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U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) No. \_\_\_\_\_

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FILE: AKA 101/A9-4/S32-1(7)/WAW:vm

7 April 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary - forwarding of.  
Encl: (A) War Diary of U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) for month of February.  
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WAR DIARY-U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101)

Month of February 1945

8 February 1945

Placed in full commission at Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C.

9 February 1945

Completed fitting out at Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C.

10-11 February 1945

Underway from Navy Yard to Clyde Mallory Docks, Charleston, S.C. Loaded commissioning allowance stores and provisions.

12 February 1945

Underway Clyde Mallory Docks for deperming station Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. Depermed ship.

13 February 1945

Underway from deperming station for compass compensation in Charleston Harbor. Compensated standard compasses. Anchored in Folly Island Channel.

14 February 1945

Underway for sea. Conducted full power trials. Anchored in Folly Island Channel.

15 February 1945

Underway for Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. Moored Navy Yard for post trial repairs.

16-17 February 1945

Moored Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. for post trial repairs.

18 February 1945

Underway for Norfolk, Va.

19 February 1945

Steaming enroute Charleston, S.C. to Norfolk, Va.

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	33-24 N.	33-49 N.	34-50 N.
Long.	77-41 W.	76-56 W.	75-04 W.

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Month of February 1945

20 February 1945

Steaming enroute Charleston, S.C. to Norfolk, Va. Anchored at Hampton Roads, Va.

21 February 1945

Anchored Hampton Roads, Va. Material inspection was held by staff of Comphibtralant. Underway and moored Pier #5 N.O.B. Norfolk, Va. Received landing craft on board.

22 February 1945

~~Underway~~ Anchored Hampton Roads, Va.

23-24 February 1945

Underway for Lynnhaven Roads. Commenced shakedown exercises. Anchored Lynnhaven Roads. Exercised at General Quarters and simulated debarkation of troops. Landing craft conducted beaching exercises. Returned to anchorage at Hampton Roads, Va. Underway for Chesapeake Bay. Compensated standard compasses. Made degaussing range runs. Anchored off Cape Charles City.

25 February 1945

Underway for gunnery exercises in Chesapeake Bay firing area baker. Fired shakedown gunnery exercises. Expended 15 rounds 5"38 Cal, 944 rounds 20MM, 200 rounds 40MM ammunition for gunnery exercises. Anchored off Cove Pt. Chesapeake Bay.

26 February 1945

Underway for Annapolis River conducting shakedown exercises. Streamed paravanes. Made measured mile runs. Anchored at entrance Annapolis, Md.

27 February 1945

Underway for Cape Charles City. Conducted full power trial enroute. Anchored off Cape Charles City.

28 February 1945

Underway for shakedown exercises in Chesapeake Bay. Conducted fueling at sea exercise. Held general drills. Completed shakedown. Moored Norfolk Navy Yard Portsmouth, Va.

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Month of March 1945

1-4 March 1945

1. Moored Norfolk Navy Yard Portsmouth, Va. for post shakedown repairs.

5 March 1945

1. Underway from Navy Yard to N.O.B. Norfolk, Va, Moored N.O.B. Norfolk, Va.

6-10 March 1945

1. Moored N.O.B. Norfolk, Va. loading general cargo and passengers.

11 March 1945

1. Underway Norfolk, Va. to Panama Canal Zone escorted by U.S.S. REGISTER APD 92.  
Speed 15. Zigzagging. Condition III set.

12 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Norfolk, Va. to Canal Zone.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	34-50 N.	33-48 W.	31-49.5 N.
Long.	72-53 W.	72-57 W.	73-21 W.

13 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Norfolk, Va. to Canal Zone.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	29-01 N.	28-16.5 N.	26-21 N.
Long.	73-47 W.	73-45 W.	74-02 W.

14 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Norfolk, Va. to Canal Zone.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	23-38 N.	22-43 N.	20-58 N.
Long.	74-20 W.	74-44 W.	74-28 W.

15 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Norfolk, Va. to Canal Zone.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	18-37 N.	17-57 N.	16-39 N.
Long.	75-11 W.	75-49 W.	77-09 W.

16 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Norfolk, Va. to Canal Zone.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	14-34 N.	13-25 N.	11-40 N.
Long.	78-40 W.	78-59 W.	79-46 W.

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Month of March 1945

17 March 1945

1. Arrived Canal Zone. Made transit of Panama Canal. Moored N.A.D. Balboa, C.Z. Fueled and provisioned ship.

18 March 1945

1. Underway Balboa, C.Z. to Pearl Harbor, T.H. steamingly singly. Speed 15. Condition III set.

19 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	07-01 N.	06-57 N.	06-37 N.
Long.	81-53 W.	82-57 W.	84-57 W.

20 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	07-32 N.	07-52 N.	08-18 N.
Long.	87-46 W.	88-25 W.	90-11 W.

21 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	09-20 N.	09-30 N.	10-22 N.
Long.	93-15 W.	94-28 W.	96-50 W.

3. Test fired automatic weapons.

4. Expended 1000 rounds 50 Cal. ammunition for test firing.

22 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11-35 N.	11-50 N.	12-36 N.
Long.	100-02 W.	101-01 W.	103-07 W.

3. Test Fired automatic weapons.

4. Expended 300 rounds 50 Cal. ammunition and 500 rounds 30 Cal. ammunition for test firing.

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Month of March 1945

23 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	13-35 N.	13-50 N.	14-27 N.
Long.	106-09 W.	107-17 W.	109-29 W.

24 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	15-21 N.	15-34 N.	16-11 N.
Long.	112-36 W.	113-37 W.	115-55 W.

25 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	16-59 N.	17-11 N.	17-42 N.
Long.	119-07 W.	120-12 W.	122-24 W.

26 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	18-20 N.	18-28 N.	18-48 N.
Long.	125-27 W.	126-36 W.	126-41 W.

3. Test fired all guns.

4. Expended 12 rounds 5"38 Cal, 173 rounds 40MM, 772 rounds 20MM for test firing.

27 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	19-19 N.	19-27 N.	19-47 N.
Long.	132-01 W.	133-03 W.	135-23 W.

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Month of March 1945

28 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20-07 N.	20-04 N.	20-20 N.
Long.	138-21 W.	139-17 W.	141-06 W.

3. Test fired automatic weapons.

4. Expended 500 rounds 30 Cal. ammunition for test firing.

29 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor from Canal Zone.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20-38 N.	20-43 N.	20-57 N.
Long.	143-41 W.	144-31 W.	146-12 W.

30 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	21-09 N.	21-10 N.	21-13 N.
Long.	148-43 W.	149-48 W.	151-08 W.

31 March 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	21-18 N.	21-24 N.	21-29 N.
Long.	153-31 W.	154-11 W.	154-47 W.

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4 May 1945

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WAR DIARY-U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101)

Month of April 1945

1 April 1945

1. Steaming enroute Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H. Moored Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Commenced unloading cargo.
2. Fired gunnery exercises off Molakai, T.H.
3. Expended 405 rounds 40MM; 1541 rounds 20MM; 17 rounds 5"38 AA Common Ammunition.

