

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 -