1 July 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712,874.

1. In accordance with Reference (a) the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of June 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 0800 Position: Latitude 14° 58'N, Longitude 145° 52'E. 0822 Nafutan Point abeam to starboard, distance 2 miles. 0837 Standing into Saipan Harbor, MARIANAS ISLANDS. 0950 Anchored in Berth M-22.

2 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 0955 Cargo of 14 LCVP boats unloaded and delivered to the beach.

6 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. At 1745 underway for Guam in obedience to order Port Director, Saipan. 2000 Position: Latitude 15°02'N, Longitude 145° 24'E.

7 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. At 0650 Exchanged calls with H.E.C.P., Guam. 0852 Pilot came aboard. 0935 Moored in Berth K-5, Apra Harbor, Guam. 1426 US Marine Personnel completed dis-embarking.

8 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. At 1538 underway from Berth K-5, shifting ship to Dock No. 3, pursuant to order Port Director. Pilot aboard, tugs assisting. 1630 Moored starboard side to Dock No. 3. At 2038 commenced unloading cargo.

12 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. Pursuant to order Port Director, Guam, the following passengers for San Francisco were received aboard: GILBERT, John J., Lieut., USNR, 159166; PHILBIN, Michael J., Lt.(jg), USNR, 259248; TRYGSTAD, Bernard H., Lt.(jg), USNR, 292651, and 46 enlisted personnel as per attached list.

13 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. At 1640 completed unloading all cargo.

14 June 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. At 0658 underway for San Francisco in obedience to order Port Director, Guam. 0808 With H.E.C.P., Guam bearing 091° True, distance 4 miles; took departure and set course 180° True.

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San Francisco, Calif. 1 July 1945.

Subj: War Diary.

Date	Zone Time	0800		1200		2000	
		Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.
June							
14	Minus 10			13°06'N	145°13'E	13°06'N	147°00'E
15	Minus 10	12°48'N	149°45'E	12°50'N	150°32'E	13°24'N	152°20'E
16	Minus 10	14°00'N	155°16'E	14°03'N	156°08'E	14°24'N	157°55'E
17	Minus 11	14°59'N	160°31'E	15°06'N	161°35'E	15°23'N	163°26'E
18	Minus 11	15°54'N	166°19'E	16°10'N	167°19'E	16°57'N	168°09'E
19	Minus 11	18°37'N	171°36'E	19°09'N	172°23'W	20°19'N	174°06'E
20	Minus 12	21°59'N	176°29'E	22°34'N	177°14'E	23°45'N	178°51'E
20	Plus 12	25°34'N	179°51'W	26°09'N	177°35'W	26°58'N	175°32'W
21	Plus 11	28°12'N	172°37'W	28°31'N	171°33'W	29°37'N	169°31'W
22	Plus 11	30°54'N	166°12'W	31°22'N	166°52'W	32°07'N	162°50'W
23	Plus 11	33°15'N	159°14'W	33°33'N	158°03'W	34°20'N	155°32'W
24	Plus 10	35°07'N	152°13'W	35°23'N	150°59'W	35°55'N	148°27'W
25	Plus 10	36°50'N	144°46'W	36°59'N	143°29'W	37°14'N	140°53'W
26	Plus 9	37°50'N	137°28'W	37°58'N	136°14'W	38°02'N	133°36'W
27	Plus 8	38°01'N	130°18'W	38°02'N	129°08'W	38°00'N	126°29'W

28 June 1945. Zone Time Plus 7. 0735 Sighted Farallon Islands bearing 069° True, distance 7 miles. 0853 Passed Examination vessel close abeam to port. 1034 Anchored in Berth #3, US Naval Anchorage No. 12.

30 June 1945. Zone Time Plus 7. 0838 Underway from anchorage, shifting ship to Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, CALIFORNIA in obedience to verbal orders, ComPhibsTraPac. 0919 Moored starboard side to Pier 3, Hurley Marine Works, Oakland.

2. Respectfully submitted.

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U.S.S. TROUSDALE (AKA-79)

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San Francisco, Calif.

CONFIDENTIAL

1 August 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
 To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
 Subj: War Diary.
 Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712, 874.

REG. NO 276
 U.S. NO
 REG. SHEET NO 109

1. In accordance with Reference (a), the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of July 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 7, PWT. Moored starboard side to Pier 3, Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, CALIFORNIA, for availability work.

4 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 7, PWT. At 0710 underway from Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, and with assistance of Pilot and tugs, shifted ship for loading. At 0737 moored starboard side to Dock 2, Encinal Terminal, at Alameda. 1045 Commenced loading cargo.

6 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 7, PWT. At 2130 completed loading ship's ammunition having received the following type and amounts: 175 rounds 5"38 cal. projectiles; 175 cases of 5"38 cal. powder; 9,120 rounds 40MM; 21,600 rounds 20MM, 12,600 rounds 45 cal. ball and 120 floating smoke pots.

9 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 7, PWT. At 1700 completed loading all cargo. Total received; 998 long tons general cargo, and 3636 long tons petroleum products.

10 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 7, PWT. At 1300, 11 officers and 99 men of the US Navy (as per attached list), were received on board as passengers. 1702 Underway from Encinal Terminal, Alameda, CALIFORNIA, for Eniwetok, MARSHALL ISLANDS, in obedience to order Commander Western Sea Frontier Movement Order No. 533-C and R 1540 July 10, 1945. 1902 Cleared seaward entrance to main ship channel. 1925 Retarded all ships clocks one hour. 1830 Exercised crew at general quarters and abandon ship drill. 1915 Secured from drills. 1930 With Farallon Light abeam to starboard, distance 3600 yards, took departure and set course 249° True, at Standard speed 14.7 knots (80.0 r.p.m.). 2000 Position Latitude 37°38'N, Longitude 123°07'W.

Date	Zone Time	0800		1200		2000	
		Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.
11th	Plus 8	37°47'N;	126°57'W	37°43'N;	128°29'W	38°43'N;	130°46'W
12th	Plus 9	37°37'N;	134°15'W	37°32'N;	135°24'W	37°11'N;	137°57'W
13th	Plus 9	36°47'N;	141°43'W	36°38'N;	142°42'W	36°09'N;	145°32'W
14th	Plus 10	35°21'N;	149°12'W	35°06'N;	150°21'W	34°36'N;	152°45'W
15th	Plus 10	33°37'N;	156°15'W	33°23'N;	157°18'W	32°34'N;	159°52'W
16th	Plus 11	31°23'N;	163°16'W	31°02'N;	164°21'W	30°15'N;	166°34'W
17th	Plus 11	28°50'N;	169°43'W	28°27'N;	170°51'W	27°27'N;	173°11'W
18th	Plus 12	25°52'N;	176°06'W	25°18'N;	177°04'W	24°11'N;	178°55'W
20th	Minus 12	22°26'N;	178°28'W	22°02'N;	177°46'E	20°52'N;	175°59'E
21st	Minus 12	19°12'N;	173°04'E	18°43'N;	172°31'E	17°36'N;	170°52'E
22nd	Minus 12	15°54'N;	168°19'E	15°15'N;	167°37'E	14°00'N;	166°02'E
23rd	Minus 12	12°14'N;	163°52'E	11°59'N;	162°30'E	Anchored	

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Subj: War Diary.

1 August 1945.

20 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 12. 0830 Exercised all gun crews at firing practice. 0947 Secured from firing practice. Ammunition expended: 19 rounds 5"38 cal.; 400 rounds 40MM; 1300 rounds 20MM.

23 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 12. At 1245 pursuant to dispatch order Commander, Eniwetok, MARSHALL ISLANDS, point at 12°00'N, 162°30'E was reached and all gun crews were exercised at firing practice at a plane towed sleeve target. 1356 Secured from firing practice. Ammunition expended: 25 rounds 5"38 cal.; 1250 rounds 40MM; 3620 rounds 20MM. 1427 Sighted Runit Is., Eniwetok Atoll, bearing 239° True, distance 10 miles. 1551 Buoy N-2 close abeam to starboard. Entered Deep Entrance Channel. 1703 Anchored in Berth C-236, Eniwetok Harbor, MARSHALL ISLANDS. 1805 US Naval Officer passengers disembarked.

24 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 12. 0920 Underway from Eniwetok for Saipan, MARIANAS ISLANDS in obedience to order Port Director, Eniwetok, 23 July 1945. 0945 Cleared Seaward Entrance to Deep Entrance Channel. 1000 With H.E.C.P. bearing 292° True, distance 1.7 miles, took departure and set course 205° True at standard speed 15.5 knots (85.0 r.p.m.). 1200 Position Latitude 11°16'N, Longitude 161°59'E. 2000 Latitude 12°16'N, Longitude 159°40'E.

25 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 11. 0800 Position Latitude 12°35'N, Longitude 156°54'E. 1200 Position Latitude 12°36'N, Longitude 156°00'E. 2000 Position Latitude 13°06'N, Longitude 153°48'E.

26 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 0800 Position Latitude 13°47'N, Longitude 150°50'E. 1200 Position Latitude 14°03'N, Longitude 149°52'E. 2000 Position Latitude 14°18'N, Longitude 148°00'E.

