

John A. Kinder MM I/c
Notes taken while in Navy
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- Aug. 7 Took physical at Pittsburg for Navy.
 - Aug. 17 Arrived at Pittsburg at 0800.
Sworn in at 1355. Left Pittsburg by
pullman for Great Lakes, Ill. at 2100.
 - Aug. 18 Arrived in Chicago at 0800. Changed
trains and arrived at Great Lakes at
1000. Had another physical exam,
received clothing issue, companies
made up, and assigned to barracks at
receiving unit.
 - Aug. 19 Moved to Camp Lawrence to begin
boot traing. Co. 784.
 - Aug. 31 Admitted to hospital for hydrocele
operation.
 - Sept. 2 Received operation.
 - Sept. 12 Back to duty at Camp Lawrence and
placed in Co. 839.
 - Sept. 29 Finished boot training.
 - Sept. 30 0850 left by train for home on nine
days leave. 2345 arrived Pittsburg,
met by Mom, Dad, Tootie, John, Edith
and Clark.
 - Oct. 8 2300 left for Great Lakes. Mom, Dad,
Tootie, John and Edith saw me off.
 - Oct. 9 0900 arrived Great Lakes. Sent to
O.G.U. to await assignment to Machin-
ist School.
 - Oct. 23 In a draft for school here at Great
Lakes.
 - Oct. 29 Made up in sections (Sect. M11-29)
and placed in Camp Bronson.
 - Oct. 31 Indrotrination.
 - Nov. 2 Started school.
 - Dec. 6 Quarantined for scarlet fever.
 - Dec. 12 Released from quarantine.
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- Feb. 12 Week-end leave, went home.
 - Feb. 15 Back at Great Lakes.
 - Feb. 22 Graduated from Machinist School,
Rated Machinist Mate Second Class.
 - Feb. 26 Left for home. On ten days delayed
orders to report to Receiving Station,
Treasure Is., San Francisco, Cal.
 - Mar. 4 Left home for Treasure Is.
 - Mar. 7 2300 arrived Treasure Is.
 - Mar. 9 Waiting for assignment to sea duty.

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- Moved to the Annex on Market St.,
San Francisco for temporary Shore
Patrol Duty.
- Mar. 18 Back at Treasure Is. to be mustered
in a draft to Receiving Station,
Noumea, New Caledonia for further
transfer.
- Mar. 24 Late afternoon left San Francisco by
train, no dope on whom we board a
transport at.
- Mar. 25 Arrived at Port Huenemeo, Calif. and
boarded transport S.S. President
Monroe. 1700 underway alone. There
are around 3,000 odd troops aboard,
about 600 sailors and the rest are
soldiers and C B's.
- Apr. 1 Crossed equator, initiated from a
Polywog to a Shellback in the Solemn
Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the
Deep.
- Apr. 7-8 Crossed the international Date Line.
- Apr. 10 Sunrise arrived at Espiritu Santo,
New Herbrides.
- Apr. 19 Went ashore in afternoon, ate some
wild fruit and swam. This was my first
time to go ashore since leaving the
States.
- Apr. 21 Left Pres. Monroe and boarded S.S.
Delbrasil.
- Apr. 25 Easter Sunday. Left Espiritu Santo
for Noumea, N. Cal. Escorted by one
can.
- Apr. 27 Arrived Noumea, New Caledonia.
- Apr. 28 Reported to Receiving Station.
- May 18 Evening boarded U.S.S. Pinkney (APA)
to go to Espiritu Santo to board
U.S.S. Taylor (DD468) for permanent
duty.
- May 20 1530 underway for Espiritu Santo.
- May 22 Arrived Espiritu Santo and boarded
Taylor. Assigned to forward engine
room.
- May 23 Underway to fire A.A. guns, returned.
- May 24 Underway for A.A. practice firing,
returned.
- May 25 Went alongside tender (Dixie).
- May 26 Shifted births.
- May 28 Underway to escort merchantmen to
Gudalcanal.

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- June 1 Returned and anchored at Espiritu Santo.
June 3 Under way for gunnery practice, returned.
June 7 Under way for gunnery practice, returned.
June 9 Under way to escort merchantmen to 180 meridian, they're enroute to States.
June 15 Returned to Espiritu Santo and anchored.
June 16 Moved alongside Dixie.
June 21 Under way and returned, anchored. Have been having Jap night bombing attacks several times of late. Destroyer Squadron 21 consists of Fletcher, Radford, Jenkins, LaVallete, Nicholas, O'Bannon, Chevalier, Strong, and Taylor (De Haven sunk in Feb.)
June 26 Under way, expecting a big push in the Solomons. Going to join CVE Swanes which is giving air coverage to Rendova landings.
July 5 Received message to join Task Force 18 to intercept a Jap task force. We are low on fuel and couldn't join them. Strong sunk from torpedo hit.
July 6 Arrived Tulagi. Helena sunk in Kula Gulf in the surface action.
July 7 Under way and returned.
July 8 Anchored at Tulagi.
July 11 Under way.
July 12 Landed fresh troops and supplies at Rice Anchorage, New Georgia at night. Before sunrise on return to Purvis Bay Taylor sank a Jap sub with 5" gun fire. Anchored Purvis Bay for a couple hours and got under way again with 3 cruisers (St. Louis, Honolulu, and an Australian cruiser Leander) and 7 cans. Steaming up slot to intercept a Jap task force. We did about midnight in Kula Gulf. Our 3 cruisers each took one fish, we sank ~~at~~ 4 enemy ships and damaged two others. The Nicholas, Jenkins, and Taylor made the torpedo run. Believed one of the Taylor's fish hit the Jap cruiser which sunk. The action lasted about 45 min.
July 13 At sunrise we were attacked by enemy planes, the can Gwin was sunk by ~~an~~ ~~fish~~ fish.
July 14 Arrived and anchored at Purvis Bay.

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- July 16 Under way to rescue marooned survivors of the Helena on Vella Lavella Is. which is Jap held. With 5 other cans and 2 APD's (converted 4 stacker cans).
July 17 Mission successful. Returned to Purvis Bay.
July 18 Under way and returned. The Taylor has steamed 66,822 mi. in less than 11 mos.
July 23 Under way to bombard enemy installations at Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia Is. in support of our troops.
July 24 Returned to Talagi, took on Ammunition and fuel and under way again to shell Munda in conjunction with a large scale air assault.
July 25 Returned to Talagi.
July 26 Under way to Purvis Bay.
July 30 Under way to Efate, New Hebrides
Aug. 3 Arrived Havana Harbor, Efate, N.H.
Aug. 11 Under way to Purvis Bay.
Aug. 13 Arrived at Purvis Bay.
Aug. 14 Under way with APD's carrying Marines.
Aug. 15 Before dawn landed Marines to occupy Barakoma, Vella Lavella Is. Returned to Purvis Bay.
Aug. 16 Under way up slot again.
Aug. 17 Intercepted and put to flight a Jap surface force attempting to reinforce their positions of Vella La Vella Is. Two destroyers, four large barges and many small barges were destroyed by our gun fire and torpedos. (We consisted of 4 cans of Sqd. 21) Also damaged another can.
Aug. 19 Returned to Purvis Bay. Under way after dark for enemy air raid.
Aug. 20 Returned to Purvis Bay.
Aug. 22 Under way.
Aug. 23 Returned to Talagi.
Aug. 24 Under way with 2 other cans and 3 minelayers to-night.
Aug. 25 Covered minelayers as they laid a minefield in enemy waters off the west coast of Kolombangara Is. Repulsed an enemy air attack. Returned to Purvis Bay. Since the 15th we have been up and down the slot 18 times.

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- Aug. 27 Underway to go to Noumea, New Caledonia for some repairs.
- Sept. 1 Arrived Noumea, N. Cal.
- Sept. 2 Moved alongside Whitney (tender).
- Sept. 7 Went in drydock to scrape bottom.
- Sept. 9 Underway for Sydney, Australia.
- Sept. 12 Arrived at Sydney, Aust. for 10 days recreation and liberty.
- Sept. 22 Underway and hunted most of day in rough sea for a lost plane. No luck. Left for Noumea.
- Sept. 24 Arrived Noumea. Skipper received Silver Star for surface action on night of 12-13 July called Battle of Kolombangara of Second Battle of Kula Gulf. Underway for Solomons.
- Sept. 29 Arrived at Purvis Bay, Solomon Is.
- Oct. 1 Underway and returned to Purvis Bay.
- Oct. 2 Underway up Slot Again. During night intercepted Jap surface forces evacuating Vella Lavella and Kolombangara Is. We sank a gun boat and numerous barges slaughtering several Japs.
- Oct. 3 Returned to Purvis Bay. Fueled, took on ammunition and got underway to go back up slot.
- Oct. 4 Attacked by Jap planes, some bombs scored near misses but no damage.
- Oct. 6 Underway to go up slot to land supplies to marines on Vella Lavella. In our group are 3 cans to cover the LST's. Operating off from us are 3 more cans, the Selfridge, O'Bannon and Chevalier. Our group consists of Taylor, ~~Conway~~ and Cony. At evening readiness, 1930, we received message that the other group had made contact with a Jap force consisting of 6 cans. We left the LST's to themselves while unloading and we 3 cans went at full power to join the other group. We met then about 2130 but they had just began to take the Japs on themselves. The Chevalier sunk by taking a fish, the O'Bannon rammed the Chevalier and damaged them but not bad. The Selfridge had her bow blown off back to the bridge when hit by a fish. Two Jap cans were sunk and

