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U.S.S. MONTAGUE (AKA98)

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WAR DIARY - U.S.S. MONTAGUE

MONTH OF APRIL 1945

14 April 1945 (Zone plus 4)

At 1200 the MONTAGUE was commissioned U.S.S. MONTAGUE at U.S. Navy Yard, New York, New York, and attached to Commandant, Third Naval District for fitting out.

23 April 1945 (Zone plus 4)

Left U.S. Navy Yard, New York, New York, for Deperming Station, Bayonne, New Jersey.

24 April 1945 (Zone plus 4)

Left Deperming Station, Bayonne, New Jersey for Gravesend Bay, New York, to receive allowance of ammunition.

25 April 1945 (Zone plus 4)

Departed Gravesend Bay, New York to compensate compasses. 1252 completed compass compensation and with New York swept channel buoy #1 abeam to port took departure for Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Virginia. Position 2000:

Lat -- 40-29.30 N
Long -- 73-53.48 W

26 April 1945 (Zone plus 4)

0605 sighted Chesapeake Bay swept channel buoy.
0622 entered swept channel and proceeded to Hampton Roads. Reported to ComPhibTrainLant for duty.

27 April 1945 (Zone plus 4)

Attached to ComPhibTrainLant for shakedown.

28 April 1945 (Zone plus 4)

Commenced shakedown training as per ComPhibTrainLant training schedule.

B. H. Thomas.
B. H. THOMAS,
Captain, U.S.N.R.,
Commanding.

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ComPhibTrainLant

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C O N F I D E N T I A LWAR DIARY - U.S.S. MONTAGUE - MONTH OF MAY - 1945 (CONT'D)20 May 1945 (Zone plus 4)

0800	29 - 50 N	74 - 40 W
1200	28 - 50 N	74 - 29 W
2000	26 - 49 N	74 - 16 W

21 May 1945 (Zone plus 4)

0800	24 - 07 N	74 - 07 W
1200	23 - 05 N	74 - 24 W
2000	21 - 11 N	74 - 26 W

2303 Sighted Cape Maysi Light bearing 190°(t), distance 17 miles.

22 May 1945 (Zone plus 4)

0800	18 - 41 N	75 - 20 W
1200	18 - 05 N	75 - 49 W
2000	16 - 20 N	77 - 10 W

23 May 1945 (Zone plus 4)

0800	13 - 46 N	78 - 48 W
1200	13 - 40 N	78 - 55 W
2000	12 - 09 N	79 - 29 W

0825 Commenced swinging ship for compass error. 1030 Completed swinging ship. 1117 Commenced making runs to obtain tactical data. 1302 Completed tactical data runs, resumed course and standard speed enroute Canal Zone.

24 May 1945 (Zone plus 4 and 5)

0700 Sighted land bearing 160°(t). 0945 Entered breakwater to Limon Bay, Canal Zone. 1012 Proceeding through Panama Canal to Balboa, Canal Zone. 1735 Moored starboard side to pier #18, Balboa Harbor, Balboa, Canal Zone.

26 May 1945 (Zone plus 5)

0900 Underway from Balboa, Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H., in company with U.S.S. ARGONAUT (SS-475), pursuant to ComPanSeaFron. dispatch order #251435. 1015 With Taboquilla Island Light abeam to starboard, distance 1.2 miles, took departure for Pearl Harbor, T.H., following exercises to be conducted with U.S.S. ARGONAUT (SS-475) enroute:

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EXERCISE ABLE:

Submarine open out ahead to range of 10-12,000 yards. On execute, target start zig zagging. Change speed during run if desired. Execute will be a long dash on submarine searchlight after which submarine will submerge and commence approach and simulated attack.

EXERCISE BAKER:

Radar Tracking drill. Target commence zig zagging. Submarine on surface. Vary speed as desired.

EXERCISE CHARLIE:

Submarine open out 20-30 miles ahead. Commence exercise at time designated. Target change course such that it will not run out of bombing restriction range at end of six hours. Target search by radar, track and record submarine movements upon contact.

EXERCISE DOG:

Lookout exercise - submarine will open out and then close for training AKA lookouts.

EXERCISE EASY:

Simulated surprise air attack. AKA will fire A.A. guns at released balloons. Submarine will dive or otherwise keep well clear.

1200	08 - 35 N	82 - 35 W
2000	06 - 58 N	80 - 09 W

27 May 1945 (Zone plus 5 and 6)

0800	06 - 35 N	82 - 35 W
1200	06 - 32 N	83 - 27 W
2000	06 - 23 N	85 - 05 W

Conducted Exercise BAKER with U.S.S. ARGONAUT (SS-475).

