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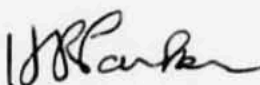
FILE NO. AKA105/A12-1

SERIAL: 02

31 May 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary, 2 May 1945 to 31 May 1945, inclusive,  
Forwarding of.  
Reference: (a) ALNAV 176  
(b) Cominch and CNO Serial 01529 of 17 May 1943.  
Enclosure: (A) War Diary, 2 May 1945 to 31 May 1945,  
inclusive.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b),  
Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith, the War Diary of the USS  
SKAGIT (AKA105), Commander Operational Training Command, U.S.  
Atlantic Fleet.

  
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WAR DIARY - USS SKAGIT (AKA105)

Month of May 1945

2 May 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA105) commissioned at 1100 this date. Attached to Commander Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for training purposes.
2. Verbal orders of Commandant U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Moored 56th St. Pier, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. Training period began in accordance with COTCLant orders.

3 May 1945 to 14 May 1945

4. Various operations connected with fitting out, fueling, provisioning, loading ammunition and trial runs carried out in accordance with orders of Commandant, U.S.Navy Yard, Brooklyn, N.Y.

14 May 1945

1. Attached to Commander Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in the Norfolk area for shakedown purposes.

17 May 1945

6. Structural firing tests: 4 rounds of 5"/38, 64 rounds 40MM BLP, 100 rounds 20MM HEI and 200 rounds of 20MM HEIT expended.

20 May 1945

6. Expended 38 rounds 5"/38, 1159 rounds of 40MM and 5612 rounds of 20MM ammunition.

23 May 1945

4. Shakedown period completed. Proceeded to Portsmouth Navy Yard, Virginia to undergo availability.

28 May 1945 to 31 May 1945

2. Verbal orders of Commander Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.
4. Conducting experimental work on Camels in company with USS LST 391, USS LSM 298 and U.S.Navy YTB 264 off Cape Hatteras.

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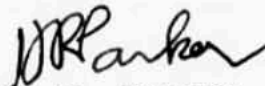
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30 June 1945

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1 June 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA105). Attached to Commander Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, for training and experimental purposes.
2. Verbal orders of COTCLant.
3. Off CHESAPEAKE BAY ENTRANCE. Smooth sea.
4. Conducting experimental work on Camels with USS LST 391, USS LSM 298 and U.S. Navy YTB 264.

3 June 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA105). Attached to NAVAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.
2. Commandant FIFTH Naval District Movement Order 24-45.
3. Underway for MARSEILLE, FRANCE.

4 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>37-10-45N</u>	37-18-30N	37-35-45N
	Long. <u>71-42-15W</u>	70-34W	67-41-30W

5 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>37-49-45N</u>	37-55-30N	38-11N
	Long. <u>64-47W</u>	63-39W	61-16W

6 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>38-34-30N</u>	38-39-00N	38-42N
	Long. <u>57-19-00W</u>	56-04-00W	53-25W

7 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>39-10-00N</u>	39-16-30N	39-31-15N
	Long. <u>50-03-50W</u>	48-52-00W	46-52-00W

8 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>39-45-15N</u>	39-49N	39-50-00N
	Long. <u>43-35-00W</u>	42-33-30W	40-13-15W

9 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>39-55-30N</u>	40-10.5N	40-02-30N
	Long. <u>36-39-00W</u>	35-35.5W	33-06-00W

10 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>39-49N</u>	39-40-00N	39-28.5N
	Long. <u>29-06W</u>	27-48-00W	25-33W

11 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. <u>39-05.5N</u>	38-57-00N	38-30N
	Long. <u>22-24W</u>	21-13-00W	18-45W

12 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. 38-05.2N	37-39N	37-19-00N
	Long. 16-19W	15-19W	12-11-30W

13 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. 36-53-00N	36-25.5N	35-55-30N
	Long. 09-39-00W	08-15W	05-36-00W

14 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. 35-46N	35-50N	36-06N
	Long. 02-30W	01-22.5W	00-08W

15 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. 37-41N	38-19N	39-39N
	Long. 02-44E	03-49E	05-36E

16 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. 42-55N	43-19.2N	
	Long. 05-31E	05-19.5E	

Anchored RADE DE MARSEILLE, FRANCE.