27 July 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 0527 Exchanged calls with Harbor Entrance Control Post, Tinian, MARIANAS ISLANDS. Pursuant to order Port Director, proceeded into Tinian Harbor. 0703 Anchored in Berth F-28. 1430 Commenced discharging cargo.

31 July 1945. Discharging cargo at Tinian, MARIANAS ISLANDS. 99 enlisted passengers disembarked.

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OFFICER ROSTER
USS TROUSDALE

Date: 10 July 1945
No. 3087

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The Naval Personnel listed below have been directed to report for detachment as of 10 July 1945, for transportation furnished via USS TROUSDALE destined for CEMA, LIRP.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>		<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
<u>LIEUTENANT</u>					
1.	SCANLAN, Lloyd F.	Lt. SC(S)	USNR	CEMA	USS ALABAMA (BB 60)
2.	SUNDBERG, Burt E.	Lt. (D)L	USNR	CEMA	USS NANTAHALA (AO 60)
<u>LIEUTENANT (jg)</u>					
3.	MATTHEWS, Frank B.	Lt. (jg) SC	USNR	CEMA	USS PLATTE (AO 24)
4.	MURPHY, Douglas R.	Lt. (jg) MC	USNR	CEMA	USS WREN (DD 568)
5.	OETTINGER, Spencer D.	Lt. (jg) (D)	USNR	CEMA	USS CASINGHEAD (YO 47)
6.	RICE, Leslie Benjamin	Lt. (jg)	USN	CEMA	USS ST. PAUL (CA 73)
<u>ENSIGN</u>					
7.	HOWARD, Edwin	Ens. (D)L	USNR	CEMA	USS SOUTHERLAND (DD743)
8.	LAUBACH, Robert Aklen, Jr.	Ens. (C)L	USNR	CEMA	USS NO. CAROLINA (BB55)
9.	ROELOFS, Howard M.	Ens. (C)L	USNR	CEMA	COMBATDIV 6 (NO. CAROLINA)
10.	TOUEY, Joseph B.	Ens. (C)L	USNR	CEMA	USS OKLAHOMA CITY CL91
<u>WARRANT OFFICER</u>					
11.	MORRIS, William Duffy	Gunner	USN	CEMA	USS KITKUN BAY CVE 71

Lt. (jg) Gene Moore, USNR
Loading Officer.

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CC: Port Director - CEMA

BuPers

General File

Outbound Passenger Section

Lt. Comdr. Tannlund

Lt. Spratton

C.O. of Troops

Fleet Records

GRAND TOTAL _____

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U. S. NAVAL BARRACKS (EMBARKATION)

Treasure Island, California

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DRAFT NO.

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TOTAL IN DRAFT

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NO. OF DIVISIONS

10 July 1945
DATE

DESTINATION INDICATOR	Class	DESTINATION	NUMBER OF MEN
1		Trans. to RecSta, LIRP, FFT, as indicated:	
	1	To Comd't, NOB, DUVA, or to such other duty as ComServPac may assign	85
	2	FFT, NOB, DUVA, Furas or to such other duty as ComServPac may assign	11
	3	For reassignment to duty in accordance with BuPers C/L No. 172-43. (DISCIPLINE CASES)	4
		TOTAL	100 99

HM2C JAMES W KERRIGAN
 DIVISION OFFICER

100
 TOTAL IN DRAFT

10 JULY 1945

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DATE

DRAFT NO.

DIVISION NO.

NO.	SURNAME - FIRST NAME - INITIAL	RATE	CLASS	SERVICE NO.	DEST.
1	ABILA MANUEL O	S2C	1	3435805	1
2	ABRAHAM NUSERY M JO	S2C	1	5818379	1
3	ALBRIGHT GENE L	S2C	1	6139523	1
4	ALHAUGH LEE H	S2C	1	9887515	1
5	ALDRICH ORIS R	S2C	1	2940613	1
6	ALLEN MERTON C	S2C	1	3173773	1
7	ANDERSON JAMES L	S2C	1	3391506	1
8	ANDERSON HAROLD G	S2C	1	7538447	1
9	ANDERSON GERALD D	S2C	1	7538448	1
10	ARNDT FRED J	S2C	1	3225322	1
11	ARNOLD WALTER H	S2C	1	7839601	1
12	ASHFORD JOHN B	S2C	1	3435826	1
13	AYERS KENNETH A	S2C	1	7282309	1
14	BAILEY GEORGE K	S2C	1	5818375	1
15	DANKS MCKINLEY	S2C	1	6356468	1
16	BARBER RODERICK W	S2C	1	3173779	1
17	BARR EMERY O	S2C	1	9504465	1
18	BARBER ERNEST J	S2C	1	9534112	1
19	BATEMAN WAYNE E	S2C	1	2940586	1
20	BAUER OTHMAR G	S2C	1	2940524	1
21	BAYORGEON DEAN C	S2C	1	3074132	1
22	BEARD ROBERT JR	S2C	1	2968604	1
23	BEHM EDWARD J	S2C	1	2940615	1
24	BENNINGTON W L	S2C	1	2940598	1
25	BENTLEY JUNIOR	S2C	1	5707390	1
26	BENSON DWAIN D	S2C	1	9847038	1
27	BERISFORD DONALD W	S2C	1	2862805	1
28	BIERKAMP LEON R	S2C	1	3149080	1
29	BLANCHARD RUSSELL	S2C	1	7304975	1
30	BLANKENSHIP M T	S2C	1	9582726	1
31	BLID PAUL S	S2C	1	7305342	1
32	BUBO RICHARD R	S2C	1	5707467	1
33	BUSWELL JACK L	S2C	1	3435722	1
34	BUSWORTH ROY D	S2C	1	5707469	1
35	BOYLE EDWARD J III	S2C	1	6139514	1
36	BRADLEY O B	S2C	1	3435676	1
37	BRISON VIRGIL	S2C	1	7843608	1
38	BROWNING GLEN C	S2C	1	6356470	1
39	BROWN ALBERT F	S2C	1	7282390	1
40	BUNTZ ROBERT E	S2C	1	3435100	1
41	BURNELL SAMUEL J JO	S2C	1	3435872	1
42	BUTLER LUTHER C JR	S2C	1	3435114	1
43	CARTER DAVID E	S2C	1	6356451	1
44	KNAUSS CLAYTON H	S2C	1	3148527	1
45	KONIK EUGENE F	S2C	1	3148507	1
46	KOVARIK WILLIAM F	S2C	1	3173739	1
47	KRAFT FRANK M	S2C	1	7282377	1
48	KRINGEN ROGER L	S2C	1	3173767	1
49	KRIEMAN CHARLES JR	S2C	1	7282357	1
50	KRONTZ FRANKLIN SH	S2C	1	9472932	1

BM2C FRANK H LOVELL

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DIVISION OFFICER

TOTAL IN DRAFT

10 JULY 1945

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DATE

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DIVISION NO.

NO.	SURNAME - FIRST NAME - INITIAL	RATE	CLASS	SERVICE NO.	DEST.
1	KRUSE OWEN L	S2C	1	3173752	1
2	KUZOFF GEORGE D	S2C	1	2839351	1
3	LALONE STEPHEN L	S2C	1	9535577	1
4	LAMBERT HUSSELL E	S2C	1	9896812	1
5	LANGSTON JAMES D	S2C	1	2895166	1
6	LANGE WINFRED R	S2C	1	9846501	1
7	LAURIN EARL J	S2C	1	9602953	1
8	LEIGH DONALD E	S2C	1	9582703	1
9	LENSEN GENE W	S2C	1	3173742	1
10	LERCH HERMAN B	S2C	1	9535578	1
11	LILLY WALTER B	S2C	1	9350454	1
12	LUNG MAX K	S2C	1	3284849	1
13	LUNG RALPH J	S2C	1	3435053	1
14	LUNG GUY E	S2C	1	9535486	1
15	LUUMIS MAX P	S2C	1	6195774	1
16	LOVE CECIL T	S2C	1	2695169	1
17	LUCAS WILLIAM A	S2C	1	7564406	1
18	LYNES JOHNNIE W JR	S2C	1	2895158	1
19	LYNN JAMES H	S2C	1	3435060	1
20	WHITE ROBERT L	S2C	1	7564412	1
21	WHITT JOSEPH E	S2C	1	9896833	1
22	WIEGAND VICTOR	S2C	1	9472812	1
23	WILKES CHARLES K	S2C	1	5818363	1
24	WILLIAMS CHARLES B	S2C	1	9875253	1
25	WISNIERSKI JOHN A	S2C	1	3174393	1
26	WOLF RICHARD M	S2C	1	3173740	1
27	WOODSON EARL M	S2C	1	9827261	1
28	WOZNACK JOHN A	S2C	1	9535502	1
29	WUCKA JAMES JR	S2C	1	7882387	1
30	WURTZ RICHARD E	S2C	1	7882365	1
31	WYLIE WILLIAM L	S2C	1	7564405	1
32	WYMORE JAMES T JR	S2C	1	3435622	1
33	YOUNT DONALD G	S2C	1	7551052	1
34	YRI VERNON S	S2C	1	9846528	1
35	ZAWACKI EDWIN J	S2C	1	9535573	1
36	GREEN HAYFIELD	STN1	2	6277443	1
37	KERRIGAN JAMES W	BM2	2	6118852	1
38	LOFTUS JERRY J	F2C	2	3783175	1
39	LOVELL FRANK H	BM2	2	6342059	1
40	MORGAN LOUIS P	STN1	2	3425910	1
41	NELLIGAN HAROLD E	ADM3	2	6637175	1
42	SULTZBACH DAVID S	A8	2	2016067	1
43	MCLENDON E K	S2 KM	2	5602655	1
44	MULLEN JOHN F	S2 MM	2	9596649	1
45	MURPHY WILLARD H	SM2C	2	3291605	1
46	PETERS HAYMOND E	TM3C	2	7262057	1
47	LENNETT GLENN T	S2C	3	2743477	1
48	BROWN EDWIN E	F2C	3	6558103	1
49	BRUND RICHARD F	F2C	3	7101202	1
50	COOPER JOSEPH W	F2C	3	8345672	1

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1 September 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712, 874.

