

U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562) (Flagship)
DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

DD562/A16
Serial 052

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1 September 1944.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.
Subject: War Diary, U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562); period 1 August 1944
to 31 August 1944, inclusive.
Reference: (a) A1Nav 176 of 1943.
(b) Cominch ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, serial
7152 of 29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary, U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562); period
1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944, inclusive.

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (A)
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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
WAR DIARY - U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562) - August 1944.

1 & 2 August 1944:

310154 of July 1944,
1201, 2 August 1944,

Operating with TRYON as TASK UNIT 51.18.7 in
accordance with Commander TASK FORCE 51 despatch
enroute SAIPAN to ENIWETOK. Zone minus ten time. At
set clocks to zone minus eleven time.

Positions, 1 August.

0800	Lat. 14-53-30 N
	Long. 149-12-30 E
1200	Lat. 14-33-00 N
	Long. 150-18-00 E
2000	Lat. 14-06-30 N
	Long. 152-31-00 E

Positions, 2 August.

0800	Lat. 13-18-00 N
	Long. 155-49-00 E
1200	Lat. 13-06-00 N
	Long. 156-53-00 N
2000	Lat. 12-40-00 N
	Long. 156-56-18 E

2 - 6 August 1944:

Entered ENIWETOK and fueled to capacity,
received limited frozen provisions and the
following ammunition: 968 rounds 5"/38 AA common projectiles; 500
rounds 5"/38 SPDF cartridges; 345 rounds 5"/38 SIDE cartridges; 51 rounds
5"/38 illuminating projectiles; 6 Mk. VI depth charges; and 4 Mk. VII
depth charges. 1830 - Departed ENIWETOK for GUADALCANAL. Commencing at
0800, 5 August, 1944, held ceremonies for crossing equator, which occurred
at 1236.

Positions, 3 August

2000	Lat. 10-55-00 N
	Long. 162-24-00 E

Positions, 4 August

0800	Lat. 07-30-00 N
	Long. 162-15-00 E
1200	Lat. 06-47-00 N
	Long. 162-06-00 E
2000	Lat. 04-36-30 N
	Long. 162-05-30 E

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
PACIFIC FLEET
Positions, 5 August

0800 Lat. 00-17-00 N
Long. 162-20-00 E
1200 Lat. 00-10-00 N
Long. 162-21-00 E
2000 Lat. 02-02-30 S
Long. 162-17-00 E

Positions, 6 August

0800 Lat. 05-20-00 S
Long. 162-13-00 E
1200 Lat. 06-21-00 S
Long. 162-18-00 E
2000 Lat. 08-30-00 S
Long. 162-11-00 E

7 - 8 August 1944:

FORCE's despatch 032357 of August 1944.

Altered destination to NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA
in accordance with Commander SOUTH PACIFIC

Positions, 7 August

0800 Lat. 11-28-00 S
Long. 163-18-00 E
1200 Lat. 12-36-00 S
Long. 163-05-00 E
2000 Lat. 15-08-30 S
Long. 163-04-30 E

Positions, 8 August

0800 Lat. 17-13-00 S
Long. 161-39-00 E
1200 Lat. 18-10-00 S
Long. 162-12-00 E
2000 Lat. 20-01-00 S
Long. 163-15-00 E

9 August 1944:

NOU, GREAT ROADS, NOUMEA,

10 - 21 August 1944:

At 1321 arrived NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA and
went alongside Ship Repair Base Dock, ILE

Remained alongside Ship Repair Base Dock,
undergoing routine overhaul.

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
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22 August 1944:

Departed NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA at 0654.
Enroute ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES in
accordance with Commander SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE's despatch orders 210637 of
August 1944.

Positions, 22 August

0800	Lat.	22-25-00 S
	Long.	166-35-00 E
1200	Lat.	21-53-00 S
	Long.	167-07-00 E
2000	Lat.	19-31-00 S
	Long.	166-55-00 E

23 August 1944:

Arrived ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES at
1214 and fueled from U.S.S. ESCAMBIA.
Moored to buoy #12 upon completion. Reported to Commander TASK UNIT 32.19.1
for duty.

Positions, 23 August

0800	Lat.	16-05-00 S
	Long.	167-02-00 E
1200	Lat.	15-30-00 S
	Long.	167-10-00 E

24 August 1944:

At 1159 departed ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW
HEBRIDES, enroute to PURVIS BAY, FLORIDA
ISLAND, BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS in accordance with Commander Group FIVE,
Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet's despatch orders 190543 of August 1944,
in company with TASK UNIT 32.19.1.

Positions, 24 August

2000	Lat.	14-32-00 S
	Long.	166-53-00 E

Positions, 25 August

0800	Lat.	12-04-30 S
	Long.	164-43-30 E
1200	Lat.	11-23-00 S
	Long.	164-03-00 E
2000	Lat.	10-09-00 S
	Long.	162-25-00 E

26 August 1944:

Arrived PURVIS BAY, FLORIDA ISLAND, BRITISH
SOLOMON ISLANDS at 0810. Dissolved TASK UNIT
32.19.1, reported to Commander TASK GROUP 32.19. Commenced operating in accord-
ance with Commander TASK GROUP 32.1 training order A504-44.

27 to 31 August 1944:

Remained at PURVIS BAY, FLORIDA ISLAND, BRITISH

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September 1944
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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
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27 to 31 August 1944:
(Continued)

SOLOMON ISLANDS. On 29 August 1944,
exercised at amphibious landing operations
for STALEMATE TWO.

