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From: The Commanding Officer.
 To: The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
 Subject: WAR DIARY - Submission of (1 August 1945 through 31 August 1945).
 Reference: (a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-3, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943, REST.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted herewith:

August 1, 1945: Berthed in Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., undergoing voyage repairs. 0746 Underway from U.S. Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., pursuant to OP-order 211-45 of CTF 16, proceeding out swept channel to Eniwetok, Atoll, in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is Lieut-Comdr., Donald H. JOHNSON, CCD57, in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1800 Retarded ship's clocks to plus ten zone time. Positions: 1200: Lat 21° 00' N, Long. 158° 30' W; 2000: Lat. 20° 51' N, Long. 160° 35' W.

August 2, 1945: Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Eniwetok, Atoll, in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1645 Commenced search for lost aircraft. 2000 Concluded search for lost aircraft, results; negative, resumed base course and speed for destination. Positions: 0800: Lat. 20° 16' N, Long 163° 35' W; 1200: Lat. 20° 03' N, Long. 164° 38' W; 2000: Lat. 19° 33' N, Long. 166° 42' W.

August 3, 1945: Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Eniwetok, Atoll in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1800 Retarded ship's clocks to plus eleven zone time. Positions: 0800: Lat. 18° 53' N, Long. 169° 55' W; 1200: Lat. 18° 47' N, Long. 171° 00' W; 2000: Lat. 18° 09' N, Long. 173° 22' W.

August 4, 1945: Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Eniwetok, Atoll, in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 2015 Crossed international date line in Latitude 16° 52' N. Positions: 0800: Lat. 17° 30' N, Long. 176° 35' W; 1200: Lat. 17° 17' N, Long. 178° 51' W; 2000: Lat. 16° 52' N, Long. 179° 58' W.

August 6, 1945: Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Eniwetok, Atoll in Company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1800: Retarded ship's clocks to minus twelve zone time. Positions: 0800: Lat. 15° 58' N, Long. 177° 37' E; 1200: Lat. 15° 40' N, Long. 175° 00' E; 2000: Lat. 15° 08' N, Long. 173° 10' E.

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August 7, 1945: Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Eniwetok, Atoll in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 0900 Exercised at battle problem, expended one pattern of hedgehogs, 90 rounds of 40 MM ammunition and 310 rounds of 20 MM ammunition. Positions: 0800: Lat. 14° 14' N, Long. 169° 48' E; 1200: Lat. 14° 05' N, Long. 169° 00' E; 2000: Lat. 13° 25' N, Long. 167° 55' E.

August 8, 1945: Enroute from Pearl Harbor, T.H., to Eniwetok, Atoll in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1325 Conducted A.A. gunnery exercise, expended 144 rounds 3"/50 A.A. ammunition, 641 rounds 40 MM, and 1207 rounds 20 MM. 1450 Proceeding independently to berth in Eniwetok Harbor. 1710 Anchored in berth Item Ø, in anchorage "ABLE", in 27 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain, to port anchor. Positions: 0800: Lat. 11° 58' N, Long. 163° 38' E; 1200: Lat. 11° 25' N, Long. 162° 49' E.

August 9, 1945: Berthed in Eniwetok, Atoll, for voyage repairs.

August 10, 1945: Berthed in Eniwetok, Atoll, for voyage repairs. 1330 Underway from anchorage in Eniwetok Harbor, pursuant CinCPac dispatch of 090508 August 1945, proceeding out swept channel to Saipan Island, in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1800 Retarded ship's clocks to minus eleven zone time. Positions: 2000: Lat. 11° 33' N, Long. 160° 56' E.

August 11, 1945: Enroute from Eniwetok, Atoll, to Saipan Island, in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. Positions: 0800: Lat. 12° 16' N, 157° 40' E; 1200: Lat. 12° 30' N, Long. 156° 40' E; 2000: Lat. 12° 47' N, Long. 154° 48' E.

