

USS DeHaven DD-727

World War II

War Diaries

March 1944-September 1945

U. S. S. DEHAVEN (DD 727)

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

31 March, 1944.

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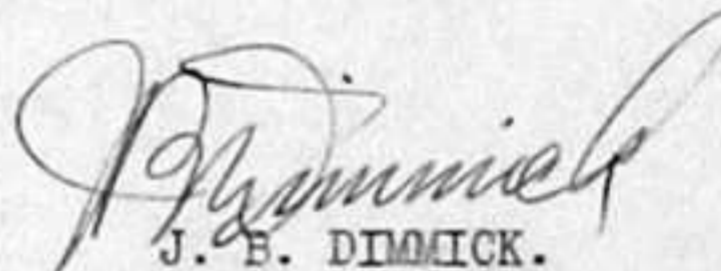
From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) COMINCH ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152
of 29 October, 1943.

March 31, 1944.

Pursuant to OPNAV orders dated 20 March, 1944, Serial 0170323 the U.S.S. DEHAVEN (DD727) was placed in full commission this date and commenced a fitting out period of fourteen days and readiness for sea period of four days, at the U.S. Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.


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30 April, 1944.

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1 - 18 April 1944 (Inclusive).

Fitting out at U.S. Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., in accordance with OPNAV Serial 0170323 dated 20 March, 1944, and as modified by CNO Conf. dispatch 121830 of April, 1944, which extended fitting out period to 2400, 18 April, 1944, and readiness for sea period to 2400, 22 April, 1944. Plus four (4) Zone time in use.

19 - 22 April 1944 (Inclusive).

Conducted readiness for sea exercises in Massachusetts Bay including loading ammunition and fueling.

22 April 1944.

Reported for duty to Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and Commander Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, in accordance Commandant, Navy Yard, Boston, Confidential Letter DD727/A4-3(Y) of 19 April, 1944.

23 - 25 April 1944 (Inclusive).

Departed Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., at 0857, 23 April, 1944, for shakedown training at Bermuda, B.W.I., in accordance with COTCLant Serial 01517 of 27 March, 1944, via route assigned by COM-1. Conducted various emergency drills and fired 6 rounds 5"/38 A.A. Com., 48 rounds of 40 MM and 60 rounds 20 MM ammunition while enroute. Arrived at 1230 25 April, 1944 and reported to ComTaskGroup 23.1 for duty. Set clocks ahead one hour to conform to Zone plus 3.

26 - 30 April 1944 (Inclusive).

Engaged in standard shakedown training under CTG 23.1 at Bermuda, B.W.I.

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31 May, 1944

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1 - 24 May, 1944 (Inclusive)

Engaged in standard shakedown training under CTG 23.1 at Bermuda, BWI, in accordance with Commander Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Serial 01517 of 27 March, 1944.

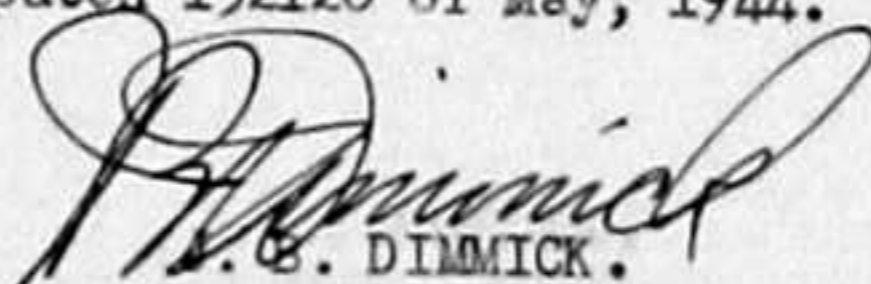
25 - 27 May, 1944 (Inclusive)

Completed standard shakedown period under CTG 23.1, 25 May, 1944, and at 1245P same day proceeded to U.S. Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., via route assigned by Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Bermuda. Arrived 0937 Queen, 27 May, 1944. Positions:

25 May, 1944;	2000Q	Lat 33°37'N.,	Long 64°48'W.
26 May, 1944;	0800Q	Lat 36°53'N.,	Long 66°30'W.
	1200Q	Lat 38°13'N.,	Long 67°49'W.
	2000Q	Lat 40°16'N.,	Long 68°18'W.

28 - 31 May, 1944 (Inclusive)

Undergoing Post Shakedown Availability and Authorized Alterations at Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., in accordance with Commander Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Serial 01517 of 27 March, 1944, and CTF 23 confidential despatch 152120 of May, 1944.


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1 - 29 June, 1944 (Inclusive)

Undergoing post-shake down availability and authorized alterations at Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. in accordance with Commander Operational Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet serial 01517 of 27 March, 1944 and Commander Task Force 23 Confidential despatch 152120 of May, 1944.

30 June, 1944

Conducted readiness for sea exercises in Massachusetts Bay. Expended eight (8) rounds of 5"/38 service ammunition.

It is considered that the battle efficiency of this vessel has been decreased by the modification to the open bridge, due to lack of protection from gun blast and wind and sea while operating at high speeds and loss of visibility aft.


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1 July - Zone Plus 4

Availability at Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., correcting deficiencies noted on first day of readiness for sea trials authorized by Commander Task Force 23.

2 July - Zone Plus 4

Continued readiness for sea trials in Massachusetts Bay, leaving Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., at 0820 and returning at 1630.

3 July - Zone Plus 4

Departed Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., at 0924 to complete readiness for sea trials in Massachusetts Bay and returned to examination vessel at 1600 to disembark technicians.

In accordance with orders from the Commander Task Force 23, departed Boston Lightship at 1702 for Norfolk, Va., via route assigned by Commander Northern Group.

4 July - Zone Plus 4

Arrived at Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., at 1655 and reported for duty to Commander Task Force 23 as training ship for DD Pre-Commissioning School.

5 - 10 July (inclusive) - Zone Plus 4

Acted as training ship for DD Pre-Commissioning Group underway and at anchor.

On 7 and 8 July conducted experimental high speed fueling operations with U.S.S. CHEMUNG, U.S.S. INGRAHAM and U.S.S. KIMMEL, using astern method.

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31 July, 1944.

Subject: War Diary.

16 July - TG 27.1 - Zone Plus 4

At 0800 changed to zone plus 5 time. At 0806 arrived Cristobal, Canal Zone, fueled and proceeded through Panama Canal in company with BLUE. At 2040 arrived N.A.D., Balboa, Canal Zone.

17 July - Zone Plus 5

The Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE in DEHAVEN, with BLUE, reported to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet for duty. In accordance with Commander Pacific Sea Frontier secret dispatch dated 16 July, 1944, established TG 12.8, consisting of U.S.S. RANGER, U.S.S. BLUE and U.S.S. DEHAVEN.

18 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 5

In accordance with dispatch orders from CTG 12.8, departed from Balboa, Canal Zone at 0917 in company with U.S.S. BLUE enroute to San Diego, California. 1112 - 1151 Queen conducted 20mm and 40mm firings at towed sleeve in swept channel. Expended 567 rounds 20mm and 420 rounds 40mm ammunition. 1545, with BLUE, formed anti-submarine screen #52 on RANGER.

1200 Position: 8-24 N; 79-30 W.

2000 Position: 7-05 N; 80-33 W.

19 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 5

1100 U.S.S. RANGER commenced full power trials, other ships adjusted speed to maintain station. 1400 U.S.S. RANGER completed full power trials. Formation resumed, standard speed 16 knots.

0800 Position: 08-04 N; 83-48 W.

1200 Position: 08-43 N; 84-52 W.

2000 Position: 09-56 N; 87-11 W.

20 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 5

Had numerous sound contacts during the afternoon, all of which were verified as fish.

0800 Position: 11-33 N; 90-46 W.

1200 Position: 12-13 N; 91-74 W.

2000 Position: 13-09 N; 93-59 W.

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Availability at Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., correcting deficiencies noted on first day of readiness for sea trials authorized by Commander Task Force 23.

2 July - Zone Plus 4

Continued readiness for sea trials in Massachusetts Bay, leaving Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., at 0820 and returning at 1630.

3 July - Zone Plus 4

Departed Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., at 0924 to complete readiness for sea trials in Massachusetts Bay and returned to examination vessel at 1600 to disembark technicians.

In accordance with orders from the Commander Task Force 23, departed Boston Lightship at 1702 for Norfolk, Va., via route assigned by Commander Northern Group.

4 July - Zone Plus 4

Arrived at Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., at 1655 and reported for duty to Commander Task Force 23 as training ship for DD Pre-Commissioning School.

5 - 10 July (inclusive) - Zone Plus 4

Acted as training ship for DD Pre-Commissioning Group underway and at anchor.

On 7 and 8 July conducted experimental high speed fueling operations with U.S.S. CHEMUNG, U.S.S. INGRAHAM and U.S.S. KIMMEL, using astern method.

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On 9 July, at 1720, the Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE shifted his pennant from U.S.S. MANSFIELD to DEHAVEN.

On 10 July, Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE in DEHAVEN, with U.S.S. BLUE, reported for duty to the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. RANGER in accordance with Commander Operations Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet dispatch 081547 of July, as part of TG 27.1.

11 July - TG 27.1 - Zone Plus 4

In accordance with orders from CTG 27.1, departed from Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., at 1200 in company with U.S.S. BLUE. Upon reaching end of swept channel at 1826, formed screening formation #52 on U.S.S. RANGER.

2000 Position: 36-47 N.; 74-07 W.

12 July - TG 27.1 - Zone Plus 4

At 0100 set clocks ahead one (1) hour to conform to zone plus 3.

0800 Position: 34-27 N; 73-16 W.

1200 Position: 33-24 N; 73-21 W.

2000 Position: 31-09 N; 73-42 W.

13 July - TG 27.1 - Zone Plus 3

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 27-47 N; 74-07 W.

1200 Position: 36-38 N; 74-21 W.

2000 Position: 20-50 N; 74-22 W.

14 July - TG 27.1 - Zone Plus 3

At 1900 set clocks back one (1) hour to conform to zone plus 4.

0800 Position: 22-09 N; 74-49.5 W.

1200 Position: 21-09 N; 74-32 W.

2000 Position: 19-32 N; 75-03 W.

15 July - TG 27.1 - Zone Plus 4

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 16-16 N; 76-06 W.

1200 Position: 15-15 N; 76-52 W.

2000 Position: 13-14 N; 78-09 W.

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Subject: War Diary.

16 July - TG 27.1 - Zone Plus 4

At 0800 changed to zone plus 5 time. At 0806 arrived Cristobal, Canal Zone, fueled and proceeded through Panama Canal in company with BLUE. At 2040 arrived N.A.D., Balboa, Canal Zone.

17 July - Zone Plus 5

The Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE in DEHAVEN, with BLUE, reported to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet for duty. In accordance with Commander Pacific Sea Frontier secret dispatch dated 16 July, 1944, established TG 12.8, consisting of U.S.S. RANGER, U.S.S. BLUE and U.S.S. DEHAVEN.

18 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 5

In accordance with dispatch orders from CTG 12.8, departed from Balboa, Canal Zone at 0917 in company with U.S.S. BLUE enroute to San Diego, California. 1112 - 1151 Queen conducted 20mm and 40mm firings at towed sleeve in swept channel. Expended 567 rounds 20mm and 420 rounds 40mm ammunition. 1545, with BLUE, formed anti-submarine screen #52 on RANGER.

1200 Position: 8-24 N; 79-30 W.

2000 Position: 7-05 N; 80-33 W.

19 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 5

1100 U.S.S. RANGER commenced full power trials, other ships adjusted speed to maintain station. 1400 U.S.S. RANGER completed full power trials. Formation resumed, standard speed 16 knots.

0800 Position: 08-04 N; 83-48 W.

1200 Position: 08-43 N; 84-52 W.

2000 Position: 09-56 N; 87-11 W.

20 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 5

Had numerous sound contacts during the afternoon, all of which were verified as fish.

0800 Position: 11-33 N; 90-46 W.

1200 Position: 12-13 N; 91-74 W.

2000 Position: 13-09 N; 93-59 W.

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21 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 5

At 1900 changed to zone plus 6 time.

0800 Position: 14-33 N; 97-06 W.

1200 Position: 15-01 N; 98-13 W.

2000 Position: 16-01 N; 100-24 W.

22 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 6

At 1000 left formation to fuel alongside RANGER, with BLUE patrolling ahead. At 1138 completed fueling and resumed station. At 1300 commenced patrolling ahead of RANGER while BLUE fueled. At 1435 resumed station.

0800 Position: 17-19 N; 103-13 W.

1200 Position: 17-43 N; 104-05 W.

2000 Position: 18-59 N; 105-47 W.

23 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 6

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 20-57 N; 108-34 W.

1200 Position: 21-36 N; 109-31 W.

2000 Position: 22-46 N; 111-15 W.

24 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 6

At 1900 changed to zone plus 7 time.

0800 Position: 24-52 N; 113-49 W.

1200 Position: 25-48 N; 114-29 W.

2000 Position: 27-53 N; 116-10 W.

25 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 7

From 0846 to 1107, formation subjected to coordinated air attack by Marine and Carrier air groups. At 1137 BLUE left formation. At 1138 commenced patrolling ahead of RANGER. Resumed regular screening station when BLUE reformed at 1320. Arrived San Diego, California at 1752.

0800 Position: 31-13N; 117-15 W.

1200 Position: 31-30N; 117-57 W.

26 - 27 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 7

Fueled and provisioned.

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28 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 7

In accordance with ELEVENTH Naval District Routing Office Serial O-3258 of 26 July and as directed by CTG 12.8 dispatch 271842 of July, departed from San Diego, California in company with U.S.S. BLUE at 1523 for Pearl Harbor, T.H. At 1734 U.S.S. RANGER joined formation. At 1741 passed end of swept channel and with BLUE formed anti-submarine screen #52 on RANGER.

2000 Position: 32-24 N; 118-16 W.

29 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 7

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 32-08 N; 121-54 W.

1200 Position: 32-06 N; 123-11 W.

2000 Position: 31-54 N; 125-43 W.

30 July - TG 12-8 - Zone Plus 7

At 1345 test fired six (6) rounds of 5"/38 AA ammunition. At 1900 changed to zone plus 8 time.

0800 Position: 31-42 N; 129-38 W.

1200 Position: 31-17 N; 130-47 W.

2000 Position: 30-15 N; 133-11 W.

31 July - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 8

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 29-02 N; 136-28 W.

1200 Position: 28-37 N; 137-31 W.

2000 Position: 27-59 N; 139-36 W.


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31 August, 1944.

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 To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary.
 Reference: (a) COMINCH ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3 Serial 7152 of 29 October, 1943.

1 August - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 8

Enroute San Diego, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H. in accordance with ELEVENTH Naval District Routing Office Serial O-3258 of 26 July, with TG 12.8 consisting of U.S.S. RANGER, Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE in DEHAVEN and U.S.S. BLUE. Cruising in screening formation #52.

Changed to Zone Plus 8½ time at 1900.

0800 Position: 26-50 N; 142-55 W.
 1200 Position: 26-16 N; 144-01 W.
 2000 Position: 25-36 N; 146-23 W.

2 August - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 8½

Changed to Zone Plus 9½ time at 1900.

0800 Position: 24-17 N; 149-24 W.
 1200 Position: 23-54 N; 150-32 W.
 2000 Position: 23-05 N; 152-56 W.

3 August - TG 12.8 - Zone Plus 9½

Conducted anti-aircraft practice on towed sleeve from 1010 to 1030. Expended 19 rounds 5"/38 and 465 rounds 40mm ammunition.

At 1541 arrived Pearl Harbor, T.H. and reported to Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet for duty. Task Group 12.8 dissolved.

0800 Position: 21-56 N; 156-18 W.
 1200 Position: 21-26 N; 157-21 W.

4 August

At Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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31 August, 1944.

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5 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Departed Pearl Harbor at 0644 in company with U.S.S. BLUE, conducted torpedo and gunnery exercises and returned at 1917.

6 August - TG 19.4 - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Departed Pearl Harbor at 0641 and formed with U.S.S. COWPENS, INDEPENDENCE, BLUE, and MAHAN at 0832 in accordance with Commander Air Forces Pacific Fleet Serial 030508 of August, 1944, for three days escort operations off Pearl Harbor.

1022 to 1157, conducted anti-aircraft firing exercises. Expended 830 rounds 20mm, 476 40mm and 32 rounds of 5"/38 ammunition.

1200 Position: 20-39 N; 158-37 W.

2000 Position: 20-42 N; 158-53 W.

7 August - TG 19.4 - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

1537 to 1735, conducted anti-aircraft drone practice. Expended 528 rounds 40mm and 750 rounds 20mm ammunition.

0800 Position: 20-20 N; 159-45 W.

1200 Position: 20-28 N; 160-28 W.

2000 Position: 20-18 N; 160-50 W.

8 August - TG 19.4 - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

0600 INDEPENDENCE and MAHAN left formation. 1031 to 1235, conducted anti-aircraft firing exercises. Expended 434 rounds 20mm, 165 rounds 40mm, and 32 rounds 5"/38 ammunition.

Returned to Pearl Harbor at 1451.

0800 Position: 20-54 N; 158-24 W.

1200 Position: 20-50 N; 158-20 W.

9 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Departed Pearl Harbor 0632 in company with U.S.S. BLUE. Conducted ASW exercises with U.S.S. S-41 and returned to base at 2215.

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10 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Departed Pearl Harbor 0624 in company with U.S.S. BLUE, conducted rehearsal runs for torpedo exercises and returned to base at 1640.

11 - 12 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Departed Pearl Harbor at 0624 in company with U.S.S. BLUE for two days gunnery exercises in operating areas.

0830 - 1055 acted as target for torpedo planes.

1304 - 1707 fired DSP, LCBP, and LRBP practices.

2026 - 2254 fired NBP. Conducted night tracking exercises during darkness.

0526 - 0658, 12 August, acted as target ship for pre-dawn air attack and returned to port at 0742.

1200 Position: 21-00 N; 157-58 W. (11 August)

2000 Position: 19-52 N; 158-01 W. (11 August).

13 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Departed Pearl Harbor 0630 in company with U.S.S. BLUE for three days training exercises.

1100 - 1200 conducted anti-aircraft firing exercises. Expended 35 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

1320 - 2246 conducted shore bombardment of Kahoolawe Island, T.H. Expended 205 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 17 rounds illuminating, 2 rounds common and 1 round white phosphorus ammunition; 24 rounds 40mm ammunition.

0800 Position: 21-06 N; 157-47 W.

1200 Position: 20-29 N; 157-00 W.

2000 Position: 20-30 N; 156-42 W.

14 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

0805 - 1658 conducted torpedo firing exercises.

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14 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Continued)

2035 - 2219 conducted night anti-aircraft firing exercise. Expended 72 rounds 5"/38 ammunition.

0800 Position: 21-09 N; 157 - 50 W.

1200 Position: 21-13 N; 157 - 49 W.

2000 Position: 20-39 N; 157 - 44 W.

15 August - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

0600-1125 conducted shore bombardment exercises on Kahoolawe Island, T.H., then returned to base, arriving at 1537. Expended 90 AAC and 1 round common 5"/38 ammunition.

16 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Underway at 0630, stood out of harbor and commenced patrolling off swift channel. At 0900, in company with U.S.S. BLUE, U.S.S. CUSHING, and U.S.S. MAHAN formed anti-submarine screen for U.S.S. ENTERPRISE, U.S.S. INTREPID, and U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE, enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands in accordance with CTU 12.3.2 movement order #1-44, serial 0063 and as directed by Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet secret dispatch of 14 August. At 0922 assumed assigned station in screen.

1200 - 1430 conducted anti-aircraft firing practices. Expended 45 rounds of 40mm and 25 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

1200 Position: 20-52 N; 157-18.5 W.

2000 Position: 19-45 N; 158-30 W.

17 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Changed to Zone Plus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ time, at 1900.

0800 Position: 19-22 N; 161-28 W.

1200 Position: 19-21 N; 162-09 W.

2000 Position: 19-17 N; 163-48 W.

18 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Plus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Changed to Zone Plus 11 time at 1900

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18 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Plus 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Continued)

0800 Position: 18-54 N; 167-26 W.
1200 Position: 18-34 N; 168-09 W.
2000 Position: 18-12 N; 169-54 W.

19 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Plus 11

Changed to Zone Plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ time at 1900.