U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562) (Flagship)
DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
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1 September 1944. UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

WAR DIARY - U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562) - August 1944.

1 & 2 August 1944:

Operating with TRYON as TASK UNIT 51.18.7 in accordance with Commander TASK FORCE 51 despatch 310154 of July 1944, enroute SAIPAN to ENIWETOK. Zone minus ten time. At 1201, 2 August 1944, set clocks to zone minus eleven time.

Positions, 1 August.

0800	Lat. 14-53-30 N
	Long. 149-12-30 E
1200	Lat. 14-33-00 N
	Long. 150-18-00 E
2000	Lat. 14-06-30 N
	Long. 152-31-00 E

Positions, 2 August.

0800	Lat. 13-18-00 N
	Long. 155-49-00 E
1200	Lat. 13-06-00 N
	Long. 156-53-00 E
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Positions, 3 August

2000	Lat. 10-55-00 N
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Positions, 4 August

0800	Lat. 07-30-00 N
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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
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Positions, 5 August

0800	Lat.	00-14-00 N
	Long.	162-20-00 E
1200	Lat.	00-10-00 N
	Long.	162-21-00 E
2000	Lat.	02-02-30 S
	Long.	162-17-00 E

Positions, 6 August

0800	Lat.	05-20-00 S
	Long.	162-13-00 E
1200	Lat.	06-21-00 S
	Long.	162-18-00 E
2000	Lat.	08-50-00 S
	Long.	162-11-00 E

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Altered destination to NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA
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Positions, 7 August

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	Long.	163-05-00 E
2000	Lat.	15-08-30 S
	Long.	163-04-30 E

Positions, 8 August

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	Long.	161-39-00 E
1200	Lat.	18-10-00 S
	Long.	162-12-00 E
2000	Lat.	20-01-00 S
	Long.	163-15-00 E

9 August 1944:

NOU, GREAT ROADS, NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA for routine upkeep and repairs.

At 1321 arrived NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA and
went alongside Ship Repair Base Dock, ILIE

10 - 21 August 1944:

Remained alongside Ship Repair Base Dock,
undergoing routine overhaul.

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27 to 31 August 1944:
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SOLOMON ISLANDS. On 29 August 1944,
exercised at amphibious landing operations
for STALEMATE TWO.

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

WAR DIARY - U. S. S. ROBINSON (DD562) - JULY 1944.

1 to 5 July 1944:

Departed ENIWETOK in company with A. W. GRANT and DEEDE as screen for TASK UNIT FIFTY SEVEN POINT EIGHTEEN POINT FIVE, enroute SAIPAN. Speed of advance 10 knots. Zone minus eleven time. 1900, 1 July 1944 - Set clocks back one half hour to zone minus ten and a half time. 2100 - 4 July 1944 - Set clocks back one half hour to zone minus ten time.

Positions, 1 July

2000 Lat. 11-42-00 N
Long. 162-26-00 E

Positions, 2 July

0900 Lat. 13-01-00 N
Long. 161-07-00 E
1200 Lat. 13-02-48 N
Long. 160-31-00 E
2000 Lat. 13-12-12 N
Long. 159-05-00 E

Positions, 3 July

0900 Lat. 13-28-00 N
Long. 157-02-30 E
1200 Lat. 13-31-00 N
Long. 156-31-48 E
2000 Lat. 13-50-00 N
Long. 154-59-00 E

Positions, 4 July

0900 Lat. 14-16-13 N
Long. 152-55-18 E
1200 Lat. 14-22-06 N
Long. 152-13-14 E
2000 Lat. 14-38-42 N
Long. 150-43-48 E

Positions, 5 July

0800 Lat. 15-01-30 N
Long. 148-42-30 E
1200 Lat. 15-08-00 N
Long. 148-05-00 E
2000 Lat. 15-23-42 N
Long. 146-55-06 E

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6 July 1944:

0800 - Arrived SAIPAN and reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for duty. Conducted anti-submarine patrol in accordance with orders of unit commander in area north west of SAIPAN. 2109 - Took station east of HAPPI POINT, SAIPAN for fire support duty, including illumination and call fire on targets designated by Shore Fire Control Party. Reported to Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO for this duty assignment. Ammunition expended was as follows: 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 1 round; 5"/38 caliber SPDF (Flashless) cartridges, 14 rounds; 5"/38 caliber AA common projectiles, 5 rounds; 5"/38 caliber AA common (special) projectiles, 8 rounds. During the above assignment, several air attacks occurred over SAIPAN. One plane was taken under fire by this vessel, results negative, ammunition expenditure included in above figure, special action report separately made.

