

U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)

CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
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13 MAR 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the Month of February 1945.

Reference: (a) Cominch restr. ltr. FF2/A12-1/A16-3(N52) of
29 October 1943.

1. The War Diary for this vessel, covering the period
1 - 28 February 1945, is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

1 - 5 February 1945: Operating in the Chesapeake Bay area in compliance with CTF 23 (COTCLant) Operation Order 7-45 of 18 January 1945.

1 February 1945: Held AA firing practice against TDD. Ammunition expended:

150 rounds 20mm.

2 February 1945: 1711 Q Anchored Berth 25, Hampton Roads, Va.

3 February 1945: 0755 Q underway for Pier 7, Berth 76, NGB, Norfolk, Va. 0828 Q Moored Pier 7. 1300 Q The Chief of Staff, of Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, Atlantic Fleet, accompanied by the staff came on board for an informal inspection of the ship. 1418. Q Inspecting party left the ship.

4 February 1945: 1359 Q Underway for Lynnhaven Roads in which anchored at 1531 Q.

5 February 1945: In compliance with COTCLant's secret serial 0064 of 17 January 1945 and CTF 23 (COTCLant) Operation Order No. 13-45 of 27 January 1945, Task Unit 23.16.7 was formed consisting of the U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (OTC), U.S.S. TOPEKA, U.S. S. PURDY, and U.S.S. GAINARD. Commenced operating in accordance with CTF 23 Operation Order No. 13-45 of 27 January 1945 and Commanding Officer, U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY's Operation Order No. 1-45 of 3 February 1945. Conducted fueling at sea exercise with U.S.S. KENNEBEC. 0800 position: 36° 46' N.; 75° 10' W. 1200 position: 36° 30.5'N.; 74° 41'W.

5 - 28 February 1945: Emergency drills and ship handling drills held each day while ship was underway.

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6 February 1945: Fired 5" burst practice with the TOPEKA. Ammunition expended:

2 rounds 5"/38 projectiles

Fired automatic weapons at balloons. Ammunition expended:

61 rounds 40mm
185 rounds 20mm

1920 Q U.S.S. PURDY steamed ahead of formation to effect repairs to a condenser, rejoining formation at 0100 Q. 0800 position: 32° 25' N.; 68° 41' W. 1200 position: 31° 17' N; 68° 27.5' W.

7 February 1945: Conducted exercise 2(c), USF10A, the TOPEKA and GAINARD acting as one force, the OKLAHOMA CITY and PURDY as the opposing force. 0948 Q Cruisers commenced fueling destroyers, the TOPEKA fueling the GAINARD and on completion of that the OKLAHOMA CITY fueling the PURDY. 1532 Q Ships reformed. 0800 position: 24° 04.1' N.; 68° 00' W. 1200 position: 24° 06' N.; 67° 48' W.

8 February 1945: Conducted exercise 5(B) from USF10A. Held radar calibration exercise with TOPEKA as target. Conducted short range gunnery practice drill with TOPEKA as target. 0800 position: 18° 09.4' N.; 68° 09' W. 1200 position: 17° 05' N; 67° 24' W.

9 February 1945: Simulated air attack by planes from Trinidad prior to entering into Gulf of Paria. 1114 Q Anchored in Berth "B-2", Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, B.W.I. 0800 position: 11° 20' N; 62° 18.5' W. 1200 position: At anchor.

10 - 28 February 1945: Operating in the Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, B.W.I. for purposes of shakedown training.

10 February 1945: 0631 Q Underway from Berth "B-2" for operating area. Conducted short range battle practice rehearsal runs. 1701 Q Anchored in area "R".

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11 February 1945: 0803 Q Underway for training exercises.
1235. Q Fired short range battle practice. Ammunition expended:

99 rounds 6"/47 projectiles
90 rounds 5"/38 projectiles

1718 Anchored area. "I".

12 February 1945: 0313 Q Underway for training exercises.
0902 Q Fired radar calibration practice. Ammunition expended:

30 rounds 6"/47 projectiles
48 rounds 5"/38 projectiles

1516 Q Fired AABP "A". Ammunition expended:

619 rounds 40mm
990 rounds 20mm

1750 Q Anchored area "F1".

13 February 1945: 0800 Q Underway for training exercises.
1400 Q Fired TDD practice. Ammunition expended:

50 rounds 5"/38 projectiles
553 rounds 40mm
670 rounds 20mm

1810 Q Anchored area "F5".

14 February 1945: 0758 Q Underway for training exercises.
1352 Q Fired AABP "T" & "B". Ammunition expended:

123 rounds 5"/38 projectiles
859 rounds 40mm
917 rounds 20mm

1609 Q Anchored in area "P". 1840 Q Fired AABF "N1" practice.
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107 rounds 5"/38 projectiles