21 June 1945

- 3. Moored BASSIN DE PRESIDENT WILSON, MARSEILLE, FRANCE.
- 4. Loading U. S. ARMY cargo.

29 June 1945

- 2. Commander Naval Advanced Base, Marseille, France Operation Order 1-45.
- 3. Underway for CRISTOBAL, CANAL ZONE.

30 June 1945

3. Positions:	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Lat. 39-49N	39-07N	37-36N
	Long. 01-59E	01-08E	00-31W

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1 August 1945

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1 July to 31 July 19451 July 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA 105). Attached to Naval Transportation Service.
2. Commander Naval Advanced Base, Marseille, France Operation Order 1-45.
3. Underway for CRISTOBAL, CANAL ZONE from MARSEILLE, FRANCE.

Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	36°35'N	36°35'N	35°57'N
Long.	03°18'W	04°10'W	05°43'W

2 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	35°55'N	35°50'N	35°38'N
Long.	08°40'W	09°32'W	11°21'W

3 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	35°29'N	35°29'N	35°15'N
Long.	13°50'W	14°39'W	16°17'W

4 July 1945

3. Positions:			
Lat.	35°02'N	35°07'N	35°02'N
Long.	18°10'W	18°52'W	20°11'W

5 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	34°35'N	34°29'N	34°20'N
Long.	22°19'W	23°02'W	24°19'W

6 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	33°57'N	33°51.5'N	33°40'N
Long.	26°30'W	27°09'W	28°32'W

7 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	33°24'N	33°09'N	32°55'N
Long.	31°07'W	32°06'W	33°53'W

8 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	32°22'N	32°10'N	31°25'N
Long.	37°10'W	38°31'W	41°35'W

9 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	30°08'N	29°38'N	28°33'N
Long.	45°19'W	46°40'W	49°13'W

10 July 1945

Lat.	26°56'N	26°25'N	25°10'N
Long.	52°47'W	54°04'W	56°35'W



11 July 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	23°15'N	22°37'N	21°02'N
Long.	59°49'W	60°55'W	63°19'W

12 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	19°07'N	18°30'N	17°07'N
Long.	66°34'W	67°37'W	69°37'W

13 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	15°06'N	14°12'N	12°41'N
Long.	72°44'W	73°36'W	75°53'W

14 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	10°33'N	9°53'N	
Long.	78°48'W	79°46'W	

Moored PIER 9, BERTH "A", CRISTOBAL, CANAL ZONE.

15 July 1945

3. Anchored LIMON BAY, CRISTOBAL, CANAL ZONE.

16 July 1945

- U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA 105) attached to the United States Pacific Fleet.
  - Port Director, BALBOA, CANAL ZONE despatch 151520 July 1945.
  - Underway for MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
- Position:

	2000
Lat.	07°08'N
Long.	79°52'W

17 July 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	6°17'N	6°14'N	6°23'N
Long.	82°45'W	83°46'W	86°01'W

18 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	06°45'N	06°51'N	07°05'N
Long.	89°03'W	90°01'W	91°41'W

19 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	07°24'N	07°30'N	07°45'N
Long.	94°18'W	95°10'W	97°11'W

20 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	08°03'N	07°37'N	08°05'N
Long.	99°28'W	99°05'W	101°08'W



21 July 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08°23'N	08°20'N	08°41'N
Long.	104°19'W	105°16'W	107°17'W

22 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	09°02'N	09°05'N	09°24'N
Long.	110°29'W	111°20'W	113°41'W

23 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	09°48'N	09°56'N	10°12'N
Long.	116°40'W	117°40'W	119°42'W

24 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	10°26'N	10°27.5'N	10°33'N
Long.	123°02'W	124°10'W	126°17'W

4. 0845 Commenced anti-aircraft firing practice.