1. In accordance with Reference (a), the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of August 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. Discharging cargo at Tinian, MARIANAS ISLANDS.

8 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 1438 Completed discharging cargo. 1638 Underway for Saipan in obedience to order Port Director, Tinian. 1833 Anchored in Berth L-36, Saipan Harbor.

15 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 0120 In accordance with Cincpoa secret despatch 142315 August 1945 ceased offensive operations against Japanese forces.

21 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 1030 In accordance with CinCPac confidential despatch 192307 August 1945 reported by despatch to ComPhibsPac for duty in Seventh PhibForce.

24 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 1600 In accordance with ComPhibsPac confidential despatch 230035 August 1945 further reported by despatch to ComSeventhPhibForce for duty.

29 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. 1000 Pursuant to order Port Director Saipan, the following passengers were received on board for transportation to Okinawa: Lt.(jg) Charles S. BRAND, (D)L, 226441, USNR; Ensign John E. RICHARDSON, (D)L, 410632, USNR; Lt.(jg) Gordon F. FARNSWORTH, SC(S), 344200, USNR; Lt. Col. Ray MC CARTY, 0267188, U. S. Army; Maj. Paul H. REVERCOMB, 0511590, U. S. Army; Capt. James W. CAMPBELL, 0341455, U. S. Army; MOSLEY, John (n), GMlc, 648 25 98, USNR; WATSON, Malcolm R., WT2c, 869 49 13, USNR. At 1300 Underway from Saipan for Okinawa, RYUKUS ISLANDS in obedience to order Port Director, Saipan, in Convoy SOK-32, Commander LST Group 98, USS LST 1126 Flagship; Commander Screen, USS GILMORE (DE-18). 1318 Cleared defense net, took departure and set course 322° True at 1/3 speed 5.0 knots (27.0 r.p.m.) to take station. 1332 Exercised crew at general quarters and emergency drills. 1357 Secured from general quarters and emergency drills. 1452 Changed course to 324° True. 1835 In obedience to Convoy Commander, increased speed to 9.0 knots (47.0 r.p.m.) 2000 Position Latitude 15° 41' N, Longitude 145° 18' E.

30 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 10. Position: 0800 Latitude 16°40'N, Longitude 143°45'E; 1200 Latitude 17°02'N, Longitude 143°20'E; 2000 Latitude 17°50'N, Longitude 142°14'E.

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31 August 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 18°56'N,
Longitude 140°40'E; 1200 Latitude 19°22'N, Longitude 140°01'E; 2000
Latitude 20°12'N, Longitude 138°53'E.

2. Respectfully submitted.

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1 October 1945

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712, 874.

1. In accordance with Reference (a), the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of September 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 21°00'N, Longitude 137°28'E; 1200 Latitude 21°20'N, Longitude 137°00'E; 2000 Latitude 22°02'N, Longitude 135°58'E.

2 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 23°06'N, Longitude 134°06'E; 1200 Latitude 23°37'N, Longitude 133°34'E; 2000 Latitude 24°24'N, Longitude 132°30'E.

3 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 25°10'N, Longitude 130°41'E; 1200 Latitude 25°21'N, Longitude 130°09'E; 2000 Latitude 25°30'N, Longitude 129°23'E.

4 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0600 Sighted Okinawa Island bearing 325° True, distance 28 miles. 0644 In obedience to order Convoy Commander USS LST 1126, detached from convoy SOK-32 and proceed in obedience to order USS DEVOSA (Flagship) toward Buckner Bay. 0956 HECF Buckner Bay advised wait permission to enter. 1125 Anchored in berth B125 Buckner Bay, Okinawa, RYUKUS ISLANDS. 1435 Commanding Officer made official visit to ComPhib Group 7 aboard USS CRESCENT CITY (APA-121).

5 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0858 Underway from berth B125 Buckner Bay for Naha, Okinawa in obedience to order Port Director Buckner Bay, in company with USS DEVOSA (AKA-27) Flagship, USS CASWELL (AKA-72), and USS TATE (AKA-70). 1442 Anchored in berth N95 Naha Harbor, Okinawa.

7 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1300 Commanding Officer made official visit on ComTransDiv 69 aboard USS MONTAGUE (AKA-98) reporting for duty.

8 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1345 Commenced loading cargo using all ships boats and crew.

10 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1350 Completed loading. 1550 Underway from Naha, pursuant to order Port Director, shifting ship to Hagushi Wan and at 1658 Anchored in berth H272. 1735 Commanding Officer made official visit on ComPhib Group 7 aboard USS CRESCENT CITY (APA-121). 2000 Received aboard five officers and two hundred thirteen men of 7th Division US Army. Cargo loaded: 230 vehicles 742 short tons, 1330 gasoline and oil drums 300 short tons, and organization cargo 30 short tons.

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11 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. At 0548 got underway from Hagushi Anchorage for Jinsen, KOREA, in obedience to order ComPhib Group 7 with Task Unit 78.1.17 Movement Unit Three, USS TATE (AKA-70) Flagship, and screened by USS HOLTON (DE-703). Position: 0800 Latitude 26°35'N, Longitude 127°21'E; 1200 Latitude 26°44'N, Longitude 126°14'E; 2000 Latitude 28°16'N, Longitude 124°35'E.

12 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 30°38'N, Longitude 125°38'E; 1200 Latitude 31°50'N, Longitude 125°47'E; 2000 Latitude 33°57'N, Longitude 125°10'E.

13 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0917 Anchored in mouth of Higashi Suido, KOREA, awaiting orders to proceed to Jinsen via East Channel. 1158 Underway and at 1632 Anchored in Jinsen, KOREA. 2040 Commenced unloading troops and cargo.

15 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0205 Completed unloading all cargo. 1205 Underway from Jinsen, KOREA for Okinawa, RYUKUS ISLANDS, in company with Task Unit 78.12.8 with USS TATE (AKA-70) Flagship, and USS HOLTON (DE-703) Commander Screen. Position: 2000 Latitude 35°48'N, Longitude 125°16'E.

16 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 32°55'N, Longitude 125°19'E; 1200 Latitude 31°58'N, Longitude 125°41'E; 2000 Latitude 30°04'N, Longitude 124°11'E.

17 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 27°23'N, Longitude 125°46'E; 1200 Latitude 27°05'N, Longitude 127°46'E; 2000 Latitude 27°12'N, Longitude 126°17'E.

18 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 27°41'N, Longitude 127°24'E. At 1008 anchored in berth H274 Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. 1500 Commanding Officer called officially on ComPhib Group 7 aboard US CRESCENT CITY (APA-121) reporting for duty.

23 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1230 Commenced loading cargo. 1855 Secured from loading.

24 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0649 Underway from anchorage H274 Hagushi for Nago Wan Anchorage, in obedience to order ComTransRon 17. 0948 Anchored in berth EL26 Nago Wan, Okinawa.

25 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1145 Resumed loading cargo and troops commence to come aboard.

26 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1545 Completed loading cargo and all troops aboard. 1721 Underway from Nago Wan, Okinawa for Taku Bar, CHINA, in obedience to order ComPhib Group 7 in Task Group 78.1.91 Movement Unit Two, USS CHILTON (APA-38) Flagship, and USS AHRENS (DE-575) Commander Screen. 1750 With Sesuha Shima bearing 352°True, took departure and set course 275°True at standard speed 13.9 knots (75.0 r.p.m.).

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Received aboard at Nago Wan, and Hagushi, Okinawa for transport to Taku Bar; 3 Officers and 105 Men of the 1st Marine Division and the following cargo:

448 drums of gas and oil	108	short tons
128 vehicles of various types	539	" "
Organizational gear, medical and quartermaster supplies	585	" "

Position: 2000 Latitude 26°44'N, Longitude 127°20'E.

27 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 27°54'N, Longitude 124°49'E; 1200 Latitude 28°38'N, Longitude 124°41'E; 2000 Latitude 30°21'N, Longitude 125°23'E.