2-5 April 1945

1. Moored Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. unloading cargo.

6 April 1945

1. Underway from Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. Moored Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. Commenced loading cargo.

7-9 April 1945

1. Moored Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. Continued loading cargo.

10 April 1945

1. Underway from Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. to Kahului, Maui, T.H. Moored Kahului, Maui, T.H. Commenced unloading cargo.

11-14 April 1945

1. Moored Kahului, Maui, T.H. Continued unloading cargo.

15 April 1945

1. Underway from Kahului, Maui, T.H. to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. Moored Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

16-21 April 1945

1. Moored Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.
2. Transferred 13 LCVP's, 1 LP(L) and 8 LCM's to CO, Waipio Amphibious Training Base.

22 April 1945

1. Underway from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Port Hueneme, Calif. in company with U.S.S. BOLLINGER (APA-234), speed 15 knots. Condition III set.

23 April 1945

1. Enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Port Hueneme, Calif.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>1600</u>
Lat.	22-35.5 N.	23-06 N.	23-54 N.
Long.	154-05 W.	152-56 W.	151-23 W.

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Month of April 1945

24 April 1945

1. Enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Port Hueneme, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>1600</u>
Lat.	24-54 N.	25-09 N.	25-42 N.
Long.	148-33 W.	147-35 W.	146-05 W.

25 April 1945

1. Enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Port Hueneme, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>1600</u>
Lat.	26-42 N.	27-16 N.	27-52 N.
Long.	143-20 W.	142-23 W.	142-17 W.

26 April 1945

1. Underway from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to Port Hueneme. Destination changed by orders from ComWesSeaFron to San Pedro, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>1600</u>
Lat.	28-50 N.	29-17 N.	29-56 N.
Long.	137-12 W.	136-06 W.	133-56 W.

27 April 1945

1. Underway from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to San Pedro, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>1600</u>
Lat.	30-49 N.	30-54 N.	31-26 N.
Long.	130-40 W.	129-40 W.	127-40 W.

28 April 1945

1. Underway from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to San Pedro, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>1600</u>
Lat.	32-10 N.	32-18 N.	32-48 N.
Long.	124-38 W.	123-34 W.	121-15 W.

29 April 1945

1. Underway from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to San Pedro, Calif. Anchored San Pedro Harbor, San Pedro, Calif.

30 April 1945

1. Anchored San Pedro Harbor, San Pedro, Calif.

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4 June 1945

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WAR DIARY-U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101)

Month of May 1945

1 May 1945

1. Anchored San Pedro Bay, Berth C-6 San Pedro, Calif.

2 May 1945

1. Underway from San Pedro, Calif. to Port Hueneme, Calif. in accordance with orders Routing Officer, San Pedro, Calif. Moored Port Hueneme, Calif. commenced loading cargo.

3-5 May 1945

1. Moored Port Hueneme, Calif. loading general cargo. Underway for San Francisco, Calif. in accordance with Confidential instructions, Routing Officer, San Pedro, Calif.

6 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Port Hueneme, Calif. to San Francisco, Calif. Anchored in San Francisco Bay.

7 May 1945

1. Anchored in San Francisco, Calif. Shifted berth to alongside west side pier 3 San Francisco, Calif. Commenced loading general cargo.

8-9 May 1945

1. Moored Pier 3 San Francisco, Calif. Loading general cargo. Underway San Francisco, Calif. to Seattle, Washington in accordance orders of Routing Officer, San Pedro, Calif.

9 May 1945

1. Underway from San Francisco, Calif. to Seattle, Washington in accordance routing instructions Port Director, San Francisco, Calif. Condition III set.

2. Positions:

	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	39-06 N.
Long.	124-15 W.

10 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute San Francisco, Calif. to Seattle, Washington.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	42-21 N.	43-24 N.	45-32 N.
Long.	124-58 W.	124-52 W.	124-27 W.

11 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute San Francisco, Calif. to Seattle, Washington. Moored pier 39 Seattle, Washington, commenced loading general cargo.

12-15 May 1945

1. Moored pier 39 Seattle, Washington. Completed loading general cargo. Underway from Seattle, Washington to Mukilteo, Washington. Moored explosive loading pier at Mukilteo, Washington. Commenced loading explosives.

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Month of May 1945

16 May 1945

1. Moored Mukilteo, Washington. Completed loading explosives. Underway Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H. in accordance with ComWestSeaFront orders of 11 May 1945. In company with U.S.S. BOLLINGER as Task Unit 13.11.11. C.T.U. is in BOLLINGER. Condition III is set.

17 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>47-50</u> N.	<u>47-12</u> N.	<u>47-54</u> N.
Long.	126-47 W.	128-10 W.	130-31 W.

18 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>44-10</u> N.	<u>43-40</u> N.	<u>42-15</u> N.
Long.	133-38 W.	134-31 W.	136-34 W.

19 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>40-19</u> N.	<u>39-39</u> N.	<u>38-08</u> N.
Long.	139-15 W.	140-02 W.	142-09 W.

20 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>35-55</u> N.	<u>35-22</u> N.	<u>33-49</u> N.
Long.	145-02 W.	145-36 W.	147-31 W.

21 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>31-27</u> N.	<u>30-39</u> N.	<u>28-51</u> N.
Long.	150-04 W.	150-43 W.	152-10 W.

22 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>26-26</u> N.	<u>25-37</u> N.	<u>24-05</u> N.
Long.	154-16 W.	154-58 W.	156-33 W.

3. Fired AA practice at target balloons.

4. Expended following ammunition at AA practice: 13 rounds 5"38, 324 rounds 40MM, 1622 rounds 20MM.



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Month of May 1945

23 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Mukilteo, Washington to Pearl Harbor, T.H. Moored berth X-13 Pearl Harbor, T.H.
2. Fired AA practice at Towed target sleeve.
3. Expended following ammunition at AA practice: 12 rounds 5"38, 353 rounds 40MM.

24-27 May 1945

1. Moored berth X-13 Pearl Harbor, T.H.

28 May 1945

1. Moored berth X-13 Pearl Harbor, T.H. Underway Pearl Harbor, T.H. for Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in accordance ComHawSeaFron serial 0667 of 28 May 1945. Condition III set.
2. Position:

	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20-39 N.
Long.	157-59 W.

29 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.
2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	19-48 N.	19-41 N.	19-27 N.
Long.	160-29 W.	161-25 W.	163-29 W.

30 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.
2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	19-05 N.	18-58 N.	18-34 N.
Long.	166-40 W.	167-44 W.	170-05 W.

31 May 1945

1. Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.
2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	18-00 N.	17-33 N.	17-11 N.
Long.	173-07 W.	174-14 W.	176-52 W.

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WAR DIARY-U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101)

Month of June 1945

1 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>16-35</u> N.	<u>16-20</u> N.	<u>15-38</u> N.
Long.	179-38 W.	179-19 E.	177-27 E.

2 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Crossed International date line.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>14-40</u> N.	<u>14-30</u> N.	<u>14-09</u> N.
Long.	173-54 E.	172-54 E.	170-49 E.

