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To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: Action Report - May 26, 1943 to June 1, 1943.

Reference: (a) PACFLT Conf. Ltr. 36CL-42 of Nov. 8, 1942.

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ACTION REPORT

26 MAY 1943

- 0700 Got underway from Adak, Alaska proceeding to Attu pursuant to orders of Commander North Pacific Force.
- 0756 Set course 000 T., speed 19.5 knots.
- 0820 Changed course to 300 T.
- 1026 Changed course to 275 T.
- 1200 Posit - Lat. 52-12 N., Long. 178-13 E.
- 1605 Changed course to 276 T.
- 1800 Commenced zigzagging using Plan 9.
- 1935 Changed course to 277 T.
- 2317 Changed course to 250 T., speed 18.2 knots.

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- 0100 Changed course to 300 T.
- 0312 Changed course to 272 T.
- 0510 Changed speed to 15 knots.
- 0720 Commenced patrolling Holtz Bay, Sarana Bay Area, Attu, Alaska in company with the U.S.S. AYLWIN.

28 MAY 1943

- 1040 Received orders from shore fire control party to bombard enemy installations in Chichagof Harbor.
- 1103 Commenced bombarding.
- 1136 Completed bombardment.
Expended 44 rounds of 5"/38 caliber A.A. Common ammunition.
- 1145 Resumed patrol.
- 1218 AYLWIN commenced shore bombardment of Chichagof Harbor at
- 1221 Investigated area of target #3. Results negative.

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28 MAY 1943

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1103 Commenced bombarding.
1136 Completed bombardment.
Expended 44 rounds of 5"/38 caliber A.A. Common ammunition.
1145 Resumed patrol.
1218 AYLWIN commenced shore bombardment of Chichagof Harbor area.
1301 Investigated area of target #3. Results negative.
1410 AYLWIN completed bombardment.
1642 AYLWIN resumed firing in Chichagof Harbor.
1710 AYLWIN completed bombardment.

- 1800 Proceeded to vicinity Massacre Bay to deliver message to SCPA in U.S.S. SPICA.
- 1928 Arrived off east entrance, Massacre Bay.
- 2014 Proceeded back to Helts Bay - Sarana Bay Area.
- 2226 Resumed patrol.
- 2325 Received instructions to fire starshells over Chichagof Harbor Area.
- 2330 Observed enemy battery firing on Chichagof beach. Fired one full salvo at enemy battery. Battery ceased firing.
- 2352 Commenced firing starshells over Chichagof Harbor Area at rate of approximately one per minute.

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- 0110 Observed enemy battery firing from target area #3. Fired four full salvos at enemy battery. Battery ceased firing.
- 0230 Ceased firing. Expended 10 rounds 5"/38 A.A. Cannon and 77 rounds starshells.
- 0244 Resumed patrol.
- 0255 U.S.S. AYLWIN commenced firing starshells over Chichagof Harbor Area.
- 0530 U.S.S. AYLWIN ceased firing.
- 1505 U.S.S. AYLWIN commenced bombarding Chichagof Harbor Area.
- 1725 AYLWIN completed bombardment.

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- 0016 AYLWIN commenced firing starshells over Chichagof Harbor Area.
- 0240 AYLWIN ceased firing.
- 0335 Commenced firing starshells over Chichagof Harbor Area at rate of 12 per hour for 12 minutes during each hour.
- 0450 Ceased firing starshells. Expended 24 rounds of 5"/38 cal starshells.
- 0452 Resumed patrol.

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- 0940 FILMORE and LONG entered Holtz Bay.
- 1145 U.S.S. AYLWIN departed for Shemya patrol.
- 1516 Received orders to bombard Chichagof Harbor.
- 1529 Commenced bombarding. Shore fire control party designating and spotting targets.
- 1536 Ceased firing. Expended 99 rounds 5"/38 caliber A.A. Comm
- 1540 Resumed patrol.
- 2045 Fired 18 rounds 40mm ammunition at suspected Japanese positions at Cape Klebnikof.

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- 1041 Proceeded to vicinity of Massacre Bay to deliver message to SOPA in U.S.S. SPICA.
- 1213 Arrived off east entrance Massacre Bay.
- 1310 Proceeded to Holtz Bay Area.
- 1510 Resumed patrol.
- 1940 Proceeded to Cape Klebnikof to investigate report of Japan in caves on beach.
- 2010 Saw one man on beach. He disappeared behind rocks.
- 2020 Commenced firing machine guns at cave and vicinity on beach. No definite results. Expended 70 rounds 40mm; 102 rounds
- 2044 Resumed patrol.

1 JUNE 1943

- 1100 Received word that U.S. Army no longer required naval gun support.