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TASK FORCE. RECEIVE WORD OF JAPANESE. ACCEPTING OUR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER AND NOW WE ARE AWAITING UPON THE SIGNING. WE ARE NEAR THE BATTLESHIP KING GEORGE V - SEEN MOVIE TONIGHT WHILE ON OUR WAY. DANGEROUSLY THEY LIVE WITH JOHN GARFIELD.

15-AUG-WED. 45- CARRY OUT STRIKES AGAINST NIPPON NATION & ARE CALLED BACK AS PLANES ARE ON THEIR WAY. OFFICIAL WORD RECEIVED ON JAPAN'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

16-AUG-THURS. 45- JUST RUNNING AROUND AWAITING UPON ORDERS. HOLD GUNNERY PRACTICE. REFUEL FROM BATTLESHIP INDIANA.

17-AUG-FRI. 45- STILL RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES. REFUEL

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FROM CARRIER HANCOCK - ON OUR WAY TO REFUEL FROM TANKERS.

18-AUG-SAT. 45- REFUEL FROM TANKER. RECEIVE SOME PROVISIONS TODAY.

19-AUG-SUN-45- STILL IN THE REPLENISHING AREA. RECEIVE A LITTLE MAIL FROM DESTROYER MOORE. TRANSFER MARINES FROM CARRIER LEXINGTON TO APA. MARINES ARE GOING TO OCCUPY TOKIO. STILL WAITING FOR SIGNATURE OF PEACE.

20-AUG-MON-45- STILL IN THE REPLENISHING AREA. RECEIVE THREE LETTERS TODAY. REFUEL FROM TANKER & ALSO RECEIVE A LITTLE PROVISIONS. SEE MOVIE IN EVENING "LADIES IN WASHINGTON".

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21 AUG. TUES. 45. STILL IN REPLENISHING AREA - REFUEL FROM TANKER & RECEIVE A LITTLE PROVISIONS. ALSO EXCHANGE AMMUNITION WITH AMMUNITION SHIP. WE SECURE ~~FOR~~ HEAVY WEATHER CAUSE OF TYPHOON IN AREA - SEEN MOVIE DR. GILLESPE.

22 AUG. WED. 45. TOPPED OFF ON FUEL - TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM TYPHOON - WE ARE GIVEN ^{AWARD} STARS FOR WEST CAROLINA OPERATIONS (YAP, PALAU & DAUAO), RAIDS ON LUZON, RAIDS ON MINDANAO, IWO JIMA & OKINAWA. WE ALSO RACE THE PHILIPPINE LIBERATION BAR & ASIATIC PACIFIC.

23 AUG. THURS. 45. GET OUT OF TYPHOON AREA - HEADED NORTH TOWARDS OUR ASSIGNED PATROL STATION - RECEIVE MAIL TODAY.

~~SEEN~~ SEEN MOVIE IN EVENING.

24 AUG. FRI. 45. OUR TASK GROUP PATROLS AROUND N. HONSHU. WE SINK A FLOATING MINE. SEE MOVIE AT NIGHT.

25 AUG. SAT. 45. STILL PATROLLING AROUND HONSHU. WENT TO GQ IN EVENING AS WE PICKED UP (ON SCREEN) A SURFACED SUB - IT WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE U.S.S. HADDOCK.

26 AUG. SUN. 45. STILL PATROLLING OFF HONSHU - RECEIVE MAIL TODAY. HOLIDAY ROUTINE THROUGHOUT SHIP.

27 AUG. MON. 45. REFUEL FROM TANKER - CAPTURE A JAPANESE SUBMARINE - U.S.S. BLUE SENDS

OVER A 20 MAN BOARDING CREW. THE DESTROYER MANSFIELD IS WITH US. THE SUB HASNT ANY TORPEDOES. WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO SAGAMI ONE WHICH IS THE ENTRANCE OF TOKIO BAY. SPEED IS KNOTS. SUB HAS 164 PERSONNEL & 20 OFFICERS. RECEIVE WORD TODAY THAT U.S.S. MISSOURI IS IN TOKIO BAY FOR THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE TREATY - THE SUB CARRIED ONE PLANE BUT THEY SCUTTLED IT.

28- AUGUST - TUES - 45 WE ARE RELIEVED BY A. DE WEAVER AS SHE PUT ABOARD A U.S.S. SUB CREW. OUR MEN RETURN TO THE SHIP. WE REJOIN OUR TASK GROUP. SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

29. AUGUST - WED - 45 - STILL PATROLLING WITH OUR TASK GROUP.

30- AUGUST - THURS - 45 - STILL PATROLLING WITH OUR TASK GROUP - EIGHT MEN WERE DISCHARGED ON THE NAVY POINT SYSTEM OF 44 - ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS O. C. SOLEM. CSK FROM DENVER COLORADO LEFT - HATED TO SEE HIM GO BUT WAS GLAD IN ANOTHER WAY CAUSE HE WAS GETTING HOME TO HIS WIFE AND KIDS. A SWELL GUY - THEY WENT SEATSIDE ON THE BB MASSACHUSETTES. LUCKY GUYS!

