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SERIAL: 028

5 May 1945

CONFIDENTIAL
C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for March 1945 -- Submission of.
Reference: (a) ComInch, U.S. Fleet serial 7152, dated 29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) Subject diary.

1. War Diary for month of March is forwarded herewith.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

8 March 1945 (Zone - 4)

This vessel placed in commission at Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. by Lt. Comdr. E.L. Bothwell, Assistant to Captain of Yard. Watch set, commenced loading stores and supplies.

9 March 1945

Continued loading supplies and ammunition.

10 March 1945

Completed loading ammunition, having on board 535 rounds of 5 inch 38, 19,231 rounds of 40 mm, 34,920 rounds of 20 mm, 209,500 rounds of 20 caliber, 18,000 rounds of 45 caliber and 90,150 rounds of 50 caliber. Moved to Clyde Mallory docks, Charleston, S.C. to complete loading provisions.

11 March 1945 to 13 March 1945

Continued to take on provisions.

13 March 1945

Moved to deperming station, Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. completed deperming.

14 March 1945

Compensated compasses, Charleston harbor. Proceeded to sea for structural test firing in accordance with 6 ND operations order. Course 119° (T) from buoy 2 HC, distance 20 miles for 5"38 firing. Returned to pier H-L Charleston Navy Yard.

15 March 1945

Yard availability period at Charleston Navy Yard.

18 March 1945

Underway from Charleston Navy Yard to Norfolk, Virginia in compliance with operations order of Commandant 6 ND. Route Baker. Initial course 065° (T).

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19 March 1945

Proceeding as before to Norfolk, Virginia. Various courses to conform to Route Baker.

0800 Posit L 33° 52.5' N. Long 76° 52.5' W.
1200 Posit L 43° 25.5' N. Long 75° 59.0' W.
2000 Posit L 35° 45.5' N. Long 74° 39.0' W.

20 March 1945

Underway as before. 0800 Posit L 36° 51.5' N. Long 75° 07' W.
1200 Posit L 36° 54' N. Long 75° 22' W.

Entered Chesapeake Bay at 1433. Anchored in berth #4, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

21 March 1945

Anchored as before. Received landing boats from Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, Norfolk, Virginia:

15 LCVF's
1 LCP (L)
8 LCM's

Inspected by board representing U.S. Atlantic Fleet Training Command, Comdr. T.L. GERMANN, Senior member.

22 March 1945 and 23 March 1945

Anchored as before. Exercised crew at general drills. Lowered and hoisted all boats.

24 March 1945

Underway for shakedown in Chesapeake Bay. Compenstaed compasses, ran degaussing range. Anchored off Cape Charles City, Virginia.

25 March 1945

Proceeded to firing area South Baker. Fired AA, Able and Roger, day spotting practice, SRBP, radar controlled and AA drone. Following ammunition expended: 2,438 rounds 20 mm HEI and 1,214 HET, 778 rounds of 40 mm HEIT, 83 rounds 5"38 AAC. Underway for Kent Island for measured mile runs. Anchored off Sharp's Island, Chesapeake Bay.

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26 March 1945

Enroute Sharp's Island to Kent Island. Ran measured mile run off Kent Island. Returned to anchorage off Cape Charles City, Virginia, conducting general drills enroute. Anchored off Cape Charles City.

27 March 1945

Underway from Cape Charles City for rendezvous with DE 322 (USS NEWELL) to conduct fueling at sea exercises. Completed operation in nineteen minutes after DE 322 alongside. Fueling speed eight knots. Proceeded to Hampton Roads anchorage, berth five.

28 March 1945

Anchored as before. Conducted Battle Problem under observation of U.S. Atlantic Fleet Amphibious Command party, Commander T.L. GERMANN senior member. Moved ship to Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth Virginia, berth 34 for availability after shakedown.

29 March 1945

Moored as before for availability period.

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7 May 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer
To : ComInch.

Subject: War Diary for April 1945, Submission of.

References: (a) ComInch, U.S. Fleet serial 7152 dated 29 October 1943.
(b) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 101-45

Enclosure: (A) Subject diary.

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WAR DIARY for APRIL 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

April 1 (time zone 4)

Moored port side to pier #5, berth #34 Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth Virginia undergoing post shakedown availability.

April 2

Moved to berth #33, pier #3, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk Virginia, having completed availability period. Loaded 150 smoke pots and 25 hand grenades. Received from Ammunition Depot, St Jeliens Creek, Virginia the following: 83 rounds 5"38 cartridges and projectiles, 784 rounds 40 mm, and 3780 rounds 20 mm.

April 3

Commenced loading cargo.

April 4 to April 7

Continued loading cargo.

April 8

Completed loading cargo. Underway from Norfolk Virginia to Balboa, C.Z., in compliance with CONSERVLANT dispatch 061605. In swept shannel until 2305, and set course 131°T (151°psc) from buoy X S. Traveling in company with the MATHEWS (AKA-96)

April 9

Steaming as before. 0800 posit 35° 34' N 73° 16' W
1200 posit 34° 48' N 73° 15' W
2000 posit 32° 55' N 73° 23' W

April 10

Steaming as before. 0800 posit 36° 06.8 N 73° 46.2 W
1200 posit 29° 19 N 73° 53 W
2000 posit 27° 21.5 N 74° 11 W

April 11

Steaming as before. 0800 posit 24° 16 N 74° 17 W
1200 posit 23° 52 N 74° 18 W
2000 posit 22° 10 N 74° 47 W

Fired 40 mm AA practice at Mathews 5"38 burst. Expended 104 rounds.

April 12

Steaming as before. 1903 Received message of death of Commander in Chief, President Roosevelt. 2300 changed to zone #5 time.

0800 posit 19° 30 N 74° 27 W
1200 posit 18° 40 N 75° 00 W
2000 posit 17° 01 N 75° 59 W

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April 13

Steaming as before. Half masted colors in accordance with Article 332 paragraph 1-14, U.S. Navy Regulations on death of Commander in Chief, President Roosevelt.

0800 posit 14° 31 N 77° 47 W
1200 posit 13° 40 N 78° 21 W
2000 posit 11° 54 N 79° 20 W

April 14

Steaming as before. Entered Cristobal break water at 0740. Commenced transit of canal at 0820. Completed transit at 1542, mooring starboard to berth B pier 18, Balboa Harbor, C.Z.

