

USS BLUE (DD744)

AWAY - SLEPT IN DURING THE MORNING - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

MAR 8 - THURS - 45 - STILL AT ULITHI - SEEN MOVIE IN THE EVENING.

MAR - 9 - FRI - 45 - STILL ANCHORED IN SAME PLACE. HAD A CHANCE TO GO ASHORE BUT TURNED IT DOWN CAUSE TOO MANY WERE GOING. SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT. GOT THE BOYS TO PAINT THE OFFICE TODAY.

MAR - 10 - SAT - 45 - STILL ANCHORED AT ULITHI - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT TWO FEATURES.

MAR - 11 - SUN - 45 - TOOK ON AMMUNITION AS WE SHOVED OFF TO THE NORTHERN ANCHORAGE ALONGSIDE OF NITRO - DURING MOVIE A JAP BOMBER FLEW OVER OUR FOULS AND MADE A HIT

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ON A NEW CV RANDOLPH - AFTER THE HIT ON CARRIER IT MADE A HIT ON THE BEACH - DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT ON CARRIER. SHIP WENT TO GO - SECURED FROM GO IN ABOUT 30 minutes & WENT BACK TO MOVIE - I WAS IN OFFICE TYPING UP EASTER U-MAIL CARDS WHEN GO SOUNDED.

MAR - 12 - MON - 45 - PULLED OUT OF NORTH ANCHORAGE AND WENT TO SOUTH ANCHORAGE WHERE WE ANCHORED - TOPPED OFF WITH PROVISIONS & CANTEEN GEAR - SEEN "THE PRINCESS & THE PIRATE" WITH BOB HOPE & VIRGINIA MAYO "SOLDIER FOR A FRIEND" WITH PAULETTE GODDARD AND SONNY TUFTS.

MAR - 13 - TUES - 45 - WENT UP TO NORTH ANCHORAGE TO REFUEL

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WED  
MAR-14-~~THURS~~-45 - PULLED OUT OF  
ULIENI WITH OUR CARRIER  
GROUP AT 0830 - ON OUR  
WAY OUT TO SEA - HAD  
GUNNERY PRACTICE IN  
AFTER NOON -

MAR-15 - THURS. 45 STARTED OUR  
USUAL MORNING GO WHILE  
OUT AT SEA AT 0500 -  
GUNNERY PRACTICE PRACTI-  
CALLY ALL MORNING - WENT  
TO GO IN AFTERNOON FOR  
MORE GUNNERY PRACTICE

MAR-16 - FRI - 45 - OUR BATTLESHIPS  
& CRUISERS JOINED OUR  
GROUP TODAY AS WE ONLY HAD  
CARRIERS + DD'S WITH US -  
REFUELED FROM TANKER  
THIS MORNING - PICKED UP  
FOUR DRONES (REMOTE CONTROL-  
LED) AS THEY WERE SHOT DOWN  
IN GUNNERY EXERCISES -  
RECD. GUARD MAIL FROM  
DESTROYER - PASSED PERSONAL

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MAIL TO DESTROYER BRUSH-

MAR-17 - SAT - 45 - REFUELED FROM  
BATTLESHIP IN OUR GROUP -  
ON OUR WAY TO MAKE  
STRIKE AGAINST ISLAND  
(PROVINCE IN NIP HOMELAND)  
OF KYUSHU - JAP SUICIDE  
DIVERS START ATTACKING  
AT 2300 AS WE GO TO  
GENERAL QUARTERS - ~~HAVE~~  
~~THAT INTERVAL~~

MAR-18 - SUN - 45 - STILL AT  
GENERAL QUARTERS ALL  
NIGHT (PRACTICALLY) - OUR  
GROUP SHOT DOWN A  
NUMBER OF SUICIDE DIVERS  
PICKING ON OUR CARRIERS  
AT GO PRACTICALLY ALL  
DAY AND NIGHT ON ALERT  
OF DIVERS - GOT ABOUT  
IN ALL TOTAL IN OUR GROUP

MAR-19 - MON - 45 - STILL AT GEN-  
ERAL QUARTERS AS WE



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PICK OFF SOME MORE NIP  
PLANES - THE WARP TOOK  
A BOMB HIT IN OUR  
GROUP ON ITS FLIGHTDECK  
BUT STILL IS IN FIGHTING  
CONDITION - FRANKLIN CV  
IN OTHER GROUP WAS  
ALSO HIT AND IN PRETTY  
BAD SHAPE - SECURED FROM  
GG AT 1615 - HARDLY HAD  
A COUPLE HOURS SLEEP  
THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS.  
FACE IS ALL CHAPPED FROM  
COLD WEATHER - THE CHANGE  
OF WEATHER CERTAINLY  
MADE US FREEZE - OUR  
PLANES MADE QUITE A  
NUMBER OF STRIKES OVER  
KYUSHU WITH GOOD RESULTS.  
GOT SOME SHIPS IN THE  
HARBOR - JAPS PUT OUT NEWS  
OF THEM SMASHING OUR  
FORCE - HA HA

RESULTS OF PAST TWO DAYS  
ON KYUSHU BY 58.1 (our group)  
SHOT DOWN 10 ENEMY

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AIRCRAFT BY GUNFIRE.  
PLANES OF OUR GROUP  
SHOT DOWN 88 single, 8 TWIN,  
AND 4 QUADS, PLUS 26  
PROBABLE.