7 July 1944:

Continued on station east of HAPPI POINT, on call fire assignment. 1132 - Shifted to fire support station west of TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN, and conducted call fire assignments as directed by Shore Fire Control Party, on enemy concentrations. 1345 - Relieved of fire support duties and reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for screening assignment. The following ammunition was expended: 5"/38 caliber AA common projectiles, 118 rounds; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorous projectiles, 2 rounds; 5"/38 caliber SPDF cartridges, 120 rounds. 1403 - Launched both motor whale boats to rescue troops from north reef of TANAPAG Harbor. These troops were from the 105th Infantry, and had been cut off from their own support during a Japanese attack, which over ran their positions. The survivors stated that many wounded remained on the beach, and that very few in their battalion had survived the attack. A total of seventeen men were rescued, of which five were wounded, three seriously and two sustaining minor injuries. All received medical care and except for wounded appeared in good condition. Those rescued were as follows: Pvt. James Milburn, #36446166, USA; Pfc. Lloyd C. Anderson, #20944149, USA; Pfc. N. Giacalone, #32922851, USA; Pfc. Edward J. Tofanelli, #39101110, USA; Pfc. Alex Smuch, #35212446, USA; Pfc. Peter Hoornweg, #30107484, USA; Pfc. Alais Cefiele, #34101244, USA; Pfc. Joe H. Gordon, #38394658, USA; Pfc. Lafayette Johnson, #34146546, USA; Pfc. Thomas Mitchell, #34146612, USA; Pvt. Robert M. Price, #19000427, USA; Pfc. Frank J. Williams, #3985740, USA; Pvt. Walter Criggs, #35045501, USA; Pvt. William Mariweather, #18073135, USA; Pvt. Warren W. Cosner, #13022869, USA. 1703 - Transferred the above survivors to U.S.S. L.C.I. 453 for further transfer to U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT. 1725 - Took station on anti-submarine patrol in area north of SAIPAN in obedience to orders from Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE. 1905 - Left patrol station to investigate reported enemy activity on north reef of TANAPAG Harbor, but enemy air attack resulted in cancellation of these orders by Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO before completion of mission. Proceeded to previously assigned screening station. Remained at general quarters from 1950, throughout the night, due to enemy air activity. It was observed that several bombs were dropped on SAIPAN but no further result of enemy air attack was observed. No planes were taken under fire.

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8 July 1944:

0632 - Secured from general quarters, set condition II, enemy activity having ceased. Fueled from GIBBEROCK (IX117) and upon completion, resumed anti-submarine patrol in area north of SAIPAN. 1745 - Shifted to anti-submarine patrol area west of SAIPAN in obedience to orders of Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE.

9 July 1944:

1108 - Shifted to patrol area north of SAIPAN. 1720 - Reported to Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-FOUR for screening assignment and stood by in area west of SAIPAN for orders. 1816 - Joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX and took station in anti-submarine screen #56, as directed by Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-FOUR. Commenced retirement to westward of SAIPAN.

10 July 1944:

0551 - Returned to SAIPAN with TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX, and upon release at this time, reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for screening assignment, taking station on anti-submarine patrol in area northwest of MANIAGASSA Island. 1140 - Upon relief on anti-submarine patrol, proceeded to transport anchorage west of SAIPAN and anchored in berth B37. Transferred ammunition as follows: 5"/38 illuminating projectiles, 20 rounds; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 20 rounds, to the U.S.S. BERRAN. 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 50 rounds; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 50 rounds, to the U.S.S. SHAW. 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 20 rounds, 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 20 rounds, to the U.S.S. PHILLIP. 1426 - Underway and proceeded to anti-submarine patrol area northwest of MANIAGASSA Island, remaining on patrol throughout the night. Enroute this patrol area from the anchorage, numbers of Japanese bodies in various uniforms and states of decomposition, were passed in the area due west of and about four miles from MANIAGASSA Island. It is estimated that about one hundred fifty bodies were in sight in this locality.

11 July 1944:

Continued anti-submarine patrol in area northwest of MANIAGASSA Island. 1200 - Proceeded to transport area after relief on anti-submarine patrol station and fueled from U.S.S. GIBBEROCK (IX117). At 1745 - after fueling, anchored in transport area to await further orders. 2157 - Proceeded to fire support area #5, about 7000 yards southwest of MARPI POINT to deliver call fire. The only call fire assignment was for illumination, using one star shell every fifteen minutes over MARPI POINT. This illumination fire continued throughout the night. Details on designated area will be found in DD562 action report, serial 003.

12 July 1944:

At 0553, ceased illumination fire and proceeded to transport area to effect emergency repairs. Anchored at 0735 and proceeded with fire control and engineering repairs, with availability for this purpose until 0800, 13 July 1944, as authorized by Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO.

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13 and 14 July 1944:

SAIPAN, repairs having been completed.

At 0749, 13 July 1944, got underway and took station in anti-submarine patrol area west of

15 July 1944:

Resumed anti-submarine patrol in area west of SAIPAN upon completion, at 1100. After being relieved on anti-submarine patrol station, joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX for night retirement.

At 0551, after being relieved of patrol duty, went alongside GADSEAR and received dry pro-

16 July 1944:

release by Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX, and proceeded to transport area for fresh and frozen provisions. After provisioning, took station in anti-submarine patrol west of SAIPAN at 0945.

Upon return to SAIPAN, reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for duty, after re-

17 July 1944:

disembark Commanding and Gunnery Officers for inspection of results of naval gunfire on SAIPAN targets. The ship returned to anti-submarine patrol on station north of SAIPAN.

At 0710 relieved on anti-submarine screening station and proceeded to transport area to dis-

The inspection revealed that the naval gunfire had been very effective, particularly in destruction of coast defense guns, block houses, radars, ammunition dumps, control posts, etc. Much of the damaged area in the town had been cleared, but destruction was complete. This observer did not see a single useful building during the inspection which covered about fifty percent of the island. It was very gratifying to see that our efforts had been so fruitful. At 1245 returned to transport area for Commanding and Gunnery Officers and resumed anti-submarine screening station south-east of TINIAN.

18 July 1944:

Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE for inspection tour of SAIPAN. At 1240 commenced anti-submarine patrol west of transport area. At 1400 returned to transport area where Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE returned to ship and proceeded alongside LACKAWANA for fuel. 1743, discontinued fueling before completion and joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX for night retirement, reporting to Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-FOUR for this duty.