28 May 1945 (Zone plus 6)

0800	06 - 56 N	87 - 50 W
1200	06 - 59 N	88 - 20 W
2000	07 - 13 N	89 - 45 W

Conducted exercise ABLE with U.S.S. ARGONAUT (SS-475).

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29 May 1945 (Zone plus 6)

0800	08 - 01 N	92 - 21 W
1200	08 - 15 N	93 - 20 W
1600	08 - 34 N	95 - 08 W

1245 Conducted firing exercises for training. Expended following ammunition: 8 rounds 5" 38 Cal., 24 rounds 40mm, and 300 rounds 20mm.

Conducted exercise CHARLIE with U.S.S. ARGONAUT (SS-475).

30 May 1945. (Zone plus 6)

0800	09 - 28 N	97 - 42 W
1200	10 - 08 N	98 - 58 W
2000	10 - 33 N	100 - 39 W

Conducted exercise ABLE with U.S.S. ARGONAUT (SS-475).
1312 Conducted firing exercises for training. Expended following ammunition: 3 rounds 5" 38 cal., 65 rounds 40mm, and 35 rounds of 20mm.

31 May 1945 (Zone plus 6)

0800	10 - 58 N	102 - 40 W
1200	11 - 11 N	103 - 16 W
2000	11 - 33 N	104 - 49 W

Conducted exercise BAKER with U.S.S. ARGONAUT (SS-475).
1530 Conducted exercise EASY. Expended following ammunition: 17 rounds 40mm.

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B. H. THOMAS,
Captain, USNR,
Commanding.

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MONTH OF JUNE - 1945

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REG. SHEET NO 108

1 June 1945 (Zone plus 6)

Enroute from Balboa, Canal Zone, to Pearl Harbor, T. H., in company with U.S.S. ARGONAUT, (SS475), pursuant to ComPanSeaFron. dispatch order #251435.

EXERCISE ABLE:

Submarine open out ahead to range of 10-12,000 yards. On execute, target start zig zagging. Change speed during run if desired. Execute will be a long dash on submarine search-light after which submarine will submerge and commence approach and simulated attack.

EXERCISE BAKER:

Radar Tracking drill. Target commence zig zagging. Submarine on surface. Vary speed as desired.

EXERCISE CHARLIE:

Submarine open out 20-30 miles ahead. Commence exercise at time designated. Target change course such that it will not run out of bombing restriction range at end of six hours. Target search by radar, track and record submarine movements upon contact.

EXERCISE DOG:

Lookout exercise - submarine will open out and then close for training AKA lookouts.

EXERCISE EASY:

Simulated surprise air attack. AKA will fire A.A. guns at released balloons. Submarine will dive or otherwise keep well clear.

Conducted exercise Charlie with U.S.S. ARGONAUT.

0800	12 - 13 N	107 - 01 W
1200	12 - 25 N	107 - 39 W
2000	13 - 00 N	109 - 15 W

2 June 1945 (Zone plus 6)

0800	13 - 31 N	111 - 28 W
1200	13 - 56 N	112 - 44 W
2000	14 - 21 N	114 - 36 W

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WAR DIARY - U. S. S. MONTAGUE - MONTH OF JUNE - 1945 (CONT'D)

3 June 1945 (Zone plus 6 and 7)

0800	14 - 51 N	117 - 19 W
1200	14 - 52 N	117 - 31 W
2000	15 - 24 N	119 - 33 W

Conducted exercises Able and Dog with U.S.S. ARGONAUT.

4 June 1945 (Zone plus 7)

0800	15 - 57 N	122 - 04 W
1200	16 - 10 N	123 - 17 W
2000	16 - 32 N	124 - 47 W

Conducted exercises Able and Baker with U.S.S. ARGONAUT.

5 June 1945 (Zone plus 7 and 7½)

0800	17 - 06 N	127 - 44 W
1200	17 - 10 N	128 - 21 W
2000	17 - 45 N	130 - 04 W

Conducted exercises Able and Baker with U.S.S. ARGONAUT. 1940 U.S.S. ARGONAUT departed in accordance with basic orders. Proceeding independently to Pearl Harbor, T. H.

6 June 1945 (Zone plus 7½)

0800	18 - 59 N	132 - 58 W
1200	19 - 29 N	133 - 49 W
2000	19 - 51 N	135 - 47 W

Conducted anti-aircraft firing for training. Expended following ammunition: 240 rounds of 20mm and 66 rounds of 40mm.