4 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>13-09</u> N.	<u>12-49</u> N.	<u>12-20</u> N.
Long.	167-48 E.	166-55 E.	165-20 E.

5 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

2. Anchored Eniwetok, Marshall Islands berth E-6 Anchorage Able.
3. Underway from anchorage. Moored alongside tanker AO 183. Fueled ship.
4. Returned to berth E-6 Anchorage Able, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

6-16 June 1945

1. Anchored in Anchorage Able berth E-6 Eniwetok, Marshall Islands awaiting routing instructions.

17 June 1945

1. Anchored in Anchorage Able berth E-6 Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

2. Underway from Eniwetok for Ulithi Is. in accordance routing instructions Port Director, Eniwetok.
3. Position:

Lat.	<u>2000</u>
Long.	<u>11-18</u> N.
	161-26 E.

4. Fired AA gunnery practice at towed sleeve.

5. Expended following ammunition at gunnery practice: 1 round 5"38, 242 rounds 40MM, 386 rounds 20MM.

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Month of June 1945

18 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Island.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	12-00 N.	12-13 N.	12-36 N.
Long.	158-24 E.	157-24 E.	154-58 E.

19 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Island.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	12-56 N.	12-40 N.	11-45 N.
Long.	151-55 E.	150-45 E.	148-51 E.

3. Test firing of 50 caliber machine guns on ship's boats.

4. Expended following ammunition at test firing: 1145 rounds 50 caliber.

20 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Island.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10-50 N.	10-36 N.	10-18 N.
Long.	145-49 E.	144-56 E.	141-57 E.

3. Test firing 50 caliber machine guns on ship's boats.

4. Expended following ammunition at test firing: 50 rounds 50 caliber tracers, 50 rounds 30 caliber tracers.

21 June 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Island.

2. Position:	<u>0800</u>
Lat.	10-00 N.
Long.	140-15 E.

3. Anchored 332 degrees true, 700 yards from center of berth 37 Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Island.

22-27 June 1945

1. Anchored in Urushi Anchorage, 700 yards from center of berth 37, Ulithi Island awaiting routing instructions.

28 June 1945

1. Anchored in Urushi Anchorage, 700 yards from center of berth 37, Ulithi Island.

2. Underway from Ulithi Island in accordance with Confidential routing instructions Port Director, Ulithi.

3. Position:	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10-55 N.
Long.	139-30 E.

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Month of June 1945

29 June 1945

1. Steaming in convoy UOK 30, position #12, enroute Ulithi Island to Okinawa Jima 700 yards astern of column guide U.S.S. RAWLINS (APA-226) with interval of 1,000 yards between columns. Convoy Commodore and guide U.S.S. CLINTON (APA-144) in position #31.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	13-08 N.	13-56 N.	15-16 N.
Long.	137-44 E.	137-12 E.	136-20 E.

30 June 1945

1. Steaming in convoy UOK 30, position #12, enroute Ulithi Island to Okinawa Jima 700 yards astern of column guide U.S.S. RAWLINS (APA-226) with interval of 1,000 yards between columns. Convoy Commodore and guide U.S.S. CLINTON (APA-144) in position #31.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	17-29 N.	18-10 N.	19-43 N.
Long.	134-43 E.	134-15 E.	133-02 E.



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FILE: AKA 101/A9-4/S32-1(7)/WDS:vm

1 August 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary - forwarding of.  
Encl: (A) War Diary of U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) for month of July.  
1. Forwarded.

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Lt. Comdr., USNR  
Commanding Officer

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WAR DIARY-U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101)

Month of July 1945

1 July 1945

1. Steaming in convoy UOK 30, position 12 enroute Ulithi Islands to Okinawa Jima. Speed 13.5 knots. U.S.S. CLINTON in position 31, guide and convoy commodore.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	21-47 N.	22-24 N.	24-00 N.
Long.	131-20 E.	130-53 E.	129-34 E.

2 July 1945

1. Steaming in convoy UOK 30 enroute Ulithi Islands to Okinawa Jima.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
Lat.	25-52 N.	25-50 N.
Long.	127-28 E.	127-38 E.

3. Anchored in berth #86, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima.

3-11 July 1945

1. Anchored in berth #86, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima discharging cargo.

12 July 1945

1. Anchored in berth #86, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima. Completed unloading cargo.

2. Underway from Okinawa Jima for Ulithi Islands in convoy OKU 12 in accordance confidential instructions, Port Director, Okinawa. This ship is vice commodore in position 21. S.S. WHITE SWALLOW is guide and convoy commodore in position 31. Speed 9 knots.

3. Positions:	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	24-55 N.
Long.	128-04 E.

13 July 1945

1. Steaming enroute Okinawa Jima to Ulithi Islands in convoy.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	23-36 N.	23-08 N.	22-11 N.
Long.	129-16 E.	129-49 E.	130-32 E.

14 July 1945

1. Steaming enroute Okinawa Jima to Ulithi Islands in convoy.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20-51 N.	20-25 N.	19-36 N.
Long.	131-26 E.	131-44 E.	132-30 E.

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Month of July 1945

15 July 1945

1. Steaming enroute Okinawa Jima to Ulithi Islands in convoy.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>18-32</u> N.	<u>18-12</u> N.	<u>17-14</u> N.
Long.	133-21 E.	133-29 E.	134-02 E.

16 July 1945

1. Steaming enroute Okinawa Jima to Ulithi Islands in convoy.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>15-57</u> N.	<u>15-33</u> N.	<u>14-24</u> N.
Long.	135-14 E.	135-35 E.	136-27 E.

17 July 1945

1. Steaming enroute Okinawa Jima to Ulithi Islands in convoy.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	<u>12-49</u> N.	<u>12-20</u> N.	<u>11-21</u> N.
Long.	137-32 E.	137-53 E.	138-30 E.

18 July 1945

1. Steaming enroute Okinawa Jima to Ulithi Islands in convoy.

2. Positions:	0800
Lat.	<u>10-18</u> N.
Long.	139-49 E.

3. Fired AA practice at towed sleeve.

4. Expended the following ammunition at AA practice.

5"38	21 rounds
40MM	610 rounds
20MM	2023 rounds

5. Anchored in berth 31, Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Islands.

19 July 1945

1. Anchored in berth 31, Urushi Anchorage, Ulithi Islands.

2. Underway from Ulithi Is. for Manus Is, Admiralty Is. in accordance confidential routing orders of Port Director, Ulithi.

3. Positions:	2000
Lat.	<u>09-13</u> N.
Long.	140-11 E.

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Month of July 1945

20 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Ulithi Islands to Manus Island.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$\frac{06-42}{06-42}$ N.	$\frac{05-53}{05-53}$ N.	$\frac{04-15}{04-15}$ N.
Long.	141-56 E.	142-27 E.	143-30 E.

3. Fired AA practice.

4. Expended the following ammunition at AA practice.

5"38	2 star shells
40MM	56 rounds
20MM	116 rounds

21 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Ulithi Islands to Manus Island.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$\frac{02-08}{02-08}$ N.	$\frac{01-25}{01-25}$ N.	$\frac{00-01}{00-01}$ S.
Long.	145-01 E.	145-30 E.	146-25 E.