6. Expended 31 rounds of 5"/38, 1260 rounds of 20MM and 368 rounds of 40MM ammunition.

25 July 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°43'N	10°38'N	10°44'N
Long.	129°32'W	130°31'W	132°48'W

26 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	10°56'N	10°53'N	10°56'N
Long.	135°52'W	137°05'W	139°09'W

27 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	10°57'N	10°56'N	11°00'N
Long.	142°42'W	143°50'W	146°21'W

28 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	11°00'N	11°02'N	10°59'N
Long.	149°39'W	150°48'W	152°45'W

29 July 1945

3. Position:			
Lat.	10°53'N	10°46'N	10°40'N
Long.	155°44'W	156°50'W	159°12'W

30 July 1945

Lat.	10°26'N	10°24'N	10°17'N
Long.	162°12'W	163°15'W	165°24'W

31 July 1945:

Lat.	10°07'N	10°04'N	09°59'N
Long.	168°32'W	169°34'W	171°44'W

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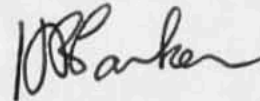
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1 September 1945

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1 August to 31 August 19451 August 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA105). U.S. PACIFIC FLEET (Unassigned by CinCPac).
2. Port Director, BALBOA, CANAL ZONE despatch 151520 July 1945.
3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°48'N	09°43'N	09°24'N
Long.	174°55'W	175°57'W	178°24'W

2 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	09°07'N	08°59'N	08°43'N
Long.	178°21'E	177°15'E	175°24'E

4. Crossed 180° Meridian. Advanced clocks 24 hours.

4 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	08°24'N	08°06'N	08°37'N
Long.	172°42'E	171°48'E	170°02'E

5 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	09°52'N	10°10'N	10°46'N
Long.	167°36'E	166°48'E	165°05'E

6 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	11°24'45"N	11°24'45"N	10°58'N
Long.	162°20'15"E	162°20'15"E	162°04'E

4. 0800 Anchored at ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Received routing instructions from Port Director.  
1700 Underway for MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLAND.

7 August 1945

3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°44'N	10°40'N	10°36'N
Long.	159°12'E	158°08'E	155°54'E

8 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	10°28'N	10°28'N	10°22'N
Long.	153°03'E	152°06'E	150°12'E

9 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	10°19'N	10°12'N	09°59'N
Long.	147°23'E	146°27'E	144°35'E

10 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	10°00'00"N	10°06'N	10°21'N
Long.	141°43'E	140°43'E	138°45'E

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1 August to 31 August 1945

11 August 1945

3. Position:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	10°17'N	10°22'N	10°32'N
Long.	136°01'E	135°08'E	133°20'E

12 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	10°42'N	10°46'N	10°33'N
Long.	130°34'E	129°38'E	127°47'E

13 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	10°43'N	10°25'N
Long.	125°41'E	126°05.5'E

4. 0812 Anchored off KANAJOYING POINT, HOMONHON ISLAND, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.  
 Received routing instructions from Port Director, HOMONHON ISLAND.  
 1750 Underway for MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

14 August 1945

3. Position:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	12°50'N	12°52'N	12°47'N
Long.	125°18'E	124°19'E	122°59'E

15 August 1945

3. Position:

Lat.	13°37'N	14°21'N
Long.	120°18'E	120°35'E

1406 Anchored in MANILA BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

16 August 1945

3. Moored PIER 3, BERTH 2, MANILA HARBOR, MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.  
 4. 1806 Debarked 63 troops and 2 U.S.ARMY officers.  
 2025 Commenced discharging U.S.ARMY cargo.

17 August 1945

3. Moored PIER 3, BERTH 2, MANILA HARBOR, MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

18 August 1945

3. Anchored BERTH 559, MANILA BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

19 August 1945

3. Moored PIER 5, BERTH 1, MANILA HARBOR, MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.  
 1530 Commenced loading U.S.ARMY cargo.

20 August 1945

3. Moored PIER 5, BERTH 1, MANILA HARBOR, MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.  
 Loading U.S.ARMY cargo. Embarked U.S.ARMY troops and officers.

21 August 1945

3. Anchored BERTH 67, MANILA BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

22 August 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA105). THIRD Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.

25 August 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA105). Transport Division SIXTEEN (Temporary), Transport Squadron SIXTEEN, Task Force THIRTY THREE, of the THIRD Fleet.
2. COMPHIBGROUP 12 dispatch 220617 August 1945.
3. Position:
 

Lat.	2000
Long.	14°48'N 119°48'E
4. Underway with Task Force 33 enroute MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS to TOKYO, JAPAN.

