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U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)

CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
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29 OCT 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the Month of September 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf. Ltr. 1CL-45

1. The War Diary for this vessel, covering the period
1 - 30 September 1945, is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. All times are "I"

1 September 1945: 0013 Changed course from 050°(T) to 230°(T). 0020
USS NANTAHALA took guide from USS BENNINGTON. 0430 Changed course and
axis to 210°(T). 0700-0717 USS SWENSON alongside for personnel trans-
fers. 0813 USS RODGERS sank a mine. 1401-1528 AA firing. Ammunition
expended:

101 rounds 5"/38
1600 rounds 40mm
170 rounds 20mm

1437-1451 USS SCHROEDER alongside for personnel transfers. 1708 USS
BENNINGTON guide. 1712 Formed 5-R, USS BENNINGTON guide. 2225 USS
COLLETT and USS MANSFIELD rejoined formation.

0800: 37°09'N, 143°03.3'E 1200: 36°39'N, 142°42'E 2000: 35°45'N, 142°11'E

2 September 1945: 0445 Changed course from 225°(T) to 060°(T). Various
course changes throughout the day, from course 225°(T) to 060°(T) and
back, ending on course 240°(T) at 2300. 1028 USS SAN DIEGO sighted,
hull-down at 110°(T) on horizon. 1345 Island of Honshu sighted at
345°(T).

0800: 34°55.5'N, 140°39.2'E 1200: 34°27'N, 140°44'E 2000: 34°42.6'N, 140°30.2'E

3 September 1945: 0520-0603 USS TAUSSIG alongside for fueling. 0620-
0649 USS MOORE alongside for fueling. 1035-1052 USS DEHAVEN alongside
to receive passengers and mail. 1514-1518 USS DASHIELL alongside to
receive supplies. 1600 USS ALABAMA, USS INDIANA, USS AMSTERDAM, USS
TUCSON, USS MANSFIELD and USS DEHAVEN left TG 38.1 on duty assigned.

0800: 34°28'N, 139°43'E 1200: 34°41.8'N, 140°13.7' 2000: 34°4.8'N, 141°22'E

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4 September 1945: 0513-0550 USS MADDOX alongside for fueling. 0600-0630 USS SCHROEDER alongside for fueling. 0646-0720 USS SWENSON alongside for fueling. 1545 One plane from USS BENNINGTON reported down in area. USS MOORE sighted a mine and left formation to destroy it. USS SWENSON picked up one aircraft landing wheel floating in sea.

0800: 36°53'N,141°29.9'E 1200: 36°47'N,144°23'E 2000: 36°03'N,141°58'E

5 September 1945: 0345 Made radar contact, identified as TG 38.4, bearing 260°(T), 35 miles. 0625 USS BENNER Joined TG 38.1. 0630 TU 38.1.5 left formation. Reformed disposition 5-R, USS OKLAHOMA CITY guide in . fleet center. 0650 USS BENNINGTON designated guide. 0800 TG 38.1 re-organized as TG 35.2; USS OKLAHOMA CITY assumed command of TU 36.2.2 and 38.2.4. 1002-1039 USS SPERRY alongside for fueling. 1051-1125 USS ENGLISH alongside for fueling. 1104-1110 USS AULT alongside for guard mail. 1132-1207 USS WALLACE L. LIND alongside for fueling. 1218-1318 USS PERKINS alongside for fueling. 1343-1420 Maneuvered to take station on USS HANCOCK for photographs of USS OKLAHOMA CITY. 1420 Returned to station, USS BENNINGTON guide. USS HANCOCK designated guide during independent flight operations of USS BENNINGTON. 1500 USS BENNINGTON designated guide.

