

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

DD562/A12  
Serial 001

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1 June 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.  
Subject: War Diary, U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562); period 1 May 1944  
to 31 May 1944, inclusive.  
Reference: (a) AlNav 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 May 1944 to 31 May 1944, inclusive.

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

Period 1 May 1944 to 31 May 1944 (inclusive)

1 to 4 May 1944:

(Zone Plus 9½ time)

Pursuant to Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet Memorandum of 29 April 1944, moored in Pearl Harbor, T. H. for upkeep.

5 and 6 May 1944:

Underway from Pearl Harbor. Conducted shore bombardment exercises off Kahoolawe Island and returned to Pearl Harbor. The following ammunition was expended: 373 rounds of 5"/38 cal. AA common projectiles; 8 rounds 5"/38 cal. common projectiles; 15 rounds 5"/38 cal. illuminating projectiles; 359 rounds 5"/38 cal. SPDN (smokeless) cartridges; 38 rounds 5"/38 cal. SPDF (flashless) cartridges; 102 rounds 40 mm. AA (HEP) projectiles.

7 May 1944:

Moored Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H. for replacement of 5"/38 caliber gun barrel #3.

8 to 10 May 1944:

Pursuant to Commander Task Force FIFTEEN's speedletter, Op-030 of 5 May 1944, operating in company with TENNESSEE and WADLEIGH, conducting gunnery exercises in operating areas south of Oahu. The following ammunition was expended: 34 rounds 5"/38 cal. illuminating projectiles; 8 rounds 5"/38 cal. common projectiles; 267 rounds 5"/38 cal. AA common projectiles; 309 rounds 5"/38 cal. SPDN (smokeless) cartridges; 625 rounds 40 mm. (HEP) projectiles; and 1224 rounds 20 mm. projectiles.

11 to 13 May 1944:

Pursuant to Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet despatch orders, remained in Pearl Harbor, for limited upkeep.

14 May 1944:

Underway and stood out of harbor. Operating under Commander Task Force FIFTY-TWO in Task Group FIFTY-TWO POINT FIFTEEN, enroute Lahiana Roads.

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15 May 1944:

0600 - Operating under Commander Task Force FIFTY-TWO's training order A-12-44, in TASK GROUP FIFTY-TWO POINT SEVENTEEN POINT TWO, in vicinity of Maui and Kahoolawe.

16 May 1944:

Continued training operations and took special screening station on COLORADO, which was aground south of Kahoolawe.

17 May 1944:

Continued screening COLORADO. After she cleared pinnacle, until 0430, at which time returned to normal operations as outlined in Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO's training order A-12-44.

18 and 19 May 1944:

Continued training operations. Enroute to Pearl Harbor on 19 May.

20 May 1944:

Entered Pearl Harbor and moored in nest at berth X-4.

21 to 28 May 1944:

Remained moored in Pearl Harbor for limited upkeep and recreation.

29 to 31 May 1944:

Operating in FIFTH Fleet in TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO, under Commander TASK GROUP FIFTY-TWO POINT FIFTEEN, in TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE POINT ONE. Operating in accordance with Commander TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO's cruising order A-14-44. Underway at 0630, 29 May, 1944, in company with TASK UNIT FIFTY-TWO POINT TWELVE POINT ONE, acting as outer anti-submarine screen, in TASK GROUP FIFTY-TWO POINT FIFTEEN cruising disposition 3A13.

Positions, 29 May

0800	Lat.	21-16-00 N
	Long.	157-52-00 W
1200	Lat.	21-01-30 N
	Long.	157-57-36 W
2000	Lat.	19-39-00 N
	Long.	158-14-30 W

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Positions, 30 May

0800	Lat.	18-55-00 N
	Long.	160-27-00 W
1200	Lat.	18-38-00 N
	Long.	161-02-00 W
2000	Lat.	17-52-36 N
	Long.	162-25-30 W

Positions, 31 May

0800	Lat.	16-39-30 N
	Long.	161-30-00 W
1200	Lat.	16-31-00 N
	Long.	161-57-00 W
2000	Lat.	15-50-00 N
	Long.	166-29-30 W

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Positions, 31 May

0800	Lat. 16-39-30 N
	Long. 164-30-00 W
1200	Lat. 16-34-00 N
	Long. 164-57-00 W
2000	Lat. 15-50-00 N
	Long. 166-29-30 W

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14 April 1944:

Enroute Seattle, Washington to San Francisco, California.

