

U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)

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

Subject: War Diary for the Month of July 1945.

Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45

1. The War Diary for this vessel, covering the period 1-31 July 1945, is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. All times are "I".

1 July 1945: Anchored in berth 102-1031 San Pedro Harbor, Leyte, P.H., a unit in TG 38.1. 0620 Underway with CruDiv 18 in order TOPEKA (CCD - 18), OKLAHOMA CITY, AMSTERDAM, DAYTON, ATLANTA, in compliance with CTG 38.1 OpOrder 1-45. 1036 Took station 4270 in cruising disposition 4S9S in TU 38.1.2, SOUTH DAKOTA guide and OTC. 1256-1608 Held AA firing at TDD'S. Ammunition expended:

104 rounds 5"/38

1330 TU 38.1.2 formed cruising disposition 4V9S, OKLAHOMA CITY station 4270. 1758 CruDiv 18 formed column distance 1,000 yards in order TOPEKA, DAYTON, ATLANTA, OKLAHOMA CITY, AMSTERDAM. 2015 General quarters for scheduled firing of night battle practice. 2209-2255 Fired main and secondary batteries at towed sled in accordance with ComCruDiv 18 mailgram 300900 June. Ammunition expended:

40 rounds 6"/47

99 rounds 5"/38

0800: 10-46N,125-29.1E 1200: 10-44N,126-31.8E 2000: 11-44N,127-45.5E

2 July 1945: 0601 OKLAHOMA CITY released along with CruDiv 18 by CTU 38.1.2 to join up with CruDiv 17 forming TF 35. Formed cruising disposition 6S, CruDiv 17 in right flank, disposition guide PASADENA, CruDiv 18 in column distance 1,000 yards in order TOPEKA, DAYTON, ATLANTA, OKLAHOMA CITY, AMSTERDAM. 0849 On order OTC, deployed to form battle disposition, CruDiv 17 as light support force in van, CruDiv 18 as light support force in rear, OKLAHOMA CITY and AMSTERDAM as battle line. 0918-1018 General quarters for simulated surface engagement against TF 34. 1100 Formed cruising disposition 5R, guide in PASADENA, OKLAHOMA CITY position 2247. ATLANTA and DAYTON detached by CTF 35 to join TF 34.

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2 July 1945 (Con'd): 1231 Formed cruising disposition 5V for AA firing. 1328-1530 Held AA firing at towed sleeves. Ammunition expended:

37 rounds 5"/38
2,360 rounds 40mm
1,356 rounds 20mm

1537 Formed cruising disposition 5R.

0800: 12-50N,130-27.5E 1200: 13-11.2N,130-25E 2000: 13-43.2N,131-19.8E

3 July 1945: 0517-0620 General quarters to simulate repelling carrier air attack. 0658 Maneuvering on orders from OTC repelling simulated carrier air attack. 0805-1110 Exercised at tactical exercises, CTF 35 OTC conducting. 1649-1814 Detached from TF 35. Joined TG 38.1 in disposition 5R, station 4040, BENNINGTON guide in station 2.5000.

0800: 15-11N,133-17.3E 1200: 15-02N,133-33.7E 2000: 16-06.8N,133-48.7E

4 July 1945: 0538-0647 Fueled U.S.S. SWENSON. 0710-0800 Fueled U.S.S. Samuel N. MOORE. 0945-1051 Held AA firing at TDD's and towed sleeves. Ammunition expended:

4 rounds 5"/38
808 rounds 40mm

1346-1436 Held AA firing at TDD's. Ammunition expended:

438 rounds 40mm
288 rounds 20mm

1615-1728 Held AA firing at towed sleeves. Ammunition expended:

