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WAR DIARY-U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA 102)
Month of February 1945

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1. 11 February to 12 February 1945.

1. Commissioned 11 February 1945. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Routine pre-shakedown and fitting out schedule in adherence with instructions from ComPhibTraLant.
3. Positions: Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C.

2. 13 February to 16 February 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pre-shakedown and fitting out schedule; taking aboard supplies.
3. Positions: Clyde-Mallory Docks, Charleston, S. C.

3. 17 February 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pre-shakedown and fitting out schedule.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	32°-46.7' N	32°-49.9' N	32°-19.9' N
Long.	79°-55.5' W	79°-55.9' W	79°-55.9' W
4. Test fired 5"/38 Cal. and automatic weapons.
6. Expended four rounds 5"/38 Cal., 90 rounds 40mm and 800 rounds 20mm; no casualties.

4. 18 February to 20 February 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pre-shakedown and fitting out period.
3. Positions: Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, S. C.

5. 21 February to 22 February 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Proceeding to Chesapeake Bay for shakedown period in adherence to instructions from ComPhibTraLant.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
21st Lat.	32°-51.1' N	32°-51.1' N	32°-48.3' N
Long.	79°-57.5' W	79°-57.5' W	79°-37.7' W
22nd Lat.	33°-48.5' N	34°-12.0' N	35°-25.0' N
Long.	77°-00.0' W	76°-24.0' W	74°-50.0' W

6. 23 February to 27 February 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Shakedown exercises as prescribed by ComPhibTraLant.
3. Hampton Roads, Va. and Chesapeake Bay.

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7. 28 February 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Shakedown exercises as prescribed by ComPhibTraLant.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	37°-28.0' N	37°-40.9' N	37°-38.0' N
Long.	76°-27.0' W	76°-11.2' W	76°-13.3' W
4. Practice for 5"/38 and automatic weapons.
6. Expended thirty rounds 5"/38 Cal., 90 rounds 40mm, and 2290 rounds 20mm; no casualties.

G. P. Walker

G. P. WALKER,
Lt. Comdr., USNR,
Commanding Officer.

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Month of March 1945

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1. 1 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Shakedown exercises as prescribed by ComPhibTraLant.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	37°-3810 (N)	37°-5518 (N)	38°-5712 (N)
Long.	76°-1313 (W)	76°-1110 (W)	76°-2615 (W)
4. 0920: Practice firing for 5"/38 and automatic weapons (20 MM and 40 MM).
5. None.
6. Expended thirty (30) rounds 5"/38 cal., 1,110 rounds 40 MM, and 4,600 rounds 20 MM; no casualties.
7. None.

2. 2 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Shakedown exercises as prescribed by ComPhibTraLant.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	38°-5515 (N)	38°-5515 (N)	37°-1713 (N)
Long.	76°-2310 (W)	76°-2310 (W)	76°-0415 (W)
4. Made runs on measured mile off Annapolis, Md., with r.p.m.s ranging from 40 to 92. Made four (4) hour power run from Annapolis, Md. to Cape Charles City, Va. Engine performed satisfactorily.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

3. 3 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Proceeding to Norfolk, Va., for availability period following shakedown exercises, pursuant to instructions from ComPhibTraLant.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	37°-1713 (N)	37°-0310 (N)	36°-5814 (N)
Long.	76°-0416 (W)	76°-0310 (W)	76°-2016 (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

4. 4 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Proceeding, pursuant to instructions from ComPhibTraLant, from anchorage in Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Va., to berth at Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., for repairs and minor alterations following shakedown period.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	36°-5812 (N)	36°-5812 (N)	36°-4910 (N)
Long.	76°-2014 (W)	76°-2014 (W)	76°-1718 (W)

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4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

5. 5 March to 8 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Post shakedown availability period for minor repairs and installations.
3. Positions: Berth 23, Pier 3, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

6. 9 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Proceeding from Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., to N.O.B., Norfolk, Va., for loading and further routing, pursuant to ComPhibTraLant confidential despatch 061419.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000
Lat.	36°-49'10" (N)		36°-56'17" (N)		36°-56'17" (N)
Long.	76°-15'18" (W)		76°-19'18" (W)		76°-19'18" (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

7. 10 March 1945 to 15 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Loading and awaiting further routing, pursuant to ComPhibTraLant confidential despatch 061419.
3. Positions: Berth 31, Pier 3, N.O.B., Norfolk, Va.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

8. 16 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, ComServLant confidential despatch 141449 March, proceeding to Panama Canal Zone in company with, and escorted by, the U.S.S. TATUM (APD-81); U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102), senior.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000
Lat.	36°-49'10" (N)		36°-49'10" (N)		36°-44'10" (N)
Long.	76°-15'18" (W)		76°-15'18" (W)		75°-21'10" (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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9. 17 March to 19 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, ComServLant confidential despatch 141449 March, proceeding to Panama Canal Zone in company with, and escorted by, the U.S.S. TATUM (APD-81); U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102) senior.
3. Positions:

		<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
17 March	Lat.	35°-17!0 (N)	34°-24!0 (N)	32°-28!0 (N)
	Long.	72°-50!0 (W)	72°-55!0 (W)	73°-10!0 (W)
18 March	Lat.	29°-41!0 (N)	28°-45!0 (N)	26°-53!0 (N)
	Long.	73°-55!0 (W)	73°-57!0 (W)	74°-09!0 (W)
19 March	Lat.	24°-08!0 (N)	23°-27!0 (N)	21°-50!0 (N)
	Long.	74°-02!0 (W)	74°-33!5 (W)	74°-47!0 (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

10. 20 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, ComServLant confidential despatch 141449 March, proceeding to Panama Canal Zone in company with, and escorted by, the U.S.S. TATUM (APD-81); U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102) senior.
3. Positions:

		<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat.	19°-25!9 (N)	18°-24!0 (N)	16°-56!0 (N)
	Long.	74°-30!5 (W)	75°-03!5 (W)	76°-00!0 (W)
4. 1545: Practice firing for 5"/38 and automatic weapons (20 and 40 MM).
5. None.
6. Expended two (2) rounds 5"/38 cal., 525 rounds 20 MM, 116 rounds 40 MM; no casualties.
7. None.

11. 21 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to, and in accordance with, ComServLant confidential despatch 141449 March, proceeding to Panama Canal Zone in company with, and escorted by, the U.S.S. TATUM (APD-81); U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102) senior.
3. Positions:

		<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat.	14°-46!0 (N)	13°-57!0 (N)	12°-15!0 (N)
	Long.	77°-29!0 (W)	77°-59!0 (W)	78°-05!0 (W)
4. 1440: Conducted small arms firing practice.
5. None.
6. Expended 470 rounds 45 cal., 160 rounds 30 cal.; no casualties.
7. None.

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12. 22 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. 0910: Arrived Cristopal, C. Z. The U.S.S. TATUM (APD-81), duty completed, was detached. Pursuant to ComServLant confidential despatch 141449 March and further instructions from Port Director's Office, Cristopal, C. Z., proceeding alone through Panama Canal to Balboa, C. Z., for fueling, provisions, and further routing.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-30.0' (N)	09°-05.0' (N)	08°-57.2' (N)
Long.	78°-55.0' (W)	79°-35.0' (W)	79°-34.5' (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

13. 23 March 1945 to 25 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
23 March	Lat. 08°-57.2' (N)	08°-57.2' (N)	08°-12.0' (N)
	Long. 79°-34.5' (W)	79°-34.5' (W)	79°-30.0' (W)
24 March	Lat. 07°-06.1' (N)	06°-56.1' (N)	06°-46.0' (N)
	Long. 81°-32.0' (W)	82°-39.0' (W)	84°-34.0' (W)
25 March	Lat. 07°-03.0' (N)	07°-20.0' (N)	07°-50.0' (N)
	Long. 86°-56.0' (W)	87°-20.0' (W)	89°-02.0' (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

14. 26 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08°-43.0' (N)	09°-25.0' (N)	10°-03.5' (N)
Long.	91°-44.0' (W)	92°-45.0' (W)	94°-30.0' (W)
4. 1605: Conducted automatic weapon firing practice, using balloons and 5"/38 cal. bursts for targets.
5. None.
6. Expended three (3) rounds 5"/38 cal., 157 rounds 40 MM, 608 rounds 20 MM; no casualties.
7. None.

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15. 27 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10°-51.0' (N)	10°-40.0' (N)	11°-35.1' (N)
Long.	97°-16.0' (W)	98°-35.0' (W)	100°-21.0' (W)
4. 0624: Held surprise firing drill with 40 MM "ready" gun.
5. None.
6. Expended twenty-four (24) rounds 40 MM; no casualties.
7. None.

16. 28 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	12°-25' (N)	12°-39' (N)	13°-23' (N)
Long.	102°-56' (W)	103°-39' (W)	105°-27' (W)
4. 0556: Simulated surprise air attack. Practice firing with 40 MM.
1043: Held 5"/38 cal., and automatic weapon firing practice.
5. None.
6. Expended ten (10) rounds 5"/38 cal., 39 rounds 40 MM, 892 rounds 20 MM; no casualties.
7. None.