26 August 1945

3. Position:
 

Lat.	0800
Long.	14°31'N 120°13'E

 0940 Anchored in SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

27 August 1945

3. Position:
 

Lat.	1200	2000
Long.	14°40'N 120°25'E	15°36'N 119°40'E
4. 0930 Underway for TOKYO, JAPAN.

28 August 1945

3. Position:
 

Lat.	0800	1200	2000
Long.	18°07'N 120°25'E	18°57'N 120°34'E	20°01'N 121°54'E

29 August 1945

3. Position:
 

Lat.	21°40'N	22°11'N	23°19'N
Long.	124°16'E	125°01'E	126°31'E

30 August 1945

3. Position:
 

Lat.	25°15'N	25°47'N	26°57'N
Long.	128°43'E	129°24'E	130°50'E

31 August 1945

3. Position:
 

Lat.	28°55'N	29°31'N	30°42'N
Long.	133°11'E	134°00'E	135°36'E

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## WAR DIARY

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1 September 1945 to 30 September 1945

1 September 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA 105), TRANSDIV 16, Commanding officer of USS SKAGIT is COMTRANSDIV 16 temporary; TRANSRON 16, COMTRANSRON 16 in USS CECIL (APA 96). TASK FORCE 33. US THIRD PACIFIC FLEET.
2. COMPHIBGR 12 operations plan No. A1219-45.
3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	32°17'N	32°54'N	33°53'N
Long.	138°00'E	138°38'E	139°53'E

2 September 1945

3. Position:

	0800
Lat.	35°04'N
Long.	139°44'E

4. 1102 Anchored in BERTH 5, YOKOHAMA THIRD DISTRICT, TOKYO BAY, JAPAN.  
1648 Shifted to BERTH NORTH CHARLIE, FIRST DISTRICT, YOKOHAMA HARBOR, JAPAN.  
1730 Commenced unloading US ARMY cargo.

3 September 1945

3. YOKOHAMA HARBOR, JAPAN.
4. 0935 Completed unloading US ARMY cargo.  
1059 Shifted to anchorage in BERTH 5, YOKOHAMA THIRD DISTRICT, TOKYO BAY, JAPAN.

4 September 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA 105) TRANSDIV 65 temporary: COMTRANSDIV 65 in USS LAVACA (APA 180).
  3. Position:
- |       |          |
|-------|----------|
|       | 2000     |
| Lat.  | 34°57'N  |
| Long. | 139°22'E |
4. 1228 Underway for TATE YAMA WAN, JAPAN in accordance with COM3rdPHIBFOR Ø31418.  
1600 Reported for duty to TRANSDIV 65.  
1650 Underway for BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA in accordance with COMTRANSDIV 65, movement order A1-45.

5 September 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA 105) TRANSDIV 65 temporary: COMTRANSDIV 65 in USS LAVACA (APA 180).
3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	33°15'N	32°37'N	31°25'N
Long.	137°08'E	136°31'E	134°59'E



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

## WAR DIARY

(Continued)

1 September 1945 to 30 September 1945

6 September 1945

## 3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	30°02'N	29°21'N	28°00'N
Long.	132°10'E	131°29'E	132°02'E

7 September 1945

## 3. Position:

	0800
Lat.	26°12'N
Long.	128°01'E

4. 0918 Anchored in BERTH B-120 BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA.

5. TRANSDIV 65 reported for duty in 7thPHIBFOR.

8 September 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA 105), TRANSDIV 65(temporary) COMTRANSDIV 65 in USS LAVACA (APA 180). US PACIFIC FLEET, SEVENTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE.
2. COMTRANSDIV 65 movement order No. A2-45.
3. BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA.

	1200	2000
Lat.	25°37'N	24°06'N
Long.	127°58'E	129°04'E

4. 0810 Underway from BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA to APRA HARBOR, GUAM.