28 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 32°26'N, Longitude 125°26'E; 1200 Latitude 33°12'N, Longitude 125°13'E. At 1445 in swept channel of mine field area west of Kokuzan To, we received first emergency turn order from Convoy Commander to clear floating mine. Subsequent orders of emergency turns were also received and executed at 1517, 1610, 1643 and 1720. Escort vessels destroyed mines by gun fire. At 1730 we cleared the mine area and had no further trouble. 2000 position: Latitude 34°50'N, Longitude 125°33'E.

29 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude 27°54'N, Longitude 124°49'E; 1200 Latitude 28°38'N, Longitude 124°41'E. 1700 Pursuant to order Convoy Commander retarded all clocks one hour to conform to Minus 8 Zone Time. 2000 Position: Latitude 37°16'N, Longitude 123°24'E.

30 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. At 0630 Pursuant to order Convoy Commander commenced proceeding on various courses and at various speeds toward anchorage in transport area DL. 0738 Anchored in transport area DL in 6 fathoms of water with Taku Light vessel bearing 273° True.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712, 874.

1. In accordance with Reference (a), the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of October 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Anchored in Transport Area D-1 Taku Bar, CHINA.

2 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Commenced discharging cargo into LSM'S.

6 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Completed unloading cargo this date. Underway from Taku Bar, CHINA for Subic Bay, PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS in obedience to order ComTrans Group 50, Task Unit 78.13.3. USS CRESCENT CITY (APA-21) Flagship and USS FRYBARGER (DE-705) Screen.

7 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Position: 0800 Latitude $38^{\circ}-37'N$, Longitude $120^{\circ}-30'E$; 1200 Latitude $38^{\circ}-15.5'N$, Longitude $121^{\circ}-31'E$; 2000 Latitude $37^{\circ}-02'N$, Longitude $123^{\circ}-29'E$.

8 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $34^{\circ}-39'N$, Longitude $134^{\circ}-32.3'E$; 1200 Latitude $33^{\circ}-51'N$, Longitude $124^{\circ}-52.3'E$; 2000 Latitude $32^{\circ}-30.9'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-24'E$.

9 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $32^{\circ}-03'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-37.5'E$; 1200 Latitude $32^{\circ}-10'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-45'E$; 2000 Latitude $30^{\circ}-21'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-12'E$.

10 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $27^{\circ}-46'N$, Longitude $124^{\circ}-21'E$; 1200 Latitude $27^{\circ}-20'N$, Longitude $124^{\circ}-22'E$; 2000 Latitude $26^{\circ}-04'N$, Longitude $124^{\circ}-45'E$.

11 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $24^{\circ}-17'N$, Longitude $123^{\circ}-10'E$; 1200 Latitude $23^{\circ}-35.5'N$, Longitude $122^{\circ}-29'E$; 2000 Latitude $22^{\circ}-09'N$, Longitude $121^{\circ}-19.8'E$.

12 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $19^{\circ}-00'N$, Longitude $120^{\circ}-11'E$; 1200 Latitude $18^{\circ}-20'N$, Longitude $119^{\circ}-51'E$; 2000 Latitude $16^{\circ}-38'N$, Longitude $119^{\circ}-27'E$

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13 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Anchored in berth 560 US Naval Anchorage Manila Bay, Luzon, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

22 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Underway from berth 560 US Naval Anchorage Manila Bay, Luzon, P. I. for Kowloon, CHINA in obedience to order Port Director Manila, number 372087 of October 17, 1945. With TransDiv 59 Task Group 78.7, USS LEON (APA-48) Flagship and USS AHRENS (DE-575) Screen.

23 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Position: 0800 Latitude $18^{\circ}-08'N$, Longitude $117^{\circ}-04'E$; 1200 Latitude $18^{\circ}-05'N$, Longitude $116^{\circ}-39'E$; 2000 Latitude $20^{\circ}-23'N$ Longitude $115^{\circ}-46'E$.

24 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 0932 Entered Hong Kong Harbor. 1024 Moored port side to pier 1, Kowloon docks, Kowloon, Hong Kong, CHINA. Received aboard for transportation 80 Chinese Officers, 746 troops and interpreter. 50 Tons of general cargo loaded. 1800 Shifted ship to berth J-5 Junk Bay, CHINA.

25 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Underway from Junk Bay, CHINA for Dairen, MANCHURIA pursuant to ComTransRon 17 dispatch orders 241434 of October 1945. In Task Group 78.7, USS LEON (APA-48) Flagship and USS AHRENS (DE-575) Screen.

26 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $21^{\circ}-35.4'N$, Longitude $118^{\circ}-41'E$; 1200 Latitude $21^{\circ}-40'N$, Longitude $119^{\circ}-19'E$.

27 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $24^{\circ}-14'N$, Longitude $123^{\circ}-11'E$; 1200 Latitude $24^{\circ}-54'N$, Longitude $123^{\circ}-53'E$; 2000 Latitude $26^{\circ}-18'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-09'E$.

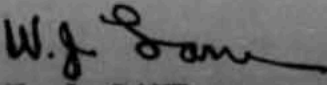
28 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $28^{\circ}-46'N$, Longitude $124^{\circ}-47'E$; 1200 Latitude $29^{\circ}-33'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-05'E$; 2000 Latitude $31^{\circ}-03'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-42'E$.

29 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Position: 0800 Latitude $33^{\circ}-34'N$, Longitude $125^{\circ}-08'E$; 1200 Latitude $34^{\circ}-32'N$, Longitude $124^{\circ}-42'E$; 2000 Latitude $36^{\circ}-07'N$, Longitude $123^{\circ}-53'E$. Pursuant to order ComTransDiv 59 proceeded to Chinwangtao, CHINA in lieu of Dairen, MANCHURIA.

30 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1800 Anchored in berth 6-A Chinwangtao, CHINA.

31 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Disembarked Chinese Officers and troops. Discharged general cargo. 50 Tons discharged. 1800 Underway from berth 6-A Chinwangtao, CHINA for Kowloon, CHINA in company with Task Group 78.7, USS LEON (APA-48) Flagship and USS AHRENS (DE-575) Screen.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: War Diary.
Ref: (a) US Navy Regulations 1920, Art. 712, 874.
(b) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter LCL-45.

1. In accordance with Reference (a) and (b), the War Diary of the USS TROUSDALE for the month of November 1945 is submitted herewith.

1 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Steaming at sea from Chinwangtao, CHINA to Kowloon, CHINA in company with Task Group 78.7, USS LEON (APA-48) Flagship, USS AHRENS (DE-575) Commander Screen on base course 140° True, at standard speed 12 knots. 0230 Sighted Rotetsuzovf Seikaku Light bearing 125° True, distance 25 miles. 0423 Rotetsuzovf Seikaku Light abeam to port, distance 8.8 miles. 0515 Changed course to 124° True. 1135 Changed course to 079° True. 1220 Sighted Shantung Promontory bearing 126° True, distance 17.5 miles. 1345 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1420 USS AHRENS (DE-575) alongside for fueling. 1633 Completed fueling USS AHRNES (DE-575), 37,780 gallons of fuel transferred. 1640 Taking position in convoy. 1705 Resumed base course 159° True at standard speed 10 knots. 1940 Changed speed to 12 knots. 1949 Changed course to 160° 2310 Changed speed to 11 knots.

2 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0708 Changed speed to 12.5 knots. 0727 Changed course to 152° True. 0733 Changed speed to 13 knots. 0930 Changed speed to 13.5 knots. 1008 Kekuzan To abeam to port, distance 12.1 miles. 1040 Changed course to 161° True. 1100 Changed speed to 14 knots. 1435 Executed emergency turn to 191° True to avoid mine. 1441 Resumed base course. 1519 Executed emergency turn to 191° True to avoid mine. 1521 Resumed base course. 2121 Changed course to 199° True.

3 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0931 Executed emergency turn to course 219° True. 0937 Resumed base course 199° True. 1057 Changed speed to 8 knots. 1112 Transferred mail to USS AHRENS (DE-575). 1415 Changed course to 142° True. 1841 Turned right to course 162° True. 1855 Turned left to course 142° True. 1945 Changed speed to 11 knots.

4 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0025 Changed course to 213° True. 0650 Sighted Sekibi Sho bearing 251° True, distance 17.6 miles. 0812 Sekibi Sho abeam to starboard, distance 10 miles. 0943 Changed course to 227° True. 1119 Executed emergency turn to course 197° True. 1132 Resumed base course 227° True.

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1650 Sighted Yonakuni Shima bearing 249° True, distance 35 miles. 1815 Changed course to 219° True. 1954 Changed speed to 10 knots.

5 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0920 Changed course to 210° True. 1030 Sighted Kasho To bearing 240° True, distance 16 miles. 1219 Kasho To abeam to starboard, distance 7.7 miles. 1227 Sighted Koto Sho bearing 190° True, distance 31 miles. 1300 Sighted Formosa bearing 255° True, distance 35 miles. 1603 Koto Sho abeam to port, distance 11.4 miles. 1626 Changed course to 188° True. 1805 Changed course to 196° True. 2017 Changed course to 260° True. 2245 Changed course to 272° True.

6 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 1500 Changed course to 290° True. 1705 Changed course to 273° True.