0800 Position: 17-42 N; 173-05 W.
1200 Position: 17-20 N; 173-35 W.
2000 Position: 16-59 N; 175-13 W.

20 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

1520 - 1545 conducted AAMG exercises. Expended 12 rounds 20mm and 8 rounds 40mm ammunition.

0800 Position: 16-26 N; 178-57 W.
1200 Position: 16-08 N; 179-34 W.
2000 Position: 15-40 N; 178-44 E.

21 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Changed to Zone Plus 12 time at 1900.

At 0000 22 August, having crossed the 180th meridian, the date was changed to 23 August and the zone description to minus 12.

0800 Position: 15-14 N; 175-05 E.
1200 Position: 15-01 N; 174-21 E.
2000 Position: 14-20 N; 172-41 E.

23 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Minus 12

At 1240 left formation for rescue of plane with pilot and one additional man reported lost overboard by U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE. 1355 rejoined formation, after making thorough search of area, assisted by planes, with no results.

Changed to Zone Minus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ time at 1900.

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23 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Minus 12 (Continued)

0800 Position: 13-36 N; 168-57 E.

1200 Position: 13-22 N; 168-00 E.

2000 Position: 12-43 N; 166-13 E.

24 August - T.U. 12.3.2 - Zone Minus 11½

Changed to Zone Minus 11 time at 0730.

Arrived Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, at 1038, whereupon T.U. 12.3.2 was dissolved.

0800 Position: 11-27-N; 162-50 E.

25 August - Zone Minus 11

Departed Eniwetok at 1018 and at 1100 with U.S.S. SEDERSTROM formed anti-submarine screen for U.S.A.T. YARMOUTH enroute Pearl Harbor in accordance with routing instructions by Port Director, Eniwetok.

Changed to Zone Minus 12 time at 2000.

1200 Position: 11-27 N; 162-40 E.

2000 Position: 11-49 N; 164-50 E.

26 August - Zone Minus 12

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 12-39 N; 167-38 E.

1200 Position: 12-52 N; 168-37 E.

2000 Position: 13-15 N; 170-45 E.

27 August - Zone Minus 12

At 2400, having crossed the 180th meridian, the date was changed to 0000 27 August and zone description was changed to Plus 12.

0800 Position: 13-58 N; 174-04 E.

1200 Position: 14-15 N; 175-13 E.

2000 Position: 14-48 N; 177-19 E.

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27 August - Zone Plus 12

Changed to Zone Plus 11 time at 0100.

0800 Position: 15-37 N; 179-40 W.

1200 Position: 15-54 N; 178-34 W.

2000 Position: 16-27 N; 176-22 W.

28 August - Zone Plus 11

U.S.S. SEDERSTROM left formation at 2100

0800 Position: 17-23 N; 172-54 W.

1200 Position: 17-35 N; 171-45 W.

2000 Position: 18-01 N; 169-29 W.

29 August - Zone Plus 11

Changed to Zone Plus time at 0100.

0800 Position: 18-41 N; 166-15 W.

1200 Position: 18-52 N; 165-07 W.

2000 Position: 19-17 N; 162-52 W.

30 August - Zone Plus 9½

Changed to Zone Plus 9½ time at 0100.

1200 - 1355 conducted anti-aircraft firing exercises using towed sleeve. Expended 108 rounds 5"/38, 362 rounds 40mm, and 120 rounds 20mm ammunition.

1527 arrived off entrance to Pearl Harbor, at which time YARMOUTH was directed to proceed Honolulu, T.H. DEHAVEN proceeded into harbor and moored at 1702.

0800 Position: 20-15 N; 159-13 W.

1200 Position: 20-33 N; 158-24 W.

31 August - Zone Plus 9½

At anchor Pearl Harbor.



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30 September, 1944.

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

Subject: War Diary.

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1 - 3 September - Zone Plus 9.5

At anchor, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

4 September - Zone Plus 9.5

Underway at 0624 for Division gunnery and tactical exercises in company with U.S.S. COOPER, BRUSH, and LYMAN K. SWENSON. Returned to port at 1840 having expended 236 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 1239 rounds 40MM, and 1318 rounds 20MM ammunition.

5 September - Zone Plus 9.5

Underway at 0815 with the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and the Commander Destroyers, U.S. Pacific Fleet on board. Conducted gunnery and tactical exercises. Returned to port at 1615 having expended 246 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 612 rounds 40MM, and 400 rounds 20MM ammunition.

6 - 9 September - Zone Plus 9.5

Remained at anchor in Pearl Harbor.

10 September - TG 19.19 - Zone Plus 9.5

Underway at 0649 in company with U.S.S. BRUSH. Patrolled off end of swept channel until 0830 then joined U.S.S. HANCOCK as escorts for three days operations in accordance with Commander Air Force Pacific Fleet secret dispatch of 10 September, forming anti-submarine screen.

1026 to 1207, held AA firing exercises, expended 35 rounds 5"/38 AAC and 340 rounds 40MM ammunition.

1200 Position: 20-47 N; 157-26 W.

2000 Position: 20-01 N; 157-23 W.

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11 September - TG 19.19 - Zone Plus 9.5

No Remarks.

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11 September - TG 19.19 - Zone Plus 9.5 (Con't)

0800 Position: 20-22 N; 156-52 W.
 1200 Position: 20-14 N; 156-49 W.
 2000 Position: 19-26 N; 157-16 W.

12 September - TG 19.19 - Zone Plus 9.5 (Con't)

No remarks.

0800 Position: 20-26 N; 156-48 W.
 1200 Position: 19-50 N; 156-53 W.
 2000 Position: 19-26 N; 156-55 W.

13 September - TG 19.19 - Zone Plus 9.5

Returned to Pearl Harbor at 1709.

0800 Position: 20-05 N; 156-43 W.
 1200 Position: 20-50 N; 157-32 W.

14 September - TG 19.19 - Zone Plus 9.5

Underway at 0740, stood out of harbor and held division tactical exercises in company with U.S.S. BRUSH, ENGLISH, and LYMAN K. SWENSON until 0937, then formed as anti-submarine screen for U.S.S. HANCOCK.

1050 to 1128 conducted AA firing exercises. Expended 38 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 224 rounds 40MM, and 190 rounds 20MM ammunition.

Returned to Pearl Harbor at 1709.

15 September - Zone Plus 9.5

Remained at anchor in Pearl Harbor.

16 September - Zone Plus 9.5

Underway at 0656 for two days exercises in company with U.S.S. LYMAN K. SWENSON and U.S.S. BRUSH.

0911 to 1131, conducted AA firing exercises. Expended 43 rounds Mk.32 fused 5"/38 ammunition.

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16 September - Zone Plus 9.5 (Con't)

1650 to 1822, conducted shore bombardment exercise on Kahoolawe Island, expended 47 rounds 5"/38 AAC and 1 round 5"/38 white phosphorous ammunition.

1200 Position 21-10 N; 157-50 W.

2000 Position 20-30 N; 156-56 W.

17 September - Zone Plus 9.5

1012 to 1045, conducted shore bombardment of Kahoolawe Island, expended 7 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

1330 to 1446, conducted AA firing exercises. Expended 55 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

Returned to port at 1622.

0800 Position: 20-28 N; 156-40 W.

1200 Position: 20-33 N; 156-54 W.

18 - 23 September - Zone Plus 9.5

Underway at 0655, 18 September, for six days torpedo, gunnery, shore bombardment and squadron tactical exercises, in company with U.S.S. MANSFIELD, BRUSH, LYMAN K. SWENSON and TAUSSIG, in operating areas off Pearl Harbor.

Returned to port at 1548, 23 September. Expended 810 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 40 rounds 5"/38 illumination, 996 rounds 40 MM and 611 rounds 20MM ammunition.

24 - 27 September - Zone Plus 9.5

Moored to tender.

28 September - Zone Plus 9.5

In accordance with CinCPac and ComDesPac secret dispatches of 18 September, 1944, underway at 1000 in company with U.S.S. MANSFIELD, U.S.S. LYMAN K. SWENSON, U.S.S. TAUSSIG, and U.S.S. BRUSH, en route from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, via route assigned by ComHawSeaFron, speed of advance 16 knots.

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28 September - Zone Plus 9.5 (Con't)

1055 to 1247, conducted AA firing exercises, expended 20 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 436 rounds 40mm, and 707 rounds 20MM ammunition.

At 1930 changed to zone plus 10 time.

1200 Position: 20-46 N; 158-03 W.

2000 Position: 20-15 N; 160-19 W.

29 September - Zone Plus 10

At 1930 changed to zone plus 11 time.

0800 Position: 19-40 N; 163-36 W.

1200 Position: 19-28 N; 164-40 W.

2000 Position: 19-09 N; 167-07 W.

30 September - Zone Plus 11

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 18-38 N; 170-26 W.

1200 Position: 18-26 N; 171-28 W.

2000 Position: 17-48 N; 173-41 W.


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31 October, 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
 To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary.
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1 October - Zone Plus 11.

Enroute Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, in company with U.S.S. MANSFIELD, U.S.S. LYMAN K. SWENSON, U.S.S. TAUSSIG, and U.S.S. BRUSH in accordance with CinCPac and ComDesPac secret dispatches of 18 September, 1944, and via route assigned by ComHawSeaFron, speed of advance 16 knots.

At 1900 changed to zone plus 12 time.

At 2400 changed to zone minus 12 time having crossed International Date Line.

0800 Position: 17-05 N; 176-47 W.
 1200 Position: 16-48 N; 177-54 W.
 2000 Position: 16-12 N; 179-27 E.

3 October - Zone Minus 12.

No remarks.

0800 Position: 15-26 N; 176-26 E.
 1200 Position: 15-12 N; 175-28 E.
 2000 Position: 14-38 N; 173-21 E.

4 October - Zone Minus 12.

At 1900 changed to zone minus 11 time.

0800 Position: 14-03 N; 170-15 E.
 1200 Position: 13-53 N; 169-27 E.
 2000 Position: 13-05 N; 167-13 E.

5 October - Zone Minus 11.

At 1242 arrived Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

0800 Position: 11-46 N; 163-43 E.

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31 October, 1944.

Subject: War Diary.

6 - 11 October, inclusive - Zone Minus 12.

At anchor, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

12 October - CTU 96.8.13 (CDS-61 in DEHAVEN) - Zone Minus 12.

In accordance with CTU 96.8.13, movement order No. 1-44, underway at 0810 and stood out of harbor in company with U.S.S. TAUSSIG and U.S.S. MANSFIELD for escort of naval convoy to Ulithi Atoll, Caroline Islands.

At 0850 commenced screening sortie and concentration of convoy.

At 1710 took assigned screening station.

1200 Position: 11-22 N; 162-25 E.

2000 Position: 11-02 N; 162-04 E.

13 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 12.

At 1400 changed to zone minus 11 time.

0800 Position: 10-44 N; 161-07 E.

1200 Position: 10-39 N; 160-45 E.

2000 Position: 10-23 N; 159-59 E.

14 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 11.

No remarks.

0800 Position: 10-23 N; 158-41 E.

1200 Position: 10-23 N; 158-15 E.

2000 Position: 10-29 N; 157-24 E.

15 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 11.

At 1005 U.S.S. CAELUM (AD106), escorted by U.S.S. TAUSSIG, left formation and proceeded ahead.

0800 Position: 10-27 N; 156-14 E.

1200 Position: 10-27 N; 155-52 E.

2000 Position: 10-17 N; 155-08 E.

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16 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 11.

No remarks.

0800 Position: 10-04 N; 153-50 E.
 1200 Position: 10-02 N; 153-25 E.
 2000 Position: 10-01 N; 152-32 E.

17 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 11.

At 0955 U.S.S. LIPAN and tow left formation and proceeded ahead independently.

0800 Position: 10-02 N; 151-13 E.
 1200 Position: 10-03 N; 150-55 E.
 2000 Position: 09-59 N; 149-58 E.

18 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 11.

At 1110 U.S.S. PC 1125 joined formation and took assigned screening station.

At 1400 changed to zone minus 10 time.

0800 Position: 09-53 N; 148-39 E.
 1200 Position: 09-57 N; 148-12 E.
 2000 Position: 09-55 N; 146-03 E.

19 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 10.

No remarks.

0800 Position: 09-55 N; 145-45 E.
 1200 Position: 09-53 N; 145-22 E.
 2000 Position: 09-49 N; 144-28 E.

20 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 10.

At 1900 changed to zone minus 9 time.

0800 Position: 09-49 N; 143-06 E.
 1200 Position: 09-42 N; 142-39 E.
 2000 Position: 09-48 N; 141-42 E.

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21 October - TU 96.8.13 - Zone Minus 9.

At 1537 arrived Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands.

0800 Position: 10-01 N; 140-21 E.

1200 Position: 9-59 N; 139-55 E.

22 - 24 October, inclusive - Zone Minus 9.

At anchor, Ulithi Atoll.

At 1515, 24 October, 1944, ComDesRon 61 reported with U.S.S. DEHAVEN, U.S.S. MANSFIELD, U.S.S. BLUE, and U.S.S. TAUSSIG to CTG 38.1 for duty as of 25 October, 1944.

25 October - Zone Minus 9.

At 1352 underway in company with U.S.S. MANSFIELD, U.S.S. MADDOX, U.S.S. BLUE, and U.S.S. TAUSSIG in accordance with orders from ComDesRon 61; sortied from Ulithi Atoll and proceeded on westerly courses.

2000 Position: 10-33 N; 138-44 E.

26 October - Zone Minus 9.

1307 - 1340, test-fired all guns. Expended 12 rounds 5"/38 AA common, 48 rounds 40mm, and 150 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 1500 received orders from CTG 38.1 to search an area with a radius of 100 miles, centered at Lat. 14-35 N, Long. 129-20 E, for missing aviators.

0800 Position: 11-40 N; 135-45 E.

1200 Position: 12-11 N; 135-07 E.

2000 Position: 13-21 N; 132-43 E.

27 October - Zone Minus 9.

At 0600 commenced search for missing aviators as directed by ComDesRon 61.

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At 0640 sighted and investigated empty rubber life raft.

At 1750 completed search, proceeded to center of search area and rejoined squadron at 2100.

0800 Position: 14-45 N; 128-57 E.
1200 Position: 15-00 N; 128-46 E.
2000 Position: 14-33 N; 128-54 E.

28 October - Zone Minus 9.

At 0200 ships of squadron left formation and proceeded independently to starting point of search for missing aviators as directed by ComDesRon 61.

At 0600 commenced search.

At 1350 concluded search, rejoined ships of squadron and set course for Ulithi Atoll.

0800 Position: 15-24 N; 128-37 E.
1200 Position: 14-51 N; 129-56 E.
2000 Position: 13-29 N; 131-30 E.

29 October - Zone Minus 9.

No remarks.

0800 Position: 12-24 N; 134-43 E.
1200 Position: 12-03 N; 135-46 E.
2000 Position: 11-20 N; 137-55 E.

30 October - Zone Minus 9.

At 0633 arrived Ulithi Atoll.

31 October - Zone Minus 9.

At anchor, Ulithi Atoll.


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30 November, 1944.

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 To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
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 of 29 October, 1943.

1 November - Zone Minus 9.

At anchor, Ulithi Atoll.

2 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

In accordance with dispatch orders from CTG 38.1, underway at 1127 in company with destroyer squadron 61, less U.S.S. COLLETT and U.S.S. MOORE, as a part of Task Unit 38.1.3 with the Commander Destroyer Squadron 46 as task unit commander, to screen sortie of TG 38.1.

1405 assumed assigned station in screen. After passing to southward of Ulithi Atoll, proceeded in Northwesterly direction for rendezvous with tankers of TU 30.8.1.

2000 Position: 10-18 N; 138-34 E.

3 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0900 made rendezvous with fueling group. 0950 to 1034 conducted fueling operations.

1100 took assigned station in screening formation and proceeded in Northwesterly direction.

0800 Position: 11-38 N; 134-02 E.

1200 Position: 12-09 N; 133-35 E.

2000 Position: 12-56 N; 132-04 E.

4 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

1200 changed to Westerly course, proceeding toward northern Philippine Islands to launch air strike off East coast of Luzon.

0800 Position: 15-25 N; 130-38 E.

1200 Position: 16-08 N; 129-39 E.

2000 Position: 15-54 N; 126-53 E.

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30 November, 1944.

Subject: War Diary.

5 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

Commencing at 0615, when carriers launched first strike, formation steered various courses and speeds, remaining in same general area while launching and recovering successive strikes.

1715 retired on Northeasterly course and at 2000 proceeded Northward.

0800 Position: 15-55 N; 123-17 E.

1200 Position: 15-37 N; 123-46 E.

2000 Position: 16-12 N; 124-31 E.

6 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0030 reversed course and proceeded in Southerly direction.

Commencing at 0615, when carriers launched first strike, formation steered various courses and speeds, working slowly Eastward, while launching and recovering successive strikes.

1430 the Commander Destroyer Squadron 61, in U.S.S. DEHAVEN, assumed command of screen as CTU 38.1.3.

1500 commenced retiring Northeastward, recovering planes from last strike en route at 1800.

2000 proceeded in Southeasterly direction for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 15-57 N; 123-54 E.

1200 Position: 16-11 N; 124-32 E.

2000 Position: 16-51 N; 125-52 E.

7 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0844 sighted TG 30.8.5, refueling group. 1030 made rendezvous with TG 30.8.5 and from 1035 to 1810 conducted fueling operations; then proceeded Northeastward to avoid typhoon and for operations in exercise area on 9 November and refueling on 10 November, in accordance with orders from the Commander Third Fleet.

During the afternoon the U.S.S. COLLETT and U.S.S. SAMUEL N. MOORE joined destroyer squadron 61 and assumed position in formation.

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7 November - (Continued).

0800 Position: 15-06 N; 128-39 E.
 1200 Position: 14-40 N; 129-22 E.
 2000 Position: 15-11 N; 130-20 E.

8 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

No remarks.

0800 Position: 15-14 N; 132-06 E.
 1200 Position: 15-44 N; 132-30 E.
 2000 Position: 16-45 N; 133-35 E.

9 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

1055 the Commander Task Group 38.1 shifted flag from U.S.S. HORNET to the U.S.S. YORKTOWN.

0800 Position: 17-23 N; 136-44 E.
 1200 Position: 17-32 N; 137-48 E.
 2000 Position: 17-21 N; 139-52 E.

10 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0048 formation changed course to Southward upon receipt of orders from the Commander Third Fleet, and proceeded at best speed. Fueling operations canceled at dawn by CTG 38.1.

0800 Position: 15-50 N; 136-42 E.
 1200 Position: 15-03 N; 135-20 E.
 2000 Position: 13-50 N; 132-13 E.

11 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0900 launched first air strike and for remainder of day formation patrolled in same general vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes. Destroyers were partially fueled from heavy ships during this time.

1815 recovered last strike and retired Eastward for rendezvous with tanker group on 12 November.

0800 Position: 13-30 N; 127-06 E.
 1200 Position: 13-25 N; 126-08 E.
 2000 Position: 12-34 N; 127-20 E.

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12 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0630 made rendezvous with TG 30.8.5, refueling group, and at 0650 formation commenced refueling. 0934 left screening station to fuel. 1043 completed fueling and returned to screening station.

1545 formation completed fueling and proceeded to Northwestward in compliance with orders from the Commander Third Fleet.

0800 Position: 13-12 N; 128-54 E.
 1200 Position: 13-31 N; 128-18 E.
 2000 Position: 14-52 N; 127-27 E.

13 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0611 launched first air strike from East of Luzon and remained in general vicinity during the day while launching and recovering successive strikes.

1740 recovered last strike and formation retired to Eastward. 2345 formation proceeded Westward for second day's strike.

0800 Position: 15-23 N; 123-18 E.
 1200 Position: 15-27 N; 123-55 E.
 2000 Position: 15-28 N; 124-55 E.

14 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0400 made rendezvous with T.G. 38.5 and CTG 38.5 in the U.S.S. WASP assumed tactical command of Task Force 38.