August 12, 1945: Enroute from Eniwetok, Atoll, to Saipan Island, in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1800 Retarded ship's clocks to minus ten zone time. 2230 Received secret OP dispatch 120727 August 1945, which altered destination of CD 57 to Guam Island. Changed course accordingly. Positions: 0800: Lat. 13° 35' N, Long. 150° 41' E; 1200: Lat. 13° 45' N, Long. 149° 37' E; 2000: Lat. 14° 15' N, Long. 148° 20' E.

August 13, 1945: Enroute from Eniwetok, Atoll, to Guam Island, in company with all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1050 Proceeding to berth in Apra Harbor, Guam Island. 1132 Moored port side to AOG-39, berth 309, Apra Harbor, Guam Island, receiving diesel fuel. 1530 In accordance with ComMarianas dispatch 120727 August 1945, underway from port side of AOG-39, Apra Harbor, Guam Island, proceeding out swept channel to Leyte P.I., in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) and USS SANTEE (CVE-29). OTC is Rear Admiral D. KETCHAM, CCD 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. Positions: 0800: Lat. 13° 49' N, Long. 145° 09' E; 2000: Lat. 13° 40' N, Long. 139° 40' E.

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August 14, 1945: Enroute Guam Island, to Leyte, P.I., in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) and USS SANTEE (CVE-29) and CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). CCD 57 is USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1800 Retarded ship's clocks to minus nine and one-half zone time. Positions: 0800: Lat. 12° 55' N, Long. 140° 35' E; 1200: Lat. 12° 43' N, Long. 139° 56' E; 2000: Lat. 12° 29' N, Long. 138° 05' E.

August 15, 1945: Enroute Guam Island, to Leyte, P.I., in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), USS SANTEE (CVE-29) and CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 0915 Received ALNAV 194 officially announcing end of war with Japan. 1500 Conducted gunnery exercises with the following ammunition expended: 69 rounds of 3"/50, 604 rounds of 20 MM, and 912 rounds of 40 MM. 1830 Retarded ship's clocks to minus nine zone time. Positions: 0800: Lat. 12° 04' N, Long. 135° 02, E; 1200 Lat. 11° 53' N, Long. 134° 09' E; 2000 Lat. 11° 38' N. Long. 132° 21' E.

August 16, 1945: Enroute Guam Island, to Leyte, P.I., in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), USS SANTEE (CVE-29) and CD 57, Less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 0725 Proceeding at various courses and speeds to starboard side of USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) to fuel. 0735 Along-side USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). 0745 Commenced taking on fuel. 0825 Secured from taking on fuel from USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). Proceeding at various courses and speeds to resume station in A/S screen. 0840 Resumed A/S station. 1410 Conducted gunnery exercises expending the following ammunition; 3"/50 80 rounds, 40 MM 1227 rounds, 20 MM 1074 rounds. Positions: 0800 Lat. 11° 11' N, Long. 129° 22' E; 1200; Lat. 10° 50' N, Long. 128° 35' E; 2000: Lat. 10° 38' N, Long. 128° 08' E.

August 17, 1945: Enroute Guam Island, to Leyte, P.I., in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), USS SANTEE (CVE-29) and CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331). OTC is CCD 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 0935 Proceeding at various courses and speeds to berth in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I. 1100 Anchored in berth 48, San Pedro Bay, P.I., in 7 fathoms of water with 25 fathoms of chain to port anchor. Positions: 0800: Lat. 10° 31' N, Long. 129° 39' E.

August 18, through 28 August 1945: Anchored in berth 48, San Pedro Bay, P.I.