7 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0102 Turned right to course 303° True. 0117 Resumed base course 273° True. 0813 Changed speed to 13 knots. 0814 Changed course to 314° True. 0923 Changed course to 335° True. 1001 Sighted TamKan Island bearing 320° True, distance 14 miles. 1050 Standing into anchorage on various courses and at various speeds. 1128 Anchored 6 miles east of TamKan Island awaiting orders to proceed into Kowloon, CHINA, in 14 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: TamKan Island 264° True, PetoI Island 304° True.

8 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0645 Underway for Kowloon, CHINA in obedience to orders of Commander Task Group 78.7. Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds proceeding up Hong Kong Harbor. 0655 Assumed base course 270° True, standard speed 12 knots. 1715 Changed course to 342° True. 0810 On various courses and at various speeds proceeding independently to Kowloon docks. 0835 Pilot Dr. Lau Yau came aboard. 0916 Let go anchor with 30 fathoms of chain in 5 fathoms of water. 0922 Moored portside to Holts Wharf number 2, Kowloon, CHINA. 0930 Pilot Dr. Lau Yau left the ship. 1000 Commenced taking on troops and troop cargo of the Honorable 8th Chinese Army. 1300 Completed taking on troops and troop cargo, a total of 977 troops having been embarked. 1445 Pilot Dr. Lau Yau came on board. 1501 Anchor aweigh. Underway from Holts Wharf. Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds for Junk Bay, CHINA. 1520 Pilot Dr. Lau Yau left the ship. 1551 Moored portside to USS CHEPACHET (AO-78). 1615 Commenced taking on fuel. 1845 Completed taking on fuel, having received 185,000 gallons. 1900 Underway from USS CHEPACHET (AO-78) for berth J-3, Junk Bay, CHINA. 1909 Anchored in berth J-3, Junk Bay, CHINA.

9 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 0725 Underway from berth J-3, Junk Bay, CHINA, for Tsingtao, CHINA, pursuant to Commander Seventh Amphibious Force Operation Plan A-1704, USS LEON (APA-48) Flagship, USS WILSON LE ROY (DE-414) Screen. On various courses and at various speeds proceeding through Tathong Channel, and taking station in convoy formation. 0925 Set course 130° True at standard speed 12 knots. 1015 Changed course to 123° True. 1024 Changed speed to 14 knots. 1103 Changed speed to 13 knots. 1210 Changed course to 090° True. 1257 Changed speed to 12 knots. 2102 Changed course to 087° True.

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10 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0254 Changed speed to 13 knots. 0315 Changed speed to 14 knots. 1333 Changed course to 092° True. 1722 Changed course to 115° True. 1725 Sighted Southern tip of Formosa bearing 060° True, distance 33 miles. 1915 Changed course to 090° True. 2036 Changed course to 035° True. 2247 Changed course to 015° True. 2342 Changed course to 039° True. Positions: 0800 Latitude 21° 33'N, Longitude 117° 33'E; 1200 Latitude 21° 41'N Longitude 118° 50'E; 2000 Latitude 21° 36'N, Longitude 120° 47'E.

11 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0827 Sighted Yonakuni Island bearing 027° True, distance 30 miles. 0854 Changed course to 047° True. 1848 Changed course to 033° True. Positions: 0800 Latitude 23° 56'N, Longitude 122° 49'E; 1200 Latitude 24° 35'N, Longitude 123° 24'E; 2000 Latitude 25° 50'N, Longitude 124° 51'E.

12 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0137 Changed course to 323° True. 0836 Changed course to 019° True. Positions: 0800 Latitude 28° 15'N, Longitude 124° 43'E; 1200 Latitude 29° 01'N, Longitude 129° 52'E; 2000 Latitude 30° 39'N, Longitude 125° 32'E.

13 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0215 Turned right 20° to course 002° True. 0225 Resumed base course 342° True. 0824 Changed course to 336° True. 0917 Sighted Koku₂an To bearing 353° True, distance 37.3 miles. 1238 Changed course to 299° True. Positions: 0800 Latitude 33° 14'N, Longitude 125° 19'E; 1200 Latitude 33° 59'N, Longitude 124° 58'E; 2000 Latitude 34° 52'N, Longitude 123° 14'E.

14 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. 0049 Changed speed to 10.5 knots. 0133 Changed speed to 10 knots. 0433 Changed course to 310° True. 0443 Changed course to 320° True. 0526 Changed course to 300° True. 0630 Changed course to 290° True. Sighted Chalien To bearing 275° True, distance 25 miles. 0714 Changed course to 285° True. 0821 Changed speed to 13 knots. 0940 Proceeding on various courses and at various speeds standing into Tsingtao Harbor, outer anchorage. 1132 Anchored in berth E-147 outer anchorage, Tsingtao, CHINA. 1308 Shifting berth to berth F-9 inner anchorage, Tsingtao, CHINA. 1330 Retarded ship's clocks 1 hour to conform with minus eight (-8) zone time. 1333 Anchored in designated anchorage. 1358 Commenced discharging troops and troop cargo. 1615 Completed discharging troops and troop cargo.

15 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 0630 J. C. TITUS, Major, F. A. (0-405663) HQ 2nd Army Group Command, Chinese Combat Command (Prov), left the ship.

16 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 16 November thru 22 November; Anchored as before.

23 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 1229 Shifted berth to berth F-5 to take fuel from USS SARANAC (AO-74). 1309 Moored starboard side to USS SARANAC (AO-74). 1330 Commenced taking fuel oil. Draft: Fwd. 13' 06" Aft. 21' 03". 1430 Completed taking fuel oil having received 78,000 barrels. Draft: Fwd. 14' 05" Aft. 20' 00".

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1439 Shifting berth to berth F-9 inner anchorage Tsingtao, CHINA. 1558 Anchored in berth F-9 inner harbor, Tsingtao, CHINA in 18 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Twan Tao Light 151° True, Horseshoe Light 107° True, Buoy 089° True.

24 November 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 24 November thru 30 November; Anchored as before.

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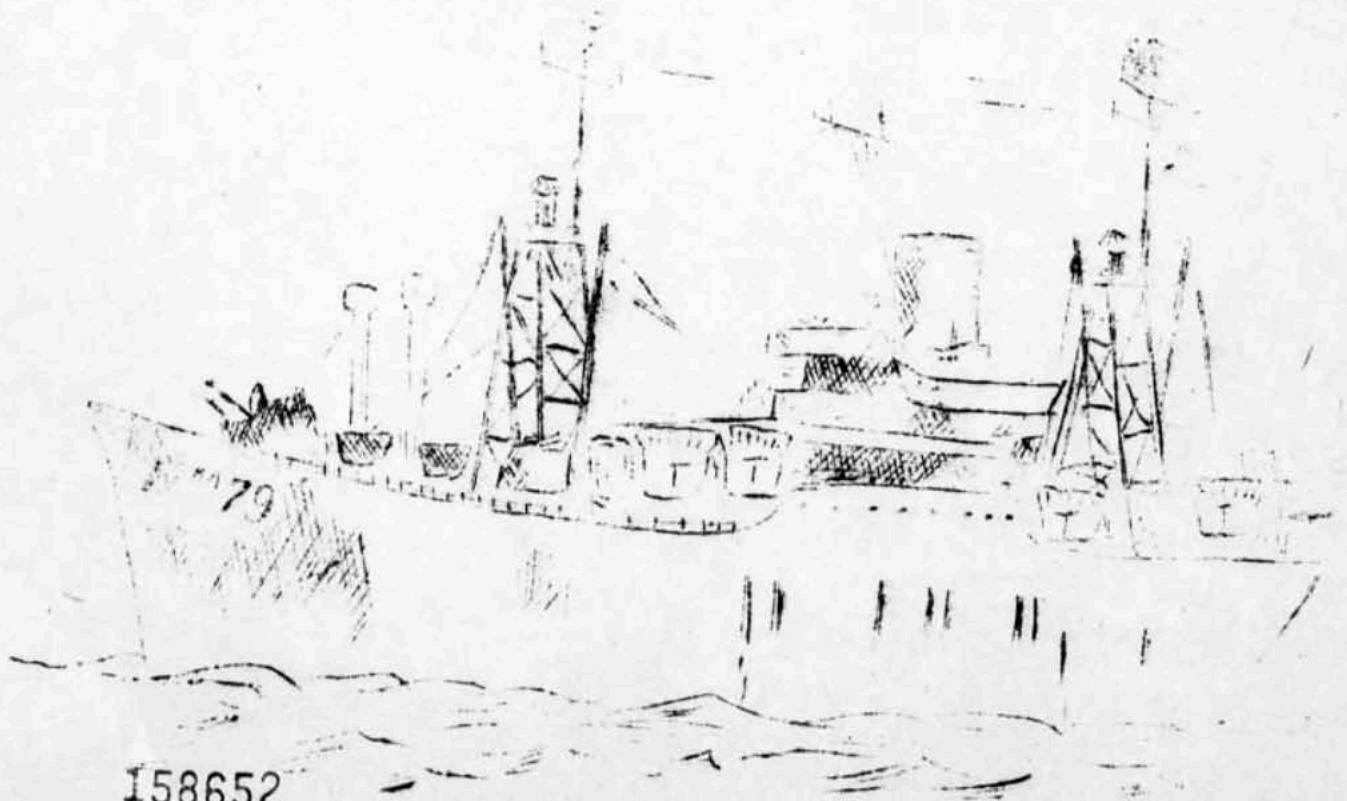
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FOREWARD

This is the story of a ship, an attack cargo ship, of the United States Navy, born in time of war, and commissioned to perform the prodigious task of speeding troops and equipment into forward areas and landing them in the face of whatever opposition the enemy might offer.