17. 29 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	14°-01' (N)	14°-18' (N)	14°-40' (N)
Long.	108°-12' (W)	109°-08' (W)	110°-51' (W)
4. 1030: Held surface firing exercise with 5"/38 cal. and 40 MM.
5. None.
6. Expended thirteen (13) rounds 5"/38 cal., thirty-two (32) rounds 40 MM; no casualties.
7. None.

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18. 30 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	15°-28.0' (N)	15°-48.0' (N)	16°-16.5' (N)
Long.	113°-28.0' (W)	114°-33.0' (W)	116°-30.0' (W)
4. 1556: Conducted surprise air attack using forward ready 40 MM.
5. None.
6. Expended two (2) rounds 40 MM; no casualties.
7. None.

19. 31 March 1945.

1. Unit assigned--Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T. H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	16°-57.5' (N)	17°-11.0' (N)	17°-34.0' (N)
Long.	119°-21.0' (W)	120°-17.5' (W)	122°-14.0' (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

G. P. Walker

G. P. WALKER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.,
Commanding Officer.

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WAR DIARY--U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102)
Month of April 1945

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Reg. No. 107

R. S. No. _____

1. 1 April to 3 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Confidential Despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T. H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T.H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
1 April Lat.	18°-10.0' (N)	18°-21.0' (N)	18°-39.0' (N)
Long.	125°-10.0' (W)	126°-08.0' (W)	128°-06.0' (W)
2 April Lat.	19°-06.0' (N)	19°-19.0' (N)	19°-38.0' (N)
Long.	131°-10.5' (W)	132°-18.0' (W)	133°-56.0' (W)
3 April Lat.	20°-01.5' (N)	20°-14.0' (N)	20°-19.0' (N)
Long.	136°-26.0' (W)	137°-08.0' (W)	139°-11.0' (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

2. 4 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Confidential Despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T.H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T.H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20°-35.0' (N)	20°-39.0' (N)	20°-45.0' (N)
Long.	141°-47.0' (W)	142°-37.0' (W)	144°-31.0' (W)
4. 1004: Exercised at General Quarters. 1008: Conducted simulated chemical attack. 1025: Conducted simulated enemy aircraft crash, starboard side #4 hatch. 1027: Test fired #44, 40 MM gun.
5. None.
6. Expended 22 rounds of 40 MM ammunition for test firing.
7. None.

3. 5 April to 6 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Confidential Despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z., proceeding alone from Balboa, C. Z., to Pearl Harbor, T.H., with instructions to report to AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T.H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
5 April Lat.	20°-30.0' (N)	21°-04.0' (N)	21°-41.0' (N)
Long.	141°-57.0' (W)	148°-09.0' (W)	149°-41.0' (W)
6 April Lat.	21°-10.5' (N)	21°-13.0' (N)	21°-17.5' (N)
Long.	152°-00.0' (W)	152°-58.0' (W)	154°-57.0' (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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4. 7 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. 1225: Moored starboard side to, to Berth K-3 West, Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., pursuant to Confidential Despatch 231440 March, from Port Director, Balboa, C. Z.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-16.5' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)
Long.	157°-25.1' (W)	157°-58'20" (W)	157°-58'20" (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

5. 8 April to 12 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to verbal instructions from AdComPhibsPac, Pearl Harbor, T.H., of 8 April 1945, moored starboard side to, to Berth K-3 West, Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.--unloading cargo.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-20.0' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)
Long.	157°-58'20" (W)	157°-58'20" (W)	157°-58'20" (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

6. 13 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. 1049: Underway to shift to Berth X-ray-three (3), in accordance with visual despatch 132008 from Port Director, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. 1150: Moored in assigned berth.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-20.0' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)
Long.	157°-58'20" (W)	157°-58'20" (W)	157°-58'20" (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

7. 14 April to 19 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch 132008, from Port Director, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., moored in Berth X-ray-three (3).
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-20.0' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)	21°-20.0' (N)
Long.	157°-58'20" (W)	157°-58'20" (W)	157°-58'20" (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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8. 20 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68. Temporary assignment to TransDivAble of Training Group 13.10.3: U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132), USS SAN SABA (APA-232), U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78), U.S.S. BANDERA (APA-131), U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM (APA-141), U.S.S. CRENSHAW (APA-76), U.S.S. PICKAWAY (APA-222), U.S.S. PAMINA (AKA-34), U.S.S. ROCKBRIDGE (APA-228), U.S.S. CRITTENDEN (APA-77), U.S.S. BECKHAM (APA-133), U.S.S. LANDER (APA-178).
2. Training Order AdComPhibsPac No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945, and Operation Order (Training) ComTransRon 21, No. 2-45 of 19 April 1945.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-21.0' (N)	20°-53.0' (N)	19°-58.0' (N)
Long.	157°-58.5' (W)	157°-59.9' (W)	157°-18.0' (W)
4. Operating with Training Group 13.10.3, enroute Pearl Harbor to Training Area off Island of Maui. 1134: Group formed firing disposition 3 Able Love 2. 1247: Exercised at General Quarters. 1337: Exercised all guns at anti-aircraft firing drill--"Able", "How", and "George" runs by plane. 1543: Group formed cruising disposition 3 Able Love 1. 2141: Exercised at General Quarters. Conducted damage control problem No. 3.
5. None.
6. Expended 5 rounds 5"/38, 1260 rounds 20 MM, and 880 rounds of 40 MM ammunition for anti-aircraft firing drill.
7. None.

9. 21 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68. Temporary assignment to TransDivAble of Training Group 13.10.3: U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132), U.S.S. SAN SABA (APA-232), U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78), U.S.S. BANDERA (APA-131), U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM (APA-141), U.S.S. CRENSHAW (APA-76), U.S.S. PICKAWAY (APA-222), U.S.S. ROCKBRIDGE (APA-228), U.S.S. CRITTENDEN (APA-77), U.S.S. BECKHAM (APA-133), and U.S.S. LANDER (APA-178).
2. Training Order AdComPhibsPac No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945, and Operation Order (Training) ComTransRon 21, No. 2-45 of 19 April 1945.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20°-42' (N)	20°-41.8' (N)	20°-15.9' (N)
Long.	156°-36' (W)	156°-35.6' (W)	157°-10.0' (W)
4. Operating with Training Group 13.10.3 in training area off Island of Maui, T.H. 0705: Exercised at General Quarters. 0710: Exercised at Condition "One-Able". 0752: Conducted small boat landing exercises. 0937: Conducted battle problem No. 1. 0945: Conducted damage control problem No. 2. 1647: Exercised at paravane streaming. 1825: Commenced Zig Zag Plan Number 7 "USF 10Able". 2025: Conducted damage control problems No. 4 and No. 3. 2100: Exercised at General Quarters. 2114: conducted evasive tactics in simulated air attack. 2217: Conducted damage control problem No. 1.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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10. 22 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68. Temporary assignment to TransDivAble of Training Group 13.10.3: U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132), U.S.S. SAN SABA (APA-232), U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78), U.S.S. BANDERA (APA-131), U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM (APA-141), U.S.S. CRENSHAW (APA-76), U.S.S. PICKAWAY (APA-222), U.S.S. ROCKBRIDGE (APA-228), U.S.S. CRITTENDEN (APA-77), U.S.S. LANDER (APA-178), U.S.S. BECKHAM (APA-133).
2. Training Order AdComPhibsPac No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945, and Operation Order (Training) ComTransRon 21, No. 2-45 of 19 April 1945.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20°-42' (N)	20°-43'24" (N)	20°-43'24" (N)
Long.	156°-36' (W)	156°-30'42" (W)	156°-30'42" (W)
4. Operating with Training Group 13.10.3 in training area off Island of Maui, T.H. 0716: Exercised at Condition "One Able". 0743: Conducted small boat landing exercises. 1000: Conducted battle problem No. 4, and damage control problem No. 4. 2040: Conducted damage control problem No. 1. 2059: Exercised at General Quarters. 2103: Exercised at defensive tactics against simulated motor torpedo boat and torpedo plane attacks.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

