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U. S. S. ROLETTE (AKA 99)
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2 June 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
 To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary of U.S.S. ROLETTE(AKA99) - Submission of.
 Reference: (a) ALNAV 176-43.
 Enclosure: (A) War Diary for Months of April and May, 1945.

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

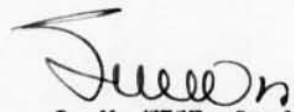
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27 April Ship commissioned at Berth 19, Pier K, New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York this date in accordance with Chief of Naval Operation Confi. Ltr. Op-23E-3-tm-(SC)A41, Serial 030723 of 23 May 1944. The Commanding Officer, Lamar M. WISE, U.S.N. assumed command in accordance with Bupers orders, 57211, serial ND12 60 of 23 January 1945. Commenced fitting out and loading stores.

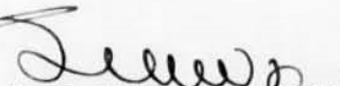
28-30 April Ship moored as before. Yard work continued and stores loaded.


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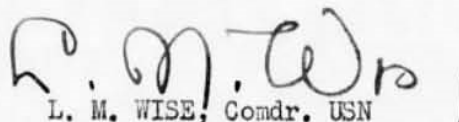
- 1-2 May Moored in Berth 19 at Pier K, New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N. Y. Fitting out and loading in progress.
- 3 May Moored as before. Held dock trials. Fitting out and loading in progress.
- 4 May Moored as before. Fitting out and loading in progress.
- 5 May Changed berths from berth 19, pier K to berth 14 pier G. Fitting out and loading in progress.
- 6 May In accordance with Com 3 Confi Serial #05938 of 28 April 1945 ship shifted to and was depermed at Deperming Station, Navy Yard Annex Bayonne, N. J. On same authority and on completion of deperming ship moved to anchorage in Gravesend Bay, Lower New York Bay.
- 7 May Anchored as before. Loaded ammunition from Naval Ammunition Depot lighter.
- 8 May Ship underway out Ambrose Channel, Lower New York Bay, for compensating compass in accordance with Com 3 Serial #05938 of 28 Apr.1945. Gyro did not operate properly. Returned to anchorage in Gravesend Bay and for gyro repairs.
- 9 May Underway in accordance with Com 3 Serial 05938 of 28 April 1945 as modified by Com 3 verbal instructions, out Ambrose Channel. Standard steering and after conn magnetic compasses compensated in vicinity of Ambrose Lightship. Dropped pilot at noon and set course southward along New Jersey Coast; 2000 position Lat. 38° 38' 36" N, Long 74° 37' 12" W by D.R.
- 10 May Arrived 0814 in Hampton Roads anchorage and anchored in Berth 25.


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- 11 May Anchored as before. Inspection board, Task Force 2, made inspection of ship.
- 12 May Anchored as before.
- 13 May Commenced shakedown schedule with Amphibious exercises in Lynnhaven Roads, Chesapeake Bay area in accordance with CAVSG Comphibtralant Confi Shakedown schedule TSG-391, AKA99, 423. Anchored overnight in Hampton Roads.
- 14 May Compensated ship's magnetic compasses in Chesapeake Bay near Cape Charles City in accordance with shakedown schedule. Anchored overnight near Cape Charles City.
- 15 May Held firing exercises in Firing Area Lower Baker, Chesapeake Bay, in accordance with shakedown schedule at drone and stationary targets. Anchored near Cape Charles City overnight.
- 16 May Continued firing exercises in morning using sleeve towed by airplane as target. Total ammunition expended in three events; 58 rounds 5"/38, 2784 rounds 40mm, and 4752 rounds of 20mm. Conducted measured mile tests off mouth of Severn River, Maryland, in afternoon. Anchored overnight near Annapolis, Maryland.
- 17 May Continued measured mile tests. Conducted full power runs. Anchored off Cape Charles City overnight.
- 18 May Conducted fueling at sea exercises, with APD 55. Exercised at streaming paravanes. Proceeded to Hampton Roads anchorage.
- 19 May Anchored as before. Captain J. H. Myer, Commander Amphibious Vessels Shakedown Group, and inspecting party, held personnel inspection and battle problem underway. Proceeded to Navy Yard Portsmouth, Va.