25 rounds 5"/38
58 rounds 40mm

0800: 17-25.9N,135-28.9E 1200: 17-17.1N,135-44.1E 2000: 18-28N,137-39E

5 July 1945: 1350 General quarters for ship's battle problem and to repel simulated carrier aircraft attack.

0800: 19-46.5N;139-18E 1200: 20-34.7N,140-07E 2000: 21-02.5N,140-43.5E

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6 July 1945: 0608-0653 Fueled U.S.S. COGSWELL. 0830-0912 Held AA tracking exercise for condition I crews. 1105 U.S.S. RINGGOLD alongside to deliver guard mail. 1345-1455 Exercised at general quarters for drill purposes. 1525 Formed cruising disposition 5V. 1537-1650 Held AA firing at TDD' s. Ammunition expended:

1,404 rounds 40mm
1,117 rounds 20mm

1715 Formed cruising disposition 5R.

0800: 22-23N,142-31E 1200: 22-26N,143-17.5E 2000: 23-04N,144-09.1E

7 July 1945: 0800-0855 Exercised at general quarters for drill purposes. 0821-0852 Exercised at "alongside rescue drill". 1447-1702 held AA firing at towed sleeves. Ammunition expended:

1,172 rounds 40mm
646 rounds 20mm

0800: 23-51.5N,146-4.7.5E 1200: 24-04N,146-20E 2000: 24-35.5N,147-29E

8 July 1945: 0426 Sighted TG 30.8 bearing 000°(T) distance 10 miles. 0555 Formed fueling disposition 5F, OKLAHOMA CITY in position 4,000 yards astern U.S.S. LACKAWANNA and 2,000 yards astern U.S.S. BELLEAU WOOD. 0803 Took station 700 yards astern AMSTERDAM. 0838-0919 Held AA firing at TDD's. Ammunition expended:

112 rounds 40mm
240 rounds 20mm

1000 Took station 4,000 yards astern LACKAWANNA in formation 5F. 1150-1550 alongside KANKAKEE to be fueled. 1640 Took station 4040 in formation 5R. 1715 COLLETT alongside to transfer personnel. 1945-2100 Held radar countermeasures exercise with other ships in the task group.

0800: 25-34.4N,149-09.5E 1200: 25-18.5N,148-27E 2000: 25-51N,147-40E

9 July 1945: 0815-0916 General quarters for drill purposes. Held "alongside rescue drill". 1435 Maneuvered to clear mine sighted to starboard. Exploded by gunfire from destroyer. 1546 Maneuvered to clear mine sighted to port. Exploded by gunfire from destroyer. 1710 Set condition Able in "A" Section of ship and on all decks throughout ship below the 1st platform deck. This procedure carried out each evening

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9 July 1945 (Con'd): at sunset while in the vicinity of the Japanese homeland.

0800: 28-50N,147-04.2E 1200: 29-54N,146-35E 2000: 31-31.5N,144-50E

10 July 1945: 0400-0446 General quarters for dawn alert. 0640 Set condition 1 in the AA battery. 0652 General quarters for returning carrier air strike against the Tokyo Plains area. 0815 Set condition 1E. 1352 TG 38.1 formed cruising disposition 5V. 1942 TG 38.1 formed cruising disposition 5R. 1944 Secured from Condition 1E, set condition 3.

0800: 33-59N,142-19E 1200: 34-01N,142-37E 2000: 34-27.5N,142-42.3E

11 July 1945: 0315-0415 General Quarters for dawn alert. 1145-1355 Held AA firing at towed sleeves. Ammunition expended:

39 rounds 5"/38
86 rounds 40mm
172 rounds 20mm

1150 Formed cruising disposition 5V. 1415 TG 38.1 formed cruising disposition 5R. 1610-1639 CAP sighted surfaced submarine 11 miles north of TG 38.1. Changed course to 090°(T), speed 25 knots. 1630 COGSWELL and INGEROLL left formation to sink submarine. 2352 Torpedo wake reported by SOUTH DAKOTA and DAYTON. Ship went to submarine alert until 0045.