11. 23 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68. Temporary assignment to TransDivAble of Training Group 13.10.3: U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132), U.S.S. SAN SABA (APA-232), U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78), U.S.S. BANDERA (APA-131), U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM (APA-141), U.S.S. CRENSHAW (APA-76), U.S.S. PICKAWAY (APA-222), U.S.S. ROCKBRIDGE (APA-228), U.S.S. CRITTENDEN (APA-77), U.S.S. LANDER (APA-178), U.S.S. BECKHAM (APA-133), U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA-177), U.S.S. GLEBURNE (APA-73).
2. Training Order AdComPhibsPac No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945, and Operation Order (Training) ComTransRon 21, No. 2-45 of 19 April 1945.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20°-42' (N)	20°-42.7' (N)	20°-32' (N)
Long.	156°-36' (W)	156°-40.0' (W)	156°-51' (W)
4. Operating with Training Group 13.10.3 in training area off Island of Maui, T.H. 0640: Exercised at General Quarters. 0647: Exercised at Condition "One Able". 0745: Conducted small boat landing exercise. 1035: Exercised at simulated torpedo plane attacks. 1155: Conducted smoke making exercise. 1908: Commenced Zig Zag Plan No. 7, "USF 10 Able". 1940: Conducted damage control problem No. 2.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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12. 24 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68. Temporary assignment to TransDivAble of Training Group 13.10.3: U.S.S. RIVERSIDE (APA-102), U.S.S. ROCKBRIDGE (APA-228), U.S.S. CRITTENDEN (APA-77), U.S.S. BECKHAM (APA-133), U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84), U.S.S. CLEBURNE (APA-73), U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132), U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM (APA-141), U.S.S. CRENSHAW (APA-76), U.S.S. PICKAWAY (APA-222), U.S.S. SAN SABA (APA-232), U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78), U.S.S. BANDERA (APA-131), U.S.S. LANDER (APA-178), U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA-177).
2. Training Order, AdComPhibsPac No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945, and Operation Order (Training) ComTransRon 21, No. 2-45 of 19 April 1945.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20°-42' (N)	20°-42' (N)	20°-18' (N)
Long.	156°-36' (W)	156°-36' (W)	156°-58' (W)
4. Operating with Training Group 13.10.3 in training area off Island of Maui, T.H. 0656: Exercised at General Quarters. 0702: Exercised at Condition "One Able". 0754: Conducted small boat landing exercise. 1024: Conducted damage control problem No. 4. 1037: Exercised at simulated plane attack. 1050: Exercised at General Quarters. 1112: Exercised at Condition "One Able". 1608: Commenced Zig Zag Plan No. 7, "USF 10 Able". 2106: Exercised at General Quarters to repel simulated night fighter attack.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

13. 25 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68. Temporary assignment to TransDivAble of Training Group 13.10.3: U.S.S. RIVERSIDE (APA-102), U.S.S. ROCKBRIDGE (APA-228), U.S.S. CRITTENDEN (APA-77), U.S.S. BECKHAM (APA-133), U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84), U.S.S. CLEBURNE (APA-73), U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132), U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM (APA-141), U.S.S. CRENSHAW (APA-76), U.S.S. PICKAWAY (APA-222), U.S.S. SAN SABA (APA-232), U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78), U.S.S. BANDERA (APA-131), U.S.S. LANDER (APA-178), U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA-177), U.S.S. CARLYLE (APA-69), U.S.S. WINSTON (AKA-94).
2. Training Order, AdComPhibsPac No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945, and Operation Order (Training) ComTransRon 21, No. 2-45 of 19 April 1945.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20°-12.5' (N)	21°-12.0' (N)	21°-19.0' (N)
Long.	158°-10.0' (W)	158°-02.0' (W)	159°-27.0' (W)
4. Operating with Training Group 13.10.3 in training area off Island of Maui, T.H. 0531: Group formed firing disposition "3 Able Love 2". 0621: Exercised at General Quarters. 0849: Conducted anti-aircraft firing drill on Drone Target. 1048: Group formed cruising disposition "3 Able Love 1". 1416: Exercised at General Quarters. 1419: Conducted simulated submarine attack. 1454: Conducted damage control problem No. 1. 1548: Commenced Zig Zag Plan No. 7, "USF 10Able". 1856: Commenced Zig Zag Plan No. 7, USF 10Able. 2102: Exercised at General Quarters. 2203: Conducted defense tactics against simulated night fighter attack. 2308: Exercised at Abandon Ship drill.
5. None.
6. Expended 1230 rounds 20 MM, 492 rounds 40 MM ammunition for anti-aircraft firing drill.
7. None.

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14. 26 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68. Temporary assignment to TransDivAble of Training Group 13.10.3: U.S.S. RIVERSIDE (APA-102), U.S.S. ROCKBRIDGE (APA-228), U.S.S. CRITTENDEN (APA-77), U.S.S. BECKHAM (APA-133), U.S.S. WAUKESHA (AKA-84), U.S.S. CLEBURNE (APA-73), U.S.S. BARNWELL (APA-132), U.S.S. BUCKINGHAM (APA-141), U.S.S. CRENSHAW (APA-76), U.S.S. PICKAWAY (APA-222), U.S.S. SAN SABA (APA-232), U.S.S. CULLMAN (APA-78), U.S.S. BANDERA (APA-131), U.S.S. LANDER (APA-178), U.S.S. KINGSBURY (APA-177), U.S.S. CARLYLE (APA-69), U.S.S. WINSTON (AKA-94), U.S.S. TREGO (AKA-78).
2. Training Order, AdComPhibsPac, No. A86-45 of 18 April 1945, and Operating Order (Training) ComTranskon 21, No. 2-45 of 19 April 1945. 1126: Pursuant to AdComPhibsPac Confidential despatch 260548 of April 1945, detached from Training Group 13.10.3; and proceeded alone to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1645: Moored, port side to, to dock W-5, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H., in accordance to Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H., visual despatch 270013 April 1945.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20°-55' (N)	20°-57.5' (N)	20°-21' (N)
Long.	158°-45' (W)	158°-12.0' (W)	157°-59' (W)
4. Operating with Training Group 13.10.3 in training area off Island of Maui, T.H. 0748: Exercised at General Quarters. 0800: Conducted anti-aircraft firing drill--"George", "Baker" and "Charlie-Tare" runs by plane.
5. None.
6. Expended 23 rounds 5"/38, 945 rounds 20 MM and 980 rounds 40 MM ammunition for anti-aircraft firing drill.
7. None.

15. 27 April to 30 April 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., visual despatch 270013 April 1945, moored port side to, to Berth W-5, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	20°-21' (N)	20°-21' (N)	20°-21' (N)
Long.	157°-59' (W)	157°-59' (W)	157°-59' (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

D. P. Walker

G. P. WALKER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.,
Commanding Officer.

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WAR DIARY--U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102)
Month of May 1945

No. 142

U. S. No. _____

1. 1 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H., visual despatch 270013 April 1945, moored port side to, to Berth W-5, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., for purpose of loading and onward routing.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	21°-20'	(N)	21°-20'	(N)	21°-20'	(N)
Long.	157°-59'	(W)	157°-59'	(W)	157°-59'	(W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

2. 2 May to 5 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T. H., visual despatch 270013 April 1945, moored port side to, to Berth W-5, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., for purpose of loading and onward routing. 0911: Pursuant to Port Director's visual despatch 020504, Pearl Harbor, T. H., proceeded to Berth W-8, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, T. H., for purpose of loading and onward routing.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	21°-20'	(N)	21°-20'	(N)	21°-20'	(N)
Long.	157°-59'	(W)	157°-58'20"	(W)	157°-58'20"	(W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

3. 6 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Port Director's visual despatch 020504, Pearl Harbor, T. H., moored port side to, to Berth W-8, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, for loading purposes and onward routing. 1657: Underway, enroute Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, for further routing and loading, pursuant to ComHawSeaFron Confidential Letter, Serial 0521 of 6 May 1945.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	21°-20'	(N)	21°-20'	(N)	20°-35'	(N)
Long.	157°-58'20"	(W)	157°-58'20"	(W)	157°-59'	(W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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4. 7 May to 14 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to ComHawSeaFron Confidential Letter, Serial 0521 of 6 May 1945, proceeding from Pearl Harbor, T. H., to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, for further routing and loading.

3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
7 May	Lat. 20°-08' (N)		20°-01' (N)		19°-43' (N)	
	Long. 160°-08' (W)		161°-20' (W)		163°-24' (W)	
8 May	Lat. 19°-20.5' (N)		19°-12' (N)		18°-55' (N)	
	Long. 166°-31.5' (W)		167°-27' (W)		169°-28' (W)	
9 May	Lat. 18°-20' (N)		18°-09' (N)		17°-46' (N)	
	Long. 172°-26' (W)		173°-26' (W)		175°-18' (W)	
10 May	Lat. 17°-10' (N)		17°-04' (N)		16°-36' (N)	
	Long. 178°-06' (W)		178°-55' (W)		179°-29' (W)	
12 May	Lat. 15°-56' (N)		15°-45.5' (N)		15°-20' (N)	
	Long. 176°-55' (E)		176°-09' (E)		174°-38' (E)	
13 May	Lat. 14°-43' (N)		14°-30' (N)		14°-00.5' (N)	
	Long. 172°-10' (E)		171°-26' (E)		169°-38.5' (E)	
14 May	Lat. 13°-13' (N)		12°-56' (N)		12°-31' (N)	
	Long. 167°-15' (E)		166°-34' (E)		164°-47' (E)	

4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

5. 15 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to ComHawSeaFron Confidential Letter, Serial 0521 of 6 May 1945, proceeding from Pearl Harbor, T. H., to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, for further routing and loading. 1106: Anchored in Berth "Oboe Three", Anchorage "Able", Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, pursuant to visual despatch 142104 from H.E.C.P., Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Is.

3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
	Lat. 11°-30' (N)		11°-21'44" (N)		11°-21'44" (N)	
	Long. 162°-38' (E)		162°-20' (E)		162°-20' (E)	

4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

6. 16 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Anchored in Berth "Oboe Three", Anchorage "Able", Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, pursuant to visual despatch from H.E.C.P., Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, for further routing and loading.