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MAY, 1945

- 20 May Shifted to Berth 26, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. Commenced post shakedown availability.
- 21 May Moored as before. Yard work in progress. Assumed Military and Medical Guard for 24 hour period ending 0800, 22 May, 1945, in accordance with Fleet Administrative Office, Norfolk, Virginia restricted despatch of 20 May, 1945.
- 22 May At Navy Yard Norfolk. Post shakedown availability.
- 23 May At Navy Yard Norfolk. Post shakedown availability.
- 24 May Yard work completed. Proceeded to Naval Supply Depot, Berth 42, Norfolk, Virginia, in accordance with United States Atlantic Fleet Service Force serial 02445 of 21 May, 1945. Readiness for sea period.
- 25 May At Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk, Virginia. Loading cargo.
- 26 May At Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk, Virginia. Loading cargo.
- 27 May At Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk, Virginia. Loading cargo.
- 28 May Shifted to Berth 41, Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk, Virginia. Continued loading cargo.
- 29 May At Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk, Virginia. Loading cargo. Received passengers.
- 30 May Completed loading cargo. Underway in accordance with ComServLant SECRET despatch 281549 to Canal Zone.
- 31 May Underway to Canal Zone.
0800 POSIT 35 09 N; 73 30 W
1200 POSIT 34 18 N; 72 50 W
2000 POSIT 32 26 N; 73 16 W

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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Reference: (a) AINav 176-43.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary for month of June 1945.

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June, 1945

1 June Underway to Canal Zone

0800 Posit	29 40' N	73 42' W
1200 Posit	28 22' N	73 40' W
2000 Posit	26 47' N	74 09.5W

Held anti-aircraft firing practice, expended 222 rounds 40MM Ammunition.

2 June Underway to Canal Zone

0800 Posit	24 04.2N	74 08.4W
1200 Posit	23 17 N	74 25 W
2000 Posit	21 38 N	74 42 W

3 June Underway to Canal Zone

0800 Posit	19 20 N	74 25 W
1200 Posit	18 35 N	74 58 W
2000 Posit	17 23 N	76 09 W

4 June Underway to Canal Zone

0800 Posit	15 17 N	78 08 W
1200 Posit	14 31 N	78 33 W
2000 Posit	12 48 N	79 14 W

Held anti-aircraft firing practice. Expended 26 5"/38, 523 40MM, and 1738 20MM rounds of ammunition.

5 June Entered Limon Bay, Panama Canal Zone. Moored at Pier 9B. Voyage repairs to spring bearings, main engine shaft.

6 June Shifted to anchorage in Limon Bay, Panama Canal Zone, Cristobal. Underway in accordance with Port Director confidential dispatch 061412 of June, for Pearl Harbor. Commenced transit of Panama Canal.

7 June Completed transit of Panama Canal. Underway for Pearl Harbor.

1200 Posit	6 50 N	79 53 W
2000 Posit	6 46 N	81 45 W

8 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	6 50 N	84 42 W
1200 Posit	7 02 N	85 38 W
2000 Posit	7 46 N	87 47 W

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9 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	8 39 N	90 33 W
1200 Posit	8 14 N	91 30 W
2000 Posit	9 40 N	93 24 W

10 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	10 44 N	96 24 W
1200 Posit	10 59 N	97 19 W
2000 Posit	11 38 N	99 32 W

11 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	12 31 N	102 29 W
1200 Posit	12 48 N	103 28 W
2000 Posit	13 25 N	105 40 W

12 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	20 30 N	138 54 W
1200 Posit	20 36 N	139 54 W
2000 Posit	20 40 N	142 06 W

13 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	15 54 N	114 52 W
1200 Posit	16 10 N	115 53 W
2000 Posit	16 34 N	117 38 W

14 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	17 12 N	120 42 W
1200 Posit	17 25 N	121 43 W
2000 Posit	17 55 N	123 42 W