August 29, 1945: Anchored in berth 48, San Pedro Bay, P.I. 1145 Underway from berth 48, San Pedro Bay, P.I., at various courses and speeds to conform to channel. 1250 Took departure from Point "ABLE" in Lat. 11° 04' N, Long. 125° 55' E, in accordance with CCD 27 OP-order number 2-45 of 29 August 1945, in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), USS SANTEE (CVE-29) and CCD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331) and USS O'REILLY (DE-330). OTC is CCD 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. Positions: 1200: 11° 04' N, Long. 125° 13.5' E, 2000: Lat. 10° 57.8' E, Long 126° 17' E.

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August 30, 1945: Enroute Leyte, P.I., to Jinsen, Korea, in company with TG 77.1, composed of Carrier unit, consisting of BLOCK ISLAND(CVE-106) and SANTEE(CVE-29), and screening unit consisting of all units of CD 57, less USS KOINER (DE-331) and USS O'REILLY (DE-330). CTG is Rear Admiral D. KETCHAM, USN, CCD 27, in USS BLOCK ISLAND(CVE-106). CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. 1620 Received sea-mail from USS FINCH. Positions: 0800 Lat. 13° 37.5' N, Long. 126° 23.5' E; 1200 Lat. 14° 31' N, Long. 126° 29' E; 2000 Lat. 16° 23.5' N, Long. 126° 54' E.

August 31, 1945: Enroute Leyte, P.I., to Jinsen, Korea, in company with all units of TG 77.1. CTG is CCD 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). CCD 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY. Positions: 0800 Lat. 18° 39' N, Long. 127° 10' E; 1200 Lat. 19° 35' N, Long. 127° 10' E; 2000 Lat. 21° 21' N, Long. 127° 27' E.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY - Submission of (1 September 1945 through 30 September 1945).
Reference: (a) ComInCh ltr. FF1/A12/A16-4, Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943, RESTR.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted herewith:

September 1, 1945: Enroute from San Pedro Bay, P.I., to Jinsen, Korea in company with Task Group 77.1, composed of a carrier unit consisting of USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) and USS SANTEE (CVE-29), and a screening unit consisting of all units of CortDiv 57, less USS O'REILLY (DE-330) and USS KOINER (DE-331). Commander Task Group is Rear Admiral D. KETCHAM, USN, ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). Lieut. Comdr Donald H. JOHNSON, USNR, ComCortDiv 57, in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326), is screen Commander. 0915 USS CHEPATCHET (AO-78) joined formation in Lat 22° 40' N, Long. 127° 31' E. Positions: 0800: 23° 09' N, 127° 21' E; 1200: 23° 30' N, 127° 22' E; 2000: 23° 54' N, 127° 31' E.

September 2, 1945: Enroute from San Pedro Bay, P.I. to Jinsen, Korea, in company with all units of Task Group 77.1. Commander Task Group is ComCarDiv 27, in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). Positions: 0800: 24° 54' N, 129° 00' E; 1200: 25° 12' N, 129° 16' E; 2000: 24° 50' N, 130° 11' E.

September 3, 1945: Enroute from San Pedro Bay, P.I. to Jinsen, Korea, in company with all units of Task Group 77.1. Commander Task Group is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 0700 Pursuant to Com 7th Fleet secret dispatch 010140 September 1945, destination changed to Kiirun, Formosa. Altered course accordingly. 0705 USS CHEPATCHET (AO-78) detached from formation in Lat. 23° 22' N, Long. 130° 58' E. 1315: Proceeded to starboard side of USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) to receive fuel. 1425: Completed fueling, having recieved 10,285 gallons of diesel oil. Resumed station in screen. Positions: 0800: 23° 22' N, 130° 58' E; 1200: 22° 59' N, 130° 47' E; 2000: 23° 07' N, 129° 16' E.

September 4, 1945: Enroute from San Pedro Bay, P.I. to Kiirun, Formosa, in company with all units of Task Group 77.1. Commander Task Group is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 1440 Received mail from USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). 1530 Lying to while personnel from USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) report aboard. 1545 Colonel A.O. COOLEY, USMC, with three (3) members of his staff and fifteen marines, were transferred from the USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) to the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326).

