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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Month of July, 1945.

Referenced: (a) AlNav 176-43.
(b) Cominch ltr. PFI/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 Oct., 1943.

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

July 1-4, 1945

Operation Order: (1) CTG 31.5 despatch 300325/June.
(2) ComDesDiv 110 OpPlan 1-45, Serial 1039.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	

Underway in company with ComDesDiv 110 (OTC) in U.S.S. LAWS (DD558) and U.S.S. CLAXTON (DD571). Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9. Rescued Marine pilot, 1st Lt. Albert A. Paulis, 029036, USMC, whose plane made a crash landing into sea. This ship is fighter-director ship.

July 5, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Radar Picket Station 9.	
1200	Kerama Retto - Anchored.	
2000	Kerama Retto - Anchored.	

Relieved of picket duty by U.S.S. DYSON (DD572) - proceeded to Kerama Retto. Tested automatic weapons enroute to anchorage - expended 72 rds. 40MM HEIT; 74 rds. 20MM HEI; 36 rds. 20MM HET. - No casualties. Obtaining provisions and ammunition.

July 6-7, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
July 6	0800	Kerama Retto.
	1200	Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.
	2000	Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.

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		Latitude	Longitude
July 7	0800	Hagushi Anchorage,	Okinawa Shima.
	1200	Hagushi Anchorage,	Okinawa Shima.
	2000	Hagushi Anchorage,	Okinawa Shima.

July 8-11, 1945

Operation Order: (1) CTU 99.1.6 despatch 070038.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Radar Picket Station 15A.	
1200	Radar Picket Station 15A.	
2000	Radar Picket Station 15A.	

Underway to Radar Picket Station 15A in company with ComDesRon 64, OTC in U.S.S. HUBBARD (DD748), U.S.S. CUNNINGHAM (DD752) support ship. This ship is fighter-director ship. Relieved U.S.S. AULICK (DD569) of fighter-director duties. Patrolling Radar Picket Station 15A in accordance with ComDesRon 64 Mailgram 071015. This ship's station 150°T., distance 1000 yards from guide U.S.S. HUBBARD - Formation Axis 300°T. Held numerous periods of tactical maneuvers.

July 12-13, 1945

		Latitude	Longitude
July 12	0800	Enroute from Picket Station 15A - to Hagushi Anchorage.	
	1200	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
	2000	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
July 13	0800	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
	1200	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
	2000	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	

This unit relieved of Radar Picket duty by U.S.S. FOOTE (DD511), U.S.S. CONVERSE (DD509), and U.S.S. AULICK (DD569). U.S.S. AULICK assuming duties of fighter-director ship. Received provisions and fuel.

July 14-15, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Buckner Bay - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Approaches to Okinawa Shima.	

Underway in accordance with secret despatch of Port Director, Okinawa, 140100 to rendezvous with ComCarDiv 22. In company with U.S.S. CUNNINGHAM (DD752), SUAMICO (AO49), and NIDERRARA (AO72). This ship's station 3.050, guide, and OTC, CTU 99.1.29 in SUAMICO.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	24° 26'N	127° 51'E
1200	25° 21.5'N	127° 46.5'E
2000	Hagushi Anchorage,	Okinawa Shima.

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July 16-17, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	

July 17 Personnel and Material Inspection held aboard this vessel by ComDesRon 64, his staff, and inspecting board from U.S.S. HUBBARD (DD746).

July 18, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	ASW Screening Station D-2, Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	

Relieved U.S.S. PG 1251 as screening vessel - Area D-2.

July 19, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Approaches to Okinawa Shima.	

This vessel screen commander of Unit Charlie ("C") - carrying out verbal orders CTU 99.1.6 - executing typhoon retirement plan Xray-East. Our station #3 - (4.135), guide and OTC in U.S.S. LATIMER (APA 152).

July 20, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	25° 45'N	128° 50'E
1200	26° 13'N	128° 08.5'E
2000	25° 49'N	128° 32'E

Carrying out typhoon retirement plan Xray-East.

July 21, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Vicinity of Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.	
1200	ASW Screening Station D-1, Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
2000	ASW Screening Station D-1, Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	

Completed assigned duty with Unit Charlie as screening ship in execution of Typhoon Retirement Plan Xray-East. Received verbal orders from 99.1.6 to patrol screening station D-1.

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July 22, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	ASW Screening Station D-1 - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	

0208 fired at unidentified low flying plane in vicinity - believed to be Jill or Teje. Ammunition expended: 39 rds. 5"/38 AAC; 39 rds. 5"/38 FL pdr; SPDN 7395 - 0309. 0245 Radar screen clear of bogies. Relieved of screening duty by U.S.S. VAMMEU (DE 644). Returned to Hagushi anchorage.

July 23, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
2000	ASW Screening Station C-4 - Okinawa Shima.	

1116 underway in accordance with verbal orders of CTU 99.1.6 as screening vessel - escorting U.S.S. NIOBRARA (AO72), U.S.S. VICTOR (AKA 83), U.S.S. SABIK (AK 121), S.S. YUGOSLAVIA VICTORY, and S.S. THOMAS KEARNS to rendezvous point - Choir. Escort Commander in U.S.S. CALLAGHAN (DD792)(CDS 55) - U.S.S. FOOTE (DD511) other screening vessel. Our station #2 - screening plan #53 USP-108. On return to vicinity Hagushi anchorage, received verbal orders from CTU 99.1.6 assigning ship to ASW screening station C-4.

July 24-26, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	ASW Screening Station, Vicinity Okinawa Shima.	
1200	ASW Screening Station, Vicinity Okinawa Shima.	
2000	ASW Screening Station, Vicinity Okinawa Shima.	

Verbal orders from CTU 99.1.6.

July 27, 1945

Operation Order: Verbal orders 261332 CTU 99.1.6.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	

Convey composed of LST 286 (guide), LST 869, LST 794, LST 712, LST 605, LST 815, LST 796, and S.S. GLASSFORD (U.S. Army Cable Craft). SC 625 other escort vessel. This ship station #1 - 3.350.

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July 28, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Vicinity of Naha Ke, Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.	

Underway in accordance with CTU 99.5.6 despatch #272130 to Naha to investigate reported torpedoing of S.S. JOHN A. RAWLINS. Returned to Hagushi anchorage.

July 29, 1945

Operation Order: Verbal Orders of CTU 99.5.6.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	

Underway with U.S.S. CUNNINGHAM (DD752) as relief for Radar Picket Station 9A - U.S.S. CALLAGHAN (DD792) reported hit and sinking, and U.S.S. PRITCHET (DD561) reported hit by Kamikaze. Enroute to station fired at 2 low flying unidentified aircraft. Ammunition expended: 20 rds. 5"/38 AAC VT fuze, 20 rds. 5"/38 flashless 7935 SPDN pdr. On arrival at Picket Station 9A commenced search, with U.S.S. CUNNINGHAM (DD752), and U.S.S. LAWS (DD558) for U.S.S. CALLAGHAN survivors. Relieved U.S.S. PRITCHET and CASSIN YOUNG of picket duties, this ship assuming fighter-director duties.

July 30, 1945

Operation Order: Same as above.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	

Fired at enemy planes in vicinity - Ammunition expended: 35 rds. 5"/38 AAC, 179 rds. 5"/38 AAC - VT fuze, and 179 ctgs. 5"/38 fl. pdr. SPDN 7935. Targets believed to be wooden and fabric constructed suicide planes.

July 31, 1945

Operation Order: Same as above.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A - Okinawa Shima.	

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