April 15

Moored as before. 1256 Underway from Balboa, C.Z. to Pearl Harbor, T.H. in compliance with ComPanSeaFron operational order of 15 April 1945 in company with USS MATHEWS (AKA-96), escorted by USS MANTA (SS-299) and USS QUILLBACK (SS-424).

2000 posit 07° 44.5 N. 79° 30 W

April 16

Steaming as before. 2300 Changed to Zone 5½ time.

0800 posit 07° 04 N 81° 42 W
1200 posit 06° 56.5 N 82° 28 W
2000 posit 06° 34 N 83° 56 W

April 17

Steaming as before. Submarines conducting daylight approach maneuvers, which continued until they detached. Both ships zig-zagging on various plans which continued during daylight and moonlight until arrival off Oahu. Held 40 mm AA practice, firing at 5"38 burst. Expended three rounds 5"38 caliber and 65 rounds 40 mm. Test fired sub machine guns, expending 480 rounds.

0800 posit 06° 43 N 86° 37.5 W
1200 posit 06° 48.3 N 87° 00 W
2000 posit 7° 11 N 88° 34 W

April 18

Steaming as before.

0800 posit 7° 46 N 91° 34 W
1200 posit 8° 04 N 92° 18 W
2000 posit 8° 41 N 94° 15 W

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April 19

Steaming as before. 2300 changed to 6½ zone time.
0800 posit 9° 30 N 97° 16 W
1200 posit 9° 47.8 N 98° 10.8 W
2000 posit 10° 19 N 99° 52 W

April 20

Steaming as before. 2300 changed to 7 zone time.
0800 posit 11° 22 N 102° 44 W
1200 posit 11° 38 N 103° 38 W
2000 posit 12° 07 N 105° 18 W

April 21

Steaming as before.
0800 posit 12° 48 N 107° 56 W
1200 posit 12° 53 N 108° 39 W
2000 posit 13° 24 N 110° 05 W

April 22

Steaming as before. 2300 change to 7½ zone time.
0800 posit 13° 57 N 112° 45 W
1200 posit 14° 11 N 113° 30 W
2000 posit 14° 34 N 115° 11 W

April 23

Steaming as before. 2300 change to 8 zone time.
0800 posit 16° 09 N 118° 18 W
1200 posit 16° 20 N 119° 18 W
2000 posit 15° 45.5 N 120° 38 W

April 24

Steaming as before.
0800 posit 16° 17 N 123° 24 W
1200 posit 16° 31 N 124° 13 W
2000 posit 17° 05 N 125° 53 W

April 25

Steaming as before. 1410 Submarines Quillback (SS-424) and Manta (SS-229) detached to proceed together, independent of this unit. 2300 changed to 8½ zone time.

0800 posit 17° 39 N 128° 48 W
1200 posit 17° 50 N 129° 52 W
2000 posit 18° 07 N 131° 32 W

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April 26

Steaming as before. Practice smoke screens, using boilers, smoke generators, smoke pots, 2300 changed to 9½ zone time.

0800 posit 18° 52 N 134° 39 W
1200 posit 19° 02 N 135° 41 W
2000 posit 19° 29 N 137° 35 W

April 27

Steaming as before. Exercised crew at general drills. Practice fired port batteries, firing at 5"38 burst. Expended 2 rounds of 5"38 AAC, 84 rounds 40 mm HEIT, 224 rounds 20 mm HET, and 450 rounds 20 mm HEL.

0800 posit 20° 14 N 140° 50 W
1200 posit 20° 15 N 141° 52 W
2000 posit 20° 31 N 143° 32 W

April 28

Steaming as before. Exercised crew at general drills. Held firing practice for all AA batteries, firing at 5"38 bursts. Expended 2 rounds 5"38, 418 rounds of 40 mm HEIT, 1012 rounds of 20 mm HET, Exercised crew at night general quarters. 2300 changed to 9½ zone time.

0800 posit 20° 41 N 146° 50 W
1200 posit 20° 48 N 147° 49 W
2000 posit 20° 52 N 149° 32 W

April 29

Steaming as before.

0800 posit 21° 05 N 152° 25 W
1200 posit 21° 08 N 153° 25 W
2000 posit 21° 10 N 155° 11 W

April 30

Steaming as before. Held AA firing practice, and firing at towed sleeve. Expended 15 rounds 5"38, 778 rounds 40 mm, 3231 rounds 20 mm. Task unit dissolved and proceeded into Pearl Harbor independently. Moored port side to USS BINGHAM (APA-225) in berth X-ray 3.

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SERIAL: 032

4 June 1945

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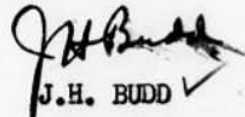
From: Commanding Officer
To : ComInch

Subject: War Diary for May 1945, submission of.

Reference: (a) ComInch US Fleet serial 7152 dated 29 October 1945.
(b) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 101-45.

Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary.

1. War Diary for month of May is forwarded herewith.


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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: War Diary for May 1945, submission of.

1 May

Moored portside to AKA-225 in berth X-ray Three Pearl Harbor, T.H. Changed berth to K-7, portside to, Naval Supply Depot, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Commenced unloading cargo.

2 May to 6 May

Moored as before. Unloading cargo.

7 May

Completed unloading cargo. Underway for training cruise, in accordance with Ad Comphibs pac order of 7 May 1945. Proceeding singly for rendezvous off inner anchorage, Maalea Bay Southern Maui, T.H. 1526 Joined Transport Squadron 13.10.2, Transdiv Charlie, fourth ship in column, cruising disposition "3T". Comtransron in USS WESTMORELAND (APA-104), Contransdiv Charlie in USS NESHQBA (APA-216). Executed emergency turns. Steaming in assigned areas each night.

1200 posit	21° 00.30 N	157° 13 W
2000 posit	20° 35 N	157° 05 W

8 May

Steaming as before. Returned to transport area off Maui, T.H. and lowered 10 LCVP's and 2 LCM's for use of USS MENARD (APA-201). Anchored in Maalea Bay Anchorage after ship to shore movement completed. Loaded boats and proceeded to sea in position five, Transdiv Charlie, conducting tactical maneuvers enroute.

