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From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - February 1945.

Operating directly under Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet.
Zone +9½ (VW) time in use.

1-9 Feb. - Undergoing repairs to leaking fuel tanks at the Navy Yard,
Pearl Harbor, T.H.

10 Feb. - In accordance with orders of CTF 16 in compliance with CINCPAC
secret despatch 100340 of February, formed in TU 16.8.4 (Captain
J. B. CLELAND, Jr., U.S.N.R., COMCORTDIV 16 in ELDEN (DE264))
to escort Convoy PD-294-T to Eniwetok.

TU 16.8.4

Convoy PD-294-T

ELDEN (DE264)
DIONNE (DE261)
CABANA (DE260)
BACHE (DD470)

USAT YARMOUTH
SAMUEL CHASE (AP26)
S.S. CAPE BON
S.S. SANTA MONICA

11 Feb. - 1300VW In accordance with CTF 16 OpOrd 32-45, underway from
Pearl Harbor and sortied with convoy PD-294-T; proceeded towards
Eniwetok. ELDEN (DE264) and S.S. CAPE BON delayed in getting
underway. Assumed command of escort.

0800VW - At Pearl Harbor, T.H.
1200VW - At Pearl Harbor, T.H.
2000VW - Lat. 20-54 N; Long. 158-15 W

12 Feb. - 0100VW Changed time to zone + 10½ (WX) time. 1100WX ELDEN
(DE264) and S.S. CAPE BON joined disposition. CTU 16.8.4 in
ELDEN assumed command of escort.

0800WX - Lat. 20-40 N; Long. 160-26 W
1200WX - Lat. 20-30 N; Long. 161-09 W
2000WX - Lat. 20-17 N; Long. 162-52 W

13 Feb. - 0100WX Changed time to zone + 11(X) time. 0900X Test fired
automatic weapons, expended the following ammunition: 28
rounds 5"/38 Cal. A.A. Common, 41 rounds 40mm, 73 rounds 20mm.

0800X - Lat. 19-46 N; Long. 165-41 W
1200X - Lat. 19-41 N; Long. 166-25 W
2000X - Lat. 19-19 N; Long. 168-06 W

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14 Feb. - Expended 55 rounds 40mm ammunition during test firing.

0800X - Lat. 18-43 N; Long. 170-45 W
1200X - Lat. 18-34 N; Long. 171-36 W
2000X - Lat. 18-18 N; Long. 173-15 W

15 Feb. - 0100X Changed time to zone + 11½ (XY) time.

0800XY - Lat. 17-44 N; Long. 176-19 W
1200XY - Lat. 17-33 N; Long. 177-08 W
2000XY - Lat. 17-09 N; Long. 178-54 W

16 & 17 Feb. - 0100XY Changed time to zone -12½ (MY) time. Changed date to 17 February 1945. 0730MY ROI (CVE103) overtook formation heading west. 1700MY ROI (CVE103) closed formation to receive ship's surgeon from SAMUEL CHASE (AP26). ROI (CVE103) remained astern of formation for the night.

0800MY - Lat. 16-27 N; Long. 178-27 E
1200MY - Lat. 16-13 N; Long. 177-35 E
2000MY - Lat. 15-53 N; Long. 175-40 E

18 Feb. - 0900MY ROI (CVE103) transferred surgeon to SAMUEL CHASE (AP26) and proceeded independently.

0800MY - Lat. 15-05 N; Long. 173-13 E
1200MY - Lat. 14-46 N; Long. 172-20 E
2000MY - Lat. 14-17 N; Long. 170-34 E

19 Feb. - 0100MY Changed time to zone -11½ (LM) time.

0800LM - Lat. 13-33 N; Long. 167-45 E
1200LM - Lat. 13-17 N; Long. 166-56 E
2000LM - Lat. 12-43 N; Long. 165-10 E

20 Feb. - 0845LM Sighted Eniwetok by radar. 0957LM Entered Eniwetok harbor. Reported to CTG 51.7 for duty in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 100340 of February. Now attached to the FIFTH Fleet (Admiral R. A. SPRUANCE, USN, in INDIANAPOLIS (CA35). Fueled from GEMSBOK (IX-117) and anchored in berth K6, Eniwetok harbor. 1130LM Changed time to zone -12 (M) time.