0800: 35-14.2N,146-43.8E 1200: 36-07N,147-20E 2000: 38-05N,149-16E

12 July 1945: 0417 Sighted fueling group bearing 020°(T) distance 12 miles. 0420 Formed fueling disposition 5F, OKLAHOMA CITY maneuvering to go alongside tanker. 0453-0632 Fueled from U.S.S. MARIAS. 0638-0903 Held AA firing at TDD's. Ammunition expended:

1,243 rounds 40mm
2,140 rounds 20mm

0640 Took station 1,300 yards in column astern MARIAS. 0931 Took Station 4,000 yards a stern fueling group. 1210 Took station in formation 5R.

0800: 40-14N,149-40.9E 1200: 40-45.8N,144-15E 2000: 41-00N,147-50.8E

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13 July 1945: 0358 Heavy fog set in. 0810-0824 Set condition 1 in the AA battery for bogey bearing 120°(T) distance 5 1/2 miles, later identified as weather.

0800: 40-52N,144-53E 1200: 40-26N,146-04E 2000: 40-59N,146-30E

14 July 1945: 0601 SOUTH DAKOTA, MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA left formation to proceed on duty assigned. OKLAHOMA CITY took station 4030 in formation 5R. 0651 Set condition 1 in the AA battery. 0702 General quarters followed by the setting of condition 1E for security purposes during carrier air strikes on Northern Honshu and Hokkaido. 1232 Formed cruising disposition 5V. 1745 Formed cruising disposition 5R. 1933 Set condition 3. 2206 SOUTH DAKOTA, MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA rejoined. OKLAHOMA CITY took station 4040. 2345 ATLANTA and DAYTON left formation to proceed on duty assigned. Took station 4052.

0800: 40-56N,143-29E 1200: 40-55.2N,143-09E 2000: 40-47.7N,14407E

15 July 1945: 0713 General quarters followed by setting condition 1E during carrier air strike against Northern Honshu and Hokkaido. 1050-1129 Alerted the AA battery for unidentified aircraft, later identified as friendly. 1850 Set condition 3. 1900 ATLANTA and DAYTON rejoined. OKLAHOMA CITY took station 4040 in formation 5R.

0800: 40-38N,144-54E 1200: 40-54N,145-09.5E 2000: 40-12N,145-28E

16 July 1945: 0400 Sighted TG 30.8 bearing 190°(T), 12 miles. 0500 Took station in first relay line astern MARIAS in fueling formation 5F. 0605-0732 Fueled from MARIAS. 0826-0930 Held AA firing at TDD's. Ammunition expended:

3 rounds 5"/38
663 rounds 40mm
506 rounds 20mm

1435 Left formation to take aboard one SC-1 aircraft from ALABAMA in compliance with verbal orders from CTG 38.1. 1521 Took station 4040 in disposition 5V.

0800: 38-42.2N,147-43.5E 1200: 38-12.6N,147-08.1E 2000: 37-19.8N,145-24.2E

17 July 1945: 0740 General quarters followed by condition 1E during air strikes in Tokyo Plains area. 1212 Set condition 3, all strikes having returned. 1540 ATLANTA and DAYTON left formation to proceed on duty assigned. Took station 4052 in disposition 5R.

0800: 36-20N,142-53E 1200: 35-59N,142-55E 2000: 35-55N,142-53E

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18 July 1945: 0728 Took station 4040 in formation 5R. 0845 ATLANTA and DAYTON rejoined the formation. 1523-1630 Set Condition 1 in the AA battery for security purposes during carrier air strikes in the Tokyo Plains area. 1628 Released from TG 38.1 to proceed in accordance Com3rdFlt despatch 180345. Took station in column 1,000 yards astern TOPEKA (CCD 18 and CTG 35.4), OKLAHOMA CITY, ATLANTA, DAYTON, DesRon 62 (less HAYNSWORTH) in bentline screen ahead. 1934 General quarters followed by condition 1E for security while approaching southeastern coast of Honshu. 2205 Radar contact on unidentified surface target bearing 323°(T), distance 12 miles. One section of destroyers left formation to investigate and destroy, if enemy. 2245 Surface contact giving visual recognition signal and reported as friendly submarine. 2358-2359 Fired main battery at radar installations at NOJIMA SAKI. Results unknown. Expended 60 rounds H. C.