0800 Position: Lat. 37-36-30 N  
Long. 123-33-57 W

15 April 1944:

Moored starboard side to pier 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , San Francisco, California.

16 April 1944:

1200 - Underway, enroute San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H., proceeding in accordance with Commander Western Sea Frontier Movement Order No. 1-29-C&R.  
1600 - Changed clocks to zone plus 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  time.

2000 Position: Lat. 37-04-30 N  
Long. 125-14-00 W

17 April 1944:

Enroute San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1600 - Changed clocks to zone

plus 8 time.

0800 Position: Lat. 36-41-00N  
Long. 129-26-00W  
1200 Position: Lat. 35-19-18N  
Long. 130-35-06W  
2000 Position: Lat. 34-42-18N  
Long. 132-15-00W

18 April 1944:

Enroute San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H. At 1600 changed clocks to zone plus 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  time. 1635 - In latitude 36-26-09 North and longitude 127-51-00 West, made echo ranging contact and made deliberate attack on target of doubtful character. Investigation of area subsequent to attack revealed a large dead fish at point of attack and other large fish in the vicinity. Echo ranging was carried out using these other large fish as targets and the character of the echo with other observations show the deliberate attack was most probably made on a fish with the expenditure of five depth charges, mark VI and six depth charges, mark VII. A period of five hours was spent in thorough investigation of area, to confirm the evaluation of this contact without further result. From all data available at the end of the five hour search, it was concluded that the contact was definitely not a submarine contact and course 248T was set using zig zag plan number ten zebras, on the prescribed route for destination. (See attached action report).

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0800 Position: Lat. 33-11-00 N  
Long. 136-11-00 W  
1200 Position: Lat. 32-46-00 N  
Long. 137-32-30 W  
2000 Position: Lat. 31-39-45 N  
Long. 140-37-50 W

19 April 1944:

Enroute San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1600 - Changed clocks to zone plus 9 time. 1630 - Fired machine gun anti-aircraft practices using balloon target, expending the following ammunition: 85 rounds of 40 mm. ammunition and 465 rounds of 20 mm. ammunition.

0800 Position: Lat. 29-31-00 N  
Long. 144-54-00 W  
1200 Position: Lat. 28-49-12 N  
Long. 146-09-00 W  
2000 Position: Lat. 27-31-00 N  
Long. 148-33-00 W

20 April 1944:

plus 9½ time.

Enroute San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1600 - Changed clocks to zone

0800 Position: Lat. 25-23-00 N  
Long. 151-43-00 W  
1200 Position: Lat. 24-48-00 N  
Long. 152-41-00 W  
2000 Position: Lat. 23-31-00 N  
Long. 154-33-00 W

21 April 1944:

Enroute San Francisco, California to Pearl Harbor, T.H. 0731 - Conducted anti-aircraft practices using sleeve target, expending the following ammunition: 98 rounds 5"/38 AA common; 776 rounds 40 mm.; 1527 rounds 20 mm. The towing services were excellent and to date this was the best AA training received. At 1007 entered swept channel and proceeded for entrance. At 1142 moored with port side to port side, U.S.S. YARNELL, at buoy X-3, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

22 April 1944:

0745 - Underway and reported for temporary duty to the Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier in accordance with despatch orders from the Commander Destroyers, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Proceeded to latitude 21-14-30 N, longitude 158-16-00 W to conduct anti-submarine search for contact previously made by the U.S.S. NORMAN SCOTT. At 1156 the U.S.S. CHEW joined to assist in search. A retiring search curve was run from the above named point of reported contact. The method used was as prescribed in FTP-219. At 1926 the CHEW was ordered to return to port by the Commander Destroyer Division ONE HUNDRED TWELVE in ROBINSON, O.T.C. by reason of reduction in speed

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due to engineering casualty. Weather conditions during the search were unfavorable due to moderate seas and a forty knot wind. No contact was made either with submarine or the NORMAN SCOTT. An air group of four planes assisted in this search from prior to time of arrival of surface ships until about 1630, at which time they returned to base.