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This group had orders to proceed inland from Kiirun, Formosa, to the P.O.W. camps and arrange for the evacuation of the Allied P.O.W.s being held there. CTG 77.1 issued orders to the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE326) to proceed into the port of Kiirun in company with one other DE for the purpose of putting Colonel COOLEY and his group ashore there. He further ordered CCD 57 aboard the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) to (1) establish reliable communications in Kiirun, between the Japanese and TG 77.1, (2) arrange for Japanese pilots to conduct British ships safely into Kiirun Harbor on 6 September, (3) arrange for berthing of British ships, (4) secure navigational charts showing mine fields in the area around Kiirun, Formosa. 1600 Transfer of personnel completed, proceeding enroute to Kiirun, Formosa, in company with all units of Task Group 77.1. Positions: 0800: 23° 29' N, 126° 37' E; 1200: 23° 29' N, 125° 28' E; 2000: 23° 40' N, 123° 30' E.

September 5, 1945: Enroute from San Pedro Bay, P.I. to Kiirun, Formosa, in company with all units of TG 77.1. CTG is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 0248 USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) and USS KRETCHMER (DE-329) were detached in Lat. 25° 00' N, Long. 122° 25' E, and directed to proceed on duty assigned. Since the intelligence concerning Kiirun was very meager, it was not known whether there would be resistance met from some of the more fanatical Japanese, nor were the locations of the Japanese mine fields known. In view of these facts, 0718 when we entered the probable mine field area, all possible steps were taken to put the ship in a condition to repel an attack should one be forth coming, and to minimize damage and casualties should the ship strike a mine. With the THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) in the lead and the USS KRETCHMER (DE-329) 500 yards astern, the probable mine field area was entered at Lat. 25° 20' N, Long. 122° 00' E, speed 9 knots. Air support, provided by the CVE's, and consisting of four planes for CAP and two planes for anti-mine sweep, joined us at about 0730 Item as we proceeded in. From point at Lat. 25° 20' N, Long. 122° 00' E, our course was generally 240° T, to take us to a point a mile due north of Kiirun Island where we hove to and awaited a pilot to guide us into the harbor. Minor alterations of course were made frequently to avoid sonar contacts which were deemed possible mines. Although unable to raise the shore station by flashing light, we did raise them on radio and directed the Japanese to send pilot and the local military commander. To this they replied "Oh Key". 1000 ~~Item~~ A small tug came out and motioned for us to follow him in. Our orders said to take a pilot aboard, so after much motioning back and forth between ourselves and the tug, a Jap was put aboard the USS THOMAS J GARY (DE-326). He was neither a pilot nor did he speak English, but we understood from his motions that we were to follow the tug on into the harbor where the pilot was waiting. This we did, and the USS KRETCHMER (DE-329) fell in close astern. Our pilot was picked up in the harbor, and he pointed out our dock. Upon mooring at 1130 Item, Colonel COOLEY met the Japanese representatives and began negotiations for the evacuation of P.O.W's. CCD 57 met the Japanese Naval authorities and made arrangements required by his orders. Meanwhile the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) maintained a modified general quarters condition, stationed armed guards fore and aft, sent an armed detail of fifteen men ashore to act as a roving patrol and perform guard duty in the vicinity of the ship. In addition, a detail consisting of the communication officer, a radio technician, two radio operators, and four marines, were sent from the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) to take over the

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local Japanese radio station, thereby establishing reliable communications between our task group and the Japanese at Kiirun. At 1630 the P.O.W. train arrived and 156 P.O.W.'s were taken aboard the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326), the remainder being taken aboard by the USS KRETCHMER (DE-329). At 1800, with a Japanese pilot aboard and a Japanese chart showing the location of the mine fields in our possession, the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) got underway with the USS KRETCHMER (DE-329) following 500 yards astern. Our outbound route did not coincide with the one used inbound since we discovered that our inbound track crossed several minefields. The Japanese Naval Commander expressed the fact that we were very lucky not to have struck a mine on the way in and indicated that our intelligence on the Kiirun minefields was decidedly incorrect. 2030 ~~Item~~, Effected rendezvous with the carriers 16 miles east of Bito Kaku and ^{RWS} commenced the transfer of P.O.W.'s. 2315 Transfer of P.O.W.'s completed. 2330 Underway on various courses and speeds patrolling small area around rendezvous point.