0800 posit	20° 43 N	156° 36 W
1200 posit	20° 42.5 N	156° 30 W
2000 posit	20° 22 N	157° 09 W

9 May

Steaming as before. Returned to transport area as above, conducted ship to shore movement and anchored as above. Proceeded to sea in cruising disposition "3T" executing emergency maneuvers. Conducted simulated night plane attacks from 2100 to 2300, with simultaneous battle problem.

0800 posit	20° 43 N	156° 37 W
1200 posit	20° 42 N	156° 28 W
2000 posit	20° 20 N	157° W

10 May

Steaming as before. Conducted ship to shore movement as above, with simultaneous Damage Control and Battle Problems. Anchored as above. Made smoke with generators and conducted Squadron radio voice drill. Conducted engine room damage control problem. Night simulated MTB and plane attack while at anchor. Searchlights used to repel MTB. Contransron transferred to USS MENDOCINO (APA-100) Underway for night cruising in formation "3T".

0800 posit	20° 44 N	156° 36 W
1200 posit	20° 42 N	156° 28 W

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11 May

Steaming as before. Conducted ship to shore movement in Maalaea Bay, as before. Anchored as above. Formed cruising disposition "3T". Transdiv Charlie streamed paravanes. This vessel assumed position four in Transdiv Charlie upon departure of USS NEW KENT (APA-217). Conducted Battle Problem enroute.

0800 posit	20° 43 N	156° 37 W
1200 posit	20° 42 N	156° 28 W
2000 posit	20° 27 N	157° 09 W

12 May

Steaming as before. Lowered boats for ship to shore operation off Kahoolawe Island, T.H. Proceeded to Kikoa Pt, Lanai Island, T.H. for engine repairs. Anchored and completed packing main feed pump. Proceeded to rendezvous with Squadron at Maalaea Bay, and hoisted boats. Underway conducting emergency maneuvers.

0800 posit	20° 43 N	156° 42 W
1200 posit	20° 42 N	156° 40 W
2000 posit	19° 46 N	156° 50 W

13 May

Steaming as before. Conducted AA drone practice in single column formation. Reformed disposition "3T". Commenced exercises with submarine attack unit 17.4.1. This vessel eluded two practice torpedoes. Conducted night submarine and plane attack practice.

0800 posit	20° 09 N	158° 16 W
1200 posit	20° 45 N	158° 16 W
2000 posit	20° 05 N	159° 06 W

14 May

Steaming as before. Comtransron Transferred to USS WESTMORELAND (APA-104). Formed cruising disposition "1T". Commenced How, Baker and Uncle Tare AA firing practice. Expended 10 rounds 5" 38, 185 rounds 40 mm HEIT, 876 rounds 20 mm HET. Formed entry disposition for Pearl Harbor, T.H. Moored starboard side to USS MATHEWS (AKA-96) in auxiliary berth X-ray 13.

15 May to 18 May

Moored as before.

19 May

Moored as before. Received following ammunition from Ammunition Depot, Pearl Harbor, T.H.: 5" 38 caliber 35 rounds AAC, 40 mm 85 cases HEIT, 20 mm 20 cases HEIT, 30 cases, HEI, 30 smoke pots, 45 caliber 2000 rounds.

20 May and 21 May

Moored as before.

22 May

Shifted berth to Iroquois Point for loading.

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23 May

Moored as before.

24 May

Completed loading 1800 tons of anti-torpedo, anti-submarine nets and buoys. Shifted berth to X-ray four.

25 May to 27 May

Moored as before.

28 May

1655 Pursuant to orders of Com Hawseafron # 0668 of 28 May 1945, underway from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Steaming singly at standard speed 15 knots (73 rpm). Speed set at 14.9 knots (78 rpm) for zig-zag purposes. 1755 Set base course 182°(T). 1837 Changed course to 181°(T). 2254 Changed course to 272°(T).

2000 posit 20° 41 N 157° 58 W

29 May

Steaming as before. 0727 Changed course to 263°(T). 0940 took station 1000 yards on starboard beam of USS MATHEWS (AKA-96) and commenced zig zagging on plan # 8 zebra. 1245 Changed course to 265°(T). 2300 Changed to zone ~~1~~ 10½ time.

0800 posit 20° 09 N 160° 08 W
1200 posit 19° 57 N 160° 50 W
2000 posit 19° 51 N 162° 21 W

30 May

Steaming as before. 0600 Changed course to 260°(T). 1710 sighted friendly aircraft bearing 222°, distance 12 miles. 2103 Changed course to 262°(T). 2300 Changed to zone ~~1~~ 11 time.

0800 posit 19° 23 N 165° 29 W
1200 posit 19° 14 N 166° 28 W
2000 posit 18° 53 N 168° 25 W

31 May

Steaming as before. 0800 Changed base course to 258°(T). 1400 USS MATHEWS (AKA-96) proceeding independently. Changed zig-zag plan to #24(USF 10-A) and resumed steaming independently on departure of USS MATHEWS.

0800 posit 18° 28 N 171° 34 W
1200 posit 18° 15 N 172° 33 W
2000 posit 17° 52 N 174° 31 W

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SERIAL: 034

4 July 1945

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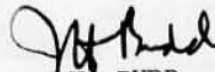
From: Commanding Officer
To : Commander In Chief U.S. Fleet

Subject: War Diary for June 1945, submission of.

Reference: (a) ComInch US Fleet serial 7152 dated 29 October 1945.
(b) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.

Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary.

1. War Diary for month of June is forwarded herewith.


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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: War Diary for June 1945, submission of.

1 June

Steaming independently from Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in compliance with Comhawsea from dispatch serial 0668, dated 28 May 1945. Base course 258°(T), speed 16.1 knots (85 rpm). Using various zig-zag plans to destination. Zone time ± 11, changed to ± 12 at 1800 (± 11 time). Crossed International date line at 1733 (± 12 time).

0800 posit	17° 19 N,	177° 35 W
1200 posit	17° 08 N,	178° 32 W
2000 posit	16° 38 N,	179° 27 E

2 June

This date not observed, due to crossing International date line.

3 June

Underway as before. -12 time in use at midnight.

0800 posit	15° 59 N,	176° 53 E
1200 posit	15° 45 N,	175° 45 E
2000 posit	15° 20 N,	174° 10 E

4 June

Underway as before. Held AA firing practice, using gasinflated balloons. Expended 9 rounds 5" 38, 119 rounds 40 mm HEIT, 445 rounds 20 mm HET, 449 rounds 20 mm HEI. Results highly satisfactory -- all balloons (10) shot down.