3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
	Lat. 11°-21'44" (N)		11°-21'44" (N)		11°-21'44" (N)	
	Long. 162°-20' (E)		162°-20' (E)		162°-20' (E)	

4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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7. 18 May to 21 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Anchored in Berth "Oboe Three", Anchorage "Able", Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, pursuant to visual despatch from H.E.C.P., Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, for further routing and loading. 0628: Underway, proceeding from Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Islands, Caroline Island Group, pursuant to Confidential Letter A4-3/JHB/jdr of 17 May 1945, from Port Director, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands for onward routing.
3. Positions:

		0800		1200		2000	
18 May	Lat.	11°-30'	(N)	11°-25'	(N)	11°-47.5'	(N)
	Long.	162°-38'	(E)	161°-15'	(E)	159°-28'	(E)
19 May	Lat.	12°-09'	(N)	12°-19'	(N)	12°-33.5'	(N)
	Long.	157°-07'30"	(E)	156°-01'	(E)	153°-56'	(E)
20 May	Lat.	12°-40'	(N)	12°-22'	(N)	11°-41'	(N)
	Long.	151°-14.5'	(E)	150°-18'	(E)	148°-17'30"	(E)
21 May	Lat.	10°-45'	(N)	10°-33'	(N)	10°-21.5'	(N)
	Long.	145°-42'	(E)	144°-50'	(E)	143°-19'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

8. 22 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Underway, proceeding from Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands to Ulithi Islands, Caroline Island Group, pursuant to Confidential Letter A4-3/TMB/jdr of 17 May 1945 from Port Director, Eniwetok Atoll. 1225: At anchor in Berth 142, Northern Anchorage, Ulithi Islands, Caroline Islands Group.
3. Positions:

		0800		1200		2000	
	Lat.	10°-00'	(N)	10°-00'	(N)	10°-45'	(N)
	Long.	140°-54'	(E)	139°-40'	(E)	139°-40'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

9. 23 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor in Berth 142, Northern Anchorage, Ulithi Islands, Caroline Island Group, for further routing instructions. 1009: Underway, proceeding to Samar Island, Philippine Islands, pursuant to Confidential Letter A4-3/9 of 23 May 1945 from Port Director, Ulithi Islands, Caroline Islands Group, for discharge of cargo and onward routing.
3. Positions:

		0800		1200		2000	
	Lat.	10°-00'	(N)	10°-08'	(N)	10°-26'	(N)
	Long.	139°-40'	(E)	139°-43'	(E)	137°-46'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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WAR DIARY--U.S.S. PRENTISS (Cont'd)

10. 24 May to 25 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Underway, proceeding to Samar Island, Philippine Islands, pursuant to Confidential Letter A4-3/9 of 23 May 1945 from Port Director, Ulithi Islands, Caroline Islands Group.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
24 May Lat.	10°-26'45" (N)		10°-30' (N)		10°-25' (N)	
Long.	135°-10' (E)		134°-17.5' (E)		132°-35' (E)	
25 May Lat.	10°-36' (N)		10°-41' (N)		10°-41' (N)	
Long.	129°-56' (E)		129°-05' (E)		127°-43' (E)	
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

11. 26 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Underway, proceeding to Samar Island, Philippine Islands, pursuant to Confidential Letter A4-3/9 of 23 May 1945 from Port Director, Ulithi Islands, Caroline Islands Group. 0958: At anchor in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, in Berth 583, pursuant to visual despatch #6 from H.E.C.P., Leyte.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
Lat.	10°-55' (N)		10°-59' (N)		10°-59' (N)	
Long.	125°-17' (E)		125°-03' (E)		125°-03' (E)	
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

12. 27 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Anchored San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, in Berth 583, pursuant to visual despatch #6 from H.E.C.P., Leyte for discharge of cargo and further routing.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
Lat.	10°-59' (N)		10°-59' (N)		10°-59' (N)	
Long.	125°-03' (E)		125°-03' (E)		125°-03' (E)	
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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13. 28 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Anchored San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, in Berth 583, pursuant to visual despatch #6 from H.E.C.P., Leyte for discharge of cargo and further routing. 1457: Proceeding from Berth 583, Leyte, to Guiuan Anchorage, Samar Island, Philippine Islands, pursuant to visual despatch 280235 from Commander N.O.B., Leyte, Philippine Islands, for discharge of cargo and further routing. 1741: At anchor one (1) mile southeast Manicani Island, Samar, Philippine Islands.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10°-59' (N)		10°-59' (N)		10°-58'30" (N)
Long.	125°-03' (E)		125°-03' (E)		125°-44' (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

14. 29 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor one (1) mile southeast Manicani Island, Samar, Philippine Islands, awaiting pilot to enter Guiuan Harbor for discharge of cargo and onward routing. 0653: Proceeding into Guiuan Harbor. 1012: Anchored in Berth Able 63, Guiuan Harbor, Samar, Philippine Islands, pursuant to visual despatch 290828 from ComNavSta, Samar, Philippine Islands.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10°-59' (N)		10°-57'42" (N)		10°-57'42" (N)
Long.	125°-03' (E)		125°-42' (E)		125°-42' (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

15. 30 May to 31 May 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor in Guiuan Harbor, Samar, Philippine Islands, in Berth Able-63 pursuant to visual despatch from ComNavSta, Samar, Philippine Islands, for discharge of cargo and further routing.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10°-57'42" (N)		10°-57'42" (N)		10°-57'42" (N)
Long.	125°-42' (E)		125°-42' (E)		125°-42' (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

G. P. Walker

G. P. WALKER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.,
Commanding Officer.

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WAR DIARY—U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102)
Month of June 1945

REG. NO. 193
R. S. NO.
REG. SHEET NO. 127

1. 1 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch from ComNavSta, Samar, Philippine Islands, at anchor in Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, P. I., anchorage "Able-63", for discharge of cargo, further loading and routing. 1334: Pursuant to visual despatch O11054 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., shifted anchorage to "Zebra-11".
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$10^{\circ}-57'47''$ (N)	$10^{\circ}-57'47''$ (N)	$11^{\circ}-00'52''$ (N)
Long.	$125^{\circ}-42'$ (E)	$125^{\circ}-42'$ (E)	$125^{\circ}-42'06''$ (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

2. 2 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch O11054 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in anchorage "Zebra-11" awaiting discharge of cargo, further loading and routing. 1827: Pursuant to verbal instructions from ComNavSta, shifted to anchorage "Zebra-7".
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$11^{\circ}-00'52''$ (N)	$11^{\circ}-00'52''$ (N)	$11^{\circ}-02'$ (N)
Long.	$125^{\circ}-42'06''$ (E)	$125^{\circ}-42'06''$ (E)	$125^{\circ}-42'$ (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

3. 3 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to verbal instructions from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in Guiuan Harbor, anchorage "Zebra-7" for discharge of cargo, further loading and routing.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	$11^{\circ}-02'$ (N)	$11^{\circ}-02'$ (N)	$11^{\circ}-02'$ (N)
Long.	$125^{\circ}-42'$ (E)	$125^{\circ}-42'$ (E)	$125^{\circ}-42'$ (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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WAR DIARY—U.S.S. PRENTISS (Cont'd)

4. 4 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to verbal instructions from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in Guiuan Harbor, Anchorage "Zebra-7", for discharge of cargo, further loading and routing. 1426: Pursuant to visual despatch 040941 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., shifted anchorage to "Zebra-11".
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11°-02'	(N)	11°-02'	(N)	11°-01'52" (N)
Long.	125°-42'	(E)	125°-42'	(E)	125°-41'57" (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

5. 5 June - 8 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch 040941 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in Guiuan Harbor, anchorage "Zebra-11" for discharge of cargo, further loading and routing.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11°-01'52" (N)		11°-01'52" (N)		11°-01'52" (N)
Long.	125°-41'57" (E)		125°-41'57" (E)		125°-41'57" (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

6. 9 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch 040941 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in Guiuan Harbor, anchorage "Zebra-11" for discharge of cargo, further loading and routing. 1608: Pursuant to visual despatch 091357 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., shifted anchorage to "Able-39".
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>
Lat.	11°-01'52" (N)		11°-01'52" (N)		10°-58' (N)
Long.	125°-41'57" (E)		125°-41'57" (E)		125°-40' (E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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7. 10 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch 091357 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in Guiuan anchorage in "Able-39". 1342: Pursuant to visual despatch 101306 proceeded to Leyte Gulf, Samar, P. I., for purpose of compensating compass. 1752: Returned to anchorage "Able-39".
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	10°-58'	(N)	10°-58'	(N)	10°-58'	(N)
Long.	125°-40'12"	(E)	125°-40'12"	(E)	125°-40'12"	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

8. 11 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch 091357 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in Guiuan Harbor, anchorage "Able-39", completed unloading, awaiting passengers and further routing. 1021: Shifted to anchorage "Able-30" pursuant to visual despatch 110845 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	10°-58'	(N)	10°-59'	(N)	10°-59'	(N)
Long.	125°-40'12"	(E)	125°-41'	(E)	125°-41'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

