

USS BLUE (DD744)

MON
 JAN 1-45. NEW YEARS- JUST
 ANOTHER DAY AT SEA- HAD
 BATTLE MANEUVERS WITH, DD'S,
 BB & CRUISERS.

TUES
 JAN 2-45. REFUELLED FROM TANKER
 - TRANSFERRED UNDERWAY TO
 CARRIER YORKTOWN. REC'D
 GUARD MAIL.

WED
 JAN 3-45. MY BIRTHDAY- JUST
 ANOTHER DAY- OUR PLANES
 FROM CARRIERS MAKE
 STRIKES AT FORMOSA-
 WEATHER BAD SO THE RESULTS
 WERENT SO GOOD- BOOGEYS
 & SOME BEBBYS CAME OUT
 TO THE FORCE-

THURS
 JAN 4-45 - MADE STRIKES AGAINST
 FORMOSA AGAIN- WEATHER
 STILL BAD- 1600 ON OUR
 WAY TO REFUEL-

FRI
 JAN 5-45. REFUELED FROM U.S.S.
 BALTIMORE AT 0800 - REC'D

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MAIL FROM DE AT 1400-
 ON OUR WAY TO LUZON-

SAT
 JAN 6-44- MADE STRIKES AGAINST
 LUZON- RESCUED A PILOT
 FROM A AIRCRAFT CARRIER-
 HE WAS SHOT UP OVER
 LUZON AND FELL INTO
 THE WATER BESIDES US-
 TASK FORCE WEST OF US
 LOST ONE SHIP AND 10
 DAMAGED AGAINST
 SUICIDE DIVERS-

SUN
 JAN 7-44- PLANES FROM CARRIERS
 HIT LUZON AGAIN- REFUELED
 FROM BB MASSACHUSETTS-
 RECEIVE MAIL FROM DD-

MON
 JAN 8-44 - REFUELED FROM BB
 WISCONSIN- TRANSFERRED
 SHOT DOWN PILOTS TO &
 FRO FROM OUR SHIP-
 DELIVERED A FEW PILOTS TO
 THEIR CARRIERS- ALSO PULLED
 ALONGSIDE OF YORKTOWN-

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TUES
JAN-9-44 - OUR TROOPS LAND ON
LUZON - WE HIT LUZON WITH
OUR CARRIER PLANES. ONE
OF THE JAP ZEKES (FIGHTER)
RUNS OVER US AND IS
SPLASHED BY A HELLCAT.
ON OUR WAY TO THE CHINA
SEA THROUGH THE STRAITS
OF LUZON WHICH IS 25
MILES WIDE - JAP PLANES
COMING TOWARDS OUR FORCE SPLASHED

WEDN

JAN-10-44 - HIT FORMOSA WITH
OUR PLANES - ON OUR WAY
TO FRENCH INDO CHINA.

THURS

JAN-11-44 - REFUEL AT 0830 FROM
CARRIER WASP. STILL ON OUR
WAY TO HAINAN FR. INDO CHINA.

FRI

JAN-12-44 OUR CARRIER PLANES MAKE
STRIKES AGAINST FRENCH
INDO CHINA. THEY SINK A
CONVOY OF 4 DD'S, 1 LARGE
TRANSPORT & 4 ATTACK
TRANSPORTS - ALSO THEY

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OUR CARRIER PLANES SUNK 41 JAP SHIPS
FRI
JAN-12-44 & DAMAGED 21 -
120,000 TONS SUNK - 70,000 DAMAGED

ARE AFTER A CONVOY OF
4 DD'S, 6 TRANSPORTS, 1
LIGHT CRUISER & ONE
LARGE CRUISER BUT AS YET
WE HAVEN'T THE RESULTS.
NO DOPE ON LATER CONVOY -
FLASH! WE LOST TRACK OF JAP CONVOY

SAT

JAN-13-44 - PULLED ALONGSIDE
OF TANKER & REFUELED
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH CARRIER.
OCEAN WAS ROUGH THROUGH-
OUT THE NIGHT & STILL IS -
HAD DIFFICULT TIME RE-
FUELING - WE HIT SIDES
AGAINST TANKER. REC'D
MAIL FROM TANKER -
REC'D TWO BLOOMERS FROM
CARRIER WASP FOR MOUNT I -

SUN

JAN-14-45 - IN OUR WAY TO MAKE
STRIKES AGAINST HONGKONG -
WEATHER IS REALLY BAD.

MON - JAN

15-45 - IN THE VICINITY OF
HONGKONG & STRIKES WERE
CALLED OFF DUE TO WEATHER -

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TUES
JAN-16-45. OUR PLANES MAKE
SERIES AGAINST HONGKONG
& HAINAN - STILL IN CHINA SEA

WED
JAN-17-45. STILL IN THE CHINA
SEA. TRANSFERRED THE
COMMODORE & HIS STAFF TO
CARRIER YORKTOWN AS HE
IS GOING TO THE DD MOORE.
WE ARE DETACHED FROM
FORCE AS WE HAVE TO
GO IN FOR REPAIRS. REC'D
OFFICIAL MAIL FROM CARRIER
ENTERPRISE. REFUEL FROM
TANKER AT 1730. WEATHER
MAKES SEA PRETTY ROUGH.
DIDNT REFUEL CAUSE OF NEAR RAM.

