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

Subject: War Diary - Month of August, 1945.

Reference: (a) ALNav 176-43.
(b) Cominch ltr. FFI/Al2-1/Al6-3, Serial 7152 of 29 Oct., 1943.

The War Diary for the month of August, 1945, is submitted herewith:

1 August, 1945

Operation Order: Verbal Orders CTU 99.5.6.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Radar Picket Station 9A.	
1200	Hagushi Anchorage - Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Vicinity of Kerama Retto.	

In company with USS LAWS, OTC, and USS CUNNINGHAM (DD752), patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A. Returned to Hagushi Anchorage in accordance with Verbal Orders from CTU 99.5.6. Underway from Hagushi Anchorage in accordance with Verbal Orders from CTG 99.5.6 1545/Item.

2 August, 1945

Operation Order: Verbal Orders from CTG 99.5.01 1545/Item. Executing typhoon plan "Iray-South" in company with Unit Fox.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Approaches to Okinawa Shima.	
1200	25° 14.5'N	127° 05'E
2000	25° 10'N	127 25'E

Unit Fox composed of : USS TOLOVANA (AO64), OTC, ANACOSTA, ARMADILLO, GIRAFFE, LEOPARD, MORMORA, and GENESEE. This vessel and USS HILARITY (AN241) compose ASW screen. HILARITY has station #2. This vessel Screen Commander, station #1 - 3.045.

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3 August, 1945

Operation Order: Same as above.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Vicinity of Hagushi - Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	

Received Verbal Orders from CTU 99.5.6 to proceed for logistics at Buckner Bay.

4 August, 1945

Operation Order: Verbal Orders from CTU 99.5.11 - assigned to ASW screening station "K-2".

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	
2000	ASW Screening Station "K-2" in vicinity of Buckner Bay.	

5 August, 1945

Operation Order: Verbal Orders of CTU 99.5.1 042356. Relieved of ASW Screening Duty in "K-2" - Ordered to Hagushi Anchorage in accordance with CTU 99.5.6 042305.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	ASW Screening Station "K-2" in vicinity of Buckner Bay.	
1200	Vicinity of Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.	

6 August, 1945

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

7 August, 1945

Operation Order: Verbal Despatch ComDes Ron 12 061116.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Vicinity of Radar Picket Station 9A.	
1200	Radar Picket Station 9A.	
2000	Radar Picket Station 9A.	

Relieved USS AULICK of Fighter Director duties on Picket Station 9A. USS IRWIN (DD794) support ship. USS CUNNINGHAM (DD752), OTC, with ComDesRon 12 aboard.

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8-10 August, 1945

Operation Order: ComDesRon 12 061116. Patrolling Radar Picket Station 9A.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Radar Picket Station 9A.	
1200	Radar Picket Station 9A.	
2000	Radar Picket Station 9A.	

11 August, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Vicinity of Kerama Retto.	
1200	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.	

Relieved of Fighter Director duties by USS BOLE (DD755), proceeding to Buckner Bay for logistics and from there to Hagushi Anchorage reporting to CTU 99.5.6.

12-13 August, 1945

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

Underway to fire drone practice in company with USS CUNNINGHAM (DD752). Ammunition Expended on 13 August firing drone exercise: 656 rds. 40MM HEIT, 1080 rds. 20MM HEI and HET (720 rds. 20MM HEI, and 360 rds. 20MM HET).

14 August, 1945

Operation Order: CDS 12 - 140225.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	ASW Screening Station #4, Vicinity Hagushi Anchorage.	
1200	ASW Screening Station #4, Vicinity Hagushi Anchorage.	
2000	ASW Screening Station #4, Vicinity Hagushi Anchorage.	

15 August, 1945

Operation Order: CTU 99.5.6 - 141235 - assigning this vessel to ASW screening station "C-4" vicinity of Ie Shima.

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

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16 August, 1945

Operation Order: CTU 99.5.6 151046 - Proceed to Buckner Bay for logistics then return to Hagushi Anchorage.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Vicinity of Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	

1515 Underway in accordance with CTU 99.5.6 Despatch 160520, returning this vessel to Buckner Bay and to report to ComCruDiv 16 for duty.

17-29 August, 1945

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	
2000	Buckner Bay, Okinawa Shima.	

30 August, 1945

Operation Order: ComCruDiv 16, Operation Order 10-45.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	Approaches to Okinawa Shima.	
1200	Approaches to Okinawa Shima.	
2000	27° 12'N	125° 21'E

Enroute to Yellow Sea and Gulf of Chihili. Proceeding in company with ComCruDiv 16 and DesDiv 127 less USS PIERCE (DD753), to rendezvous with ComCruDiv 6 and DesRon 51. Rear Admiral Low CTG 71.1 in USS GUAM (CB 2). 1300 Rendezvous per ComCruDiv 16 Op-order 10-45.

31 August, 1945

Operation Order: CTF 71 Op-plan 13-45 and ComCruDiv 16, Op-order 10-45.

	Latitude	Longitude
0800	30° 29'N	123° 33'E
1200	31° 36'N	123° 01'E
2000	33° 40'N	122° 28'E

Proceeding to carry out CTF Op-plan 13-45 in company with Task Group 71.1 composed of the following: ComCruDiv 16 in USS GUAM (CB 2), ALASKA (CB 1), ComCruDiv 6 in USS MINNEAPOLIS (CA 32) (OTC Commander 7th Fleet), USS SAN FRANCISCO (CA 38), USS NEW ORLEANS (CA 36), USS TUSCALOOSA (CA 37) and screen composed of the following: DesRon 64, USS HUBBARD (DD748), CDS 64, Screen Commander, USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD754), USS ALFRED A. CUNNINGHAM (DD752), USS JOHN H. BOLE, (DD755), DesRon 51, USS HARADEN (DD585), CDS 51 and USS WILEY (DD597).

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