9. 12 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch 110845 from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., anchored in Guiuan Harbor, anchorage "Able-30" awaiting further routing. 1637: Underway, pursuant to p/l despatch (no serial) from ComNavSta, Samar, to Lauaan Bay, Balusao Water Hole, Samar, P. I., to take on water. 1907: Anchored in Lauaan Bay, awaiting water dock availability.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	10°-59'	(N)	10°-59'	(N)	11°-07'	(N)
Long.	125°-41'	(E)	125°-41'	(E)	125°-17'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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10. 13 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor, Lauaan Bay, Samar, P. I., in accordance with p/1 despatch (no serial) from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I. 0747: Proceeded through channel to water dock, Lauaan Bay. 1316: Underway, proceeding to Leyte Gulf, San Pedro Bay, Berth 461, in accordance with p/1 despatch of 12 June (no serial) from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
Lat.	11°-07'	(N)	11°-08'	(N)	11°-05'	(N)
Long.	125°-17'	(E)	125°-16'30"	(E)	125°-08'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

11. 14 June - 15 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor in Berth 461, Leyte Gulf, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P. I., in accordance with p/1 despatch of 12 June 1945 (no serial) from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., awaiting further routing instructions.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
Lat.	11°-05'	(N)	11°-05'	(N)	11°-05'	(N)
Long.	125°-08'	(E)	125°-08'	(E)	125°-08'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

12. 16 June - 20 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor in Berth 461, Leyte Gulf, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P. I., in accordance with p/1 despatch (no serial) of 12 June from ComNavSta, Samar, P. I., for further routing. 1346: Underway to Okinawa Jima via Kerama Retto in accordance with Com7thFleet Secret Despatch 150735 as modifying ComSeronTen Secret Despatch 150047 under orders of C.T.U. 76.15.7 to receive unloading and routing instructions on arrival at Kerama Retto. C.T.U. 76.15.1 is composed of the following ships: LST's 597 (Convoy Commodore, Comdr. STRICKLEY, USN, aboard), 668, 932, 933, 592, 805, 728 and escort screen composed of DE-36, PCS-1452, SC-636.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000	
16 June Lat.	11°-05'	(N)	11°-05'	(N)	10°-34'	(N)
Long.	125°-08'	(E)	125°-08'	(E)	125°-52'	(E)
17 June Lat.	12°-01'	(N)	12°-39'	(N)	13°-51'	(N)
Long.	126°-26'	(E)	126°-37'	(E)	126°-46'	(E)
18 June Lat.	15°-41'	(N)	16°-21'	(N)	17°-32'	(N)
Long.	126°-56'	(E)	127°-01'	(E)	127°-13'	(E)
19 June Lat.	19°-19'	(N)	19°-56'	(N)	21°-01'	(N)
Long.	127°-28'	(E)	127°-37'	(E)	127°-46'	(E)
20 June Lat.	22°-48'	(N)	23°-24'	(N)	24°-30'	(N)
Long.	128°-04'	(E)	128°-03'	(E)	128°-09'	(E)

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12. 4. None.
 5. None.
 6. None.
 7. None.

13. 21 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Underway, to Okinawa Jima via Kerama Retto in accordance with ComSeventh Flt Secret Despatch 150735 as modifying ComSeventh Secret Despatch 150047, for unloading and further routing instructions. We are under orders of C.T.U. 76.15.7 which is composed of the following ships: LST's 597 (Convoy Commodore, Comdr. STRICKLEY, USN, aboard), 668, 932, 933, 592, 805, 728 and Escort Screen of U.S.S. MANLOVE (DE-36), PCS-1452, and SC-636. 1039: Proceeding to anchorage "King-10", Kerama Retto, pursuant to visual despatch 210102 from C.T.U. 76.15.7. 1125: At anchor, Berth K-10, Kerama Retto, awaiting unloading and further routing instructions.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	25°-58'	(N)	26°-09'	(N)	26°-09'	(N)
Long.	127°-18'	(E)	127°-18'30"	(E)	127°-18'30"	(E)
4. 1039: Pursuant to visual despatch 210102, we are awaiting unloading and routing instructions from C.T.F. 31 and/or ComGenTenth Army at Okinawa. 1542: This vessel was detached from T.U. 76.15.7 by visual despatch 210642 from C.T.U. 76.15.7 and remaining at anchor awaiting instructions from C.T.F. 31, Okinawa. 2303: Following "Flash Blue, Control Green" from SOPA, Kerama Retto, ship went to general quarters. 2332: "Flash Red, Control Yellow" from SOPA. 2334: This vessel opened fire on enemy plane approaching from starboard quarter (This and resultant action is covered by Enclosure (A) Cominch Form F-01, AA-1 Feb. 1944).
5. None.
6. Refer Enclosure (A).
7. None.

14. 22 June - 26 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor, Berth "King-10", Kerama Retto, awaiting unloading and further routing instructions from C.T.F. 31 and ComGenTenth Army, Okinawa, pursuant to visual despatch 210102 from C.T.U. 76.15.7.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	26°-09'	(N)	26°-09'	(N)	26°-09'	(N)
Long.	127°-18'30"	(E)	127°-18'30"	(E)	127°-18'30"	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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15. 27 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Anchored as before, Berth K-10, Kerama Retto, awaiting further routing and unloading instructions. 0901: Underway, to Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima, in accordance with secret despatch 231244 from C.T.G. 31.15. The USS PC-1179 has been designated as escort. 1122: At anchor, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima, awaiting unloading.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	26°-09'	(N)	26°-19'	(N)	26°-19'	(N)
Long.	127°-19'	(E)	127°-42'	(E)	127°-42'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

16. 28 June - 30 June 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to secret despatch 231244 from C.T.G. 31.15 at anchor in Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima, unloading cargo assigned principally to Marine Air Group 14.
3. Positions:

	<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
Lat.	26°-19'	(N)	26°-19'	(N)	26°-19'	(N)
Long.	127°-42'	(E)	127°-42'	(E)	127°-42'	(E)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

G. P. Walker

G. P. WALKER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.,
Commanding Officer.

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WAR DIARY--U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102)
Month of July 1945
Zone Description (-)9

REG. NO 258
R. S. NO
REG. SHEET NO 147

1. 1 July--5 July 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to secret despatch 231244 from C.T.G. 31.15 at anchor in Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima, for unloading and further routing.
3. Positions:

	0800		1200		2000
Lat.	26°-19'	(N)	Same		Same
Long.	127°-42'	(E)	Same		Same

4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

2. 6 July--10 July 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to confidential sailing orders, Convoy "OKS" #12 of 6 July 1945 from Port Director, Okinawa Jima, underway from Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Jima to Saipan, Marianas. The convoy is composed of the U.S.S. JERARD (APA-1/4), U.S.S. JUPITER (AK-43), S.S. CAPE ALEXANDER, S.S. HASTINGS VICTORY, S.S. SKAGWAY VICTORY, S.S. WATERWITCH, with escort screen of U.S.S. DITTER (DM-31), U.S.S. TRIPPE (DD-403), U.S.S. HUGHES (DD-428), and U.S.S. MC GINTY (DE-365). Speed of advance is 14.5 knots and convoy is using Plan #12 from Zig-Zag Diagrams of 1940. Mersigs are in effect.
3. Positions:

		0800		1200		2000	
6 July	Lat.	26°-19'	(N)	26°-19'	(N)	25°-36'	(N)
	Long.	127°-42'	(E)	127°-42'	(E)	128°-04'	(E)
7 July	Lat.	24°-03'	(N)	23°-38'	(N)	22°-54'	(N)
	Long.	130°-35'	(E)	131°-30'	(E)	132°-56'	(E)
8 July	Lat.	21°-30'	(N)	21°-03'	(N)	19°-59'	(N)
	Long.	135°-39'	(E)	136°-29'	(E)	138°-09'	(E)
9 July	Lat.	18°-19'	(N)	17°-52'	(N)	16°-49'	(N)
	Long.	140°-38'	(E)	141°-14'	(E)	142°-42'	(E)
10 July	Lat.	15°-24'	(N)	15°-10'	(N)	15°-10'	(N)
	Long.	145°-12'	(E)	145°-14'	(E)	145°-41'	(E)

3. 11 July 1945.

1. Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor, Saipan Is., Marianas, in accordance with visual signal from Convoy Commodore awaiting further routing instructions. 1735: Underway, proceeding alone from Saipan Is., Marianas, to San Francisco, California, pursuant to confidential sailing orders of 11 July 1945 (no serial number) from Port Director, Saipan Is., speed of advance is 13.5 knots. We are using Zig-Zag Plan #11 from Zig-Zag Diagrams of 1940.

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3. 11 July 1945.