0800 posit	14° 29 N,	171° 30 E
1200 posit	14° 15 N,	170° 41 E
2000 posit	13° 48 N,	169° 06 E

5 June

Underway as before. Small fire in paint locker in midwatch. Under control in eleven minutes. Due to spontaneous combustion of oil-soaked rags.

0800 posit	12° 58 N,	166° 39 E
1200 posit	12° 57 N,	165° 54 E
2000 posit	12° 20 N,	164° 22 E

6 June

Underway as before. 0540 Made landfall at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Anchored in berth C-3, anchorage Able, in 20 fathoms, with 90 fathoms of chain to port anchor.

7 June to 16 June

Anchored as before.

17 June

1730 Underway, independently, from Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Ulithi, Caroline Islands in compliance with Port Director letter serial A-43 of 17 June 1945. Changed to -11 zone time. Using various zig-zag plans enroute. Standard speed 14.9 knots, (78 rpm).

2000 posit	11° 18 N,	161° 48 E
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18 June

Underway as before.

0800 posit	11° 45.5 N,	158° 58.5 E
1200 posit	11° 58 N,	158° 0.5 E
2000 posit	12° 18.5 N,	158° 04 E

19 June

Underway as before. Exercised crew at general drills. Changed to -10 zone time.

0800 posit	12° 49 N,	153° 03 E
1200 posit	12° 58 N,	152° 02 E
2000 posit	12° 14 N,	149° 49 E

20 June

Underway as before.

0800 posit	11° 20 N,	147° 18 E
1200 posit	11° 11 N,	146° 16 E
2000 posit	10° 34 N,	144° 26 E

21 June

Underway as before. 1315 Sighted Geilop Island, Ulithi Atoll. 1549 Anchored in berth 507, Urushi anchorage, Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands in 20 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor.

0800 posit	10° 09 N,	141° 22.5 E
1200 posit	10° 08 N,	140° 26 E

22 June to 25 June

Anchored as before.

26 June

Received flash red signal from Atoll control. All preparations made to get underway. All guns manned. Secured on flash white.

27 June to 29 June

Anchored as before.

30 June

Anchored as before. Received on board 200 units Mk-7 anti tank mine and 200 units Mk-1 15 second fuse from ammunition officer, Comservron Ten.

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SERIAL: 040

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1 August 1945

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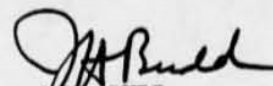
From: Commanding Officer
To : Commander In Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary for July 1945, submission of.

Reference: (a) ComInch US Fleet serial 7152 dated 29 October 1945.
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Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary.

1. War Diary for month of July is forwarded herewith.


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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: War Diary for July 1945, submission of.

1 July

Anchored in berth 507, Urushi anchorage, Ulithi, Caroline Islands. Cargo designated for Okinawa.

2 July to 9 July

Anchored as before.

10 July

0733 Underway enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa in compliance with the port director orders A4-39 of 9 July, 1945. Convoy designated UOK-36, commodore convoy Capt. W.N. THORNTON (Comtransdiv 53) in USS MARATHON (APA-200). Escorted by DD's USS MAYRANT (DD-402), USS RHIND (DD-404), USS BENSON (DD-421) and USS MAYO (DD-422). Capt W.S. RODIMON (Comdesdiv 14) in USS MAYRANT. This vessel assigned position 12.

Conducted AA firing practice Uncle and Tare, expending 13 rounds 5"38 AA common, 544 rounds 40 mm HET, 1046 rounds 20 mm HEP, and 523 rounds 20 mm HET.

Base course 325°(T), 318°(pstgc), standard speed 13.4 knots (70 rpm). Ships conducted maneuvering drills thruout trip, and zig-zagged during conditions of good visibility.

1200 posit	10° 18 N,	139° 58 E
2000 posit	11° 57 N,	138° 41 E

11 July

Underway as before. Exercised at abandon ship stations.

0800 posit	14° 12 N,	137° 08 E
1200 posit	14° 26 N,	136° 35 E
2000 posit	16° 25 N,	135° 26 E

12 July

Underway as before. Exercised at fire drill.

0800 posit	18° 34 N,	133° 47 E
1200 posit	19° 14.5 N,	133° 18 E
2000 posit	20° 39 N,	132° 09 E

13 July

Underway as before.

0800 posit	22° 44 N,	130° 42 E
1200 posit	23° 20 N,	130° 12 E
2000 posit	24° 31 N,	129° 08 E

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14 July

Underway as before. 0324 Convoy changed course by various wheeling movements to 300°(T), 297°(pstgc). 0415 Sounded general quarters on order of convoy commodore, and secured at 0445. Commenced maneuvering for new formation "Baker", this vessel in position 22. Course 073°(T), speed 12 knots (62 rpm). Formed disposition "Easy" to enter Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Anchored in berth B-155 in ten fathoms of water.

0800 posit 26° N, 127° 46 E

15 July and 16 July

Anchored in berth B-155, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

17 July

Anchored as before. Commenced unloading cargo. 2201 Sounded general quarters on orders from SOPA, and secured at 2243. Made smoke with two generators aft, and two smoke boats. SOPA C.T.U. 99.1.1.

18 July

Anchored as before. Received order from SOPA to execute typhoon plan X-ray East. Ship made ready for sea. 2044 Sounded general quarters and made smoke. 2133 Underway for berth L-69 on orders of port director, dispatch 181143. 2146 Anchored until all clear on verbal orders port director. 2208 Secured from general quarters. Moved to berth L-69.

19 July

Anchored as before. 0844 Underway in compliance with port director Okinawa dispatch 182225 to execute typhoon plan X-ray East. Assumed position 15 in formation under Comtransdiv 53 in USS MARATHON (APA-200). Base course 140°, 151°(pstgc), speed 11 knots (58 rpm). 1705 Changed course to 160°(T). 1736 Changed course to 180°(T). 1815 Changed course to 200°(T). Thereafter changing courses and speeds to keep wind on starboard bow. General southerly course.