9 September 1945

## 3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°47'N	20°58'N	19°54'N
Long.	130°44'E	131°20'E	122°26'E

10 September 1945

## 3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	18°28'N	17°56'N	16°49'N
Long.	135°02'E	135°5'E	137°19'E

11 September 1945

## 3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15°34'N	15°08'N	14°13'N
Long.	139°35'E	140°22'E	142°01'E

4. 0000 Advanced clock's 1 hour to time zone -10.

12 September 1945

## 3. Position:

	0800
Lat.	13°27'N
Long.	144°29'E

4. 0925 Moored in BERTH 11, APRA HARBOR, GUAM.

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13 September 1945

3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
4. 1013 Shifted berth to PIER E, APRA HARBOR, GUAM.  
1930 Commenced loading US MARINE CORPS. cargo.

14 September 1945

3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
4. Loading cargo.

15 September 1945

3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
4. Loading cargo.

16 September 1945

3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
4. Loading cargo.

17 September 1945

3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
4. Loading cargo.

18 September 1945

3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
4. Loading cargo.

19 September 1945

3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
4. Loading cargo.

20 September 1945

2. COMTRANSDIV 65 movement order A3-45.
3. APRA HARBOR, GUAM.  
Position:
 

	1200	2000
Lat.	13°56'N	15°10'N
Long.	144°13'E	142°54'E
4. 0500 Completed loading cargo.  
0808 Underway from APRA HARBOR, GUAM to BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA.

21 September 1945

3. Position:
 

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°45'N	17°13'N	18°16'N
Long.	140°33'E	139°47'E	138°16'E
4. 2400 Retarded clock's 1 hour to zone -9 time.

22 September 1945

3. Position:
 

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	19°53'N	20°16'N	21°17'N
Long.	135°48'E	135°13'E	133°31'E

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23 September 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	23°03'N	23°25'N	24°39'N
Long.	130°56'E	130°24'E	129°55'E

24 September 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200
Lat.	25°49'N	26°32'N
Long.	127°37'E	127°46'E

0348 Changed destination from BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA to HUGUASHI BAY, OKINAWA.

1032 Changed destination from HUGUASHI BAY, OKINAWA to NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.

1330 Anchored in BERTH E-163 NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.

25 September 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.

26 September 1945

2. COMPHIBGR 7 movement order A-712-45.

3. Position:  
NAGO WAN, OKINAWA

	2000
Lat.	26°44'N
Long.	127°02'E

4. 1545 Underway from NAGO WAN, OKINAWA to TAKU BAR, TIENTSIN, CHINA.

27 September 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	27°53'N	28°45'N	30°20'N
Long.	124°41'E	124°41'E	125°09'E

28 September 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	32°22'N	33°10'N	34°49'N
Long.	125°32'E	125°16'E	124°32'E

6. 1652 Opened fire with port 20MM Battery on floating mine. Ammunition expended 300 rounds 20MM. No hits observed.

29 September 1945

3. Position:	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37°15'N	37°46'N	38°35'N
Long.	123°23'E	122°40'E	120°30'E

4. 1700 Retarded clock's one hour to Zone -8 time.

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WAR DIARY

1 September 1945 to 30 September 1945

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30 September 1945

3. Position: 0800  
     Lat. 38°55'N  
     Long. 118°05'E
4. 0819 Anchored in GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

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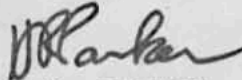
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31 October 1945.

SERIAL: 276-45

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary, 1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945,  
inclusive. Forwarding of.  
Reference: (a) AlNav 176.  
(b) Cominch and CNO Serial 01529 of 17 May 1943.  
Enclosure: (A) War Diary, 1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945,  
inclusive.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b),  
Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith, the War Diary of the USS  
SKAGIT (AKA 105), U.S. PACIFIC FLEET.

  
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## USS SKAGIT AKA 105

## WAR DIARY

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

1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945

1 October 1945

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA 105) TRANSDIV 65 (temporary) COMTRANSDIV 65 in USS LAVACA (APA 180). US PACIFIC SEVENTH FLEET.
2. COMPHIBGR 7 movement order A712-45.
3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. 1330 Commenced debarking troop passengers and discharging MARINE CORPS cargo.

2 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.

3 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.

4 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.

