

**U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)**

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

Serial: 041  
CONFIDENTIAL

11 APR 1945

From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary for the Month of March 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 - 31 March 1945, is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

1 March 1945: U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CTU 23.16.7) and U.S.S.  
TOPEKA steaming in company as task unit 23.16.7 in accordance  
with CCTCLant's secret serial 0064 of 17 January 1945, enroute  
from Trinidad, B.W.I. to Norfolk, Va. 0700 Q Went to Condition  
I and at 1115 Q set Condition II?, securing from battle stations  
at 0700 Q 2 March 1945. 0958 Q conducted shore bombardment  
exercise of Culebra Island, V.I. Ammunition expended:

24 rounds 6"/47 H.C. projectiles  
22 rounds 5"/38 A.A. common

1133 Q Exercised at tactical maneuvers.  
0800 position: 18-30N; 65-11W 1200 position: 18-40.9N; 6.5-13.3W

2 March 1945: 0600 Q Exercised at tracking exercise ad Battle  
problem with TOPEKA, reforming at 0700 Q. 0900 - 1011 Q Held  
tactical maneuvers.  
0800 position: 25-11N; 67-55.5W 1200 position: 26-01.9N; 68-19.8W

3 March 1945: 1000 - 1100 Q Held tactical exercises. 1100-  
1130 Q Exercised at emergency drills. 1350 - 1420 Q Exercised  
at emergency drills. 1419 - 1540 Q Held tactical exercises.  
0800 position: 31-32N; 71-01W 1200 position: 32-44.2N; 70-55W

4 March 1942: 0125 Q Established radar and TBS contact with two  
unidentified convoys passing them abeam to starboard, 5,000 yards.  
0445 - 0600 Q Held tracking exercise and battle problem with  
TOPEKA. 0810 Q Entered swept channel into Chesapeake Bay. 1310 Q  
Moored port side to Pier #7, NOB, Norfolk, Va.  
0800 position: 36-55.9N; 74-37.2W

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5 March 1945: 1410 Q COTCLant accompanied by his staff and an inspection board from the U.S.S. TOPEKA arrived on board for the Annual Military Inspection, inspecting personnel and emergency drills. 1710 Q Inspecting party left the ship.

6 March 1945: 0650 Q COTCLant and the inspecting party arrived on board for the second day of the Annual Military and Damage Control Inspection. 0704 Q underway for purposes of conducting Battle and Damage Control problems. 0737 Q Anchored in Area B-4, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. due to heavy fog. Conducted problems at anchor. 1423 Q Inspecting party left the ship.

7 March 1945: 0918 Q Underway and moored Pier #5, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. at 0951 Q.

8 March 1945: 1843 Q Underway and anchored Berth A-5, Lynnhaven Roads at 2002 Q.

9 March 1945: 0559 Q Underway for Delaware Bay. 1614 Q Conducted drone firing with the main and A.A. batteries. Ammunition expended:

6 rounds 6"/47 H.C. projectiles  
117 rounds 5"/38 A.A. common projectiles

2029 Q Anchored General Anchorage Area, Lower Delaware Bay.  
0800 position: " 36-54N; 75-22W 1200 position: 37-48N; 74-21W

10 March 1945: 0658 Q Underway. 1039 Q. Moored to ammunition dock, Fort Mifflin, Pa. for purposes of unloading ammunition. 1640 Q Underway. 1728 Q Moored Pier #2 East, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa for post shakedown availability in accordance with COTCLant's despatch 271833 of February 1945.

11 - 31 March 1945: In Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

C. B. HUNT.