1200 posit 25° 53 N, 128° 16 E

2000 posit 24° 52 N, 128° 48 E

20 July

Steaming as before. Designation of convoy Optac-64. Commenced various course changes to bring course to north, the storm having passed well to the northwest. Moderate sea, force 6 to 7 winds. 1820 Joined group under C.T.G. 99.1, this ship in position 13. Various courses and speeds used in maneuvering with base course 270°(T) at 2330, and speed 6 knots (34 rpm).

0800 posit 25° 05 N, 129° 31 E

1200 posit 25° 35.5 N, 129° 27 E

2000 posit 26° 08 N, 129° 14 E

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21 July

Steaming as before. By wheeling and turn movements, changed base course to 180° at 1000. 1001 Northern Okinawa sighted. Commenced entry formation, this ship number 11. Anchored in berth B-167, Buckner Bay at 1510.

0800 posit	26° 30 N,	128° 26 E
1200 posit	26° 12 N,	128° 10 E

22 July to 23 July

Anchored as before.

24 July

Anchored as before. 0021 Sounded general quarters on orders of SOPA. Made smoke. 0045 Ceased making smoke. 0049 Secured from general quarters on orders of SOPA (C.T.U. 99.1.1). 1951 Sounded general quarters and made smoke. Secured at 2033.

25 July and 26 July

Anchored as before.

27 July

2245 Sounded general quarters, secured at 2320. 2336 Sounded general quarters. This action on orders of SOPA (C.T.U. 99.1.1).

28 July

Anchored as before. Ship at general quarters. 0044 Secured from general quarters. 0205 Sounded general quarters. 0408 Secured from general quarters. All changes ordered by SOPA.

29 July

Anchored as before. 0107 Sounded general quarters, and secured at 0243, on orders of SOPA.

30 July

Anchored as before. 0205 Sounded general quarters, and secured at 0220. 0254 Sounded general quarters and secured at 0358. 2036 Sounded general quarters and secured at 2145. 2315 Sounded general quarters and secured at 2336. All changes on orders of SOPA (C.T.U. 99.1.1).

31 July

Anchored as before.

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REG. SHEET NO 13

U. S. S. SEMINOLE, AKA-104

CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FILE: AKA-104/A12/JHB:lm

SERIAL: 050

8 September 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer
To : Commander In Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for August 1945, submission of.
Reference: (a) ComInch US Fleet serial 7152 dated 29 October 1945.
(b) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Subject Diary.
1. War Diary for month of August is forwarded herewith.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: War Diary for August 1945, submission of.

1 August 1945 (-9)

Anchored in B-167, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 1705 Underway in compliance with dispatch 311648 from C.T.U. 95.5.1 to avoid typhoon.

2000 posit 25° 48 N 127° 05 E

2 August

Steaming as before. Deep tanks flooded, fuel oil tanks ballasted. Formation changing course as required in navigable semi-circle.

0800 posit 24° 33 N 128° 16 E
1200 posit 24° 43 N 128° 42 E
2000 posit 25° 52 N 129° 22.5 E

3 August

Steaming as before. 1914 Returned to Buckner Bay and anchored in berth B-184.

0800 posit 26° 28 N 128° 25 E
1200 posit 26° 13 N 128° E

4 August

Anchored as before. All ballast removed from tanks.

5 August

Anchored as before. 0150 Went to General Quarters and secured at 0359, on orders of SOPA C.T.U. 99.1.1.

6 August

Anchored as before. 0202 Went to general quarters and secured at 0348. 0907 Underway in accordance with port director Okinawa letter of 6 August, in convoy OKU-17. Convoy Commodore Captain H.T. MOEN in USS GRIMES (APA-172). Eleven escorts under command of Commander F. JOHNSON in USS DEWEY (DD-349). This vessel in position 23. 1915 Went to general quarters and secured at 1950.

1200 posit 26° 00 N 127° 43 E
2000 posit 24° 39 N 128° 38 E

7 August

Steaming as before. 0925 Engines stopped due to water in fuel oil. 1110 Rejoined convoy and took new position 25. Conducted damage control problems at morning and evening general quarters throughout trip.

0800 posit 22° 25 N 130° 25 E
1200 posit 21° 44 N 130° 51 E
2000 posit 20° 13 N 131° 58 E

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8 August

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	17° 58 N	133° 37 E
1200 posit	17° 18 N	134° 11 E
2000 posit	15° 58 N	135° 05 E

9 August

Steaming as before. 1345 Went to general quarters on sound contact by DD-349. Executed emergency turns. Unidentified aircraft reported at 1521. 1606 Secured from general quarters, neither contact proving to be enemy.

0800 posit	13° 56 N	135° 41 E
1200 posit	13° 16 N	137° 12 E
2000 posit	12° 02 N	137° 51.5 E

10 August

Steaming as before. 0636 Engines stopped, due to lack of feed water. 0732 Rejoined convoy and prepared to enter, Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands. Held gunnery practice on towed sleeve. Expended: 20 mm HET 483 rounds, 20 mm HEP 966 rounds, 40 mm HEIT 195 rounds, 40 mm APT 196 rounds. Anchored in berth 453, Ulithi, at 1340. Changed to zone (-10) time.

0800 posit	10° 25 N	139° 40 E
1200 posit	10° 04 N	139° 52.5 E

11 August

Anchored as before.

12 August

Anchored as before. 0726 Underway to take on fuel oil from USS SEPULGA. 1226 Anchored in berth 453 after fueling.

13 August

Anchored as before. 0951 Underway in compliance with routing instructions of Port Director, Ulithi, reference ComMarianas dispatch 101240 for Peleliu Island, Palau Islands.

1200 posit	09° 22 N	139° 33 E
2000 posit	08° 18 N	138° 07 E

14 August

Steaming as before. Using various zig-zag plans. 1318 Hove to off Orange Beach, Peleliu Island awaitin g instructions. 1550 Anchored on Hydrographer Bank between Peleliu Island and Anguar Island.

0800 posit	7° 22 N	135° 24 E
1200 posit	6° 57 N	134° 29.5 E

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15 August to 20 August

Anchored as before. Taking on cargo.

21 August

Anchored as before. 1440 Completed loading cargo. 2152 Underway in Compliance with Port Director Peleliu onward routing instructions of 18 August, reference ComMarianas dispatch 101240. Destination — Saipan, Marianas Islands.