0800: 34-31N,142-28E 1200; 34-71N, 142-21E 2000: 33-43N,142-12E

19 July 1945: 0544 Set condition 3. 0623 Set condition 1 for unidentified air contact bearing 130°(T) distance 25 miles. 0631 Ships in company opened fire on bogey. Directors on target but advance range too great for this ship. 0632 Ships in company ceased fire. Bogey continued on course away from formation. Heavy overcast prevented visual identification. 0654 Set condition 3.

20 July 1945: 0325 Sighted units of TF 38 bearing 110 (T). 0425-0547 maneuvered to join up with TG 38.1 in fueling disposition 5F. CTG 35.4 reported TG 35.4 to CTG 38.1 for duty. 0613 Took station 2,000 yards astern PATUXENT. 0735-0925 Fueled from PATUXENT. 0951-1110 Held AA firing at TDD's. Ammunition expended:

18 rounds 5"/38
377 rounds 40mm
243 rounds 20mm

1456 TAUSSIG alongside to deliver mail. 1600 Catapulted ALABAMA's SC-1 plane to return to its ship. 1703-1717 Air defense to repel unidentified aircraft which was later identified as friendly. 1734 COGSWELL alongside with freight and mail. 1805 Took station 4,000 yards astern MASCOMA in station #3, first zig-zag line of disposition 5F.

21 July 1945: 0615 DesRon 61 left formation on duty assigned. 1120-1347 Alongside VESUVIUS to receive ammunition. 1400 Took station

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2,000 yards astern DAYTON in disposition 5F. 1505-1550 Held AA sleeve firing, ships position 1,000 yards astern SOUTH DAKOTA. Ammunition expended:

67 rounds 5"/38

1605 Took station 4th ship from left in second zig-zag line, 2,000 yards astern of DAYTON in formation 5F.

0800: 30-37N,148-00.2E 1200: 30-27N,147-21.5E 2000: 30-06N,145-54E

22 July 1945: 0633 Took station #1 in firing line, formation 5F. 0700-0812 Held AA firing at TDD's. Ammunition expended:

19 rounds 5"/38
326 rounds 40mm
300 rounds 20mm

0940-1158 Alongside ALDEBERAN for replenishments of stores. 1255 Took station 2,000 yards on starboard beam of MASSACHUSETTS in disposition 5F. 1320 HIGBEE alongside to deliver mail and personnel. 1548 Formed cruising disposition 5V, OKLAHOMA CITY in station 4036. 1627 Took station 6036 in special fog landing disposition. 1807 Formed cruising disposition 5R, this ship's station 4036.

0800: 29-46.8N,144-22E 1200: 29-40N,143-56.5E 2000: 29-08.3N,142-38E

23 July 1945: 0742-0835 General quarters for drill purposes and for ship's battle problem. 1052 HIGBEE alongside with guard mail. 1400 Winds increased to high of 36 knots, barometer falling to 2948. 1500 Winds decreased to 17 knots, barometer rising. 1800 DesRon 61 rejoined the formation.

0800:28-42N,140-05.6E 1200: 28-51N,140-08E 2000: 30-10N,137-46.5E

24 July 1945: 0851 Set condition 1 in the AA battery for security purposes during return of air strikes from the Kure-Kobe-Miho areas. 0856 General quarters followed by the setting of condition 1E, 1715-1730 Alerted the AA battery for unidentified aircraft, later identified as friendly. 1717 TG 38.1 formed disposition 5V. 1916 Formed disposition 5R. 1940 Set condition 3.

0800: 31-40N,135-27E 1200: 31-33N,135-19E 2000: 31-21N,135-39E

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25 July 1945: 0410-0505 General quarters for dawn alert during launching of carrier aircraft for first strike in the Kobe-Kure-Miho area. 0735 KNAPP alongside with official mail. 0844 General quarters followed by condition 1E for security purposes. 1745-1831 Alerted the AA battery for unidentified aircraft bearing 085°(T), distance 35 miles. Later identified as friendly. 1819 One enemy aircraft seen to go down in flames off the starboard bow. 2020 Set condition 3. 2052 Task group formed cruising disposition 5R.