2000 Position: Lat. 20-41-00 N  
Long. 159-08-00 W

23 April 1944: Continuing anti-submarine search. At 0600 discontinued search and stood for port as directed by the Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier. At 0800 entered swept channel and stood for entrance. At 0930 moored port to port to U.S.S. CASSIN at buoy X-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

24 April 1944: 0630 - Underway for sonar training exercises, radex exercises and experimental exercise in accordance with the Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet's serial Op-016 of 23 April 1944. Conducted experimental radar exercises until 1300, at which time sonar training runs commenced. Radex was not conducted as time would not permit. The results of experiments were stated to be satisfactory by visiting technicians who recorded the data. The sonar training runs were excellent in every respect. There is no substitute for tame submarine employing full evasive tactics in training anti-submarine warfare teams. We need more of it. At 1949 returned to port and moored port to port alongside U.S.S. COCHLAN at buoy X-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

25 April 1944: 0630 - Underway. Proceeding to conduct radar gun calibration exercise and test of 5"/38 fuze range vs. advance range, and shore bombardment exercise in accordance with Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet speedletter Op-016 of 23 April 1944. At 0930 commenced radar gun calibration and fuze range test firings, completing the exercises at 1245. Results of these exercises were satisfactory. The following ammunition was expended: 99 rounds of 5"/38 AA common projectiles and SPDN (smokeless) cartridges. At 1545 commenced shore bombardment exercises and at 2300 completed these exercises, having conducted five firing runs under direction of the Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX in COCHLAN (O.C.E.) and in company with JOHN D. HENLEY. The following ammunition was expended: 51 rounds 5"/38 AA Common projectiles; 34 rounds 5"/38 illuminating projectiles; 5 rounds 5"/38 common projectiles; 199 rounds 5"/38 SPDN (smokeless) cartridges; and 36 rounds 40 mm. AA projectiles. Steaming during the night on various courses in company with JOHN D. HENLEY and COCHLAN, Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX in COCHLAN (O.T.C.).

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26 April 1944:

At 0645 continued shore bombardment exercise, taking station as patrol vessel at this time. At 0651 commenced first firing run and completed the exercise about 1100, having conducted five exercises. The following ammunition was expended: 113 rounds 5"/38 AA common projectiles; 1 round 5"/38 common projectile; and 114 rounds 5"/38 SPDN (smokeless) cartridges. The bombardment results on this date showed great improvement over those on previous day and were considered satisfactory in contrast to the very poor performance of the twenty-fifth. The exercise as a whole was much needed valuable training; another try at the bombardment should find the ship fully qualified.

27 April 1944:

Operating in accordance with CTG 19.1 OpPlan #1-44 in Task Unit 19.1.4. Task Unit 19.1.4 YARNEIL and ROBINSON acting as anti-submarine screen and plane guard for WASP. 0900 commenced AA exercises and completed them at 1100. The following ammunition was expended: 1411 rounds 40 mm. AA (L&F) ammunition and 1428 rounds 20 mm. AA HEI ammunition; and 714 rounds 20 mm. AA HEF ammunition. The results of the practice were fair. Flight operations were carried on throughout the day until 1925. This was first carrier escort duty for this ship and proved very instructive. The ship's performance was considered satisfactory on the whole. Operated in assigned areas throughout the night.

0800 Position: Lat. 21-10-00 N  
Long. 157-57-00 W  
1200 Position: Lat. 20-36-00 N  
Long. 157-20-00 W  
200 Position: Lat. 20-20-00 N  
Long. 157-58-00 W

28 April 1944:

0610 - Flight operations were commenced and continued until 2400. The ship's performance at plane guard escort duties were considered satisfactory.

0300 Position: Lat. 20-31-00 N  
Long. 159-04-00 W  
1200 Position: Lat. 20-20-00 N  
Long. 159-44-00 W  
2000 Position: Lat. 20-36-00 N  
Long. 160-14-00 W

29 April 1944:

Operating until 0610 in assigned steaming areas. At 0610 commenced air operations, continuing until 1300. At 1300 commenced AA gunnery exercises, completing them at 1400 with the expenditure of the following ammunition: 91 rounds 5"/38 AA common projectiles; 91 rounds 5"/38 SPDN (smokeless) cartridges; 421 rounds 40 mm. AA (L&F); 67 rounds 20 mm.