5 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.  
1800 Administrative command TRANSDIV 65 (temp.) shifted to commanding officer USS CRESCENT CITY (APA 21).

6 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.

7 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.

8 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA, off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.

9 October 1945

1. Assigned to TASK UNIT 78.13.9 COMTASKUNIT 78.13.9 in USS CHILTON (APA 38).
3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Discharging cargo.  
2030 Underway from TAKU, CHINA to HAGUSHI BAY, OKINAWA in accordance with CTD 50 dispatch 090506.



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1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945

10 October 1945

3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°32'N	38°09'N	37°09'N
Long.	120°48'E	121°45'E	123°22'E

11 October 1945:

3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	34°55'N	34°00'N	32°20'N
Long.	124°24'E	124°53'E	125°41'E

12 October 1945

3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	29°51'N	28°55'N	27°20'N
Long.	125°23'E	124°59'E	125°15'E

13 October 1945

3. Position:

	0800
Lat.	29°19'N
Long.	127°40'E

4. 0945 Arrival HAGUSHI BAY, OKINAWA. Reported for duty to COMPHIBGR 7.

14 October 1945

3. HAGUSHI BAY, OKINAWA.

4. 1444 Underway from HAGUSHI BAY to NAGO WAN in accordance with COMPHIBGR 7 dispatch 131136.  
1656 Anchored in NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.15 October 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA

4. 1222 Commenced loading cargo.

16 October 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.

4. Loading cargo.

17 October 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.

4. Loading cargo.

18 October 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.

4. Loading cargo.



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1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945

19 October 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.  
4. Loading cargo.

20 October 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.  
4. Loading cargo.

21 October 1945

3. NAGO WAN, OKINAWA.

4. 1232 Underway from NAGO WAN, OKINAWA to TAKU CHINA with TASKUNIT 78.1.92 in accordance with CTU 78.1 dispatch 210437. OTC and guide in USS KITTSOON (APA 123).

22 October 1945

3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	28°56'N	29°39'N	21°04'N
Long.	125°17'E	125°30'E	125°52'E

23 October 1945

3. Position:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	33°53'N	34°47'N	37°06'N
Long.	125°02'E	124°29'E	123°29'E

24 October 1945

3. Position:

	0800	1200
Lat.	38°41'N	38°42'N
Long.	120°14'E	119°05'E

4. 1607 Anchored in GULF of POHAI off TAKU BAR CHINA. Reported to CTG 78.19 in USS SARASOTA (APA 204) for unloading.

25 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

26 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

27 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

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28 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

29 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

4. Commenced discharging cargo

30 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

4. Discharging cargo.

31 October 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

4. Discharging cargo.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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30 November 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary, 1 November 1945 to 30 November 1945,  
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Reference: (a) AlNav 176.  
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Enclosure: (A) War Diary, 1 November 1945 to 30 November  
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b),  
Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith, the War Diary of the USS  
SKAGIT (AKA 105), U.S. PACIFIC FLEET.

  
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1 November 1945.

1. USS SKAGIT (AKA 105) TASK GROUP 78.19 in USS SARASOTA (APA 204).
2. CTU 78.1 dispatch 210437.
3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Unloading cargo.

2 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Unloading cargo.

3 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Unloading cargo.

4 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. 1655 Completed unloading cargo.

5 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

6 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

7 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

8 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

9 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

10 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

11 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

12 November 1945.

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

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13 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Reported by dispatch to CINCPAC for assignment in compliance with CTF 78 dispatch 131001.

14 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

15 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

16 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Reported by dispatch to COMPHIBPAC for duty (Permanent post war assignment) in accordance with CINCPAC 15 0105 dispatch.

17 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI, CHINA off TAKU BAR.

18 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

19 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

20 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

21 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

22 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

23 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

24 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. Reported by dispatch to CTF 54 for orders in compliance with AdComPhibsPac dispatch 152115 received this date.

25 November 1945

3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.

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3. GULF of POHAI CHINA off TAKU BAR.
4. 2230 Underway for SASEBO JAPAN in compliance with PORT DIRECTOR TAKU 260815 dispatch and in accordance with CTF 54 250446 dispatch.