22 August

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	8° 25 N	136° 37 E
1200 posit	9° 00 N	136° 25.5 E
2000 posit	10° 10 N	137° 50 E

23 August

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	11° 32 N	140° 22 E
1200 posit	11° 58 N	141° 11 E
2000 posit	12° 07 N	143° 02 E

24 August

Steaming as before. 1047 Anchored in berth L-40, Saipan harbor.

0800 posit	140° 48 N	145° 17 E
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25 August

Anchored as before.

26 August

Anchored as before. 1917 Moved ship to pier B-2, Tanapag harbor and commenced discharging cargo.

27 August to 29 August

Moored as before.

30 August

Moored as before. 1000 Completed discharging cargo. 1112 Underway for Tinian harbor. 1413 Anchored in berth F-23, Tinian Harbor and commenced discharging cargo.

31 August

Anchored as before.

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4 October 1945

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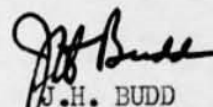
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Subject: War Diary for September 1945, submission of.

1 September (-10)

Anchored in Berth F-23 Tinian Harbor, Tinian Island, Mariana Islands. 0420 Completed unloading of Tinian general cargo. 0638 Underway for Apra Harbor, Guam Island. In compliance with ComMarianas dispatch 101240 of August 1945. 1603 Entered Apra Harbor, Guam and moored in Berth Six.

2 September

Moored as before. 0950 Fueled from YO-132. 2355 Commenced unloading Guam general cargo.

3 September

Moored as before.

4 September

Moored as before. 1445 Transferred 24 men from ship's boat group personnel to Receiving Station Navy No. 926 in accordance with orders of Receiving Station Navy No. 926-45-1019. 1628 Underway for Leyte Island, Phillipine Islands in compliance with CincPac dispatch 281158 of August 1945.

5 September

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	11° 29.2'N	141° 47'E
1200 posit	10° 58'N	141° 04.5'E
2000 posit	10° 11'N	139° 28.5'E

6 September

Steaming as before. 1800 Set back clocks one hour to minus nine zone time.

0800 posit	10° 31'N	136° 32.5'E
1200 posit	10° 35'N	135° 41'E
2000 posit	10° 44'N	133° 32.5'E

7 September

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	10° 44'N	131° 05.5'E
1200 posit	10° 44.5'N	130° 18'E
2000 posit	10° 39.5'N	128° 48'E

8 September

Steaming as before. 1015 Entered San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I. 1416 Anchored in Berth 25.

0800 posit	10° 35.5'N	126° 16.2'E
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9 September

Anchored as before. 1240 Underway and moored port side to USS WHIPPET (IX-129) at 1352 for fueling. 1706 Completed fueling and got underway. 1800 Anchored in original berth No. 25.

10 September

Anchored as before. 0647 Underway for Guiuan, Samar Island in compliance with ComTransron 21 letter serial 0021 of 9 September 1945, 0947 Entered Guiuan Bay, Samar Island and anchored in Berth A-1. 1114 Transferred 4 LCVP's and 8 LCM's, landing craft, to N.O.B. 1404 Underway in compliance with above serial for Iloilo, Panay Island, P.I. Taking passage through Surigao straits.

2000 posit 9° 05'N 122° 33'E

11 September

Steaming as before. 1600 Anchored in berth four, Iloilo, Panay Island, P.I.

0800 posit 9° 05'N 122° 33'E
1200 posit 9° 05'N 122° 18'E

12 September to 17 September

Anchored as before. 0910 12 September commenced loading general cargo, 40th Army Division Equipment consisting of ammunition, vehicles, rations, landing craft and gasoline. Completed at 1730 17 September.

18 September

Anchored as before. 1654 Underway for Jinsen, Korea in compliance with ComPhibs group 13 dispatch of 17 September 1945 as part of Task Unit 78.22.21 in company with USS OAKHILL (LSD-7), Captain PETERSON, USN, OTC, USS TORRANCE (AKA-76) and USS LLOYD (APD-63). Taking passage for Surigao straits.

2000 posit 10° 21'N 122° 09'E

19 September

Steaming as before. 1306 Exercised crew at abandon ship stations.

0800 posit 08° 58'N 123° 50'E
1200 posit 09° 25.5'N 124° 36'E
2000 posit 10° 01'N 125° 44'E

20 September

Steaming as before.

0800 posit 12° 51'N 126° 30'E
1200 posit 13° 53.5'N 126° 33'E
2000 posit 15° 48.5'N 126° 45'E

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21 September

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	18° 40.5'N	128° 11'E
1200 posit	19° 40'N	127° 12'E
2000 posit	21° 29'N	127° 38'E

22 September

Steaming as before. 0800 Exercised crew at fire quarters. 0900 Cut in degaussin g.

0800 posit	24° 24'N	127° 37'E
1200 posit	25° 15'N	127° 16.5'E
2000 posit	26° 27.5'N	125° 48'E

23 September

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	29° 08'N	124° 56'E
1200 posit	30° 03'N	125° 24.5'E
2000 posit	31° 37'N	125° 52.5'E

24 September

Steaming as before. During forenoon this Task Unit sighted three horn type mines, two of which were destroyed by gunfire from USS LLOYD (APD-63). 1035 Fired 25 rounds of 40mm at one of the horn type mines mentioned above. 1230 USS LLOYD left formation and fired on derelict wooden junk. 1425 USS LLOYD rejoined formation leaving junk unsunk.

0800 posit	33° 40'N	124° 55'E
1200 posit	34° 07.5'N	124° 49'E
2000 posit	35° 27'N	125° 08'E

25 September

Steaming as before. 0950 Entered East channel approach to Jinsen-Ko, Korea. 1419 Anchored off Berth C-2, Jinsen-Ko, Korea.

0800 posit	36° 51.5'N	125° 55'E
1200 posit	37° 12'N	126° 25'E

26 September

Anchored as before. 0330 Commenced discharging of cargo. 0942 Underway and reanchored in Berth C-10. 1430 Underway and reanchored in Berth C-12.

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27 September to 29 September

Anchored as before. 1621 29 September completed discharging of cargo.

30 September

Anchored as before. 0805 Transferred six LCVP's to USS JASON (AMH-1).
0947 Underway and reanchored in Berth 75, anchorage "B", Jensen-Ko, Korea
at 1034.