15 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	18 30 N	126 40 W
1200 Posit	18 41 N	127 39 W
2000 Posit	18 57 N	129 55 W

16 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	19 46 N	132 58 W
1200 Posit	19 58 N	134 58 W
2000 Posit	19 49 N	135 47 W

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17 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	20 30 N	138 54 W
1200 Posit	20 36 N	139 58 W
2000 Posit	20 40 N	142 06 W

18 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	20 50 N	145 12 W
1200 Posit	20 50 N	145 51 W
2000 Posit	21 01 N	147 59 W

19 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	21 05 N	151 11 W
1200 Posit	21 00 N	152 05 W
2000 Posit	21 18 N	154 08 W

20 June Underway for Pearl Harbor.

0800 Posit	21 24 N	156 37 W
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Held antipaircraft firing practice. Expended 12 5"/38, 361 40MM and 4047 20MM rounds of ammunition. Entered Pearl Harbor, moored to Berth Mike 3. Commenced discharging cargo.

21 June At Pearl Harbor. Discharging Cargo. Discharging Passangers.

22 June At Pearl Harbor. Discharging Cargo.

23 June At Pearl Harbor. Discharging Cargo.

24 June At Pearl Harbor. Discharging Cargo.

25 June At Pearl Harbor. Discharging Cargo.

26 June At Pearl Harbor. Discharging Cargo.

27 June At Pearl Harbor. Discharging Cargo.

28 June At Pearl Harbor. Shifted to Berth Xray 4. Completed discharging Cargo.

29 June At Pearl Harbor.

30 June At Pearl Harbor.

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- 1 July At Pearl Harbor. Shifted to berth B 22, Navy Yard, available for voyage repairs.
- 2 July At Navy Yard Pearl Harbor.
- 3 July At Navy Yard Pearl Harbor.
- 4 July At Navy Yard Pearl Harbor.
- 5 July At Navy Yard Pearl Harbor.
- 6 July At Navy Yard Pearl Harbor.
- 7 July Underway in accordance with AdComPhibsPac Secret Dispatch 051914 as modified by AdComPhibsPac Secret Dispatch 070126 for post repair trial run. Held Anti Aircraft firing practice, expended 15 5"/38; 1098 40mm; 4414 20mm rounds of ammunition. Entered Pearl Harbor, moored in berth XRAY Six.
- 8 July At Pearl Harbor, RFS.
- 9 July At Pearl Harbor, RFS.
- 10 July At Pearl Harbor, RFS.
- 11 July At Pearl Harbor. Shifted to berth WILLIAM Seven. Commenced loading cargo. (Non Combat Load).
- 12 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 13 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 14 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 15 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 16 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 17 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 18 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 19 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 20 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo.
- 21 July At Pearl Harbor. Loading Cargo. Assigned to Transport Squadron 24, Transport Division 70 in accordance with Pacific Fleet CN 22-45 of 1 July 1945.

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22 July At Pearl Harbor. Completed loading cargo. Underway for Eniwetok Island in accordance with CincPoa Dispatch 100209.

0800 Posit
1200 Posit 20 45 N 158 00 W
2000 Posit 19 51 N 159 04 W

23 July Underway for Eniwetok Island.

0800 Posit 19 52 N 161 55 W
1200 Posit 19 42 N 162 44 W
2000 Posit 19 17.5 N 164 56 W

24 July Underway for Eniwetok Island.

0800 Posit 18 56 N 167 55 W
1200 Posit 18 50 N 168 51.5 W
2000 Posit 18 23 N 170 44.5 W

25 July Underway for Eniwetok Island.

0800 Posit 17 45 N 173 37 W
1200 Posit 17 33 N 174 34 W
2000 Posit 17 10 N 176 29 W

26 July Underway for Eniwetok Island.

0800 Posit 16 32.5 N 179 30 W
1200 Posit 16 22 N 179 27 E
2000 Posit 15 46 N 177 10.5 E

27 July Crossed International Date Line.

28 July Underway for Eniwetok Island.

0800 Posit 15 04.5 N 174 26 E
1200 Posit 14 51 N 173 13.5 E
2000 Posit 14 28.5 N 171 52 E

29 July Underway for Eniwetok Island.

0800 Posit 13 28 N 168 44.5 E
1200 Posit 13 15 N 167 45 E
2000 Posit 12 36 N 165 55.5 E

30 July Underway for Eniwetok Island. Held Anti Aircraft firing practice. Expended the following rounds of ammunition: 38 5"/38; 1587 40mm; 4012 20mm. Arrived Eniwetok Island, anchored in berth JIG 10. Fueled and returned to berth.