27 November 1945

3. Position:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	38°30'N	38°27'N	37°28'N
Long.	120°50'E	121°50'E	122°58'E

28 November 1945

3. Position:

	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	34°45'N	33°47'N	32°20'N
Long.	124°33'E	125°00'E	126°17'E

29 November 1945

3. Position:

	<u>0800</u>
Lat.	32°31'N
Long.	129°29'E

4. 1435 Moored in SASEBO KO, JAPAN.  
Reported to CTG 54.9 for loading cargo and personnel in compliance with CTF 54 dispatch 250446.

30 November 1945

3. SASEBO KO, JAPAN.

4. 1010 Commenced loading cargo.

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Reference: (a) ALPac 202/45.  
Enclosure: (A) Ship's History, U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA-105).

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1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure  
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The U.S.S. SKAGIT was built by the North Carolina Ship-Building Company, Wilmington, North Carolina, named for SKAGIT County, Washington. The SKAGIT was converted for Navy use at the Bethlehem Steel Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., and commissioned on Wednesday, 2 May 1945, at which time Captain Harold R. Parker, USN, assumed command.

Trial runs were conducted from 7 to 9 May, 1945, and after completing preparations for sea, the SKAGIT left New York for Norfolk, Va., on 13 May. After anchoring at Hampton Roads on 14 May, all hands spent the next two days making preparations for shakedown exercises conducted from 16 May to 23 May, the exercises being completed by a material inspection by fleet representatives. The SKAGIT spent five days in the Portsmouth Navy Yard for post shakedown availability, and departed from the Navy Yard on 28 May to conduct canal tests for the Bureau of Ships representatives aboard. The canal tests were completed on 1 June, and on 3 June, 1945, the SKAGIT departed from Norfolk enroute to Marseille, France.

The U.S.S. SKAGIT anchored in Rade de Marseille, France, 16 June, and shortly thereafter commenced loading Army cargo and passengers bound for Manila, P.I. Shoving off from Marseille on 29 June, the SKAGIT proceeded to Cristobal, Canal Zone, arriving there 14 July. Approximately thirty six hours later, the SKAGIT was in the Pacific steaming for Manila. While under way for Manila, a merchant ship transferred a gunner's mate to the SKAGIT for treatment, and this unexpected incident made it necessary for the SKAGIT to put into Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 6 August to discharge the patient and also to check on available navigational information and drop off mail. Remaining at Eniwetok only a few hours, this vessel departed the same day and once again headed for Manila.

Arriving in Manila 15 August 1945, the SKAGIT discharged her cargo and shortly thereafter commenced loading again with cargo bound for Tokyo. A task group commanded by Captain Parker in the SKAGIT departed Manila 25 August to rendezvous with Transport Squadron 16.

On 30 August, Captain Parker in the U.S.S. SKAGIT assumed the duties of Commander Transport Division 16(Temporary). Transport Squadron 16 steamed into Tokyo Bay 2 September at the time of the surrender ceremony being conducted on the U.S.S. MISSOURI. The transports commenced unloading immediately, and approximately thirty-six hours later the operation was completed, at which time Transport Division 16 was dissolved. The SKAGIT departed from Japan 4 September as a unit of Transport Division 65 enroute for Okinawa. Upon arrival at Okinawa orders were changed and the ship departed the next day, 8 September, for Guan, arriving there 12 September, 1945.

Shortly after her arrival in Guan, the SKAGIT commenced loading elements of the Third Amphibious Corps, and upon completion of loading, departed for Okinawa 20 September. Arriving at her destination 24 September, the SKAGIT anchored in Nago Wan Bay, Okinawa Shima, remaining there until 26 September, at which time she departed from Nago Wan Bay enroute to Tientsin, China, as a unit of Transport Division 65 and Transport Squadron 17.

Transport Squadron 17 anchored off Taku, in Gulf of Pohai, China, 30 September 1945. Unloading operations were commenced almost immediately. On 5 October, Transport Division 65 was dissolved, and on 9 October the SKAGIT departed from Gulf of Pohai enroute to Okinawa Shima.

Upon her arrival in Okinawa Shima, the SKAGIT had steamed approximately 28,000 miles since her commissioning in Brooklyn five and one-half months ago.