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To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for Month of September 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFltConfltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary for Month of September 1945.

1. In accordance with reference (a) and current instructions, enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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U.S.S. HOWORTH (DD592)

September 1945

WAR DIARY

1 September 1945.

Steaming in Company with Task Force 44 enroute from Adak, Aleutian Islands, to Ominato, Japan. Operationally assigned to DesDiv 90 (Capt. J.W. Schmidt, USN) and DesRon 45 (Capt. J.C. Daniel, USN). Operating in accordance with ComNorPac Op-order #9-45 and ComCardiv 23 Op-Order #2-45. Zone -11 time in use.

Positions: 0800 - 50-27 N.
 177-28 E.
 1200 - 50-01 N.
 176-11 E.
 2000 - 49-21 N.
 173-35 E.

2 September 1945.

Steaming as before. Changed time to Zone -12 and date to 3 September.

Positions: 0800 - 48-22 N.
 169-57 E.
 1200 - 48-02 N.
 168-41 E.
 2000 - 47-13.5N.
 165-55 E.

4 September 1945.

Steaming as before. Changed time to Zone -11.

Positions: 0800 - 46-10 N.
 162-15 E.
 1200 - 45-51.5 N.
 161-07 E.
 2000 - 45-02 N.
 158-02 E.

5 September 1945.

Steaming as before. Fueled underway from U.S.S. SAVO ISLAND, receiving 47,288 gallons of fuel oil. Changed time to Zone -10. Changed time to Zone -9.

Positions: 0800 - 43-57 N.
 154-11 E.
 1200 - 43-44 N.
 153-04 E.
 2000 - 42-58 N.
 150-38 E.

WAR DIARY

6 September 1945.

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 - 41-54 N.
 147-03 E.
 1200 - 41-34 N.
 146-16 E.
 2000 - 41-01 N.
 144-39 E.

7 September 1945.

At 0125 the Howorth left her screening station to investigate a small surface contact bearing 248(t), distance 16,000 yards. Sounded general quarters at 0128 and shortly thereafter illuminated target with port 36" searchlight. It proved to be a Japanese craft of the patrol type, estimated size 200 tons. Since target vessel was burning running lights and appeared to be unarmed it was allowed to continue on it's way without further investigation. The Howorth was ordered to regain a screening station when Japanese boat was clear of formation.

In the early morning this task force arrived off coast of Northern Honshu, Japan and began launching planes for support of our ships entering Ominato Via Tsugaru Strait. This ship sunk a mine during the morning but no explosion resulted.

At 1314 made sonar contact at a range of 400 yards. Three attacks were made on target, dropped a single depth charge each run. After spending about two hours making runs and attempting to classify contact, all contact was lost and operation "Observant" conducted. Secured from search for possible submarine at 1605 and rejoined formation (See ASW Report, U.S.S. HOWORTH, dated 7 September 1945).

Positions: 0800 - 41-12 N.
 143-17 E.
 1200 - 41-12.5 N.
 142-22 E.
 2000 - 41-09 N.
 142-35 E.

8 September 1945.

Steaming as before off the coast of Northern Honshu, Japan. At 1305 rescued a downed pilot from the U.S.S. SAVO ISLAND.

Positions: 0800 - 41-37.5 N.
 142-15 E.
 1200 - 41-23.5 N.
 142-11.5 E.
 2000 - 41-03 N.
 142-56 E.

WAR DIARY

9 September 1945.

Steaming as before with Task Force 44 off east coast of Northern Honshu, near Ominato, Japan.

Positions: 0800 - 41-19 N.
 142-43.5 E.
 1200 - 41-17 N.
 142-32 E.
 2000 - 41-10 N.
 142-21 E.

10 September 1945.

Cruising as before. Received 44,424 gallons of fuel oil from U.S.S. NEHENTA BAY.

Positions: 0800 - 41-17 N.
 142-15 E.
 1200 - 41-26.5 N.
 142-24 E.
 2000 - 41-02.5 N.
 142-25.5 E.

11 September 1945.

Cruising as before off eastern coast of Northern Honshu, Japan providing air support for Ominato occupation by our naval forces.

Positions: 0800 - 41-26 N.
 142-12 E.
 1200 - 41-22 N.
 142-03.5 E.
 2000 - 41-13 N.
 142-27 E.

12 September 1945.

Exploded floating mine with small arms fire. Mine was horn type, orange color.

At 1310 all ships formed in column with screening units ahead for transit of Tsugaru Strait enroute Ominato Ko. Proceeded through 2500 yard wide swept channel without mishap. At 1928 the Howorth anchored in Berth #84, Ominato Ko, Japan.

Positions: 0800 - 41-27 N.
 142-17 E.
 1200 - 41-32 N.
 142-04 E.
 2000 - Anchored.