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HET ammunition; and 33 rounds 20 mm. HET ammunition. The ship's performance in this firing was fair, indicating a need for further training. 1600 - Entered swept channel and stood for harbor entrance. 1700 - moored starboard side to berth H-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

30 April 1944:

0700 - Shifted berth from H-4 and moored port side to starboard side to U.S.S. PASTORIS in berth C-7, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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1 to 7 April 1944:

(Zone plus 7 time)

Undergoing post-shakedown availability at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington.

8 April 1944:

Underway at 0800 for post-repair trials. 1300 - Returned to anchorage off Port Orchard, Washington and received ammunition on board from lighter.

9 April 1944:

Washington.

Underway and proceeded to Seattle, Washington. At sunset moored pier 41, Naval Station Seattle,

10 April 1944:

calibration. At sunset returned to Naval Station, Seattle, Washington and moored to pier 41.

0800 - Underway for Point No Point for compensation of compasses and radio direction finder

11 April 1944:

At sunset returned to Naval Station, Seattle, Washington and moored pier 41.

0800 - Underway for Point No Point. Conducted main battery director and radar calibration.

12 April 1944:

accordance with Commander Northwest Sea Frontier Movement Order.

1300 - Underway. Enroute Seattle, Washington to San Francisco, California. Proceeding in

2000 Position Lat. 48-29-20 N  
Long. 125-11-50 W

13 April 1944:

Enroute Seattle, Washington to San Francisco, California.

0800 Position Lat. 44-59-48 N  
Long. 126-04-18 W

1200 Position Lat. 43-33-30 N  
Long. 126-01-30 W

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Long. 159-08-00 W

23 April 1944:

Continuing anti-submarine search. At 0600 directed by the Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier. At 0600 swept channel and stood for port as discontinued search and stood for port as to U.S.S. CASSIN at buoy X-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H. At 0900 entered port to port

24 April 1944:

0630 - Underway for sonar training exercises, accordance with the Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet's serial Op-016 of 23 April 1944. Conducted experimental radar exercises until 1300, at which time sonar training runs commenced. Radar was not conducted as time would not permit. The results of experiments were stated to be satisfactory by visiting technicians who recorded the data. The sonar training runs were excellent in every respect. There is no substitute for tame submarine employing full evasive tactics in training anti-submarine warfare teams. We need more of it. At 1949 returned to port and moored port to port alongside U.S.S. COGHLAN at buoy X-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

25 April 1944:

0630 - Underway. Proceeding to conduct radar gun calibration exercise and test of 5"/38 fuze range vs. advance range, and shore bombardment exercise in accordance with Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet speedletter Op-016 of 23 April 1944. At 0930 commenced radar gun calibration and fuze range test firings, completing the exercises at 1245. Results of these exercises were satisfactory. The following ammunition was expended: 99 rounds of 5"/38 AA common projectiles and SPDN (smokeless) cartridges. At 1545 commenced shore bombardment exercises and at 2300 completed these exercises, having conducted five firing runs under direction of the Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX in COGHLAN (O.C.E.) and in company with JOHN D. HENLEY. The following ammunition was expended: 51 rounds 5"/38 AA Common projectiles; 34 rounds 5"/38 illuminating projectiles; 5 rounds 5"/38 common projectiles; 199 rounds 5"/38 SPDN (smokeless) cartridges; and 36 rounds 40 mm. AA projectiles. Steaming during the night on various courses in company with JOHN D. HENLEY and COGHLAN, Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTY-SIX in COGHLAN (O.T.C.).

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26 April 1944:

At 0645 continued shore bombardment exercise, taking station as patrol vessel at this time. At 0651 commenced first firing run and completed the exercise about 1100, having conducted five exercises. The following ammunition was expended: 113 rounds 5"/38 AA common projectiles; 1 round 5"/38 non projectile; and 114 rounds 5"/38 SPDR (smokeless) cartridges. The bombardment results on this date showed great improvement over those on previous day and were considered satisfactory in contrast to the very poor performance of the twenty-fifth. The exercise as a whole was much needed valuable training; another try at the bombardment should find the ship fully qualified.

