

DD754/AL2-11
Serial No. 06

U. S. S. FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754)
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N. Y.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of February, 1945.
Reference: (a) ALNAV 176-43.
(b) Cominch ltr. PFI/AL2-1/AL6-3, serial 7152
of 29 October, 1943.

1. The War Diary for the month of February, 1945 is submitted herewith:
3 February, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
1200	Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.	
2000	Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.	

At 1200, the officers and crew assembled aft for Commissioning ceremony. Commander H.F. SASSEY, U.S. Navy (Ret.) representative of the Commandant, Third Naval District, read his orders (Com.3ND, File No. OP-23E-ICM, Serial No. 033423 of 23 January, 1945), directing him to place the ship in commission in the U.S. Naval Service. The U.S.S. FRANK E. EVANS (DD-754) was accepted for use in the Naval Service by Rear Admiral F.A. DAUBIN, U.S. Navy, Commandant, U.S. Navy Yard, New York, this date. The band sounded off the National Anthem, the National Union Jack and Commission Pennant were hoisted and the ship was placed in commission and delivered to the Commanding Officer, Commander HARRY SMITH, U.S. Navy. The Commanding Officer, Commander HARRY SMITH, U.S. Navy read his orders (BuPers. File No. 63167) directing him to assume command and accept the ship. Commenced a fourteen day fitting out period.

4 - 16 February, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.	
1200	Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.	
2000	Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.	

Undergoing the fitting out period immediately following commissioning:

17 February, 1945

Operation Order: Commandant Third Naval District Operational Schedule,
Serial 05364 of 7 February, 1945.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.	
1200	Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, N.J.	
2000	Navy Yard Annex, Bayonne, N.J.	

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Underway enroute Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, N.J., to receive ammunition allowance and Navy Yard Annex, Bayonne, N.J., for deperming.

18 February, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	East River, New York, N. Y.	
1200	Long Island Sound, New York.	
2000	Hempstead Harbor, Long Island, N. Y.	

Conducted readiness for sea drills and operations.

19 February, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Long Island Sound, New York.	
1200	Long Island Sound, New York.	
2000	Fort Pond Bay, Long Island, New York.	

Conducted readiness for sea drills and operations.

20 February, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Long Island Sound, New York.	
1200	40° 15' N	72° 30' W
2000	35th Street Pier, Brooklyn, N. Y.	

Conducted Structural firing tests at position 40° 15' N 72° 30' W.

Ammunition expended: 12 rds., 5"/38 BL&P; 22 rds., 5"/38 AAC; 34 rds., 5"/38 semi-fixed ctgs., SPDN. 7596; 60 rds., 40MM ctgs., BL&P; 15 rds., 40MM ctgs., HE-T; 20 rds., 20MM ctgs., BL&P; 30 rds., 20MM ctgs., HE-T; 58 rds., 20MM ctgs., HE-I. No casualties. Proceeded and moored to Navy Yard Annex, 35th Street Pier, Brooklyn, New York.

21-22 February, 1945

Operation Order: C.T.F. 23 Operation Order No. 15-45 of 5 February, 1945, confidential.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Navy Yard Annex, Brooklyn, New York.	
1200	Navy Yard Annex, Brooklyn, New York.	
2000	Anchored, New York Harbor, New York, N.Y.	

Moored port side to 35th. Street Pier, Navy Yard Annex, Brooklyn, N.Y. while awaiting orders to proceed on shakedown period. Underway from New York, N.Y. enroute Bermuda, B.W.I.

23 February, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	New York Harbor, New York, N.Y.	
1200	39° 45' N	72° 48' W
2000	37° 17' N	69° 23' W

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Underway enroute Bermuda, B.W.I. for shakedown period.

24 February 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	33° 34' N	65° 25' W
1200	32° 25' N	64° 20' W
2000	Great Sound, Bermuda, B.W.I.	

Underway enroute Bermuda, B.W.I., for shakedown period. Moored to U.S.S. ALTAIR in Great Sound, Bermuda, B.W.I. and reported to Commander Task Group 23.1 for duty.

25 - 26 February, 1945

Operation Order: CTG 23.1 Weekly Schedule, serial 09-45 of 25 February, 1945.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Operating and Training Area, Bermuda, B.W.I.	
1200	Operating and Training Area, Bermuda, B.W.I.	
2000	Operating and Training Area, Bermuda, B.W.I.	

Conducting daily A.S.W., Gunnery, Damage Control, C.I.C., Engineering, and Communication exercises during first week of shakedown period

HARRY SMITH