Her history is not found to be radiant with tales of heroism, or breath-taking engagements with enemy fleets, for such is not her purpose. Standing at anchor, she does not present the heart-quickenig appearance of a sleek destroyer or a mighty battleship, but her job is one of equal importance to any ship in the mightiest Navy the world has ever known.

Her crew is a fighting crew, trained to the most minute detail in the arts of war. Her equipment is the finest to be had. Her many guns have proved the accuracy of her gunners at target practice, but have never sent their missiles of death at those for whom she was built to destroy.

Future tales of this victorious Navy will doubtless glorify the aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers and destroyers, but history has recorded the achievements of the inglorious AKA's, without which the war could not have been won so speedily.

So we give you the history of a ship, a ship that fulfilled with no misgivings her given part in the struggle of a people to achieve their manifest destiny. Inglorious as her part may have been, the TROUSDALE proudly and justly may return from foreign waters with a feeling of "well done".

On December 21, 1944 the U. S. S. TROUSDALE, named after the county of the same name in Tennessee, was commissioned in Hoboken, New Jersey, as an attack cargo ship of the United States Navy, under the command of Lt. Comdr. William J. Lane, USNR. The ship's complement included 36 officers and 326 enlisted men possessing varied backgrounds and training. The crew had been assembled together for organization and training at the Newport Naval Training Station, Rhode Island, during the previous months. Many were just out of boot camp, still adjusting themselves to their new life in the Navy, while others already wore ribbons and stars attesting to their service on other vessels of the Navy. Late in November the boat group's 11 officers and 119 enlisted men, having completed 2 to 3 months amphibious training in small boats at Fort Pierce, Florida, had arrived to join with the basic ship's company in their preparation for sea duty.

After several postponements, the birthday, Thursday December 21, arrived cold and snowy, and at 1110, project #6519 at Pier J, Todd Shipyard, became the U. S. S. TROUSDALE.

Ship's routine started off immediately and smoothly, proven by the fact that the ship got underway the same day on a short trip to Brooklyn for fuel and supplies.

During the next few weeks the new ship and crew became mutually acquainted with each other—a process termed "shakedown" by the Navy. The ship was given plenty of opportunity to "flex her muscles" during sea trials and tests.

On New Year's Day began a cold, rough trip to Norfolk, where the ship acquired its main armament—24 landing boats. That was not only the first sea voyage of the TROUSDALE, but also that of more than half her crew, for whom it was none too pleasant!

Following a brief cruise up the Chesapeake and a stay at the Norfolk Navy Yard for availability, the TROUSDALE made the trip back to New York. The Captain reported his ship ready for duty on January 15, and was directed to proceed to Bayonne, New Jersey, for cargo. During the 7 days necessary to load, the crew took full advantage of liberty in New York, for all knew it would be the last **fling in** the Big City for a long time to come.

On the 26th, during the TROUSDALE'S trip to Sandy Hook to take aboard some 300 tons of ammunition, her boats, following independently, provided minor excitement when they became **stranded** by ice flows in temperatures down to 7 degrees, and had to be rescued by several tugs.

With her first cargo load of nearly 4000 tons aboard and escorted by the U. S. S. BRANNON, a new destroyer-escort, the TROUSDALE bade farewell to the **York's** skyline and departed for the Canal Zone on January 27. Each day the temperatures climbed and were up in the eighties when, on the morning of February 2, land was sighted.

All hands were thrilled by the run through the canal that day, and due advantage was taken of Lake Gatun's **fresh** water in the ship's fire mains to give the decks their first thorough cleaning since leaving icy climes. After mooring, having spent a few hours ashore at Balboa, the TROUSDALE'S crew left for Pearl Harbor, and changed the address to the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco. Gone were the gay times in east coast ports, symbolized by "c/o PPO, New York."

The otherwise routine trip was interrupted by a bit of excitement when the engines stopped due to water in the fuel, and the ship was dead in the water, with the crew at general quarters, for a tense half hour.

As the sun rose on Saturday, February 17, historic Pearl Harbor came into view and many had their first glimpse of Diamond Head, always an inspiring sight, no matter how often repeated. The next 25 days were spent unloading, waiting, repairing, waiting, loading, and waiting, ("standing by" in Naval terminology).

The TROUSDALE'S first combat load consisted of miscellaneous units of the 10th Army; Signal Battalions, Weather Squadron, Military Police, Postal Unit, Communications Companies, Bomb Disposal Squadrons, and occupational government personnel, together with over 200 vehicles and 900 tons of their equipment. Coming so soon after departure from the States, Pearl Harbor liberty did not seem as precious as it soon would after a few more months of Pacific duty.

Starting westward on its appointed task, the TROUSDALE soon crossed the International Date Line, causing March 18 to be missing from the Log. Yet, despite the fact that there was no Sunday that week, the crew still had its chicken dinner, ice cream, and holiday routine. The first stop was the atoll of Eniwetok in the Marshalls on March 22; 3 days later the ship set sail for Ulithi in the Caroline Islands, arriving there 2 days before Easter Sunday, D-day for the operation in which the TROUSDALE was scheduled to participate.

Ulithi, an anchorage formed by low lying reefs, was filled with vessels of all descriptions. While waiting, the crew had its first "atoll liberty" drinking beer on a hunk of coral jutting up through the ocean; had a lot of fun showing the "Bat" in a closed box to the passengers, (as well as many of the ship's complement), and swatting them

a good one when they bent over; and some began to think about home, as they were briefed for the operation.

Finally the word came summoning the Trousdale, and Friday, April 13, saw a 13 ship task unit put to sea and head north for Okinawa, where the Marines and the 10th Army had landed in force and were already fighting well inland. On the 17th land was sighted and the ship soon anchored off the Hagushi beaches amid the screaming of shells from the warships, as they poured a ceaseless barrage of death and destruction into the Jap lines. That evening the unloading operation was begun, but the Jap Kamikaze "artists" soon put a temporary stop to it, and the TROUSDALE had its first General Quarters where the word was not passed, "this is a drill".

During the next 6 days the unloading operations were as continuous as the air raids and beach and weather conditions would permit. Always the planes came at night, every night; and the gun crews were somewhat chagrined that they were not given permission to fire-- smoke was the main defense as tracers would reveal the ship's position as well as endanger friendly Marine fighters.

Barely getting underway in time to join a convoy at the last minute, the TROUSDALE again headed south, this time for Saipan. On the way, she made her first fueling at sea, during which one of the crew talked with his cousin (whom he had not seen for some time) on board the other ship via sound-powered telephone.

The arrival in Saipan on the 27th was followed by the transfer of all landing craft except 2, preparatory to a voyage down to Guadalcanal.

On May 7, the TROUSDALE crossed the Equator, and all the slinky, dirty pollywogs who had never crossed before were examined by Davy Jones and inducted into the Ancient Order of the Deep--a time-honored Navy ceremony in war as well as in peace. As soon as the ship left Saipan, the shellbacks, brave though grossly outnumbered, began their warnings. Every pollywog had some

charge against him, and the prosecuting attorney in "fair" trial won every case, and King Neptune sent each on to its punishment, only to emerge as a glistening, honorable shellback. A good time was had by all!!

The TROUSDALE anchored off Guadalcanal on May 9 and soon commenced loading equipment belonging to rear echelon units of the Marine 6th Division.

Leaving the "canal" on the 13th, the ship stopped for a cargo-load of landing craft at Tulagi, and then set sail for Guam (via Eniwetok and Saipan), arriving on June 7.

On June 13 a happy crew, having completed unloading, searched for stowaways, then left early the next morning for San Francisco. They spent a goodly part of the trip painting, repairing and cleaning up, so as to be free for liberty upon our arrival. Shoes were shined, blue uniforms were aired and brushed, and hair was trained and slicked up.

The Golden Gate loomed foggily ahead on the 23th, and for the next 12 days, the officers and crew busied themselves enjoying once more the benefits of civilization, while the ship underwent minor repairs, transferred men, received replacements, and loaded at Alameda.

With a heavy cargo of oil and gasoline and a new set of landing craft, the TROUSDALE once again set a westerly course, this time for Tinian, a B-29 base in the Marianas. Arriving on July 27, the crew commenced discharging cargo immediately. By the 3th of August, the job was completed and the ship moved to the neighboring anchorage at Saipan. The TROUSDALE was still there awaiting orders when the war was declared officially over on August 15. By the 25th the first men eligible for return to civilian life under the new discharge system were sent ashore.

There was still work to be done, however, for the ship was then sent to Okinawa to load army equipment needed by the occupation forces. On September 11,

having loaded at Naha, Okinawa's capital, the Trousdale set out for Jinsen, principal port for Keijo, inland capital of Korea, in company with 3 other attack cargo ships.