At 0625 left anti-submarine screening station and proceeded to transport area to anchor and disembark

19 July 1944:

POINT SIX, proceeded to transport area and fueled from GMSBOCK. After completion of fueling at 0714, anchored in transport area to receive ammunition. At 1440, having received twenty-three starshells, got underway and commenced anti-submarine patrol northwest of SAIPAN.

0540 - Upon return to port and after release by Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN

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20 July 1944:

Upon being relieved on anti-submarine patrol station at 0800, joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SIX POINT SIXTEEN and took departure for GUAM with that UNIT. Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE in ROBINSON, Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SIX POINT SIXTEEN.

Positions, 20 July

1300	Lat. 15-17-40 N
	Long. 145-45-51 E
2000	Lat. 15-05-00 N
	Long. 145-18-00 E

21 July 1944:

0850 - Arrived GUAM, dissolved TASK UNIT and returned SAIPAN in company with OVERTON, arriving SAIPAN at 1733. Fueled from GERSBOCK immediately upon arrival and thence to anti-submarine patrol west of SAIPAN. The visit to GUAM was particularly interesting to me for the following reason: Voice radio communication discipline during the landing assault waves was excellent in contrast to the general confusion on those circuits which prevailed during the corresponding period of the SAIPAN operation.

Positions, 21 July

0800	Lat. 13-30-00 N
	Long. 149-29-00 E
1200	Lat. 14-10-30 N
	Long. 144-50-00 E

22 July 1944:

Upon relief on anti-submarine patrol station, commenced harassing fire mission on TINIAN as directed by Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO.

23 July 1944:

0600 - Concluded harassing fire mission and resumed anti-submarine patrol duties in area west of SAIPAN. During the harassing fire mission, a complete circuit of TINIAN was made during good visibility in daylight, ranges to the beach were about 3000 yards or less at all times. It was most surprising that no sign of life could be observed at any point on the island in spite of gunfire so placed that areas suitable for cover were harassed with both five inch and machine gun fire. The ammunition expenditure for this mission was as follows: 5"/38 caliber AA common projectiles, 164; 5"/38 caliber common projectiles, 24; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorous projectiles, 90; 5"/38 caliber SPDF cartridges, 203; 5"/38 caliber SPDF cartridges, 75; 40 mm. AA HEF, 213; 40 mm. HEF, 213; 20 mm. HEI, 214; 20 mm. HEF, 107.

24 July 1944:

At 1435 after relief on anti-submarine patrol fueled from WHIPPET and took station on anti-submarine patrol south east of TINIAN.

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED
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25 July 1944:

0006 - Made underwater sound contact. 0037 -
Expanded 10 depth charges, five Mk. 6 and five
Mk. 7, on what was believed to be a false sound contact. At 1645 - Discon-
tinued anti-submarine patrol and relieved STOKHAM on fire support duty on
the western side of TINIAN in accordance with orders of Commander TASK FORCE
FIFTY TWO. Continued fire support of troops advancing southward on TINIAN.
(See DD562 action report, serial 005 dated 30 July 1944).

26 July 1944:

At 1030, upon relief on fire support mission by
BAILEY, proceeded to SAIPAN anchorage to effect
emergency engine repairs. The ammunition expenditure for this mission was as
follows: 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 70; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges,
70; 5"/38 caliber AA Common projectiles, 324; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorus
projectiles, 4; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 328; 40 mm. AA L&F, 724.

27 and 28 July 1944:

At 0739, 27 July 1944, upon completion of repairs,
took anti-submarine patrol station south of TINIAN
as directed by Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY TWO POINT TWELVE.

29 July 1944:

0649 - Relieved on screening station by MUGFORD
and proceeded to northeast of TINIAN for fire
support duty. From 0733 until 1437, delivered call fire on TINIAN as set forth
in action report, serial 005 of 30 July. Upon relief on fire support mission
by MCGOWAN, commenced acting in support of minesweeping operations in ASIGA BAY.
Upon conclusion of this duty at 1650, proceeded to anti-submarine patrol station
southeast of TINIAN, relieving BENHAM at 1732. The ammunition expenditure for
this fire support mission was as follows: 5"/38 caliber AA Common projectiles,
691; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorus projectiles, 12; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges,
703.

30 July 1944:

Continued anti-submarine patrol until 1445. Upon
relief at this time by LAWS, proceeded to trans-
port area to obtain U. S. Mail and air freight at TANAPAG Harbor and CHARANKANOA
respectively. Officers sent on these missions returned without freight or mail
and stated that conditions at both the freight and mail distributing points were
considerably confused. This failure to receive mail is becoming a matter of con-
siderable concern because of the obvious effect on morale. It is hoped that
despatches on the subject will bear fruit. After recovery of boats at 1800, pro-
ceeded to anti-submarine patrol area west of TINIAN and relieved RESEY.

31 July 1944:

Upon relief on station at 1518 by WALLER, proceeded
to transport area and joined TRYON for retirement
as TASK UNIT FIFTY ONE POINT EIGHTEEN POINT SEVEN in accordance with Commander
TASK FORCE FIFTY ONE despatch 310154. At 1800, took screening station on TRYON
and set course for ENIWETOK.

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
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WAR DIARY - U. S. S. ROBINSON (DD562) - JULY 1944.

1 to 5 July 1944:

Departed ENIWETOK in company with A. W. GRANT and DERDE as screen for TASK UNIT FIFTY SEVEN POINT EIGHTEEN POINT FIVE, enroute SAIPAN. Speed of advance 10 knots. Zone minus eleven time. 1900, 1 July 1944 - Set clocks back one half hour to zone minus ten and a half time. 2300 - 4 July 1944 - Set clocks back one half hour to zone minus ten time.

