

USS BLUE (DD744)

20 - JUNE - WED - 45 - STILL ANCHORED  
OUT - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

21 - JUNE - THURS - 45 - STILL ANCHORED  
OUT IN SAN PEDRO BAY. SEEN  
MOVIE IN EVENING.

22 - JUNE - FRI - 45 PULLED AWAY  
AND WENT ALONGSIDE OF  
PROVISION SHIP - PROVISIONED.  
ALSO PULLED ALONGSIDE OF  
TANKER & REFUELED - SEEN MOVIE  
AT NIGHT.

23 - JUNE - SAT - 45. ~~PULLED ALONGSIDE~~  
~~WENT~~ WENT OVER TO QUARANTY &  
OTHER SHIPS FOR GEAR. DRIPPED  
OFF AT 0730 TO VISIT LEFTY  
ABOUT 1230. STAYED WITH HIM  
TO ABOUT 1900. CAME WITH HIM  
& FRIENDS ABOARD BLUE AT  
1730 - HE LEFT ABOUT 2200 FOR  
HIS SHIP.

24 - JUNE - SUN - 45 - WENT TO CHURCH  
ABOARD DIXIE WITH KENNA.

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WENT ON LIBERTY AT 1130  
AND HAD 8 CANS BEER.  
CAME BACK TO SHIP AT 1700 -  
SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

25 - JUNE - MON - 45 - STILL ANCHORED  
IN SAN PEDRO BAY - PLAYED  
BALL AGAINST BRUSH (DD745) AND  
WON 13 TO 1. SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.  
PLAYED BALL AT OAMOC.

26 - JUNE - TUES - 45 - RODE ALL  
AROUND SAN PEDRO BAY. TO PRI-  
CURE GEAR. LEFTY CAME ABOARD  
ABOUT 1915 - SEEN MOVIE TO-  
GETHER. "CASANOVA BROWN" WITH  
GARY COOPER. LEFTY LEFT SHIP  
ABOUT 2245.

27 - JUNE - WED - 45 - PULLED OUT  
OF SAN PEDRO BAY AT 0645.  
SAN LACINIO HAS NEW PILOTS  
AND ARE TAKING FLIGHT MA-  
NEUVRES. RETURN AT 1800 -  
SEE MOVIE IN EVENING.

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28-JUNE-THURS-45. STAY IN PORT - RECEIVE PROVISIONS. SEE MOVIE AT NIGHT WHICH IS A DOUBLE FEATURE.

29-JUNE-FRI-45. PULLED OUT FOR GUNNERY EXERCISES WITH BRUSH. HOLD GUNNERY EXERCISES OUTSIDE OF LEYTE GULF. MANY OF THE FILIPINOS COME NEAR OUR SHIP WHILE ANCHORED. BOYS GIVE THEM FOOD & CLOTHING. PULL INTO HARBOR AT 1630 AND REFUEL FROM TANKER. PULL AWAY AT 1800 AND PULL ALONGSIDE OF DD BRUSH - REC'D SIX LETTERS TODAY SO I DIDN'T GO TO MOVIE & ANSWERED SOME.

30-JUNE-SAT-45 STILL ANCHORED IN LEYTE GULF - GO OUT ON LIBERTY AT 1200 WITH MIKE & CHARLIE. RETURN AT 1700 - SEEN A DOUBLE FEATURE MOVIE ABOARD SHIP.

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1-July-SUN-45 - THE MIGHTY 3rd FLEET pulls out to see WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE A OPERATION TO KNOCK THE JAPS OUT - CARRIERS, CRUISERS, DESTROYERS & BATTLESHIPS. LED BY WILLIAM "BULL" HALSEY. OUR CARRIERS ARE CV HANCOCK, CV BENNINGTON, CV LEXINGTON, CVL BELLEAU WOOD & SAN JACINTO. THREE BATTLESHIPS INDIANA, ALABAMA & SOUTH DAKOTA. - FIVE LIGHT CRUISERS & ABOUT 18 DES. LAOYERS. HOLD GUNNERY EXERCISES THROUGHOUT DAY.