22 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Ulithi Islands to Manus Island.

2. Anchored in berth 345, Manus Island.

3. Underway from Manus Island for Espiritu Santo in accordance with confidential instructions Port Director, Manus Island.

4. Positions:	2000
Lat.	$\frac{03-10}{03-10}$ S.
Long.	147-22 E.

23 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Manus Island to Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$\frac{05-28}{05-28}$ S.	$\frac{06-07}{06-07}$ S.	$\frac{06-54}{06-54}$ S.
Long.	147-30 E.	147-42 E.	149-03 E.

24 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Manus Island to Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$\frac{07-54}{07-54}$ S.	$\frac{08-13}{08-13}$ S.	$\frac{08-51}{08-51}$ S.
Long.	151-50 E.	152-35 E.	154-19 E.

3. Fired AA practice.

4. Expended the following ammunition at AA practice.

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Month of July 1945

24 July 1945 (condt)

5"38	2 rounds
40MM	72 rounds
20MM	118 rounds

25 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Manus Island to Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$\frac{10-47}{10-47}$ S.	$\frac{11-27}{11-27}$ S.	$\frac{12-44}{12-44}$ S.
Long.	156-28 E.	156-44 E.	157-23 E.

26 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Manus Island to Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$\frac{13-44}{13-44}$ S.	$\frac{14-16}{14-16}$ S.	$\frac{14-43}{14-43}$ S.
Long.	159-32 E.	159-56 E.	161-37 E.

3. Fired AA practice.

4. Expended the following ammunition at AA practice.

5"38	2 rounds
40MM	32 rounds
20MM	118 rounds

27 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Manus Island to Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$\frac{15-14}{15-14}$ S.	$\frac{15-32}{15-32}$ S.	$\frac{15-56}{15-56}$ S.
Long.	163-37 E.	165-05 E.	165-57 E.

28 July 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Manus Island to Espiritu Santo.

2. Anchored berth 3, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo. Shifted berth to berth 13, Segond Channel.

3. Underway and moored to fuel dock, Aore Island in accordance orders of Port Director.

4. Completed fueling returned to berth 13, Segond Channel in accordance orders of Port Director.

29-31 July 1945

1. Anchored berth 13, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo awaiting orders.



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FILE: AKA 101/A9-4/S32-1(7)/WDS:vm

2 September 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary - forwarding of.  
Encl: (A) War Diary of U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) for month of August.  
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Month of August 1945

1 August 1945

1. Anchored berth 13 Segond Channel Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides.
2. Shifted berth to alongside pier #4, Segond Channel Espiritu Santo. Commenced loading cargo.

2-6 August 1945

1. Moored pier #4, Segond Channel Espiritu Santo loading cargo.

7 August 1945

1. Moored pier #4, Segond Channel Espiritu Santo. Completed loading cargo.
2. Shifted berths from pier #4 to berth 13, Segond Channel Espiritu Santo.

8 August 1945

1. Anchored in berth 13, Segond Channel Espiritu Santo.
2. Underway from Espiritu Santo for Guam, Marianas in accordance confidential orders of Port Director, Espiritu Santo.

3. Positions:

	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	14-38 S.	13-16 S.
Long.	167-04 E.	165-34 E.

4. Test fired 50 cal. machine guns.
5. Expended following ammunition at test firing.

50 cal.            400 rounds

9 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10-40 S.	09-46 S.	07-50 S.
Long.	164-30 E.	164-21 E.	164-14 E.

10 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	04-39 S.	04-05 S.	02-11 S.
Long.	164-22 E.	164-16 E.	164-11 E.

11 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	00-56 N.	01-51 N.	03-44 N.
Long.	164-16 E.	164-21 E.	164-13 E.

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Month of August 1945

12 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	06-47 N.	07-45 N.	09-33 N.
Long.	163-35 E.	163-17 E.	162-33 E.

13 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	11-18 N.	11-25 N.	11-41 N.
Long.	160-53 E.	160-00 E.	158-07 E.

3. Test fired #3 40MM.

4. Expended following ammunition at test firing.

40MM	59 rounds
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14 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12-20 N.	12-21 N.	12-41 N.
Long.	155-16 E.	154-17 E.	152-21 E.

3. Fired AA practice at balloons.

4. Expended following ammunition at AA practice.

5"38	7 rounds
40MM	278 rounds
20MM	1819 rounds

15 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13-10 N.	13-17 N.	13-30 N.
Long.	149-45 E.	148-56 E.	147-00 E.

3. Test fired small arms.

4. Expended following ammunition at test firing.

30 cal. carbine	1000 rounds
45 cal.	400 rounds
30 cal.	280 rounds

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Month of August 1945

16 August 1945

1. Steaming enroute Guam from Espiritu Santo.
2. Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth 19, Guam, Marianas.

17-20 August 1945

1. Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth 19, Guam, Marianas.

21 August 1945

1. Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth 19, Guam, Marianas.
2. Shifted from berth 19 to pier G, Apra Harbor, Guam. Commenced unloading cargo.

22 August 1945

1. Moored to pier G, Guam, Marianas. Unloading cargo.

23 August 1945

1. Moored to pier G, Guam, Marianas. Completed unloading cargo.
2. Shifted berths from pier G to berth 21, Guam, Marianas.

24-25 August 1945

1. Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth 21, Guam, Marianas.

26 August 1945

1. Moored fore and aft to buoys in berth 21, Guam, Marianas.
2. Underway from Guam for Saipan Island, Marianas in accordance with confidential orders of Port Director, Guam.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200
Lat.	13-43 N.	14-34 N.
Long.	144-42 E.	145-09 E.

4. Anchored in berth Love 51, Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

27 August 1945

1. Anchored in berth Love 51, Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

28 August 1945

1. Anchored in berth Love 51, Saipan Harbor, Marianas.
2. Shifted from berth Love 51 to pier Able 8, Tanapag, Saipan, Marianas. Commenced unloading cargo.

29-30 August 1945

1. Moored to pier Able 8, Tanapag, Saipan, Marianas. Unloading cargo.

31 August 1945

1. Moored to pier Able 8, Tanapag, Saipan, Marianas. Completed unloading cargo.
2. Shifted from pier Able 8 to berth Love 76, Saipan, Marianas.

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3 October 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary - forwarding of.  
Encl: (A) War Diary of U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) for month of September.  
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Month of September 1945

1-7 September 1945

1. Anchored in berth L 76 Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

8 September 1945

1. Anchored in berth L 76 Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

2. Shifted from berth L 76 to pier A-8 Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas.

9 September 1945

1. Moored starboard side to Pier A-8 Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas.

10 September 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier A-8 Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas. Commenced taking on cargo.

2. One hundred twenty (120) men and five (5) officers of Second Marine Division reported aboard for transportation.

11-13 September 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier A-8 Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas.

14 September 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier A-8 Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, Marianas. Completed taking on cargo.