7 June 1945 (Zone plus 7½ and 8)

0800	20 - 11 N	138 - 56 W
1200	20 - 19 N	139 - 59 W
2000	20 - 31 N	142 - 07 W

Conducted firing for training. Expended the following ammunition: 5 rounds of 5 inch 38 cal., 168 rounds of 40mm, and 408 rounds of 20mm.

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8 June 1945 (Zone plus 8 and 8½)

0800	20 - 54 N	145 - 21 W
1200	20 - 56 N	146 - 22 W
2000	21 - 04 N	148 - 40 W

Fired all guns for training. Expended the following ammunition: 8 rounds 5"/38 Cal., 166 rounds of 40mm, and 347 rounds of 20mm.

9 June 1945 (Zone plus 8½)

0800	21 - 03 N	151 - 21 W
1200	21 - 07 N	152 - 52 W
2000	21 - 21 N	154 - 53 W

Fired guns for training. Expended the following ammunition: 13 rounds 5"/38 Cal., 163 rounds 40mm, and 859 rounds 20mm. 2030 commenced zig zagging.

10 June 1945 (Zone plus 8½ and 9½)

0220 sighted Molokair Light bearing 233°(t). 0440 sighted Makapun Light bearing 225°(t). At 0830 entered Pearl Harbor Channel and proceeded to mooring. 0915 moored in berth Charlie 5, East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

11 June 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Departed berth Charlie 5 for berth K-3 to discharge cargo. Discharging cargo consigned to Fray.

17 to 24 June 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Entered Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H. Navy Yard workmen performed authorized repairs.

24 June 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Departed Navy Yard, P. H., and moored at berth Charlie Five.

25 June 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Departed berth C-5 Pearl Harbor, T. H., for berth 39-E Honolulu Harbor, T.H., to load cargo.

26 June 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Captain B. H. THOMAS, (D), USNR, relieved by Commander R. M. G. SWANY, Jr., (DM), USNR, pursuant to BuPers order serial #69098 3153-MRR-6A of 17 May 1945. Loading cargo consigned to Sest.

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ADDENDA TO WAR DIARY - U.S.S. MONTAGUE - MONTH OF JUNE 1945.

26 - 30 June 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Moored starboard side to pier 39E Honolulu Harbor, T.H.
Loading cargo consigned to Sest.

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MONTH OF JULY - 1945

1 July 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Attached to Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces,
U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Moored at pier 39 E, Honolulu Harbor, Territory of
Hawaii, loading cargo consigned to Sest.

2 July 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

Underway independently for Eniwetok Atoll pursuant to
Commander, Hawaiian Sea Frontier Orders Serial #0930, RJM/erl
of 1 July 1945.

3 July 1945 (Zone plus 9½)

0800	19-54 N	160-13 W
1200	19-52 N	161-08 W
2000	19-35 N	163-01 W

4 July 1945 (Zone plus 9½; 10½)

0800	19-14 N	165-59 W
1200	19-00 N	167-21 W
2000	18-41 N	169-19 W

Conducted firing exercises for training. Expended the
following ammunition: 4 rounds 5" 38 Cal., and 138 rounds
40mm.

5 July 1945 (Zone plus 10½)

0800	17-59 N	172-42 W
1200	17-51 N	173-40 W
2000	17-25 N	175-45 W

6 July 1945 (Zone plus 10½; 11)

0800	16-48 N	178-54 W
1200	16-30 N	179-46 E
2000	16-00 N	177-54 E

Conducted firing exercises for training. Expended the
following ammunition: 939 rounds 20mm.

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7 July 1945 (Zone plus 11; 11½)

0800	15-14.5 N	175-08 E
1200	15-48.5 N	173-39 E
2000	14-25 N	171-32 E

8 July 1945 (Zone plus 11½)

Crossed 180° meridian.

9 July 1945 (Zone minus 12½; 12)

0800	13-21 N	168-26 E
1200	13-02 N	167-32.8 E
2000	12-27 N	165-36.5 E

10 July 1945 (Zone minus 12)

0800	11-24 N	162-37 E
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Entered Eniwetok anchorage and anchored in berth Charlie 3.

11-12 July 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Anchored at Eniwetok Atoll.

13 July 1945 (Zone minus 12)

Underway from Eniwetok Atoll enroute Ulithi Island, pursuant Port Director, Eniwetok orders No. A4-3/RPM of 13 July 1945. 1648 with Keep Entrance Channel Buoy N-2 abeam to port, took departure. Steaming independently.