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- 2 believed damaged and they run for it. I took the Selfridge wounded, dead and all the remaining crew aboard leaving only enough to steam her back. Then covered her back to port at 5 knots. 74 men lost on the Selfridge. O'Bannon picked up the survivors of the Chevalier. Army gave us fighter plane coverage during day light back to port.
- Oct. 8 Returned to Talagi about noon. Transferred survivors and dead to beach.
- Oct. 9 Underway to Purvis Bay. Crew very tired, been at battle stations most of time from 2nd to the 8th.
- Oct. 13 Underway up slot again? No - gave screen to merchant men unloading at Guadalcanal.
- Oct. 15 Returned to Purvis Bay.
- Oct. 17 Underway to New Herbrides. we have been detached from the South Pacific and the following message from Adm. Halsey read: "I wish you God speed on your detachment from the South Pacific Fighting Forces. Your habit of getting into scraps with the Japs has made history. Destroyer Squadron 21 always will be remembered when Guadalcanal, Munda, Kula Gulf, Vella Lavella and the "Slot" are mentioned. you may be sure I will welcome you back with open arms anytime, any ocean."
- Oct. 22 Arrived Havana Harbor, New Herbrides.
- Oct. 23 Underway for Noumea, New Caledonia.
- Oct. 25 Arrived New Caledonia. Skipper (Katz) presented Navy Cross for the surface action north of Vella Lavella on night of Aug. 17-18.
- Oct. 26 Underway for Havana Harbor, New Herbrides.
- Oct. 27 Arrived Havana Harbor, N.H.
- Oct. 31 Underway to join 5th Fleet in Central Pacific.
- Nov. 7 Arrived Fiji Is.
- Nov. 10 Underway with our sqdn. and 4 wagons for maneuvers and go north.
- Nov. 20 D-day for landing on Gilberts. First time the USN has been on a landing in force. Making landings on Tarawa and

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- Nov. 25 Lost Liscome Bay, the only major loss during this operation.
- Dec. 4 Still with fast carrier task force, Task Force 58. Skipper told us yesterday that after this operation to day we have orders to report to the main land at a west coast port for a 45 day overhaul. Made air strikes on enemy installations in Marshall Is. Several torpedo plane attacks were repulsed this afternoon. An AA cruiser put a few 40's in the Captains cabin. The Lexington took a fish this evening during one aerial attack, we are giving her screen.
- Dec. 5 About 0230 secured from G.Q. after the moon went down. Lexington had to slow down to 20 knots but by day light they are pumping ballast and back up to 25 knots. Proceeding to Pearl Harbor.
- Dec. 9 Arrived pearl Harbor after 29 days at sea. Adm. Nimitz at his headquarters at Pearl Harbor sent us this message: "Special greetings to you vetrans of the "Slot". We are proud to have you with us." Fueled ship, took off a few rounds of 5" and 40's, all life jackets, helmets and gas masks.
- Dec. 10 DesRon 21 underway for "Frisco".
- Dec. 15 0800 passed under Golden Gate Bridge and anchored in San Francisco Bay near Oakland Bay Bridge. 65 men transferred to receiving station T. I. for reassignment and half of remaining crew left on 15 days leave. I went ashore on liberty and called home.
- Dec. 16 Underway to pier 54 Bethlehem Steel Co. 90 boats report aboard for duty. Took off all ammunition. Katz transferred and new skipper is Comd. N. J. Frank Jr.
- Dec. 31 1530 left ship to go home on 15 days leave by train.
- Jan. 3 Arrived home a little after mid-night.
- Jan. 14 Left home, took plane at Pitts. air port 1840 for "Frisco".

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- Jan. 15 Grounded in L.A. because of poor visibility around "Frisco". 1500 arrived in "Frisco".
- Jan. 26 Underway in bay for trials.
- Jan. 27 Underway at sea for trail runs.
- Jan. 29 Phoned home.
- Jan. 31 Made last liberty in States.
- Feb. 1 1630 underway for Pearl with Abner Read and Tingey(cans). Also have 92 men and 8 officers as passengers to Pearl.
- Feb. 6 Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Feb. 8 Afternoon liberty in yard.
- Feb. 10 Underway for gunnery and torpedo firing with Tingey.
- Feb. 11 Returned to Pearl.
- Feb. 12 1730 underway with transport of Marines for Kwajalein Is. in the Marshalls.
- Feb. 18 1200 arrived at Kwajalein and kept steaming watches.
- Feb. 19 Underway 0800 with Nicholas and LaVallete with merchantmen for Eniwetok Atoll. Landings are being made here today.
- Feb. 20 Arrived Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Is. 0700. Landings are still in progress today. Started back to Kwajalein Atoll.
- Feb. 21 0900 arrived Kwajalein Atoll.
- Feb. 22 Afternoon left with LaValleta, Nicholas, and one DE with 4 merchantmen with cargos of reinforcements for Eniwetok Atoll.
- Feb. 24 Left Eniwetok 0800, on arrival, with 2 other cans for Kwajalein. After dark received message to met 2 CVE's and escort them to Pearl.
- Feb. 25 Met carriers.
- Feb. 29 Had sub contact and laid a few patterns. Lost contact.
- Mar. 3 Arrived Pearl in afternoon.
- Mar. 6 0730 underway with Hornet to break in carrier pilots.
- Mar. 8 Returned to Pearl 1500.
- Mar. 9 Shifted berths and Melvin came aboard 1015. Shifted again and moored at Navy yard dock and Melvin and I went ashore. Left Melvin at 1700.

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Mar. 14 Made liberty at Sub Base and recreation center in afternoon.

Mar. 15 Underway in afternoon with 4 other cans and 4 aux. carriers, headed south.

Mar. 19 Took a fellow from the drink who fell overboard from one of the carriers.

Mar. 20 Searched for lost torpedo plane, found only gasoline on water, plane and crew lost.

Mar. 21 Neptuneus Rex, Supreme Ruler of the Raging Main, boarded the Good Ship Taylor, accompanied by his scribe Davy Jones and followers at 0107. Crossed equator at 180° longitude making crew Golden Shellbacks. Duly Initiated all Pollywogs.

Mar. 25 Sound contact at dusk. GQ for 2 hrs. Dropped several patterns and fired a couple salvos when we forced it to the surface for an instant. Sub possibly sunk.

Mar. 26 Fueled ship from carrier and rendezvoused with several task forces. Left carriers.

Mar. 27 1700 arrived Purvis Bay, Solomons. Fueled ship.

Mar. 28 0530 underway with several cans and 3 cruisers for gunnery practice. Returned to Purvis Bay.

Mar. 29 Moored alongside Whitney to work on radar.

Apr. 1 Afternoon went ashore on recreation. First time I ever touched land in Solomons. Drank 5 beers, offered \$5 apiece for them. 2 were Bottled Duequeane.

Apr. 4 0815 underway, radar test and degaussing exercises. Returned to Purvis Bay. Reported for duty with 7th fleet, southwest pacific.

Apr. 5 Underway with 5 other cans of squadron.

Apr. 7 Good Friday-arrived Milne Bay, on S.E. end of New Guinea.

Apr. 8 Underway 0545 and arrived Buna Bay 1800.

Apr. 9 Easter Sunday-went to church on U S S Zeilin(AP).

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Apr. 10 Underway to fuel from U S S Trinity And reberthed.

Apr. 15 Underway to fuel ship and reberthed.

Apr. 17 Underway 2345 to screen troop ships carrying 45,000 troops to invade Jap held strip of New Guinea at Aitape, Humboldt Bay, and Tanshaerah Bay.

Apr. 22 D-day, we are to support and cover the force landing at Hollandia on Humboldt Bay. 0530 commenced landings after aerial bombing and surface bombarding. Little opposition. One plane sighted in the air but got away. Troops took one air strip in tact before noon. Believed to be 5 strips and some not completed according to reconnaissance photos. 1st day this force lost 27 men and 15 wounded. Killed 25 Japs and took a few prisoners most of which were Javanese. The Japs took to the hills. This is the easiest operation we have ever been in.

Apr. 24 Under air attack just at dark, they hit some of our supplies on the beach. 1730 left with McKee and 2 transports for Buna Bay.

Apr. 26 Arrived Buna Bay, N. G. 1600

Apr. 27. 0300 underway after fueling and 0900 arrived at Cape Sudest, Morobie, N.G.

Apr. 28 Afternoon went on recreation party. Drank 3 brews, swam in fresh water stream and visited native village.

May 1 Underway 0830 and arrived LST Base 1200 at Cape Creten. 1530 left with over 20 LST's and about 15 DD's and APD's and 2 large transports.

May 4 Arrived north of Humboldt Bay 0600.

May 5 Underway 0600 with LST's and other cans. On the 2nd at morning readiness one of the new men got his toes out off in #3 gun. This is the second accident of this type to happen on here.

May 7 Left the convoy at Cape Creten and the cans proceeded to Cape Sudest, arriving 1530.

May 8 Binnacle list for infected ankle.

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May 10 Still in sack. Got underway with
LST's and APD's and our squadron as
Screen for Solomons.

May 13 Arrived Purvis Bay 1000. Took on
stores and fueled. 1300 left for
Noumea, N.C. with Jenkins at 27 knots.
Off Binnacle List.

May 15 Arrived Noumea, New Caledonia.

May 17 Liberty from 1200 to 1700. Drank 2
beers and about 6 shots of rot-gut,
\$1 a shot.

May 20 Underway to degauss. Degaussing gear
not working.

May 21 Underway over degaussing range again.

May 22 One yr. on ship.

May 23 Beer party in afternoon at Silver
Beach.

May 24 Left Noumea with O'Bannon, Jenkins,
and Nicholas.

May 26 Arrived Talegi, Florida Is, Solomons.
O'Bannon got our mail and we continued
to Treasury Is.

May 27 Arrived Treasury Is. 0900. 1630 under-
way with O'Bannon and Hopewell to shell
Japs held position on New Ireland.

May 29 0630 to 0930 shelled enemy positions.
Had some near misses from 3" shore
batteries.

May 31 Afternoon went on recreation party.

June 1 1630 lit-off and underway, on emergency
lighting-off orders, at full power.
Two other cans of our squadron are
with us. Going to intercept 3 Jap
cans headed down from Truk that were
sighted by a Navy search plane.
Expect to intercept to-morrow after-
noon across equator. We are to make
the torpedo run.

June 2 Planes lost the cans during the night.
Patrolled area that we expected to
intercept them. No luck. Left area
about 1530 to relieve DE's doing anti-
sub patrol with CVE's along and above
Bismarck Archipelago. we picked up
a couple sound contacts in evening,
laid a few patterns. Lost contact.
This is a blockade as the Japs are
attempting to evacuate troops from
the starved out isles.

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June 4 At 09 from 1200 to 1400 and 1700 to
2000, under aerial attack, they
dropped a few bombs and we fired a
few rounds, no hits either way.

June 5 Rendezvoused with carrier at day break.

June 6 0900 arrived Marcus Is., fueled ship,
took on provisions and ammunition.
Underway north again to join CVE in
anti-sub work, at 1700. At dusk
received word the European invasion
is underway.