Positions, 1 July

2000 Lat. 11-42-00 N
Long. 162-26-00 E

Positions, 2 July

0800 Lat. 13-01-00 N
Long. 161-07-00 E
1200 Lat. 13-02-48 N
Long. 160-31-00 E
2000 Lat. 13-12-12 N
Long. 159-05-00 E

Positions, 3 July

0800 Lat. 13-28-00 N
Long. 157-02-30 E
1200 Lat. 13-31-00 N
Long. 156-14-48 E
2000 Lat. 13-50-00 N
Long. 154-59-00 E

Positions, 4 July

0800 Lat. 14-16-13 N
Long. 152-55-18 E
1200 Lat. 14-22-06 N
Long. 152-13-14 E
2000 Lat. 14-38-42 N
Long. 150-48-48 E

Positions, 5 July

0800 Lat. 15-01-30 N
Long. 148-42-30 E
1200 Lat. 15-08-00 N
Long. 148-05-00 E
2000 Lat. 15-23-42 N
Long. 146-55-06 E

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6 July 1944:

0800 - Arrived SAIPAN and reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for duty. Commenced anti-submarine patrol in accordance with orders of unit commander in area north west of SAIPAN. 2109 - Took station east of HARPI POINT, SAIPAN for fire support duty, including illumination and call fire on targets designated by Shore Fire Control Party. Reported to Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO for this duty assignment. Ammunition expended was as follows: 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 1 round; 5"/38 caliber SPDF (Flashless) cartridges, 14 rounds; 5"/38 caliber AA common projectiles, 5 rounds; 5"/38 caliber AA common (special) projectiles, 3 rounds. During the above assignment, several air attacks occurred over SAIPAN. One plane was taken under fire by this vessel, results negative, ammunition expenditure included in above figure, special action report separately made.

7 July 1944:

Continued on station east of HARPI POINT, on call fire assignment. 1132 - Shifted to fire support station west of TANAPAG Harbor, SAIPAN, and conducted call fire assignments as directed by Shore Fire Control Party, on enemy concentrations. 1345 - Relieved of fire support duties and reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for screening assignment. The following ammunition was expended: 5"/38 caliber AA common projectiles, 118 rounds; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorous projectiles, 2 rounds; 5"/38 caliber SPDF cartridges, 120 rounds. 1403 - Launched both motor whale boats to rescue troops from north reef of TANAPAG Harbor. These troops were from the 105th Infantry, and had been cut off from their own support during a Japanese attack, which over ran their positions. The survivors stated that many wounded remained on the beach, and that very few in their battalion had survived the attack. A total of seventeen men were rescued, of which five were wounded, three seriously and two sustaining minor injuries. All received medical care and except for wounded appeared in good condition. Those rescued were as follows: Pvt. James Milburn, #36446166, USA; Pfc. Lloyd C. Anderson, #20944149, USA; Pfc. M. Giacalone, #32922351, USA; Pfc. Edward J. Tofanelli, #39401110, USA; Pfc. Alex Szuch, #35212446, USA; Pfc. Peter Hoornweg, #30107484, USA; Pfc. Alais Cofiele, #34101244, USA; Pfc. Joe H. Gordon, #38394658, USA; Pfc. Lafayette Johnson, #34146546, USA; Pfc. Thomas Mitchell, #34146612, USA; Pvt. Robert H. Price, #19000427, USA; Pfc. Frank J. Williams, #39857110, USA; Pvt. Walter Griggs, #35045501, USA; Pvt. William Meriweather, #18073135, USA; Pvt. Warren W. Cosner, #13022869, USA. 1703 - Transferred the above survivors to U.S.S. L.C.I. 453 for further transfer to U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT. 1725 - Took station on anti-submarine patrol in area north of SAIPAN in obedience to orders from Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE. 1905 - Left patrol station to investigate reported enemy activity on north reef of TANAPAG Harbor, but enemy air attack resulted in cancellation of these orders by Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO before completion of mission. Proceeded to previously assigned screening station. Remained at general quarters from 1950, throughout the night, due to enemy air activity. It was observed that several bombs were dropped on SAIPAN but no further result of enemy air attack was observed. No planes were taken under fire.

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE
FLEET

8 July 1944:

0035 - Secured from general quarters, set condition II, enemy activity having ceased.
0632 - Fueled from GEMSBOCK (IX117) and upon completion, resumed anti-submarine patrol in area north of SAIPAN. 1745 - Shifted to anti-submarine patrol area west of SAIPAN in obedience to orders of Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE.

9 July 1944:

1108 - Shifted to patrol area north of SAIPAN.
1720 - Reported to Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-FOUR for screening assignment and stood by in area west of SAIPAN for orders. 1816 - Joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX and took station in anti-submarine screen #56, as directed by Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-FOUR. Commenced retirement to westward of SAIPAN.

10 July 1944:

0551 - Returned to SAIPAN with TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX, and upon release at this time, reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for screening assignment, taking station on anti-submarine patrol in area northwest of MANIAGASSA Island. 1140 - Upon relief on anti-submarine patrol, proceeded to transport anchorage west of SAIPAN and anchored in berth B37. Transferred ammunition as follows: 5"/38 illuminating projectiles, 20 rounds; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 20 rounds, to the U.S.S. BENHAM. 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 50 rounds; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 50 rounds, to the U.S.S. SHAW. 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 20 rounds, 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 20 rounds, to the U.S.S. PHILLIP. 1426 - Underway and proceeded to anti-submarine patrol area northwest of MANIAGASSA Island, remaining on patrol throughout the night. Enroute this patrol area from the anchorage, numbers of Japanese bodies in various uniforms and states of decomposition, were passed in the area due west of and about four miles from MANIAGASSA Island. It is estimated that about one hundred fifty bodies were in sight in this locality.