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REG. SHEET NO 48

U. S. S. SEMINOLE, AKA-104

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FILE: AK104/A12/MMB:rtm

SERIAL: 060

5 November 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer, USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104)
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: War Diary for October 1945, submission of.

1 October

Anchored in Anchorage Baker, Jinsen KO Korea. 1130 Underway in compliance with Port Director Jinsen, Korea Despatch 300005 of September 1945 for Leyte Gulf, Philippines as CTH 78.12.17 consisting of USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104), USS TORRANCE (AKA-76) and USS KEPHARDT (APD-61). Proceeding through East Channel.

2000 posit	36° 07'N	125° 20'E
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2 October

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	34° 03'N	124° 55'E
1200 posit	33° 11.5'N	125° 12.5'E
2000 posit	31° 16'N	125° 46'E

3 October

Steaming as before. 0033 Stopped engines due to generator trouble and dropped out of formation. 0115 Regained power on engines and resumed station. 0137 Task Unit reversed course due to increasingly rough weather and radio warnings of storms ahead. Wind forces six with heavy seas.

0800 posit	30° 48'N	125° 15'E
1200 posit	31° 14.5'N	125° 14.5'E
2000 posit	30° 39'N	125° 06.5'E

4 October

Steaming as before. 0730 Reversed course to 141°(T) for Leyte Gulf, P.I. via prescribed routing. Made various small course and speed changes throughout the day to minimize effects of weather conditions. Wind force five with moderate seas.

0800 posit	28° 04'N	124° 41'E
1200 posit	27° 40.5'N	125° 06'E
2400 posit	26° 30'N	125° 40'E

5 October

Steaming as before. Weather moderate.

0800 posit	24° 17.5'N	127° 27'E
1200 posit	23° 18.5'N	127° 10'E
2400 posit	21° 13'N	126° 52.5'E

6 October

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	18° 02.5'N	126° 40'E
1200 posit	17° 01.5'N	126° 32'E
2000 posit	14° 56'N	126° 25.5'E

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7 October

Steaming as before. 0846 Sighted Samar, Philippine Is. 1355 USS KEPHARDT and USS TORRANCE ordered detached and to proceed independently. T.U. 78.12.17 dissolved. 1542 Moored port side to YO-164, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I. for fueling purposes. Completed fueling at 1920.

0800 posit	11° 46'N	126° 16'E
1200 posit	10° 51'N	125° 53'E

8 October

Moored as before. 0745 Underway from YO-164 and anchored in Berth 216, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I. at 0832.

9 October

Anchored as before.

10 October

Anchored as before. 1015 Completed logistics. 1427 Underway in compliance with verbal orders of ComTransRon 21 in Riverside (APA-102) for Guiuan, Samar, P.I. 1736 Anchored in Berth A-54 Guiuan, Samar, P.I.

11 October

Anchored as before. 1235 Completed loading 10 LCVP and 8 LCM Landing Craft received from PhibsPac Replacement Boat Pool, Guiuan, Samar. 1256 Underway in compliance with ComPhibGroup 13 Despatch 060450 of October 1945 for San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, P.I. with USS KEPHARDT (APD-61) as escort. Routing; San Bernardino Straits.

2000 posit	12° 13'N	125° 43'E
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12 October

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	12° 46'N	123° 40'E
1200 posit	12° 52'N	122° 43.5'E
2000 posit	13° 37'N	120° 50'E

13 October

Steaming as before. 1121 USS KEPHARDT (APD-61) ordered detached and to proceed independently. 1157 Anchored in San Fernando Harbor, Luzon, P.I. 1814 Underway for shifting berths within the harbor. Reached anchorage at 1843.

14 October

Anchored as before.

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15 October

Anchored as before. 0644 Underway for Pier Two. 0731 Pilot boarded. 0807 Moored port side to Pier Two San Fernando, Luzon, P.I. 1010 Commenced loading general cargo.

16 October

Moored as before. 2100 Completed loading of general cargo of 6th U.S. Army Division. 11 Officers and 73 men of 6th U.S. Army Division reported aboard for transportation to destination.

17 October

Moored as before. 0638 Underway with pilot for harbor anchorage. 0703 Anchored berth A-9 San Fernando Harbor.

18 October

Anchored as before. 1612 Underway in compliance with ComPhibGroup 13 OPPLANS A1304-45 and A1305-45 for Jinsen, Korea, in company with USS RIVERSIDE (APA-102) CTH 78.22.3 and guide, USS BANDERA (APA-171) and USS DIACHENKO (APD-123).

19 October

Steaming as before. 1400 Exercised at Abandon Ship Drill.

0800 posit	19° 47'N	121° 15'E
1200 posit	20° 05'N	122° 08'E
2000 posit	20° 09.7'N	123° 57'E

20 October

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	20° 56'N	126° 21'E
1200 posit	21° 26'N	127° 03'E
2000 posit	22° 53'N	127° 40.5'E

21 October

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	25° 17'N	126° 51'E
1200 posit	25° 58.5'N	126° 26'E
2000 posit	27° 17'N	125° 24'E

22 October

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	29° 01.5'N	125° 02'E
1200 posit	29° 41'N	125° 07'E
2000 posit	30° 51'N	125° 39'E

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23 October

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	33° 11'N	125° 24'E
1200 posit	34° 00'N	124° 52'E
2000 posit	35° 29'N	125° 12'E

24 October

Steaming as before. 0728 Commenced steaming at various courses and speeds on approach to Jinsen, Korea through east channel. 1045 T.U. 78.22.3 dissolved. 1144 Anchored in Berth C-11 Jinsen, Korea. 1640 Commenced unloading.

0800 posit	37° 01'N	126° 12'E
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25 October to 30 October inclusive.

Anchored as before. At 0800 27 October completed unloading equipment of 6th U.S. Army Division and transferred ashore 11 officers and 73 men of that division previously embarked aboard as passengers.

31 October

Anchored as before. 1048 Underway for Guiuan, Samar, P.I. in compliance with Port Director Jinsen, Korea Despatch 310025 of October 1945 in company with USS DIACHENKO (APD-123) as escort. Proceeding through east channel.

1200 posit	37° 19'N	126° 29'E
2000 posit	36° 24'N	125° 17'E

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SERIAL: 065

12 December 1945

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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1 November

Steaming enroute Guiuan, Samar, P.I. from Jinsen, Korea in compliance with Port Director, Jinsen, dispatch 310025 of October 1945 in company with USS DIACHENKO (APD-123) as escort. 1000 Exercised at General Quarters, Fire, and Abandon Ship drills.

