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U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

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From: The Commanding Officer.  
 To: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
 Subject: War Diary for Month of September - Submission of.  
 Enclosure: (A) War Diary for Month of September 1944.

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

*Robert C. Morton*  
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September 1, 1944.

- (a) Attached to Task Force 75, Rear Admiral BENKEY, Comcradiv Fifteen, Com-TaskForce 75.

U.S.S. PHOENIX, (flagship)  
 U.S.S. NASHVILLE  
 U.S.S. BOISE  
 U.S.S. HUTCHINS (Comdesron 24)  
 U.S.S. ALMER READ (Comdesdiv 48)  
 U.S.S. DALY  
 U.S.S. HEALE  
 U.S.S. BACHE  
 U.S.S. HUSH

- (b) Operating in accordance with CTF 75 movement and exercise schedule in company with Task Force 75 less NASHVILLE, and HUSH, plus units of Task Force 74, HMAS AUSTRALIA, ARUNTA, WARRAMUNGA, U.S.S. MULLANY and AMMEN.

- (c)
- | <u>0800</u> | <u>1200</u> | <u>2000</u>     |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 01-50 S     | 02-00 S     | Seeadler Harbor |
| 147-31 E    | 147-22 E    |                 |
- 9 Time Zone

- (d) Steaming as before enroute Seeadler Harbor heading for rendezvous with HMAS SEROPSHIRE, U.S.S. NASHVILLE and attached destroyers for night encounter exercise in the Bismark Sea near Sydney shoal. At 0026 made radar contact on opposing force and commenced night encounter battle exercises and headed for gunnery area north of Manus Island. 0800 Commenced gunnery exercises. 0924 Completed exercises and at 1100 entered port and anchored after fueling.

September 2, 1944.

- (a) Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.  
 (d) At anchor.

September 3, 1944.

- (b) Operating in accordance with CTF visual dispatch 020427 of September.

- (c)
- | <u>0800</u> | <u>1200</u> | <u>2000</u>     |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 01-49 S     | 01-55 S     | Seeadler Harbor |
| 147-20 E    | 147-21 E    |                 |

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September 3, 1944 (Cont'd)

- (d) Anchored as before. 0700 Underway in company with U.S.S. PHOENIX and ARNER HEAD. Conducted AA gunnery exercises north of Manus I., and returned to anchorage.

September 4-5, 1944.

- (c) Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.  
 (d) Anchored as before.

September 6, 1944.

- (b) Operating in accordance with CTF visual despatch 040315 of September.

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|-----|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| (c) | <u>0800</u>         | <u>1200</u>         | <u>2000</u>                 |
|     | 01-58 S<br>147-18 E | 01-51 S<br>147-22 E | Anchored<br>Seeadler Harbor |

- (d) Anchored as before. 0739 Underway in company with U.S.S. AMMEN. Conducted towing exercises and returned to anchorage.

September 7, 1944.

- (c) Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.  
 (d) Anchored as before.

September 8, 1944.

- (b) Operating in accordance with CDS 24 visual despatch 052343 of September.

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| (c) | <u>0800</u> | <u>1200</u>         | <u>2000</u>                 |
|     | At anchor   | 01-43 S<br>147-20 E | Anchored<br>Seeadler Harbor |

- (d) Anchored as before. 0700 Underway in company with HMAS SHROPSHIRE and U.S.S. HUTCHINS. Conducted surface gunnery exercises using radar target, then returned to anchorage.

September 9, 1944.

- (c) Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.  
 (d) At anchor.

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September 10, 1944.

(b) Operating in accordance with CTF 75 OP-MEMO, serial 00103 of 6 September 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	01-39 S 147-14 E	01-37 S 146-08 E	01-59S 143-53 E

(d) Anchored as before. 0558 Underway in company with TF 74 and TF 75 consisting of:

U.S.S. PHOENIX (flagship)  
U.S.S. NASHVILLE  
U.S.S. BOISE  
H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE  
H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA  
U.S.S. HUTCHINS (Comdesron 24)  
U.S.S. AENNER READ (Comdesdiv 48)  
U.S.S. DALY  
U.S.S. BEALE  
U.S.S. BUSH  
U.S.S. BACHE  
U.S.S. ALMEN  
U.S.S. MULLANY  
H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA  
H.M.A.S. ARUNTA

Enroute Humboldt Bay, New Guinea.

September 11, 1944.