0615 launched first air strike East of Luzon and remained in general vicinity until 1300, then retired to Northeastward, recovering last strikes enroute.

0800 Position: 15-16 N; 123-34 E.
 1200 Position: 15-22 N; 123-43 E.
 2000 Position: 15-25 N; 125-28 E.

15 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0000 formation changed course to Southeastward for rendezvous with fueling group on 16 November.

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15 November - (Continued).

0800 Position: 15-36 N; 127-42 E.
 1200 Position: 14-56 N; 128-43 E.
 2000 Position: 13-37 N; 130-36 E.

16 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0612 made rendezvous with TG 30.8.7, refueling group, and commenced fueling operations at 0630. 0917 left screening station to fuel. 1020 completed fueling and at 1045 returned to screening station.

1445 completed fueling operations and formation proceeded to Northwest in accordance with orders from the Commander Third Fleet.

0800 Position: 11-51 N; 132-08 E.
 1200 Position: 11-57 N; 132-49 E.
 2000 Position: 12-47 N; 133-49 E.

17 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

No remarks.

0800 Position: 12-53 N; 131-04 E.
 1200 Position: 13-15 N; 131-32 E.
 2000 Position: 13-15 N; 130-29 E.

18 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

1127 made rendezvous with refueling group and took assigned screening station for fueling operations. 1345 left screening station to fuel. Completed fueling at 1456 and on completion of fueling operations at 1525, formation proceeded Northwestward for air strike at Luzon on 19 November.

0800 Position: 13-13 N; 128-35 E.
 1200 Position: 12-58 N; 128-27 E.
 2000 Position: 13-48 N; 127-34 E.

19 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0615 launched first air strike from East of Luzon and remained in general vicinity during the day while launching and recovering successive strikes. Retired to Northeastward at dusk.

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19 November - (Continued).

0800 Position: 15-36 N; 123-26 E.
 1200 Position: 15-36 N; 123-40 E.
 2000 Position: 15-29 N; 125-10 E.

20 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

Conducted AA firing exercises from 1307 to 1523. Expended 63 rounds 5"/38 AAC and 221 rounds 40mm ammunition.

1738 formation proceeded in Southerly direction for rendezvous with refueling group on 21 November.

0800 Position: 15-33 N; 129-01 E.
 1200 Position: 16-26 N; 129-51 E.
 2000 Position: 16-48 N; 131-01 E.

21 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0815 made rendezvous with refueling group and formation commenced refueling operations. 1055 left screening station to fuel. 1220 completed fueling and returned to screening station.

Upon completion of fueling operations at 1405, formation remained in same general area and conducted various training exercises.

0800 Position: 14-36 N; 130-49 E.
 1200 Position: 14-36 N; 131-20 E.
 2000 Position: 14-12 N; 132-55 E.

22 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

1530 to 1545 conducted AA firing exercises at towed sleeve. Expended 11 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

0800 Position: 13-14 N; 132-19 E.
 1200 Position: 13-32 N; 131-16 E.
 2000 Position: 13-03 N; 130-45 E.

23 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

0704 formation set course for Ulithi Atoll in accordance with orders from the Commander Third Fleet.

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23 November - (Continued).

0800 Position: 13-21 N; 132-54 E.
1200 Position: 12-52 N; 133-49 E.
2000 Position: 11-47 N; 135-41 E.

24 November - T.U. 38.1.3.

1340 arrived at Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline group. Refueled from U.S.S. CAHABA and went alongside U.S.S. MARKAB for five days tender availability.

0800 Position: 10-12 N; 138-47 E.
1200 Position: 09-39 N; 139-47 E.

25 - 30 November, inclusive.

Remained alongside U.S.S. MARKAB at Ulithi Atoll undergoing voyage repairs.


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U. S. S. DEHAVEN (DD 727)

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31 December 1944.

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 29 October, 1943.

1 - 6 December - Zone Minus 9.

At Ulithi Atoll, Western Carolines, undergoing voyage repairs alongside U.S.S. MARKAB, and drydocking, for repairs to rudders, in ARD 13. Availability granted by ComTHIRD Fleet.

At 1800, 4 December, changed to Zone Minus 10 time.

7 - 9 December, inclusive.- Zone Minus 10.

Departed Ulithi Atoll at 0725 in company with DesRon 61 for two days gunnery, torpedo and tactical exercises in operating areas north of Ulithi, and returned at 0803 9 December, having expended 121 rounds 5"/38 AA Common Ammunition.

Positions: 7 December	1200	10° 22'N	139° 50'E
	2000	10° 46'N	140° 31'E
8 December	0800	10° 58'N	139° 55'E
	1200	10° 32'N	140° 02'E
	2000	11° 32'N	139° 05'E

10 December. At anchor in Ulithi Anchorage.

11 December - T.U. 38.2.3

Commander Task Unit 38.2.3 in U.S.S. DEHAVEN.

In accordance with dispatch orders of Commander Task Group 38.2, dated 8 December, 1944, underway at 0624 in company with DesDiv 121 as a part of T.U. 38.2.3, to screen sortie of TG 38.2 carriers.

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31 December, 1944.

Subject: War ^DDiary.11 December - T.U. 38.2.3 (Continued).

At 0735 changed to Zone Minus 9 time.

At 0643 made rendezvous with remainder of T.G. 38.2, took assigned screening station and proceeded in a northwesterly direction for rendezvous with refueling group on 13 December.

1145 - 1300 Conducted AA firing exercises at towed sleeves, expending 9 rounds 5"/38 AA Common, 466 rounds 40mm and 112 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

1200 Position: 10° 51'N; 139° 22'E

2000 Position: 12° 03'N; 136° 46'E

12 December - T.U. 38.2.3.- Zone Minus 9.

From 1000 to 1109 conducted AA firing practice, expending 20 rounds 5"/38 AA Common ammunition.

0800 Position: 14° 24'N; 132° 39'E

1200 Position: 14° 51'N; 132° 00'E

2000 Position: 15° 44'N; 130° 47'E

13 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

At 0610 made rendezvous with refueling group (T.G. 30.8) and at 0633 took assigned screening station for fueling operations.

At 1020 left screening station to fuel alongside of U.S.S. MASCOMA (A083). Fueled from 1040 to 1122, and returned to screening station at 1202.

After completion of fueling operations at 1320, formation proceeded to westward for air strike at Luzon on 14 December.

0800 Position: 17° 22'N; 128° 45'E

1200 Position: 17° 30'N; 129° 15'E

2000 Position: 17° 49'N; 127° 39'E

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31 December, 1944.

Subject: War Diary.

14 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

Launched first air strike at 0630 and remained in same general vicinity for remainder of day while launching and recovering successive strikes. At 1453 left screening station to rescue downed pilot of VF Squadron 7 from U.S.S. HANCOCK. Effected rescue at 1510 and returned to screening station at 1545. At 1803 commenced retirement to eastward.

At 2000 proceeded to northwestward.

0800 Position: 16° 12'N; 123° 47'E
 1200 Position: 15° 39'N; 123° 51'E
 2000 Position: 15° 25'N; 125° 08'E

15 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

0200 Formation changed course to southwest for second day's strike at Luzon. Launched first air strike at 0625 and remained in same general vicinity for remainder of day while launching and recovering successive strikes.

0950 Left screening station to transfer rescued pilot to U.S.S. HANCOCK, returning to station at 1150. At 1754 commenced retirement to eastward until 2030, then proceeded northwestward.

0800 Position: 16° 19'N; 123° 31'E
 1200 Position: 15° 24'N; 124° 09'E
 2000 Position: 15° 49'N; 125° 20'E

16 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

At 0238 formation changed course to southwest for third day's strike at Luzon. Launched first air strike at 0630 and remained in same general vicinity for remainder of day while launching and recovering successive strikes. Left Screening station from 1100 to 1420 to pass mail.

At 1755 commenced retirement to northeast while recovering planes from last strike. At 2200 formation proceeded to southeast for fueling rendezvous on 17 December.

0800 Position: 16° 28'N; 123° 41'E
 1200 Position: 16° 49'N; 124° 18'E
 2000 Position: 17° 06'N; 125° 36'E

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17 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

Joined refueling group (T.G. 30.8) at 1030 and took assigned station at 1115. Left screening station ahead of tankers at 1320 upon receipt of orders cancelling the refueling operations due to increasingly unfavorable weather, and took assigned station at 1425.

The formation then proceeded to the westward, attempting to get clear of typhoon track.

0800 Position: 15° 26'N; 129° 30'E
 1200 Position: 14° 52'N; 129° 56'E
 2000 Position: 15° 10'N; 129° 00'E

18 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

The formation steamed on various courses during the morning, to avoid the storm center which passed abeam about 35 miles to the northeast at 1400. The wind velocity at that time being 55 knots.

The formation then proceeded in a southerly direction, with the tankers in company, for refueling operations on 19 December.

0800 Position: 14° 50'N; 127° 54'E
 1200 Position: 14° 17'N; 127° 48'E
 2000 Position: 13° 23'N; 128° 38'E

19 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

Commenced refueling operations at 0812 on northwesterly course. Took screening station ahead of fueling group at 0830. At 0928 left station to fuel alongside of U.S.S. CACHE. Fueled from 0949 to 1130 and returned to screening station ahead of fueling group at 1210.

At 1925, on completion of fueling operations, the formation proceeded in a northerly direction.

0800 Position: 12° 00'N; 128° 55'E
 1200 Position: 12° 44'N; 128° 40'E
 2000 Position: 13° 54'N; 127° 50'E

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31 December, 1944.

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20 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

Proceeded in a northerly direction in preparation for air strike at Luzon on 21 December. Made search for possible survivors of typhoon while enroute. At 1900 proceeded to westward at high speed.

At 0123 the air strike at Luzon was cancelled and the formation proceeded to the southeastward.

0800 Position: 16° 09'N; 128° 24'E
 1200 Position: 16° 30'N; 128° 10'E
 2000 Position: 17° 00'N; 126° 56'E

21 December - T.U. 38.2.3

Proceeded to southeastward conducting search for survivors of typhoon while enroute to fueling area.

At 1300 reversed course to northwestward, on orders from ComTHIRD Fleet, to continue search for survivors until dark, then proceeding to refueling area.

0800 Position: 16° 57'N; 126° 31'E
 1200 Position: 15° 37'N; 127° 33'E
 2000 Position: 15° 06'N; 126° 57'E

22 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

At 0832 joined refueling group(T.G. 30.8) and took screening station ahead of tankers. At 1206 Left screening station to fuel alongside U.S.S. CALIENTE. Fueled from 1233 to 1328 and took assigned screening station at 1350.

On completion of refueling operations about 1500, returned to regular station. The formation then proceeded southeastward toward Ulithi.

0800 Position: 15° 03'N; 130° 07'E
 1200 Position: 15° 31'N; 130° 33'E
 2000 Position: 5° 11'N; 132° 08'E

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23 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

Conducted AA firing at towed sleeve from 1230 to 1438, expending 346 rounds 40mm ammunition.

0800 Position: 13° 36'N; 134° 56'E
 1200 Position: 13° 18'N; 135° 58'E
 2000 Position: 12° 14'N; 137° 44'E

24 December - T.U. 38.2.3.

From 0720 - 0750 conducted AA firing at towed sleeve, expending 26 rounds 5"/38 AA Common Ammunition. 0900 Changed to zone minus 10 time. Entered Ulithi, Western Carolines, at 1026 for upkeep at anchor.

0800 Position: 10° 08'N; 139° 55'E

25 - 29 December - Zone Minus 10.

Anchored at Ulithi Atoll, Western Carolines.

30 December - T.U. 38.1.3.

In accordance with sortie plan of C.T.G. 38.1, Operation Order 18-44, underway at 0600, in company with DesRon 61, as a part of T.U. 38.1.3., to screen sortie of T.G. 38.1.

ComDesRon 61 in U.S.S. DEHAVEN acting as C.T.U. 38.1.3. At 0740, set clocks back one hour to Zone Minus 9 time, and took assigned screening station in disposition.

Formation proceeded to northward of Ulithi and then to the northwestward, conducting various drills and exercises, enroute fueling rendezvous on 2 January, 1945.

0800 Position: 10° 09'N; 140° 09'E
 1200 Position: 10° 51'N; 140° 39'E
 2000 Position: 11° 23'N; 138° 27'E

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31 December - T.U. 38.1.3. - Zone Minus 9.

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0800 Position: 14° 39'N; 136° 04'E

1200 Position: 14° 23'N; 135° 45'E

2000 Position: 15° 43'N; 135° 01'E


J. B. DIMMICK.

31 January, 1945.

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

Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

1 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Proceeding northwestward for fueling rendezvous on 2 January, in company with Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE as part of Task Unit 38.1.3 screening Task Group 38.1. The Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE in DEHAVEN acting as Commander Task Unit 38.1.3.

Conducted various drills and exercises underway.

0800 Position: 18-26 N; 131-00 E.
1200 Position: 18-15 N; 130-31 E.
2000 Position: 18-39 N; 129-13 E.

2 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

At 0700 joined fueling group (TG 30.8) and at 0725 left screening station to fuel alongside U.S.S. GUADALUPE.

Fueled from 0839 to 1008 and returned to screening station at 1030.

Upon completion of fueling operations at 1430, formation proceeded to northwestward for air strike at Formosa on 3 January.

0800 Position: 19-46 N; 128-00 E.
1200 Position: 20-04 N; 128-11 E.
2000 Position: 20-50 N; 127-08 E.

3 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched first air strike on Formosa at 0600. Remained in the same general vicinity for the remainder of the day while launching and recovering successive strikes.

Left station in screen at 0950 to rescue downed pilot of VF Squadron 10 from U.S.S. HANCOCK. Effected rescue at 1002 and returned to station at 1049.

At 1800 commenced retirement to southeast.

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3 January (continued)

At 2234 reversed course and proceeded to northwest for second day's strike at Formosa.

0800 Position: 21-55 N; 123-05 E.

1200 Position: 22-07 N; 123-12 E.

2000 Position: 21-19 N; 124-12 E.

4 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched first air strike on Formosa at 0700 then worked slowly northeastward for remainder of day while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1600 commenced retirement to southeast and at 2000 proceeded southward for fueling rendezvous on 5 January.

0800 Position: 22-41 N; 123-22 E.

1200 Position: 22-39 N; 123-48 E.

2000 Position: 22-29 N; 125-27 E.

5 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Joined fueling group (TG 30.8) at 0700 and commenced fueling operations at 0730.

At 0745 left screening station, and at 0800 transferred rescued pilot to U.S.S. YORKTOWN, returning to screening station at 0820.

At 0905 left screening station to fuel alongside U.S.S. CHICOPEE. Fueled from 0925 to 1016 and returned to screening station at 1030.

On completion of fueling operations at 1430, the formation proceeded to westward for air strikes at Luzon on 6 January.

0800 Position: 19-30 N; 126-18 E.

1200 Position: 19-04 N; 126-54 E.

2000 Position: 18-23 N; 126-45 E.

6 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched first air strike at Luzon at 0515.

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At 0900 commenced proceeding in a northeasterly direction while launching and recovering successive strikes until 1840, then proceeded to northwestward.

At 2100 formation proceeded to the southwest for second days strike at Luzon.

0800 Position: 17-09 N; 124-02 E.

1200 Position: 17-17 N; 124-14 E.

2000 Position: 18-02 N; 124-45 E.

7 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched first air strike at Luzon at 0520 and commenced working to the eastward while launching and recovering successive strikes.

Proceeded northwestward at 2100.

0800 Position: 16-48 N; 123-52 E.

1200 Position: 16-38 N; 124-19 E.

2000 Position: 16-31 N; 124-58 E.

8 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

At 0130 proceeded to northeast for fueling rendezvous.

Joined fueling group (TG 30.8) at 0830 and commenced fueling operations.

Left screening station at 1005 to fuel alongside U.S.S. SAUGATUCK, and returned to screening station at 1135.

Upon completion of fueling operations, the formation proceeded to northwestward for air strike at Formosa.

0800 Position: 18-49 N; 125-03 E.

1200 Position: 19-13 N; 125-42 E.

2000 Position: 20-08 N; 125-42 E.

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9 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched first air strike at Formosa at 0540, then proceeded southwestward. At 0730 proceeded northward. At 1200 commenced working to the southeastward.

After return of last strike about sunset, commenced retirement to southwest, heading for Bashi Channel in the Luzon Straits. At 2235 passed through Bashi Channel and entered the South China Sea.

At 2333 proceeded to southwestward.

0800 Position: 22-02 N; 122-45.E.

1200 Position: 22-52 N; 122-44.E.

2000 Position: 22-05 N; 122-38 E.

10 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Various aircraft sweeps and patrols were conducted during the day while heading southward in the South China Sea for rendezvous with fueling group on 11 January.

0800 Position: 19-46 N; 120-06 E.

1200 Position: 19-34 N; 119-43 E.

2000 Position: 18-30 N; 118-04 E.

11 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Joined fueling group at 0815 and took screening station at 0830. Left screening station to fuel at 0850.

Fueled alongside U.S.S. CIMARRON from 0925 to 1022, then passed mail to TAUSSIG and MANSFIELD and returned to screening station at 1135.

In accordance with ComTHIRD Fleet orders, at 1203 proceeded with DesDiv 121 to join TG 38.2. Joined TG 38.2 at 1300.

Formation then proceeded to southwestward for air and surface strikes on Camranh Bay, Indo-China.

0800 Position: 15-13 N; 116-19 E.

1200 Position: 14-38 N; 116-05 E.

2000 Position: 13-24 N; 114-03 E.

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12 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

At 0707 in accordance with ComTHIRD Fleet orders, joined TG 34.3 for surface attacks on Japanese shipping in Camranh Bay.

On arrivall off Camranh Bay, aircraft indicated that reported enemy shipping had departed. In company with TG34.3, rejoined TG 38.2 at 0915.

The formation then proceeded to northeastward while launching air strikes at various ports on the Indo-China coast.

At 1238, in accordance with orders from ComTHIRD Fleet, proceeded in company with DesDiv 121 and rejoined TG 38.1 at 1315.

At 2000, after recovery of last strike, continued northeastward for fueling rendezvous on 13 January.

0800 Position: 11-34 N; 109-49 E.
1200 Position: 12-20 N; 110-38 E.
2000 Position: 12-37 N; 110-37 E.

13 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Joined fueling group at 0800 and commenced fueling operations at 0830. Left screening station to fuel at 1225.

Fueled alongside U.S.S. CIMARRON from 1521 to 1635 and returned to screening station at 1650.

Due to rough weather, fueling operations were not completed prior to dark. At 1843, the formation, including tankers in company, discontinued fueling operations and proceeded northeastward.

0800 Position: 13-43 N; 113-36 E.
1200 Position: 14-06 N; 113-54 E.
2000 Position: 14-52 N; 114-56 E.

14 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

At 0743 commenced fueling operations.

On completion of fueling operations at 1630, the formation proceeded northward for air strikes at Formosa and the

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China Coast on 15 January.

0800 Position: 16-39 N; 116-14 E.

1200 Position: 17-01 N; 116-39 E.

2000 Position: 18-03 N; 117-33 E.

15 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched first strike at 0720 then worked slowly northeastward while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1430 turned to the southward.

At 1647, upon recovery of last strike, formation commenced retirement southwest.

0800 Position: 20-55 N; 118-33 E.

1200 Position: 21-05 N; 118-52 E.

2000 Position: 20-33 N; 118-45 E.

16 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

At 0012 proceeded westward for air strikes on Hong Kong and Hainan Island.

Launched first strike at 0730, then remained in same general vicinity for remainder of day while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1900 commenced retirement to southward for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 20-11 N; 115-43 E.

1200 Position: 20-03 N; 115-46 E.

2000 Position: 19-38 N; 116-13 E.

17 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Joined fueling group at 0945 and commenced fueling operations at 0958.

At 1410 left screening station to fuel.

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Fueled alongside U.S.S. PATHEM from 1624 to 1736 and returned to screening station at 1800.