11 July 1944:

Continued anti-submarine patrol in area northwest of MANIAGASSA Island. 1200 - Proceeded to transport area after relief on anti-submarine patrol station and fueled from U.S.S. GEMSBOCK (IX117). At 1745 - after fueling, anchored in transport area to await further orders. 2157 - Proceeded to fire support area #5, about 7000 yards southwest of MARPI POINT to deliver call fire. The only call fire assignment was for illumination, using one star shell every fifteen minutes over MARPI POINT. This illumination fire continued throughout the night. Details on designated area will be found in DD562 action report, serial 003.

12 July 1944:

At 0553, ceased illumination fire and proceeded to transport area to effect emergency repairs. Anchored at 0735 and proceeded with fire control and engineering repairs, with availability for this purpose until 0800, 13 July 1944, as authorized by Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO.

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12 and 14 July 1944:

SAIPAN, repairs having been completed.

At 0719, 13 July 1944, got underway and took station in anti-submarine patrol area west of

15 July 1944:

At 0551, after being relieved of patrol duty, went alongside GADSEAR and received dry provisions. Resumed anti-submarine patrol in area west of SAIPAN upon completion, at 1100. After being relieved on anti-submarine patrol station, joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX for night retirement.

16 July 1944:

Upon return to SAIPAN, reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE for duty, after release by Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX, and proceeded to transport area for fresh and frozen provisions. After provisioning, took station in anti-submarine patrol west of SAIPAN at 0945.

17 July 1944:

At 0710 relieved on anti-submarine screening station and proceeded to transport area to disembark Commanding and Gunnery Officers for inspection of results of naval gunfire on SAIPAN targets. The ship returned to anti-submarine patrol on station north of SAIPAN.

The inspection revealed that the naval gunfire had been very effective, particularly in destruction of coast defense guns, block houses, radars, ammunition dumps, control posts, etc. Much of the damaged area in the town had been cleared, but destruction was complete. This observer did not see a single useful building during the inspection which covered about fifty percent of the island. It was very gratifying to see that our efforts had been so fruitful. At 1245 returned to transport area for Commanding and Gunnery Officers and resumed anti-submarine screening station southeast of TINIAN.

18 July 1944:

At 0625 left anti-submarine screening station and proceeded to transport area to anchor and disembark Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE for inspection tour of SAIPAN. At 1240 commenced anti-submarine patrol west of transport area. At 1400 returned to transport area where Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE returned to ship and proceeded alongside LACKAWANA for fuel. 1743, discontinued fueling before completion and joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX for night retirement, reporting to Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-FOUR for this duty.

19 July 1944:

0540 - Upon return to port and after release by Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT SIX, proceeded to transport area and fueled from GEMSBÖCK. After completion of fueling at 0714, anchored in transport area to receive ammunition. At 1440, having received twenty-three starshells, got underway and commenced anti-submarine patrol northwest of SAIPAN.

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY
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20 July 1944:

Upon being relieved on anti-submarine patrol station at 0800, joined TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SIX POINT SIXTEEN and took departure for GUAM with that UNIT. Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE in ROBINSON, Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SIX POINT SIXTEEN.

Positions, 20 July

1200	Lat. 15-17-40 N
	Long. 145-45-51 E
2000	Lat. 15-05-00 N
	Long. 145-18-00 E

21 July 1944:

0850 - Arrived GUAM, dissolved TASK UNIT and returned SAIPAN in company with OVERTON, arriving SAIPAN at 1733. Fueled from GEMSBOK immediately upon arrival and thence to anti-submarine patrol west of SAIPAN. The visit to GUAM was particularly interesting to me for the following reason: Voice radio communication discipline during the landing assault waves was excellent in contrast to the general confusion on those circuits which prevailed during the corresponding period of the SAIPAN operation.

Positions, 21 July

0800	Lat. 13-30-00 N
	Long. 149-29-00 E
1200	Lat. 14-10-30 N
	Long. 144-50-00 E

22 July 1944:

Upon relief on anti-submarine patrol station, commenced harassing fire mission on TINIAN as directed by Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO.

23 July 1944:

0600 - Concluded harassing fire mission and resumed anti-submarine patrol duties in area west of SAIPAN. During the harassing fire mission, a complete circuit of TINIAN was made during good visibility in daylight, ranges to the beach were about 3000 yards or less at all times. It was most surprising that no sign of life could be observed at any point on the island in spite of gunfire so placed that areas suitable for cover were harassed with both five inch and machine gun fire. The ammunition expenditure for this mission was as follows: 5"/38 caliber AA common projectiles, 164; 5"/38 caliber common projectiles, 24; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorous projectiles, 90; 5"/38 caliber SPDF cartridges, 203; 5"/38 caliber SPDF cartridges, 75; 40 mm. AA HET, 213; 40 mm. HET, 213; 20 mm. HEI, 214; 20 mm. HET, 107.

24 July 1944:

At 1435 after relief on anti-submarine patrol fueled from WHIPPET and took station on anti-submarine patrol south east of TINIAN.

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DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY
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25 July 1944:

0006 - Made underwater sound contact. 0037 -
Expended 10 depth charges, five Mk. 6 and five
Mk. 7, on what was believed to be a false sound contact. At 1645 - Discon-
tinued anti-submarine patrol and relieved STOCKHAM on fire support duty on
the western side of TINIAN in accordance with orders of Commander TASK FORCE
FIFTY TWO. Continued fire support of troops advancing southward on TINIAN.
(See DD562 action report, serial 005 dated 30 July 1944).