June 10 Still with carrier and 3 cans. 1430
one of our planes sighted an oil
slick about 15 mi. off port beam.
Taylor went to investigate. Got
contact and dropped 2 patterns and
forced sub to surface. We opened
fire with 5" and 40's at 2400 yds.
5" scored hits. Sub submerged.
About 5 min. later went in and
dropped another pattern. Heard 2
underwater explosions one being very
violent. Waited - dropped another
pattern. Much debris on surface.
Sub sunk.

June 12 Plane crashed in take off.

June 13 " " " " "

June 14 At day break we were relieved by
other cans, and advanced to Treasury
Is. at 20 knots. Crossed equator 8
times in this operation.

June 15 Arrived Treasury Is., Solomons.
1400 received 29 letters.

June 22 Underway 0700 for gunnery drill and
calibration. Returned 1630.

June 23 Underway 0700 for gunnery drill and
general drills etc. Expect to get
a lot of this for the next few weeks.

June 24 Underway 0700. Returned 1630.

June 25 Stayed in.

June 27 Underway and returned.

June 28 " " " "

June 29 " " " "
(wasting a lot of ammunition.)

June 30 Underway and returned.

July 4 Had a party on beach to day. Everyone
had a good time.

July 5 Underway 0700 for drills, exercises
and damage control. Returned.

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July 6 Underway 1300, Fired 5" and returned 2230.
July 7 Same dope, in and out.
July 8 " " " " "
July 9 " " " " "
July 10 " " " " "
July 11 " " " " " (It's a hard life)
July 12 " " " " "
July 13 " " " " "
July 14 Stayed in!
July 15 Underway and returned.
July 16 Stayed in.
July 19 Underway 1130.
July 20 Arrived Purvis Bay 1000. Moored alongside Dixie for overhaul.
July 27 Underway about noon to starboard side of Dixie to take off radar screen. 1700 went in dry dock to work on sound gear, rudder, check bearing clearances on shaft and scraped and painted bottom.
July 28 Still in dry dock.
July 29 1200 underway to go alongside barge to fuel and then moored alongside Dixie.
July 31 0700 underway for degaussing. 1200 left for Treasury Is. alone. Hopewell's in dry dock, O'Bannon and Nicholas are at Treasury.
Aug. 1 Arrived Treasury Is. 0800.
Aug. 3 Underway 0700, returned 1430.
Aug. 4 Bob Hope show here on beach, port and starboard, afternoon and evening. Pouring rain so stayed aboard and got some need^d sleep. No watch to night so will get more sleep than any one time in over a month.
Aug. 6 Underway 0700, fueled and left for Manus Is., Admiralty Is. with O'Bannon and Hopewell. Received word Nicholas rammed a DE in Purvis Bay but only minor damage.
Aug. 8 Arrived Manus Is. 0800 and fueled.
Aug. 14 Underway with Aust. cruiser and Aust. can and our sqdn. Returned. Nicholas back with us.
Aug. 17 Underway 0700 with a sub for exercises. Returned 1500. Two yrs. in Navy.

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Aug. 18 Underway 0630 with Aust. ship and our squadron. Had 20 enlisted men and 6 officers (Army) as guests today. Returned and fueled 1600.
Aug. 19 Underway 1800 with O'Bannon for New Guinea.
Aug. 20 Arrived at Aitape, New Guinea 1200 and anchored.
Aug. 21 Underway 0630 for practice bombardment about 50 mi. down beach on some Jap stragglers. Had some Amer. soldiers as guests. Returned 1630.
Aug. 22 Underway 0730 to same place. Had Aust. soldiers along. Returned 1630.
Aug. 23 Underway 0730 to same place. Had Amer. soldiers along. Returned 1630.
Aug. 24 Underway 0700 for same place. Had Amer. soldiers along. Returned 1300.
Aug. 25 Underway 0630 for Humboldt, Bay, New Guinea. Arrived 1300 fueled took on Ammunition. All DesRon 21 together except for Hopewell and LaVallote.
Aug. 27 All our squadron left except us. We are waiting for operation orders and then meet them. A lot of cargo snips here. Several left to go up the line. 6 - 2100's came in also some one stackers.
Aug. 28 2nd anniversary of ships commission. 0800 underway.
Aug. 29 Arrived Manus, Admiralty Is. 0900.
Aug. 30 Underway 0730. Returned 1700.
Aug. 31 Underway 1700 for night battle practice with our squadron, Nashville and Aust. cruiser.
Sept. 1 Returned 1630 and fueled and anchored.
Sept. 2 Underway with O'Bannon and 3 LST's for Hollandia, New Guinea.
Sept. 4 Arrived Hollandia 1200 and fueled.
Sept. 5 Underway 2200 alone with an Admiral and staff aboard to observe landing operations practice.
Sept. 6 Observed practice landings and returned to Hollandia.
Sept. 9 Underway 0900 to fuel. Anchored 1100.
Sept. 10 Underway 2200.
Sept. 11 Arrived Miffan Bay, New Guinea 0700 and left 0900 with large force of small craft for an invasion.

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Don't know where. We are over 100 craft in all including LST's - LCI's - APD's - MS's and AP's.

- Sept. 12 Skipper announced the dope - we are going to invade the southern peninsula of Morotai Is. which is a small Is. just north of Malamheria Is. 375 mi. from Philippines, will be in bombing range of 24 enemy air strips. This is D-day -3. At same time of this operation some other operations will be carried out; landings on Palau and carrier strikes on the Philippines.
- Sept. 13 Joined by 2 Aust. cruisers and 4 of our heavies, 6 aux. carriers laying off with Phoenix, Boise, and Nashville.
- Sept. 14 At evening readiness left convoy to take radar watch position about 25 mi. northwest of Morotai. (Picket duty)
- Sept. 15 D-day. Cruisers bombarded and planes bombed--successful. Troops landed with no opposition. It's believed there are 25,000 Japs on this Is. but our landings were a surprise to them and they concentrated their troops on southern part of Malamheria where they thought we would land. We landed 35,000 troops. Aust. cruiser captured a barge load of Japs attempting escape. One of our cans sank another barge. At evening readiness the LaValette and Hughes and us took up positions to patrol between islands. The troops captured the air strip in tact and in use.
- Sept. 16 Continued patrol alone. Left 1700 with about 12 LST's and 3 LCI's and 3 other cans for Blak Is. of western New Guinea. At evening readiness we had to take one LST back to Morotai, it developed engine trouble, and we joined the convoy 2200. Early in evening 2 dive bomber attack us. Hopewell shot one down and the other one got away after dropping it's bombs on the beach. No damage.
- Sept. 19 Arrived Woendia Bay. Anchored.
- Sept. 23 Underway 1000 to fuel, 1200 anchored again. Went on recreation party in

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afternoon, drank 3 beers and swam some. Underway 1700 with LaValette and 3 LST's.

- Sept. 24 Met by 9 more LST's and 6 large transports and 1 oiler. The Fletcher passed US mail to us she had picked up for us at Biak. Today is my birthday and in my mail was a greeting card from Mom & Dad. We have 5 cans in convoy. Going to Morotai to arrive 27th.
- Sept. 27 Day break at Morotai and proceeded to patrol around N.W. side of Is. on radar duty. Investigated a beached LCI.
- Sept. 30 Screening ships unloading supplies. Afternoon left with 3 other cans, oiler, transports and 7 LST's for Hollandia, N.G.
- Oct. 3 1700 sighted PEY on surface, left convoy to render assistance. Towed plane to Woendia Bay, 60 mi. distant
- Oct. 4 Arrived Woendia Bay at day break and left plane with crash boat. Fueled ship. 0930 left for Hollandia.
- Oct. 5 Anchored Humboldt Bay, N.G. Received 21 letters. Over 100 ships in here: merchantmen, troop ships, DD's, DE's and landing craft, all loaded to capacity. Must be a big operation coming off soon.
- Oct. 10 Left for Finschhafen alone to bring back troop ships at 1830.
- Oct. 12 Arrived Finschhafen 0530.
- Oct. 13 Underway 0730 with 3 troop ships.
- Oct. 15 Arrived Humboldt Bay 0630, fueled, and went over degaussing range in bay until 1130. then anchored.
- Oct. 16 Underway 0530 to calibrate radar and firing practice(AA). Returned 1200 and fueled and anchored. O'Bannon tied up alongside.
- Oct. 17 O'Bannon got underway 0800 to fuel and anchor. Received word from Tootie of Bill's wounds.
- Oct. 18 Underway 0530 for Philippines with 3 other cans and about 50 LST's and transports. Given official dope on operations: We are to arrive 20th,

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(D-day +4). Expect to be at sea for 30 days. The initial landing force left Hollandia on 13th. MacArthur and Delgado, Pres. of Philippines, are on the Nashville.

- Oct. 20 D-day. At dusk Hopewell sank a mine on port side of convoy.
- Oct. 21 Received word Honolulu took a fish, badly damaged. This is her 3rd one. Also heard another cruiser hit and can, Ross, hit 2 mines and also attack by dive bombers. Mines killed 23 men and wounded several, bombers wounded several on top side by near misses.
- Oct. 22 Fueled from tanker at sea.
- Oct. 23 2130 started through mine field at entrance to Leyte Gulf.
- Oct. 24 Cruised around in Gulf all day at GQ. Laid smoke screens to cover the wagons. Several air attacks by Jap suicide planes which sank a couple cargo ships. Anchored 2000. secured from GQ 2100 keeping steaming watches. Princeton CVE sunk, hit by bomb.
- Oct. 25 0430 GQ, got underway. 0900 left gulf to join wagons and cruisers to patrol outside gulf. Everything a mess! 2 large Jap task forces headed this way from south and north. Wagons almost out of ammunition so can't fight a very good battle. Used it for bombing. A small CVE force screened by DE's are strafing one force. We lack dive bombers and torpedo planes. Adm. Halsey is engaging another force up north but is sending some fast large units to help us. MacArthur says he can't give us any planes. We have orders to fight to last ship to protect our beachhead from enemy bombardment. Some Army Liberators were sent to aid us from Palau and they did OK. Received orders to return to Gulf. Then received order to prepare to take on wounded and survivors from Gambier Bay CVE which was sunk, after on our way the orders were changed. I don't

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know what's going on but hope some one else does. All this big battle going on near us and we do nothing but run around having our orders changed. The CVE force took a hell of a beating and also some DE's. In the evening we joined 2 other cons out side of gulf to patrol in torpedo formation. Ships sunk today: CVE's Gambier Bay and Saint Lo and cons Hoel and Johnston and DE Roberts.