U.S.S. BLUE was detached from TU 38.1 and reported to CGS 30.8 for duty.

0800 Position: 17-18 N; 117-16 E.

1200 Position: 16-52 N; 117-35 E.

2000 Position: 17-21 N; 117-45 E.

18 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Due to rough seas and high winds, the formation reversed course to the southward at 1044 and proceeded toward fueling rendezvous for 19 January.

0800 Position: 18-16 N; 118-19 E.

1200 Position: 18-12 N; 117-52 E.

2000 Position: 16-54 N; 117-35 E.

19 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Commenced fueling operations at 0730

At 0946 left screening station and fueled alongside U.S.S. YOKETOWN from 1020 to 1051, returning to station at 1130.

On completion of fueling operations at 1810, the formation proceeded to northward.

0800 Position: 14-24 N; 117-26 E.

1200 Position: 14-41 N; 118-00 E.

2000 Position: 16-01 N; 118-29 E.

20 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Continued northward, conducting various air searches and sweeps in preparation for leaving South China Sea.

At 2150 passed through Balingtang Channel, and proceeded northward for air strikes on Formosa.

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0800 Position: 18-23 N; 119-06 E.
 1200 Position: 19-09 N; 119-36 E.
 2000 Position: 20-10 N; 121-13 E.

21 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched first air strike at 0650. Remained in same general vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes until 1200, then commenced working gradually northeastward.

U.S.S. MADDOX detached to join TG 30.3, at 1710.

Commenced retirement to eastward at 1800 and at 1920 proceeded to northeastward for air strike at Okinawa Jima on 22 January.

0800 Position: 22-12 N; 122-51 E.
 1200 Position: 22-06 N; 123-00 E.
 2000 Position: 22-48 N; 124-28 E.

22 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

Launched pre-dawn air strike on Okinawa Jima at 0540. Continued working to northeastward until dusk, with destroyers fueling from heavy ships as practical, between launching and recovery of successive strikes.

At 1824 commenced retirement to southwestward toward fueling area.

0800 Position: 24-31 N; 128-31 E.
 1200 Position: 24-51 N; 128-34 E.
 2000 Position: 25-11 N; 129-18 E.

23 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

At 0930 joined fueling group and commenced fueling operations.

At 1400 left screening station to fuel alongside U.S.S. MACRIAS, returning to screening station at 1540.

On completion of fueling operations at 2000, formation proceeded to southeastward for Ulithi. 8

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-----23 January - (continued).

0800 Position: 20-39 N; 127-24 E.
 1200 Position: 19-58 N; 129-39 E.
 2000 Position: 19-34 N; 128-52 E.

24 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 38.1.3.

In accordance with orders from ComTHIRD Fleet; at 0650 proceeded with Desron 61, less BLUE and MADDOX, and joined TU 34.3 at 0750 for various drills and exercises while enroute to Ulithi. CTF 34 (ComBatPAC) in SOUTH DAKOTA. ComDesRon 61 (CTU 34.3) in this vessel.

Conducted AA firing from 0925 to 1045, expending 30 rounds 5"/38 AA common ammunition.

0800 Position: 17-51 N; 131-16 E.
 1200 Position: 16-59 N; 131-55 E.
 2000 Position: 15-40 N; 133-20 E.

25 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 34.3.2.

Conducted AA firing exercises from 1358 to 1515, expending 27 rounds 5"/38 AA common, 150 rounds 40 MM, and 60 rounds 20 MM ammunition.

At 1530, test fired 5"/38 battery, expending 17 rounds AA special ammunition.

0800 Position: 13-11 N; 135-44 E.
 1200 Position: 12-31 N; 136-37 E.
 2000 Position: 11-48 N; 138-33 E.

26 January - Zone Minus 9. TU 34.3.

Conducted squadron long range surface firing practice from 0910 to 0914, expending 50 rounds 5"/38 AA common ammunition.

Entered Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands, at 1310 for upkeep at anchor.

0800 Position: 11-20 N; 139-34 E.
 1200 Position: 10-06 N; 139-50 E.

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27 to 31 January, inclusive - Zone Minus 10.

At Ulithi undergoing voyage repairs and overhaul.


J. B. DIMMICK.

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28 February, 1945.

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

Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

1 February - 3 February, Zone Minus 10.

At anchor, Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands, undergoing voyage repairs and overhaul.

4 February - 6 February.

Underway at 0655, 4 February in company with MANSFIELD, TAUSSIG, COLLETT, and COLAHAN, acting as screen for HORNET and WASP.

Conducted various flight and gunnery exercises while operating in areas north of Ulithi.

Returned to Ulithi at 1655, 6 February, having expended 72 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 442 rounds 40 mm, and 416 rounds 20 mm ammunition.

7 February - 9 February.

At Ulithi, topping off stores, fuel and provisions.

10 February - TG 58.1.3.

Underway at 0933, in company with DesRon 61, less MADDOX, as a part of TU 58.1.3, to screen sortie of TG 58.1 in accordance with CTG 58.1 sortie order and as directed by CTU 58.1.3 (ComDesRon 61 in DEHAVEN).

Commenced screening sortie at 1020.

Joined TU 58.1.4 at 1213 and took assigned station proceeding to northeastward.

Conducted AA firing exercises from 1513 to 1700, expending 50 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 229 rounds 40mm, and 613 rounds 20 mm ammunition.

Joined TG 58.1 at 1800.

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10 February - TG 58.1.3 - (continued)

1200 Position: 09-58 N; 137-53 E.
 2000 Position: 10-35 N; 141-21 E.

11 February.

Conducted AA firing exercises from 1315 to 1500, expending 252 rounds 40 mm and 386 rounds 20 mm ammunition.

0800 Position: 12-01 N; 144-21 E.
 1200 Position: 12-26 N; 145-25 E.
 2000 Position: 12-49 N; 146-39 E.

12 February.

Conducted AA firing from 0730 to 0820, expending 84 rounds 40 mm ammunition. At 1129 observed friendly rocket hit on TBF plane. At 1130 left screening station to recover downed pilot.

At 1140 recovered Ensign Paul Cochran, USNR, attached to U.S.S. BENNINGTON, and rejoined formation at 1200 having been unable to locate two enlisted airmen from Ensign Cochran's plane.

At 1510 left screening station and fueled alongside HORNET from 1545 to 1611, then transferred pilot to BENNINGTON and returned to screening station at 1700.

0800 Position: 15-38 N; 147-15 E.
 1200 Position: 16-20 N; 147-33 E.
 2000 Position: 17-16 N; 147-51 E.

13 February.

Made rendezvous with fueling group at 1200. Left screening station at 1610 and fueled alongside U.S.S. CHIPOLA from 1648 to 1720, returning to screening station at 1740.

Completed fueling operation at 1800 and proceeded to northward with tankers in company.

0800 Position: 20-03 N; 148-29 E.
 1200 Position: 21-02 N; 148-37 E.
 2000 Position: 22-07 N; 148-57 E.

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Subject: War Diary.

14 February - TG 58.1.3.

Left screening station at 0620 and fueled alongside U.S.S. CHIPOLA from 0705 to 0725, returning to screening station at 0735.

On completion of fueling exercises at 1000, tankers dropped astern and formation proceeded to northwestward for air strikes at Tokyo on 16 February.

0800 Position: 24-23 N; 149-26 E.
1200 Position: 25-07 N; 149-46 E.
2000 Position: 26-24 N; 147-52 E.

15 February.

Left screening station at 0832 to fuel alongside U.S.S. WASP from 0852 to 0915. Returned to screening station at 0930.

0800 Position: 29-22 N; 146-34 E.
1200 Position: 30-02 N; 146-16 E.
2000 Position: 32-09 N; 145-10 E.

16 February.

Launched first air strike on Tokyo area at 0650, then remained in same general area while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At sunset commenced retirement to eastward .

At 2348 commenced run to westward for second days attacks on Tokyo.

0800 Position: 24-15 N; 141-25 N;
1200 Position: 34-22 N; 141-23 N;
2000 Position: 34-54 N; 142-20 N.

17 February.

Launched first air strike against Tokyo at 0700, then remained in same general vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1700 commenced retirement to southward.

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17 February - TG 58.1.3. (Continued)

0800 Position: 34-10 N; 141-42 E.

1200 Position: 34-03 N; 141-57 E.

2000 Position: 33-04 N; 141-51 E.

18 February.

Left screening station at 1425 and fueled alongside U.S.S. VINCENNES from 1455 to 1554, returning to screening station at 1605.

Continued southward enroute fueling rendezvous for

19 February.

0800 Position: 29-34 N; 141-22 E.

1200 Position: 28-45 N; 140-41 E.

2000 Position: 27-30 N; 139-55 E.

19 February.

Joined tanker group and commenced fueling operations at 0800. Left screening station at 0945 and fueled from U.S.S. ATASCOSA from 1005 to 1032, returning to screening station at 1115.

At 1537 left screening station to sink floating mine. Mine sunk at 1608 after expending 100 rounds 40 mm ammunition. Returned to screen at 1700.

On completion of fueling operations continued northward to provide air support for ground forces on Iwo Jima on 20 February.

0800 Position: 23-33 N; 139-44 E.

1200 Position: 24-06 N; 139-41 E.

2000 Position: 25-01 N; 139-17 E.

20 February.

Launched first air strike in support of ground forces on Iwo Jima at 0630. Remained in same general vicinity until dusk while launching and recovering successive strikes.

Commenced retirement to westward at 2042.

0800 Position: 25-26 N; 139-59 E.

1200 Position: 25-29 N; 140-07 E.

2000 Position: 26-08 N; 139-39 E.

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Subject: War Diary.

21 February - TG 58.1,3.

Turned to southward at 0045 and proceeded to southeastward at 0215. Proceeded northeastward at 0644.

Left screening station at 0910 and fueled from U.S.S. HORNET from 0928 to 1006, returning to screen at 1020.

Proceeded to southwestward at 1905.

0800 Position: 25-15 N; 139-40.

1200 Position: 25-06 N; 139-51.

2000 Position: 26-05 N; 140-37.

22 February.

At 0400 proceeded southeastward for furnish further air support for ground forces on Iwo Jima. Launched first strike at 0720 and remained in same general vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes.

Commenced working to southeastward at 1422, and at 2300 proceeded to northeastward for fueling rendezvous on 23 February.

0800 Position: 24-36 N; 140-01 E.

1200 Position: 24-27 N; 140-00 E.

2000 Position: 23-15 N; 141-21 E.

23 February.

Joined fueling group at 0857. Left screening station at 1117 and fueled alongside U.S.S. PLATTE from 1132 to 1200, returning to screen at 1215.

On completion of fueling operations at 1630, continued northward

Conducted AA firing exercises from 1739 to 1800, expending 88 rounds 20 mm and 58 rounds 40 mm ammunition.

Proceeded to eastward at 1852 and at 2300 turned to northward.

0800 Position: 25-02 N; 144-41 E.

1200 Position: 25-31 N; 144-55 E.

2000 Position: 26-36 N; 144-59 E.

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expending 24 rounds 40 mm ammunition.

On completion of fueling exercises, formation proceeded to westward for air strikes on Okinawa Jima 1 March.

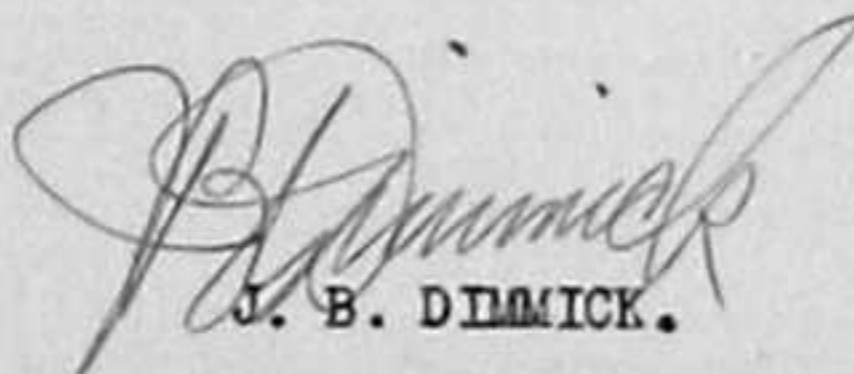
0800 Position: 23-41 N; 140-09 E.
1200 Position: 22-52 N; 140-35 E.
2000 Position: 22-25 N; 139-20 E.

28 February.

Left screening station at 0815 to fuel from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, returning to screen at 0853.

Continued to westward until 1930 then proceeded northwestward.

0800 Position: 22-45 N; 135-28 E.
1200 Position: 22-53 N; 134-32 E.
2000 Position: 22-36 N; 132-28 E.


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31 March, 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
 To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
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*Received*1 March, Zone Minus 9.

Underway in company with DesRon 61, less U.S.S. MADDOX, as part of TU 58.1.3, outer screen for TG 58.1; Captain J. H. Carter, U.S.N., CDS 61 and CTU 58.1.3 on board.

At dawn headed eastward. At 1153 left screening station to go alongside U.S.S. WASP for fueling, and returned to screen at 1445. 2030 Left Task Group 58.1 and formed Task Group 58.22, consisting of U.S.S. VINCENNES, flagship and guide, U.S.S. MIAMI, U.S.S. SAN DIEGO and DesRon 61. Proceeded southeastward to bombard Okino Daito Shima.

0800 Position: 25-21 N; 128-34 E.
 1200 Position: 25-30 N; 128-34 E.
 2000 Position: 25-13 N; 129-25 E.

2 March - TG 58.22.

0000 Commenced bombardment of Okino Daito Shima, southern area. 0135 Ceased bombardment and retired toward southward. 0350 Made radar contact with Task Group 58.2, bearing 238°T, 16 miles. 0855 Joined Task Group 58.1 and took station in 12 ship screen. 1333 Commenced AA firing exercise. Completed firing at 1530, having expended 14 rounds 5"/38 AA Common, 432 rounds 40mm, 815 rounds 20mm. Continued southeastward.

0800 Position: 21-52 N; 131-39 E.
 1200 Position: 21-09 N; 132-49 E.
 2000 Position: 19-56 N; 134-16 E.

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3 March - Zone Minus 9, TG 58.1.

At dawn joined fueling group. 1005 Left station in screen to go alongside U.S.S. CHIPOLA to fuel. 1120 Rejoined screen. 1327 Formed straightline screen formation and commenced AA firing exercise. 1530 Completed firing exercise, having expended 30 rounds 5"/38 AA Common, 692 rounds 40mm, 1150 rounds 20mm. Continued toward southeast.

0800 Position: 16-43 N; 135-38 E.

1200 Position: 16-06 N; 136-04 E.

2000 Position: 14-15 N; 137-07 E.

4 March.

0757 Formed straightline screen formation. Conducted AA exercises, expending 48 rounds 5"/38 AA Common, 56 rounds 40mm, 200 rounds 20mm. 1247 Sighted Ulithi Atoll, bearing 235°T, 12 miles.

1356 Formed column and entered Mugai Channel. 1451 Anchored Ulithi Atoll, Western Caroline Islands. Commenced voyage repairs and overhaul.

0800 Position: 11-12 N; 139-12 E.

1200 Position: 10-21 N; 139-47 E.

5 March - 13 March.

Anchored in Ulithi Lagoon undergoing voyage repairs and tender upkeep.

14 March.

0840 Underway; departed Ulithi in accordance with sortie plans in ComFIRST Carrier Task Force OP Plan 2-45, in company with TU 58.1.4; DesRon 61 as screen.

ComTask Unit 58.1.3, Captain J. H. Carter, U.S.N., in this vessel. Headed northwestward, conducting gunnery exercises enroute.

1200 Position: 10-17 N; 140-10 E.

2000 Position: 12-22 N; 139-13 E.

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15 March - TU 58.1.3

At 0604 and 0938 conducted AA firing exercises. Expended 200 rounds 40mm and 724 rounds 20mm ammunition. At 1528 conducted main battery local control practice. Expended 23 rounds 5"/38 AA Common ammunition.

At 1830, joined up with TU 58.1.5, and formed TG 58.1, cruising formation 5-R, U.S.S. HORNET guide.

Continued northwestward.

0800 Position: 14-27 N; 138-02 E.

1200 Position: 15-21 N; 137-55 E.

2000 Position: 16-41 N; 138-37 E.

16 March.

At 0620 joined fueling group and proceeded northeastward. At 0947 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. ASHTABULA (A051). Returned to screen at 1105.

At 1330 proceeded northwestward for Kyushu strike 18 March.

0800 Position: 20-12 N; 137-46 E.

1200 Position: 21-04 N; 138-16 E.

2000 Position: 23-00 N; 137-04 E.

17 March.

At 0743 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET. At 0840 resumed screening station.

At 1500 sighted and exploded mine by gunfire at position latitude 26-45 N, longitude 134-28 E. Expended 80 rounds AP 40mm and 51 rounds AA 40mm ammunition.

Continued northwestward.

0800 Position: 25-26 N; 135-04 E.

1200 Position: 26-10 N; 134-38 E.

2000 Position: 28-11 N; 134-10 E.

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18 March - TG 58.1.

Commencing at 0450, when flares were dropped over the formation, went to General Quarters seven times during the day, enemy planes being in the vicinity. 0740 Took enemy plane under fire. Ceased firing at 0741.

Launched first air strike on Kyushu at 0535. Remained in same general area until dusk, launching and recovering successive strikes. Then proceeded northeastward.

0800 Position: 30-35 N; 133-03 E.
1200 Position: 31-20 N; 133-07 E.
2000 Position: 31-18 N; 133-20 E.

19 March.

Launched first air strike against Kyushu and adjacent islands, at 0532. Remained in vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes. 0708 Jap plane dropped bomb on U.S.S. WASP. 0709 Took plane under fire. 0710 Plane shot down on third salvo from mount 3.

Went to General Quarters at 0722. 0833 Commenced firing on Jap plane. 0834 Ceased firing. 0835 Plane shot down astern. 0927 Recovered Lieut. Comdr. W. F. Rawie, U.S.N., fighter pilot of U.S.S. INTREPID from water. 2130 Proceeded southward.

0800 Position: 32-30 N; 134-06 E.
1200 Position: 32-34 N; 134-51 E.
2000 Position: 32-52 N; 135-13 E.

20 March

At 0739 left station in screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET. Transferred pilot. 0955 Regained station in screen. 2105 Went to General Quarters. 2322 Commenced firing at Jap plane. 2324 Ceased firing. 2337 Plane shot down by cruiser.

Proceeded southwestward.

0800 Position: 30-54 N; 135-12 E.
1200 Position: 30-17 N; 135-48 E.
2000 Position: 29-27 N; 134-58 E.

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21 March - TG 58.1

At 0045 secured from General Quarters. 0530 Captain T. H. Hederman, U.S.N., relieved Captain J. H. Carter, U.S.N., as Commander Destroyer Squadron Sixty-one, and CTU 58.1.3. At 0955 left screening station to transfer Captain Carter to U.S.S. HORNET. At 1035 regained screening station. Proceeded southwestward.

0800 Position: 27-17 N; 134-32 E.

1200 Position: 26-11 N; 134-30 E.

2000 Position: 24-31 N; 134-37 E.

22 March.

At 0624 effected rendezvous with fueling group on easterly course. 0850 Left screening station and proceeded to U.S.S. AUCILLA(AO56) to fuel. 1010 Returned to station in screen.

Proceeded to westward.

0800 Position: 22-39 N; 131-46 E.

1200 Position: 22-36 N; 132-18 E.

2000 Position: 22-46 N; 132-29 E.

23 March.

At 0557 launched first strike against the islands of Okinawa Gunto and remained in general vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1925 proceeded northeastward. At 2200 turned southwestward to continue air strikes on Okinawa.

0800 Position: 24-32 N; 128-35 E.

1200 Position: 25-23 N; 128-33 E.

2000 Position: 25-42 N; 128-32 E.

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24 March - TG 58.1

At 0730 launched first strike against Okinawa and Kerama Retto area. Remained in vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes. At dusk proceeded northeastward.