14 July 1945 (Zone minus 12; 11½)

0800	11-50 N	158-40.5 E
1200	12-01 N	157-43 E
2000	12-34 N	155-47 E

15 July 1945 (Zone minus 11½; 11)

0800	13-01.5 N	152-44 E
1200	12-51.1 N	151-21.5 E
2000	12-20 N	149-33 E

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16 July 1945 (Zone minus 11; 10½)

0800	11-13.5 N	146-50 E
1200	10-48 N	145-49.2 E
2000	10-20.5 N	143-58.5 E

17 July 1945 (Zone minus 10½; 10)

0800	09-59 N	140-41 E
1200	09-58 N	139-43 E

1310 Entered Mugai Channel, Ulithi. 1404 Anchored
in berth 42, Ulithi Atoll.

18-20 July 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in berth 42, Ulithi Atoll.

21 July 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Shifted anchorage from berth 42 to berth 401, Ulithi Atoll.

22-28 July 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in berth 401, Ulithi Atoll.

29 July 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0701 Underway from Ulithi Atoll enroute Okinawa in
accordance with Port Director, Ulithi orders dated 28 July
1945. Steaming in position 45 of convoy UOK 42; convoy
commodore in U.S.S. CHILTON (APA38), formation guide. Con-
voy screened with Escort Commander, ComDesRon 8 in U.S.S.
DEWEY (DD349).

0800	10-03 N	139-40 E
1200	10-29 N	139-51 E
2000	11-51 N	138-45 E

30 July 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	14-03 N	137-02 E
1200	14-49 N	136-35 E
2000	16-21 N	136-09 E

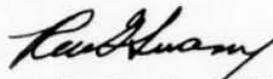
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31 July 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	18-13 N	136-13 E
1200	17-38 N	136-50 E
2000	16-42 N	136-09 E


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1 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Attached to Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces,
U.S. Pacific Fleet. Steaming in convoy U.O.K. 42 enroute from
Ulithi Atoll to Okinawa in position 45.

0800	17-33 N	134-56 E
1200	17-40 N	135-39 E
2000	17-58 N	136-27 E

2 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	18-54 N	134-57 E
1200	19-18 N	134-26 E
2000	19-47 N	133-28 E

3 August 1945 (Zone minus 10, 9)

Shifted from convoy position 45 to 55.

0800	21-01 N	132-06 E
1200	21-38 N	131-39 E
2000	22-35	130-59 E

4 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	24-03 N	129-37 E
1200	24-29 N	129-17 E
2000	24-46 N	128-04 E

5 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0605 Convoy U.O.K. 42 split with Vice Commodore in
U.S.S. GOSHEN (APA-108) assuming command of the portion of
convoy routed to Western Okinawa, in which U.S.S. MONTAGUE
took position 34.

1235 Anchored off Machanate, Okinawa.
1835 Debarked passengers.

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WAR DIARY - U.S.S. MONTAGUE - MONTH OF AUGUST - 1945 (CONT'D)

6 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0155 Alert Red. Observed one enemy plane fly over Hagushi Anchorage which the shore batteries fired on.
0340 Flash White. 0820 Commenced unloading cargo.

7 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0205 Alert Red. 0325 All clear.
2055 Alert Red. 2115 All clear.
2355 Alert Red.

8 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0045 All clear.
0240 Flash Red. 0400 All clear.
2205 Flash Red. 2330 All clear.

9 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

10 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

2145 Flash Red. 2215 All clear.

11 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

12 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

2115 Flash Red. 2155 All clear.

13 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0340 Flash Red. 0415 All clear.
0925 Underway from Okinawa to Ulithi in accordance with Port Director, Okinawa, orders. Convoy O.K.U. 19. Convoy Commodore R. M. G. SWANY, Commander, USNR, in U.S.S. MONTAGUE. Convoy screened by four escorts. Escort commander C.T.U. 95.5.38 in U.S.S. MUGFORD (DD389). 1330 Rendezvoused with portion of convoy from Eastern Okinawa. 2125 U.S.S. BEGOR (APD127) left escort screen to proceed to Buckner Bay.