26 July 1944:

At 1030, upon relief on fire support mission by
BAILEY, proceeded to SAIPAN anchorage to effect
emergency engine repairs. The ammunition expenditure for this mission was as
follows: 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 70; 5"/38 caliber SPDF cartridges,
70; 5"/38 caliber AA Common projectiles, 324; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorus
projectiles, 4; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges, 328; 40 mm. AA L&F, 724.

27 and 28 July 1944:

At 0739, 27 July 1944, upon completion of repairs,
took anti-submarine patrol station south of TINIAN
as directed by Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY TWO POINT TWELVE.

29 July 1944:

0649 - Relieved on screening station by MUGFORD
and proceeded to northeast of TINIAN for fire
support duty. From 0733 until 1437, delivered call fire on TINIAN as set forth
in action report, serial 005 of 30 July. Upon relief on fire support mission
by MCGOWAN, commenced acting in support of minesweeping operations in ASIGA BAY.
Upon conclusion of this duty at 1650, proceeded to anti-submarine patrol station
southeast of TINIAN, relieving BENHAM at 1732. The ammunition expenditure for
this fire support mission was as follows: 5"/38 caliber AA Common projectiles,
691; 5"/38 caliber white phosphorus projectiles, 12; 5"/38 caliber SPDN cartridges,
703.

30 July 1944:

Continued anti-submarine patrol until 1445. Upon
relief at this time by LAWS, proceeded to trans-
port area to obtain U. S. Mail and air freight at TANAPAG Harbor and CHARANKANGA
respectively. Officers sent on these missions returned without freight or mail
and stated that conditions at both the freight and mail distributing points were
considerably confused. This failure to receive mail is becoming a matter of con-
siderable concern because of the obvious effect on morale. It is hoped that
despatches on the subject will bear fruit. After recovery of boats at 1800, pro-
ceeded to anti-submarine patrol area west of TINIAN and relieved REMEX.

31 July 1944:

Upon relief on station at 1518 by WALLER, proceeded
to transport area and joined TRYON for retirement
as TASK UNIT FIFTY ONE POINT EIGHTEEN POINT SEVEN in accordance with Commander
TASK FORCE FIFTY ONE despatch 310154. At 1800, took screening station on TRYON
and set course for ENIWETOK.

U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562) (Flagship)
DESTROYER DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

1 July 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.
Subject: War Diary, U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562); period 1 June 1944
to 30 June 1944, inclusive.
Reference: (a) A1Nav 176 of 1943.
(b) Cominch ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Serial
7152 of 29 October 1943.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary, U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562); period
1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944, inclusive.

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosure
(A) is forwarded herewith.

E. B. GRANTHAM, Jr.

Copy to:-
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(Signature)

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U. S. S. ROBINSON (DD562)
U. S. S. ROBINSON (DD562)
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
WAR DAILY

Period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944 (Inclusive)

1 to 7 June 1944:

Operating under chain of command as follows: Commander FIFTH FLEET; Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO; Commander TASK GROUP FIFTY-TWO POINT FIFTEEN; Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE; Commander Destroyer DIVISION ONE HUNDRED TWELVE. Operating in accordance with Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY TWO cruising order A14-44. Zone plus ten time. This ship operating as Anti-Submarine screening vessel, in cruising disposition 3A1-1. Changed clocks as follows: 1100, 1 June 1944 - Set clocks back one hour to zone plus eleven time; 1500, 3 June 1944 - Advanced clocks twenty-three hours to zone minus twelve time.

Positions, 1 June

0800	Lat. 14-48-30 N
	Long. 168-39-00 W
1200	Lat. 14-26-00 N
	Long. 169-37-00 W
2000	Lat. 13-45-30 N
	Long. 171-05-00 W

Positions, 2 June

0800	Lat. 12-55-18 N
	Long. 173-22-00 W
1200	Lat. 12-37-48 N
	Long. 174-03-30 W
2000	Lat. 12-03-00 N
	Long. 175-51-00 W

Positions, 3 June

0800	Lat. 11-19-00 N
	Long. 178-35-30 W
1200	Lat. 10-58-30 N
	Long. 179-18-00 W

Crossed 180th meridian.

Positions, 4 June

Crossed 180th meridian.

2000	Lat. 10-22-00 N
	Long. 178-41-30 E

Positions, 5 June

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0800 Lat. 09-13-00 N
Long. 175-11-30 E
1200 Lat. 08-55-12 N
Long. 175-27-36 E
2000 Lat. 08-18-30 N
Long. 174-18-30 E

Positions, 6 June

0800 Lat. 07-35-30 N
Long. 171-53-00 E
1200 Lat. 07-38-30 N
Long. 171-04-00 E
2000 Lat. 08-06-42 N
Long. 169-25-30 E

Positions, 7 June

0800 Lat. 08-46-00 N
Long. 167-03-00 E
1200 Lat. 09-06-30 N
Long. 166-22-00 E
2000 Lat. 10-06-30 N
Long. 164-45-07 E

8 June 1944:

0900 - Retarded clocks one hour to zone minus eleven time. 1000 - Arrived ENIWETOK, M. I. and anchored in assigned berth after performing duty in routine anti-submarine screening lane for entry of screened units.

Positions

0800 Lat. 11-34-00 N
Long. 163-21-00 E

9 and 10 June 1944:

Remained ENIWETOK, M.I., refueled and provisioned. Performed duty as anti-submarine patrol at wide passage, afternoon and night of 9 - 10 June.