2. Shifted from pier A-8 to berth M 25 Outer Saipan Harbor, Marianas. Awaiting orders.

15-16 September 1945

1. Anchored in berth M 25 Outer Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

17 September 1945

1. Anchored in berth M 25 Outer Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

2. Shifted from berth M 25 to berth L 50 Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

18 September 1945

1. Anchored in berth L 50 Saipan Harbor, Marianas.

2. Underway in convoy from Saipan Island, Marianas for Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan in accordance with Sortie and Movement order, Comtransron 12, Number 7-45 dated 17 September 1945.

3. Positions:

	2000
Lat.	15-50 N.
Long.	144-55 E.

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Month of September 1945

19 September 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 in position 17 at standard interval and distance in accordance with Sortie and Movement plan Comtransron 12, number 7-45 enroute Saipan, Marianas to Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan. SOPA and OTC in U.S.S. CAMBRIA (APA-36) the guide.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	17-42 N.	18-27 N.	20-03 N.
Long.	142-49 E.	142-17 E.	141-28 E.

20 September 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Saipan, Marianas to Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	22-27 N.	23-17 N.	24-45 N.
Long.	140-14 E.	139-38 E.	138-20 E.

21 September 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Saipan, Marianas to Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	26-33 N.	27-03 N.	28-03 N.
Long.	135-42 E.	134-50 E.	132-55 E.

22 September 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Saipan, Marianas to Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	29-28 N.	29-35 N.	30-42 N.
Long.	130-18 E.	129-25 E.	128-45 E.

23 September 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Saipan, Marianas to Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan.

2. Anchored 190 yards, 220°T from center of berth #41, Area "Roger", Outer Harbor Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan.

3. Dispatched landing craft to various APA's in accordance with Comtransron 12 orders.

4. Shifted from berth #41, Area "Roger" to Mitsubishi Dry Dock #3, Nagasaki, Japan. Commenced unloading ship's cargo.

24-25 September 1945

1. Moored port and starboard side to Mitsubishi Dry Dock #3, Nagasaki, Japan unloading cargo.



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Month of September 1945

26 September 1945

1. Moored port and starboard side to Mitsubishi Dry Dock #3, Nagasaki, Japan unloading cargo.
2. One hundred twenty (120) enlisted men and five (5) officers of Second Marine Division disembarked this date.

27 September 1945

1. Moored port and starboard side to Mitsubishi Dry Dock #3, Nagasaki, Japan. Completed unloading cargo.
2. Shifted from Mitsubishi Dry Dock #3 to berth #7 Outer Harbor, Nagasaki, Kyushu Island Japan in accordance with Comtransron 12 dispatch #271005. Awaiting orders.
3. In accordance with Comtransron 12 Landing Plan #A6-45 Boat Pool Plan (Annex C) transferred one (1) landing craft (LCM) to officer in charge Nagasaki Boat Pool, Kyushu Island, Japan.

28 September 1945

1. Anchored in berth #7, Nagasaki Outer Harbor, Kyushu Island, Japan.
2. Underway in convoy from Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan in accordance with Comtransron 12 radio dispatch #271115. Cruising disposition 2-C in position 13 of convoy. OTC and guide in U.S.S. CAMBRIA (APA-36) in position 21.

3. Positions:

	2000
Lat.	31-55 N.
Long.	129-09 E.

29 September 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12, in position 13 at standard distance and interval in accordance with cruising disposition 2-C enroute Nagasaki, Japan to Manila, Philippines. OTC and guide in U.S.S. CAMBRIA (APA-36).

2. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	29-35 N.	28-55 N.	27-59 N.
Long.	128-17 E.	128-09 E.	126-43 E.

30 September 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Nagasaki, Japan to Manila, Philippines.

2. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	27-26 N.	27-59 N.	28-26 N.
Long.	125-56 E.	126-30 E.	127-12 E.

3. Under urgent orders by radio U.S.S. CAMBRIA (APA-36), guide and OTC left formation to return to Nagasaki, Kyushu Island, Japan. Command transferred to U.S.S. FREESTONE (APA-167) now guide, OTC and C.T.U. 54-19-9

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C/O FLEET POST OFFICE  
San Francisco, Calif.

FILE: AKA 101/A6-5/S32-1(1)/JM:mk

30 October 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary - forwarding of.  
Encl: (A) War Diary of U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) for month of October.  
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Month of October 1945

1 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Nagasaki, Japan to Manila, Philippines.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	27-23 N.	26-43 N.	25-08 N.
Long.	127-32 E.	127-30 E.	127-33 E.

2 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Nagasaki, Japan to Manila, Philippines.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	23-13 N.	23-50 N.	21-50 N.
Long.	125-55 E.	125-19 E.	123-10 E.

3 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Nagasaki, Japan to Manila, Philippines.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20-10 N.	19-55 N.	18-37 N.
Long.	121-51 E.	120-59 E.	120-01 E.

4 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Transron 12 enroute Nagasaki, Japan to Manila, Philippines.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
Lat.	15-54 N.	15-00 N.
Long.	119-25 E.	119-41 E.

3. Anchored in berth #132 Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. Awaiting orders.

4. In obedience to orders of Comtransron 12, turned in four (4) LCM's to boat pool, Subic Bay.

5. Underway in convoy from Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. in accordance with radio dispatch #2019 of U.S.S. CAPRICORNUS (AKA-57). OTC and guide steaming as a detached unit of Task Unit 54.19.9 in single column movement. This ship in position #14.

5 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy as a detached part of Task Unit 54.19.9 in position #14, enroute Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. in cruising disposition C-1. OTC and guide on U.S.S. CAPRICORNUS (AKA-57) in position #11.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
Lat.	16-30 N.	16-11 N.
Long.	119-52 E.	120-17 E.

3. Anchored in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., 132<sup>0</sup>T 6400 yards from Beacon "Baker". Awaiting orders.

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4. In accordance with radio dispatch #0833 from OTC U.S.S. CAPRICORNUS (AKA-57) took aboard five (5) Army LCM's and twenty (20) men for transportation.
5. Underway in convoy from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. to Manila, Luzon, P. I. in accordance with radio dispatch #2128 of U.S.S. CAPRICORNUS (AKA-57) OTC and guide.
6. Steaming as a detached unit of Task Unit 54.19.9 in single column movement. This ship in position #14.

6 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy as a detached part of Task Unit 54.19.9 in position #14. Enroute Manila, Luzon, P.I, from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.
2. Positions:

	0800	1200
Lat.	15-10 N.	14-30 N.
Long.	119-38 E.	120-11 E.

3. Anchored in berth #646 Manila Outer Harbor, Luzon, P.I. Awaiting orders.

7 October 1945

1. Anchored in berth #646 Manila Outer Harbor, Luzon, P.I.
2. Underway and moored port side to U.S.S. SILVER CLOUD 1X-143 for fueling in berth #594 in obedience to orders of Comserdiv #73.
3. Completed fueling and returned to berth #646. Awaiting orders.
4. Detached from Transron #12 and reported to duty to Comphibgroup #14.