2000

25-09 N

128-13 E

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14 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	23-50 N	129-15 E
1200	23-18 N	129-42 E
2000	22-14 N	130-17 E

15 August 1945 (Zone minus 9, 10)

0800	20-49 N	131-15 E
1200	20-17 N	131-41 E
2000	19-19 N	132-29 E

16 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	17-52 N	133-19 E
1200	17-21 N	133-57 E
2000	16-14 N	134-34 E

17 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

1320 FS-228 detached from convoy to proceed independently to Guam.

0800	15-03 N	135-42 E
1200	14-33 N	136-07 E
2000	13-36 N	136-52 E

18 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	12-18 N	137-52 E
1200	11-56 N	138-08 E
2000	11-01 N	138-49 E

19 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0450 Sighted lights on Ulithi Atoll. 0848 Entered Ulithi Anchorage and anchored in berth 125. Remainder of convoy followed in column and proceeded to assigned anchorages. 1245 Shifted anchorage to seaplane anchorage.

20-27 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Anchored in Ulithi anchorage.

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28 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Underway from Ulithi for Okinawa in convoy U.O.K. 52.
Convoy commodore in U.S.S. GENERAL BUTNER (AP113). Convoy
screened by three escorts. Escort commander C.T.U. 94.18.18
in U.S.S. HOWARD F. CLARK (DE533).

1200	10-12 N	140-00 E
2000	11-42 N	138-38 E

29 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

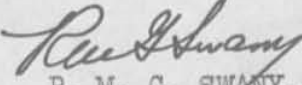
0800	13-56 N	137-25 E
1200	14-39 N	136-52 E
2000	16-05 N	135-51 E

30 August 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	18-23 N	134-02 E
1200	19-08 N	133-28 E
2000	20-36 N	132-26 E

31 August 1945 (Zone minus 10, 9)

0800	23-11 N	130-35 E
1200	23-45 N	130-07 E
2000	24-54 N	129-07 E


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1 October 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Attached to TransRon 17, Amphibious Group 7, 7th Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific, 7th Fleet. Steaming in position #6, single column formation in convoy T.U. 78.1.94 enroute OKINAWA to TAKU, CHINA. Convoy Commodore is CTU 78.1.94 in U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31) convoy guide. Convoy screened by one escort U.S.S. RINGNESS (APD-100).

0800	33-49N	125-02E
1200	33-43N	124-33E
2000	36-27N	123-42E

2 October 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0704 U.S.S. RINGNESS (APD-100) convoy escort destroyed mine in latitude 38-27N, longitude 121-24E by gunfire.

0800	38-29.5N	121-22E
1200	38-38.0N	120-05E
2000	Anchored.	

1805 Ships of convoy standing up to transport area in GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. 1900 U.S.S. MONTAGUE anchored in transport area. 1940 Retarded all ships clocks one hour to minus 8 zone time.

3 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in transport area GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA.

4 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in transport area GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. Transferred 39 men to U.S.S. ATTALA (APA-130) for transportation to the United States and ultimate discharge. 1300 Shifted anchorage in transport area in GULF OF POHAI.

5 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in transport area, GULF OF POHAI. 0900 Commenced unloading cargo.

6 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in transport area GULF OF POHAI, unloading cargo.

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WAR DIARY - U.S.S. MONTAGUE - MONTH OF OCTOBER - 1945 (CONTINUED).

7 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in transport area GULF OF POHAI. 2030 Completed unloading cargo. 2150 Disembarked passengers.

8 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in transport area GULF OF POHAI, embarking passengers.

9 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in transport area GULF OF POHAI, embarking passengers. 2037 Underway from transport area, GULF OF POHAI enroute HAGUSHI, OKINAWA, in accordance with CTD50 despatch 090506 of October 1945. Steaming in convoy as TU 78.13.9. Convoy Commodore and CTU 78.13.9 is Commodore BRITAIN (ComTransRon 17) in U.S.S. CHILTON (APA-38). U.S.S. MONTAGUE (AKA-98) in position #3, cruising disposition in column, in company with U.S.S. CASWELL (AKA-72), U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA-105), and U.S.S. DEVOSA (AKA-27). Convoy screened by one escort U.S.S. HOLTON (DE-703).

10 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0800	38-30N	120-48E
1200	38-11N	121-44E
2000	37-08N	123-22E

11 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0800	34-51N	124-24E
1200	34-00N	124-53E

1450 U.S.S. HOLTON (DE-703) convoy escort sunk mine by gunfire.

2000	32-29N	125-32E
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12 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0800	29-47N	125-19E
1200	28-48N	124-55E
2000	27-16N	125-15E

2159 U.S.S. MONTAGUE (AKA-98) and U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA-105) are detached from convoy and with U.S.S. HOLTON (DE-703) as escort for TU 78.13.10. Captain PARKER is CTU in U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA-105). Cruising disposition in column. U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA-105) is column guide. Proceeding as directed to HAGUSHI, OKINAWA.