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15 February 1945: 0806 Underway for training exercises. Rehearsed local control battle practice. 1250 C. Simulated recovery of aircraft "Charlie" method. Fired local control battle practice. Ammunition expended:

24 rounds 6"/47 projectiles
45 rounds 5"/38 projectiles

1633 Q Anchored in Berth "B2", Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, B.W.I.

16 February 1945: At anchor.

17 February 1945: 0628 Q Underway for training area and exercises. Rehearsed night battle practice. 1007 Q Catapulted one plane which was recovered "Charlie" method at 1123 Q. 1954 Q Fired night battle practice. Ammunition expended:

60 rounds 6"/47 projectiles
116 rounds 5"/38 projectiles

2040 Q Anchored in area "F4".

18 February 1945: 1256 Q Underway for tactical and maneuvering exercises. 1710 Q Moored in area "F4", both anchors to the starboard chain.

19 February 1945: 0812 Q Underway for training exercises. 1245 Q Joined U.S.S. BON HOMME RICHARD and TOPEKA in preparation for a simulated air attack and fighter direction exercise. 1412 Q Exercised at repelling air attack and practiced fighter direction. 154.9 Q Anchored in area "F4".

19 February 1945: 1038 Q Underway for tactical and maneuvering exercises. 1617 Q Anchored in area "F4".

21 February 1945: At anchor.

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22 February 1945: 0800 Q Underway for training exercises.
0822 Q Catapulted one plane which was recovered at 0937 Q.
0902 Q Fired advanced day battle practice. Ammunition expended:

170 rounds 6"/47 projectiles

1407 Q Fired AABP "G" & "T". Ammunition expended:

67 rounds 40mm
120 rounds 20mm

1504 Q Catapulted one plane which was recovered at 1690 Q.
1640 Q Anchored in Berth "B2", Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, B.W.I.

23 February 1945: At anchor.

24 February 1945: 0657 Q Underway for the training area and exercises. 0905-Q Fired AABP "G". Ammunition expended:

189 rounds 5"/35 projectiles
712 rounds 40mm
1902 rounds 20mm

1340 Q Fired AABP "T". Ammunition expended:

62 rounds 5"/38 projectiles
2137 rounds 40mm
840 rounds 20mm

2001 Q Fired night battle practice. Ammunition expended:

15 rounds 6"/47 projectiles
98 rounds 5"/38 projectiles
166 rounds 40mm

2132 Q Anchored area "F6".

25 February 1945: Underway for training exercises. 0707 Q Conducted towing exercise with TOPEKA. 1322 Q Anchored in area "TI".

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26 February 1945: 0937 Q Underway for training exercises. 1045 Q Catapulted one plane which was recovered at 1145 Q. 1302 Q Catapulted one plane which was recovered at 1445 Q. 1330 Q Fired AABP "T" type "C". Ammunition expended:

29 rounds 5"/38 projectiles
154 rounds 40mm
402 rounds 20mm

1552 Q Anchored in area "F6". 1928 Q Fired AABP "N1". Ammunition expended:

47 rounds 5"/38 projectiles

27 February 1945: 0600 Q Underway for rehearsal of shore bombardment. 0719 Q Catapulted one plane which was recovered at 0849. Conducted shore bombardment rehearsal en route to anchorage. 0937 Q Anchored in Berth "B5", Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, B.W.I.

28 February 1945: 0555 Q Underway from Trinidad operating area en route to Norfolk, Va., in company with U.S.S. TOPEKA in accordance with CTF 23 secret Operation Order No. 13-45 of 27 January 1945 and Commanding Officer, U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY's secret Operation Order No. 2-45 of 26 February 1945. 0732 Q Conducted deep sea anchor test. 1100 Q Commenced full power run. 1103 Q Discontinued full power trial, securing boiler # 1 for repairs. 1200 Q Commenced full power run, the engineering plant being back in full commission. 1600 Q Conducted smoke prevention run. 1815 Q Conducted steering and crash astern tests. 1915 Q Secured from all engineering trials, the TOPEKA and OKLAHOMA CITY then joining up.

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