8-10 October 1945

1. Anchored in berth #646, Manila Outer Harbor, Luzon, P.I.

11 October 1945

1. Anchored in berth #646, Manila Outer Harbor, Luzon, P.I.
2. Pursuant to Comphibgroup #14 visual dispatch #101420 transferred three (3) LCM's to U.S.S. ANDROMEDA (AKA-15).
3. Pursuant to Comphibgroup #14 visual dispatch #101420 received aboard three (3) LCM's (Army) and twelve (12) Army enlisted personnel as their crews, for transportation.
4. In obedience to orders of Comphibgroup #14 dated 110329, underway from Manila to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. Steaming independently.

12 October 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Manila to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.
2. Arrived Lingayen Gulf and in accordance to orders of port director, San Fernando, proceeding to "White Beach" #2.
3. Anchored at the head of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

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13 October 1945

1. Anchored at the head of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. Commenced taking on ship's cargo.
2. Pursuant to visual dispatch #130158 SOPA, U.S.S. BRAXTON; shifted berth closer to beach to facilitate in taking on cargo.

14 October 1945

1. Anchored at the head of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. Continued taking on cargo.

15 October 1945

1. Anchored at the head of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. Completed taking on ship's cargo.
2. In accordance to verbal orders from U.S.S. McINTYRE (APA-129) SOPA, proceeding to San Fernando anchorage.
3. Anchored at San Fernando, 2000 yards 237° from San Fernando Point Light. Awaiting formation of Task Unit 54.15.18.

16-22 October 1945

1. Anchored at San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

23 October 1945

1. Anchored at San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.
2. Underway in convoy for Nagoya, Honshu Island, Japan from Lingayen Gulf in accordance with routing instructions of port director, 20 October 1945 (Lingayen/Nagoya convoy #2). Task Unit 54.15.18 this ship in position #14. OTC and guide in U.S.S. McINTYRE (APA-129) in position #11. Speed 15 knots.

3. Positions:           2000  
                  Lat. 17-43 N.  
                  Long. 120-08 E.

24 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 54.15.18 enroute Nagoya, Japan from Lingayen Gulf, P.I.
2. Positions:                   0800                   1200                   2000  
                  Lat.       19-44 N.       19-49 N.       20-28 N.  
                  Long.     120-56 E.     121-21 E.     122-37 E.

25 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 54.15.18 enroute Nagoya, Japan from Lingayen Gulf, P.I.
2. Positions:                   0800                   1200                   2000  
                  Lat.       21-36 N.       22-25 N.       23-36 N.  
                  Long.     124-31 E.     125-15 E.     126-40 E.

26 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 54.15.18 enroute Nagoya, Japan from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.



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2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	25-21 N.	26-28 N.	27-59 N.
Long.	128-10 E.	129-06 E.	130-33 E.

27 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 54.15.18 enroute Nagoya, Japan from Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	29-58 N.	30-33 N.	31-57 N.
Long.	133-20 E.	134-08 E.	135-26 E.

28 October 1945

1. Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 54.15.18 enroute Nagoya, Japan from Lingayen, Gulf, Luzon, P.I.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
Lat.	34-10 N.	34-35 N.
Long.	137-06 E.	136-54 E.

3. Anchored at Yokkaichi Ko, transport area. Awaiting orders.

29 October 1945

1. Anchored at Yokkaichi Ko transport area.

30 October 1945

1. Anchored at Yokkaichi Ko transport area.

2. Shifted from transport area berth to berth #15, Nagoya Inner Harbor, in obedience to radio dispatch #102937 from Port Director, Nagoya.

3. Commenced unloading ship's cargo.

4. Completed unloading ship's cargo.

5. Captain Roberts, USA, twelve (12) Officers and seventy nine (79) enlisted men left this ship having completed transportation from Lingayen, Luzon, P.I.

31 October 1945

1. Moored starboard side to in berth #15, Nagoya Inner Harbor, Honshu Island, Japan.

2. In accordance to Comservgroup afloat radio dispatch #300705 shifted from berth #15 to anchorage, berth #55, Nagoya Outer Harbor, Japan.

3. Detached from Task Unit 54.15.18. Awaiting orders.

4. Transferred eight (8) LCM's and thirty two (32) enlisted men as their crews to Co. "C" 534th Engineering Boat and Shore Regiment, A.P.O. #713.

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**San Francisco, Calif.**

**FILE: AKA 101/A6-5/S32-1(1)/JM:vm**

5 December 1945

**From:** Commanding Officer.  
**To:** Commanding in Chief, United States Fleet.  
**Subj:** War Diary - forwarding of.  
**Encl:** (A) War Diary of U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) for month of November.  
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Month of November 1945

1-5 November 1945

1. Anchored in berth #55, Nagoya Outer Harbor, Honshu Is., Japan.

6 November 1945

1. Anchored in berth #55, Nagoya Outer Harbor, Honshu Is., Japan.
2. Underway and moored port side to U.S.S. BIGHORN (IX-207) for refueling in accordance with visual dispatch #050445 from U.S.S. BIGHORN.
3. Completed fueling and anchored in berth #98, anchorage Able, Nagoya Outer Harbor, Honshu Is., Japan.

7-10 November 1945

1. Anchored in berth #98, anchorage Able, Nagoya Outer Harbor, Honshu Is., Japan. Awaiting orders.

11 November 1945

1. Anchored in berth #98, anchorage Able, Nagoya Outer Harbor, Honshu Is., Japan.
2. Seventeen officers and two hundred and twenty-seven (227) enlisted men reported aboard for transportation to U.S.
3. Underway for Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. in accordance with orders of Port Director, 8 November 1945. Standard speed 15 knots.

4. Positions:

	<u>2000</u>		
Lat.	33-48 N		
Long.	137-03 E		

12 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Nagoya, Japan to Lingayen Gulf, P.I.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	31-05 N	30-16.5 N	28-53 N
Long.	135-02.5 E	134-09 E	132-11 E

13 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Nagoya, Japan to Lingayen Gulf, P.I.

2. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	27-01 N	26-22 N	24-15.5 N
Long.	129-32 E	128-40 E	126-57 E

14 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Nagoya, Japan to Lingayen Gulf, P.I.

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14 November (condt)

2. Positions:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	22-32 N	21-32 N	20-04 N
Long.	124-31 E	123-42 E	122-06 E

15 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Nagoya, Japan to Lingayen Gulf, P.I.

2. Positions:	2000
Lat.	16-20 N
Long.	119-36 E

3. Anchored at San Fernando Inner Harbor, berth A-5, Lingayen Gulf, P.I.
4. In accordance to ComPhibPac dispatch O20202, November 1945 received aboard two (2) officers and fifteen (15) enlisted men (2 LCM's) for transportation to U.S.
5. Received aboard one (1) officer and one (1) enlisted man for transportation to U.S. in accordance to orders from CNB.
6. Underway for Subic Bay in obedience to orders of Port Director, Lingayen Gulf, P.I. dated 15 November 1945.

16 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Lingayen Gulf, P.I. to Subic Bay, P.I.

2. Positions:	0800
Lat.	14-49 N
Long.	120-15 E

3. Anchored in berth #150, Subic Bay, P.I.
4. Underway to moor alongside U.S.S. STAG (AW-1) to receive fresh water.
5. Completed taking on fresh water and underway and anchored in berth #170, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I.
6. Pursuant to verbal orders from CNB, Subic Bay, P.I. received aboard 38 enlisted men for transportation to U.S.

