

U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)

CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
New York, N.Y.

Serial :015
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14 FEB 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the month of January, 1945.
Reference: (a) CominCh restr. ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3(7152)
of 29 Oct. 1943.

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

1 - 14 January, 1945: At Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
for completion of fitting out period prior to shakedown. Attached
to Commandant, Fourth Naval District during this period.

14 January, 1945: Underway for river trials in DELAWARE RIVER in
compliance with verbal orders of the Commandant, Fourth Naval
District. Anchored at night in general anchorage area, DELAWARE
RIVER.

15 January 1945: Underway for Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Moored at Pier 5 East, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa. at 1331 Q.

15 - 20 January, 1945: Moored in Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.,
to continue fitting out prior to shakedown period.

20 January 1945: In compliance with CTF 23 (COTCLANT) Operation
Order 7-45 of 18 January 1945 and Commandant Fourth Naval District
Operation Order 6-45 of 20 January 1945 got underway at 0745 Q for
the Naval Ammunition Depot, FORT MIFFLIN, Philadelphia, Pa. Upon
arrival commenced taking aboard ammunition allowed for shakedown
period.

21 January 1945: Underway from Naval Ammunition Depot for Deper-
ming Docks, Pier 46 South, Philadelphia, Pa., for purpose of deper-
ming. Completed deperming at 1745 Q.

22 January 1945: Underway from Deperming Dock, Pier 46 South,
Philadelphia, Pa., for Naval Ammunition Depot, FORT MIFFLIN, Phila-
delphia, Pa., to complete taking aboard shakedown allowance of ammu-
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23 - 26 January, 1945: Underway from FORT MIFFLIN to Lower DELAWARE BAY for purpose of obtaining tactical data, compensating magnetic compasses, and calibrating the radio direction finder. Anchored in Lower DELAWARE BAY each night.

26 January 1945: Reported by despatch to COMINCH, CINCLANT, and COTCLANT and got underway leaving the Lower DELAWARE BAY. At 0827 Q commenced structural firing tests of main and secondary batteries and automatic weapons. Ammunition expended:

- 36 rounds 6"/47 projectiles BL&P
- 36 rounds 6"/47 powder index #SPD 5899
- 24 rounds 5"/38 projectiles BL&P
- 16 rounds 5"/38 projectiles AA Common
- 28 rounds 5"/38 powder index #SPDN 4453
- 12 rounds 5"/38 powder index #SPDN 7600
- 218 rounds 40mm cartridge index #SPDN 7896
- 118 rounds 20mm cartridge index #SPDN 6781
- 79 rounds 20mm cartridge index #SPDN 6578

27 January 1945: Entered CHESAPEAKE BAY area for purposes of training operations. Ship at anchor each night.

28 January 1945: Fired the secondary battery. Ammunition expended:

- 12 rounds 5"/38 projectiles AA common
- 8 rounds 5"/38 powder SPDN 4453
- 4 rounds 5"/38 powder SPDN 7600

29 January 1945: Fired starshell illumination practice. Ammunition expended:

- 19 rounds 5"/38 illuminating projectiles
- 19 rounds 5"/38 powder SPDN 4626

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10 January 1945: Conducted starshell illumination and night spotting practice. Ammunition expended:

8 6"/47 projectiles BL&T
8 6"/47 powder SPDN FP 7219
36 6"/47 projectiles B.L.O.T.
27 6"/47 powder SPDN 7368
9 6"/47 powder SPDN 7219
34 5"/38 illumination projectiles
18 5"/38 AA common
52 5"/38 powder SPDN FP 4626
32 5"/38 AA common
20 5"/38 powder 4453
12 5"/38 powder SPDN 7600

31 January 1945: Held AA target practice and TDD practice. Ammunition expended:

49 rounds 5"/38 AA common projectiles
30 rounds 5"/38 powder SPDN 4453
19 rounds 5"/38 powder SPDN 7600
512 rounds 40mm cartridges HEIT - S.D.N. 7896

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