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13 October 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0751 Detached from TU 78.13.10 and proceeding independently to HAGUSHI, ANCHORAGE, OKINAWA. 0925 Anchored in HAGUSHI BAY, OKINAWA. 1300 Changed time to zone minus 9. 1657 Underway independently from HAGUSHI, OKINAWA enroute GUAM, MARIANAS ISLANDS in obedience to ComPhibGroup despatch DTG 131000 of October 1945.

2000	25-50.5N	127-38E
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14 October 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	23-18N	129-27E
1200	22-51N	130-01E
2000	21-56N	131-31E

15 October 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	20-17N	134-17E
1200	19-40N	135-01E
2000	18-25N	137-01E

16 October 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	16-43N	139-40E
1200	16-09N	140-30.5E

1619 Retrieved net buoy adrift in latitude 15-34N, longitude 141-22E.

2000	15-01N	142-11E
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17 October 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0100 Changed time to zone minus 10.
0800 Laying to off entrance to APRA BAY, GUAM awaiting pilot.
1009 Entered APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
1057 Moored to buoy in berth 703 APRA HARBOR, GUAM.

18 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored to buoy in berth 703 APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Disembarked passengers.

19 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored to buoy in berth 703, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. 0850 Commenced fueling ship. 0930 Received 4 men aboard for duty. 1314 Completed fueling ship. 1430 Transferred two officers for transportation to the UNITED STATES and 14 men to GUAM for duty.

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20 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored to buoy in berth 703 APRA HARBOR, GUAM. 0810 Transferred one man for discharge. 0815 Embarked passengers. 0914 Unmoored and underway from berth 703 to shift berths to dock "Zebra", APRA HARBOR, GUAM. 1005 Moored starboard side to dock Zebra.

21 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. 0830 Commenced loading cargo.

22 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Continued loading cargo. 0845 Received one man aboard for duty.

23 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Continued loading cargo. 1430 Transferred one man to LCI(L) 25 for duty.

24 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Continued loading cargo. 0925 Received one man aboard for duty. 1215 Transferred one man to UNITED STATES for discharge.

25 - 26 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Continued loading cargo.

27 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Continued loading cargo. 0900 Received three men aboard for duty.

28 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Continued loading cargo.

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29 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

Moored starboard side to dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM. Continued loading cargo. 0930 Completed loading cargo. 1239 Underway from dock Zebra, APRA HARBOR, GUAM enroute TAKU, CHINA independently in accordance with Port Director Guam order PDG 2768 of 28 October 1945.

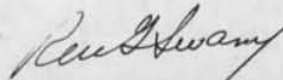
30 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	16-32N	140-57E
1200	17-04N	140-09E
2000	18-16N	138-19.5E

31 October 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	20-01N	135-29E
1200	20-36N	134-35E
2000	22-02N	132-33E

1400 Changed time to zone minus 9.



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1 November 1945 (Zone minus 9)

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Attached to TransRon 17, Amphibious Group 7, 7th Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific, 7th Fleet. Steaming independently enroute APRA HARBOR, GUAM, MARIANAS ISLANDS to TAKU, CHINA under Port Director GUAM orders PDG 2768 of 28 October 1945.

0800	23-40N	120-43.5E
1200	24-00.8N	128-41E
2000	25-16N	127-01.5E

2 November 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	27-42N	124-59E
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0922 Exercised at General Quarters and commenced maneuvering to facilitate anti aircraft firing practice. Fired all caliber guns. No casualties. Expended the following rounds of ammunition:

22 rounds 5"/38 cal.
151 rounds 40MM
958 rounds 20MM

1200	28-28N	124-35E
2000	30-28N	125-25.5E

3 November 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	33-14N	125-14E
1200	34-16N	124-47E
2000	36-18.5N	123-49E

4 November 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	38-25N	121-24E
1200	38-38N	120-06E

1400 Changed ships time to minus 8 zone time. 1802 Anchored 2000 yards south-east of U.S.S. SARASOTA (APA204) in Transport Area, GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. 2030 Received four officers aboard for duty.

5 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area, in GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA.

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6 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area, in GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. 0829 Shifted anchorage from 2000-yards to 900 yards southeast of U.S.S. SARASOTA.

7 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area, in GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA.

8 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area, in GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. 1430 Set condition of readiness IA modified and lowered all boats. 1715 One chief petty officer and sixteen men from 32nd Special Battalion C.B.'s reported on board to unload cargo.

9 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area in Gulf of POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. 0800 Commenced unloading cargo. 1115 Discontinued unloading operations due to unfavorable weather and sea conditions.