0800 Position: 24-55 N; 128-10 E.

1200 Position: 25-31 N; 128-12 E.

2000 Position: 26-00 N; 128-45 E.

25 March.

At 0100 turned to southwestward to continue strikes on Okinawa. At 0546 launched first support strike against the islands of Okinawa Gunto. Remained in vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes. 1018 Left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET. Fueling delayed. At 1414 completed fueling exercise and regained station in screen.

Proceeded southwestward to rendezvous with fueling group.

0800 Position: 26-14 N; 129-28 E.

1200 Position: 26-16 N; 129-35 E.

2000 Position: 26-28 N; 129-22 E.

26 March.

At 0716 joined fueling group. 1015 Left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. CHICOPEE(A034). 1230 Regained station in screen. 1600 Conducting AA firing practice. Expended 30 rounds 5"/38 AA Common ammunition.

Left fueling group at 1645 and proceeded northeastward for air strike on Okinawa area.

0800 Position: 23-07 N; 127-53 E.

1200 Position: 23-31 N; 128-17 E.

2000 Position: 24-22 N; 129-14 E.

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30 March - TG 58.1

At 0550 joined fueling group and commenced fueling operations at 0620. At 0845 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. SABINE (A025). Returned to station at 1000.

At 1045 left screening station to receive provisions and stores from U.S.S. MERCURY(AK42). Returned to station at 1400.

On completion of fueling and provisioning operations proceeded to Okinawa area, passing to northward of Daito Shima(Borodino Islands).

0800 Position: 25-07 N; 133-11 E.

1200 Position: 25-36 N; 133-29 E.

2000 Position: 26-31 N; 132-56 E.

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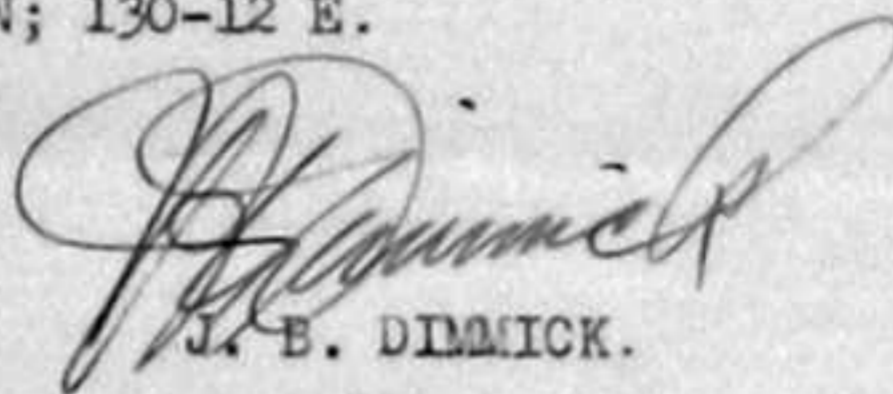
Conducted routine flight operations east of Okinawa Gunto. At 1327 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET. Returned to station at 1510.

Remained in area to eastward of Okinawa during night in preparation for support of landings on April 1.

0800 Position: 26-14 N; 129-30 E.

1200 Position: 26-13 N; 129-04 E.

2000 Position: 26-36 N; 130-12 E.



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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary.
Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

1 April, Zone Minus 9, TU 58.1.3.

Underway in company with DesRon 61 as part of TU 58.1.3., acting as screen for TG 58.1. Captain T. H. HEDERMAN, U.S.N., ComDesRon 61 and CTU 58.1.3., on board.

Task Group 58.1 continuing to furnish air support of ground forces on Okinawa and to deliver diversionary air strikes at nearby islands, from operating area about ninety miles east of Okinawa.

At 1519 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET, returning to screen at 1630.

0800 Position: 26-28 N; 129-02 E.
1200 Position: 26-24 N; 129-24 E.
2000 Position: 26-34 N; 129-54 E.

2 April.

Continued to furnish air support to ground forces on Okinawa during the day, and night fighter cover during the night while working slowly southward for air strikes on Sakishima Gunto on 3 April.

0800 Position: 26-22 N; 129-39 E.
1200 Position: 26-10 N; 129-18 E.
2000 Position: 25-56 N; 129-46 E.

3 April.

At 0600 launched first air strike at Sakishima Gunto and remained in same general vicinity while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1730 went to general quarters as enemy planes were closing the formation.

At 1912 took enemy plane under fire. Ceased fire at 1913.

At dusk proceeded southeastward for fueling rendezvous.

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0800 Position: 24-29 N; 126-54 E.
1200 Position: 24-15 N; 126-47 E.
2000 Position: 24-42 N; 127-26 E.

4 April.

At 0618 joined fueling group and took assigned screening station. At 1437 left station to fuel from U.S.S. MANATEE (AO 58). Re-joined screen at 1625.

At 1752, on completion of fueling operations, formation proceeded northwestward to continue air support over Okinawa.

0800 Position: 22-59 N; 128-43 E.
1200 Position: 23-24 N; 129-03 E.
2000 Position: 24-26 N; 129-35 E.

5 April.

Commencing at 0635, continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0927 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET, returning to screen at 1105.

Remained in same area during the night, providing fighter cover for ground forces.

0800 Position: 26-20 N; 129-36 E.
1200 Position: 26-43 N; 129-48 E.
2000 Position: 26-49 N; 129-51 E.

6 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 1046 formed air defense formation "5VD". 1157 went to general quarters. 1315 commenced firing on enemy planes. 1316 ceased firing, two enemy planes having been shot down; one bearing 250°T and one bearing 030°T. At 1317 opened fire on plane bearing about 160°T, which was diving on the U.S.S. SAN JACINTO. 1319 plane crashed in water just ahead of U.S.S. SAN JACINTO.

Remained at general quarters until 1933, but no further attacks were made on formation.

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6 April - TU 58.1.3. - (continued)

Remained in same area during the night.

0800 Position: 27-13 N; 129-30 E.
 1200 Position: 27-03 N; 130-06 E.
 2000 Position: 26-51 N; 131-09 E.

7 April.

At 0510 launched first air strike to locate and destroy Japanese surface units reported west of Kyushu.

Worked slowly southeastward during the day, while launching and recovering successive strikes.

After recovery of last strikes, continued southeastward for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 26-43 N; 129-44 E.
 1200 Position: 26-45 N; 129-49 E.
 2000 Position: 27-14 N; 130-26 E.

8 April.

At 0552 joined fueling group and commenced fueling operations. At 0912 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. AUCILLA, returning to screen at 1030.

At 1802 cleared fueling group and proceeded northwestward toward Okinawa.

0800 Position: 24-40 N; 133-26 E.
 1200 Position: 24-48 N; 133-58 E.
 2000 Position: 25-10 N; 132-31 E.

9 April.

Commencing at 0522 continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0630 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET, returning to screen at 0730.

Remained in same area during the night.

0800 Position: 25-45 N; 129-57 E.
 1200 Position: 25-37 N; 129-34 E.
 2000 Position: 25-15 N; 129-49 E.

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10 April - TU 58.1.3.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa. At 0704 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, returning to screen at 0805.

At 1830 proceeded southeastward for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 26-36 N; 129-33 E.

1200 Position: 26-01 N; 129-30 E.

2000 Position: 25-17 N; 130-22 E.

11 April.

Joined fueling group at 0558 and commenced fueling operations. At 0900 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. GUADALUPE (AO 32); then picked up mail from U.S.S. TALLULAH (AO 50) and delivered to various ships of DesRon 61.

At 1749 joined screen. Upon completion of fueling operations, formation then cleared fueling group and proceeded northwestward toward Okinawa.

0800 Position: 23-28 N; 132-02 E.

1200 Position: 23-49 N; 131-37 E.

2000 Position: 24-42 N; 130-48 E.

12 April.

Commencing at 0505 continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

The formation was under intermittent air attack throughout the day, commencing at 0828 and continuing until midnight.

Although this vessel did not open fire, several enemy planes were shot down by other ships of the formation.

0800 Position: 26-26 N; 129-46 E.

1200 Position: 26-25 N; 129-32 E.

2000 Position: 26-19 N; 129-53 E.

13 April.

Commencing at 0533, continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

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-----13 April - TU 58.1.3. - (continued)

At 0630 left screening station and destroyed K-2 Japanese mine by gunfire in Latitude 26-44 N; Longitude 129-44 E, and returned to screen. Expended 40 rounds 40mm and 78 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 0825 left screen, investigating small yellow cylinder. Sank same and returned to screen. Expended 132 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 0922 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET, returning to screen at 1029.

0800 Position: 26-44 N; 129-47 E.

1200 Position: 26-51 N; 129-51 E.

2000 Position: 26-55 N; 129-49 E.

14 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0735 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTES, returning to screen at 0820. Did not complete fueling. At 1030 left screen to complete fueling from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, returning to screen at 1113.

The Task Group was under intermittent air attack during afternoon and evening. One Enemy plane, close to the formation, was shot down at 1342 by other ships.

The Task Group provided fighter cover and support during the retirement of the U.S.S. SIGSBEE, and escorting vessels.

0800 Position: 26-28 N; 129-55 E.

1200 Position: 26-18 N; 129-40 E.

2000 Position: 27-02 N; 130-12 E.

15 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa and also conducted fighter sweep of airfields on Kyushu.

At 2255 the Task Group went to general quarters due to numerous enemy air groups reported closing the formation. Additional night fighters were launched and succeeded in breaking up most of the attacks, which continued throughout the night and the following day.

0800 Position: 26-37 N; 129-48 E.

1200 Position: 26-52 N; 130-05 E.

2000 Position: 27-42 N; 130-46 E.

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-----16 April - TU 58.1.3.

Opened fire at 0055 and at 0100 on enemy plane closing from southward. In both cases the plane turned away when firing commenced. At 0426 flares were dropped to northeastward. From 0432 to 0433 fired on enemy plane to southward. Secured from general quarters from 0550 until 0734.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa during the day.

At 0950 and at 1159, ships of the Task Group shot down single enemy planes approaching from northward.

From 1928 to 1929 fired at enemy plane approaching from south, which then turned away. At 2100 many flares were dropped to southwest and northwest, also considerable window. Enemy planes then closed the formation, but after being brought under fire by other ships at 2117, they retired without pressing home the attack.

Secured from general quarters at 2152.

Formation proceeded southeastward for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 27-22 N; 130-07 E.
1200 Position: 27-39 N; 130-39 E.
2000 Position: 27-26 N; 130-56 E.

17 April.

Joined fueling and replenishing group at 0545.

At 0835 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. PLATTE (AO 24), then received provisions from U.S.S. MERCURY (AK 42), returning to screen at 1203.

From 1602 to 1632 tested 5" V.T. ammunition, expending 32 rounds.

On completion of operations at 1845, cleared fueling group and proceeded northwestward toward Okinawa.

0800 Position: 24-51 N; 132-11 E.
1200 Position: 25-20 N; 132-10 E.
2000 Position: 25-04 N; 131-46 E.

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Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

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At 0650 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET, returning to screen at 0737.

0800 Position: 26-02 N; 129-35 E.

1200 Position: 26-03 N; 130-15 E.

2000 Position: 25-52 N; 130-12 E.

19 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0710 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. INDIANA, returning to screen at 0751.

0800 Position: 25-52 N; 128-41 E.

1200 Position: 25-29 N; 128-29 E.

2000 Position: 25-27 N; 128-27 E.

20 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0730 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, returning to screen at 0838.

0800 Position: 25-47 N; 128-29 E.

1200 Position: 25-47 N; 128-39 E.

2000 Position: 26-26 N; 129-00 E.

21 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0526 left screen and rescued Lt.(jg) C. V. STONE, fighter pilot from the U.S.S. HORNET, rejoining formation at 0655.

At noon Task Group proceeded southeastward, with destroyers ordered to conduct shore bombardment of Minami Daito Jima prior to darkness.

At 1723 went to general quarters. At 1745 cleared Task Group and in company with Desron 61, proceeding to a north-south line 5000 yards west of island. At 1820 formed column of divisions. At 1844 commenced firing. Target: Air strip and administration building,

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both in center of island. 1858 ceased firing and proceeded southeastward to rejoin formation.

Rejoined at 2040 and continued southeastward for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 26-50 N; 129-29 E.
 1200 Position: 26-40 N; 129-39 E.
 2000 Position: 25-34 N; 131-07 E.

22 April.

Joined fueling group at 0527 and commenced fueling operations.

At 0930 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. COWANESQUE (AO 79), and to the U.S.S. MAUNA LOA (E-3) to load ammunition; upon completion returned to screen, delivering Lt.(jg) C. V. STONE to the U.S.S. HORNET en route. Took screening station at 1435.

At 1730 cleared fueling group and proceeded northwestward toward Okinawa.

0800 Position: 23-53 N; 132-44 E.
 1200 Position: 24-24 N; 133-01 E.
 2000 Position: 25-06 N; 132-42 E.

23 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0730 left screen to fuel from the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, returning to screen at 0835.

0800 Position: 26-13 N; 129-30 E.
 1200 Position: 26-29 N; 130-06 E.
 2000 Position: 25-43 N; 130-27 E.

24 April.

Remained in area to eastward of Okinawa but strikes in support of ground forces were cancelled due to low visibility.

At 0816 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET, returning to screen at 1002.

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0800 Position: 26-40 N; 129-36 E.
 1200 Position: 26-56 N; 129-39 E.
 2000 Position: 26-55 N; 129-37 E.

25 April.

Support of ground forces on Okinawa cancelled due to weather until 1030 when light support and small fighter sweeps were commenced.

Worked gradually eastward during the day and at 1545 proceeded southeastward to fueling rendezvous .

0800 Position: 26-30 N; 128-57 E.
 1200 Position: 26-30 N; 129-00 E.
 2000 Position: 26-07 N; 130-09 E.

26 April.

Joined fueling group at 0520 and commenced fueling exercises. At 0810 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. LAKAWAHNA (AO 40) returning to screen at 1030.

At 1106 left screen to transfer personnel to U.S.S. BELLEAU WOOD and U.S.S. INDIANA, returning to screen at 1225.

From 1550 to 1730 conducted AA firing exercises, expended 29 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 447 rounds 40mm, and 900 rounds 20mm ammunition.

Cleared fueling group at 1730 and proceeded northwestward to Okinawa.

0800 Position: 24-16 N; 132-07 E.
 1200 Position: 24-00 N; 131-36 E.
 2000 Position: 24-35 N; 130-33 E.

27 April.

Continued air support of ground forces on Okinawa and also various air strikes to islands northward.

At sunset, Task Group 58.1 commenced retirement to Ulithi for upkeep and voyage repairs.

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0800 Position: 26-21 N; 129-17 E.
1200 Position: 26-27 N; 129-41 E.
2000 Position: 25-49 N; 130-08 E.

28 April.

Continued toward Ulithi.

From 0906 to 1055 conducted AA firing exercises, expending 28 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 376 rounds 40mm and 2,270 rounds 20mm ammunition.

0800 Position: 23-08 N; 131-05 E.
1200 Position: 22-04 N; 131-44 E.
2000 Position: 19-58 N; 133-18 E.

29 April.

Continued toward Ulithi.

From 1552 to 1616 conducted AA firing exercises, expending 75 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

0800 Position: 16-52 N; 135-33 E.
1200 Position: 15-57 N; 136-14 E.
2000 Position: 13-55 N; 137-41 E.

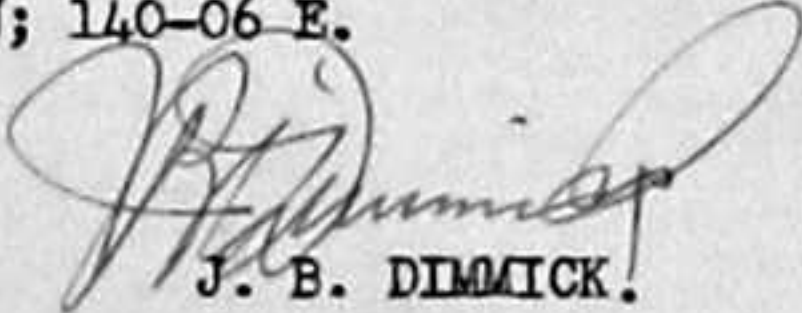
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Continued toward Ulithi.

From 0706 to 0843 conducted AA firing exercises, expending 90 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 1014 rounds 40mm, and 500 rounds 20mm ammunition.

Arrived Ulithi at 1453 and proceeded to anchorage for voyage repairs and upkeep.

0800 Position: 10-56 N; 139-43 E.
1200 Position: 10-25 N; 140-06 E.


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31 May 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary.
Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

1 - 8 May, Zone Minus 10.

At Ulithi, Western Caroline Islands, undergoing voyage repairs and upkeep.

ComDesRon 61, Captain T. H. HEDERMAN, U.S. Navy, embarked in this vessel.

9 May, Zone Minus 10, TU 58.1.3.

Underway at 0746 in company with DesRon 61, less U.S.S. MADDOX and U.S.S. COLLETT. Stood out of harbor to screen sortie of TU 58.1.4, in accordance with CTG 58.1 sortie order of 6 May and as directed by CTU 58.1.3 (ComDesRon 61).

Task organization in accordance with CTG 58.1 operation plan 2-45, change #8.

At 0840 changed to Zone Minus 9 time.

After all units of TU 58.1.4 cleared harbor, formed cruising disposition 5-R and proceeded northwestward toward Okinawa area, conducting various exercises and routine flight operations enroute.

At 1205 U.S.S. HICKOX joined the formation.

From 1300 to 1600 conducted AA firing exercises, using drones and towed sleeves. Expended 97 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 296 rounds 40mm, and 220 rounds 20mm ammunition.

1200 Position: 10-09 N; 140-05 E.
2000 Position: 11-56 N; 138-50 E.

10 May.

From 0530 to 0830 conducted fighter direction exercises. From 1410 to 1541 conducted AA firing exercises, using towed

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sleeves. Expended 2 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 299 rounds 40mm, and 588 rounds 20mm ammunition.

Continued northwestward.

0800 Position: 14-40 N; 136-43 E.
1200 Position: 15-05 N; 136-35 E.
2000 Position: 16-43 N; 135-38 E.

11 May.

From 1351 to 1515 conducted AA firing exercises; expended 758 rounds 40mm and 2180 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 1755 Task Unit 58.1.5 joined formation.

Continued northwestward.

0800 Position: 19-27 N; 133-20 E.
1200 Position: 20-35 N; 132-36 E.
2000 Position: 22-06 N; 131-31 E.

12 May.

At 0507 joined fueling group.

At 0625 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. CHICOPEE.
Returned to screen at 0730.

Cleared fueling group at 0930 and proceeded north-eastward toward Kyushu.

At 1200 U.S.S. HICKOX left formation.

0800 Position: 25-02 N; 130-19 E.
1200 Position: 25-55 N; 130-01 E.
2000 Position: 28-10 N; 131-06.

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Went to general quarters at 0143, several raids reported closing the formation. Secured from general quarters at 0408. No raids close enough for this vessel to open fire.

At 0500 launched first air strikes against Kyushu. Remained in same general area for remainder of day while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1406 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to screen at 1455.

Remained in same area during the night, keeping hecklers over airfields on Kyushu.

At 2125 went to general quarters due to enemy aircraft approaching formation, and at 2142 formed air defense formation 5VN. At 2144 some ships in formation opened fire on plane bearing 060-T, distance 10,000 yards; plane then turned away. Secured from general quarters at 2318.

0800 Position: 30-04 N; 133-08 E.

1200 Position: 30-52 N; 132-40 E.

2000 Position: 30-43 N; 132-46 E.

14 May:

At 0130 went to general quarters; enemy planes closing the formation. At 0134 opened fire on plane closing from south at 8000 yards. Ceased firing at 0135 as plane turned away. Secured from general quarters at 0227.

At 0330 went to general quarters. At 0350 flares were dropped. One plane then closed from southeast and was taken under fire at 0355. Ceased firing at 0356 when plane turned away.

At 0417 opened fire on plane closing from southeast. Ceased firing at 0418 when plane turned away and went down in flames.