31- AUGUST - FRI - 45 - REFUELED FROM TANKER. ESCORTED SAN JACINTO TO TASK GROUP OF TANKERS.

1- SEPT. SAT - 45 - STILL ON OUR WAY WITH CVL SAN JACINTO & DD BRUSH - TRANSFER PASSENGERS TODAY. RECEIVE

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ORDERS TO PICK UP DIVISION COMMANDER FROM DD DeHAVEN & PROCEED ON TO SAGAMI ONE (TOKIO BAY). WILL PICK UP COMMANDER EARLY TOMORROW MORNING NOT FAR FROM TOKIO BAY. EXPECT TO BE IN TOKIO BAY TOMORROW NOON. SEEN MOVIE TONIGHT WITH ERROL FLYNN IN "NORTHERN PURSUIT."

2-SEPT-SUN-45- ENDED TOKIO BAY EARLY IN THE MORNING-HOLIDAY ROUTINE TODAY-RECEIVE WORD AS WE ARE ANCHORED IN TOKIO BAY THAT MAC ARTHUR SIGNS PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN ABOARD MISSOURI (BB) WHICH IS ANCHORED NEAR BY-A LARGE NUMBER OF NAVY PLANES FLY OVER THE BAY AS A NUMBER OF SUPER FORTS DO

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LIKEWISE-WE ARE ANCHORED NEAR BATTLESHIPS MISSOURI, SOUTH DAKOTA & IOWA-RIGHT OFF NAVAL BASE YOKOHAMA-ENGLISH BB NELSON IS ANCHORED NEAR US-WE HAVE A MOVIE TONIGHT BUT I DIDNT GO CHUSE I SEEN IT-

3-SEPT-MON-45- STILL ANCHORED IN TOKIO BAY-SEEN MOVIE THRILL OF A ROMANCE WITH VAN JOHNSON & ESTHER WILLIAMS.

4-SEPT-TUES-45- REFUEL FROM TANKER-PULL AWAY & GO NEARBY AK-RECEIVE PROVISIONS & CANTEN GEE ORDERS TO GO TO MISSOURI TO PICK UP LT. GEN. SUTHERLAND (THREE STARS) AND TAKE HIM TO YOKOHAMA-PULL NEARBY U.S.S. MIS-

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5. SEPT. - BULL HALSEY ESCORTS SUTHERLAND to GANGWAY. WE TAKE SUTHERLAND ABOARD AND PROCEED to YOKOHAMA DOCKS - PULL ALONGSIDE OF DOCKS to LEAVE GENERAL OFF. SCRAWNY JAP PRISONERS OF WAR WORKING ON DOCKS. ALSO MANY AMERICAN SOLDIERS ON DOCKS - PULL AWAY AND HEAD BACK to OUR ORIGINAL ANCHORAGE. SEE Mt. FUJIYAMA AS FOG CLEAR. SOME - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT WITH FRANCHOT TONE AND JOAN BENNETT - MAIL CENSORSHIP IS LIFTED.

5. SEPT. WED. 45. PULLED AWAY AND TIED UP ALONGSIDE OF DD STOCKHAM RIGHT OFF THE YOKOSUKE NAVAL BASE IN YOKOHAMA - NIPS HAVE LARGE CRANES AND A FAIR SIZED NAVAL BASE. A JAP BATTLESHIP, COUPLE

OF DESTROYERS + FREIGHTERS ARE OUT OF COMMISSION NEARBY - PLACE IS DESERTED - SEEN MOVIE AT NIGHT.

6. SEPT. THURS. 45 - WENT OVER ON THE PIEDMONT (TENDER) AND OBTAINED \$40,000.00 IN CASH. ALSO WENT ON THE BEACH AND GOT SOME SOUVENIRS - WAS TIRED WHEN I CAME BACK SO I HIE THE SACK.

8. SEPT. FRI. 45 - STILL ANCHORED OFF OF YOKOSUKE NAVAL BASE - GOT A JAPANESE FLAG AND SIX JAP NAPKINS - SEEN MOVIE "AFFAIRS OF SUSAN" WITH GEORGE BRENT & JOAN FONTAINE.

7. SEPT. SAT. 45. STILL ANCHORED OFF OF YOKOHAMA - RECEIVE SOME MAIL TODAY.

9. SEPT. SUN. 45 - STILL ANCHORED