3. Positions:

		<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
11 July	Lat.	15°-10'	(N)	15°-10'	(W)	15°-20'	(N)
	Long.	145°-41'	(E)	145°-41'	(E)	145°-39'	(E)
12 July	Lat.	14°-49'	(N)	14°-41'	(N)	14°-32'	(N)
	Long.	148°-04'	(E)	148°-47'	(E)	149°-35'	(E)
13 July	Lat.	14°-00'	(N)	13°-47'	(N)	13°-26'	(N)
	Long.	151°-59'	(E)	152°-49'	(E)	154°-28'	(E)
14 July	Lat.	13°-40'	(N)	12°-37'	(N)	12°-08'	(N)
	Long.	156°-38'	(E)	157°-29'	(E)	159°-01'	(E)
15 July	Lat.	11°-30'	(N)	11°-20'	(N)	11°-43.5'	(N)
	Long.	161°-35'	(E)	162°-12'	(E)	162°-45'	(E)
16 July	Lat.	13°-30'	(N)	14°-07'	(N)	15°-06.5'	(N)
	Long.	164°-39.5'	(E)	165°-22'	(E)	166°-48.5'	(E)
17 July	Lat.	16°-34.5'	(N)	17°-07.5'	(N)	17°-58.5'	(N)
	Long.	168°-50'	(E)	169°-32'	(E)	170°-48'	(E)
18 July	Lat.	19°-34'	(N)	20°-12'	(N)	21°-06'	(N)
	Long.	172°-51'	(E)	173°-44'	(E)	175°-02'	(E)
19 July	Lat.	22°-42'	(N)	23°-10'	(N)	24°-09'	(N)
(ZD(-12))	Long.	177°-09'	(E)	177°-50'	(E)	179°-20'	(E)
19 July	Lat.	25°-39'	(N)	26°-03'	(N)	26°-40'	(N)
(ZD(+12))	Long.	178°-27'	(W)	177°-39'	(W)	176°-05'	(W)
20 July	Lat.	27°-45'	(N)	28°-03'	(N)	28°-33'	(N)
	Long.	173°-32'	(W)	172°-46'	(W)	171°-14'	(W)
21 July	Lat.	29°-48'	(N)	30°-07'	(N)	30°-52'	(N)
	Long.	168°-29'	(W)	167°-41'	(W)	166°-01'	(W)
22 July	Lat.	31°-50'	(N)	32°-05'	(N)	32°-39'	(N)
	Long.	163°-29'	(W)	162°-40'	(W)	160°-53'	(W)
23 July	Lat.	33°-41'	(N)	33°-59'	(N)	34°-35'	(N)
	Long.	158°-11'	(W)	157°-01'	(W)	155°-03'	(W)
24 July	Lat.	35°-23'	(N)	35°-35'	(N)	36°-07'	(N)
	Long.	151°-46'	(W)	150°-38'	(W)	148°-14'	(W)
25 July	Lat.	36°-41'	(N)	36°-52'	(N)	37°-08'	(N)
	Long.	145°-03'	(W)	143°-51'	(W)	141°-20'	(W)
26 July	Lat.	37°-38'	(N)	37°-53'	(N)	38°-01'	(N)
	Long.	138°-01'	(W)	136°-28'	(W)	134°-15'	(W)
27 July	Lat.	38°-01'	(N)	37°-56'	(N)	38°-00'	(N)
	Long.	130°-40'	(W)	129°-30'	(W)	127°-28'	(W)

4. None

5. None

6. None

7. None

4. 28 July 1945.

1. Trans. Div. 68.

2. Underway from Saipan Island, Marianas, to San Francisco, California, pursuant to Confidential Sailing Orders of 11 July 1945 (No serial number) from Port Director, Saipan. Speed of advance 13.5 knots, using Zig-Zag Diagrams of 1940. At 1544 at anchor in San Francisco Bay, Anchorage Twelve (12) awaiting repairs, having been granted ten (10) days availability

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4. 28 July 1945.

2. and for loading and further routing.

3. Positions:

		<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
28 July	Lat.	37°-56'	(N)	37°-41'	(N)	37°-40'	(N)
	Long.	124°-22'	(W)	123°-22'	(W)	123°-22'	(W)

4. None

5. None

6. None

7. None

5. 29 July--31 July 1945.

1. TransDiv. 68.

2. At anchor, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California, in Anchorage Twelve (12), pursuant to visual despatch of 282115 awaiting various repairs and alterations during availability period of ten (10) days, and then for loading and further routing.

3. Positions:

		<u>0800</u>		<u>1200</u>		<u>2000</u>	
	Lat.	37°-40'	(N)	37°-40'	(N)	37°-40'	(N)
		123°-22'	(W)	123°-22'	(W)	123°-22'	(W)

4. None

5. None

6. None

7. None

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WAR DIARY--U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA-102)
Month of August 1945

REG. NO 337
R. S. NO
REG. SHEET NO 81

1. 1 August - 16 August 1945, ZD Plus (+) 7.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Port Director's Visual Despatch of 292225, anchored in Anchorage Twelve (12), San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California, with ten (10) days availability for the purpose of rebricking boilers and other general maintenance work, and for loading and further routing.
3. Positions: Anchorage 12, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California.
Lat. $37^{\circ}-46.4'$ (N)
Long. $122^{\circ}-21.5'$ (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

2. 17 August - 19 August 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor in Anchorage Twelve (12), San Francisco Bay as before. 1242: In accordance with visual despatch of 162306 from Port Director, San Francisco, California, shifted from Anchorage 12 to Pier 56 for purposes of loading and routing, period of availability now completed.
3. Positions: San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California.

	0800	1200	2000
Anchorage 12		Pier 56	
Lat.	$37^{\circ}-46.4'$ (N)	$37^{\circ}-46.0'$ (N)	$37^{\circ}-46.0'$ (N)
Long.	$122^{\circ}-21.5'$ (W)	$122^{\circ}-23.0'$ (W)	$122^{\circ}-23.0'$ (W)
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

3. 20 August - 25 August 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Port Director's visual despatch of 162306, taking aboard general cargo at Pier 56, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. 1100: Completed taking aboard cargo. 1714: Underway, proceeding alone from San Francisco, California, to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H., pursuant to Confidential Movement Order No. 670-C & R from ComWesSeaFron. of 201945. Speed of advance is fifteen (15) knots.
3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
20 Aug. Lat.	Pier 56	Pier 56	$37^{\circ}-44.0'$ (N)
ZD +7 Long.			$122^{\circ}-45.0'$ (W)
21 Aug. Lat.	$36^{\circ}-31.0'$ (N)	$36^{\circ}-09.0'$ (N)	$35^{\circ}-20.0'$ (N)
ZD +7 Long.	$125^{\circ}-28.0'$ (W)	$126^{\circ}-30.0'$ (W)	$129^{\circ}-14.0'$ (W)
22 Aug. Lat.	$34^{\circ}-28.5'$ (N)	$33^{\circ}-57.0'$ (N)	$32^{\circ}-23.5'$ (N)
ZD +8 Long.	$131^{\circ}-36.0'$ (W)	$133^{\circ}-07.0'$ (W)	$135^{\circ}-53.0'$ (W)
23 Aug. Lat.	$31^{\circ}-41.0'$ (N)	$31^{\circ}-23.0'$ (N)	$30^{\circ}-24.0'$ (N)
ZD +8½ Long.	$137^{\circ}-37.0'$ (W)	$139^{\circ}-35.0'$ (W)	$141^{\circ}-43.0'$ (W)
24 Aug. Lat.	$29^{\circ}-00.0'$ (N)	$28^{\circ}-29.0'$ (N)	$27^{\circ}-18.0'$ (N)
ZD +8½ Long.	$144^{\circ}-44.0'$ (W)	$145^{\circ}-44.0'$ (W)	$147^{\circ}-49.0'$ (W)
25 Aug. Lat.	$25^{\circ}-40.0'$ (N)	$25^{\circ}-05.0'$ (N)	$24^{\circ}-04.0'$ (N)
ZD +9½ Long.	$150^{\circ}-34.0'$ (W)	$151^{\circ}-35.0'$ (W)	$153^{\circ}-32.0'$ (W)

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4. 22 August: Light and heavy machine gun AA practice firing using balloons as targets.
5. None.
6. Expended following ammunition: 1,100 rounds of 50 cal., 1,890 rounds of 20MM and 336 rounds of 40MM; No casualties.
7. None.

4. 26 August 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Confidential Movement Order No. 670-C & R from ComWesSeaFron of 201945, proceeding alone from San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., with general cargo aboard. 1843: Pursuant to visual despatch 270215 from Commandant Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., moored starboard side to, to Pier King Ten (10) for unloading and further routing.
3. Positions:
- | | 0800 | 1200 | 2000 |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Lat. | 22°-38.0' (N) | 21°-48.0' (N) | 21°-20.0' (N) |
| Long. | 156°-02.5' (W) | 157°-25.0' (W) | 157°-58.0' (W) |
- ZD +9½
4. At 1241 commenced firing runs at sleeve towed by T.B.F. Avenger, using all guns on runs Baker, George and Charlie Tare. 1330: Secured from firing runs.
5. None.
6. Ammunition expended: Four (4) rounds 5"/38, 2968 rounds 20MM, 1458 rounds 40MM; No casualties.
7. None.