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30 July (Cont'd)

0800 Posit	11 40.5 N 163 13.7 E
1200 Posit	11 23 N 162 18 E

31 July Underway for Samar, P.I. in accordance with CincPoa
Pearl Dispatch 100209.

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1 August Underway for Samar, P.I.

0800 Posit	10 43 N	158 58 E
1200 Posit	10 41 N	158 01 E
2000 Posit	10 35 N	156 02.5 E

2 August Underway for Samar, P.I.

0800 Posit	10 31 N	153 12 E
1200 Posit	10 34 N	152 17.5 E
2000 Posit	10 28 N	150 04 E

3 August Underway for Samar, P.I.

0800 Posit	10 14 N	147 18 E
1200 Posit	10 15 N	146 15 E
2000 Posit	10 07 N	144 26 E

4 August Underway for Samar, P.I.

0800 Posit	10 07 N	141 32 E
1200 Posit	10 07 N	140 36 E
2000 Posit	10 22 N	138 45 E

5 August Underway for Samar, P.I.

0800 Posit	10 33.5 N	135 58 E
1200 Posit	10 35 N	135 00 E
2000 Posit	10 35.5 N	132 56 E

6 August Underway for Samar, P.I.

0800 Posit	10 35 N	130 16 E
1200 Posit	10 39.5 N	129 31 E
2000 Posit	10 36 N	128 11.5 E

7 August Arrived Samar, P.I. Reported to CO, Naval Station Samar for unloading.

8 August At Samar, P.I. Awaiting Unloading.

9 August At Samar, P.I. Awaiting Unloading.

10 August At Samar, P.I. Awaiting Unloading.

11 August At Samar, P.I. Awaiting Unloading.

12 August At Samar, P.I. Awaiting Unloading.

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- 13 August At Samar, P.I. Commenced unloading cargo.
- 14 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 15 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 16 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 17 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 18 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 19 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 20 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 21 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 22 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 23 August At Samar, P.I. Unloading cargo.
- 24 August At Samar, P.I. Completed unloading cargo. Reported to ComThirdPhibFor, ComPhibsPac, ComTransRon 13 and ComPhibGroup 12 for duty in accordance with CincPac Adv Headquarters Dispatch 150321, ComPhibsPac Dispatch 180455 and ComThirdPhibFor Dispatch 200804. Proceeded Leyte, P.I. in accordance with ComThirdPhibFor Dispatch 200804.
- 25 August Proceeded Cebu, P.I. in accordance with ComTransRon 13 Dispatch 240016.
- 26 August At Cebu, P.I. awaiting loading.
- 27 August At Cebu, P.I. Shifted to pier one. Commenced loading cargo.
- 28 August At Cebu, P.I. Loading cargo.
- 29 August At Cebu, P.I. Loading cargo.
- 30 August At Cebu, P.I. Completed loading cargo. Shifted to anchorage.
- 31 August At Cebu, P.I. Ready for sea.