- Oct. 26 Morning returned to gulf and patrolled. A plane sighted a Jap heavy cruiser that was damaged yesterday slipping back to one of their ports. It was lying close to the beach all last night 22 mi. from us while it was getting squared away. Our radar didn't pick it up. Sank 3 mines today. Evening went out to join CVE force.
- Oct. 27 Picked up a survivor from one of our planes that was shot down. He had a broken leg, his buddy went down. Doc set leg. Transferred survivor back to a carrier. Returned to gulf. Up to now been at GQ almost constantly since 23rd. Very tired. Secured from GQ after dark, anchored.
- Oct. 28 Underway 0530, fueled from tanker 0830. 1 1/2 hr. later a DE was fueling from same tanker and was sunk by a suicide plane. Another one of our cruisers (Denver) was damaged by suicidal attack today. Left to join escort carrier force. Picked up Hell Cat pilot from drink after he bailed out. He ran out of fuel and was lost from his carrier the Enterprise and ran out of gas. Evening--sea very rough.
- Oct. 29 Joined wagons, cruisers, carriers, must be all of 7th fleet together.
- Oct. 30 Only 3 out of 6 wagons and 7 out of 11 carriers left, the rest went to Palau. Left for Manus.
- Nov. 3 Arrived Manus, Admiralty Is. 0930. Fueled and anchored. Lots of carriers and other ships here. Several large dry docks, saw Honolulu in one for

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repairs from the fish she took. Heard we lost 4 more cans in Leyte Gulf by suicide planes. Abdner Read was sunk 1 Nov., she came out to Pearl with us from the States. Also hear the cans Bush and Claxton hit but no dope if they sunk.

- Nov. 8 Underway 1300 with Nicholas for Uliwhi Is., Caroline Is.
- Nov. 10 1400 arrived Uliwhi Is., all 3rd fleet is here.
- Nov. 12 Left 0800 with Nicholas and St. Louis for Palau Is. Nicholas sank a sub at 2000.
- Nov. 13 Arrived Palau 0830 fueled and stood - sea condition watches.
- Nov. 14 Underway 1500 with Nicholas and 5 other cans, 2 cruisers (one is St. Louis) and Maryland for Leyte, to arrive 16th.
- Nov. 16 Entered Leyte Gulf early afternoon with 1 cruiser and 4 cans. Patrolling gulf.
- Nov. 17 Patrolled gulf last night with Miss., Calif., and Tenn., 4 cruisers, and 11 cans. Still in gulf.
- Nov. 18 Went in toward beachhead to fuel from tanker ~~W~~ Waller was fueling from other side. ~~W~~ Kay came over to see me, they also brought in our mail. Received 22 letters, first in over a mo. again. Back with same force patrolling force. One Jap plane came in dropped bomb and got away.
- Nov. 19 Patrolling. Bad weather, typhoon raging.
- Nov. 21 Patrolling with two other cans. Weather Better.
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day. Joined task group 77.2 again. Calif. left for Manus but Colo. joined us. Boggie came in in evening. The can that relieved us this morning while on picket duty was sunk by suicide plane.
- Nov. 24 0900 provisioned ship from Pa. Left with 2 other cans to continue patrol.
- Nov. 26 Entered gulf to fuel from tanker. Went back on patrol, alone.

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- Nov. 27 1200 task force over horizon (we are on picket duty) ~~we~~ is under heavy air attack. 1 Jap dive bomber attacked us, shot down with 20's. The task force suffered damages, Colo., Md., and St. Louis were hit by suicide divers.
- Nov. 29 Still patrolling alone. 1000 joined task force in gulf and fueled from Colo. 1200 bogey came in close, shot down. 1700 had heavy air attack. Md. hit again. The can Sauffley was hit and had heavy casualties, Doctor killed, skipper injured and don't know total dead and wounded. After the attack we joined Colo., St. Louis, and 4 other cans and proceeded to Manus, Admiralty Is.
- Nov. 30 Day-break, Colo. and 2 cans went back, don't know why. We are to arrive in Manus on 4 Dec. Another can was hit that relieved us on picket duty.
- Nov. 31 At 2000 picked up an Army tug afloat and sent boarding party on it to investigate, no one aboard. Sent message to Palau and they are going to tow it in.
- Dec. 4 Arrived 0700 at Manus, Admiralty Is. Fueled and anchored. Granted 3 days tender availability at anchor. Cooper, can, sunk yesterday.
- Dec. 7 Mahan, can, and Ward AED sunk off Leyte.
- Dec. 11 Underway 0800 with wagons for AA firing. 1430 fueled and anchored. Hear the Reid got sunk last night by suicide dive bomber off Leyte, hit #2 magazine and sank in 2 min.
- Dec. 12 Underway 0800 to go alongside Sierra to repair #5 gun.
- Dec. 14 near the Nashville hit by suicide plane in 40 mm magazine killing 150, still getting reports of losing cans and transports. Scuttlebutt has it that we are going back to the States after next operation.
- Dec. 15 Underway 0900 with Miss., Calif., and Pa., with 4 other cans for Palau. Due to arrive 18th.

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- Dec. 18 Arrived 1100 Palau, fueled, anchored. 3 days availability at anchor for repairs. Condition watches topside and special night machine gun watches. 17,000 troops, Japs, on one near-by Is.
- Dec. 28 Underway 0800, fueled and left for Leyte with 3 other cans, Miss., and New Mex.
- Dec. 28 Arrived 1200 Leyte Gulf, Philippines. Anchored, sea condition watches through out ship.
- Dec. 29 Fueled and anchored. Hear our next operation is Luzon invasion, D-day is 9 Jan.
- Jan. 4 Adm. Berkeley, our Task Force Comd., came aboard 0900 to present Skipper with Legion of Merit for the sub sunk on June 10, 1944. MacArthur went aboard the Boise. 1700 underway with 5 of our squadron, 2 other cans, and 4 cruisers (Boise, Phoenix, Columbia, and Denver) to Lingayen Gulf, north of Manila. There will be ships of all kinds ahead and aft of us for about 80 mi. in length. Cautioned to keep a sharp lookout for air-craft, mines and subs. The force directly ahead of us is a small carrier force, and directly behind are 20 large transports and some LST's carrying about 50,000 troops. Base speed 8 knots. We have to pass through narrow waters and a number of islands all Jap occupied. Ommaney Bay CVE, sunk by bombing.
- Jan. 5 1500 sighted sub periscope. We started after it. It fired 2 fish at the Boise one coming close to us. We rammed and sunk it and at the same time dropped a patern of depth charges. Our sound gear is out of commission as a result of ramming. In evening we were attack by planes, no hits either way.
- Jan. 6 Sound gear is working a little. Three separate air attacks this morning, one plane in each. Our planes shot one down and the Japs shot our plane down that shot theirs down. Our

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- Jan. 7 barrage shot another one down. Passed Panay today. In evening more boogies and one dropped it's bomb very close to us. No hits either way. More boogies to-day. Passed Mondono and at noon entered South China sea. Our battlewagons bombarded the beach-head this morning. At noon received word that in past 24 hr. 17 ships hit. New Mex. got bridge blown off while bombarding. Fueled ship from tanker. In evening 2 planes attacked us, one was shot down by Phoenix and the one got away after dropping bomb very close to a transport. Another day spent mostly at GQ.
- Jan. 8 Morning attacked by planes. Only 2 got through our planes out of 98 sent to attack us, one dived on a transport after dropping it's bomb in sea, the other one was shot down. In evening planes again, out of 12 in one group and 7 in another, ^{800 by our planes.} One of these we shot down and the other dived on carrier and slide off in to sea. To night we left our group to go out and meet a carrier and escort it back to our group. Boise left us. We now consist of 3 CVE's, 3 cruisers, 5 cans, and 5 DE's.
- Jan. 9 D-day. Our planes are patrolling area to give cover for landings. We are a unit forming screen for carriers.
- Jan. 10 Picked up boogies 0500, our fighters shot one down. Escorted large convoy into gulf. 0900 sub contact and lost it.
- Jan. 11 Another convoy came in today. Hear there's to be another invasion on 19th at the north and south tips of Luzon. Had boogies all day. Quick turning caused one man to be swept overboard from one of the carriers after dark this evening and was lost.
- Jan. 12 Fueled from tanker that came out from gulf. A torpedo plane crashed. Crew picked up by another can.
- Jan. 13 Been having very large swells. Boise joined us.

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- Jan. 15 Hear three cans capsized in typhoon off Luzon last month, they were Spence, Hull, and Monaghan.
- Jan. 17 Very rough. Picked up survivors of crashed torpedo plane. Radio man had broken leg. Transferred 2 of the uninjured survivors to carrier.
- Jan. 18 Headed south to Mindoro.
- Jan. 19 Half of force went in to fuel while we lay off and cover them, then we went in, fueled and took on ammunition. Left at 2200. Another force came in.
- Jan. 20 We now consist of 4 CVE's, 4 cruisers, and over a doz. DD's and DE's.
- Jan. 22 Fueled from two tankers who came out to meet us at sea.
- Jan. 25 In afternoon plane sighted a small boat with 3 Japs in it. Nicholas investigated and took them prisoner. They left land on 3rd. They had been eating fish but hadn't caught any in past few days. One was very weak. They were in the Army.
- Jan. 27 Jenkins joined us and had our new Skipper aboard. They passed him over to us. He is Lt. Comd. H. H. deLaureal a former Chief engineer on another 2100 can.
- Jan. 28 Fueled from tanker at sea.
- Jan. 29 Planes in our force gave air coverage to Subic Bay invasion. We were supposed to bombard but it was called off as it was not needed.
- Jan. 31 2400 O'Bannon had sub contact, they attacked with a DE, made it surface. DE got direct hits and was credited with the sinking of the sub.
- Feb. 1 Our force split up, all our squadron going to Leyte except us and we are going into Mindoro a few days. 2300 anchored off Mindoro.
- Feb. 2 0800 underway to fuel and take on stores. Engineering force set aux. watch after anchoring.
- Feb. 3 Went on recreation party in morning.
- Feb. 6 Quarters at 0900 for farewell address from Comd. Frank and then he left ship. We then got underway for local sub patrol.