The 2 day trip up was one of anxious searching for drifting mines laid by both sides during the war, in the murky waters of the East China and Yellow Seas. Several were found and exploded by gunfire.

By the 15th, unloading was completed at Jinsen, even though hampered by a 20 to 30 foot range in the tide which permitted larger landing craft to unload only at certain times. While it was not possible to grant liberty during the stay, the officers and men who did get ashore found the natives very friendly and evidently happy that the Americans had come. Rather than a backward country, it was a land of sprawling industries, smokestacks, and fairly modern buildings. A cathedral situated high on a hill overlooked the harbor.

The trip back to Okinawa was uneventful except for rough seas caused by a typhoon in the area, and the TROUSDALE was soon taking cargo aboard destined for Tientsin, China. During this stop at Okinawa, 7 officers, including the Executive Officer, walked down the gangway for their last time and reported to the Port Director for transportation home and "subsequent separation from the service."

This time the load was a Marine outfit, and the TROUSDALE was in on the original expeditionary force, her first "3-day" landing did not come until after the war was all over!! No opposition was expected, and again the inhabitants were found to be agreeable and polite. The trip was marked by numerous emergency turns to avoid drifting mines. The Tientsin operation was the same routine, except that the ship's landing parties were sent up the river for temporary duty. Thus, although the TROUSDALE was anchored out of sight of land, some officers and men were able to get ashore and come back laden with tall tales and many splendid purchases--elegant silks, carvings, rings, etc.

On the night of October 6 unexpected orders to get underway for Manila were received, and the TROUSDALE sailed minus one small boat, 2 officers and 3 men, who had been sent ashore to effect the transfer of 2 small boats and their crews to the boat pool. (They rejoined the ship at Manila, several delays in the ship's sailing orders making this possible). The voyage to Manila was marked by rough weather and the ship's greatest arc of rolling - 55 degrees, with a top-heavy load of boats and empty holds!!

In Manila, between the 13th and 22nd, the crew restocked provisions and fuel, enjoyed a little liberty and prepared for another operation, in spite of hopes for an early return to the states.

The TROUSDALE did not stay idle for long. On the 22nd, the ship was underway with Kowloon, China, near Hong Kong, as its destination. An operation involving the transport of Chiang-Kai-Shek's Nationalist Armies was in progress. Once in Kowloon harbor, the ship found, clustered like flies around its sides, numerous Chinese junks with picturesque merchants selling their wares. The TROUSDALE soon had its forward holds teeming with Chinese soldiers.

The trip north to Chinwang Tao was rough the first few days, and the TROUSDALE's wide-eyed passengers found it difficult, if not impossible, to accustom themselves to sea life. In fact they never did. It was soon a regular occurrence to hear the word passed over the ship's P.A. system to "wash down forward decks"; they needed it - and the holds, too!! The strange smell of cooking rice (etc.) became commonplace. When October 30, (Hallow'een misnamed night) came along, there was talk among the crew that the 2 "privvies" constructed by the ship's carpenters on the main deck forward were mighty tempting. However, the next morning found everything as was - perhaps the Chinese set a guard!

To these simple-living Chinese peasants, the ship was a miracle; many

of them never could understand where the laborers were who supplied the power for operating the winches over the cargo hatches; few, if any, had ever even seen a ship before, and many probably will never want to see one again, unless the water is smooth as glass.

They were discharged in short order at Chinwang Tao the morning following the TROUSDALE's arrival (October 30). As same day she left her departure for Kowloon once again, anticipating another load of Chinese soldiers.

And still her crew wondered about the prospects of a return to the states before Christmas. Not for another trip at least.

The subsequent loading at Kowloon duplicated the previous one, except that this time the passengers were part of the Honorable First Division - "Honorable" being a permanent part of their title because of their valiant fighting with the Japanese during the war. The crew had several hours liberty this time in Kowloon, and the ship became still more clustered with souvenirs, some with and some worth while.

Upon her arrival on November 15th at Tientsin, China, the TROUSDALE discharged her passengers and cargo using her landing boats. After completing this operation, hopes were high for an early return to the states. The lack of availability for urgent boiler repairs gave the crew another chance for some China liberty, although it was not fully appreciated, in view of the possibility of more-to-be-desired liberty soon, nearer home.

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Upon her arrival on November 19th at Tientsin, China, the TROUSDALE

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ARRIVED</u>	<u>DEPARTED</u>
M Hoboken, N. J.		21 December
M Brooklyn, N. Y.	21 December	26 December
M Bayonne, N. J.	26 December	27 December
A Gravesend Bay, N. Y.	27 December	28 December
A Lower Bay, N. Y.	28 December	28 December
A Oyster Bay, N. Y.	28 December	30 December
M Brooklyn, N. Y.	30 December	1 January
A Hampton Roads, Va.	3 January	4 January
A Cape Charles City, Va.	4 January	4 January
A Cove Point, Md.	4 January	7 January
A Chesapeake Bay, Md.	7 January	10 January
M Norfolk Navy Yard, Va.	10 January	16 January
M Bayonne, N. J.	17 January	26 January
M Leonardo, N. J.	26 January	27 January
M Balboa, Canal Zone	2 February	3 February
M Pearl Harbor	17 February	
M Honolulu	7 March	
M Pearl Harbor	8 March	14 March
A Eniwetok, Marshall Is.	22 March	29 March
A Ulithi, Caroline Is.	29 March	13 April
A Okinawa, Ryukus Is.	17 April	22 April
A Saipan, Marianas Is.	27 April	21 May
Equator	7 May	7 May
A-M Guadalcanal, Solomon Is.	9 May	18 May
A Tulagi, Solomon Is.	18 May	19 May
A Eniwetok, Marshall Is.	23 May	29 May
A Saipan, Marianas Is.	1 June	6 June
A-M Guam, Marianas Is.	7 June	14 June
A-M San Francisco, Calif.	28 June	10 July
A Eniwetok, Marshall Is.	23 July	24 July
A-M Tinian, Marianas Is.	27 July	8 August
A Saipan, Marianas Is.	8 August	29 August
A Okinawa, Ryukus Is.	4 September	11 September
A Jinsen, Korea	13 September	15 September
A Okinawa, Ryukus Is.	18 September	26 September
A Taku Bar, China	30 September	6 October
A Manila, Philippine Is.	13 October	21 October
A-M Kowloon, China	24 October	25 October
A-M Chingwangtao, China	30 October	31 October
A-M Kowloon, China	7 November	9 November
A Tsingtao, China	14 November	

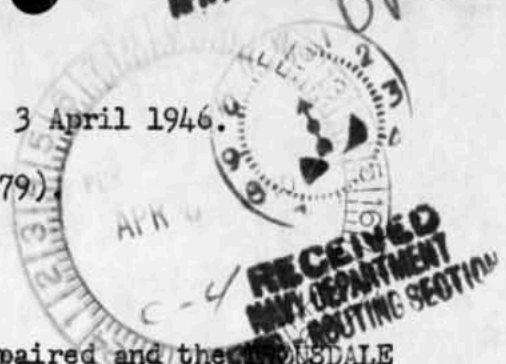
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3 April 1946.



From: The Commanding Officer USS TROUSDALE (AKA-79)
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Subj: Supplement to Ship's History.

A month elapsed before the boilers were repaired and the TROUSDALE was once more ready for sea. She was a gay ship when orders were received to get underway from Tsingtao, China on the 14th of December and proceed to Seattle, Washington, "U. S. A."

As she wended her way homeward the crew once more busily engaged itself in readying the ship for her return to the States. Her cargo this time was some old broken down landing boats along with Navy passengers returning for discharge. In four days she had steamed through the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands, the last glimpse of land before reaching Seattle. But then began a series of change of orders and instead of going home, the TROUSDALE turned around and headed for Sasebo, Japan.

On December 20th, after some rough sailing, the TROUSDALE arrived at Sasebo, at one time a large Japanese Naval Base but now almost a complete wreck, moored to the dock and commenced loading the 5th Marine Corps and their equipment for transportation to San Diego, California.

The Ship's Anniversary was celebrated in fine style on the 21st of December, with a "Happy Hour", composed of Ship talent.

Christmas Day and New Years Eve were also celebrated cheerfully but more subdued than in the States.

New Year's Day found the TROUSDALE getting underway for San Diego and receiving a musical sendoff as she passed the USS OKLAHOMA CITY.

The trip home was interrupted by a stop at Midway Island to effect the transfer of a medical patient to the Hospital there.

On the 18th of January the USS TROUSDALE steamed into San Diego Harbor and was given a warm reception by USO entertainers who were waiting on the pier.

The next six days were spent enjoying that long-awaited liberty. In the meantime orders to San Francisco were changed to Panama Canal Zone for routing to Norfolk, Virginia.

On the 24th of January, the TROUSDALE got underway for Balboa, Panama Canal Zone and on the 2nd of February she was undergoing the 8 hour journey through the Canal.

Her orders to Norfolk were changed to New York and on the 5th of February she got underway for the "big" city.