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At 0510 secured from general quarters, and first strikes were launched against Kyushu airfields. Remained in same general vicinity during the day while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 0828 left screen and rescued U.S.S. BENNINGTON pilot, First Lieut. H. F. PFREMMER, U.S.M.C.R. from the water. Returned to screen at 0910.

At 1230 left screen to return pilot to BENNINGTON and rejoined screen at 1300.

At 1340 commenced retirement to fueling area.

0800 Position: 30-54 N; 132-45 E.
1200 Position: 30-30 N; 132-57 E.
2000 Position: 29-33 N; 133-12 E.

15 May.

Joined fueling group at 1055 and commenced two-day fueling and replenishment exercises at 1104.

At 1455 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. SABINA. Returned to screen at 1635.

Discontinued operations at 1750 and formed normal task group cruising disposition for the night.

0800 Position: 25-24 N; 130-14 E.
1200 Position: 23-59 N; 130-14 E.
2000 Position: 22-38 N; 129-39 E.

16 May.

Rejoined fueling group at 0542 and at 0632 commenced fueling exercises.

At 0658 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. TALLULAH; returned to screen at 0750.

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16 May, Zone Minus 9, TU 58.1.3. (continued)

From 0845 to 1130 conducted AA firing exercises. Expended 30 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 567 rounds 40mm, and 1405 rounds 20mm ammunition.

On completion of fueling operations at 1600, the task group proceeded northward to continue support of ground forces on Okinawa.

0800 Position: 23-26 N; 130-00 E.
1200 Position: 24-13 N; 130-06 E.
2000 Position: 25-41 N; 129-59 E.

17 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0645 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to station at 0725.

0800 Position: 25-51 N; 129-25 E.
1200 Position: 25-42 N; 129-18 E.
2000 Position: 25-44 N; 129-23 E.

18 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0730 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to station at 0825.

0800 Position: 25-38 N; 129-40 E.
1200 Position: 25-58 N; 129-40 E.
2000 Position: 25-18 N; 129-43 E.

19 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0716 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to station at 0830.

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At 1925 commenced retirement to fueling area.

0800 Position: 26-12 N; 129-41 E.

1200 Position: 26-01 N; 129-32 E.

2000 Position: 25-37 N; 129-22 E.

20 May.

Joined fueling group at 0445 and commenced fueling exercises at dawn. At 0845 left screening station to fuel and receive mail from U.S.S. NANTAHALA. On completion of fueling, commenced mail deliveries to various ships of DesRon 61.

Alongside U.S.S. ALDEBARAN from 1410 to 1532 receiving provisions.

At 1647 completed mail deliveries and returned to screen.

At 1745 cleared fueling group and proceeded toward Okinawa.

0800 Position: 22-42 N; 130-09 E.

1200 Position: 22-25 N; 130-07 E.

2000 Position: 23-43 N; 130-09 E.

21 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0715 left screening station to fuel; returned to screen at 0815. Fueled from U.S.S. HORNET.

0800 Position: 26-22 N; 129-17 E.

1200 Position: 26-21 N; 129-16 E.

2000 Position: 25-49 N; 129-19 E.

22 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

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22 May, Zone Minus 9, TU 58.1.3. (continued)

At 1221 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to screen at 1310.

At 1747 commenced retirement to fueling area.

0800 Position: 26-11 N; 129-17 E.
1200 Position: 26-40 N; 128-57 E.
2000 Position: 26-32 N; 129-13 E.

23 May.

At 0600 joined fueling group.

From 0627 to 0813 rearmed from U.S.S. WRANGELL.

From 0835 to 0900 fueled from U.S.S. CACHE, and returned to screen at 0908.

At 1155 formation cleared fueling group and proceeded northward, launching several air support missions against Okinawa enroute.

0800 Position: 24-20 N; 130-05 E.
1200 Position: 25-02 N; 130-05 E.
2000 Position: 25-30 N; 129-42 E.

24 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0656 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to screen at 0728.

0800 Position: 26-27 N; 129-38 E.
1200 Position: 26-34 N; 129-44 E.
2000 Position: 26-20 N; 129-47 E.

25 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

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25 May, Zone Minus 9, TU 58.1.3. (continued)

At 1352 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET;
returned to screen at 1510.

0800 Position: 26-05 N; 129-33 E.

1200 Position: 25-27 N; 129-27 E.

2000 Position: 24-46 N; 128-45 E.

26 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0625 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S.
MASSACHUSETTS; returned to screen at 0710.

Commenced retirement to fueling area at dusk.

0800 Position: 25-31 N; 128-40 E.

1200 Position: 25-39 N; 129-20 E.

2000 Position: 25-07 N; 128-46 E.

27 May.

At 0547 joined fueling group.

At 0917 left screening station to receive fuel
and U.S. Mail for DesRon 61 from U.S.S. ESCAMBIA.

From 1018 to 1734 delivered mail to various ships
of DesRon 61.

At 1651 Commodore Roger W. SIMPSON came on board
from U.S.S. SAN JUAN.

At 1805 cleared fueling group and proceeded toward
Okinawa.

0800 Position: 23-06 N; 129-33 E.

1200 Position: 22-46 N; 128-58 E.

2000 Position: 22-36 N; 127-38 E.

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28 May, Zone Minus 9, TU 58.1.3.

At 0000, 28 May, Task Force FIFTY-EIGHT redesignated Task Force THIRTY-EIGHT with Admiral William Frederick HALSEY as Commander THIRD FLEET and Vic-Admiral John Sidney MC CAIN as Commander Task Force THIRTY-EIGHT.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0607 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. INDIANA; returned to screen at 0710.

0800 Position: 25-03 N; 127-55 E.
1200 Position: 25-06 N; 128-28 E.
2000 Position: 24-59 N; 128-36 E.

29 May, TU 38.1.3.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0600 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to screen at 0640.

At 1200 left screening station to transfer Commodore Roger W. SIMPSON to U.S.S. SAN JUAN; returned to screen at 1250.

0800 Position: 24-31 N; 128-17 E.
1200 Position: 24-17 N; 127-55 E.
2000 Position: 24-12 N; 127-35 E.

30 May.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0535 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HORNET; returned to screen at 0638.

At 0912 Commodore Roger W. SIMPSON, ComTaskFlotSIX, in U.S.S. SAN JUAN, assumed duties of screen commander, relieving Captain T. H. HEDERMAN, ComDesRon SIXTY-ONE, as CTU 38.1.3.

At 2310 proceeded to fueling area.

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0800 Position: 24-34 N; 127-58 E.
1200 Position: 24-18 N; 127-37 E.
2000 Position: 24-10 N; 127-29 E.

31 May.

At 0512 joined fueling group and commenced fueling exercises.

At 0837 left screening station to fuel from U.S.S. CASSATUT; returned to screen at 0930.

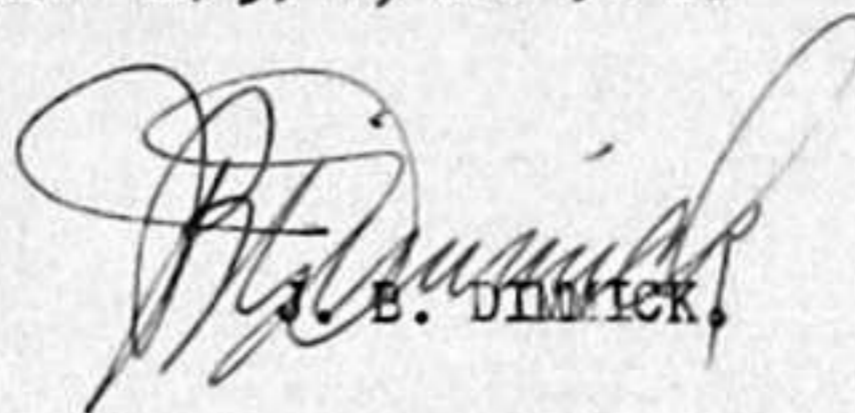
At 1001 left screening station to provision from U.S.S. ALDEBARAN; returned to screen at 1100.

From 1300 to 1605 conducted special AA drone firing. Expended 484 rounds 40mm and 300 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 1608 cleared fueling group and proceeded toward Okinawa.

At 1730 U.S.S. WEDDERBURN left formation to join Task Group 30.8.

0800 Position: 23-58 N; 128-47 E.
1200 Position: 24-23 N; 129-19 E.
2000 Position: 24-39 N; 128-58 E.


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17 June 1945.

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

Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

1 June, Zone Minus 9, TU 38.1.3.

Underway in company with DesRon 61, as a part of Task Unit 38.1.3 acting as screen for Task Group 38.1.

Commander Task Unit 38.1.3, Commodore R. W. SIMPSON, U.S.N., in SAN JUAN.

Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY ONE, Captain T. H. HEDERMAN, U.S.N. in DE HAVEN.

Task Group 38.1 continuing air support of ground forces on Okinawa, from an area about 75 miles southeastward of Okinawa.

At 0640 left screen to fuel from HORNET; returned to screen at 0730.

0800 Position: 25-27 N; 129-40 E.
1200 Position: 25-57 N; 129-15 E.
2000 Position: 26-10 N; 129-18 E.

2 June.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0655 left screen to fuel from HORNET; returned to screen at 0740.

0800 Position: 26-11 N; 129-56 E.
1200 Position: 26-09 N; 129-56 E.
2000 Position: 25-20 N; 129-50 E.

3 June.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0725 left screen to fuel from BENNINGTON;

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returned to screen at 0820.

At dusk commenced retirement to fueling area.

A typhoon warning was received, giving position of center at 1500-I, June 3, as Latitude 27°- N; Longitude 127°- E.

0800 Position:	26-33 N; 130-50 E.
1200 Position:	26-25 N; 129-45 E.
2000 Position:	26-01 N; 129-59 E.

4 June.

At 0544 joined fueling group and at 0600 took station in screen.

At 0858 left screen to fuel from MILLICOMA (A073). Completed fueling at 0950.

At 0950 fueling operations were discontinued due to approaching typhoon, then reported to be at Latitude 19°- N; Longitude 128°- E.

Formed normal cruising disposition, and with fueling group in company, proceeded eastward on course 110°T, speed 12 knots.

At 1200 the storm center was reported to be at Latitude 21°-N, Longitude 127°-30'-E, moving northward along a track about 100 miles eastward of Okinawa.

0800 Position:	23-21 N; 128-51 E.
1200 Position:	23-10 N; 129-36 E.
2000 Position:	22-39 N; 131-28 E.

5 June.

While on course to the southeast to avoid an impending typhoon, the wind, which had been from 120°T since

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2000, began to haul around to the right shortly after midnight, indicating the storm center should pass to the northwest of the formation.

At 0134 the formation course was changed to 300°T, on signal from Commander THIRD Fleet, in an attempt to cross ahead of the storm center into the navigable semi-circle. After changing course the barometer commenced falling rapidly (.12 per hour) and the wind velocity increased steadily, hauling back to 120°T.

At 0320 course was changed to north.

At 0503 the formation course was changed to westward and this vessel began, on various courses and speeds, to ride out the storm, and at about 0600 passed through the storm center. At this time the wind died down, then commenced again from the northward, backing to west. Courses from 240°T to 160°T were steered at speeds from 7 to 12 knots, holding the wind just abaft the starboard beam to ride out the typhoon.

At 1000 the ship appeared to be clear of the storm, and at 1120 joined several units of TG 38.1.

At 1520 all units of TG 38.1 had rejoined, except MC KEE and STOCKTON, who had been detached at 1425 to escort PITTSBURGH.

At 1850 DULUTH, escorted by BLUE, were detached.

Proceeded northwestward during the night for fueling area.

0800 Position: 22-51 N; 132-10 E.
 1200 Position: 22-34 N; 132-12 E.
 2000 Position: 23-13 N; 132-06 E.

6 June.

At 0611 joined fueling group and at 0625

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commenced fueling operations. Proceeded to KANKAKEE (A039) for fuel.

After completion of fueling, picked up Officer Messenger mail from HORNET and delivered to ships of DesRon 61. Completed mail deliveries and rejoined screen at 1108.

At 1340 formed air defense formation 5VD for AA firing exercises.

At 1416 left formation and recovered Lieutenant (jg) John Donald LOEFFLER, pilot from HORNET, whose plane had crashed into the sea; returning to the formation at 1500.

At 1556 completed AA firing exercises, expending 2 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 120 rounds 40mm ammunition.

At 1636 formed normal cruising disposition and proceeded toward Okinawa.

At 2024 BON HOMME RICHARD, TOPEKA, OKLAHOMA CITY and RINGOLD joined TG 38.1.

0800 Position: 24-37 N; 128-35 E.
1200 Position: 24-35 N; 129-27 E.
2000 Position: 24-22 N; 129-36 E.

7 June.

Continued support of ground forces on Okinawa.

At 0656 left screen to fuel and to return Lieutenant, (jg) John Donald LOEFFLER to HORNET. Returned to screen at 0745.

At 1930 proceeded eastward for strikes against Kyushu on 8 June.

0800 Position: 25-00 N; 130-01 E.
1200 Position: 25-41 N; 129-27 E.
2000 Position: 25-42 N; 129-31 E.

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8 June, Zone Minus 9, TU 38.1.3. (continued)

At 0449 proceeded northwestward. At dawn launched routine patrols and at 1000 launched air strike against airfields on Kyushu.

At 1030 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS. Returned to screen at 1135. On recovery of strike at 1430, commenced retirement to fueling area.

0800 Position: 26-49N; 133-24E.
1200 Position: 26-57N; 133-05E.
2000 Position: 25-52N; 132-31E.

9 June.

At 0545 joined fueling group. At 0559 proceeded to U.S.S. KASKASKIA(AO-27) for fuel. Returned to screen at 0640. At 1004 left screen and proceeded to U.S.S. PATUXENT for prospective commanding officer. At 1036 Commander W. H. Groverman, Jr. came on board. Returned to screen at 1100.

At 1118 fueling and replenishing exercises completed. At 1245 formed normal cruising disposition. At 1512 left screen to receive and transfer guard mail to various ships of task group.

At 1741 formed Task Group 30.2, consisting of U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.S. ALABAMA, U.S.S. INDIANA, and DesDiv 121, and proceeded northwestward to conduct bombardment of Minami Daito Shima. At 2100 completed mail deliveries and rejoined screen.

0800 Position 22-55N; 132-10E.
1200 Position 24-02N; 132-57E.
2000 Position 23-55N; 134-00E.

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10 June, Zone Minus 9, TU 38.1.3.

At 0644 DesDiv 121 formed column with U.S.S. DEHAVEN in van and commenced approach to commence shore bombardment. At 0721 opened fire on assigned targets in center of island; base course 000°T, speed 17 knots.

Ceased firing at 0749 and commenced retirement to southwest. Expended 104 rounds 5"/38 AA Common ammunition. At 0904 rejoined Task Group 30.2 and proceeded southward, rejoining Task Group 38.1 at 1350.

Task Group 38.1 then proceeded southwestward toward Leyte.

0800 Position: 25-52 N; 131-10 E.
1200 Position: 24-38 N; 131-36 E.
2000 Position: 23-03 N; 131-13 E.

11 June.

Continued southwestward toward Leyte. At 0743 left screen to pick up guard mail from U.S.S. HORNET for Task Group 38.4. At 1240 completed mail deliveries and rejoined screen.

From 1315 to 1445, with task group in formation 5-VD, held simulated KAMIKAZE attack exercises, for AA tracking exercises.

0800 Position: 20-20 N; 129-51 E.
1200 Position: 19-29 N; 129-50 E.
2000 Position: 18-02 N; 129-29 E.

12 June.

Continued southwestward toward Leyte. At 0549 Task Unit 38.1.5, consisting of all battleships, cruisers and destroyers of Task Group 38.1, less U.S.S. SAN JUAN, U.S.S. DEHAVEN, U.S.S. SWENSON, U.S.S. MADDOX and U.S.S. MANSFIELD, left formation and proceeded independently. From 0950 to 1045 conducted AA firing practice, expended 71 rounds 5"/38 AA common ammunition.

0800 Position: 15-45 N; 129-27 E.
1200 Position: 14-59 N; 128-52 E.
2000 Position: 13-29 N; 128-14 E.

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Continued southwestward toward Leyte, P.I.

At 1030 commenced entry into Leyte Gulf, through Surigao Strait.

At 1410 entered San Pedro Bay anchorage and commenced period of tender upkeep and voyage repairs.

0800 Position: 10-56 N; 126-11 E.

1200 Position: 10-40 N; 125-23 E.

14 to 17 June.

Undergoing voyage repairs at anchor and tender upkeep in San Pedro Bay, P.I.

At Commander William H. Groverman, Jr., U.S.N. relieved Commander J. B. Dimmick, U.S.N. as commanding officer of U.S.S. DE HAVEN, in compliance with BuPers despatch 212029 of May 1945.


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30 June 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary.
Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

18 - 30 June, Zone Minus 9

In port undergoing voyage repairs and material upkeep at anchor in San Pedro Bay, P.I.

On 28 June at 0634 got underway and proceeded to practice firing area BAKER to conduct anti-aircraft towed sleeve firing and various drills and exercises. Expended 185 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 6 rounds 5"/38 VT, 411 rounds 40mm, and 60 rounds 20mm ammunition. Returned to anchorage at 1730.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
 To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary.
 Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

1 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

Underway at 0545 in accordance with CTG 38.1 Sortie Plan 2-45 and CTG 38.1 Operation Plan 1-45, in company with DesRon 61 to screen sortie of TU 38.1.1.

At 0740, DesRon 61 formed screen for TU 38.1.1 consisting of U.S.S. BENNINGTON, LEXINGTON, HANCOCK, SAN JACINTO, BELLEAU WOOD, and SAN JUAN. Proceeded out of Leyte Gulf and Surigao Strait. CTC and CTG 38.1 in BENNINGTON, ComTaskFlotSIX in SAN JUAN, and CDS 61 in DEHAVEN.

At 1022 proceeded to northeastward.

From 1315 to 1615 conducted AA sleeve firing exercises. Expended 86 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 2070 rounds 20mm and 1288 rounds of 40mm ammunition.

0800 Position: 10-48 N; 125-25 E.
 1200 Position: 10-59 N; 126-18 E.
 2000 Position: 12-35 N; 127-00 E.

2 July.

At 0650 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. LEXINGTON.

Rejoined screen at 0743.

From 1015 to 1045 conducted AA sleeve firing exercises. Expended 2 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

Continued northeastward.

0800 Position: 12-52 N; 127-51 E.
 1200 Position: 13-14 N; 128-30 E.
 2000 Position: 13-36 N; 129-15 E.

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At 0500, cleared task unit in company with U.S.S. COLLETT and MADDOX and proceeded to Tomcat station No. 1, bearing 330-T, 15 miles from task unit, for training purposes. OCE (ComDesRon 61) in DE HAVEN.

Arrived on station at 0545. While on Tomcat station checked homecoming exercise strikes, homed lost planes and conducted fighter director exercises.

At 1730 rejoined TU 38.1.1.

At 1735 made rendezvous with U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA, INDIANA, MASSACHUSETTS, CruDiv 18, OKLAHOMA CITY, AMSTERDAM, DesRon 25 (less LITTLE, MURRAY and SIGSBEE) and DesDiv 100, and formed TG 38.1.

Continued northeastward.

0800 Position: 15-43 N; 131-41 E.
1200 Position: 15-45 N; 132-06 E.
2000 Position: 16-10 N; 133-49 E.

4 July.

At 0606 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS.

Returned to screen at 0713.

At 0745 cleared task group in company with DesDiv 121 to screen TU 38.1.4, consisting of CruDiv 18, and proceeded to station 12 miles from task group for gunnery exercises.

From 0858 to 0937, conducted AA drone firing exercises. Expended 293 rounds 40mm and 615 rounds 20mm ammunition.

From 1230 to 1430, conducted AA firing exercises using towed sleeves. Expended 34 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

Rejoined task group at 1433.

At 1555 formed cruising disposition 5-V.

From 1612 to 1726, conducted AA sleeve firing exercises.

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Expended 22 rounds 5"/38 AAC and 124 rounds 40mm ammunition.

At 1727 formed cruising disposition 5-R.