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- Feb. 8 1200 back in port to take on provisions and anchored. 1700 underway for Subic Bay. We had 7 men transferred to States, among them were Wallace, O'Hara and Wiggins. I now have charge of the third section.
- Feb. 9 Arrived Subic Bay. Back with our squadron and the 4 same cruisers. Ready duty.
- Feb. 10 Secured from ready duty 1800.
- Feb. 11 Underway to fuel, tore a nice hole in tanker when our anchor hit them. 2230 two planes attacked and bombed beach.
- Feb. 12 Movies on focsle this evening, first time for weeks.
- Feb. 13 Underway 0700 with our squadron and Montpelier, Denver, Columbia, Boise and Cleveland to bombard and cover mine sweeps off Bataan and Corregidor, 40 mi. south of here. Sweeps picked up 87 mines before noon. 1800 returned to Subic Bay and anchored. Ready Duty
- Feb. 14 Underway 0500 with same force to same place. LaValette took a mine, then Radford hit by shore batteries going to aid the LaValette at 1700. A little later Hopewell and Jenkins got messed up with shore batteries. We fired 500 rds. of 5" to day while bombarding. All close work. Have to draw Jap fire to get their positions. Hopewell lost 8 men and one officer and several injured of which one is not expected to live. Don't know how many were lost on the other cans. We brought Radford and LaValette back to Subic Bay and anchored 0200.
- Feb. 15 Underway 1430. Near the Claxton got hit. At day break began bombarding Corregidor and Bataan, planes bombed. Landed troops on Bataan, one LST hit a mine. Fletcher got it from shore batteries. Returned to Subic Bay late.
- Feb. 16 Underway 0630, back to Corregidor. Bombarded and planes bombed. Nicholas was hit by shore battery, killed only one hand. 0930 started landing paratroops on Corregidor about 1500 of

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- them. 1430 saw soldiers raise the colors. 1900 returned to Subic Bay and fueled. Ready duty. Very tired crew.
- Feb. 17 Went alongside ammunition ship and took on 1000 rds. of 5" and took off 500 magnetic. Anchored 1900. Ready duty.
- Feb. 18 Underway 0800 with O'Bannon. We are the only 2 cans left not damaged. Bombarded a village south and just across from Corregidor. Troops on Corregidor have been fired on quite a bit from this place. So we are to locate and knock out the guns. We did. We each fired 250 rds. Returned to Subic Bay 1800. Secured.
- Feb. 19 Underway 1300 to take on 200 rds. of 5" and fuel. 1800 secured.
- Feb. 20 Grande Is. in mouth of bay is the recreation place. 3 sailors were killed and 5 injured from booby traps to-day.
- Feb. 22 1200 ready duty.
- Feb. 23 1200 secured.
- Feb. 24 Underway 0830 with Adm. for inspection of Corregidor, also had a salvage party aboard to land on Corregidor to salvage damaged small craft. 1730 returned to Subic Bay, fueled. Ready duty.
- Feb. 25 1200 secured main plant. Underway 1830 with Boise and another cruiser and Nicholas (Nick. and us are the only 2 cans in DesRon 21 able to get underway) for Lingayen Gulf with Adm. for inspection.
- Feb. 26 Arrived 0930, anchored and secured main plant. 1800 underway for "Jig" sub patrol at mouth of gulf. Many of crew have diarrhea.
- Feb. 28 1000 back in gulf, anchored, fueled. Ready duty. 1830 underway to Subic Bay.
- Mar. 1 Arrived Subic Bay 1030, fueled and secured.
- Mar. 2 Underway 1700 to dry dock for repair of sound gear which was damaged when we rammed sub. 2 more men killed on

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- Grande Is. by booby traps.
- Mar. 3 Left drydock 0800 and anchored. In afternoon went on recreation party on Grande Is.
- Mar. 4 Underway 1800 for Mandoro.
- Mar. 5 Arrived Mandoro 1000, fueled and took on stores.
- Mar. 6 Underway 1700. have fighter command aboard for Mindanao operation. D-day is 10th.
- Mar. 7 Investigated a small three rig sail boat. 25 Moros in it, men, women and children. gave them rice and beans. They are about 35 mi. from land, out here to get away from the Japs. We consist of 6 cans, 18 MS's, 2 cruisers (Phoenix and Boise), 1 net tender to lay buoys.
- Mar. 8 At day break arrived off Zamboanga, on S.W. coast of Mindanao Is. and the MS's commenced sweeping while we covered them. About 1000 2 Moros came out in a small outrigger, they wanted to come aboard. We let ones swim to the ship and come aboard. Questioned him and made him return to his boat, after giving him some dungreex and cigarettes. He didn't want to leave as he said the Japs would slit his throat. In afternoon another bunch of moros came alongside, they were men, women, and children. At dusk we spotted a Jap transport trying to take off and we opened fire and shot it up before it could take off. Been at GQ all day. At night the whole force laid off to sea.
- Mar. 9 Day break, at GQ and back sweeping and bombarding. This is close work to draw Jap fire. At 0900 B24's, 3 formations of 6 bombed beachhead, lost one plane, hit by a bomb from another plane. In afternoon 9 B24's bombed again. Aust. can joined us in close to beach to take sounding at point where beachhead will be made. At dark retired to sea.
- Mar. 10 D-day. Day break, at GQ and back bombarding and sweeping. Our troops had

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- and supplies arrived last night and are laying off. They number about 70 LST's, 100 LCI's, communication ship (Rocky Mount) and cans. They lined up and started landing about 0930. We covered the beachhead at very close range. We have fired over 1,000 rds. of 5" in past 2 days, Also many 40's. Retired 1700 to LST's to take on 550 rds. of 5" and some 40's. We knocked out several mobile guns today that opened fire on the landing craft and us, we had no damage to our craft. The Army that is landing is the 41st Div. Our force laid off at night.
- Mar. 11 Day break, GQ and resumed landings. Unloading LST's containing supplies. Yesterday we only unloaded troops. From 0900 to 1100 we had over a dozen near misses from enemy shore batteries and mortars. Very lucky none hit us. Bombarded quite a bit today. Japs scored some hits on the supplies piled on the beach and they burned all day. Our air support has been by Army B24's, Navy dive bombers, Army A20's and cruiser planes and Grasshoppers for observation and spotting, saw one Grasshopper land somewhere back of beachhead so must have an air strip. In afternoon our troops began entering town. At dusk retired.
- Mar. 12 Day break, GQ again, crew very tired. At 1100 got fired upon by shore batteries again and took about an hr. before we could locate it and knock it out 1600 secured from GQ. 1700 left for Mindoro with 5 other cans, Phoenix, Boise.
- Mar. 13 Arrived at Mindoro 1200, went alongside ammunition ship, took on 440 rds. of 5" and then alongside tanker to fuel and then anchored 1600. At 1800 left for Subic Bay with same force.
- Mar. 14 Arrived Subic Bay 0900, fueled ship anchored. Ready duty.
- Mar. 15 Underway 0500 for Corregidor to lend fire support to troops there that are being harassed by some gun placements

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- on west side. At Corregidor Gen. Chase came aboard to assist us in locating these enemy guns. Chase told Skipper to announce to crew that this is a hellava good ship.
- Mar. 17 Underway 0730 to move closer to tender (Dobbin) to charge torpedoes. Nicholas O'Bannon, Radford and LaVallete are alongside tender for repairs. Ready duty.
- Mar. 18 Secured 1200 from ready duty. In afternoon went on recreation on Grande Is.
- Mar. 22 Went to GQ 2215 for unidentified plane 20 mi. inland and lit off main plant to get underway. Identified itself 2345, secured from GQ and main plant.
- Mar. 23 In morning had recreation on Grande Is. Getting underway to-morrow for another operation.
- Mar. 24 Underway 0630 with Fletcher, Nicholas, O'Bannon, Jenkins, Phoenix, Boise and a Tasmanian cruiser for Cebu. 1800 Boise, Jenkins and O'Bannon left us to go into Mindoro. We advance to Cebu.
- Mar. 25 Investigated sail boat, 6 Moros in it. They were on their way to a small is. north of Mindanao Is.
- Mar. 26 Off Cebu 0200, GQ, at 0700 started bombarding and secured at 0815. We put out 770 rds. of 5". The landing followed while we covered them. Keeping a sharp lookout for subs as one of our planes sighted and sank a midget sub here the other day. The Smith (can) had a surface battle here today with a large sub. 1830 left with same force for Mindoro.
- Mar. 27 Arrived Mindoro 1300, took on ammunition and fuel and 1830 left for Subic Bay.
- Mar. 28 Test fired 0800 our AA pieces. Anchored 1100 at Subic Bay, secured main plant.
- Mar. 29 Ready duty 0800.
- Mar. 30 Secured from ready duty 0630.
- Apr. 1 Easter Sun. 1015 went to church on

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- the Boise, at anchor off our starboard side. Rated MM1/C.
- Apr. 5 Underway 0800 to set director. Returned 1130, fueled, anchored, have ready duty.
- Apr. 6 Underway 0500 with Jenkins, Fletcher, O'Bannon, Nicholas, another can, Aust. cruiser and Phoenix for Manila to see the sights. Arrived 0900, tied up alongside Nicholas. I went ashore in the afternoon.
- Apr. 7 Underway 1700 for Subic Bay. Arrived 2000 and secured.
- Apr. 8 Emergency lighting off 0230. Underway 0315, 4 boilers on line. We consist of 5 cruisers (1 Aust.) and 9 cans. One can had trouble and had to turn back. Nicholas and us are only 2 cans of DesRon 21. A search plane sighted one Jap cruiser and can north of here between Luzon and Formosa. We are in leading formation. Speed 30 knots. Searched area where we expected to intercept them. No contact and started back to Subic Bay 1900 and anchored. These Jap ships are believed to be part of Jap force that Task Force 58 tangled with yesterday.
- Apr. 9 Underway 1000 to fuel. Will get underway tomorrow for a couple days of AA firing and maneuvers. We are getting tender availability 12th to 19th. In afternoon went on recreation at Grande Ia. While I was gone the ship went to GQ at 1430 for a sub periscope was sighted coming through nets. It turned out to be one of our own.
- Apr. 10 Underway 0730 with all ships here, 12 cans and 5 cruisers for maneuvers and AA firing.
- Apr. 11 Returned 1200 Subic Bay and tied up alongside Dobbin.
- Apr. 12 Started repairs.
- Apr. 13 At reveille hear Pres. Roosevelt dead. Received shots. Flying colors at half mast for 30 days.
- Apr. 15 At 1000 had memorial services on Dobbin for Pres. Roosevelt. At 1600 had 5 min. of silent prayer.