5. 27 August - 29 August 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to Visual Despatch 270215 from Commandant Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, moored starboard side to, to Pier King Ten (10) discharging general cargo.
3. Positions: Pier K-10, Pearl Harbor Navy Yard.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

6. 30 August - 31 August 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Continuing unloading operations at Pier K-10. 1145: Completed unloading. 1202: Pursuant to Visual Despatch 301833 from Port Director, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., shifted Berth to Anchorage Charlie Five (5) awaiting further orders.
3. Positions:
- | | 0800 | 1200 | 2000 |
|-------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|
| Lat. | Pier K-10 | Pier K-10 | Anchorage C-5 |
| Long. | | Pearl Harbor Navy Yard | |
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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1. 1 September to 14 September 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Pursuant to visual despatch 301833, from Port Director, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., moored in anchorage C-5 awaiting further orders.
3. Position:
Anchorage C-5, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

2. 15 September to 22 September 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Moored in anchorage C-5, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. At 1045, pursuant to Confidential Sailing Orders, Serial 01471, of 14 September 1945, from ComHawSeaFron, underway to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, for loading from disabled Dutch S.S. "POELAU LAUT" and further routing instructions
3. Positions:

		0800		1200		2000	
15 Sept.	Lat.	21°-22.0'	N	21°-06.0'	N	20°-04.0'	N
ZD +9½	Long.	157°-56.4'	W	157°-58.0'	W	159°-08.0'	W
16 Sept.	Lat.	20°-01.0'	N	19°-57.0'	N	19°-42.5'	N
ZD +10½	Long.	162°-07.0'	W	162°-56.0'	W	164°-14.0'	W
17 Sept.	Lat.	19°-11.0'	N	19°-02.0'	N	18°-46.0'	N
ZD +10½	Long.	167°-37.5'	W	168°-37.2'	W	170°-41.0'	W
18 Sept.	Lat.	18°-10.0'	N	17°-51.0'	N	17°-26.0'	N
ZD +11	Long.	173°-38.0'	W	174°-54.0'	W	176°-33.0'	W
19 Sept.	Lat.	16°-47.5'	N	16°-33.0'	N	16°-06.5'	N
ZD +11/+12	Long.	179°-29.0'	W	179°-33.5'	E	177°-28.0'	E
21 Sept.	Lat.	15°-15.0'	N	15°-01.0'	N	14°-34.0'	N
ZD -12	Long.	174°-38.0'	E	173°-36.0'	E	171°-47.0'	E
22 Sept.	Lat.	13°-40.0'	N	13°-21.0'	N	12°-47.0'	N
ZD -12	Long.	168°-55.0'	E	167°-59.0'	E	166°-04.0'	E
4. On 19 September, held AA firing practice using balloons for targets.
5. None.
6. Ammunition expended: 765 rounds 20MM; 133 rounds 40MM; 22 rounds 5"/38; no casualties.
7. None.

3. 23 September to 30 September 1945 (ZD -12).

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. En route from Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, pursuant to Confidential Sailing Orders, Serial 01471, of 14 September 1945, from ComHawSeaFron, for loading and further routing instructions. At 1243, 23 September 1945, pursuant to visual despatch 222300 from Port Director, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, at anchor in Anchorage "Able", berth "Nap-3", awaiting loading and routing instructions. At 1145, 29 September 1945, commenced taking aboard cargo from the Dutch S.S. "POELAU LAUT" for eventual discharge in the Philippine Islands.

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3. Positions:
- | | | | | |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 23 Sept. | Lat. | $11^{\circ}-49.0'$ N | $11^{\circ}-24.0'$ N | $11^{\circ}-22.0'$ N |
| | Long. | $163^{\circ}-14.0'$ E | $162^{\circ}-18.0'$ E | $162^{\circ}-20.0'$ E |
- 24-30 Sept. Anchorage "ABLE", Berth "Nan-3", Eniwetok Atoll.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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Month of October 1945.

1. 1 October to 11 October 1945. (Z.D. minus 12)

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. At anchor in anchorage "Able", berth "Nan three (3)", Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands in accordance with visual despatch 222300 of 23 September 1945 from Port Director, Eniwetok via signal tower H-1. Transferring cargo from the disabled Dutch S.S. POELAU LAUT to this vessel. Upon completion of loading will receive further routing instructions.
3. Positions:
Anchorage "Able", berth "Nan - 3, Eniwetok.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

2. 12 October to 19 October 1945.

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Anchorage "Able", berth "Nan - 3", Eniwetok Atoll pursuant to visual despatch 222300 from Port Director, transferring cargo aboard from disabled Dutch S.S. POELAU LAUT. At 0340, completed loading. At 1533, underway, proceeding alone to Manila Harbor, Philippine Islands for discharge of cargo and further instructions pursuant to Confidential Orders No. A4-3/LCT of 12 October 1945 from Port Director, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. Speed of advance is fourteen (14) knots.

3. Positions:

		<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
12 Oct.	Lat.	11°22' N	11°22' N	10°56' N
ZD -12	Long.	162° 20' E	162°20' E	161° 50' E
13 Oct.	Lat.	10°42' N	10°39' N	10°33' N
ZD -12	Long.	158°59' E	158°01' E	155°51' E
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14 Oct.	Lat.	10°26' N	10°24' N	10°20' N
ZD -11	Long.	152°58' E	152°01' E	149°46' E
-10				
15 Oct.	Lat.	10°13' N	10°12' N	10°10' N
ZD -10	Long.	146°52' E	145°53' E	143°57' E
16 Oct.	Lat.	10°06' N	10°06' N	10°25' N
ZD -10	Long.	141°03' E	140°04' E	138°25' E
17 Oct.	Lat.	11°01' N	11°14.3' N	11°39' N
ZD -10/-9	Long.	135°33' E	134°36' E	132°20' E
18 Oct.	Lat.	12°15.5' N	12°26' N	12°44' N
ZD -9	Long.	129°59' E	129°02' E	127°12' E
19 Oct.	Lat.	12°51' N	12°41' N	13°01' N
ZD -9	Long.	124°17' E	123°43' E	122°17' E

4. None
5. None

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6. None.
 7. None.
3. 20 October 1945 (ZD minus 9)
1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
 2. Underway, Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Manila Bay, Philippine Islands pursuant to Confidential Orders No. A4-3/LCT of 12 October 1945 from Port Director, Eniwetok for discharge of cargo and further orders. At 0949, pursuant to visual despatch 192045 from HECP, Manila, Philippine Islands, anchored in berth 52, outer anchorage, Manila Bay, Philippine Islands awaiting further instructions.
 3. Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14°21' N	14°33' N	14°33' N
Long.	120°38' E	120°56' E	120°56' E
 4. None.
 5. None.
 6. None.
 7. None.
4. 21 October to 22 October 1945. (ZD minus 9)
1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
 2. At anchor in berth 52, outer anchorage, Manila Bay, Philippine Islands pursuant to visual despatch 192045 from HECP, Manila awaiting further instructions. At 1742, underway from berth 52, outer anchorage, to pier three (3), berth two (2), inner harbor, Manila, Philippine Islands pursuant to visual despatch 201231 from Port Director; to discharge cargo. At 1912, moored starboard side to, to port side of pier three (3), berth two (2).
 3. Positions:

Pier three (3), berth two (2), inner harbor, Manila, Philippine Is.
 4. None.
 5. None.
 6. None.
 7. None.
5. 23 October 1945. (ZD minus 9)
1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
 2. Pursuant to visual despatch 201213 from Port Director, Manila, Philippine Islands, moored starboard side to, to pier three (3), berth two (2), Manila Harbor, Philippine Islands, discharging cargo. At 1716, underway to anchorage twenty (20), inner harbor, pursuant to radio despatch 220504 from Port Director. At 1750, at anchor in anchorage twenty (20) to complete discharge of cargo.
 3. Positions:

Manila Harbor, Philippine Islands.
 4. None.
 5. None.
 6. None.
 7. None.

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6. 24 October to 31 October 1945. (ZD minus 9)

1. Transport Squadron 23, Transport Division 68.
2. Moored in anchorage twenty (20), inner harbor, Manila Harbor, Philippine Islands pursuant to radio despatch 220504 from Port Director, awaiting to complete discharge of cargo. At 0955, 27 October completed discharge of cargo. At 1122, in accordance with radio despatch 271040 from Port Director, Manila, Philippine Islands, underway, proceeding to come alongside U.S.S. BANSHEE, IX 178 in berth 529, outer harbor, Manila, Philippine Islands for refueling. At 1543, cast off all lines from U.S.S. BANSHEE, IX 178. Underway, pursuant to restricted sailing orders serial 372363 of 27 October, from Port Director, Manila, Philippine Islands. Proceeding alone from Manila, Philippine Islands to Fremantle, Australia. Speed of advance is 14 knots.
3. Positions:

24 Oct. to 27 Oct. - Inner harbor, berth twenty (20), Manila, Philippine Is.

		<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
28 Oct.	Lat.	11°32.5' N	10°39' N	08°52' N
ZD -8	Long.	129°09.9' E	121°11' E	120°26' E
29 Oct.	Lat.	06°02' N	05°00' N	03°00' N
ZD -8	Long.	119°49' E	119°37' E	119°00' E
30 Oct.	Lat.	0°00'	000°53' S	02°49' S
ZD -8	Long.	119°22' E	119°05' E	118°38.5' E
31 Oct.	Lat.	05°55' S	06°42' S	08°08' S
ZD -8	Long.	117°59' E	117°17' E	115°55.5' E

4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.

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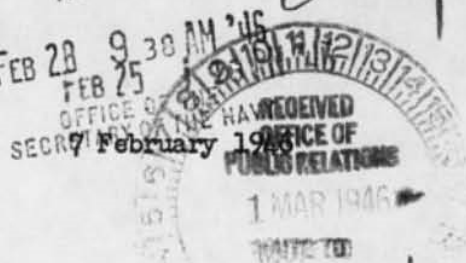
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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: U.S.S. PRENTISS (AKA 102), History of Since Commissioning.
Reference: (a) ALPac 318-45.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the history of the U.S.S. PRENTISS is submitted.