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- 1 September Underway for SAGAMI WAN, HONSHU, JAPAN in accordance with ComTransRon 13 Attack Order A-45 as part of Task Unit 33.3.3, Transport Division 35, Transport Squadron 13 of the Third Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. OTC in HARRIS (APA 2).
- 2 September Underway for SAGAMI WAN. Anchored in SAN PEDRO BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Underway for SAGAMI WAN.
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| 0800 Posit | | |
| 1200 Posit | 10 40.2 E | 125 58.7 E |
| 2000 Posit | 11 57 N | 126 53.0 E |
- 3 September Underway for SAGAMI WAN. Held Tactical Exercises.
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| 0800 Posit | 14 28 N | 128 18 E |
| 1200 Posit | 15 20.5 N | 128 52.5 E |
| 2000 Posit | 19 40 N | 129 43 E |
- 4 September Underway for SAGAMI WAN. Held Tactical Exercises.
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| 0800 Posit | | |
| 1200 Posit | 19 58 N | 131 11 E |
| 2000 Posit | 21 20 N | 131 59 E |
- 5 September Underway for SAGAMI WAN, JAPAN. Held Tactical Exercises.
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| 0800 Posit | 23 51 N | 133 26 E |
| 1200 Posit | 24 38 N | 133 58 E |
| 2000 Posit | 25 29 N | 134 29 E |
- 6 September Underway for SAGAMI WAN. Held Tactical Exercises.
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| 0800 Posit | 27 46 N | 135 31 E |
| 1200 Posit | 28 23 N | 135 54 E |
| 2000 Posit | 29 47 N | 136 28 E |
- 7 September Underway for SAGAMI WAN, JAPAN. Held Tactical Exercises.
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| 0800 Posit | 31 47 N | 137 50 E |
| 1200 Posit | 32 27 N | 138 24 E |
| 2000 Posit | 33 41 N | 139 51 E |
- 8 September Underway for YOKAHAMA, HONSHU, JAPAN. Moored to Berth A-B, YOKAHAMA, JAPAN. Commenced Unloading cargo.

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9 September At YOKAHAMA, JAPAN. Unloading cargo.

10 September At YOKAHAMA, JAPAN. Unloading cargo. Completed unloading cargo. Underway in accordance with ComTransRon 13 Sortie Plan A9-45 in temporary Transport Division 35 and Tactical Transport Division 37.

11 September Underway for OKINAWA in company as part of Task Group 33.2.

0800 Posit	32 49 N	137 35 E
1200 Posit	32 10 N	136 52 E
2000 Posit	31 06 N	135 02 E

12 September Underway for OKINAWA in company with Task Group 33.3.

0800 Posit	29 35 N	132 20 E
1200 Posit	28 58 N	131 32 E
2000 Posit	27 41 N	129 54 E

13 September Changed course for LEYTE, P.I. In accordance with CTF 32 Dispatch 120532 as part of Task Group 33.3.

0800 Posit	25 23 N	128 13 E
1200 Posit	24 31 N	127 37 E
2000 Posit	22 43 N	127 08 E

14 September Underway for LEYTE, P.I.

0800 Posit	19 41 N	126 51 E
1200 Posit	18 40 N	126 44 E
2000 Posit	16 43 N	126 26 E

15 September Underway for LEYTE, P.I.

0800 Posit	14 18 N	126 18 E
1200 Posit	13 27 N	126 29 E
2000 Posit	11 46 N	126 23 E

16 September Arrived LEYTE, P.I. Anchored in Berth 249.

17 September At LEYTE, P.I. Underway in accordance with ComTransDiv 35 Verbal Orders to ABUYOG, P.I.

18 September At ABUYOG, P.I. Underway for CEBU, P.I. in accordance with Port Director NAVY 3964 Routing Instructions of 18 September, in company with TransDiv 35.

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19 September Arrived CEBU, P.I. Moored to Berth 7, CEBU CITY.
Commenced Loading cargo as part of Task Group 34.8.

20 September At CEBU, P.I. Loading cargo.

21 September At CEBU, P.I. loading cargo.

22 September At CEBU, P.I. Completed loading cargo. Shifted
to anchorage.

23 September At CEBU, P.I. Underway in accordance with Com-
TransDiv 35 verbal orders to test paravanes.
Returned to anchorage. Ready for sea.

24 September At CEBU, P.I. Ready for sea.

25 September At CEBU, P.I. Underway in accordance with ComTask
Group Plans and Instructions A 13-45 as unit of
TransDiv 35, Task Unit 34.8.2 for ABUYOG, P.I.