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- Apr. 16 Went on recreation in afternoon on Grande Ia.
- Apr. 20 Underway 0800 to fuel and anchor. Brought on stores. Fighter group came aboard -- 4 enlisted men and a Maj., all Aussies. They are to assist us in our next operation, Borneo, in which the troops will all be Aussies.
- Apr. 21 Commenced painting ship all war blue, is now a 4 color camouflaged job.
- Apr. 23 Secured from painting ship. Looks good.
- Apr. 24 Underway 0630 with Nicholas, O'Bannon, Jenkins, Fletcher, and an Aussie can, Boise, Phoenix and Holbeat (Aussie cruiser) for Borneo operation.
- Apr. 27 In afternoon took 5 Japs prisoner on raft. 1800 transferred them to Boise. Nicholas tried to pick up another bunch but they resorted to Hari Hari. Corsairs strafed a couple other rafts with Japs. They were escaping from an Is. the Aussies had recently landed on and were going to another 30 mi. away.
- Apr. 29 No dope out on what we are to expect on this operation. We still have the Fighter Director aboard, they know where the Jap positions are. Phoenix and Boise fired a dozen or so rds. today. GQ all day. MS's are sweeping while we cover them.
- Apr. 30 Same dope. We had sub contact and lost it. The Aussie ships left for Sydney. (They get their recreation every 8 mos.)
- May 1 GQ 0330. This is Tarakan Is. that we are going to take today. (Off NE coast of Borneo) 0540 began bombarding, expended about 700 rds. of 5", 6 sec. salvoes. About 1000 Jenkins hit a mine in port side fwd. fire room and fwd. to bow. Two men badly burned in fire room and one man missing. Fire room, mess hall and everything fwd is flooded. Very lucky.
- May 2 Still GQ secured for 3 hrs. in morn. to take on ammunition from ammunition ship. In afternoon some MS's near us

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May 3 were fired on by 6" shore batteries, 1 sunk and 4 damaged. Secured from GQ 0900 and left for Subic Bay with Boise, Phoenix, Nicholas, O'Bannon. Fletcher is escorting the Jenkins back and are following at slow speed.

May 6 Arrived Subic Bay, Philippines, fueled, anchored and secured 1400. Underway 1600 to intercept a fresh provision ship 100 mi. north coming down from Lingayen. 2000 met provision ship and escorting it to Subic Bay.

May 7 Arrived Subic Bay 0800 anchored and secured.

May 9 Underway at sun rise with Nicholas and O'Bannon for AA firing and drills. Returned to bay at 1300.

May 10 Underway 0730 again for same thing and anchored.

May 12 Underway again and returned. The cruisers were along today.

May 13 Mother's Day and Field day.

May 14 Ready duty 0800. Inspection 0845 by Commander (Com. DesRon 21) 0900 underway for damage control problem. Rated 3.85 on problem given by O'Bannon.

May 15 Secured from Ready duty 0700.

May 17 Underway 0750 for practice torpedo firing with O'Bannon. Sea too rough so simulated. Returned to port 1300.

May 18 Underway on Nicholas 0800 for inspection and damage control problems.

May 19 Underway 0700 to fire fish. The O'Bannon fired one at us and was away off target. We fired one at Nicholas and it was good, went under aft fire room. In afternoon returned to bay, fueled, received fish from Dobbin and anchored 1600. Ready duty. 2030 stopped movie on focsle and got underway, finished movie in mess hall. Going to pick up crew of a Privateer (New Navy scout bomber) which is downed about 175 mi off Formosa near China coast. The sea is too rough for PSY's to land and make the rescue. 360 mi. to go, speed 28 knots, due to arrive 0900. 2400 called back to

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Subic Bay, as planes made rescue. Returned at 15 knots, took steady run data.

May 20 Arrived Subic Bay 0700 fueled and anchored. We are going to Manila soon for liberty, if so, will be the first in over a yr. The last liberty we had was in Noumea if it could be called liberty.

May 21 Underway 0900 to screen Phoenix, they are having an inspection while underway out side nets. Returned and anchored 1200.

May 22 Underway 0530 for Manila to be there 4 days. Liberty -- port and starboard. Liberty will be granted from 1100 to 1600 on the dock. Transportation by LCM's. My section has the duty today. Arrived 0900 and moored alongside O'Bannon in Manila Bay.

May 23 Had liberty 1100 to 1600.

May 24 Had the duty.

May 25 Had liberty, same hrs.

May 26 Underway 0700 with O'Bannon, Nicholas, 3 other cans, Phoenix and Boise for Subic Bay. 1000 AA firing. Entered port 1200 fueled and anchored. The Exec announced this morn. that we will leave here tomorrow for Leyte to be assigned to 5th fleet.

May 27 Orders changed we must wait for relief.

June 1 At 1130 Charette (DD 581) came alongside from Leyte. They are our relief. Turned over to them chart, and all secret papers. Underway 1900 with O'Bannon and Nicholas for Leyte.

June 2 Put 4 Boilers on the line for full power run. Did full power from 0900 to 1100. Left the Nicholas over horizon (they were doing 30 knots) and O'Bannon slowly slipped back as we gained speed (they were doing about 33 knots). We did an hourly avg. in last hr. of 34.5 knots and not wide open, believe we could have made 35 knots. Injection 88°. At 2100 to 2300 had GQ for unidentified ships. GQ 0100 for unidentified ships. Arrived Leyte 1200, anchored and

secured. Lit off 1500 to go along-side tender(Sierra).

June 5 To dentist on Sierra, 1 pulled and 1 filled.

June 6 On recreation party in afternoon to Semaar Is.

June 11 Underway 0800 to fuel ship and take on ammunition. 1730 moored alongside O'Bannon. Very tired -- been working day and night past few days on #2 M F pump.

June 13 DesRon 21 reported in to 3rd Fleet. No orders as yet. There are a lot of cans, cruisers, 2 large carriers(Essex class) and several aux. carriers and 2 wagons came in today. Expect next operation soon.

June 15 Underway 0730 with Nicholas, O'Bannon, and Oklahoma City. Headed north. As we moved out of Leyte Gulf today we passed many men-of-war at anchor, most have just came in in past couple days, there are here more cans and cruisers than I could count, at least 6 first line carriers, several smaller, and battle wagons.

June 17 Fathers' Day. Rendezvoused 0515 with 3rd fleet tankers and 3 DE's and fueled ship. 0800 joined Task Force 32.1.3 (150 mi. from Okinawa), consisting of 5 CVE's and 8 DD's and DE's.

June 18 While a unit as screen for these carriers they made air strikes all day on a small island SW of Okinawa.

June 19 1600 picked up pilot of a Hell Cat that crashed when trying to land on Manila Bay. Sea getting rough. Orders to secure and lash down all loose gear as expecting a typhoon to-night.

June 20 Still rough but no typhoon. Fueled ship 1215 from Steamer Bay. Transferred pilot back to Manila Bay 1730.

June 22 Bogey 1500, GQ. Identified as TBF.

June 23 GQ at 1500 for AA firing. Nicholas, O'Bannon and us left for Leyte at 1900 to join CVE's of Task Force 22 in 7th Fleet.

June 25 Orders changed this morning. No dope. 1330 arrived Leyte Gulf, fueled and moored alongside O'Bannon.

June 26 Tender availability at anchor, to inspect #2 main condenser. Plugged up 5 tubes while underway last.

June 27 Tug moved us closer to Sierra.

June 28 O'Bannon and Nicholas left for Ulithia to join tanker task group.

June 30 Most all the men-of-war left today.

July 1 Transferred 11men to return to States for reassignment, Hubbard, Johannsen, and Meisner were among them. Underway 0900 to shift births, moved 200yds. We leave here the 8th to go north, expect to be at sea for several weeks.

July 7 Underway 0800 to take on ammunition and fuel. Anchored 1300.

July 8 Underway 0730 with 5 ammunition ships, 1 APA and 2 DE's. We are to supply Task Force 58(Malsey's 5th Fleet) which are making strikes on Japan.

July 9 Sound contact, depth charge quarters. Lost contact, 1900.

July 10 Sound contact 1300, depth charge quarters. Lost contact.

July 11 GQ 1215 for unidentified plane. Friendly.

July 13 Around 2000 a lot of B29's flew over, on return from targets on Japan. At 1100 joined up with with 8 tankers and 4 DD's.

July 14 Fueled ship 1400 from tanker.

July 15 0230 depth charge quarters. Lost contact. Injection dropped from 87° to 84°.

July 16 Keeping sharp look out for mines, sank 3 on other side of formation this morning. A plane damaged a sub in this area yesterday, believed the sub was laying mines. Inj. 76°.

July 17 This is the coolest we have had it for almost a year and a half. Sure is invigorating, sleeping with blankets. Very cloudy and moderate sea. Sank 2 mines at 1300 and 1430. This morning we joined with 3 CVE's, 4 cruisers, and some cans, Task Force 30.8. Passed guard mail to Nicholas at 1630.

