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

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

1 - 2 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Operating and Training Area, Guantanamo, Cuba.	
1200	Operating and Training Area, Guantanamo, Cuba.	
2000	Operating and Training Area, Guantanamo, Cuba.	

Conducting various gunnery exercises. Ammunition expended: 163 rds. 5"/38 AAC proj.; 336 rds. 5"/38 AAC proj.; 21 rds. 5"/38 Illum. proj.; 87 5"/38 flashless etgs.; 270 rds. 5"/38 etgs. EM pdr. SPEN 7596; 3112 rds. 40MM H&T etgs.; 4790 rds. 20MM H&T etgs.

3 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Operating and Training Area, Guantanamo, Cuba.	
1200	Operating and Training Area, Guantanamo, Cuba.	
2000	Operating and Training Area, Guantanamo, Cuba.	

Conducting various gunnery exercises. Ammunition expended: 48 rds. 5"/38 AAC proj.; 50 rds. 40MM H&T etgs.; 178 rds. 20MM H&T etgs.; 48 rds. 5"/38 semi-fixed etgs. Underway in company with U.S.S. ANSELMO (OL-101) enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Operating and Training Area to Balboa, Panama Canal Zone.

4 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	16° 43.5'N	77° 00'W
1200	16° 37'N	77° 54'W
2000	16° 15'N	79° 10'W

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Underway enroute Balboa, Panama Canal Zone in company with U.S.S. AMSTERDAM (CL-101).

5 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Anchored in Colon Harbor, Panama Canal Zone.	
1200	Proceeding through the Panama Canal.	
2000	Moored Pier #1, NOB, Balboa, Canal Zone.	

Underway enroute Balboa, Panama Canal Zone in company with U.S.S. AMSTERDAM (CL-101).

6 May, 1945

Operation Order: Confesses/From Secret Despatch 052116/May, 1945.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	NOB, Balboa, Panama Canal Zone.	
1200	Balboa Harbor, Panama Canal Zone.	
2000	Approaches to Balboa, Panama Canal Zone.	

Underway in company with Task Unit 12.9.3 consisting of this ship and U.S.S. AMSTERDAM (CTU 12.9.3), enroute Balboa, Panama Canal Zone to Pearl Harbor, T.H. This ship's station bearing 000° (Bal), distance 3000 yards from AMSTERDAM.

7 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	06° 49'N	83° 10'W
1200	06° 44'N	84° 21'W
2000	07° 20.5'N	86° 17'W

Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

8 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	08° 21.5'N	89° 14.5'W
1200	08° 46.5'N	90° 05'W
2000	09° 33.5'N	92° 20'W

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9 May, 1945

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	Latitude	Longitude
0800	15° 37'N	95° 23.5'W
1200	10° 55.3'N	96° 26'W
2000	11° 42.5N	98° 51'W

enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

10 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	12° 37.7'N	101° 45.8'W
1200	12° 51.5'N	102° 53'W
2000	13° 35.5'N	105° 07'W

enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

11 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	14° 27.5'N	108° 20.5'W
1200	14° 49'N	109° 26'W
2000	15° 21.6'N	111° 25.2'W

enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

12 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	16° 07'N	114° 33'W
1200	16° 16'N	115° 48'W
2000	17° 02'N	119° 02'W

enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

13 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	17° 27'N	122° 17'W
1200	17° 39.8'N	123° 10'W
2000	18° 20'N	124° 28'W

enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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14 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	18° 55'N	137° 57'W
1200	19° 07'N	138° 48'W
2000	19° 20'N	139° 30'W

Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

15 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	20° 05'N	134° 56'W
1200	20° 10'N	136° 10'W
2000	20° 12.5'N	138° 28'W

Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. Test fired machine guns at 5"/38 AAC projectile bursts. Ammunition expended: 4 rds. 5"/38 AAC proj.; 64 rds. 40MM HEI-T etgs.; 110 rds. 20MM HEI-MAT etgs.; 4 rds. 5"/38 semi-fixed etgs.

16 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	20° 39'N	141° 52'W
1200	20° 51'N	142° 59'W
2000	21° 04'N	145° 20'W

Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

17 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	21° 15'N	148° 49.5'W
1200	21° 20'N	149° 52.6'W
2000	21° 27'N	152° 03.2'W

Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.

18 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Operating Areas, Hawaiian Islands.	
1200	Operating Areas, Hawaiian Islands.	
2000	Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H.	

Enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. Conducted various anti-aircraft gunnery exercises. Ammunition expended: 2165 rds. 40MM HEI-T etgs.;

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2414 rds. 20MM H&I etgs.; 1206 rds. 20MM R&T etgs. Moored in Middle Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

19 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
1200	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
2000	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	

Moored in Middle Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

20 - 23 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
1200	Operating and Training Areas, Territory of Hawaii.	
2000	Operating and Training Areas, Territory of Hawaii.	

Operating Orders: Comdesnav serial 0176 of 19 May, 1945.

Underway in operating and training areas conducting various anti-aircraft and shore bombardment exercises. Ammunition expended: 638 rds. 5"/38 AAC proj.; 4 rds. 5"/38 WP proj.; 860 rds 5"/38 semi-fixed etgs.; 22 rds. 5"/38 semi-fixed 1200f.s., etgs.; 4168 rds. 40MM Hal-T etgs.; 5999 rds. 20MM R&I and R-T etgs.; 32 rds. 5"/38 illum. proj.; 8 rds. 5"/38 Mark 53-2 proj.

24 - 26 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
1200	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
2000	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	

Moored in Middle Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

29 May, 1945

Operation Orders: CINCPac Pearl Secret Despatch 270322/May, 1945.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
1200	Pearl Harbor, T.H.	
2000	20° 10.0'N	156° 00.0'W

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Underway in company with Task Unit 16.8.10 escorting convey PD-416-T enroute Pearl Harbor, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Task Unit composed of U.S.S. FRANK E. EVANS (CTU 16.8.1 and DORSEY (DD-1). Convey composed of U.S.S. STELL KING (Convey Commander), McCLAREN (APA-196), HIGGINS ARROW (AP-170) and U.S.S. PERIDA. This ship's station 050° (Rel), distance 3000 yards from phantom guide mid-way between ships 11 and 12. DORSEY's station 310° (Rel), distance 3000 yards from phantom guide. Conducted modified anti-aircraft exercises. Ammunition expended: 69 rds. 5"/38 AAC proj.; 69 rds. 5"/38 semi-fixed 2600 f.s. etgs.; 1688 rds. 40MM AA-T etgs.; 3660 rds. 20MM H&I and H&T etgs.

30 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	19° 48.3'N	160° 39.7'W
1200	19° 50'N	161° 33'W
2000	19° 33'N	163° 35'W

Enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

31 May, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	19° 17.4'N	166° 27'W
1200	19° 02'N	167° 28'W
2000	18° 31.2'N	169° 26'W

Enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

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