2-July-MON-45. STILL ON OUR WAY TO - WARDS JAPAN. REFUEL FROM BENNINGTON AT 0630. HOLD GUNNERY EXERCISES IN MORNING - PAYDAY IN AFTERNOON. RECEIVE FOUR WEATHER GEAR TODAY.

3-July-TUES-45 - STILL ON OUR WAY TO JAPAN. HOLD GUNNERY

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EXERCISES THROUGHOUT DAY.

4-July-WED-45. <sup>STILL</sup> HEADED FOR JAPAN-HOLD GUNNERY EXERCISES-REFUEL FROM BERINGTON-HAD BIG TURKEY DINNER.

5-July-THURS-45 STILL HEADED FOR JAPAN-REFUEL TODAY FROM BERINGTON-HOLD DIFFERENT EXERCISES.

6-July-FRI-45- STILL HEADED TOWARDS JAPAN-CONTINUE WITH FIRING PRACTICE.

7-July-SAT-45. TOP OFF FUEL STILL HEADED FOR JAPAN-HOLD FIRING RUNS.

8-July. SUN. 45. REFUEL FROM TANKER. RECEIVE CANNEN GEAR & AMMUNITION FROM TANKER. RECEIVE MAIL FROM DD TAUSSIG-

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9-July-MON-45- STILL HEADED TOWARDS TOKYO.

10-July-TUES-45- WE ARE NOW IN TOKIO VICINITY-SHIP GOES TO GENERAL QUARTERS AT 0300-OUR PLANES CARRY OUT FIVE OR SIX STRIKES AGAINST TOKIO & VICINITY. A BROADCAST IS RELAYED TO THE STATES FROM A BATTLESHIP (I BELIEVE THE MASSACHUSETTS) DESCRIBING THE STRIKES ON TOKIO-SECURE FROM GG AT 0945 AND PRACTICALLY WAS UP ALL DAY AROUND AS I HAD THE MID WATCH ON MY BATTLESTATION-HEAD AWAY FROM TOKIO AREA-SOME JAP BOGEYS WERE SPLASHED TRYING TO GET IN OUR FORMATION-HAD OVER A THOUSAND PLANE RAID-TOPPED OFF FUEL FROM BB SOUTH DAKOTA.

11-July-WED-45- HEADED ON A NORTHEAST COARSE TO

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GUNNERY EXERCISES FROM  
1200 to 1400.

12-July-THURS-45 MEET TANKERS  
& REFUEL AT 0330 - RECEIVE  
CANTEN GEAR FROM TANKER -  
PASS OFFICIAL MAIL TO CARRIERS  
& BATTLESHIPS.

13-July-FRI-45 - ARE SUPPOSED  
TO HIT THE NIPS NORTH OF  
TOKIO BUT BAD WEATHER CAN-  
CELS ALL OUR STRIKES - A SMALL  
STORM LASTS THROUGHOUT DAY.  
HANG AROUND AREA.

14-July-SAT-45 - OUR BATTLESHIPS  
WITH CRUISERS & DESTROYERS  
GO IN FOR SHORE BOMBARDMENT  
AGAINST THE NIPPON HOMELAND -  
FIRST TIME EVER DONE - OUR  
SQUADRON STAYS WITH CARRIERS.  
OUR PLANES HOLD STRIKES  
THROUGHOUT DAY AGAINST  
NIPS - GO TO GQ AT 0300.

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TO MIDNIGHT ON BRIDGE -  
SECURE FROM AA DEFENSE AT  
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FOR SHORE BOMBARDMENT AT 0000.

15-July-SUN-45 - GO TO GQ  
AT 0300 - OUR PLANES  
MAKE STRIKES AGAINST  
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16-July-MON-45 - REFUEL  
FROM SOUTH DAKOTA - TANKERS  
ARE REFUELING OTHER MAN  
O WARS - NO MAIL TODAY.

17-July-TUES-45. ARE IN THE  
VICINITY OF TOKYO - WEATHER  
ISNT ANY TO GOOD FOR AIR  
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