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- and guard mail and Dr. to O'Bannon.
At 1600 we are 650 mi east of Tokyo.
- July 18 Fueled ship 0900. Rained all day. Very cool and sea rough. Inj. 68°.
- July 19 Still very rough, Inj. 76°, cloudy.
- July 20 Going south, inj. 78°. Rendezvous with Task Force 58. They are fueling and taking on ammunition. Warmer and clearer.
- July 21 Much warmer, inj. 84°. At 1200 we are 480 mi. E of Tokyo. Still fueling and supplying fleet. Went alongside Alabama to transfer spare parts.
- July 22 Fleet still with us. 1400 fueled ship from tanker. Received US mail and passed same, discontinued at dusk to continue at dawn.
- July 23 Continued passing mail till noon.
- July 24 Fleet is not with us now, they are making strikes on Japan again. 1300 to 1430 provisioned ship from supply ship.
- July 25 AA firing 1300 at sleeves. 1530 blew up mine.
- July 26 Some of 3rd fleet is back fueling etc.
- July 28 Fueled ship 0900. 1400 transferred sound technician personnel to O'Bannon.
- July 29 AA firing 1300.
- July 30 1000 some of 3rd Fleet joined us to fuel. 3 Essex class carriers, Alabama and Iowa class battlewagons, new light cruisers and some AA cruisers and DD's.
- July 31 Message from Comd. 3rd Fleet says subs in area believed to be carrying 2 or 3 suicide fish.
- Aug. 1 Large swells, rolling 30°.
- Aug. 2 Task Force 30.4 joined us 0630. We joined them and left Tanker group 30.8 To coast of Japan! 30.4 consists of Missouri (Halsey's Flag Ship), Iowa, New Jersey, Yorktown, Wasp, Shangri-La, Independence, Belleau Wood, Cowpens, Flint, Reno, Boston, DeMoine, St. Paul, Chicago and 20 odd cans. Nicholas and O'Bannon are escorting empty tankers back to Ulithia. In afternoon Halsey ask us to come alongside so he could get a good look at us.
- Aug. 3 The tanker group is close by. Also

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- another task force of Alabama, N. Carolina, and S. Dakota. 0600 fueled ship. 1100 and 1300 AA firing practice. Near the Indianapolis was sunk off Philippines by sub with 100% casualties. Our code name is lightning. One cruiser is heady Lamar, Missouri is Joe Louis, Halsey is Blackjack, a DD picket ship is prostitute.
- Aug. 4 Fueled ship 0500 from Chicago. Going north, a little cooler. This is DesRon 57 we are attached to. Also DesRon 54 is with us. Had AA firing practice this morning and afternoon.
- Aug. 5 Fueled ship 0500 from Wasp. 0900 AA firing practice. The Skipper requested to bombard with the bombarding force, when they bombard. Permission granted. Going north. Inj. 80°.
- Aug. 6 Fueled ship from Missouri 0500. Went alongside Missouri 1100 for guard mail. Received orders to take guard mail to tanker task group 30.8 which is 300 mi. south. Proceeding at 27 knots. We may meet a Jap cargo or hospital ship on way. Orders are to destroy if cargo if hospital ship we are to send a boarding party aboard and investigate. We are to rendezvous with 30.8 at 0300 or 0400 to morrow. We then leave them to join 30.8.2 task group and then back to 30.4 task force.
- Aug. 7 Intercepted no Jap ship. Reached the position where we were to meet 30.8 but can't find them, at 0600 broke radio silence to get their position. Received it from 30.4. The position we had in our orders was the place they were yesterday. Advanced at 30 knots north. Rendezvoused at 1700 with 30.8. Fueled ship, passed guard mail and left for 30.8.2 north of here to rendezvous at 1200 to-morrow. 2115 spotted hospital ship. It did not identify itself so broke radio silence and sent message to Com. of 3rd Fleet and ask if we should board

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it tonight or wait till morning.
Answer - wait till morning. At 2200 it identified itself as the USS Rescue. Proceeds north at 25 knots. Japan receives 1st atomic bomb.

Aug. 8

Contacted another hospital ship at 0830. Identified itself as Dutch. Rendezvoused with tanker task force 30.8.2 at 1700. Fueled ship. Took off empties and took on 150 rds. of 5".

Aug. 9

Still with tankers. 1030 took on ammunition from tankers. Japan gets 2nd atomic bomb and Russians declare war on Japan.

Aug. 10

Received word 2050 over radio that Japan has given a surrender ultimatum to the Allies through the Swiss gov't. Not confirmed by the Allies. Task Force 30.4 joined us.

Aug. 11

Japans ultimatum confirmed by US. Limay Fleet joined us consisting of HMS Duke of York, King George V, one large carrier and half dozen cans. 0630 passed guard mail to Missouri.

Aug. 12

1300 put Kavato Sl/c on the Rescue. Fueled ship 0500 from tanker. Sank another mine.

Aug. 13

0330 left with Landsdown to join task force 38 which is 85 mi. off Tokyo making air strikes and are also under attack. We proceeded at 30 knots, at 0900 going south, 90 mi. off Japan now. 1200 met Task Force 38. 1330 to 1900 G4 for bogys, none got through fighters. 21 enemy planes shot down, we lost 2 planes. Retired at dusk.

Aug. 14

Met tankers. 0600 fueled from Wisconsin. Supper time got word that Japan (Domi News) is accepting our surrender terms but Washington has not confirmed it.

Aug. 15

Off Tokyo to launch large air strikes to-day. 0404 morning readiness. 90 mi. off Tokyo. 0803 received message from White House that we have excepted Japans unconditional surrender. At same time Nimitz on Guam ordered Halsey to cease all operations and standby. At that time we had about 1500 planes in the AIA

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and many were over their targets when they were ordered to return to their ships. Some Japs wouldn't quit it seems as they are continuing their attacks on us. Halsey orders all ships to "shot down all unidentified planes in a friendly sort of way." 1000 secured from G4. 1123 back to battle stations for air attack, our fighters intercepted all planes coming in at us, shooting down 4 and a picket ship (can) got one. 1253 secured from G4. At 1300 Halsey spoke to all men in 3rd Fleet, lasting about 15 min. 1315 G4 again for air attack, none got through, they were shot down and routed by our fighters.

Aug. 16

0500 fueled ship from Wasp and then passed guard mail among wagons and carriers. 1100 all 3rd Fleet joined into one group, pictures being taken from planes. I would say this is the largest and mightest fleet ever assembled. Some slight! Wish the folks at home could see it. The O'Bannon, Nicholas and us are the only ones present of DesRon 21. (The senior destroyer here) The rest of the original: De Haven, Strong, and Chevalier were sunk in the Solomons in 1943, the rest Fletcher, Radford, Jenkins, LaVallette and Hopewell (Hopewell was a new replacement in Jan. 1944) were all damaged Bataan, Corraigdor, and Tarrakan, Borneo by shore batteries and mines and are in Pearl harbor and States for repairs.

Aug. 17

3 years in Navy. 0500 fueled ship from Wisconsin. Been having very clear weather past couple days. The fleet is all in one group again today and taking pictures again. At 1200 one man is maneuvering 110 ship. In afternoon transferred a Commander of Halsey's staff from Missouri to Shangrailla, then took him to HMS Duke of York, then back to Missouri.

Aug. 18

0600 fueled ship from tanker. Transferred personal between carriers most

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- of day. 1630 to 2100 took on provisions from Shangri-La by half moon.
- Aug. 19 0630 fueled ship from tanker, 0730 went alongside Wasp and brought aboard About 100 marines and equipment and transferred them to an LSD. The carriers, wagons, and cruisers are making up landing parties of Marines and Sailors for occupational forces. 1800 the Jap officials landed in Manila to receive their orders from MacArthur.
- Aug. 20 0630 fueled ship and passed guard mail to the Boston. Skipper told us that 3rd Fleet is being regrouped. We will be a unit of Task Force 37.1 a Flag Ship Group, consisting of Missouri, O'Bannon and Nicholas. It will be formed today or within the next couple days. He doesn't know any more dope, except that the Missouri is going into Tokyo Bay.
- Aug. 21 0500 fueled ship then made several ships to pass guard mail and personel, 44th day at sea.
- Aug. 22 0500 fueled ship. This afternoon every plane we have must have been in the air. They looked like a swarm of bees. Some sight!
- Aug. 23 0500 fueled ship from Wisconsin. 1500 made up into our new groups. Besides us there are the Missouri, Nicholas, O'Bannon, King George V, and 2 Limey cans.
- Aug. 24 1000 ordered to go 50 mi. south to intercept cargo ship to get Halsey's saddle and 300 gals. of paint. 1020 called back and an APD run the errand. Must have been called back because the Skipper ask if we were a fighting ship or a John Paul Jones. The APD delivered the saddle to Halsey.
- Aug. 25 0630 fueled ship from Missouri. 1600 transferred Vice Air Marshall of New Zealand to Duke of York. He will sign the surrender documents for New Zealand. The elderly man who greeted him when he boarded the Duke of York was Sir Adm. Bruce Frazier who it is believed will sign for Britian. The Skipper says we

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- are to be met by a Jap ship at 0800 tomorrow to lead us into Sagami Wan. At 1800 it was postponed 48 hrs. on account of bad weather.
- Aug. 26 Very rough and heavy winds. Comdespac communique today lists the cans to enter Tokyo Bay and Taylor is first on the list. The Skipper got tired of seeing all the other ships with Jap flags painted on the bridge so to show some of these newer ships that we have been around too he had ours painted on the director. The score is: 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, 1 gun boat, 2 subs, 9 planes, and 11 different places bombarded. This does not include probables or damaged only official listed and credited to the Taylor as having destroyed. 1500 received message we will go into Sagami Wan tomorrow. Sea calmer.
- Aug. 27 0715 at GQ, intercepted a Jap 1200 ton torpedo boat. Fujiyama has been visible since sunrise, first land we have seen in 50 days. Nicholas took emissaries and transferred them to the Missouri. Then proceeded to enter Sagami Wan. These proceedings are being broadcast short wave to the States. The Jap torpedo boat is between the Nicholas and us leading the formation in. We are on the port side. Following behind are the Missouri, Duke of York, O'Bannon, 2 other 2100 cans, and an APD, Iowa and 2 other Limey cans. These are the first ships of the Allies to enter Japan. About 1330 we dropped anchor, the Taylor was the first ship to drop anchor in Japanese waters. More of the fleet came in. 1900 darkened ship, secured from GQ. Regular sea condition watches. Main engines are on instant notice to get underway. Taylor commissioned 3 years ago today. 0415 morning readiness. 1915 secured from GQ. Anchor and gangway lights and smoking lamp lit top side and movies on focsle. C-47's landed troops at air base here today to