WAR DIARY

13 September 1945.

Got underway in afternoon and fueled from U.S.S. KENNEBEC in Berth #14. Received 38,702 gallons of fuel oil. At 1614 anchored in berth #9, Ominato Ko, Japan, in order to be near provision ship. Began provisioning. Comdr. Chesford Brown, USN relieved Captain J.W. Schmidt as CDD-90 with pennant hoisted on this ship.

Positions: Ominato Ko, Japan.

14 September 1945.

At 1204 got underway in accordance with CTF 44 orders and proceeded to join U.S.S. KITKUN BAY (CVE-71) enroute to Hakodate, Japan. Tsugaru Strait was crossed in heavy weather and at 1533 the HOWORTH anchored in Berth 120 in Hakodate Wan, Hokkaido. Awaiting the arrival of the HOWORTH and KITKUN BAY was H.M.S. BARFLEUR. The purpose of this visit was to evacuate Allied prisoners of war. Immediately upon arrival Japanese harbor officials ventured out in tug-boats to open negotiations in regards to embarkation of war prisoners. This ship went to Condition of readiness I-E for the night.

At 1717 H.M.S. BARFLEUR proceeded into Hakodate Ko and moored alongside dock preparing to evacuate prisoners. At 2330 H.M.S. BARFLEUR stood out of Inner Harbor with 286 prisoner-of-war aboard. Japanese tugs accompanied the BARFLEUR to assist in transfer of personnel to HOWORTH and KITKUN BAY.

Positions: 0800 - Anchored Ominato Ko.
1200 - Anchored Ominato Ko.
2000 - Anchored Hakodate Wan.

15 September 1945.

At 0013 a Japanese tug came alongside port quarter with 45 prisoners-of-war aboard. At 0020 all 45 prisoners were aboard and the Japanese tug got underway from alongside. Prisoners consisted of U.S. Marines from Wake Island and North China garrisons, Merchant Mariners, and Javanese soldiers of the Dutch Army.

At 0847 got underway and stood out of Hakodate Bay with KITKUN BAY for flight operations. Completed operations at 0930. At 1209 KITKUN BAY again launched aircraft with HOWORTH as plane guard. At 1305 H.M.S. BARFLEUR joined formation and all 3 vessels proceeded to Tokyo Bay with former prisoners-of-war in accordance with ComNorPac dispatch #150002 of September 1945.

Positions: 0800 - Anchored Hakodate Wan.
1200 - 41-42 N.
140-51 E.
2000 - 40-40 N.
142-16 E.

16 September 1945.

At 0756 KITKUN BAY commenced air operations. At 1040 exploded a mine with small arms fire. Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800- 37-37.5 N.
142-05 E.
1200 - 36-48 N.
142-03 E.
2000 - 35-33 N.
141-25 E.

WAR DIARY

17 September 1945.

At 0440 Kitkun Bay, Barfleur, and Howorth formed in column in order named and proceeded into channel for entry into Tokyo Bay. At 0847 moored to U.S.S. O'BRIEN near berth F-89, Tokyo Bay, Japan.

At 1125 got underway and proceeded into Yokohama Harbor to disembark passengers. Moored to U.S.S. MONITOR(LCV-5), at Dock A, Yokohama, Japan at 1246. At 1325 transferred ex-prisoners-of-war to Army 42nd General Hospital, Yokohama.

At 1524 got underway from alongside Monitor and proceeded out of Yokohama Harbor into Greater Tokyo Bay. At 1713 moored alongside U.S.S. O'BRIEN 400 yards east of berth F-89, Tokyo Bay, Japan. Due to forecast of high winds during night, got underway from alongside O'Brien and at 2340 anchored 1000 yards northeast of berth F-88, Tokyo Bay.

Positions: Tokyo Bay, Japan.

18 September 1945.

Rode storm out during the night with use of main engines. At 0405 got underway to avoid fouling ship on starboard quarter. Many ships were dragging anchor. At 0420 anchored in fairway north of berth F-88.

At 1652 got underway from temporary anchorage and proceeded to regain previous berth. At 1705 anchored 600 yards east of berth F-88, Tokyo Bay, Japan.

Positions: Tokyo Bay, Japan.

19 September 1945.

At 0920 got underway for fueling purposes. At 1054 moored to U.S.S. ATASCOSA (AO-66) in berth E-17, Tokyo Bay. Received 52,458 gallons of fuel oil and 4 barrels of lubricating oil. At 1235 returned to previous anchorage near berth F-88, Tokyo Bay, Japan.

Positions: Tokyo Bay, Japan.

20 September 1945.

Anchored as before.

21 September 1945.

Anchored as before.

22 September 1945.

Anchored as before.

23 September 1945.

Anchored as before.

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24 September 1945.

Anchored as before.

25 September 1945.

Provisioned ship and shifted anchorage to berth E-105 Tokyo Bay, Japan.