26 September Underway for ABUYOG, P.I. Arrived ABUYOG, P.I.
Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN in accordance with
and in company with ComTask Group 34.8 Cruising
Plans and Instructions.

27 September Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN. Held Tactical Exercises.

0800 Posit	12 20 N	127 27 E
1200 Posit	12 42 N	127 51 E
2000 Posit	12 41 N	129 47 E

28 September Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN.

0800 Posit	12 58 N	132 30 E
1200 Posit	13 47 N	133 12 E
2000 Posit	14 54 N	133 48 E

29 September Underway for Hokkaido, Japan.

0800 Posit	16 46 N	135 59 E
1200 Posit	17 33 N	136 22 E
2000 Posit	18 05 N	136 56 E

30 September Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN.

0800 Posit	22 03 N	137 48 E
1200 Posit	23 07 N	138 12 E
2000 Posit	24 59 N	138 48 E

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- 1 October Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN.
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| 0800 Posit | 27 43 N | 139 36 E |
| 1200 Posit | 28 19 N | 140 03 E |
| 2000 Posit | 29 55 N | 140 41 E |
- 2 October Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN.
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| 0800 Posit | 32 53 N | 141 15 E |
| 1200 Posit | 33 48 N | 141 32 E |
| 2000 Posit | 35 38 N | 142 03 E |
- 3 October Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN.
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| 0800 Posit | 38 34 N | 142 49 E |
| 1200 Posit | 39 22 N | 143 03 E |
| 2000 Posit | 40 29 N | 142 40 E |
- 4 October Underway for HOKKAIDO, JAPAN. In accordance with CTU 34.8.4 Landing Plan A1-45 and CTG 34.8 Dispatch 010950. Left formation in company with and under tactical command of CTU 34.8.4 in EASTLAND (APA 163) for HOKODATE, JAPAN. Anchored in berth 2 HOKODATE, JAPAN. Commenced unloading cargo.
- 5 October At HOKADATE, HOKKAIDO, JAPAN. Unloading cargo.
- 6 October At HOKADATE, JAPAN. Completed unloading cargo. Underway in accordance with signalled instructions of CTU 34.8.4 for AOMORI, HONSHU, JAPAN. Arrived AOMORI, HONSHU, JAPAN. Anchored in berth 7.
- 7 October At AOMORI, JAPAN. Ready for sea.
- 8 October At AOMORI, HONSHU, JAPAN. Underway in accordance with CTF 34 Dispatch 061328 and 071020 as part of Task Unit 34.8.9 and tactical division X-Ray for SAMAR, P.I.
- 9 October Underway for SAMAR, P.I. Task unit changed course for TOKYO BAY to avoid typhoon.
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| 0800 Posit | 39 18 N | 142 26 E |
| 1200 Posit | 38 34 N | 142 14 E |
| 2000 Posit | 36 27 N | 141 35 E |
- 10 October Arrived TOKYO BAY, HONSHU, JAPAN. Anchored in Dog Anchorage.
- 11 October At TOKYO BAY, HONSHU, JAPAN.

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- 12 October At TOKYO BAY. Underway in accordance with signalled instructions and ComTransRon 13 Movement Order A 14-45 of 7 October 1945 in tactical division X-Ray and Task Unit 34.8.9 for SAMAR, P.I.
- 2000 Posit 33 29 N 138 15 E
- 13 October Underway for SAMAR, P.I.
- 0800 Posit 30 54 N 137 13 E
1200 Posit 28 56 N 136 56 E
2000 Posit 28 07 N 136 05 E
- 14 October Underway for SAMAR, P.I.
- 0800 Posit 25 12 N 136 03 E
1200 Posit 24 01 N 136 02 E
2000 Posit 22 21 N 135 41 E
- 15 October Underway for SAMAR, P.I.
- 0800 Posit 20 06 N 133 44 E
1200 Posit 19 13 N 133 08 E
2000 Posit 17 40 N 131 59 E
- 16 October Underway for SAN PEDRO BAY, P.I.
- 0800 Posit 15 20 N 130 13 E
1200 Posit 14 31 N 129 35 E
2000 Posit 12 53 N 128 12 E
- 17 October Underway for SAN PEDRO BAY, P.I. Arrived SAN PEDRO BAY. Provisioned and fueled ship.
- 0800 Posit 10 44 N 126 08 E
- 18 October At SAN PEDRO BAY, P.I. Shifted to anchorage berth 271.
- 19 October At SAN PEDRO BAY, P.I. In accordance with USS WOODFORD (AKA86) Movement Order of 18 October, 1945. Proceeded CALICOAN, SAMAR, P.I. Commenced loading cargo. Assigned to Temporary TransDiv 37.
- 20 October At CALICOAN DOCKS, loading cargo.
- 21 October At CALICOAN DOCKS, loading cargo.
- 22 October At CALICOAN DOCKS, loading cargo.
- 23 October At CALICOAN DOCKS, loading cargo.