0800 posit	33° 48'N	124° 59'E
1200 posit	32° 54.5'N	125° 22'E
2000 posit	30° 58'N	125° 38'E

2 November

Steaming as before. 0750 USS DIACHENKO (APD-123) ordered detached to proceed independently to Okinawa.

0800 posit	28° 03'N	124° 42'E
1200 posit	27° 15.5'N	125° 14.5'E
2000 posit	25° 41.5'N	126° 39'E

3 November

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	22° 55'N	127° 13.5'E
1200 posit	21° 58'N	127° 07'E
2000 posit	20° 07'N	127° 00.5'E

4 November

Steaming as before.

0800 posit	17° 20'N	126° 56'E
1200 posit	16° 20'N	126° 40'E
2000 posit	14° 17'N	126° 27'E

5 November

Steaming as before. 1415 Pilot aboard. 1459 Anchored in berth M-44, Guiuan Harbor, Samar, P.I.

0800 posit	11° 16'N	126° 12'E
1200 posit	11° 04.5'N	125° 57.5'E

6 November through 12 November

Anchored as before.

13 November

Anchored as before. 1230 Pilot aboard. 1252 Underway for berth No. 6, Calicoan Docks, Samar, P.I. 1402 Moored port side to dock. 1900 Commenced loading general cargo.

14 November

Moored as before. Loading cargo.

15 November

Moored as before. Loading cargo.

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- 16 November
Moored as before. Loading cargo.
- 17 November
Moored as before. Loading cargo.
- 18 November
Moored as before. 0600 Ceased loading.
- 19 November
Moored as before. 0700 Resumed loading.
- 20 November
Moored as before. Loading cargo.
- 21 November
Moored as before. Loading cargo.
- 22 November
Moored as before. 0600 Ceased loading.
- 23 November
Moored as before. 0730 Resumed loading. 1130 Ceased loading. 1250 Pilot aboard. 1315 Underway for anchorage because of approaching typhoon. 1409 Anchored in berth A-30, Guiuan Harbor, Samar, P.I.
- 24 November
Anchored as before.
- 25 November
Anchored as before. 1120 Pilot aboard. 1210 Typhoon's path having safely diverted northward, underway for dock again. 1340 Moored port side to berth No. 6, Calicoan Docks, Samar, P.I.
- 26 November
Moored as before. 0730 Resumed loading.
- 27 November
Moored as before. Loading cargo.
- 28 November
Moored as before. 1830 Completed loading ship.
- 29 November
Moored as before. 0735 Pilot aboard. 0803 Underway for anchorage. 0907 Anchored in berth B-5, Guiuan Harbor, Samar, P.I.
- 30 November
Anchored as before.

U. S. S. SEMINOLE, AKA-104

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1. A history of the U.S.S. SEMINOLE (AKA-104) from commissioning,
8 March 1945 to date is submitted herewith as enclosure (A).

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On November 7, 1944, the keel of this vessel was laid at Wilmington, N.C. The North Carolina Shipbuilding Company launched the vessel, know as MC HULL 1703, North Carolina hull 194, on December 28, 1944, and submitted it for acceptance trials on February 5, 1945. Trials were conducted on February 6, 1945, the intervening period to March 8, 1945 being used in ferrying to Charleston, S.C., and in outfitting, prior to commissioning.

The USS SEMINOLE was commissioned on March 8, 1945 at Navy Yard, Charleston, S.C. by Lt Comdr. E.L. BOTHWELL, ^{VSM} Ass't to Captain of the yard. Commander J.H. BUDD assumed command. Provisioning, deperming, and compass compensation occupied the ten days to March 18, 1945.

On March 18, 1945, the USS SEMINOLE sailed for Norfolk, Virginia and Chesapeake Bay for shakedown, availability at Navy Yard, and loading.

Cargo was completely loaded on April 8, and this vessel in company with USS MATHEWS (AKA-96) departed for Balboa, C.Z. Received notice of death of Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt, on April 12 and half-masted colors on April 13, in accordance with Article 332, paragraph 1-14 US Navy Regulations. Arrived At Balboa, C.Z. on April 14.

Departed from Balboa, C.Z. on April 15, in company with USS MATHEWS (AKA-96), USS MANTA (SS-299), and USS QUILLBACK (SS-424), destination Pearl Harbor, T.H. Arrived at destination April 30, 1945. Intervening time to May 7 used in unloading cargo.

From May 7 to May 14, conducted landing operations practice at Maalaea Bay, Maui Island, T.H. as part of Transport Squadron 13.10.2. Returned to Pearl Harbor and loaded cargo for Okinawa, which was completed on May 28, 1945.

Proceeded independently from Pearl Harbor for Eniwetok, Marshall Islands from May 28 to June 6. Anchored at Eniwetok from June 6 to June 17.

On June 17, underway independently from Eniwetok to Ulithi, Caroline Islands. Anchored at Ulithi on June 21, where we remained until July 10, 1945. As part of convoy UOK-36, this vessel sailed from Ulithi on July 10 for Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, arriving on July 14. Period from July 14 to August 6 was spent in discharging cargo. During this time, it was necessary to put to sea on two occasions, because of typhoon warnings.

On August 6 the USS SEMINOLE departed from Okinawa in convoy OKU-17 for Ulithi, Caroline Islands, arriving on August 10. Under authority of Com-Marianas, this vessel then proceeded on August 13 for Peleliu, Palau, Islands steaming singly.

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Upon arrival off Peleliu Islands on August 14, we commenced loading cargo and completed loading on August 21. Departed Peleliu on August 21 for Saipan, Marianas Islands, arriving August 24, 1945. Moved to Tinian Island on 30 August 1945 and to Guam on September 1, where remainder of cargo was unloaded.

Departed for Leyte, P.I. on September 4 and arrived on September 8. Left September 10 for Iloilo, Panay, P.I. and arrived September 11.

Loaded cargo and troops at Iloilo for Jinsen, Korea, departing September 18 and arriving Jinsen on September 25. Unloaded cargo at Jinsen, where this vessel remained until October 1, 1945.

*The Seminole, as of March 1946, was assigned to
The Pacific Fleet, First Fleet (Active).*

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