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U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

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San Francisco, Calif.,
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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for August 1944 - Submission of.
Enclosure: (A) War Diary for August 1944.

1. The War Diary of this vessel for the month of August, 1944,
is herewith submitted.

Robert C. Morton
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War Diary

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August 1, 1944.

(a) Operating with Task Force 78.

U.S.S. PHOENIX, Rear Admiral Berkey ComCruDiv 15, CTF 78.
U.S.S. BOISE
H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE
U.S.S. HUTCHINS (CDS 24)
U.S.S. ABNER READ (CDD 48)
U.S.S. DALY
U.S.S. BEALE
U.S.S. AMMEN
U.S.S. BACHE
U.S.S. TRATHEN
U.S.S. MULLANY
H.M.A.S. ARUNTA

(b) Operating in accordance with Commander Seventh Fleet Operation Order 9-44 as a covering force for the amphibious operation at Cape Sansapor, New Guinea.

(c) At anchor, Mios Woendi Lagoon, Schouten Islands, New Guinea. -10 time zone.

(d) At anchor, Mios Woendi.

(e) Task Force is standing by in case we are needed at Cape Sansapor.

August 2, 1944.

(a) CTF 78 transferred flag from PHOENIX to NASHVILLE, which arrived today. CDS 24 transferred pennant from HUTCHINS to DALY. CDD 48 transferred pennant from ABNER READ to HUTCHINS. HUTCHINS and AMMEN left Task Force proceeding south for recreation and upkeep.

(c) At anchor. Mios Woendi Lagoon.

(d) At anchor.

August 3, 1944.

(a) BOISE, ARUNTA, MULLANY, and BEALE left Task Force 78 for recreation and upkeep in the south.

(b) Operating in accordance with CTF 78 visual flag hoists of August 3.

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August 3, 1944 (Cont'd)

(c) At anchor, Mios Woendi

2000

01-27 S
136-36 E

(d) Underway for Manus Island, Admiralty Islands at 1741, in company with NASHVILLE, SHROPSHIRE, DALY, TRATHEN, ABNER READ. We expect to be relieved of screening duties with cruisers about 7 August by ships of DesRon 21 so that the remaining destroyers of Task Force 78 may proceed south for recreation and upkeep.

August 4, 1944.

(c)

0800

1200

2000

00-43 S
139-32 E

00-47 S
140-26 E

00-47 S
142-26 E

(d) Steaming as before.

August 5, 1944.

(c)

0800

1200

2000

01-09 S
145-43 E

01-38 S
146-44 E

Seeadler Harbor

(d) Steaming as before. 1445 Entered Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands, fueled and anchored.

August 6, 1944.

(c) Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.

(d) At anchor.

August 7, 1944.

(c) Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.

(d) At anchor.

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August 8, 1944.

(b) Operating in accordance with CTF 78 despatch 061616 of August.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	03-08 S 147-10 E	04-15 S 147-17 E	06-19 S 147-56 E

(d) Q251 Underway in company with U.S.S. ABNER READ (OTC) and U.S.S. TRATHEN, enroute Sydney, Australia, via Milne Bay for period of upkeep, rest, and recreation.

August 9, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	09-41 S 150-11 E	10-23 S 150-45 E	11-34 S 150-45 E

(d) Steaming as before. 1300 Entered Milne Bay and fueled. 1524 Underway enroute Sydney via China Straits and outside route.

August 10, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	14-21 S 151-43 E	15-20 S 152-21 E	17-38 S 152-51 E

(d) Steaming as before.

August 11, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	20-49 S 154-11 E	21-58 S 154-09 E	24-21 S 154-08 E

(d) Steaming as before.

August 12, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	28-04 S 154-16 E	29-16 S 154-03 E	31-26 S 153-29 E

(d) Steaming as before.

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August 13, 1944.

(c) 0800 1200
 33-56 S Sydney, Australia
 151-20 E

(d) Steaming as before. 0730 Entered swept channel and proceeded in to Port Jackson, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. 0926 Moored starboard side to U.S.S. BOISE at Woolloomooloo Dock. Commenced period of upkeep, rest, and recreation.

August 14 — August 25, 1944.

(c) Sydney, Australia.

(d) Moored as before. TRATHEN left Task Force. CDS 24 shifted pennant to HUTCHINS upon arrival of DALY in Sydney.

August 26, 1944.