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- 24 October At CALICOAN DOCKS. Completed loading cargo.
- 25 October At CALICOAN DOCKS. Ready for sea. Shifted to anchorage GUIUAN ROADSTEAD.
- 26 October At GUIUAN SAMAR, ready for sea.
- 27 October At GUIUAN SAMAR. Underway for OKINAWA in accordance with ComTransRon 13 Operation Order Al8-45 of 23 October, 1945 in company with and in TransDiv 37 (Temp) in GOSHEN (APA 108)
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| 1200 Posit | 10 44 N | 126 13 E |
| 2000 Posit | 12 35 N | 126 30 E |
- 28 October Underway for OKINAWA.
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| 0800 Posit | 15 21 N | 126 46 E |
| 1200 Posit | 16 18 N | 126 53 E |
| 2000 Posit | 18 09 N | 127 05 E |
- 29 October Underway for OKINAWA.
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| 0800 Posit | 21 03 N | 127 28 E |
| 1200 Posit | 21 59 N | 127 34 E |
| 2000 Posit | 23 46 N | 127 57 E |
- 30 October Underway for OKINAWA. Arrived HAGUSHI, OKINAWA. Anchored berth Able 289.
- 31 October At HAGUSHI, OKINAWA. Underway for TAKU, SHANTUNG, PROVINCE, CHINA, in accordance with CTG 78.14 dispatch 302256, in Task Unit 78.14.9.

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1 November Underway for TAKU, SHANTUNG PROVINCE, CHINA in company with Task Unit 78.14.9.

0800 Posit 20 06 N 124 48 E
1200 Posit 28 48 N 124 47 E

2 November Underway for TAKU, CHINA.

0800 Posit 32 49 N 125 33 E
1200 Posit 33 39 N 125 07.5 E
2000 Posit 35 21 N 129 23 E

3 November Underway for TAKU, CHINA.

0800 Posit 37 36 N 123 07 E
1200 Posit 38 03 N 122 19 E
2000 Posit 38 34 N 120 49 E

4 November Arrived TAKU, CHINA. Task Unit Dissolved. Anchored area Dog Three. Commenced unloading cargo.

5 November At TAKU, CHINA. Unloading cargo.

6 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ceased unloading cargo.

7 November At TAKU, CHINA.

8 November At TAKU, CHINA. Resumed unloading cargo.

9 November At TAKU, CHINA. Unloading cargo.

10 November At TAKU, CHINA. Unloading cargo.

11 November At TAKU, CHINA. Unloading cargo.

12 November At TAKU, CHINA. Unloading cargo. Completed unloading cargo. Ready for sea.

13 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.

14 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.

15 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.

16 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.

17 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.

18 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.

19 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.