0800: 31-50.8N,136-27.4E 1200: 31-54N,136-37E 2000: 31-26N,136-47E

26 July 1945: 0835 Took station #3 in first zig-zag line in fueling formation 5F with TG 30.8. 1002 Took station 1,000 yards astern TOPEKA in firing line. 1015-1033 Conducted monthly test of 5"/38 VT fuzed AA common projectiles. Found 44% defective. Ammunition expended:

25 rounds 5"/38

1057 Took station 1,000 yards astern MERRIMACK in fueling line. 1220 MURRAY alongside with guard mail. 1245-1450 Fueled from MERRIMACK. 1529 Took station 700 yards astern SOUTH DAKOTA in firing line. 1620-1701 Held AA firing at towed sleeve. Ammunition expended:

6 rounds 5"/38
709 rounds 40mm
2,050 rounds 20mm

1845 Took station #5 in first zig-zag line in formation 5F.
0800: 27-36.5N,138-17E 1200: 26-07.9N,138-39.3E 2000: 28-08.8N,139-27E

27 July 1945: 0730 Took station in firing line, 2,000 yards astern CASSATO in formation 5F. 0739-0900 Held AA firing at sleeves. Ammunition expended:

26 rounds 5"/38
890 rounds 40mm
1,210 rounds 20mm

0815 TAUSSIG alongside with official mail. 1050-1143 Alongside LASSEN to exchange and replenish 5" Mk. 53-1VT projectiles from 5" Mk. 53-2VT projectiles. 1130 TG 38.1 formed disposition 5V. 1200 Took station 4036 in formation 5V. 1231 Formed cruising disposition 5R.

0800: 28-13N,138-10E 1200: 28-15.2N,138-40E 2000: 29-45.2N,137-12.1E

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28 July 1945: 0433-0509 Dawn general quarters for security purposes while launching first carrier strikes. 0842 General quarters followed by condition 1E during air strikes against southwestern Honshu. 1622 TG 38.1 formed cruising disposition 5V. 1923 Set condition 3. 1940-1942 Condition 1 in the AA battery for false alert.

0800: 31-44N,135-13.2E 1200: 31-47N,135-05E 2000: 31-28N,135-27E

29 July 1945: 0705 Placed two SC-1 aircraft in condition 13 with standby air-sea rescue duty. 0835 TAUSSIG alongside with guard mail. 1000 SOUTH DAKOTA, INDIANA, and MASSACHUSETTS left formation to proceed on duty assigned. 1025 Took station 4052 in formation 5R. 1927-2050 MURRAY reported sonar contact evaluated as submarine. Condition Able set below second deck. Contact later evaluated as non-sub.

0800: 30-13N,138-35E 1200: 30-39N,138-26.3E 2000: 32-34.4N,138-05E

30 July 1945: 0415-0500 General quarters for dawn alert while launching first carrier air strike against Nagoya-Tokyo area. 0600 SOUTH DAKOTA, INDIANA, MASSACHUSETTS rejoined formation. OKLAHOMA CITY took station 4036 in formation 5R. 0636-0708 Fueled the MC KEE. 0835 General quarters followed by condition 1E during carrier air strikes. 1806-1815 Alerted the AA battery for unidentified aircraft, later identified as friendly. 1812 Formed cruising disposition 5V. 1913 Formed cruising disposition 5R. Set condition 3.

0800: 33-27.3N,138-05.5E 1200: 33-15N,138-17.3 2000: 32-45.7N,138-03E

31 July 1945: 1452-1650 Fueling alongside ASTABULA. 1710 Took station #5 in second replenishment line in formation 5F. 1800 COLLETT alongside with mail.

0800: 30-29.2N,137-55E 1200: 29-05N,137-59E 2000: 28-15N,13B-14E

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