27 April 1944:

Operating in accordance with CTG 19.1 OpPlan #1-11 in Task Unit 19.1.4. Task Unit 19.1.4 YARNELL and ROBINSON acting as anti-submarine screen and plane guard for WASP. 0900 commenced AA exercises and completed them at 1100. The following ammunition was expended: 1411 rounds 40 mm. AA (L&F) ammunition and 1426 rounds 20 mm. AA HET ammunition; and 714 rounds 20 mm. AA HET ammunition. The results of the practice were fair. Flight operations were carried on throughout the day until 1925. This was first carrier escort duty for this ship and proved very instructive. The ship's performance was considered satisfactory on the whole. Operated in assigned areas throughout the night.

0800 Position:	Lat. 21-10-00 N
	Long. 157-57-00 W
1200 Position:	Lat. 20-36-00 N
	Long. 157-20-00 W
200 Position:	Lat. 20-20-00 N
	Long. 157-58-00 W

28 April 1944:

0610 - Flight operations were commenced and continued until 2400. The ship's performance at plane guard escort duties were considered satisfactory.

0800 Position:	Lat. 20-31-00 N
	Long. 159-07-00 W
1200 Position:	Lat. 20-20-00 N
	Long. 159-44-00 W
2000 Position:	Lat. 20-36-00 N
	Long. 160-11-00 W

29 April 1944:

Operating until 0610 in assigned steaming areas. At 0610 commenced air operations, continuing until 1300. At 1300 commenced AA gunnery exercises, completing them at 1400 with the expenditure of the following ammunition: 91 rounds 5"/38 AA common projectiles; 91 rounds 5"/38 SPDR (smokeless) cartridges; 421 rounds 40 mm. AA (L&F); 67 rounds 20 mm.

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HET ammunition; and 33 rounds 20 mm. HET ammunition. The ship's performance in this firing was fair, indicating a need for further training. 1600 - Entered swept channel and stood for harbor entrance. 1700 - moored starboard side to berth H-4, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

30 April 1944:

0700 - Shifted berth from H-4 and moored port side to starboard side to U.S.S. PASTORIS in berth C-7, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Commander Destroyers, U. S. PACIFIC FLEET.  
Subject: General Information on U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562).  
References: (a) ComDesPac ltr. serial 3561 of 4 November 1943.  
Enclosure: (A) Brief history of ship up to time of reporting.  
(B) List of uncompleted approved alterations.  
(C) Ship Characteristic Card.  
(D) Roster of Officers.

1. The following data is submitted in compliance with reference (a).

(a) A brief history of this vessel, with dates up to the time of reporting is set forth in enclosure (A).

(b) The general condition of the ship is as follows:

(1) Hull and Fittings.

The general condition of hull and fittings is good and no items of repair, or alterations involving military efficiency, remain uncompleted.

(2) Ordnance.

The general condition of ordnance equipment is very good. The uncompleted alterations have not been accomplished for lack of material. None are considered of vital necessity. Difficulty has been experienced in obtaining necessary adjustment to stable element follow-up circuits. This defect still exists and requires earliest possible attention of fire control technicians.

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One 40 mm. twin mount was installed during post-shakedown availability to complete allowance of close-in anti-aircraft weapons as follows:

- 5 Mk. 51, Mod. 2 gun directors
- 5 40 mm. twin mounts, Mk. 1
- 7 20 mm. mounts, Mk. 4, Mod. 1, equipped with Mk. 14 sights

(3) Radio, Sonar and Radar.

The condition of radio, sonar and radar equipment is good and no important deficiencies have yet been noted in the approved installation.

(4) Engineering.

The general condition of the engineering installation is very good. It is believed that difficulties experienced with minor steam leaks, leakage of high pressure turbine throttle valves and driving gear of one main lubricating oil pump have been satisfactorily eliminated by repairs made during post-shakedown availability.

- (c) A list of uncompleted approved alterations is shown in enclosure (B).
- (d) One copy of last ship characteristics card is submitted as enclosure (C).
- (e) Roster of officers is submitted as enclosure (D).