0800: 34°16'N,140°39'E 1200: 34°50'N,141°37.5'E 2000: 34°25.5'N,141°07'E

6 September 1945: 0444 Formed disposition 5-F for fueling. 0530 Took station on-USS MARIAS (AO57), guide. 0643-0839 Alongside USS MARIAS (AO57) for fueling and transfer of passengers. 0732-0739 USS WALDRON alongside for freight delivery. 0915 Returned to station in disposition 5-F. 0930 Launched one plane. 0951-0955 USS PERKINS alongside for transfer of mail. 1002 Launched one plane. 1222 Recovered one plane. 1229 Recovered one plane. 1245 Returned to station in disposition 5-R. 1428-1559 AA firing at towed sleeves. Ammunition expended:

25 rounds 5"/38
1199 rounds 40mm
120 rounds 20mm

1718 Unidentified surface craft sighted visually, bearing 350°(T), 11 miles. Surface contact identified by plane as Japanese vessel of about fifty tons, with crew of seven. USS BENNER detached to investigate.

0800:36°31'N,142°42'E 1200:37°01'N,142°51.6'E 2000:38°19.5'N142°27.3'E

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7 September 1945: 0655 Maneuvered with emergency rudder to avoid a mine close aboard to starboard. 0713 USS WEEKS exploded a mine by gunfire. 0733 Formed disposition 5-RA USS BENNINGTON guide. 0820 USS LEXINGTON joined formation. 0920-1058 Alongside USS LEXINGTON for return of USS OKLAHOMA CITY marine detachment from duty at Yokosuka, Japan. 1118-1219 alongside USS BENNINGTON for transfer of mail and personnel. 1354 USS WATTS sighted and destroyed a mine. 1644-1647 USS AULT alongside for transfer of supplies.

0800:37°00'N,142°29.8'E 1200:36°12.4'N,142°06.2'E 2000:35°18'N,142°16'E

8 September 1945: 0527-0620 USS BENNER alongside for fueling. 0647-0731 USS HAWKINS alongside for fueling. 0737-0825 USS ROWE alongside for fueling. 0956 Sighted two ships, hull-down on horizon identified as U.S. destroyers. 1650 USS BENNER reported a mine. 1705 Mine sunk with detonation.

0800: 37°43'N,142°00'E 1200: 37°06.1'N,142°35.3'E 2000: 37°06'N,142°03'E

9 September 1945: 0523 Formed disposition 5-F for fueling, USS PLATTE (AO24) guide. 0557-0729 Alongside USS KASKASKIA for fueling. 0812-1018 alongside USS ALDEBARAN (AF10) for provisions. 1055-1059 USS SMALLEY alongside to deliver guard mail. 1100 USS PLATTE sustained steering casualty, dropped astern of formation; USS CALIENTE designated guide. 1240 USS PLATTE having returned to formation designated guide. 1645 Formed disposition 5-RA, USS DAYTON guide. 1856 USS BENNINGTON designated guide.

0800:35°52.8'N,142°27.6'E 1200:35°35'N,142°10'E 2000:34°54'N,141°48.8'E

10 September 1945: 0603 Broke formation to join column astern of USS BENNINGTON to enter Tokyo Bay. 1015 Anchored in berth F-75, Tokyo Bay. 1345 Launched two aircraft. 1622 Recovered two aircraft.

11-14 September 1945: Anchored as before.

15 September 1945: Underway with TG 38.2, including USS BENNINGTON, guide and SOPA, USS HANCOCK, USS BELLEAU WOOD, USS LEXINGTON, USS DAYTON, USS FLINT and thirteen destroyers. 1439 Maneuvered independently to avoid collision with large convoy of LST's. 1540 Formed disposition 5-RA, axis 000°(T), Course 140°(T), speed twelve knots. 1637 USS BELLEAU WOOD and USS HAWKINS left formation. 2130 Sighted TG 38.1 bearing 0900(T), nine miles. 2235 USS AULT dropped out of formation due to loss of power.

2000: 34°39.8'N,140°33'E

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16 September 1945: 0005 USS AULT rejoined formation. 1107 Sighted USS KITKUN BAY (CVE71) with two escorting destroyers bearing 010°(T), fifteen miles. 1317-1345 USS WALDRON alongside for fueling. 1349-1420 USS HANK alongside for fueling. 1827 Sighted KINKASAN light bearing 286°(T), nineteen miles.