Proceeded northeastward

0800 Position: 17-23 N; 135-23 E.

1200 Position: 17-26 N; 135-20 E.

2000 Position: 18-30 N; 137-37 E.

5 July.

At 0800 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. ATLANTA.

Returned to screen at 0905.

Continued northeastward.

0800 Position: 19-53 N; 139-11 E.

1200 Position: 20-28 N; 140-01 E.

2000 Position: 21-00 N; 140-38 E.

6 July.

At 0330 cleared formation in company with U.S.S. MADDOX, COLLETT, and SWENSON to take Tomcat station No. 1, bearing 340-T, 50 miles from task force center, for training purposes. OCE (ComDesRon 61) in DE HAVEN.

Arrived on station at 0600.

At 1230 left Tomcat station to rejoin task group.

At 1445 rejoined task group and formed cruising disposition 5-V.

From 1535 to 1615, conducted AA drone firing. Expended 1 round 5"/38, 128 rounds 40mm and 280 rounds 20mm ammunition.

Continued northeastward.

0800 Position: 23-17 N; 142-45 E.

1200 Position: 23-08 N; 142-53 E.

2000 Position: 23-04 N; 144-02 E.

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At 0428 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. INDIANA.

Returned to screen at 0540.

At 1444 formed cruising disposition 5-V.

From 1458 to 1700, conducted AA sleeve firing exercises. Expended 45 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 188 rounds 40mm and 658 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 1704 formed normal cruising disposition (5-R) and proceeded northeastward for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 23-57 N; 146-44 E.

1200 Position: 24-00 N; 146-15 E.

2000 Position: 24-35 N; 147-21 E.

8 July.

At 0500 joined fueling group and formed fueling disposition. Proceeded to U.S.S. COSSATOT (AO77) for fuel.

Returned to screen at 0605.

At 1245 test fired 24 rounds 5"/38 VT ammunition.

From 1312 to 1600, conducted AA sleeve firing exercises. Expended 61 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 390 rounds 40mm and 3510 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 1603 cleared fueling group and proceeded northward for air strikes against Tokyo area on July 10.

0800 Position: 25-36 N; 149-07 E.

1200 Position: 25-18 N; 148-28 E.

2000 Position: 25-57 N; 147-49 E.

9 July.

At 0545 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. INDIANA.

Returned to screen at 0621.

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At 1700 commenced high speed run to northwest for strikes against Tokyo area.

At 1820 cleared formation in company with U.S.S. MADDOX to take picket station No. 2, bearing 005-T, 20 miles from task force center, with task force in formation 5-W, axis 060-T, TG 38.1 in station No. 2.

Arrived on station at 1924.

0800 Position: 28-49 N; 147-04 E.
1200 Position: 29-52 N; 146-37 E.
2000 Position: 31-45 N; 145-03 E.

10 July.

At 0300 left picket station No. 2 with MADDOX and proceeded to Tomcat station No. 2, bearing 000-T, 50 miles from task force center.

U.S.S. COLLETT and SWENSON joined at 0400.

At 0520 arrived on station, commenced assigned duties with MADDOX acting as Fighter Director ship.

At 1840 rejoined task group 38.1 and commenced retirement northeastward for fueling rendezvous on July 12.

0800 Position: 35-01 N; 142-43 E.
1200 Position: 34-41 N; 142-29 E.
2000 Position: 34-18 N; 143-08 E.

11 July.

At 0350 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. INDIANA.

Returned to screen at 0500.

At 1200 formed cruising disposition 5-V.

From 1210 to 1400, conducted AA sleeve firing exercises. Expended 23 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 296 rounds 40mm and 1050 rounds 20mm ammunition.

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At 1650 left screen to sink Japanese type 93 mine. Expended 96 rounds 20mm ammunition. Mine sunk but did not explode. Position: Latitude 37-12 N; Longitude 148-31 E.

Rejoined screen at 1700.

At 1710, U.S.S. COGSWELL and INGERSOLL left formation to investigate submarine contact reported by aircraft, bearing 000-T, distance 11 miles from task group.

Continued northeastward for fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 35-07 N; 146-54 E.

1200 Position: 36-02 N; 147-46 E.

2000 Position: 38-03 N; 149-12 E.

12 July.

At 0320 joined fueling group.

From 0327 to 0540 engaged in personnel and officer messenger mail deliveries between various ships of task group.

At 0545 fueled from U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS and joined screen at 0640.

From 0838 to 1032, conducted AA drone firing exercise. Expended 420 rounds 40mm and 860 rounds 20mm ammunition.

Cleared fueling group at 1230.

At 1700 commenced run-in for air strikes against northern Honshu and Hokkaido on July 13.

0800 Position: 40-14 N; 149-41 E.

1200 Position: 40-40 N; 149-19 E.

2000 Position: 40-50 N; 147-55 E.

13 July.

Air strikes were at first delayed, then cancelled due to low visibility.

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At 0720 retired southeastward.

At 1340 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. HANCOCK.

Returned to screen at 1445.

At 1745 commenced run-in for July 14 strikes against same general area as had been scheduled for today.

0800 Position: 40-40 N; 144-56 E.

1200 Position: 40-13 N; 146-10 E.

2000 Position: 40-47 N; 146-34 E.

14 July.

At 0345 launched first strike, then commenced working slowly eastward.

After launching second strike at 0815, visibility closed in and further operations were delayed. Ordered to proceed to southeast where planes then airborne were recovered.

Remained in same general area.

0800 Position: 40-26 N; 143-38 E.

1200 Position: 40-46 N; 143-18 E.

2000 Position: 40-20 N; 144-27 E.

15 July.

At 0300 cleared formation to northward in company with U.S.S. MADDOX and COLLETT for Tomcat No. 1 station, bearing 020-T, 40 miles from task force guide.

Arrived on station at 0400.

At 1100, lost F4U, out of fuel, made water landing bearing 290-T, distance 9 miles. Proceeded to scene at high speed.

At 1121 stopped to pick up pilot, Latitude 41-13 N; longitude 144-47 E.

At 1125 recovered Lieutenant, Jg, C. W. MOORE, USNR,

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from U.S.S. SHANGRI LA. Pilot in good condition.

Resumed Tomcat duties

At 1800 commenced rejoining task group.

At 1820 took picket station 4-X with task group bearing 180-T, distance 12 miles.

Proceeding southward to fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 41-09 N; 144-46 E.

1200 Position: 41-10 N; 144-56 E.

2000 Position: 40-35 N; 145-18 E.

16 July.

At 0331 rejoined formation.

At 0526 joined fueling group and formed disposition 5-F.

At 0600 left screen to make various deliveries.

At 0642 sank, but did not explode, Japanese Mk. 93 type mine. Latitude 38-53 N; longitude 147-40 E. Expended 32 rounds 40mm and 450 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 0757 went alongside U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS to fuel and transfer personnel.

Completed fueling at 0914 and resumed making various deliveries.

At 1308 transferred Lieutenant, jg, C. W. MOORE, USNR, to U.S.S. SHANGRI LA.

At 1438 completed deliveries and returned to screen.

At 1525 task group formed cruising disposition 5-R and cleared fueling group.

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-----16 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

Proceeding southwestward to launching point for strikes against Tokyo area.

0800 Position: 38-43 N; 147-28 E.
1200 Position: 38-00 N; 147-06 E.
2000 Position: 37-24 N; 145-27 E.17 July.

At 0420 launched first strike against Tokyo area.

At 0525 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA.

Returned to screen at 0611.

Further strikes withheld due to bad weather.

At 2000 proceeding southeastward, remaining in same general area to resume strikes against Tokyo area.

0800 Position: 36-36 N; 142-50 E.
1200 Position: 36-33 N; 143-11 E.
2000 Position: 36-30 N; 143-01 E.18 July.

At 0300 left screen and in company with U.S.S. MADDOX, COLLETT, and SWENSON proceeded northward to take Tomcat No. 1 station.

At 0405 ordered to remain within TBS range of TG 38.1, bearing 210-T, distance 14 miles, until weather clears.

At 1108 proceeding to Tomcat No. 1 station bearing 000-T, 50 miles from task group guide.

At 1130 first strike launched against Tokyo area.

Arrived on Tomcat No. 1 station at 1158.

At 1817 proceeding to rejoin task group.

At 1839 took station in screen.

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Proceeded southeastward for rendezvous with replenishment group.

0800 Position: 35-06 N; 142-57 E.
 1200 Position: 39-19 N; 142-47 E.
 2000 Position: 35-12 N; 142-40 E.

19 July.

At 0350 launched normal scheduled air patrols.

At 0530 left screen to top-off from U.S.S. HANCOCK.

Returned to screen at 0659.

Continued southeastward for rendezvous with replenishment group.

0800 Position: 34-50 N; 145-26 E.
 1200 Position: 34-09 N; 146-31 E.
 2000 Position: 32-57 N; 149-10 E.

20 July.

At 0515 joined replenishment group and formed fueling disposition 5-F.

At 0805 left screen to rearm from U.S.S. WRANGELL (AE12).

At 1000 completed rearming and proceeded to U.S.S. PATUXENT (AO44) to fuel and take on provisions.

At 1245 completed exercise and proceeded with various deliveries.

At 1505 ordered by CTU 38.1.5 to suspend deliveries and return immediately to pick up urgent orders for CDS 61.

At 1539 went alongside U.S.S. BENNINGTON to receive orders and transfer all freight remaining on board.

At 1630 U.S.S. MADDOX and BLUE alongside to pick up and deliver officer messenger mail for various ships of DesRon 61.

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20 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

At 1730 returned to screen.

Remained with fueling group during the night.

0800 Position: 31-34 N; 151-39 E.

1200 Position: 31-12 N; 150-59 E.

2000 Position: 30-58 N; 149-49 E.

21 July.

At 0452 proceeded to U.S.S. SEBEC (A087) to top-off.

At 0541 completed topping off and left formation in company with DesRon 61 on duty assigned. Made preparations to conduct anti-shiping sweep in Sagami Nada and bombardment of O Shima island.

Proceeding northwestward at slow speed.

0800 Position: 30-45 N; 147-31 E.

1200 Position: 31-03 N; 146-39 E.

2000 Position: 31-37 N; 145-07 E.

22 July.

Continued northwestward, approaching Sagami Nada.

At 2200 went to General Quarters for run in.

At 2307 made radar contact on medium sized group of surface vessels.

Maneuvering for attack.

At 2352 fired two torpedoes at medium sized enemy ship.

At 2355 opened fire on enemy ship with main battery.

0800 Position: 32-30 N; 142-45 E.

1200 Position: 32-36 N; 142-02 E.

2000 Position: 33-54 N; 140-31 E.

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23 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0009 main battery ceased firing. Expended 280 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

At 0018 retired to southeast with DesRon 61 in column formation at 30 knots.

Secured from General Quarters at 0110.

At 0227 formed cruising disposition E7A.

At 0503 slowed to 25 knots and proceeded to rendezvous with TG 38.1.

At 1634 made SG radar contact on TG 38.1, bearing 098-T, distance 26 miles.

At 1755 took station in screen.

Proceeding northwestward.

0800 Position: 32-03 N; 138-54 E.

1200 Position: 30-56 N; 138-35 E.

2000 Position: 30-10 N; 137-51 E.

24 July.

At 0445 launched first strike against shipping in Kure and Kobe area, and against airfields in Tokyo area.

At 0552 went alongside U.S.S. BENNINGTON to fuel.

At 0712 completed fueling and proceeded to various ships making deliveries.

Returned to screen at 1035.

Went to General Quarters several times throughout the day when enemy planes were reported in the vicinity. A few Myrts were splashed by the CAP.

Continued and completed deliveries as practicable.

Remained in same general area.

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-----24 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)0800 Position: 31-38 N; 135-23 E.
1200 Position: 31-32 N; 135-19 E.
2000 Position: 31-38 N; 135-32 E.25 July.

At 0430 launched first strikes against shipping in Kure - Kobe area, and against aircraft and airfields in Tokyo area.

At 0450 recovered F4U pilot Ensign Frank Kopf, USNR, in fair condition, whose plane spun in during take off from U.S.S. BENNINGTON.

Went to General Quarters several times throughout the day for what proved to be both enemy and friendly contacts. Several Myrts, a Zeke, and a few Graces were splashed by the CAP in the vicinity of Tomcat stations.

At 2100 commenced retirement to southward for rendezvous with fueling group.

0800 Position: 32-13 N; 136-21 E.
1200 Position: 32-19 N; 136-13 E.
2000 Position: 31-50 N; 136-50 E.26 July.

At 0802 joined fueling group.

At 1152 left screen to rearm from U.S.S. WRANGELL (AE12).

At 1400 completed rearming and proceeded to U.S.S. HOUSATONIC (AO35) to fuel.

Completed fueling at 1606 and returned to screen.

From 1649 to 1707 conducted towed sleeve firing exercises. Expended 42 rounds 40mm and 320 rounds 20mm ammunition.

Remained with fueling group in same general area.

0800 Position: 28-09 N; 138-13 E.
1200 Position: 28-12 N; 138-35 E.
2000 Position: 28-25 N; 139-27 E.

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-----27 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0542 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. CASSATOT (A077).

At 0620 completed fueling, proceeded to U.S.S. ALCYON (AKA7) for provisions.

At 0836 completed replenishment, proceeded to U.S.S. ALDEBARAN (AF10) for fresh and frozen provisions.

At 1002 completed provisioning, made various deliveries and returned to screen at 1217.

From 1620 to 1648 completed various deliveries to ships in the group.

At 1649 returned to screen.

Proceeded northwestward to launching area for strike against shipping at Kure and Kobe.

0800 Position: 28-19 N; 138-19 E.

1200 Position: 28-23 N; 138-32 E.

2000 Position: 29-59 N; 137-09 E.

28 July.

0240 cleared formation in company with U.S.S. MADDOX, COLLETT, and HIGBEE, proceeding to Tomcat station No. 1, bearing 030-T, distance 50 miles from task force guide.

At 0445 first strike launched against shipping in Kure and Kobe area.

0530 arrived on Tomcat station. U.S.S. HIGBEE assumed duties of strike group controller and fighter director ship, with MADDOX as standby fighter director and COLLETT standby strike group controller ship.

At 1812 commenced closing to TBS range of TG 38.1

Proceeded southeastward.

0800 Position: 32-24 N; 135-15 E.

1200 Position: 32-29 N; 135-36 E.

2000 Position: 31-30 N; 135-42 E.

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29 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0440 left formation to fuel from U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA.

Returned to screen at 0600.

Proceeding northward.

At 2030 proceeding northwestward to Tokyo - Nagoya strike launching area.

0800 Position: 30-18 N; 138-35 E.

1200 Position: 30-45 N; 138-23 E.

2000 Position: 32-26 N; 138-07 E.

30 July.

At 0300 cleared formation in company with U.S.S. MADDOX, COLLETT, and HIGBEE, proceeding to Tomcat No. 1 station, bearing 270-T, distance 40 miles from task force guide.

At 0500 launched first strike against Tokyo-Nagoya area.

At 0525 arrived on Tomcat station and assumed usual duties.

At 1824 closed TG 38.1 to within TBS range.

At 1955 taking station, bearing 280-T, distance 12 miles from TG 38.1.

Proceeding to fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 33-27 N; 137-15 E.

1200 Position: 33-05 N; 137-47 E.

2000 Position: 32-42 N; 138-04 E.

31 July.

At 0532 rejoined formation.

At 1406 joined fueling group and proceeded to U.S.S. NEOSHO (AO48) to fuel.

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-----31 July, Zone minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)Completed fueling at 1510 and proceeded to relieve
U.S.S. COGSWELL as linking vessel between TG 38.1 and TG 38.4.Remained in area to resume replenishment in the
morning.0800 Position: 30-23 N; 137-55 E.
1200 Position: 28-59 N; 137-56 E.
2000 Position: 28-05 N; 138-12 E.*W. H. Groverman*
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31 August 1945.

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

Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) CinCPac 1CL-45.

1 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

Cruising in company with DesRon 61 as a unit of TU 38.1.5, screening TG 38.1 during offensive operations against the Japanese homeland. CTG 38.1 in BENNINGTON, CTU 38.1.5 in SAN JUAN, and ComDesRon 61 in DE HAVEN.

Task Group 38.1 presently in company with replenishment group. DE HAVEN acting as linking vessel for TG 38.1 and TG 38.4.

At 1058 relieved of linking duties, rejoined formation and fueled from U.S.S. AUCILLA (AO 56).

Rejoined screen at 1155.

At 1245 ceased fueling exercises, cleared fueling group and proceeded southeastward to continue fueling and replenishment on 2 August.

0800 Position: 27-22 N; 137-27 E.

1200 Position: 27-03 N; 137-30 E.

2000 Position: 25-49 N; 137-53 E.

2 August.

At 0530 destroyed one type 93 Japanese mine by gunfire which did not explode. Position: Lat. 24-10 N; 139-17 E. Expended 120 rounds 20mm ammunition and 62 rounds 40mm ammunition.

From 0930 to 1130 conducted AA sleeve firing exercise. Expended 1840 rounds 20mm, 1122 rounds 40mm, and 48 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

From 1245 to 1410 conducted AA sleeve firing exercise. Expended 300 rounds 20mm, 251 rounds 40mm, and 39 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

Remained in same general vicinity during the night to join fueling group.

0800 Position: 24-29 N; 138-33 E.

1200 Position: 24-46 N; 138-00 E.

2000 Position: 24-32 N; 138-44 E.

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-----3 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0525 joined fueling group.

Left screen at 0530 to conduct offset radar calibration practice in company with DesDiv 121. At 0800 completed practice and re-joined screen. Expended 48 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

At 0830 left screen and fueled from U.S.S. ASHTABULA (AO51).

Rejoined screen at 0905.

From 0910 to 1110 and from 1252 to 1440, conducted AA sleeve firing practices. Expended 1575 rounds 20mm, 1282 rounds 40mm, and 107 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

At 1828 cleared task group for picket station #2, bearing 100-T, 12 miles from formation.

Proceeded northeastward.

0800 Position: 25-08 N; 137-37 E.

1200 Position: 25-09 N; 137-51 E.

2000 Position: 25-51 N; 137-42 E.

4 August.

At 0430 commenced rejoining screen.

At 0542 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. BENNINGTON.

Rejoined screen at 0631.

From 1200 to 1413 conducted AA sleeve firing practice. Expended 35 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 205 rounds 40mm, and 480 rounds 20mm ammunition.

At 1520 destroyed one type 93 Japanese mine by gunfire, which did not explode. Position: Lat. 23-42 N; Long. 137-19 E. Expended 9 rounds 40mm ammunition.

Remained in same general vicinity.

0800 Position: 28-26 N; 135-59 E.

1200 Position: 28-30 N; 136-19 E.

2000 Position: 28-47 N; 138-28 E.

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-----7 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

At 0800 went alongside U.S.S. CACAPON (AO52) to transfer Lieutenant B. Bradley, U.S.N.R.

Rejoined screen at 0924.

At 1529 departed fueling group and formed cruising disposition 5-R.

Left screen at 1600 to make various deliveries.

Rejoined screen at 1657.

Proceeded northward for strikes against Hokkaido and Honshu on 8 August.

0800 Position: 38-01 N; 148-10 E.

1200 Position: 38-00 N; 147-30 E.

2000 Position: 39-16 N; 146-31 E.

8 August.

At 0400 weather closed in and strikes were cancelled.

Remained in the area.

At 1525 went alongside U.S.S. TOPEKA to fuel.

At 1626 completed fueling and proceeded to join U.S.S. HIGBEE and COLLETT as Tomcat No. 2, bearing 000-T, 12 miles from Task Group 38.1. Tomcat No. 2 took radar picket station 4-X, bearing 315-T, 12 miles from Task Group 38.1.

Remained in general area preparatory to launching strikes against Honshu and Hokkaido on 9 August.

0800 Position: 39-58 N; 144-21 E.

1200 Position: 39-41 N; 144-48 E.

2000 Position: 38-44N ; 146-16 E.

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-----9 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0339 proceeded to Tomcat station No. 2, bearing 340-T, distance 50 miles from Task Group 38.4.