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(f) The general condition with regard to training leave something to be desired. The curtailment of pre-commissioning training of this ship resulted in some loss in efficiency throughout the shakedown period. This condition was reflected mainly in the poor results obtained in the majority of target practices. It is believed that additional gunnery training is necessary if maximum value is to be realized from the materials at hand.

It is regretted that this vessel left eight stragglers ashore. The general personnel situation is considered satisfactory.

E. B. GRANTHAM, Jr.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562)

30 June 1943	Launched, Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation, Seattle, Washington.
24 Jan. 1944	Builder's Trials completed.
26 Jan. 1944	Acceptance Trials by Board of Inspection and Survey completed.
31 Jan. 1944	Commissioned at 1100 by Captain H. N. Wallin, USN. Commander E. B. Grantham, Jr., USN. assumed command.
1 to 9 Feb. 1944	Alongside dock, Plant "B", Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation, Seattle, Washington, fitting out.
9 to 17 Feb. 1944	Post-fitting out operations, preparations for sea. Operating in compliance with a schedule of employment approved by the Commandant, THIRTEENTH Naval District.
18 Feb. 1944	Reported ready for shakedown to the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet; the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet; the Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific; and the Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Subordinate Command, Seattle, Washington. Departed Seattle, Washington, enroute San Diego, California.
23 Mar. 1944	Shakedown training completed. Departed San Diego, California. Enroute Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington, for post-shakedown availability.
26 March 1944	Arrived Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington. Commenced post-shakedown availability.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. ROBINSON (DD562) (Continued)

9 Apr. 1944

Completed post-shakedown availability. Departed Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington, enroute Seattle, Washington, for post-availability trials and exercises under the Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Pacific, Subordinate Command, Seattle, Washington.

12 Apr. 1944

Departed Seattle, Washington, enroute Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, via San Francisco, California, to report to the Commander Destroyers, U. S. Pacific Fleet for duty on 21 April 1944.

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LIST OF UNCOMPLETED AUTHORIZED BUREAU OF SHIPS  
 (HULL) ALTERATIONS

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status of Material</u>
InSurv Report of 1-26-44	Redesign present weather screen on bridge catwalk to provide a venturi ef- fect.	No material necessary for accomplishment. Will be requested during next availability.

LIST OF UNCOMPLETED AUTHORIZED ORDNANCE ALTERATIONS

<u>Ordalt No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status of Material</u>
1458	Modification of 5"/38 cal. fuze pots to take a Mk. 8 fuze	Material shipped from NID., Wash. D.C. on 1-5-44. Accomplishment will be requested during next availability
1788	Modification of 5"/38 cal. fuze pots to take Mk. 8(?) fuze.	Ordalt is in conjunction with ordalt #1458 above, and status is the same.
1810	Modification of gun port seals on 5"/38 cal. gun shields to make more watertight.	Critical material. None was available during NID overhaul. Will be re- quested during next avail- ability.
1790	Modification of 5"/38 cal. breech blocks to prevent loosening of securing bolts	Applicable drawing not re- ceived with ordalt. Copy of drawing received from FSNY. Work will be accomp- lished by ship's force.
1715	Installation of 5"/38 cal. firing key guards - spring type guards for cables to firing keys.	Material is to be sent to NID and tender pools from the NID, Washington, D.C. Will request during next availability.

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<u>Ordnalt. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status of Material</u>
1733	Installation of firing key springs in Mk. 37 director.	Material shipped via air from NYd. Washington, D.C. Ship's force will install.
1771	Modify 5"/38 cal. fuze indicator regulators - reset limit stops in conjunction with Ordalts 1458 and 1788.	No material necessary for accomplishment. Will be accomplished with Ordalts 1458 and 1788.

LIST OF UNCOMPLETED AUTHORIZED BUREAU OF SHIPS (ENGINEERING) ALTERATIONS

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status of Material</u>
ShipAlt DD366K1	Replace former fixed dome type echo ranging equipment with retractable type	Available at radio and sound pools for allocation to ComServPac
BuShips ltr. DD4450class/ S45(660a-81/- 514) of 2-12-43	Forward and after Engine Room Auxiliaries Power Panel - Increase in rating of trip elements of circuit breakers feeding L.O. pump.	Replace with 50 amp. element from switchboard spare parts.