0800:36°15'N,142°18'E 1200:36°55.5'N,141°58.9'E 2000:37°50.3'N,141°58.9'E

17 September 1945: 1046 USS BENNINGTON commenced maneuvering independently to recover aircraft, USS LEXINGTON designated guide. 1115 USS BENNINGTON rejoined formation, resumed guide. 1235-1247 USS WADLEIGH alongside to deliver mail and passengers. 1400 USS WEEKS reported sinking a mine.

0800:36°10.5'N,142°E 1200:35°43.1'N,142°02.5'E 2000:36°16.9'N,141°57.1'E

18 September 1945: Steaming as before.

0800:34°13.5'N,142°56.5'E 1200:33°14'N,143°41'E 2000:33°07'N,143°31.7'E

19 September 1945: 0808 Formed disposition 5-F, USS PLATTE guide. 1100-1226 Alongside USS PLATTE for fueling and transfer of passengers. 1328 Formed disposition 5-RA, USS BENNINGTON guide.

0800:33°21.5'N,142°36.7'E 1200:33°37.3'N,143°10.1'E 2000:33°02'N,142°17'E

20 September 1945: 0000 TG 38.2 redesignated TG 58.2. 0315 USS SMALLEY and USS LIND left formation for tracking exercise. 0652-0717 USS ENGLISH alongside for transfer of mail. 0853-1045 AA firing, Ammunition expended:

28 rounds 5"/38 A.A. common
686 rounds 40mm
925 rounds 20mm

1103-1130 USS LEXINGTON designated guide. 1245 USS LEXINGTON designated guide. 1757 USS BENNINGTON designated guide.

0800: 35°N,142°01'E 1200: 35°30'N,142°12'E 2000: 34°18.2'N,142°12'E

21 September 1945: 0400 USS HANCOCK left formation. 0516 TG 58.2 reorganized as TU 58.2.12, CTU in USS FLINT and TU 58.2.13, CTU in USS BENNINGTON, proceeding independently. 0545 Formed disposition 5-R, guide in USS FLINT, enroute to Eniwetok.

0800:32°32'N,141°45'E 1200:31°52'N,142°55'E 2000:30°27'N,144°27'E

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22 September 1945: 1309 Took station 4000 yards astern of formation for radar calibration. 1426 On station for test firing. 1441-1510 Test firing. Ammunition expended:

48 rounds 5"/38 A.A. common

1555 Resumed cruising station. 1710-1724 USS WATTS alongside to pick up freight.

0800:28°31.2'N,146°31'E 1200:27°37'N,147°20'E 2000:26°11.5'N,148°47'E

23 September 1945: 0430-1710 USS STODDARD absent from formation for tracking exercise.

0800:23°57.1'N 150°52.5'E 1200:23°14'N,151°35'E 2000:21°46.5,152°57'E

24 September 1945: 0915.-0919 Offset firing practice, USS DAYTON as target. Ammunition expended:

96 rounds 6"/47

0800:19°44.2'N,154°44.9'E 1200:18°56'N,155°27'E 2000:17°28.2'N,156°37.3'E

25 September 1945: Firing at TDD drones. Ammunition expended:

201 rounds 40mm
162 rounds 20mm

0800:15°50'N,158°51'E 1200:14°49.6'N,159°40'E 2000:13°31'N,161°11'E

26 September 1945: Formed column able. 0636-0715 Firing at towed sled. Ammunition expended:

36 rounds 6"/47
40 rounds 5"/38

0657 Sighted land bearing 203°(T), seventeen miles. 1100-1246 Moored to USS CIMARRON (A022), berth Easy-six, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, for fueling. 1246 Underway. 1342 Anchored in berth #428. 1352 Lowered one aircraft for water launching. 1745 Hoisted aboard one aircraft.

27-30 September 1945: Anchored as before

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