2. The U.S.S. PRENTISS was built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company at Wilmington, North Carolina and launched on 6 December 1944. Mrs. Roger Williams of Phoebus, Virginia was sponsor. The ship was of C-2 Maritime Commission design and was given sea trials off Cape Fear on 11 January 1945.

3. The vessel was accepted by the U. S. Navy on 12 January and temporarily placed in commission under command of Commander C. M. Doar, USNR. Ship was sailed in charge of ferry crew to Charleston Navy Yard for fitting out. Upon arrival in Charleston, South Carolina the ship was placed out of commission and fitting out begun.

4. On 11 February 1945 the PRENTISS was placed in full commission under command of Lt. Comdr. G. P. Walker, USNR and left on 21 February for shakedown in Chesapeake Bay area.

5. Following a ten day shakedown and a short period of availability in Norfolk Navy Yard the ship was loaded with general cargo at Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk and sailed for Pearl Harbor on 16 March 1945 via the Panama Canal. The trip out was uneventful and cargo was discharged on 13 April.

6. Following unloading the ship was assigned to an amphibious training squadron under command of Commodore J. R. Palmer, USN and exercised in area south of Oahu Island. While in training group PRENTISS was detached and ordered to Pearl Harbor to load ammunition for forward areas.

7. The ship was sailed on 6 May with 2,500 tons of ammunition plus 500 tons general cargo for Samar and Okinawa via Eniwetok and Ulithi. The trip to the Philippines was quiet--no enemy activity noted. The ship ran unescorted full distance. On 27 May commenced discharging cargo belonging to Eighth Army at Leyte. Later 1,200 tons of ammunition was discharged for Marine Air Group Twelve at Guiuan, Samar, Phillipines.

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8. On 16 June PRENTISS sailed in company with eight LST's for Kerama Rhetto and Okinawa—Commander Strickley, USN in LST 597 OTC. The convoy arrived at Kerama Rhetto during forenoon of 21 June and anchored to await orders. During the evening of 21st enemy air activity increased and the area was subjected to a number of attacks. Damage was sustained by U.S.S. CURTISS and several smaller units. At approximately 2100 two enemy planes closed the PRENTISS from the south. One attempted to crash dive the ship but was shot down in flames by PRENTISS' guns and crashed off port bow. Numerous small shrapnel holes punctured ship's plating in that area. Small parts of plane were found about decks next morning. There were no casualties to ship's personnel.

9. The PRENTISS remained at Kerama Rhetto about five days discharging a small amount of general cargo. Following this the vessel sailed for Hagushi, Okinawa to discharge 1,200 tons of ammunition consigned to Marine Air Group Fourteen.

10. The ammunition was discharged in about ten days and ship was sailed in convoy, Commander R. E. Perry, USN, OTC to Saipan. While discharging at Hagushi, the area was subjected to numerous enemy air attacks--particularly at night. None of these attacks were successful due primarily to excellent protection given by our combat air patrol.

11. Upon arrival at Saipan, PRENTISS was ordered to report to San Francisco for loading and was sailed independently on 11 July, arriving San Francisco 28 July. A short period of availability in the stream was granted the ship.

12. While at San Francisco the original loading orders calling for 4,500 tons of ammunition for forward areas were changed due to cessation of hostilities with Japan. The ship was finally loaded with 2,500 tons of general cargo and sailed for Pearl Harbor arriving 26 August 1945.

13. After discharging at Pearl, PRENTISS was ordered to await further orders. On 14 September the ship sailed for Eniwetok Atoll to load and be onward routed to the Philippines.

14. Upon arrival at Eniwetok on 23 September PRENTISS anchored and on 29 September commenced loading cargo from the Dutch merchantman POELAU LAUT which had broken down enroute from San Francisco to Manila, and had put into Eniwetok for repairs. Loading was completed 12 October, and sailed for Manila, Philippine Islands.

15. The voyage to Manila was uneventful. PRENTISS arrived at Manila 21 October and completed unloading 27 October.

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16. While in Manila PRENTISS received orders to Fremantle, Australia and on 27 October got underway in accordance with these orders to load cargo for the U. S. at Fremantle. The voyage to Fremantle was uneventful.

17. PRENTISS arrived Australia 6 November and loaded 750 tons of ammunition for the U. S. At this time PRENTISS' original orders to the U.S. were modified and an additional 3400 tons of provisions consigned to Batavia, Java, Netherlands East Indies. Loading at Fremantle was completed 28 November and PRENTISS sailed 30 November for Batavia.

18. Upon arrival at Tanjoeng Priok, the port for Batavia, on 8 December 1945 ship anchored and commenced discharging cargo using ship's boats. On 9 December PRENTISS received orders to cease unloading operations and await further orders due to inadequate facilities ashore to handle cargo being discharged.

19. On 19 December PRENTISS received orders to proceed to Makassar, Celebes, N.E.I. to discharge the remainder of cargo originally consigned to Batavia. The voyage from Tanjoeng Priok to Makassar was uneventful until arriving in the Makassar approach channel on 22 December where a horn type floating mine was sighted. Mine was exploded by 20 MM gun fire from PRENTISS.

20. All cargo consigned to Makassar was unloaded on 3 January 1946 and on 5 January 1946 PRENTISS got underway for Samar, Philippine Islands for logistics and onward routing to the U. S.

21. On arrival Samar PRENTISS anchored in Guiuan Roadstead and commenced to provision ship and refuel. These operations were completed 13 January.

22. PRENTISS got underway for U. S. on 14 January but when underway five hours was ordered to report to Commander United States Naval Forces Australia-New Guinea for operational control. PRENTISS returned to Samar for further logistics and to await orders from Commander United States Naval Forces Australia-New Guinea.

23. On 15 January at Samar, Philippine Islands in accordance with orders from BuPers, Commander George P. Walker, U.S.N.R. was relieved as Commanding Officer, for release to inactive duty, by Lt. Comdr., Richard H. Tibbets, U.S.N.R. All officers and men aboard PRENTISS eligible for discharge or release to inactive duty were transferred to the Receiving Station, Samar for transportation to the U. S.

24. On 17 January PRENTISS received orders to Milne Bay, New Guinea to pick up cargo, and in accordance with these orders sailed 17 January arriving there on 24 January 1946.

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25. Loading operations commenced 25 January 1946 and were completed 28 January. On 29 January PRENTISS got underway for Pearl Harbor for fuel and onward routing.

26. During period covered while in Pacific, PRENTISS was attached to Transport Division 68, Capt. Crutcher, USN, Commander, and Transport Squadron 23, Commodore Wetherspoon, USN, Commander, but never operated with these units.

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25 June 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: Anti-Aircraft Action, Report on.
Reference: (a) Cominch Restr. ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152,
dated 29 October 1943.
(b) Cominch Restr. ltr. FF1/A3-3, Serial 2812, dated
12 April 1944.
Enclosure: (A) Cominch Form F-01 AA-1 Feb. 1944 (Revised form for
reporting A.A. action by surface ships). -p. 2
1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (A)
is forwarded herewith.

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Zone Time - Minus 9

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1. Surprise Attack - No Day or Night - Night
2. Method picking plane up - radar and naked eye.
3. Range plane was picked up - less than 5 miles.
4. Total number of planes observed - one Type - Val
5. Number of planes attacking own ship - one Type - Val
6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship - one
 - (a) Of those attacking own ship - one Type - Val
 - (b) Others - none Type - —
7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet - 200 knots (approx.)
500 ft. altitude
8. Number of guns firing - by caliber -

3 - 40 MM twins
15 - 20 MM singles
4 - 50 cal. singles
4 - 30 cal.
Total guns - 26
9. Ammunition expended - by caliber -

30 cal. - 450 rds.
50 cal. - 400 rds.
20 MM - 790 rds.
40 MM - 288 rds.
10. Percent service allowance expended - Insignificant amount compared to service allowance.
11. Method of control -

40 MM's director control	Method of spotting - Tracer
20 MM's manual control	" " " "
30 cal. manual control	" " " "
50 cal. manual control	" " " "

Method of Ranging - eye Method of Firing - Percussion
12. Approximate time - tracking to first shot - 10 seconds.

Description of action

- 2305 Set general quarters as a result of radio flash "Blue", control "Green", a warning of air attack probable.
- 2332 Information received of air attack imminent - flash "Red", control "Yellow".
- 2334 The order to commence firing was given to guns bearing on plane attacking ship from starboard quarter. The plane approached the ship from astern on the starboard quarter and veered across our stern and attempted to wing over and crash our port bow. While in area of port quarter one bomb was released. Just before crashing the plane released a bomb opposite our port bow some 200 feet from the ship, then crashed into the water approximately 75 feet from the port bow. Fragments of plane's bomb and shrapnel penetrated the ship's skin above the waterline at several places. Installations topside in the forward area were likewise damaged slightly and penetrated. No serious material damage to ship and no personnel were injured. The plane was observed in flames before crashing, and upon striking the water sank immediately.

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