26 September 1945.

Anchored as before.

27 September 1945.

At 1625 got underway in accordance with ComCarDiv 23 dispatch 251151 of 26 September 1945, proceeded out of Tokyo Bay in company with U.S.S. KITKUN BAY(CVE-71) en-route to Guam. Designated as Task Unit 16.12.26.

At 2050 left formation and slowed to 12 knots to conduct repair of tube leak in starboard condenser. Secured starboard engine and all superheat.

Positions: 0800 - Anchored.
1200 - Anchored.
2000 - 34-45 N.
139-37.5 E.

28 September 1945.

At 0115 lost steering control. Unable to establish hand control. At 0202 regained power steering control on the starboard cable. At 0255 completed repairs on starboard condenser. Proceeded to regain station 2,000 yards ahead of Kitkun Bay. Regained station at 0533.

At about 1100 winds were up to force 9 and heavy seas were experienced. At 2200 changed time from -9 zone to -10 zone.

Positions: 0800 - 32-22 N.
140-34 E.
1200 - 31-59 N.
140-38 E.
2000 - 30-37 N.
141-35 E.

29 September 1945.

At 1439 had another steering casualty. Regained control at 1457. Steaming as before.

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30 September 1945.

During the day Kitkun Bay carried out flight operations with Howorth as plane guard.

Steaming as before enroute Guam.

Positions: 0800 - 21-44 N.
 144-04 E.
 1200 - 20-52 N.
 144-12 E.
 2000 - 18-49 N.
 144-16 E.



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WAR DIARY

1 October 1945.

Steaming in company with T.U. 16.12.26 composed of U.S.S. HOWORTH and U.S.S. KITKUN BAY (CVE-71), enroute from Tokyo Bay to Guam. Operationally assigned to U.S. Fifth Fleet, Task Force 56, Destroyer Squadron 45, and Destroyer Division 90 (CDD-90 Commander Chesford BROWN, USN, in HOWORTH). Zone (-10) time in use. Operating in accordance with ComCarDiv dispatch 251151 of September 1945.

At 1544 entered Apra Harbor, Guam, and proceeded to go alongside U.S.S. MANILENO (IX-141) in berth #18 for fueling purposes. Completed fueling at 1750 having received 87,244 gallons of fuel oil. Also received 16,000 gallons of fresh water from MANILENO due to recent evaporator trouble on board. Remained moored in berth #18 overnight.

Positions: 0800 - 15-26 N.
 144-20 E.
 1200 - 14-27 N.
 144-30 E.
 2000 - Apra Harbor, Guam.

2 October 1945.

At 0726 got underway from Berth #18 and moored to buoy in Berth #307, Apra Harbor, Guam.

Positions: Apra Harbor, Guam.

3 October 1945.

Received approximately 90 men and 10 officers aboard as passengers. At 1356 - got underway from Berth #307, Apra Harbor, Guam and proceeded out of harbor in company with U.S.S. KITKUN BAY. Set course for Pearl Harbor in accordance with ComCarDiv 23 dispatch 251151 of September 1945 and Port Director Guam Movement Order #2544 of 2 October 1945.

Positions: 0800 - Apra Harbor, Guam.
 1200 - Apra Harbor, Guam.
 2000 - 13-02 N.
 145-54 E.

4 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor.

Positions: 0800 - 12-40 N.
 149-29.5 E.
 1200 - 12-49 N.
 150-33 E.
 2000 - 13-28.5 N.
 152-30 E.

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WAR DIARY (Cont'd)

5 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor. Set all ship's clocks ahead one (1) hour to (-11) zone time.

Positions: 0800 - 14-20 N.
 155-07 E.
 1200 - 14-44 N.
 156-01 E.
 2000 - 15-28 N.
 158-00 E.

6 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor.

Positions: 0800 - 16-20 N.
 161-08 E.
 1200 - 16-37 N.
 162-11.5 E.
 2000 - 17-10 N.
 164-12 E.

7 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor.

Positions: 0800 - 18-02 N.
 167-10 E.
 1200 - 18-18 N.
 168-12 E.
 2000 - 18-43 N.
 170-20.5 E.

8 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor. At 1132 went alongside KITKUN BAY and conducted underway fueling exercises. Completed fueling at 1236 having received 32,842 gallons of fuel oil. Set all ship's clocks ahead one (1) hour to (-12) zone time.

Positions: 0800 - 19-02 N.
 173-11.5 E.
 1200 - 19-07 N.
 174-17 E.
 2000 - 19-27 N.
 176-17.5 E.

9 October 1945. (-12 time zone)

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor. At 2400 changed time to plus 12 zone.

Positions: 0800 - 19-28 N.
 179-29 E.

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9 October 1945. (Cont'd).

Positions: 1200 - 19-33 N.
 179-22.5 W.
 2000 - 19-40 N.
 177-09 W.