Enroute her destination was again changed to Norfolk as a result of the tug-boat strike in New York City and on the 11th she was at anchor in Hampton Roads.

On the 17th of February the TROUSDALE was again underway for New York and was anchored in Gravesend Bay the following day.

While in New York the ship was honored by a visit from Vice Admiral Leary.

Orders came to leave New York on March 6th for Norfolk, Virginia and on March 7th the USS TROUSDALE (AKA-79) was anchored in Lynnhaven Roads to await decommissioning and placing in the Inactive Fleet, of the U. S. Navy. The "Terrible T" had fulfilled her job and was now going to rest.

3 April 1946.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ARRIVED</u>	<u>DEPARTED</u>
A Tsingtao, China	14 November 1945	14 December 1945
A-M Sasebo, Japan	20 December 1945	1 January 1946.
Midway	9 January 1946	9 January 1946.
A-M San Diego	18 January 1946	24 January 1946
A Balboa, P. C. Z.	2 February 1946	2 February 1946
A-M Colon, P. C. Z.	2 February 1946	5 February 1946
A Norfolk	11 February 1946	17 February 1946
A-M New York	18 February 1946	6 March 1946
A-M Norfolk	7 March 1946	Decommissioned and Placed in Inactive Fleet.

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5 October 1945.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: Commander, Transport Division 59.
Subj: Action Report.
Ref: (a) Com 7th Phib OpPlan Able 1703-45 Annex Item Para 2.

1. In accordance with Reference (a), the Action Report of the USS TROUSDALE (AKA-79) is herewith submitted.

23 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. At Haguchi Anchorage, Okinawa. Commenced loading cargo. Loaded 108 tons of cargo at this anchorage.

24 September 1945. Shifted ship to Nago Wan Anchorage in obedience to order ComTransRon17.

25 September 1945. Resumed loading cargo. Commanding Officer made official visit to ComTransDiv59 aboard USS LEON (APA-48). 410 tons cargo loaded this date.

26 September 1945. Completed loading all cargo. 822 tons cargo loaded this date. Type and approximate weight of major cargo stowed being as follows:

Loaded at Haguchi:	Petroleum	108 short tons
Loaded at Nago Wan:	Ammunition	147 short tons
	QM Supplies	190 short tons
	Vehicles	787 short tons
	Total	1232 short tons

3 officers and 105 men of the 1st Marine Division reported aboard for transportation. Underway from Nago Wan, Okinawa, for Taku Bay, China, in obedience to order ComPhibGrp7 in Task Group 78.1.91 Movement Unit 2. USS CHILTON (APA-38) Flagship, and USS ALIENS (DE-575) Commander Screen.

27 September 1945. Enroute from Nago Wan, Okinawa to Taku Bay, China.

28 September 1945. Enroute from Nago Wan, Okinawa, to Taku Bay, China. At 1445 in swept channel of mine field area west of Kokuzan To, received first emergency turn order from Convoy Commander to clear floating mine. Subsequent orders of emergency turns were also received and executed at 1517, 1610, 1643, and 1720. Escort vessels destroyed mines by gunfire. At 1730 cleared minefield and had no further trouble.

29 September 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Enroute from Nago Wan, Okinawa, to Taku Bay, China.

30 September 1945. Anchored in Transport Area D-1, Taku Bay, China.

1 October 1945. Uneventful.

2 October 1945. Our boats sent into beach in obedience to orders from ComTransRon17.

3 October 1945. Commenced discharging cargo into LSM's.

4 October 1945. Discharging cargo. Unloading proceeding very slowly due to lack of LSM's and LCT's.

5 October 1945. Discharging cargo.

6 October 1945. Completed discharging cargo. 0900 Officers and men of the 1st Marine Division left the ship.

2. Respectfully submitted.

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From: The Commanding Officer
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Subj: Action Report.

Ref: (d) Com 7th Phib OpPlan 1703-45 Annex Item Para 2.

1. In accordance with Reference (d), the Action Report of the USS TROUSDALE (AKA-79) is herewith submitted.

13 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Anchored at Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

14 October 1945 thru 21 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Anchored at Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Preparing ship to carry Chinese troops. The USS MEDUSA constructed two metal troughs complete with fittings to be used for troop heads and lumber to build heads. The USS POLLUX also furnished lumber for that purpose. The heads were constructed by the ship's crew, one on the port side and one on the starboard side of number 1 hatch. A scuttle butt was constructed on the starboard side of number two hatch. The ship's force also constructed wooden ladders leading down into holds number 1, 2, 3, and 7. The ladders were constructed from our own dunnage. The ship drew 700 Kapok pack type life jackets from the USS POLLUX but was unable to draw GI cans which were badly needed. The engineers force laid a steam line to the starboard side of number 2 hatch for the use of Chinese troops in making tea. This worked very well.

The ship was able to draw a few provisions and foul weather gear. The supply of foul weather gear was entirely inadequate, as we put all of ours ashore while in the South Pacific area. We also fueled ship while in Manila Bay.

22 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Underway from Manila Bay, Luzon, Philippine Islands for Kowloon, China in obedience to order Port Director, Manila; number 372087 of 17 October 1945 with ComTransRon 17 Task Group 78.7. USS LEON (APA-48) Flagship. Retarded all ships clocks one hour to conform with minus 8 zone time.

23 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Underway for Kowloon, China from Manila Bay, Luzon, P. I.

24 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 1024 Moored portside to pier number 1 Kowloon, China. 1205 The following named officers reported aboard for transportation. J. C. TITUS, Major, F. A. O-405663 HQ, 2nd Army Group Command, Chinese Combat Command (Prov.) and P. S. YOUNG, interpreter. Lt. Col. H. T. TAO with 79 officers and 746 troops embarked for transportation. Commended loading troop cargo. 50 Tons of cargo loaded. 1625 Shifting berth to Junk Bay, China. 1752 Anchored in berth J-5, Junk Bay, China.

25 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. Underway from Junk Bay, China for Dairen Wan, Manchuria pursuant to ComTransRon 17 dispatch orders 241434 of October 1945.

26 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Same as before.

27 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Same as before.

28 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Same as before.

29 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 9. Pursuant to ComTransRon 17 secret dispatch of 280801; changed destination from Dairen, Manchuria to Chinwangtao, China.

30 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 1803 Anchored in berth 6-A Chinwangtao, China.

31 October 1945. Zone Time Minus 8. 1048 Shifted berth to berth 7 breakwater pier, Chinwangtao, China. 1220 Discharging Chinese troops and cargo. 1500 Completed discharging troops and cargo. 50 Tons of cargo discharged.

The sanitation problem was very bad due to seasickness among the Chinese troops. It is suggested that troops be instructed prior to embarkation on the undesirability of urinating and spitting in any part of the ship and indoctrinated in the use of toilets. The sanitation problem was further hampered by the shortage of GI cans which we were unable to obtain in Manila.

The troops behaved very well taking into consideration their ignorance of ships and ship board life.

The living conditions were very unsatisfactory aboard this ship due to the lack of ventilation in the holds and the proximity of the troops to the crew. This vessel is so constructed that it is virtually impossible to isolate the Chinese troops completely from the ships company thereby exposing the ships company to any contagious disease the troops may carry aboard.

The carrying of Chinese officers in the troop officers quarters is undesirable due to the proximity of the ships galley and bake shop. As food is the quickest way to contract dysentery it is desirable to isolate all Chinese from the vicinity of any place food is being prepared for the ships company.

2. Medical Examination of embarked Chinese troops.

(a) The time given to examine embarking troops is too short to be practical.

(b) Troops should be thoroughly deloused before embarkation with D. D. T. delousing powder.

(c) As these troops are very susceptible to seasickness, which appears to be the exciting factor of profuse diarrhea symptomatic of possible chronic dysentery, a history of dysentery should be sought from troops before embarkation and such troops seeded out or isolated while aboard. This demands adequate time and should be done on the beach.


(d) Sanitation, Chinese Soldiers knowledge of: Chinese sentries have proven very inefficient for policing purposes.

(e) Chinese troops, Quartering of: On an AKA the set-up is impractical from a sanitary standpoint. Toilet facilities are not available in the holds to help control sanitation. After one day of rough weather the Chinese troops are about 95% seasick, and the decks are soon a mass of excreta.

The higher ranking Chinese Officers are berthed in the Troop Officers quarters adjacent to the galley. This is the source of so much traffic of Chinese soldiers as to be considered a hazard to the galley.

We had two cases of dysentery aboard and isolation of these cases from the crew was impossible.

3. Respectfully submitted.


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To: Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: (1) Commander Transport Squadron SEVENTEEN.
(2) Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force.
(3) Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
(4) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
(5) Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Subject: Action Report.

Reference: (a) Com 7th Phib OpPlan 1703-45 Annex Item Part 2.

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From: Commander Transport Squadron SEVENTEEN.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : (1) Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force.
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THIRD ENDORSEMENT to:

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From: Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: (1) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
(2) Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
(3) Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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From: Commander Seventh Fleet.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : (1) Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
(2) Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
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CO, USS TROUSDALE
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From: Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.
Via : Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
Subject: Action Report - USS TROUSDALE (AKA-79).

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