

USS BLUE (DD744)

BOYS ARE ALL TIRED FROM  
STANDING WATCHES, REFUELING,  
PASSING MAIL, EQUIPMENT,  
PERSONNEL, etc. RECENTLY.

APR-17-TUES-45 - REFUEL FROM  
TANKER AT 0730. RECEIVE  
SOME CANNED GEAR-RE-  
CEIVE MAIL TODAY. ARE HEAD-  
ED TOWARDS OKINAWA TO  
REJOIN TASK FORCE- REC'D,  
WORD THAT THE DESTROYER  
HIT THE OTHER DAY WAS  
THE U.S.S. LAFFEY - SHE TOOK  
FOUR SUICIDE DIVERS, TWO  
BOMB HITS AND STEAMED  
INTO PORT AT TWENTY KNOTS.  
SOUNDS LIKE A MIRACLE.  
TOOK ON AMMUNITION

APR-18-WED-45 - IN THE OKINAWA  
AREA AS OUR PLANES MAKE  
STRIKES - NO BOGEYS TODAY -

APR-19-THURS-45 - WE ARE SENT  
OUT WITH OTHER DD'S TO DO  
PICKET DUTY ABOUT FORTY

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MILES FROM TASK FORCE-  
REC'D WORD THAT ERNIE  
PYLE WAS KILLED ASHORE  
ON OKINAWA - REJOINED  
TASK FORCE AT NIGHT - WE  
ARE EXPECTING HEAVY AIR  
RAIDS TOMORROW - WHAT A  
LIFE -

APR-20-FRI-45 - STILL IN  
OKINAWA AREA AS WE  
ARE ON PICKET DUTY -  
ABOUT 40 MILES FROM OUR  
GROUP - REFUEL FROM BB  
INDIANA - WE WERE EX-  
PECTING LARGE GROUPS OF  
NIP PLANES BUT, NO SQUAD-  
REC'D TO GROUP IN EVE-  
NING.

APR-21-SAT-45 - WENT OUT  
ON PICKET DUTY AT 0530 -  
REC'D TO GROUP AT 1300 -  
WENT IN FOR SHOREBAM-  
BARDMENT AT 0700 AND  
SHELLED MANAMI DAIBA

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LIMA (FIRST OF OKINAWA Y  
600 MILES FROM TOKIO) -  
WE SHOT TWO HUNDRED  
ROUNDS OF 5" AT THREE  
LAP AIRFIELDS, HANGARS, &  
LEFT ISLAND IN FLAMES.

APR-22-SUN-45- REFUEL FROM  
TANKER- REC'D A LITTLE MAIL-  
REC'D AND TRANSFERRED MAIL  
PERSONNEL & EQUIPMENT TO  
CV, DD, BB & CL'S - HEADED  
TOWARDS OKINAWA- WE ALSO  
REC'D PROVISIONS TODAY.

APR-23-MON-45- STILL IN OKINAWA  
AREA AS OUR PLANES MAKE  
STRIKES.

APR-24-TUES-45- STILL IN OKINAWA  
AREA SUPPORTING INVASION- WE  
ARE ON PICKET DUTY THROUGH-  
OUT DAY ABOUT FORTY MILES  
FROM GROUP.

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APR-25-WED-45 STILL IN OKI-  
NAWA AREA- ON OUR WAY TO  
REFUEL-TOPPED OFF FROM BENNINGTON  
APR-26-THURS-45- REFUEL FROM  
TANKERS- RECEIVE MAIL-  
RECEIVE MAIL, PERSONNEL &  
GEAR AND ALSO PASS SAME-  
RECEIVE CANTEEN GEAR  
& PROVISIONS- ON OUR  
WAY TOWARDS OKINAWA.

APR-27-FRI-45- WE ARE ON  
PICKET DUTY AWAY FROM  
OUR GROUP- STILL IN  
OKINAWA AREA- RETURN  
TO OUR GROUP IN EVENING-  
HEADED FOR ULICHI.

APR-28-SAT-45- STILL ON OUR  
WAY TO ULICHI- HOLD FIRING  
RUNS IN THE MORNING.

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OUR WAY TO ULICHI- HOLD  
FIRING RUNS IN MORNING.

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APR-29-SUN-1945. STILL ON OUR WAY TO ULICHI. GROUP HOLDS FIRING RUNS & WE ARE ASSIGNED TO PICKING UP DRONES. BB & ~~Cruisers~~ LEAVE US IN EVENING.

APR-30-MON-1945. HOLD FIRING RUNS ON OUR WAY TO ULICHI. ARRIVE AT ULICHI AT 1430. MOVIES TONIGHT

MAY-1-TUES-45. STILL IN ULICHI. HAVE PAYPAY IN MORNING - RECEIVE PROVISIONS IN AFTERNOON. MOVIES.

MAY-2-WED-45. PULL INTO A FLOATING DRYDOCK. ALL HANDS TURN TO OVERSIDES. I HAD TO WORK ON PAY & RETURNS. SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT WITH F. G. ROBINSON & JUAN BENNETT.