10 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area in GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. 1100 Commenced unloading cargo.

11 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area, GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo.

12 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Transport Area, GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. 0220 Completed unloading cargo. 1430 Shifted berth to outer anchorage of Transport Area. 2352 Underway from Transport Area, GULF OF POHAI off TAKU, CHINA. Enroute independently to TSINGTAO, CHINA pursuant to Port Director TAKU, CHINA Despatch 120105 of November 1945.

13 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0800
1200
2000

38-39N
38-24N
37-15.5N

120-16E
121-23.5E
123-21E

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14 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0800

35-56N

120-50E

1050 Entered outer WAI KIANG HARBOR. 1148 Anchored in Berth F-3, NEI KIANG HARBOR (Inner Harbor), TSINGTAO, CHINA.

15 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in Berth F-3, NEI KIANG HARBOR (Inner Harbor), TSINGTAO, CHINA.

16 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

1521 Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA, having shifted berths from anchorage in F-3.

17 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG, HARBOR, TSINGTAO. 0800 Commenced unloading cargo. 1800 Discontinued unloading operation.

18 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. 0900 In accordance with ALNav #252-45 and ComAdComPhibsPac Speedletter 30056 of 10 September 1945 one officer, one chief petty officer, and eighteen men were detached for further transfer to the United States in compliance with demobilization plan.

19 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. 0845 One officer was detached pursuant to BuPers Despatch 144554 of November 1945 for transfer to U.S.S. TUTUILA (ARG4) for duty.

20 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG, HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. 2130 Commenced unloading cargo.

21 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo.

22 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo. 1245 Received twelve men aboard for duty.

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23 - 24 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo.

25 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo. 0820 Transferred one man for further transfer to United States for discharge in accordance with demobilization directives.

26 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo.

27 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo. 1245 Provisioned ship from U.S.S. HYADES (AF28).

28 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. Continued unloading cargo.

29 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. 1230 Completed unloading cargo.

30 November 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Moored starboard side to Pier #2, TAI KIANG HARBOR, TSINGTAO, CHINA. 0905 Underway from Pier #2. 1041 Moored alongside U.S.S. SARNAC (AO74) in Inner Harbor. 1120 Commenced fueling ship. 1334 Completed fueling ship having received 140,000 Navy Special Fuel Oil. 1425 Underway from alongside U.S.S. SARNAC (AO74) enroute to outer anchorage. 1523 Anchored in Berth E-36 (outer harbor) TSINGTAO, CHINA.

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1 December 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in berth E-36, outer harbor, Tsingtao, China.
1000 Embarked passengers for transportation to East Coast and discharge.

2 December 1945 (Zone minus 8)

Anchored in berth E-36 outer harbor, Tsingtao, China.
0604 Underway independently for Pearl Harbor, T. H. in accordance with Port Director's, Tsingtao, order dated 1 December 1945.

0800	35-56N	120-50E
1200	35-28N	121-56E
2000	34-24N	124-08E

3 December 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0800	32-05N	126-06E
1200	32-17N	127-19E
2000	32-25N	129-02E

4 December 1945 (Zone minus 8)

0800	29-05N	131-22E
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1125 Transferred three (3) bottles of Freon to U.S.S. GENEVA (APA86) by LCVP U.S.S. GENEVA (APA86) laying to 600 yards to port.

1200	28-28N	132-19E
2000	27-09N	134-07E

5 December 1945 (Zone minus 8-9)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone minus 9 time.

0800	25-35N	136-35E
1050	Sunk mine by gunfire in Latitude 25° 18' N, Longitude 137° 01'E.	
1200	24-58N	137-24N
2000	23-54N	139-16E

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6 December 1945 (Zone minus 9)

0800	22-53N	142-27
1200	22-37N	143-03.5E
2000	22-18N	145-06E

2250 Commenced swinging ship to check compass deviation.
2349 Completed swinging ship.

7 December 1945 (Zone minus 9-10)

0800	22-45.5N	147-39E
1200	22-55N	148-38E
2000	23-17N	150-48.5E

8 December 1945 (Zone minus 10)

0800	23-37N	153-39E
1200	23-51N	155-03E
2000	24-02N	157-15E

9 December 1945 (Zone minus 10-11)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone minus 11 time.

0800	24-25N	160-28E
1200	24-29N	161-36E
2000	24-35N	164-00E

10 December 1945 (Zone minus 11)

0800	24-47N	167-33E
1200	24-48N	168-41E

1200 Commenced full power run.
1600 Completed full power run. Disposed of ammunition (pyrotechnic) in accordance with BuOrd letter A53-45.
2000 24-48N 171-04E