11 to 13 June 1944:

Departed ENIWETOK, M.I. at 0619, taking station in cruising disposition 3A1-2, upon sortie of screened units, the usual anti-submarine lanes being formed during sortie. 1400, 13 June 1944 - Set clocks back one hour to zone minus ten time.

Positions, 11 June

0800 Lat. 11-25-00 N
Long. 162-30-00 E
1200 Lat. 11-07-50 N
Long. 162-00-00 E
2000 Lat. 11-45-25 N
Long. 160-22-30 E

Positions, 12 June

0800 Lat. 12-38-00 N
Long. 158-03-06 E
1200 Lat. 12-56-43 N
Long. 157-17-12 E
2000 Lat. 13-25-06 N
Long. 155-65-30 E

Positions, 13 June

0800 Lat. 14-12-36 N
Long. 153-18-30 E
1200 Lat. 14-25-00 N
Long. 152-34-30 E
2000 Lat. 14-21-12 N
Long. 151-09-38 E

14 June 1944:

1307 - Commenced operating in accordance with Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO Approach Order A18-44 (Annex "B" to CTF 52 Attack Order A11-44). Cruising dis-position 3A1-3 was formed and this vessel continued duties as anti-submarine screening vessel. 2021 - While on station on fleet axis at 20000 yards ahead at center of disposition, radar contact was made on enemy submarine. This contact resulted in action which was reported in separate action report as prescribed in Pacific Fleet Confidential letter 201-44.

Positions, 14 June

0800 Lat. 14-30-00 N
Long. 148-50-12 E
1200 Lat. 14-56-32 N
Long. 147-58-00 E
2000 Lat. 15-28-02 N
Long. 146-44-08 E

15 and 16 June 1944:

Chain of command altered as follows: Commander FIFTH FLEET; Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO; Commander TASK GROUP FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN; Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT TWO. Commenced operating under Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO Attack Order A11-44, under the specific provisions of Annex "C" of that order. Operations throughout the period 0450, 15 June to 1901, 17 June are covered by separate action report (DD562 serial 002 of 25 June 1944).

17 June 1944:

EIGHTEEN in retirement

1902 - Commenced operating as anti-submarine screening unit for TASK GROUP FIFTY ONE POINT EIGHTEEN in retirement area west of SAIPAN, DESTRUCTION DIVISION, UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

Positions, 18 June

0800	Lat. 16-08-00 N Long. 148-07-00 E
1200	Lat. 16-01-00 N Long. 148-33-00 E
2000	Lat. 16-04-30 N Long. 147-13-24 E

19 June 1944:

GROUP FIFTY-ONE POINT EIGHTEEN, the designation of units screened became FIFTY-TWO POINT FIFTEEN.

1500 - Continued operating as screening vessel, but due to regrouping and departure of Commander TASK

Positions, 19 June

0800	Lat. 15-31-30 N Long. 146-59-30 E
1200	Lat. 15-51-00 N Long. 147-35-00 E
2000	Lat. 16-09-48 N Long. 147-03-00 E

Positions, 20 June

0800	Lat. 16-08-00 N Long. 147-13-00 E
1200	Lat. 16-00-00 N Long. 147-24-12 E
2000	Lat. 15-39-00 N Long. 146-53-00 E

Positions, 21 June

0800	Lat. 15-37-00 N Long. 146-39-30 E
1200	Lat. 15-45-43 N Long. 146-22-12 E
2000	Lat. 16-13-00 N Long. 147-19-18 E

22 June 1944:

1343 - Departed TASK GROUP FIFTY-TWO POINT FIFTEEN in company with the McNAIR, GEORGE F. ELLIOTT and BELLATRIX, to join TASK UNIT FIFTY-ONE POINT EIGHTEEN POINT EIGHTEEN, which was done at 2034. After joining, continued enroute ENIMETOK, as anti-submarine screening vessel for TASK GROUP FIFTY-ONE POINT EIGHTEEN POINT EIGHTEEN.

U. S. S. ROBINSON (DD-85) (FLAGSHIP)
DEPT. OF THE NAVY
FLEET OPERATIONS DIVISION
HONOLULU, HAWAII
0800

Positions, 22 June

0800 Lat. 15-55-00 N
Long. 147-08-00 E
1200 Lat. 16-15-00 N
Long. 147-35-06 E
2000 Lat. 15-29-00 N
Long. 145-46-00 E

Positions, 23 June

0800 Lat. 14-58-30 N
Long. 148-02-00 E
1200 Lat. 14-47-00 N
Long. 148-52-24 E
2000 Lat. 14-29-30 N
Long. 150-18-00 E

Positions, 24 June

0800 Lat. 14-00-00 N
Long. 152-58-30 E
1200 Lat. 13-51-00 N
Long. 153-49-00 E
2000 Lat. 13-37-30 N
Long. 155-29-00 E

Positions, 25 June

0800 Lat. 13-08-30 N
Long. 158-55-30 E
1200 Lat. 12-57-00 N
Long. 158-55-30 E
2000 Lat. 12-35-00 N
Long. 160-36-00 E

26 June 1944:

0358 - Left TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT EIGHTEEN and proceeded to ENIWETOK anchorage, arriving at 0755. Reported to Commander TASK UNIT FIFTY-SEVEN POINT SEVEN POINT FOUR for escort duty assignment.

27 to 30 June 1944:

Remained in ENIWETOK anchorage, received minor tender repairs, fuel, provisions and ammunition.