DESTROYED 85 MISCELLANEOUS  
AIRCRAFT ON GROUND.

DROPPED 240 TONS OF BOMBS  
& FIRED 820 ROCKETS WITH  
FOLLOWING DAMAGE: 1 LARGE  
AK SUNK, 1 LARGE AK &  
1 SUBMARINE PROBABLY  
SUNK.

PROBABLY DAMAGED 2 BB,  
2 CV or CVL, 1 CA, 2 DD,  
1 DE, 1 LARGE AK, 4 MEDIUM  
AK AND 6 SMALL AK;  
MOST OF WHICH WERE  
IN KURE HARBOR.

FOLLOWING ALSO DESTROYED  
OR DAMAGED: 22 YANAGERS,  
13 BUILDINGS, AND THREE  
RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVES. WE  
LOST 35 AIRCRAFT AND  
34 AIR PERSONNEL.

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MAR-20-TUES-45. STILL ABOUT  
60 TO 80 MILES FROM KYUSHU.  
THE PITTSBURGH IS TOWING  
THE FRANKLIN CV SOUTH.  
STILL AT 60 MOST OF  
THE DAY - SOME ATTACKING  
NIP PLANES ARE KNOCKED  
OFF BY TASK FORCE GUN  
FIRE - HITS ARE SCORED ON  
THE ENTERPRISE CV AND  
DD HALSBY-POWELL BUT ARE  
STILL Afloat - TOPPED OFF  
THIS MORNING WITH FUEL  
FROM BENNINGTON CV -

MAR-21-WED-45. ARE HEADED AWAY  
FROM KYUSHU. STILL WITH  
OUR GENERAL QUARTERS WITH  
THE ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN  
VICINITY - ITS SOMEWHAT  
WARMER ON MY GUN 44 (40  
millimeter) BATTLE STATION -  
SOME MORE NIP PLANES WERE  
SPLASHED BY GUN FIRE AND  
OUR FIGHTER PLANES - HAVEN'T  
HAD MUCH SLEEP DURING

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THE PAST FOUR DAYS WHICH  
HAS MY EYES SORE FROM  
NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP.  
JAP PLANES CAME OUT TO  
GET US SO WE SENT UP  
HELLCATS & CORSAIRS TO  
MEET THEM - SCORE 36 NIP  
BETTY'S (BOMBERS) AND SEVEN  
OTHER PLANES KNOCKED OFF  
BY 58.1 (OUR GROUP) - WE  
LOST ONE FIGHTER.

MAR-22-THURS-45. REFUELED FROM  
TANKER - NO MAIL - HEADED  
SOUTH FROM KYUSHU - HAVE  
60 NOW & THEN.

MAR-23-FRI-45 STILL HEADED  
SOUTH AND ARE NOT FAR  
FROM OKINAWA ISLAND -

MAR-24-SAT-45 MAKE STRIKES  
AGAINST OKINAWA - WORKING  
ON PAYDAY CAUSE OF  
PAYING OFF NEARBY - PLANES  
FROM OUR GROUP SPOT



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a JAP CONVOY. THEY SINK  
TWO LARGE AK (NAVAL CARGO)  
THREE ESCORTS AND TWO  
NEW DD'S (Destroyers) - WE  
LOST 3 TORPEDO BOMBERS.  
OUR BATTLESHIPS & DD'S BOMBARD OKINAWA

MAR-25-SUN-45- STILL ABOUT  
FORDY MILES FROM OKINAWA.  
REFUEL FROM BB NEW JERSEY.

MAR-26-MON-45- REFUEL FROM  
TANKER. REC'D PERSONAL  
MAIL - REC'D THREE LETTERS.  
ALSO REC'D FRUITS, VEGETABLES  
AND CANTEEN GEAR FROM  
AK - ALSO REC'D CANTEEN  
GEAR TO FORWARD TO SAN  
JACINTO (CVL) - TRANSFERRED  
GEAR TO SAN JACINTO.  
WHAT A JOB AS THE SEA  
WAS A LITTLE ROUGH.

MAR-27-TUE-45 HAD OUR ROUTINE  
GENERAL QUARTERS. ALSO WENT  
TO GO A HOUR LATER (0700) -  
JAP DIVER BOMBERS WERE

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DIVING OVER OUR GROUP -  
ONE DIVED ON A CARRIER,  
PULLED OUT AND FLEW  
OVER OUR SHIP - WE FIRED  
AT HIM & MISSED BUT HE  
WAS KNOCKED OFF BY  
A DD SWENSON - ONE OF  
THE <sup>TORPEDO</sup> DIVER BOMBERS PUT  
A FISH INTO THE MURRAY  
DD, SO THEY SHOT HIM  
DOWN - STILL AFLOAT AND  
THEY ARE DOING IS KNOWS  
A NEAR BOMB MISS FOULLED  
UP DD BAUSH - WE TOOK  
ITS PLACE ON PICKET DUTY.

MAR-28-WED-45 JAPANESE FLEET  
IS SPOTTED NORTH OF US -  
WE (OUR GROUP 58.1) ARE  
HEADED NORTH AFTER THE  
JAPS. OUR TORPEDO BOMBERS  
BOMBERS & FIGHTERS (230)  
ARE SENT OUT TO GET THE  
JAP FLEET - OUR PLANES  
RETURNED WITH NOTHING  
IN SIGHT - THE ONLY