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- 20 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea. Reported for duty to ComPhibsPac (post war assignment), in accordance with CincPac ComcPoa dispatch 190133.
- 21 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea.
- 22 November At TAKU, CHINA. Ready for sea. Reported to SOPA (CTG 78.19) in accordance with ComPhibsPac dispatch 192235. In accordance with CTG 78.19 dispatch 220945 formed Task Unit 78.19.9 with OSTARA (AKA33). CTU IN ROLETTE. Departed for MANILA, P.I.
- 23 November Underway for MANILA, P.I.
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| 0800 Posit | 38 32 N | 120 21 E |
| 1200 Posit | 38 17 N | 121 32 E |
| 2000 Posit | 37 02 N | 123 24 E |
- 24 November Underway for MANILA, P.I. In accordance with CTG 78.19 dispatch 220945, OSTARA (AKA33) detached, Task Unit dissolved. Continued to MANILA, P.I.
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| 0800 Posit | 34 24 N | 124 36 E |
| 1200 Posit | 33 41 N | 124 56 E |
| 2000 Posit | 31 39.5 N | 125 42 E |
- 25 November Underway for MANILA, P.I.
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| 0800 Posit | 29 00 N | 125 17 E |
| 1200 Posit | 28 01 N | 125 04 E |
| 2000 Posit | 21 05.5 N | 124 45 E |
- 26 November Underway for MANILA, P.I.
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| 0800 Posit | 24 02 N | 122 53 E |
| 1200 Posit | 23 16 N | 122 12 E |
| 2000 Posit | 21 58 N | 121 11 E |
- 27 November Underway for MANILA, P.I.
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| 0800 Posit | 19 30 N | 120 16 E |
| 1200 Posit | 18 40 N | 119 54.5 E |
| 2000 Posit | 17 03 N | 119 34 E |
- 28 November Arrived MANILA, P.I. Anchored in berth 51.
- 29 November At MANILA, P.I. Loaded passengers.
- 30 November At MANILA, P.I. Underway for San Francisco, California in accordance with ComPhilSeaFron dispatch 270249.

L. M. Wise
L. M. WISE, Comdr. USN.
Commanding.

HISTORY

U.S.S. ROLETTE (AKA99)



The United States Ship Rolette, Assault Cargo Auxiliary number ninety-nine, was built at the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation Yard at Kearny, New Jersey, and Launched on March 11, 1945. The Rolette was sponsored by Mrs. William U. Sirsch of Washington, D. C. whose husband was serving as budget director of the U. S. Maritime Commission. The Rolette was built for the Maritime Commission but was converted to Navy use while building. She was accepted from the builders by the Maritime Commission and from the Maritime Commission by the Navy on April 26, 1945 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and was commissioned the following day for service with the Amphibious Forces of the United States Navy. Commander Lemar M. Wise, U.S. Navy, assumed command on commissioning with Lieutenant Commander Ralph W. McKenney, U.S. Naval Reserve, of Detroit, Michigan as Executive Officer.

The Rolette was named for Rolette County, North Dakota, which was in turn named for Jean Joseph Rolette. This pioneer fur trader was born on September 23, 1781 and died December 1, 1842. He traded on the Wisconsin and upper Mississippi River. In 1830 he was appointed Chief Justice for Crawford County. Noted for humor, vivacity and good temper.

After fitting out at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the U.S.S. Rolette proceeded to the Chesapeake Bay on May 9, 1945 coincident with the capitulation of Germany. After a week of training in Chesapeake Bay the Rolette loaded her first cargo and sailed on May 30, 1945 for Pearl Harbor via the Panama Canal. After unloading at Pearl Harbor the Rolette was reloaded with a cargo of construction material and sailed for Guinan, Samar Island, Philippine Islands, where she arrived on August 8, 1945. With completion of discharge of cargo came news that the Japanese had offered to surrender.

The Rolette was ordered to report to the Commander of Transport Squadron Thirteen, Commodore M. O. Carlson, U.S. Navy, for duty with the Amphibious Forces carrying the Army Occupation Forces to Japan from the Philippines. She loaded, with Squadron Thirteen, the Americal Division which was landed at Tokyo on September 8, 1945. Returning to Cebu, Squadron Thirteen again loaded an Army Division, the Seventy-Seventh, and sailed for Hokkaido, Japan, where the Rolette assisted in transporting and landing the 306th Infantry Regiment at Hokodate on October 4, 1945. From Hokodate she sailed to Aomori, Japan and from there returned to the Philippines with Squadron Thirteen, stopping in Tokyo Wan for haven from a current typhoon. She arrived at Samar, Philippines, again, on October 17, 1945.

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