17 November 1945

1. Anchored in berth #170, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. Awaiting orders.
2. In compliance to orders from ComPhibSeaFront received aboard two (2) officers for transportation to U.S.

18 November 1945

1. Anchored in berth #170, Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I.

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18 November (condt)

2. In compliance to orders from ComPhibsSeaFron received aboard two (2) officers for transportation to U.S.

3. Underway from Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H. in obedience to orders from Port Director, Subic Bay (reference ComPhibsPac 020202) of 18 November 1945.

4. Positions:                    2000  
    Lat.                        15-35 N  
    Long.                      119-41 E

19 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:                    0800                    1200                    2000  
    Lat.                        18-37 N                18-47 N                19-06 N  
    Long.                      120-24 E                121-18 E                122-57 E

20 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:                    0800                    1200                    2000  
    Lat.                        19-51 N                20-07 N                20-46 N  
    Long.                      125-51 E                126-48 E                128-54 E

21 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:                    0800                    1200                    2000  
    Lat.                        21-26 N                21-39 N                22-13 N  
    Long.                      131-44 E                132-48 E                134-52 E

22 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:                    0800                    1200                    2000  
    Lat.                        22-41 N                22-53 N                23-14 N  
    Long.                      137-54 E                138-56 E                140-46 E

23 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:                    0800                    1200                    2000  
    Lat.                        23-47 N                23-57 N                24-14 N  
    Long.                      144-03 E                145-09 E                147-26 E

24 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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24 November (condt)

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>24-40</u> N	<u>24-43</u> N	<u>25-06</u> N
Long.	150-43 E	151-53 E	153-46 E

25 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>24-58</u> N	<u>24-45</u> N	<u>24-33</u> N
Long.	157-16 E	158-32 E	160-50 E

26 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>24-31</u> N	<u>24-30</u> N	<u>24-11</u> N
Long.	164-07 E	165-14 E	167-23 E

27 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>24-13</u> N	<u>24-06</u> N	<u>24-03</u> N
Long.	170-36 E	171-36 E	173-31 E

28 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>23-56</u> N	<u>23-47</u> N	<u>23-42</u> N
Long.	176-31 E	177-32 E	179-37 E

3. Crossed International <sup>al</sup>Date Line.

28 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>23-41</u> N	<u>23-41</u> N	<u>23-41</u> N
Long.	176-48 W	175-40 W	173-41 W

29 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>23-09</u> N	<u>23-03</u> N	<u>22-33</u> N
Long.	170-53 W	169-25 W	167-06 W

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30 November 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	<u>22-04</u> N	<u>21-29</u> N	<u>21-04</u> N
Long.	<u>164-14</u> W	<u>163-06</u> W	<u>160-59</u> W



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8 January 1946

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To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subj: War Diary - forwarding of.  
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Month of December 1945

1 December 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Subic Bay, P.I. to Pearl Harbor.
2. Fired AA practice at target sleeve.
3. Expended the following ammunition at AA practice.

504 rounds	40MM
3358 rounds	20MM

4. Moored starboard side to berth A-14 Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. Awaiting orders.

5. Positions: 0800  
Lat. 21-00 N  
Long. 158-30 W

2 December 1945

1. Moored starboard side to berth A-14 Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.
2. Two officers and 14 enlisted men left the ship having completed transportation.

3 December 1945

1. Moored starboard side to berth A-14 Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.
2. Underway for San Francisco, Calif. in accordance with routing instructions from ComHawSeaFron Serial #2142.

3. Positions: 1200 2000  
Lat. 21-12 N 22-20 N  
Long. 157-43 W 156-32 W

4 December 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, Calif.

2. Positions: 0800 1200 2000  
Lat. 23-49 N 24-17 N 25-25 N  
Long. 153-50 W 152-56 W 151-10 W

5 December 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, Calif.

2. Positions: 0800 1200 2000  
Lat. 27-03 N 27-25 N 28-27 N  
Long. 148-39 W 147-41 W 145-52 W

6 December 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, Calif.

2. Positions: 0800 1200 2000  
Lat. 29-57 N 30-24 N 31-22 N  
Long. 142-48 W 141-44 W 139-46 W



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7 December 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	32-38 N	33-05 N	34-08 N
Long.	136-57 W	135-50 W	133-12 W

8 December 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	35-21 N	35-44 N	36-29 N
Long.	130-05 W	128-48 W	126-22 W

9 December 1945

1. Steaming singly enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to San Francisco, Calif.

2. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>
Lat.	38-28 N	37-48.5 N
Long.	123-09 W	122-23.5 W

3. Moored starboard side to pier #15, San Francisco, Calif.

4. Disembarked all Navy and Army passengers.

10 December 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier #15, San Francisco, Calif.

2. Shifted from berth pier #15 to berth #15 anchorage 11-A in accordance to Com 12-080039. Awaiting orders.

11-12 December 1945

1. Anchored in berth #15 anchorage 11-A, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, Calif.

13 December 1945

1. Shifted from berth #15 anchorage 11-A to pier #22 North, Mare Island Navy Shipyard in accordance with authority Nav. Ind. man at San Francisco #120057. Commenced availability for short cruise.

2. Commander Jackson Mizell, 113992, USNR was this date relieved by Commander Arthur K. Ehle, JN 61104, USN as Commanding Officer of U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) in short ceremony.

14 December 1945

1. Shifted from pier #22 North to pier #21 South, Mare Island Navy Yard. All ship's boilers and generators secured. Receiving the following services from the pier: steam, fresh water and telephone.

2. Commenced nine days leave for starboard watch of crew.

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15-22 December 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier #21 South, Mare Island Navy Yard.

23 December 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier #21 South, Mare Island Navy Yard.

2. Leave expired for starboard watch. Nine days leave commenced for port watch.

24-25 December 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier #21 South, Mare Island Navy Yard.

26 December 1945

1. Moored starboard side to pier #21 South, Mare Island Navy Yard.

2. Underway in accordance with orders of ship movement office, Mare Island, Calif. to anchorage 9, berth #27. Availability in yard ended.

3. Anchored in anchorage 9, berth #27 San Francisco Bay.

27-31 December 1945

1. Anchored in anchorage 9, berth #27 San Francisco Bay.

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23 November 1945.

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: The Secretary of the Navy.  
Subject: Ship's History - U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101).  
References: (a) Cincpac 020247/278.  
(b) ALPAC 202.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the following covering ship's history from 9 January 1945 to date is submitted:

U.S.S. OTTAWA (AKA-101) was built at Wilmington, N.C. by North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., and delivered to the Navy 9 January 1945; converted and commissioned at Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. on 8 February 1945; outfitted at Charleston, S.C. and proceeded to Norfolk, Va. for shakedown, arriving 20 February 1945; completed shakedown in Chesapeake Bay on 28 February 1945 and after loading Navy cargo at Norfolk on 11 March 1945 proceeded via Panama Canal to Pearl Harbor, arriving 1 April 1945.