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- commence occupation. Mine sweeps are working in inlet to Tokyo Bay.
- Aug. 29 0500 GQ. Underway with Missouri, Iowa, O'Bannon and Nicholas, entered Tokyo Bay and anchored off Yokohama at 1030. About 1100 one of our gun boats sunk a midget sub 3/4 mi. off Yokohama breakwater. For the first time we can give the location of the ship in letters. 1400 secured from GQ.
- Aug. 30 Underway 0800 with Nicholas to patrol around ships anchored. Most of Fleet is in here now. This afternoon 2 large Jap subs came in and tied up alongside a tender. Crews surrendered and are on topside fwd under guard. They are manned by USN. One is largest type in world.
- Aug. 21 Anchored at noon.
- Sept. 1 O'Bannon left 1500 for States with Mass. and San Diego for Puget Sound, Wash. 1600 underway to pick up an Army Maj. of MacArthur's staff from Missouri and put him in the dock at Yokohama and tied up for the night. Also Buchanan, Nicholas, and Lansdown are here at dock. The surrender will be signed tomorrow on the Mo. We 4 ships will carry all the emissaries of all the different countries, war correspondents, and MacArthur and staff to the Mo. I got over on the dock before dark and scouted around the buildings, walked off the dock over on the beach and put my feet on Jap soil, first since 5th of July when I was on Samar, P.I. Saw Customs Compound Buildings and Steam Shipping Offices, and the first Japs in full uniform(navy), all I'd ever seen before were almost naked.
- Sept. 2 0500 reveille and chow. Uniform of the day is Undress Whites with neckerchief. Correspondents came aboard and underway about 0630 for Mo. Laid off at anchor a few yds. till after ceremonies over and picked them up again and put them on the dock again at Yokohama at 1030. Saw all the big shots on Mo. bridge drinking coffee after the ceremonies when

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- we went alongside. Met G. E. Jones of Pittsburgh Post Gazette. ~~_____~~
- Stood at quarters most of day, and at attention during the time we were making the Mo. and dock. Back out in stream to anchor at 1300 but didn't get anchored as we had to pick up a 4 star adm. from Mo. and put him on the dock and then returned to anchor in stream. Still standing sea condition watches. Now attached to Prisoners of War.
- Sept. 3 1300 underway to make Benevolence(hosp.) to pick up Gen. Michelberger and war correspondents to take them to dock at Yokohama. They were interviewing POW's. Fueled ship from tanker and anchored 2100.
- Sept. 4 Still lit off at anchor. Knocked off censorship of mail.
- Sept. 5 In afternoon underway to shift berths. Now near breakwater at entrance of Yokohama.
- Sept. 6 Mo. and a lot of other 3rd Fleet units left for States. A DD sqdn. with only 7 mos. out went back. 1500 set aux. watch. We have had our main plant lit off since July 8th, 60 days!
- Sept. 7 1100 underway with Nicholas for Hamamatsu about 120 mi. down the coast (SW). Arrived and anchored 1830.
- Sept. 8 0900 underway for Tokyo Bay with Nicholas and an Aussie con. Fueled and anchored 1900. This place we just returned from was one of the locations the Nips gave us of our men being held prisoner but they had been moved. MacArthur is raising hell because of these false locations.
- Sept. 10 0830 underway for Sendai located on Sendai Bay, 200 mi. N., with 4 Limey cons, Nicholas, 2 APD's, 1 APA and hospital ship. Smoking lamp lit top side and using running lights, 1st time for us while underway at sea.
- Sept. 11 0800 arrived Sendai and anchored. In afternoon went on beach to Sendai in MWS to look the place over. Very cool

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for us and raining. We were the first Amer. these Nips had seen. The POW's came in from a camp up north on a train. They sure were glad to see us. Returned to ship about 2130.

- Sept. 13 0400 underway to go alongside APA to pick up prisoners, 280 some, Nicholas took a bunch and one Limey can. Put 4 boilers on line at 31 knots to arrive before dark and did. Tied up alongside APA to discharge the army prisoners, the other prisoners sailors, Marines and civilians went on an LCI to go on another transport. Secured alongside APA.
- Sept. 14 1030 underway, fueled and anchored.
- Sept. 15 Given 5 days availability at anchor, 12 hrs. notice. Detached from POW's and attached to 16.8 Task Group (Fleet Tankers).
- Sept. 17 25 Transferred to ships going to States to be demobilized. Among the snips were Hawley, Johnson, Raymer, McGuinness and O'Shalloran. Fisher is acting chief in charge of FER and I'm 1st class in charge. 2300 lit off, typhoon headed this way.
- Sept. 18 Blowing good around day break. Wind subsided in afternoon and set aux. watch 1900.
- Sept. 19 10 more men transferred.
- Sept. 20 8 more men transferred.
- Sept. 21 1300 underway to anchor near supply ship to take on stores. 1900 tied up alongside Nicholas.
- Sept. 22 0700 underway to anchor and secured.
- Sept. 24 25 yrs. old today.
- Sept. 25 0700 the old man announced we have orders to report to the main land. Expect to get there latter part of Oct. No other dope.
- Sept. 26 Had an afternoon of liberty in Yokosuka.
- Sept. 27 Field Day for material inspection tomorrow.
- Sept. 28 0245 called steaming watch and commenced lighting off main plant to get underway for a typhoon. The Nicholson is dragging anchor and drifting toward us. 0308 underway. Soon after

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Nicholson hit us at the bow and scraped along our starboard side. They couldn't turn over their main engines until we cut our anchor loose, must have been caught in their ~~gears~~ ^{gears}. a transport drifted past us missing us by a few feet off port side. When the Nicholson went past our stbd. side, our MWB was swinging in and out and hit their 40mm shield and crumpled it and damaged the gun. The Nicholson lost the only anchor they had. We got out of it all with a couple small holes in the bow just above the water line and bent up the bow some and bent and warped our stbd. side by the bridge. Typhoon subsided about 0730. Anchored in afternoon. 1600 returned to original berth and secured main plant. No Material inspection today as was planned.

- Sept. 29 Anchored in afternoon after being underway to fuel and provision ship. We are to leave here with Nicholas, Landsdown and Buchanan on 1st to arrive Okinawa on 4th, fuel ship and join up with other large units of the 5th fleet and 6th underway for States, fuel ship at sea on the 9th. Expect to arrive 21st in States. At least before Navy Day. Put a message thru to 3rd fleet that we can make passage for 50 enlisted men and 10 officers.
- Sept. 30 Sunday. 1230 put up Homeward Bound Pennant.
- Oct. 1 1045 underway with ShangriLa, Yorktown, 2 CVL's, 2 cruisers, and 11 other cans for Okinawa, Afternoon GQ for drills. Pennant blew loose so took it down.
- Oct. 2 Morning GQ for drills.
- Oct. 4 1500 arrived Okinawa. Anchored, kept steaming watch as rough sea. Had 2 beers in boats. Evening ^{can's} MWB capsized, 17 men lost 5 other were picked up by the Nicholas.
- Oct. 5 0900 tied up along side Nicholas. 1600 underway to anchor as tying up cables broke. Secured main engines. Brought on 90 enlisted men and 10 officers.

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Mostly CB's some sailors.
Oct. 6 1500 underway for Seattle with several other units.
Oct. 7 We are to arrive 1200 on 20th. At an unknown date will go to Portland, Oregon. Be there for Navy Day 27th.
Oct. 8 Fueled ship from carrier.
Oct. 9 Fueled ship from tankers that came out from Tokyo Bay. They had some mail for us. I got 2 letters first since 6 Sept. Evening began blowing and raining. A typhoon hitting Okinawa. Inj. dropped from 84° to 74°.
Oct. 10 Inj. 69°. Fisher and I finished work on #1 lube oil pump, 3 days very little rest, tired.
Oct. 11 0630 have picket guard, sank mine. 0900 fueled ship from carrier. Inj. 58°.
Oct. 12 Inj. 52°. Task Force Com. requested from 3rd Fleet Comd. that the T be sent directly to Portland. Signed point papers for service record.
Oct. 13 0600 crossed international date line. 2230 man overboard from Cowpens. We and another can searched for about 45 min. with search lights but no luck, too rough.
Oct. 14 Set clock ahead 1 hr. almost everyday.
Oct. 17 Very rough and blowing.
Oct. 19 0700 entered Columbia River. Took on news men, civic leaders, pilot and navy officers. 1700 tied up to sea wall and secured at main street. Have duty today. Setting 2 out of 3 liberty. Red Cross women came aboard to see the ship and brought us fresh milk and doughnuts. First milk I've had since Feb. 31, '44, 20 mos.
Ships will be open to visitors every afternoon until we leave. Other ships here are Woodworth, Topeka, and Independence who came in with us.
Oct. 27 Navy Day.
Oct. 29 0700 underway for San Pedro.
Oct. 30 Very rough and stormy.
Oct. 31 Weather better, heavy winds caused damage on the beach.
Nov. 1 0600 anchored inside breakwater off Long Beach. Granted liberty and went

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up to Los Angeles to visit Glenn.
Nov. 2 Liberty, went to Glenn's for supper.
Nov. 3 Duty.
Nov. 4 Ski and I went up to Aunt Gertie's.
Nov. 5 Ski and I went up to Hollywood.
Nov. 6 Duty.
Nov. 7 Underway 0830 to 1200 for trial runs. Took off ammunition in evening.
Nov. 8 0900 underway to go to yard at Long Beach, Liberty.
Nov. 15-16 Visited Glenn and Dot over week end.
Nov. 17 Liberty every day for me now from 1600 to 0800.
Nov. 21 Glenn and Dot visited me and took them thru the ship.
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving, eat dinner aboard then went on liberty with Benson and Moran to Hollywood. Saw Frank Morgans broadcast and a movie at Chinese theatre Sunday. Detached from T at 1000, to be demobilized on points. Have 39 pts. and as of 1 Dec. 39 pts. are needed for discharge. Went to Terminal Is., San Pedro and reported in. Eat, sleep, muster and liberty every day to wait for a draft to Bainbridge, Md. separation center.
Dec. 7 Placed on draft, leaving 8th.
Dec. 9 Left T.I. 1300 for L.A. Left L.A. 2000 by trooptrain for Bainbridge, on Santa Fe to Chicago and B&O to Bainbridge.
Dec. 14 Arrived Bain. Started with 90 men but lost one to a hospital on way who got ill. The center lost my records. Started taking processing (phy, exam, lectures, etc.).
Dec. 17 1000 found my records.
Dec. 18 1115 discharged. Took Pennsy from Baltimore and arrived Pittsburgh by train at 2315, met by Mon, Tootie, John, Paul and Walt.
In Navy 3 yrs. 4 mos. 2 days.
Credited with 2 yrs. 8 mos. 8 days sea duty.
2 Yrs. 6 mos. 10 days on Taylor.