6 September 1945: Steaming in company with all units of T.G. 77.1. Commander Task Group is ComCarDiv 27. ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 0545 USS THOMAS J GARY (DE-326) and USS FINCH (DE-328) and USS BRISTER (DE-327) were detached at Lat. 25° 05' N, Long. 122° 02' E, and directed by CTG 77.1 to proceed into Kiirun Harbor to complete the evacuation of P.O.W.'s. With the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) in the lead, and the USS BRISTER (DE-327), and USS FINCH (DE-328) in column astern, distance 500 yards, our unit proceeded into Kiirun Harbor, following the same route used for departure on the afternoon of 5 September. Our Japanese pilot was still aboard, and the ship was in the same state of readiness as employed on the morning of 5 September. Upon mooring at 0930 Item, the same condition port watch was set up and maintained as on the previous day. At 1445 the P.O.W. train arrived and 219 P.O.W.'s were taken aboard. Shortly after, Colonel COOLEY, his staff, and marine detachment reported aboard with their mission completed. The communication officer from the USS THOMAS J, GARY (DE-326) also reported aboard with his unit, having returned the local radio station to the Japanese. Accordingly, with our mission accomplished, the USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326) got underway at 1535 Item, with the USS KRETCHMER, USS FINCH and USS BRISTER in column astern and proceeded to rendezvous with the carriers. No pilot was taken on board. 1730 ~~Item~~ All DE's commenced the trans-^{RWS}fer of P.O.W.'s to the carriers. 2330 Completed transfer of 169 P.O.W.'s from the USS THOMAS J GARY (DE-326) to the USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). Fifty P.O.W.'s were retained on board for transport to Manila. Colonel COOLEY and his detachment were also transferred to the USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) at this time. 2338 All transfer of personnel completed, TG 77.1 got underway and took departure at Lat. 25° 00' N, Long. 122° 15' E, enroute Manila, P.I.

September 7, 1945: Enroute from Kiirun, Formosa, to Manila, P.I. in company with all units of Task Group 77.1. Commander Task Group is ComCar Div 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 is USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326).

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1530 Destroyed floating object by gunfire in Lat. $21^{\circ} 44.5' N$, Long. $121^{\circ} 15.5' E$.
Positions: 0800: $23^{\circ} 05' N$, $122^{\circ} 09' E$; 1200: $22^{\circ} 10' N$, $121^{\circ} 35' E$; 2000: $20^{\circ} 55' N$, Long. $121^{\circ} 10' E$.

September 8, 1945: Enroute from Kiirun, Formosa, to Manila, P.I. in company with all units of Task Group 77.1. Commander Task Group is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). Positions: 0800: $18^{\circ} 24' N$, $120^{\circ} 31' E$; 1200: $17^{\circ} 32' N$, $120^{\circ} 03' E$; 2000: $15^{\circ} 41' N$, $119^{\circ} 35' E$.

September 9, 1945: Enroute from Kiirun, Formosa, to Manila, P.I., in company with all units of Task Group 77.1. Commander Task Group is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 0900: Moored to pier #1, Inner Harbor, Manila, P.I., to disembark passengers. 1230 Anchored in berth 100, Outer Harbor, Manila, P.I.

September 10 through September 18, 1945: Anchored in berth 100, Outer Harbor, Manila, P.I.