9 October 1945. (plus 12 zone time)

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor. Set all ship's clocks ahead one hour to plus 11 zone time.

Positions: 0800 - 19-53 N.
 174-20 W.
 1200 - 20-03 N.
 173-15 W.
 2000 - 20-10 N.
 171-18 W.

10 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor.

Positions: 0800 - 20-07 N.
 168-18.5 W.
 1200 - 20-09 N.
 167-19 W.
 2000 - 20-12.5 N.
 165-13 W.

11 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Guam to Pearl Harbor. Set ship's clocks ahead one (1) hour to plus 10 1/2 zone time.

Positions: 0800 - 20-16.5 N.
 162-12 W.
 1200 - 20-15 N.
 161-08 W.
 2000 - 20-09 N.
 159-04.5 W.

12 October 1945.

Entered Pearl Harbor and at 0716 moored to buoy in Berth X-21, Middle Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H. Passengers left ship. Reported to ComFifthFlt for duty by dispatch.

Positions: Pearl Harbor, T.H.

12 October to 17 October 1945 Moored in Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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18 October 1945.

At 1353, got underway from Berth X-21, Middle Loch, Pearl Harbor, T.H. to proceed to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, in accordance with ComFifthFlt dispatch #140129 of October 1945 and ComHawSeaFron movement order #1711 of 15 October 1945. Steaming independently. Set ship's clocks back one-half hour to plus 11 zone time.

Positions: 0800 - Pearl Harbor
1200 - Pearl Harbor
2000 - 21-00 N.
159-07 W.

19 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Island.

Positions: 0800 - 20-46.5 N.
162-25 W.
1200 - 20-35 N.
163-32 W.
2000 - 20-16 N.
165-40 W.

20 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Island.

Positions: 0800 - 19-45 N.
168-36.5 W.
1200 - 19-37 N.
169-42 W.
2000 - 19-09 N.
171-43 W.

21 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Island. Set ship's clocks back one (1) hour to plus 12 zone time.

Positions: 0800 - 18-24 N.
174-42 W.
1200 - 18-09 N.
174-46 W.
2000 - 17-38 N.
178-03 W.

23 October 1945. (-12 zone time)

Steaming as before, enroute from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Island. At 0000 changed time to conform with -12 zone.

Positions: 0800 - 16-55.5 N.
178-50.5 E.
1200 - 16-41 N.
177-48 E.
2000 - 16-12 N.
175-47 E.

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24 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Island. Set ship's clocks back one (1) hour to -11 zone time.

Positions: 0800 - 15-27 N.
 172-48 E.
 1200 - 14-57 N.
 171-53 E.
 2000 - 14-12 N.
 169-38 E.

25 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok Island.

Positions: 0800 - 13-13 N.
 166-52 E.
 1200 - 12-53 N.
 166-05.5 E.
 2000 - 12-12 N.
 164-37 E.

26 October 1945.

At 0740, entered Eniwetok Harbor and proceeded to go alongside YO-163 in berth M-4 for fueling. Completed fueling at 1012, having received 74,196 gallons of fuel oil. At 1120, anchored in berth C-1 Anchorage Able, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Positions: 0800 - 12-22.5 N.
 162-18.5 E.
 1200 - Eniwetok Harbor.
 2000 - Eniwetok Harbor.

27 October 1945.

At 0851, got underway from berth C-1, Anchorage Able, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands to proceed independently to Saipan, Marianas Islands, in accordance with ComFifth Flt dispatch 140129 of October 1945 and Port Director Eniwetok routing instructions of 26 October 1945.

Positions: 0800 - 11-24 N.
 162-22 E.
 1200 - 11-19 N.
 161-46.5 E.
 2000 - 11-47 N.
 159-46.5 E.

28 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Eniwetok to Saipan. Set ship's clocks back one (1) hour to -10 zone time.

Positions: 0800 - 12-28.5 N.
 156-45 E.
 1200 - 12-45 N.
 155-42 E.
 2000 - 13-12 N.
 153-28 E.

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29 October 1945.

Steaming as before, enroute from Eniwetok to Saipan.

Positions: 0800 - 13-54 N.
 150-26.5 E.
 1200 - 14-00 N.
 149-40.5 E.
 2000 - 14-18 N.
 147-54 E.

30 October 1945.

At 0748, entered outer Saipan Harbor. Anchored in berth L-48, Saipan Harbor, Saipan Island, Marianas Islands.

Positions: Saipan Harbor.

31 October 1945.

At 1035, got underway from berth L-48 and proceeded to go alongside U.S.S. RACCOON (IX-127) in berth L-26, Saipan Harbor for fueling. Completed fueling at 1200, having received 41,508 gallons of fuel oil. Returned to berth L-48 and anchored at 1247.

Positions: Saipan Harbor.