Arrived on station at 0455 and commenced Tomcat duties; U.S.S. HIGBEE, fighter director and strike controller; U.S.S. MADDOX as standby fighter director; U.S.S. COLLETT as standby strike controller. O.T.C., ComDesRon 61, in DE HAVEN.

At 1759 proceeded to radar picket station 4-X, bearing 315-T, 12 miles from Task Group 38.1.

Remained in same general area to resume strikes against Honshu and Hokkaido on 10 August.

0800 Position: 39-03 N; 144-18 E.
1200 Position: 39-01 N; 143-58 E.
2000 Position: 38-17 N; 144-15 E.

10 August.

Proceeded to Tomcat station No. 2, bearing 340-T, distance 50 miles from Task Group 38.4. U.S.S. COLLETT sustained radar casualties and was relieved by U.S.S. BRUSH.

Arrived on station at 0446.

At 1752 proceeded to rejoin Task Group 38.1.

Detached from Task Group at 1850 and proceeded with U.S.S. MADDOX to radar picket station No. 2, bearing 070-T, 12 miles from Task Group 38.1.

Proceeding southeastward to fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 38-58 N; 143-46 E.
1200 Position: 39-04 N; 143-30 E.
2000 Position: 38-30 N; 144-45 E.

11 August.

At 0445 joined fueling group and formed fueling disposition 5-F.

Left screen at 0700 to fuel from U.S.S. HANCOCK.

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11 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

Rejoined screen at 0834.

At 1428 cleared fueling group and formed cruising disposition 5-R.

Remained in area with typhoon approaching 700 miles from the southwest.

0800 Position: 38-38 N; 148-05 E.

1200 Position: 37-59 N; 148-27 E.

2000 Position: 38-15 N; 149-08 E.

12 August.

At 0645 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. INDIANA.

Rejoined screen at 0735.

Proceeded southwestward for strikes against Tokyo Plains area.

0800 Position: 38-38 N; 147-22 E.

1200 Position: 37-58 N; 148-00 E.

2000 Position: 36-44 N; 145-51 E.

13 August.

At 0543 launched first strike and remained in same general area while launching and recovering successive strikes.

At 1147 recovered Ensign J. A. Lungren, USNR, of U.S.S. BENNINGTON, from the water, after he made forced landing returning from Honshu airfield strike low on gas.

Proceeded southward to join fueling group.

0800 Position: 35-24 N; 142-42 E.

1200 Position: 35-21 N; 142-35 E.

2000 Position: 34-44 N; 142-43 E.

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-----14 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

At 0655 Joined fueling group and formed disposition 5-F.

At 0744 left screen to fuel from the U.S.S. ALABAMA.

Returned to screen at 0833.

At 1145 Exploded one type 93 Japanese mine by gunfire.

Position: Lat. 32-19 N; Long 144-24 E. Expended 22 rounds 40mm ammunition.

At 1152 Transferred Ensign J. A. Lungrent, USNR, to U.S.S. BENNINGTON.

From 1435 to 1540 Conducted TDD firing exercise. Expended 430 rounds of 40mm and 720 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

At 1715 Cleared fueling group and formed cruising disposition 5-R.

Proceeded northwestward for strike against Tokyo plains area.

0800 Position: 31-48 N; 144-06 E.

1200 Position: 32-10 N; 144-34 E.

2000 Position: 32-56 N; 144-51 E.

15 August.

At 0300 left screen with U.S.S. MADDOX, BRUSH, and HIGBEE and proceeded to Tomcat station #1 bearing 000-T, 50 miles from Task Group 38.4, to control strikes returning from Tokyo Plains Area.

At 0509 Arrived on station.

At 0730 all strikes were recalled due to Japan's acceptance of unconditional surrender terms.

At 1922 closed task force, taking station with Task Group 38.1 bearing 070-T, distance 10 miles.

16 August.

At 0402 proceeded to Tomcat station #1 bearing 000-T, 50 miles from Task Group 38.4, in company with U.S.S. MADDOX, BRUSH and HIGBEE, to act as radar picket group.

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-----16 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

From 1313 to 1500 conducted sleeve practice firing. Expended 129 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 578 rounds of 40mm and 420 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

At 1721 commenced closing to within TBS range of Task Group 38.1.

At 1925 took station bearing 065-T, 12 miles from Task Group 38.1.

Remained in same general area during the night.

0800 Position: 33-02 N; 142-37 E.

1200 Position: 33-10 N; 143-18 E.

2000 Position: 32-25 N; 144-52 E.

17 August.

At 0410 joined formation and proceeded to U.S.S. BENNINGTON to fuel.

At 0545 joined screen.

At 0755 formed disposition 5-V for sleeve firing exercise.

At 1030 ceased firing exercise. Expended 83 rounds of 40mm ammunition.

At 1230 aircraft made mass formation sweeps over task force to be photographed and to photograph task force.

At 1514 commenced mail deliveries to various ships of task group.

At 1736 rejoined screen.

Proceeded southward toward fueling rendezvous.

0800 Position: 32-45 N; 143-44 E.

1200 Position: 32-16 N; 144-12 E.

2000 Position: 33-13 N; 144-11 E.

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31 August 1945.

DD 727 /A12
Serial 013Subject: War Diary.
-----18 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0412 Joined fueling group. Left screen and commenced mail deliveries.

At 0900 Went alongside U.S.S. KENNEBAGO (AO-81) to fuel.

At 0955 completed fueling. Resumed deliveries.

At 1246 Completed deliveries and took station as tail back.

At 1658 formed cruising disposition 5-R and cleared fueling group.

Remained in same general area during the night to continue replenishing in morning.

0800 Position: 31-46 N; 143-45 E.
1200 Position: 31-25 N; 144-06 E.
2000 Position: 31-10 N; 144-11 E.

19 August.

At 0440 Cleared formation with U.S.S. HIGBEE and BRUSH, and proceeded to Tomcat station #1 bearing 000-T, 50 miles from Task Group 38.4, guide, to act as early warning radar pickets.

At 1456 Conducted 5"/38 test firing. Expended 72 rounds of 5/38 Mark 32 ammunition.

At 1715 Closed Task Group 38.1 and took station bearing 000-T, 12 miles.

Remained in same general area to resume replenishing in morning.

0800 Position: 32-31 N; 143-39 E.
1200 Position: 31-59 N; 143-55 E.
2000 Position: 30-55 N; 144-00 E.

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31 August 1945.

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-----20 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0552 Proceeded to Tomcat station #1 with U.S.S. BRUSH and HIGBEE to act as early warning radar picket, as there were no strikes or sweeps airborne.

At 0630 arrived on station bearing 000-T, 50 miles from Task Group 38.4 guide.

At 1254 Commenced closing formation.

At 1541 proceeded to U.S.S. ESCALANTE (AO-70) to fuel.

At 1635 completed fueling, proceeded to U.S.S. FIREDRAKE (AE-14) for rearming.

At 1730 completed rearming and returned to screen.

At 1800 formed cruising disposition 5-R and cleared fueling group to the north.

Remained in same general area to resume replenishing in morning.

0800 Position: 32-23 N; 143-30 E.

1200 Position: 32-04 N; 143-49.E.

2400 Position: 30-39 N; 143-56 E.

21 August.

At 0442 rejoined fueling group and formed disposition 5-F.

At 0548 proceeded on personnel deliveries.

At 1234 completed deliveries; went alongside U.S.S. ESCALANTE (AO-70) to fuel.

Completed fueling at 1354 and returned to screen.

At 1723 with fueling group in company, proceeded southwestward to remain clear of typhoon approaching from the southeast.

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-----21 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

0800 Position: 31-37 N; 143-27 E.

1200 Position: 31-24 N; 143-08 E.

2400 Position: 30-35 N; 141-40 E.

22 August.At 0445 rejoined fueling group and formed disposition
5-F.

At 0536 went alongside U.S.S. ANCILLA (AO-56) to fuel.

Rejoined screen at 0617.

At 1805 cleared fueling group and conducted aircraft mass
formation display for photographing.

Remained in general area.

0800 Position: 31-00 N; 142-06 E.

1200 Position: 31-21 N; 142-25 E.

2400 Position: 32-08 N; 142-44 E.

23 August.At 0500 task group commenced transfer of U. S. mail,
passengers and freight.At 1353 ComDesRon 61 in the DEHAVEN relieved ComTaskFlot SIX
as Commander Screen (CTU 38.1.5).

Proceeded northward.

0800 Position: 33-13 N; 143-17 E.

1200 Position: 33-29 N; 143-46 E.

2400 Position: 33-08 N; 144-31 E.

24 August.

At 1149 Left screen to fuel from U.S.S. BENNINGTON.

At 1247 returned to screen.

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-----24 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

At 1627 Task Group 38.1 detached from Task Force 38 and proceeded independently to operate north of Latitude 38-00 North.

0800 Position: 35-45 N; 143-57 E.
1200 Position: 36-37 N; 144-00 E.
2400 Position: 38-00 N; 143-43 E.

25 August.

At 0500 launched first patrols to photograph and make display of air strength over POW camps etc., in Northern Honshu.

At 0802 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. INDIANA.

Returned to screen at 0832.

Proceeded northward to operating area stars.

0800 Position: 39-18 N; 143-38 E.
1200 Position: 38-46 N; 143-38 E.
2000 Position: 38-45 N; 144-10 E.

26 August.

At 0430 launched first patrols over Northern Honshu and Hokkaido in search of POW camps.

0555 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. ALABAMA.

0645 returned to screen.

Proceeding southeastward to join fueling group.

0800 Position: 40-39 N; 143-44 E.
1200 Position: 40-09 N; 143-50 E.
2400 Position: 40-14 N; 143-02 E.

27 August.

At 0429 joined fueling group and formed disposition 5-F.

At 0430 launched POW camp patrols for photographing and dropping of food packages.

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-----27 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5. (continued)

At 0622 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. ESCALANTE (AO-70).

Rejoined screen at 0723.

Proceeded northward with fueling group in the formation.

0800 Position: 38-08 N; 145-18 E.

1200 Position: 37-28 N; 145-18 E.

2400 Position: 36-14 N; 145-29 E.

28 August.At 0513 resumed fueling and replenishing operations.
Launched POW camp food drop and photo missions.

At 0713 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. NANTAHALA (AO-60).

At 0757 returned to screen.

At 1800 cleared fueling group and formed disposition 5-R.

Proceeded southwestward.

0800 Position: 37-50 N; 145-03 E.

1200 Position: 37-06 N; 144-45 E.

2000 Position: 36-47 N; 144-14 E.

29 August.At 0430 launched first Tokyo area occupation patrols, POW,
food drop flights and photo searches.At 1045 detonated one Mark VI, Mod I, Japanese mine by
gunfire. Expended 12 rounds of 40mm ammunition. Position: Lat. 35-12 N;
Long. 142-05 E.Remained in same general area while covering landings and
operations in Tokyo Bay occupation area.

0800 Position: 35-24 N; 142-24 E.

1200 Position: 35-10 N; 141-51 E.

2400 Position: 35-09 N; 141-51 E.

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31 August 1945.

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Serial 013Subject: War Diary.
-----30 August, Zone Minus 9 - TU 38.1.5.

At 0430 launched first Tokyo area CAP and POW food drop and photo missions.

At 0550 went alongside U.S.S. INDIANA to fuel.

At 0623 returned to screen.

At 1056 left screen to transfer personnel to U.S.S. TUCSON.

Rejoined screen at 1220.

Proceeded northeastward to join fueling group.

0800 Position: 35-30 N; 142-24 E.

1200 Position: 35-51 N; 142-47 E.

2000 Position: 36-38 N; 142-25 E.

31 August.

At 0430 launched routine patrols.

At 0450 joined fueling group and formed disposition 5-F.

At 0617 went alongside U.S.S. NANTAHALA (AO-60) to fuel.

Rejoined screen at 0653.

At 1625 Went alongside USS VIRGO (AKA-20) for dry provisions and ship's store items.

At 1650 returned to screen.

Remained with fueling group during the night.

0800 Position: 38-34 N; 144-47 E.

1200 Position: 38-14 N; 144-16 E.

2000 Position: 37-54 N; 143-46 E.

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30 September 1945.

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

Subject: War Diary.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. ltr. 1CL-45.

1 September.

Cruising in company with DesRon 61 as a unit of TU 38.1.5 screening TG 38.1 off the east coast of Honshu, Japan. CTG 38.1 in U.S.S. BENNINGTON and CTU 38.1.5 in DE HAVEN.

At 0445 left screen and fueled from U.S.S. CHICOPPEE (AO-34).

Rejoined screen at 0527.

At 0615 left screen to replenish from U.S.S. VIRGO (AKA-20).

Rejoined screen at 0832.

At 1120 detonated one type 93 Japanese mine by gunfire. Expended 28 rounds 40mm ammunition. Position: Lat. 37-03 N; Long. 143-07 E.

At 1202 went alongside U.S.S. BENNINGTON to receive personnel.

At 1247 went alongside U.S.S. ALABAMA and at 1250 Rear Admiral John F. Shafroth, U.S.N., Commander Battleship Squadron TWO, came on board and broke his flag in DE HAVEN for transportation to Tokyo Bay to attend official surrender ceremonies on the U.S.S. MISSOURI.

At 1258 cleared Task Group and proceeded to Tokyo Bay.

0800 Position: 37-31 N; 143-12 E.

1200 Position: 37-03 N; 143-03 E.

2000 Position: 35-39 N; 141-34 E.

2 September.

Anchored in Tokyo Bay at 0617.

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2 September (continued).

The U.S.S. DE HAVEN, flying the flag of Commander Battle-ship Squadron TWO, was anchored in Tokyo Bay during the official surrender ceremonies of the Japanese Empire to the United Nations, held on board the U.S.S. MISSOURI.

Underway at 1138 with Rear Admiral Shafroth embarked and proceeded from Tokyo Bay to rejoin Task Group.

Rejoined Task Group at 1615.

At 1629 went alongside U.S.S. BENNINGTON to fuel. Rear Admiral Shafroth left ship for conference on BENNINGTON.

At 1724 Rear Admiral Shafroth returned aboard.

At 1725 cleared BENNINGTON and proceeded to U.S.S. ALABAMA.

At 1750 Rear Admiral Shafroth left ship and hoisted his flag in ALABAMA.

Returned to screen at 1800.

2000 Position: 34-54 N; 141-01 E.

3 September.

At 0551 left screen to fuel from U.S.S. BENNINGTON. Upon completion of fueling delivered mail to various ships of Task Group.

At 0705 discontinued mail deliveries and rejoined screen.

At 1005 continued mail deliveries.

Completed mail deliveries and rejoined screen at 1405.

At 1600 in accordance with Commander THIRD Fleet's despatch 020305 of September, detached from TG 38.1 and joined TG 30.4, consisting of U.S.S. ALABAMA, INDIANA, TUSCON, AMSTERDAM, and MANSFIELD. Rear Admiral John F. Shafroth, U.S.N., CTG 30.4, in ALABAMA. After forming Task Group proceeded southeastward.

0800 Position: 34-32 N; 140-21 E.

1200 Position: 34-45 N; 140-19 E.

2000 Position: 34-02 N; 141-01 E.

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4 September.

At 0730 U.S.S. WISCONSIN, NORTH CAROLINA, and VICKSBURG joined Task Group.

At 0828 proceeded toward Tokyo Bay.

From 1258 to 1430 conducted 5"/38 surprise burst firing. Expended 44 rounds 5"/38 AAC ammunition.

At 1507 left station to fuel from U.S.S. ALABAMA.

At 1550 returned to station.

0800 Position: 33-15 N; 142-20 E.

1200 Position: 33-47 N; 142-47 E.

2000 Position: 33-56 N; 141-13 E.

5 September.

At 0931 anchored in Tokyo Bay.

6 - 15 September.

At anchor in Tokyo Bay undergoing routine upkeep.

16 September.

At 1236 Captain T. H. Hederman, U.S.N., Commander Destroyer Squadron SIXTY-ONE, shifted his pennant to the U.S.S. MADDOX temporarily.

At 1339 underway in accordance with CTF 35 despatch 160223 of September to escort U.S.S. SALAMAUA (CVE 96) for 24 hours.

Joined SALAMAUA at 1500, stood out of Tokyo Bay then proceeded eastward.

2000 Position: 34-40 N; 140-11 E.

17 September.

At 1355 released by U.S.S. SALAMAUA and ordered to return to Tokyo Bay.

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17 September (continued).

0800 Position: 34-50 N; 143-29 E.
1200 Position: 34-53 N; 144-39 E.
2000 Position: 34-40 N; 143-02 E.

18 September.

At 0510, due to approaching typhoon, reversed course and stood out to sea on a southeasterly course to clear path of storm.

At 1109 proceeded southward.

With storm center located to north of Tokyo, changed course at 1456 and proceeded toward Tokyo Bay.

0800 Position: 34-14 N; 140-38 E.
1200 Position: 33-44 N; 140-48 E.
2000 Position: 33-56 N; 140-33 E.

19 September.

Entered Tokyo Bay at 0700.

20 September.

Underway at 1256 in accordance with CTG 30.4 sortie plan, as a unit of TU 30.4.1 consisting of U.S.S. ALABAMA, SOUTH DAKOTA, IOWA, WISCONSIN, SWENSON, and COLLETT. Rear Admiral John F. Shafroth, U.S.N., CTU 30.4.1, in ALABAMA. Captain T. H. Hederman, U.S.N., ComDesRon 61 in DEHAVEN. Task Unit stood out of Tokyo Bay and proceeded to Okinawa to embark passengers. Conducted various drills and exercises enroute.

2000 Position: 34-19 N; 138-43 E.

21 September.

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 32-21 N; 136-28 E.
1200 Position: 31-42 N; 135-32 E.
2000 Position: 30-41 N; 133-55 E.

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22 September.

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 29-02 N; 131-44 E.
1200 Position: 28-45 N; 130-42 E.
2000 Position: 27-34 N; 129-43 E.

23 September.

Arrived in Buckner Bay, Okinawa at 0600.

At 1730 received draft of 76 men for transportation to the United States.

24 September.

Underway at 0845 in company with TU 30.4.1 in accordance with ComBatRon TWO Operation Order 19-45 as modified by CTG 30.4 despatch 231315 of September, for Pearl Harbor, T.H., via assigned route. Conducted various drills and exercises enroute.

1200 Position: 26-21 N; 128-43 E.
2000 Position: 26-47 N; 131-02 E.

25 September.

At 1458 left station and commenced mail and movie delivery trips to battleships.

Completed deliveries and returned to station at 1606.

0800 Position: 27-29 N; 134-35 E.
1200 Position: 27-31 N; 135-39 E.
2000 Position: 27-48 N; 137-57 E.

26 September.

At 0841 took Commanding Officer of U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA to the U.S.S. ALABAMA and returned him to his ship at 1030.

U.S.S. BRUSH joined formation at 2045.

0800 Position: 28-19 N; 141-35 E.
1200 Position: 28-20 N; 142-32 E.
2000 Position: 28-39 N; 145-05 E.

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27 September.

At 0200 changed to Zone Minus 10 time.

From 1250 to 1405 conducted TDD drone firing exercises. Expended 15 rounds 5"/38 AAC, 328 rounds 40mm, and 2100 rounds 20mm Ammunition.

0800 Position: 28-55 N; 148-35 E.
1200 Position: 28-58 N; 149-37 E.
2000 Position: 29-09 N; 152-05 E.

28 September.

At 0740 fueled from U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA.

Returned to station at 0902.

0800 Position: 29-18 N; 155-44 E.
1200 Position: 29-09 N; 157-01 E.
2000 Position: 29-16 N; 159-31 E.

29 September.

At 0200 changed to Zone Minus 11 time.

0800 Position: 29-10 N; 162-55 E.
1200 Position: 29-11 N; 164-05 E.
2000 Position: 28-58 N; 166-31 E.

30 September.

No Remarks.

0800 Position: 28-42 N; 170-10 E.
1200 Position: 28-33 N; 171-25 E.
2000 Position: 28-16 N; 173-49 E.

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