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Subject: Action Report for Period 16 August 1945 to
2 September 1945.

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Enclosure: (A) Subject Report.

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16 August 1945 to 2 September 1945

PART I - BRIEF SUMMARY.

A. INDIANA in Task Group THIRTY-EIGHT POINT ONE patrolled off the east coast of HONSHU, Japan, awaiting the formal surrender of the Japanese Empire. This report covers the period 16 August 1945 to 2 September 1945, during which no enemy action occurred. Ship's own aircraft were not flown.

PART II - PRELIMINARIES.

A. Task Group 38.1 was composed as follows:

Task Unit 38.1.1 - Carriers - Rear Admiral T. L. SPRAGUE

BENNINGTON (CV20) (F)	BELLEAU WOOD (CVL24)
LEXINGTON (CV16)	SAN JACINTO (CVL30)
HANCOCK (CV19)	

Task Unit 38.1.2 - Support Unit - Rear Admiral J. F. SHAFROTH

Task Unit 38.1.3 - Battleship Support Unit

Rear Admiral J. F. SHAFROTH

BatDivEIGHT - Rear Admiral J. F. SHAFROTH

ALABAMA (BB60) (F)
INDIANA (BB58)
MASSACHUSETTS (BB59)

Task Unit 38.1.4 - Cruiser Support Unit - Rear Admiral HOLDEN

CruDivEIGHTEEN - Rear Admiral HOLDEN

TOPEKA (CL67) (F)
DULUTH (CL87)
ATLANTA (CL104)
DAYTON (CL105)

CruDivTWENTY (Less PROVIDENCE, LITTLE ROCK) - Captain HUNT

OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91) (F)
AMSTERDAM (CL101)

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PART II - PRELIMINARIES (Cont'd).

Task Unit 38.1.5 - Screen - Commodore SIMPSON
SAN JUAN (CL54) (F)

DesRonSIXTY-ONE - Captain HEDERMAN

DesDiv 121

DEHAVEN (DD727) (F)
MANSFIELD (DD728)
LYMAN K. SWENSON (DD729)
COLLETT (DD730)
MADDOX (DD731)

DesDiv 122

BLUE (DD744) (F)
BRUSH (DD745)
TAUSSIG (DD746)
SAMUEL N. MOORE (DD747)
HIGBEE (DD806)

DesRonTWENTY-FIVE (Less LITTLE and SIGSBEE)
Captain LUDEWIG

DesDiv 49

JOHN RODGERS (DD574) (F)
HARRISON (DD573)
McKEE (DD575)
MURRAY (DD576)

DesDiv 50

SCHROEDER (DD501) (F)
RINGGOLD (DD500)
DASHIEL (DD659)

B. Operations of this Task Group consisted of patrolling off the coast of HONSHU, Japan, and air patrols over Japan, locating and dropping supplies to Prisoner of War Camps.

Training during this period consisted of A.A. practice fired at towed sleeves on 16, 17, August, and 1 September, and at TDD drones on 18 August 1945.

C. INDIANA's mission was to give anti-aircraft and surface support to Task Group 38.1.

D. Task Group 38.1, with the other Task Groups of Task Force 38, were dispersed around the Japanese home islands for a show of force, awaiting Japan's formal surrender.

E. No enemy forces were encountered during the period.

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PART III - CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT.

A. 16 August 1945

Fueled destroyers.

At 0746 fired A.A. practice at towed sleeves.

At 1024 formed cruising disposition 5-R for photographs of Task Force 38 in force formation 5-W.

At 1224 fired A.A. practice at towed sleeves.

17 August 1945

Fueled destroyers.

At 0751 fired A.A. practice at towed sleeves.

At 1030 formed special cruising disposition 5-R for photographs of Task Force 38 in force formation 5-X.

Enroute fueling area.

18 August 1945

Fueled destroyers.

Fueled from tanker of Task Group 30.8.

Fired A.A. practice at TDD drones.

Remained in company with Task Group 30.8.

19 August 1945

In company with replenishment group.

At 0709 transferred Marine Detachment for temporary duty as part of the Landing Force in Task Force 31.

Rearmed from ammunition ship.

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PART III - CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT (Cont'd).

20 August 1945

At 0524 proceeded to Task Group 38.4 to rearm.

Rearmed from ammunition ship.

At 0806 returned to station in Task Group 38.1.

Transferred Naval Battalion Landing Force for temporary duty in Task Force 31.

21 August 1945

Rearmed from ammunition ship.

Refueled from tanker.

Transferred bomb disposal and communication teams for temporary duty in Task Force 31.

22 August 1945

At 0445 in company with replenishment group.

At 0838 cleared replenishment group.

23 August 1945

In company with PRESIDIO (APA-88).

Alongside PRESIDIO and ALABAMA (EB60) to transfer personnel, mail, and freight.

24 August 1945

Air operations over Japan, locating Prisoner of War Camps.

Fueled destroyers.

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25 August 1945

Air operations over Japan, dropping supplies
to Prisoner of War Camps.

Fueled destroyers.

26 August 1945

Air operations over Japan, dropping supplies
to Prisoner of War Camps.

Fueled destroyers.