THURS.
JAN-18-45. STILL ROUGH IN THE
CHINA SEA. STARTED TO CALM
DOWN TOWARDS EVENING -

FRI
JAN-19-45. REFUELED SIMULTANEOUS
WITH CARRIER FROM TANKER.
REC'D SOME MAIL.

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SAT-
JAN-20-45. STILL IN THE VICINITY
OF LUZON AND WEATHER
HAS CHANGED. ON OUR WAY
TO ULITHI BY WAY OF
CENTRAL PHILIPPINES -
BY MINDORA (AMERICAN), PANAY,
NEGROS, CEBU, LEYTE AND
MINDANAO - BETWEEN 5
AND TWENTY MILES FROM
JAP HELD TERRITORY
THROUGHOUT STRAITS.

~~JAN-21-45~~ STILL HEADING TOWARD
ULITHI (MARIANAS ISLANDS).
IN THE VICINITY OF MINDORA
HAVE ^{CV's} CARRIERS & TANKER.
WITH US (~~CV's~~) - SMOOTH
SAILING

SUN-
JAN-21-45. STILL ON OUR WAY
THRU STRAITS. WE HIT
PANAY & NEGROS MOST OF
THE DAY. WE RECEIVE G.
MAIL & TRANSFER GEAR
FROM TANKERS & CARRIERS
WE RUN IN TO FILIPINO

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SAIL BOAT AT 2200 -

MON

JAN-22-45. WE ARE IN VICINITY OF LEYTE AND ON OUR WAY OUT OF THE STRAITS - WE PULL OUT OF STRAITS AT 1300 - ALS. THIS MORNING WE RAN INTO A NUMBER OF JAP. FISH BOATS & SAIL BOATS.

TUES

JAN-23-45 STILL ON OUR WAY TOWARDS ULITHI -

WED

JAN-24-45 - STILL SAILING ALONG TOWARDS ULITHI - FIRED OUR DAMAGED MOUNT ONE.

THURS.

JAN-25-45 CAME INTO ULITHI & ANCHORED OUT - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

FRI

JAN-26-45 STILL ANCHORED OUT & SEEN ANOTHER MOVIE AT NIGHT.

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SAT

JAN-27-45 STILL ANCHORED AT ULITHI

SUN

JAN-28-45. WENT ASHORE ON ONE OF THE ISLANDS ON A BEER PARTY - HAD FOUR CANS - WENT COCONUT HUNTING WITH A FEW BOYS - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

MON

JAN-29-45 - STILL ANCHORED OUTSIDE OF ULITHI -

TUES

JAN-30-45 STILL ANCHORED OUT - TOOK AMMUNITION OFF SHIP & SLOWED ON AMMUNITION SHIP.

WED

JAN-31-45. STILL BUSY WITH PLENTY OF WORK. PULLED ALONGSIDE OF MARKAB (A TENDER) - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

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THURS

FEB-1-45 - HAD PAYDAY TODAY.
 QUITE BUSY TODAY -
 REC'D NUMBER OF LETTERS.
 SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

~~FRI~~ FRI

FEB 2-45 - STILL ALONGSIDE OF
 MARKAB - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT
 SAT-3 - STILL ALONGSIDE OF MARKAB

~~SUN~~ SUN

FEB-4-45. STILL ALONGSIDE OF
 MARKAB - REC'D CANTEEN
 STOCK ORDER - SEEN MOVIE
 AT NIGHT - WENT TO CHURCH ON MARKAB

MON

FEB-5-45 STILL ALONGSIDE OF
 MARKAB - PROVISIONED SHIP
 TODAY - SEEN MOVIE ON
 2100 DD; HUMPHREY BOGART.

TUES

FEB-6-45 - STILL ALONGSIDE OF
 MARKAB - RAINED AT NIGHT
 SO DIDN'T SEE MOVIE

WED

FEB-7-45 - STILL ALONGSIDE MARKAB.
 PULLED AWAY AT 1300 - WENT
 INTO DRYDOCK (FLOATING) AT
 1400.

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THURS

FEB-8-45 - STILL IN DRYDOCK - HAD
 WAGERLINE PAINTED A SOUND
 GEAR FIXED - SEEN MOVIE
 AT NIGHT - PULLED OUT OF
 DRYDOCK AT 1700 - SEEN MOVIE

~~FRI~~ FRI

~~FEB 9-45 - STILL IN DRYDOCK - PULLED
 OUT OF DRYDOCK 1700 -
 ANCHORED OUT IN STREAM
 - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT~~

~~SAT~~

FRI

FEB-1-45 ANCHORED OUT IN
 STREAM - PULLED ALONGSIDE
 OF TANKER TO REFUEL
 AT 1100 - BOARDED TANKER
 & REC'D SOME CANTEEN
 GEAR. BOUGHT 24oz. Root
 BEER SYRUP FOR BOYS.
 WENT OUT WITH WHALEBOAT
 TO LAY & ORDER BEER FROM
 LIGNIDE (Concrete Barge). STOPPED
 AT THE QUARTZ & SILICA
 TO DROP SAILORS OFF ON
 BUSINESS - RAME BACK TO
 QUARTZ TO TAKE BACK