0800LM - Lat. 11-35 N; Long. 162-38 E
1200M - At Eniwetok
2000M - At Eniwetok

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21 Feb. - Attached to Task Group 51.7, Garrison Group 1 (Captain A. O. LUSTIE, USN, in SEA STURGEON).

SEA STURGEON	SILVER LEAF (AN68)
CAPE FEAR	ELDEN (DE264)
CHINA VICTORY	DIONNE (DE261)
BRITAIN VICTORY	CABANA (DE260)
ZEBRA (AKN5)	BACHE (DD470)
CANOTIA (AN67)	

0630M Underway for IWO JIMA in accordance with CTG 51.7 Movement Order 1-45 of 17 February 1945. 0930M Conducted AA Gunnery Exercises with towed sleeve. Expended the following ammunition: 69 rounds 5"/38 Cal. AA Common; 1491 rounds 40mm; 1693 rounds 20mm.

0800M - Lat. 11-29 N; Long. 162-29 E
1200M - Lat. 11-55 N; Long. 162-18 E
2000M - Lat. 12-47 N; Long. 161-13 E

22 Feb. - 0200M Changed time to zone -11 (L) time. 1525L Task Group 51.7 altered course to westward in accordance with CTF 51 220040 dispatch of February 1945, diverting Garrison Group I from IWO JIMA to SAIPAN.

0800L - Lat. 14-06 N; Long. 159-25 E
1200L - Lat. 14-25 N; Long. 158-50 E
2000L - Lat. 14-45 N; Long. 157-23 E

23 Feb. - Underway as before.

0800L - Lat. 14-54 N; Long. 155-07 E
1200L - Lat. 14-56 N; Long. 154-27 E
2000L - Lat. 14-58 N; Long. 153-02 E

24 Feb. - 0200L Changed time to zone -10 (K) time.

0800K - Lat. 14-58 N; Long. 150-47 E
1200K - Lat. 14-55N; Long. 150-08 E
2000K - Lat. 14-53 N; Long. 148-46 E

25 Feb. - 0014K Upon orders from CTG 51.7 and in compliance with COM-FWDAREA secret dispatch 241431 of February 1945, detached from Task Group 51.7 and proceeded to IWO JIMA escorting ZEBRA (AKN5), SILVER LEAF (AN68), and CANOTIA (AN67). Formed in Task Unit 51.7.3 (Lieutenant Commander ALAN R. McFARLAND, USN, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)).

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25 Feb. - (Cont'd)

0800K - Lat. 15-56 N; Long. 147-43 E
1200K - Lat. 16-33 N; Long. 147-39 E
2000K - Lat. 17-44 N; Long. 147-33 E

26 Feb. - Underway as before.

0800K - Lat. 19-26 N; Long. 147-01 E
1200K - Lat. 20-05 N; Long. 146-58 E
2000K - Lat. 21-14 N; Long. 146-46 E

27 Feb. - 1031K Prepared to repel possible air attack, unidentified aircraft in the area. Unidentified aircraft sighted and identified as friendly. 1414K Prepared to repel possible air attack, unidentified aircraft in the area. Aircraft closed to 11 miles; then took opening course and at 26 miles friendly indications were detected by radar.

0800K - Lat. 22-35 N; Long. 145-33 E
1200K - Lat. 22-48 N; Long. 145-00 E
2000K - Lat. 23-27 N; Long. 143-45 E

28 Feb. - 1000K Sighted **IWO JIMA** by radar. 1130K Reported for duty to CTF 51. TU 51.7.3 dissolved. BACHE directed by CTF 51 (Vice Admiral R. K. TURNER, USN, Commander Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet in ELDORADO (AGC11)) to report for duty to CTG 51.2, Transport Screen (Captain F. MOOSBRUGGER, USN, COMDESRON 63 in BISCAYNE (AVF11)). 1145K Closed ELDORADO to receive urgently needed magnet clutch for ECM. 1630K Repairs to ECM completed, assigned to screening station C-16 northwest of IWO JIMA. 1700K Relieved HALL (DD583) on screening station C-16. Operating in accordance with screening instructions of COMPHIBSPAC OpPlan A25-44.

0800K - Lat. 24-35 N; Long. 142-12 E
1200K - Lat. 24-43 N; Long. 141-32 E
2000K - Lat. 24-53 N; Long. 141-15 E


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