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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of April, 1945.
Reference: (a) ALNav 176-43.
(b) Cominch ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, serial 7152
of 29 October, 1943.

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

1 - 14 April, 1945

Operation Order: (1) Commander Task Group 23.1 Conf. despatch 271401/March.
(2) COTClants Conf. speedltr., serial 0716 of 24 March, 1945.
(3) COTClants Conf. speedltr., serial 01155 of 2 April, 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 Navy Yard availability for minor repairs and alterations following the Shakedown period.

15 April, 1945

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

Underway to construct "SR" fade chart and to load ammunition.

16 April, 1945

Operation Order: COTClant Secret Despatch 141437 of April.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, N.J.	
1200	Anchored Gravesend Bay, New York Harbor, N.Y.	
2000	Point "Z", Swept Channel, New York, N.Y.	

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17 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Norfolk, Va., Scept Channel	
1200	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
2000	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	

Underway enroute New York, N.Y. to Norfolk, Va. Reported to COTClant and ComSerForlant for duty.

18 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
1200	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
2000	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	

Moored port side to pier 5, berth 56, N.O.B., Norfolk, Va.

19 April, 1945

Operation Order: SOPA, Hampton Roads, Va., Conf. Despatch 141902/April.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
1200	Operating and Training Area, Chesapeake Bay, Va.	
2000	Anchored off Windmill Point, Chesapeake Bay, Va.	

Conducting night and day gunnery training exercises. Ammunition expended: 20 rounds, 5"/38 illum. proj.; 45 rounds, 5"/38 semi-fixed etgs., SPDN 7395; 25 rounds, 5"/38 AAC. No casualties.

20 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Operating and Training Area, Chesapeake Bay, Va.	
1200	Operating and Training Area, Chesapeake Bay, Va.	
2000	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	

Conducting gunnery training exercises. Ammunition expended: 103 rounds, 5"/38 AAC proj.; 103 rounds, 5"/38 etgs., SPDN 7596; 1071 rounds 40MM HEI-T etgs.; 2780 rounds, 20MM etgs. No casualties.

21 April, 1945

Operation Order: SOPA, Hampton Roads, Va., Conf. Despatch 141901/April.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
1200	Norfolk, Va., Scept Channel.	
2000	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	

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Conducted TDD Gunnery exercise. Ammunition expended: 389 rounds, 5"/38 AAC, proj.; 389 5"/38 semi-fixed etgs.; 2166 rounds 40MM etgs.; 3480 rounds, 20MM etgs.

22 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
1200	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
2000	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	

Moored port side to pier 7, berth 75, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.

23 April, 1945

Operation Order: (1) COTClant Secret Despatch 182107/April.
(2) COTClant Secret Despatch 182117/April.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
1200	Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.	
2000	Norfolk, Va., Swept Channel.	

Underway in company with U.S.S. AMSTERDAM (CL-101) enroute Cape May, N.J. operating area to rendezvous with U.S.S. DAYTON (CL-105) and U.S.S. SOUTHERLAND (DD-743), to form Task Unit 23.16.1.

24 April, 1945

Operation Order: Commander Task Unit 23.16.1 Operation Order 1-45.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	39° 15' N	74° 25' W
1200	39° 20' N	74° 10' W
2000	37° 55' N	72° 45' W

Underway in company with U.S.S. AMSTERDAM (CL-101) enroute Norfolk, Va., to Cape May, N.J., Operating Area to rendezvous with U.S.S. DAYTON (CL-105) and U.S.S. SOUTHERLAND (DD-743). Formed Task Unit 23.16.1 to proceed to Culebra for Shore Bombardment exercises. Commander Task Unit 23.16.1 in DAYTON.

25 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	39° 12' N	68° 58' W
1200	34° 11' N	68° 49' W
2000	31° 12' N	66° 13' W

Enroute Cape May, N.J. Operating Area to Culebra, in company with U.S.S. DAYTON, (GTU 23.16.1), AMSTERDAM, and SOUTHERLAND.

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26 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	27° 03' N	67° 23' W
1200	25° 32' N	67° 09' W
2000	22° 27' N	66° 18.5' W

Enroute Cape May, N.J. Operating Area to Culebra, in company with U.S.S. DAYTON (CTU 23.16.1), AMSTERDAM, and SOUTHERLAND.

27 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Culebra Island Operating Area.	
1200	Culebra Island Operating Area.	
2000	San Juan, Porto Rico.	

Enroute Cape May, N.J. to Culebra in company with U.S.S. DAYTON (CTU 23.16.1), AMSTERDAM, and SOUTHERLAND. Conducting training Shore Bombardment exercises in Culebra Island Operating Area. Ammunition expended: 97 rounds, 5"/38 AAC proj.; 85 rounds 5"/38 ctgs., 2600 FS.; 12 rounds, 5"/38 ctgs., 1200 FS. No casualties. Proceeded to San Juan, Porto Rico, for fuel. Task Unit 23.16.1 dissolved.

28 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	18° 30.5' N	65° 00' W
1200	18° 22' N	65° 20' W
2000	19° 09' N	67° 27' W

Underway from San Juan, Porto Rico, to rejoin U.S.S. AMSTERDAM, and thence to proceed to Guantanamo, Cuba.

29 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	20° 24' N	72° 26' W
1200	Operating Areas, Guantanamo, Cuba.	
2000	Anchored, Guantanamo, Cuba.	

Underway enroute Culebra Island, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Conducted anti-aircraft firing in operating areas off Guantanamo, Cuba. Ammunition expended: 967 rounds, 40MM HEI-T ctgs.; 2100 rounds, 20MM HEI and RET ctgs. No casualties.

30 April, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	19° 51' N	75° 14.4' W
1200	Operating Areas, Guantanamo, Cuba.	
2000	Anchored Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.	

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Conducted Gunnery exercises. Ammunition expended: 138 rounds, 5"/38 AAC
proj.; 138 rounds, 5"/38 semi-fixed ctgs.; 81 rounds, 40MM HEI-T ctgs.; 152 rounds
20MM HEI and HEI ctgs. No casualties.

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