September 19, 1945: Anchored in berth 100, Outer Harbor, Manila, P.I. 0645 Underway from berth 100, Outer Harbor, Manila, P.I. in accordance with Com CarDiv 27 visual dispatch 160342 of September, 1945. Enroute to Okinawa Island in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) and all units of CortDiv 57 less USS KOINER (DE-331) and USS O'REILLY (DE-330). OTC is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 1900 retarded ship's clocks one hour to - 8 zone time. Positions: 0800: Lat. $22^{\circ} 13' N$, Long. $124^{\circ} 40' E$; 1200: Lat. $22^{\circ} 45' N$, Long. $125^{\circ} 24' E$; 2000: Lat. $24^{\circ} 02' N$, Long. $127^{\circ} 03' E$.

September 20, 1945: Enroute from Manila, P.I., to Okinawa Island in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106) and all units of CortDiv 57 less USS KOINER (DE-331) and USS O'REILLY (DE-330). OTC is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 0930 Anchored in berth 224, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island.

September 21, 1945: Anchored in berth 224, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island. 1200 Advanced ship's clocks one (1) hour to - 9 zone time.

September 22, 1945 through September 26, 1945: Anchored in berth 224, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island.

September 27, 1945: Anchored in berth 224, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island. 0625 Underway from Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island, pursuant to ComCar Div 27's operations orders 5-45 in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), USS GILBERT ISLAND (CVE-107), USS SALERNO BAY (CVE-110), USS FORMOE (DE-509), USS

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BRISTER (DE-327), and USS KRETCHMER (DE-329). OTC is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). Conducted air operational training in area west of Okinawa. 1816 Anchored in berth 220, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island. Positions: 1200: 26° 58' N, 127° 23' E.

September 28, 1945: Anchored in berth 220, Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island. 0625 Underway from Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa Island, pursuant to ComCar Div 27's operational order 5-45 in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), USS GILBERT ISLAND (CVE-107), USS KULA GULF (CVE-108), USS SALERNO BAY (CVE-110), USS CANEY (AO-95), USS FORMOE (DE-509), and all units of CortDiv 57 less USS KOINER (DE-331) and USS O'REILLY (DE-330). OTC is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). Positions: 1200: Lat. 26° 30' N, Long. 127° 45' E; 2000: Lat. 27° 00' N, Long. 127° 40' E.

September 29, 1945: Steaming in company with USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106), USS GILBERT ISLAND (CVE-107), USS KULA GULF (CVE-108), USS SALERNO BAY (CVE-110), USS CANEY (AO-95), USS FORMOE (DE-509) and all units of CortDiv 57 less USS KOINER (DE-331) and USS O'REILLY (DE-330). OTC is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). Conducting training exercises in area west of Okinawa. 0830 Proceeded to starboard side of USS CANEY (AO-95) to receive fuel. 0855 Completed fueling having received 11,340 gallons of diesel oil resumed station in formation. 0915 Received mail from USS FINCH (DE-328). 1635 USS FINCH (DE-328) destroyed floating mine. 1845 Stopped all engines, lying to in 52 fathoms of water. Positions: 0800: Lat. 27° 76' N, Long. 127° 16' E; 1200: 27° 57' N, Long. 126° 46' E; 2000: 28° 37' N, Long. 125° 24' E.

September 30, 1945: Lying to in 52 fathoms of water in Lat. 28° 37' N, Long. 125° 24' E. OTC is ComCarDiv 27 in USS BLOCK ISLAND (CVE-106). ComCortDiv 57 in USS THOMAS J. GARY (DE-326). 0617 Underway in company with other units of training group. 0705 USS SIBONEY (CVE-112) joined formation in Lat. 28° 30' N, Long. 125° 20' E. Positions: 0800: 28° 48' N, Long. 125° 17' E; 1200: Lat. 29° 25' N, Lat. 125° 02' E; 2000: Lat. 28° 16' N, Long. 126° 08' E.

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