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MAY 3-THURS-45. STILL IN DRYDOCK WITH ALL HANDS OVERSIDE. WE ARE BUSY IN OFFICE. SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

MAY-4-FRI-45. PULLED OUT OF DRYDOCK. PULLED ALONGSIDE OF TENDER U.S.S. SIERRA. SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

MAY-5-SAT-45. STILL ALONGSIDE OF SIERRA. WENT ASHORE AT 1300. HAD FOUR CANS OF BEER RATIONED ON THE COCONUT ISLAND. SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

MAY-6-SUN-45. STILL ALONGSIDE OF TENDER. RECEIVE SOME GEAR FROM TENDER AS I WAS ABOARD DRAWING A FEW HOURS. SEEN MOVIE "LAKE PLACID SERENADE".

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MAY-7-MON-45-PULLED AWAY  
FROM TENDER-REFUELED  
FROM TANKER-SHOVED OFF  
FOR SEA WITH TAUSSIG-  
HAVE NIGHT FIRING-MY  
GQ STATION IS MOUNT I-

MAY-8-TUES-45-HOLD FIRING  
RUNS IN THE MORNING-  
HAVE GQ AND NIGHT FIRING  
RECEIVE WORD, GERMANY SURRENDER,

MAY-9-WED-45-WE MEET  
OUR TASK GROUP. RECEIVE  
PERSONAL MAIL FROM DD  
MOORE-ON OUR WAY TOWARD  
OKINAWA-

MAY-9-WED-45-STILL ON OUR  
WAY TOWARDS OKINAWA-  
HAVE FIRING RUNS IN AFTER-  
NOON-

MAY-10-THURS-45-HOLD SMALL  
SCORE PARTY IN MORNING  
SO I RAN ADDING MACHINE-  
HAVE FIRING RUNS IN AFTER-

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NOON-

MAY-11-FRI-45-STILL ON OUR  
WAY TO OKINAWA-HOLD  
FIRING RUNS. BATTLESHIPS  
& CRUISERS JOIN OUR  
CARRIERS & DESTROYERS-

MAY-12-SAT-45-REFUEL FROM  
TANKER-TASK GROUP RE-  
FUELS-ON OUR WAY TO  
KyUSHU TO REJOIN  
OTHER GROUPS AND CARRY  
OUT STRIKES AGAINST  
KyUSHU-

MAY-13-SUN-45 GENERAL  
QUARTERS AT 0200 UNTIL  
0415-LAP BOGIES ARE  
SPLASHED-ALL HANDS STAND  
GUN WATCHES COMMENCING  
AT 0900 WITH FOUR ON  
& FOUR OFF-OUR PLANES  
CARRY OUT STRIKES AGAINST  
KyUSHU-IM FIRST LOADER  
ON GUN 42 40MM-WE

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GO ON PICKET DUTY ABOUT  
0600 WITH EIGHT OTHER  
DESTROYERS - WE ARE ABOUT  
85 MILES OFF KYUSHU. A  
FEW WIPS WERE SPLASHED AT NIGHT.  
WE REJOINED GROUP AT 1800 -  
MAY-14 - MON - STILL AT AA

DEFENSE WITH 4 ON AND 4 OFF  
WERE AT GO ALL LAST NIGHT  
& THIS MORNING AND AFTER-  
NOON - SOME JAP PLANES WERE  
SPLASHED OVER THE GROUP -

THE CARRIER ENTERPRISE  
WAS HIT WITH A BOMB IN  
OTHER GROUP - SECURE FROM  
AA DEFENSE AT 2000 - ON  
OUR WAY TO REFUEL - CRUISER  
AND BENNINGTON WERE MISSED BY  
SUICIDE DIVERS -

MAY-15 - TUES - 45 REFUEL  
FROM TANKER AT 0900 -  
RECEIVE FRESH PROVISIONS  
FROM TANKER - TAKE ON  
AMMUNITION - ALSO TAKE ON  
AMMUNITION FOR DO MOORE  
AND PASS IT ON LATER -

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MAY-16 - WED - 45 - STILL IN  
FUELING AREA - REFUEL OR  
TOP OFF AGAIN FROM  
TANKER - HAVE AA PRACTICE  
ON SLEEVE THIS MORNING  
AA STATION IS FIRST  
LOADER ON GUN 42  
40MM - ON OUR WAY TO-  
WARDS OKINAWA IN  
EVENING -

MAY-17 - THURS - 45 - OUR SHIP  
GOES OUT ON PICKET DUTY  
WITH EIGHT OTHER CANS  
IN MORNING -

MAY-18 - FRI - CAME BACK TO TASK  
GROUP AND GET IN POSITION -  
STILL OFF OKINAWA SUPPORT-  
ING INVASION - OUR PLANES  
CARRY OUT STRIKES -

MAY-19 - SAT - 45 - STILL OPERA-  
TING OFF OKINAWA - IN THE  
EVENING WE START BACK TO-  
WARDS TANKERS TO REFUEL -  
WE DID TOP OFF FUEL TODAY -