11 December 1945 (Zone minus 11)

0800	24-38N	174-25E
1200	24-32.5N	175-39E
2000	24-25.5N	177-57E

12 December 1945 (Zone minus 11-12)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone minus 12 time.

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0800	24-11N	178-59W
1200	24-02N	177-56W
2000	24-02N	175-46W

12 December 1945 (Zone minus 12 plus 12)

0100 Crossed international date line. Retarded ship's calendar one day.

0800	23-29N	173-35W
1200	23-22N	171-33W
2000	23-02N	169-29W

13 December 1945 (Zone plus 12-11)

0800	22-39N	166-37W
1200	22-32N	165-32W
2000	22-15N	163-47.5W

14 December 1945 (Zone plus 11)

0800	21-50N	161-44W
1200	21-41N	160-53W
2000	21-26N	159-32W

15 December 1945 (Zone plus 11-10½)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one half hour to zone plus 10½ time.

0634 Standing up to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. 1100 Moored fore and aft to buoys in Berth C-3, East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

1200 Commanding Officer reported to AdComPhibsPac in accordance with orders.

16 December 1945 (Zone plus 10½)

Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth C-3, East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

0840 Commenced receiving fresh water from YW91 moored alongside to port. Received on board 16,000 gallons.

1125 Disembarked passengers.

1400 Detached one ship's company officer for transfer.

1425 Embarked passengers.

1645 Fueled ship, having received 3,015 barrels on board from YO-78 moored alongside to port.

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17 December 1945 (Zone plus 10½)

Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth C-3, East Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

0805 Underway for Balboa, C. Z., in accordance with Port Director Pearl Harbor order #2363 of 15 December 1945.

2000	21-22N	154-59W
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18 December 1945 (Zone plus 10½ - 10)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone plus 10 time.

0800	21-15N	151-45W
1200	21-18N	150-41W
2000	21-16N	148-21W

19 December 1945 (Zone plus 10)

0800	21-08N	144-59W
1200	21-05N	143-55W
2000	20-51N	141-36W

20 December 1945 (Zone plus 10-9)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone plus 9 time.

0800	20-31N	138-29W
1200	20-25N	137-20W
2000	20-10N	135-07W

21 December 1945 (Zone plus 9)

0800	19-50N	131-43W
1200	19-41N	130-38W
2000	19-21N	128-20W

22 December 1945 (Zone plus 9)

0800	18-50N	125-04W
1200	18-38N	124-04W
2000	18-10N	121-56W

23 December 1945 (Zone plus 9-8)

0800	17-40N	119-07W
1200	12-29N	118-04W
2000	17-02N	115-53W

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24 December 1945 (Zone plus 8)

0800	16-19N	112-40W
1200	16-05N	111-13W
2000	15-35N	109-30W

25 December 1945 (Zone plus 8-7)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone plus 7 time.

0800	14-44N	106-32W
1200	13-28N	105-27W
2000	13-52N	103-19W

26 December 1945 (Zone plus 7)

0800	12-55N	100-02W
1200	12-36N	98-59W
2000	11-58N	96-59W

27 December 1945 (Zone plus 7-6)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone plus 6 time.

0800	11-10N	94-04W
1200	10-54N	93-02W
2000	10-13N	91-01W

28 December 1945 (Zone plus 6)

0800	09-17N	88-19W
1200	08-55N	87-15W
2000	08-11N	85-07W

29 December 1945 (Zone plus 6-5)

0200 Advanced all ship's clocks one hour to zone plus 5 time.

0800	07-10N	82-09W
1200	07-15N	80-25W
2000	07-50N	80-10W

2301 Anchored in Balboa Roads, Panama, Canal Zone.

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30 December 1945 (Zone plus 5)

Anchored in Balboa, Roads, Panama, C. Z.

0626 With pilot aboard got underway for passage through Panama Canal.

1551 Completed passage through Canal and moored port side to Pier 10, Cristobal, Canal Zone.

1725 Received on board 8000 gallons fresh water from dock.

1925 Received on board 3598.5 barrels of fuel oil.

31 December 1945 (Zone plus 5)

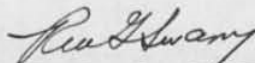
Moored port side to Pier 10, Cristobal, Canal Zone.

1153 Underway from Pier 10, Cristobal, Canal Zone for Norfolk, Virginia, in accordance with COTCLANT despatch 292231 of December 1945.

2000

11-14N

78-53W



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Commander, USNR,
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