(b) Operating in accordance with CTF 75 OP-MEMO serial 00103 of 6 September 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Moored Humboldt Bay, N.G.	Anchored	Anchored

(d) Steaming as before. 0800 Arrived Hollandia, New Guinea. Moored, fueled, then anchored. 2221 Underway in company with TF 74 and TF 75, less the U.S.S. NASHVILLE, U.S.S. AENNER READ, and U.S.S. BUSH, enroute Morotai Island to assist invasion forces. Designation changed to TG 77.2. Our mission is to provide A/S and surface cover for attack force on D-Day and for as long thereafter as required.

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September 12, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	01-27.5 S 138-46 E	01-08.5 S 137-56 E	00-25 S 136-10 E

(d) Steaming as before.

September 13, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	00-20 N 133-58 E	00-40 N 133-30 E	01-05 N 132-30 E

(d) Steaming as before. 0512 Joined Task Force 77. 0755 U.S.S. NASHVILLE, ABNER READ, and HUSH joined the formation. Steaming in cruising disposition "Charlie-2".

September 14, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	01-29 N 131-03 E	01-30 N 130-34 E	01-33 N 129-32 E

(d) Steaming as before.

September 15, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	01-45 N 128-10 E	01-55 N 128-15 E	01-48 N 128-20 E

(d) Steaming as before, approaching Morotai Island. 0500 Task Unit 77.2.1 separated from Task Force (Attack Force) and proceeded to fire support area to the SE of Galela Bay, Halmahera I. 0715 With visibility excellent, sea calm, wind velocity about 3 knots from SW, commenced firing on target #15 (enemy personnel bivouac area). 0740 With results of fire on target 15 unobserved, shifted fire to Koemoe Koemoe Island. 0808 Completed bombardment - results unknown. 0909 Rejoined Task Unit 77.2.1, later being joined by Task Unit 77.2.2 (less NASHVILLE, ABNER READ, and HUSH) in formation "Victor". Patrolling area SE of Morotai Island.

(f) Ammunition expended - 332 rounds 5"/38 Cal. AA Common.

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September 16, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	02-16 N 128-59 E	02-08 N 128-59 E	01-45 N 129-43 E

(d) Steaming as before. 1803 On signal from OTC changed course to 109° T, departing covering area, enroute Woendi anchorage. Our designation now changed to Task Group 75.1 and 75.2 (formerly TF 74).

September 17, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	00-53 N 132-25 E	00-34 N 133-09 E	00-25 S 134-22 E

(d) Steaming as before. 0820 HMAS ARUNTA had sound contact bearing 215° T. On signal from OTC all ships executed emergency turn to port to clear area. U.S.S. MULLANY left formation to assist in search. 1338 ARUNTA and MULLANY rejoined formation, results of search negative.

September 18, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	01-15 S 136-25 E	01-16 S 136-25 E	Anchored Mios Woendi

(d) Steaming as before. 0808 Arrived Woendi anchorage, Padaido Islands, moored alongside U.S.S. TRINITY, fueled then anchored. 1755 Got underway. Anchored near PYRO.

September 19, 1944.

(c) Mios Woendi, Padaido Islands.

(d) At anchor. 0907 Got underway. Went alongside U.S.S. PYRO, took on ammunition, then anchored.

September 20, 1944.

(c) Mios Woendi, Padaido Islands.

(d) Anchored.

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September 21, 1944.

(b) Operating in accordance with Comdesron visual despatch 210237 of September.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Anchored	Anchored	Anchored

(d) 1320 Got underway to conduct simulated torpedo exercises in area south of Mios Woendi anchorage, returning to anchorage upon completion and mooring alongside U.S.S. AENER READ.

September 22-26, 1944.

(c) Mios Woendi, Pataido Islands.

(d) Moored as before.

September 27, 1944.

(b) Operating in accordance with CTF 75 serial 00105 of 26 September 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	01-24 S 136-36 E	00-49 S 137-22 E	00-39 S 139-29 E

(d) Moored as before. 0545 Got underway. Steaming in company with Task Group 75.1 and 75.2 enroute Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands. 1544 U.S.S. BEALE, upon orders from OTC, left formation and proceeded to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, to pick up U.S. mail for both Task Groups.

September 28, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	00-40 S 142-32 E	00-39 S 143-30 E	01-09 S 145-16 E

(d) Steaming as before.

September 29, 1944.

(c)	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	01-54 S 146-18 E	Moored Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty I.	

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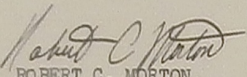
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- (d) Steaming as before. 0840 Arrived at Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands, fueled, then went alongside U.S.S. TULSA moored starboard side to U.S.S. WHITNEY (Destroyer tender) for seven day repair and upkeep period.

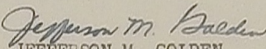
September 30, 1944.

- (c) Seeadler Harbor, Admiralty Islands.  
(d) Moored as before.

APPROVED:

  
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