After discharging cargo at Pearl, loading Marine ammunition at Honolulu, and discharging same at Maui, ship returned to Pearl Harbor on 13 April 1945. On 21 April 1945 departed Pearl Harbor for west coast ports U.S. to take aboard cargo of explosives and construction equipment. After completion of loading departed Seattle on 16 May 1945 and arrived Pearl Harbor 23 May 1945. After proceeding singly from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok, Marshalls, and Ulithi, Carolines, departed Ulithi in convoy on 27 June 1945 bound for Okinawa. After arriving Okinawa on 2 July 1945 and completing discharge of cargo at Hagushi anchorage there on 12 July 1945, sailed in convoy to Ulithi. Steaming singly from Ulithi via Manus Island, vessel arrived at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides on 28 July 1945 to load Army and Navy roll up stock for Guam and Saipan. Departed Espiritu Santo on 8 August 1945 and arrived Apra Harbor, Guam, Marianas on 15 August 1945. After discharging cargo at Guam, proceeded to Saipan and completed discharge of cargo on 28 August 1945.

After ten days buoy availability to clean boilers, loaded Second Marines and gear and in company with TransRon 12 departed Saipan on 18 Sep 1945 for Nagasaki and the occupation of Japan. After discharging Marines and cargo at Nagasaki, Japan proceeded to Philippines in convoy arriving Subic Bay on 4 October 1945. After exchanging landing boats at Subic Bay and Lingayen Gulf and fueling and provisioning in Manila, vessel arrived at Lingayen Gulf on 12 October 1945 to load Sixth Army troops and gear for Nagoya, Japan.

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After embarking Army, departed Lingayen on 23 October 1945 in convoy bound for Nagoya, Japan, arriving on 28 October 1945.

After discharging occupation troops and gear and receiving aboard Army and Navy passengers for transportation to U.S., departed Nagoya on 11 November 1945 and steaming singly, arrived Lingayen Gulf 15 November 1945, where boats and more passengers were embarked. After proceeding to Subic Bay for water, provisions, more boats and passengers, and receiving same aboard, departed Subic Bay on 18 November 1945 steaming singly bound for Pearl Harbor and San Francisco.

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**27 September 1945.**

**From:** Commanding Officer.  
**To:** Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.  
**Via:** (1) Commander Transport Division 13 (Temporary)  
(2) Commander Transport Squadron 12 (Temporary)  
(3) Commander Amphibious Group 4.  
(4) Commander Fifth Amphibious Force.  
(5) Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet.  
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**References:** (a) CinePac Advance Headquarters Secret Dispatch 290141 August.  
(b) ConTransRon 12 Sortie & Movement plan 7-45.  
(c) ConTransRon 12 Landing Plan A6-45.

1. In compliance with reference (a) this command reported for duty to ConTransRon 12 on 6 September 1945, at Saipan, Marianas Islands. Departed Saipan, enroute Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan, in accordance with reference (b).

2. (a) This command operated in TransDiv 13 (Temporary) (Task Unit 54.3.13) as part of TransRon 12 (Temporary) (Task Group 54.3).

(b) Upon departure Saipan squadron formed cruising disposition 3<sup>rd</sup> on order from the squadron commander. On 19 September, on orders from Squadron Commander, ships performed various tactical maneuvers and conducted flag hoist drill. On 20 and 21 September, all ships participated in flag hoist drills. Arrived off Nagasaki Harbor 0700 23 September and anchored in berth assigned by Squadron Commander in outer harbor.

(c) The mission of this command was (a) furnish landing craft to aid in the disembarking of troops from transports attached to the Squadron and (b) discharge cargo at location to be designated by Task Group Commander.

(d) Prior to disembarking troops the Squadron, consisting of 35 APA and 6 AKA assigned berths in areas off the entrance to Nagasaki Harbor.

(e) No enemy force was encountered.

3. (a) Upon arrival off Nagasaki, 23 September 1945, in compliance with orders from Task Group Commander, anchored berth 41, Area K. Upon anchoring Condition 1<sup>A</sup> was set anticipating orders to lower boats. At 1215 orders were received to lower boats and dispatch them in accordance with reference (c). At 1300 all boats were dispatched to assignments.

At 1745 orders were received from the Task Group Commander, via voice radio, to get underway and enter harbor. Ship was underway at 1809 and proceeded into harbor where Port Director boarded and, assisted by Navy tug, berthed in Drydock #3, Mitsubishi Dockyards, Hashikonyo, Kyushu, Japan. At 2030 ship was secured in dock and unloading commenced at 2230. 11 0690

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Unloading operations continued through 27 September 1945 and were handled by 2nd Battalion Engineers, 2nd Marine Division, who were embarked on this ship. Ship's company winchmen assisted in unloading operations.

(b) Weather conditions were ideal throughout operation.

4. (a) The following units of the 2nd Marine Division were embarked:

35 enlisted men and 1 Officer of Company B, 2nd Eng. Batt., 2nd Marine Division Headquarters Platoon consisting of 2 Officers and 51 enlisted men 7 enlisted of H and S Battery, 4th Battalion, 10th Marines 3 enlisted of Company A, 2nd Medical Battalion, Service Troops 22 enlisted, 2 Officers of 2nd Motor Transport Batt., Service Troops 2 enlisted of Signal Company, Headquarters Batt.

Total: 5 Officers, 120 Enlisted.

(b) Troops were embarked at Saipan, Marianas Islands on 9 September 1945 and disembarked at Mitsubishi Dockyards, Hashikonya, Kyushu, Japan, on 26 September 1945.

(c) 2300 tons of general cargo consisting of vehicles, engineering equipment, spare parts, aviation gasoline, foodstuffs and water was embarked.

1. Ship's booms were used for loading cargo from trucks and dock at Saipan and for unloading cargo to dock and into trucks at Mitsubishi Dockyard.

(d) Cargo was loaded at pontoon dock #8, Saipan, Marianas Islands during the period 10-13 September and unloaded at Drydock #3, Mitsubishi Dockyards, Hashikonya, Kyushu, Japan, during the period 23-27 September.

5. (a) This ship carried 13 LCVP, 1 LCP(L), and 8 LCM(6).

(b) 11 LCVP, 1 LCP(L) and 8 LCM(6) were used during the initial landing operation and, subsequently, for unloading cargo from various ships anchored in the harbor.

(c) All landing craft were controlled by voice radio, SCR 608-610, on circuit controlled by the Squadron Control Officer.

(d) 1 LCM(6) with full equipment and spares was transferred to O-in-C Nagasaki Port Pool.

6. (a) The Combat Information Center was used from sunset to sunrise for station keeping.

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(b) Communications were in accordance with PAC 703, PAC 71A Annex(A) Appendix (1) to reference (c) and ComTransRon 12 Secret Mailgram 160343 September.

7. (a) All personnel gained a great deal of experience inasmuch as this was the first ship-shore movement in which this command participated. For this reason it is felt that due credit should be given to all for the manner in which all assignments were carried out.

(b) No casualties to personnel were incurred.

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