27 August 1945

Refueled from tanker from Task Group 30.18.37.

Alongside MASSACHUSETTS (BB59) to transfer
seventy-one (71) enlisted men enroute to the United
States for discharge as part of the demobilization
of the Navy.

In company with fuel and replenishment group.

28 August 1945

Replenished from VIRGO (AKA-20).

At 1737 cleared replenishment group.

29 August 1945

Air operations over Japan, dropping supplies
to Prisoner of War Camps.

Destroyer exploded floating mine by gunfire.

30 August 1945

Air operations over Japan, dropping supplies
to Prisoner of War Camps.

Fueled destroyers.

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PART III - CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT (Cont'd).

BatDivEIGHT formed column for photograph.

At 1809 LEXINGTON (CV16), MASSACHUSETTS (BB59),
COLLETT (DD730), MANSFIELD (DD728), McKEE (DD575),
and MURRAY (DD576) detached from Task Group 38.1
to proceed to Task Group 38.3.

31 August 1945

Refueled from tanker.

Replenished from VIRGO (AKA-20).

1 September 1945

In company with replenishment group.

Fired A.A. practice at towed sleeves.

2 September 1945

Fueled destroyers.

Launched mass flight of all available aircraft
for demonstration over surrender ceremonies on the
MISSOURI (BB63) in TOKYO BAY.

At 0900 the SURRENDER OF JAPAN WAS SIGNED
ABOARD THE U.S.S. MISSOURI IN TOKYO BAY.

PART IV - ORDNANCE.

A. 1. No ammunition was expended against the enemy during
the period of this report.

a. The ship conducted the following anti-aircraft
practices:

Type	Number Runs	Ammunition Expended			Hits, Results
		5"/38	40MM	20MM	
How	41	-	4062	9054	2 Sleeves shot down, 1 Sleeve tail shot off.

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PART IV - ORDNANCE. (Cont'd).

Type	Number Runs	Ammunition Expended			Hits, Results
		5"/38	40MM	20MM	
George	10	54	1454	3201	1 Sleeve hit.
Uncle	12	64	240	-	1 Sleeve shot down.
TDD	8	45	1504	1596	Mark 51 control for 5", 1 hit.
	Total	163	7260	13851	

PART V - DAMAGE.

No comment.

PART VI - SPECIAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION.

A. Anti-aircraft gunnery exercises.

All A.A. firing was conducted in accordance with Commander Battleship Squadron TWO's Confidential Letter FC1-2/P11(1)/A5-1, Serial 0332 of 7 July 1945. Excellent training was received. Due to the absence of several key men, training was necessarily concentrated on relief gunners and control personnel. Results were uniformly good.

No surface practices were conducted during the period of this report.

B. Air Operations - No comment.

C. Amphibious Action - Not applicable.

D. 1. ComBat Information Center.

a. (1) On 27 August 1945, Latitude 37-43 N., Longitude 144-57 E. At 1045 a Japanese surfaced submarine was sighted by the HANCOCK CAP 255/19 miles from Task Group 38.1. The submarine was flying a black surrender flag. The destroyers DASHIEL (DD659) and MURRAY (DD576) were designated to intercept.

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PART VI - SPECIAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION (Cont'd).

(2) Employment and Performance of Radar.

The following guards were assigned the INDIANA: SK radar for medium range air search 30-75 miles; SP radar for low flying aircraft search. The SG-1 was employed for station keeping, and SG-2 for all around surface search. The performance of all radars during this period was very good.

Unusual interceptions were as follows: On 25 August 1945, Latitude 38-35 N., Longitude 143-36 E. At 2208 a contact 103/16 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the formation was noticed on the SP's and SM's of the formation. Indications were weak and fluctuating, movement was at first radical, then on a steady course, speed about 30 knots.

1 September 1945, Latitude 38-07 N., Longitude 144-04 E. At 0015 the above phenomena was again noticed 132/11 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the formation, on a southerly course with a speed varying from 20 to 40 knots. The final evaluation by the Task Group CIC officer was that the contacts were bird flocks or possibly large fish.

The following navigational applications were employed: On 29 August 1945, the 1000 foot range of mountains on NOJIMA SAKI peninsula was picked up on the SK radar at 93 miles. On 1 September 1945, FUJI YAMA (12,388 feet high) was picked up on the SK radar 150 miles.

The SP radar gave very satisfactory results on approaches, and while operating near land, as follows: On 1 September 1945, at 2215, INUBO SAKI POINT (253 feet high) was picked up at 65 miles and tracked while the Task Group moved down the coast.

While operating southeast of NOJIMA SAKI, the following points were constantly used for radar ranges and bearings: O SHIMA (2477 feet high), MIYAKE SHIMA (2674 feet high), MIKURA SHIMA (2802 feet high), and other prominent peaks in the area as intercepted and identified. The above mountain peaks were tracked up to ranges of 75 miles with consistent good radar fixes on the SP radar.

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2. No comment.
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4. No comment.
5. No comment.
6. No comment.
7. No comment.
- E. No comment.
- F. No comment.

PART VII - PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE AND CASUALTIES.

No comment.

PART VIII - LESSONS LEARNED, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

No comment.