(a) Attached to Task Force 75, Rear Admiral Berkey, ComTaskForce 75

U.S.S. PHOENIX (flag)
U.S.S. BOISE
U.S.S. HUTCHINS (CDS 24)
U.S.S. ABNER READ (CDD 48)
U.S.S. DALY
U.S.S. BEALE
U.S.S. BACHE

plus units of Task Force 74

H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA
H.M.A.S. ARUNTA
H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA
U.S.S. AMMEN
U.S.S. MULLANY

(b) Operating in company with above ships in accordance with CTF 75 despatch 191005 of August.

(c) 0800 1200 2000
 33-51 S 33-34 S 31-56 S
 151-17 E 152-00 E 153-32 E

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August 26, 1944 (Cont'd)

- (d) 0715 Underway, enroute Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands, via outside route and Milne Bay. U.S.S. BOISE had casualty in harbor and remained behind at sortie, U.S.S. HUTCHINS staying with her. 1030 HUTCHINS rejoined. ARUNTA experienced engineering casualty and was ordered back into Sydney for repairs.

August 27, 1944.

- (b) U.S.S. BOISE rejoined Task Force. H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA parted company from Task Force on an independent mission and rejoined at 2000.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	29-05 S	27-47 S	25-47 S
	154-19 E	153-58 E	154-03 E

- (d) Steaming as before carrying out drills and exercises.

August 28, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	22-21 S	21-08 S	18-56 S
	154-46 E	154-45 E	153-48 E

- (d) Steaming as before. Carrying out drills and exercises.

August 29, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	15-44 S	14-46 S	12-48 S
	152-14 E	151-47 E	150-47 E

- (d) Steaming as before. Carrying out drills and exercises.

August 30, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	10-25 S	Milne Bay, New Guinea	09-48 S
	150-32 E		150-21 E

- (d) Steaming as before. 0600 Entered west channel and passed through China Straits. Fueled at Milne Bay and at 1500 left for Seeadler Harbor.

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August 31, 1944.

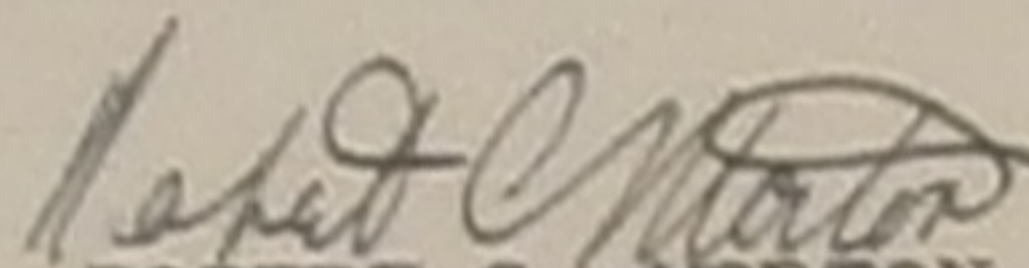
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	07-34 S 148-13 E	06-35 S 148-11 E	04-47 S 147-19 E

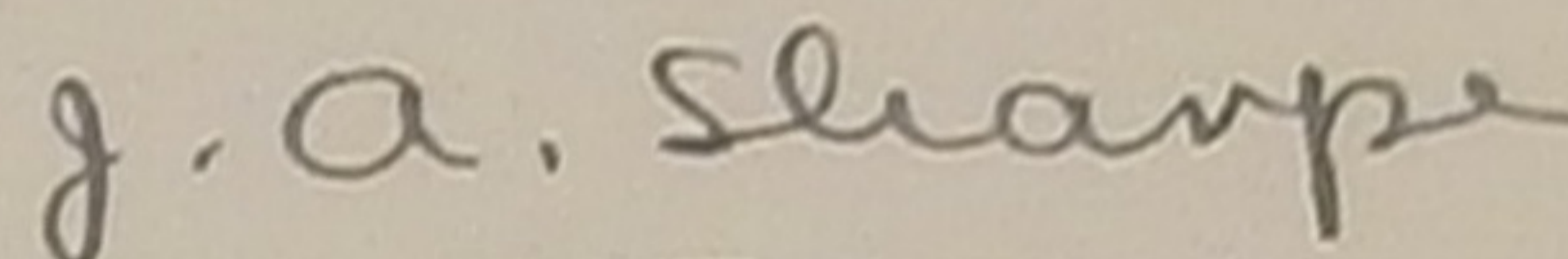
Set clocks back one hour to -9 time.

(d) Steaming as before heading for rendezvous with H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE, U.S.S. NASHVILLE, and accompanying destroyers for night encounter exercise in the Bismark Sea near Sydney Shoal.

APPROVED:

SUBMITTED:


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