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U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

REG. NO 912  
REG. SHEET NO 72

c/o Fleet Post Office,  
New York, New York,  
1 August 1945.

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

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Attached to Pacific Fleet proceeding independently by orders of Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, to Navy Yard, New York, for permanent repairs.

1 July 1945.

Proceeding San Diego to New York, via Panama Canal in accordance with San Diego Routing Officer orders O-3741 of 27 June 1945. 1400 S Encountered winds and high seas of hurricane intensities from the SE. Rough weather was preceded by a sudden and rapid fall of the barometer. Slight damage to the superstructure was sustained from heavy seas in general vicinity of fore-castle and weather bulwark port side. By 2400 S winds had diminished to 20 knots and seas moderated. Believe storm to have been an unseasonal "Tehuantepecer".

0800 S - Lat. 18-05 N; Long. 106-05 W  
1200 S - Lat. 17-27 N; Long. 105-15 W  
2000 S - Lat. 16-15 N; Long. 103-36 W

2 July 1945.

0804 S Sighted Ludlow (DD438) to the SE, distant 21000 yards proceeding north. 0810 S Sighted Edison (DD439) to the East, 23,000 yards, proceeding north.

0800 S - Lat. 15-27 N; Long. 101-28 W  
1200 S - Lat. 14-50 N; Long. 100-33 W  
2000 S - Lat. 13-58 N; Long. 098-50 W

3 July 1945.

Underway as before.

0800 S - Lat. 12-36 N; Long. 095-40 W  
1200 S - Lat. 12-01 N; Long. 094-37 W  
2000 S - Lat. 11-12 N; Long. 092-36 W

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4 July 1945.

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0800 S - Lat. 09-40 N; Long. 089-17 W  
1200 S - Lat. 09-06 N; Long. 088-06 W  
2000 S - Lat. 07-56 N; Long. 088-55 W

5 July 1945.

0100 S Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to zone + 5 (R) time.  
1013 R Raised Isla Montuasa on surface radar bearing 034° T, 32 miles.

0800 R - Lat. 07-02 N; Long. 083-06 W  
1200 R - Lat. 07-02 N; Long. 082-08 W  
2000 R - Lat. 07-03 N; Long. 080-14 W

6 July 1945.

0314 R Sighted Isla Bona light; made approach into Panama Bay.  
0705 R Anchored in Anchorage Basin, Balboa, C.Z., preparatory to transiting Panama Canal. 0839 R Underway proceeding through Panama Canal.  
1744 R Passed through Gatun Locks and anchored in Cristobal, C.Z. Anchorage after which fueling was completed at Cristobal Naval Facilities. Reported for duty to Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet. Detached from Pacific Fleet.

0800 R Anchored Balboa, C.Z.  
1200 R In Panama Canal.  
2000 R Anchored Cristobal, C.Z.

7 July 1945.

0900 R Underway proceeding toward New York as routed by ComPanSeaFron secret dispatch 070020 of July 1945.

0800 R At Cristobal, C.Z.  
1200 R - Lat. 10-03 N; Long. 79-38 W  
2000 R - Lat. 11-43 N; Long. 78-32 W

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8 July 1945.

0100 R Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to zone + 4 (Q) time.

0800 Q - Lat. 14-20 N; Long. 77-08 W  
1200 Q - Lat. 15-15 N; Long. 76-36 W  
2000 Q - Lat. 17-06 N; Long. 75-32 W

9 July 1945.

0054 Q Entered Windward Passage. 1832 Q Entered Mayauama Passage.

0800 Q - Lat. 20-00 N; Long. 73-49 W  
1200 Q - Lat. 26-44 N; Long. 73-04 W  
2000 Q - Lat. 23-00 N; Long. 73-16 W

10 July 1945.

Underway as before.

0800 Q - Lat. 25-46 N; Long. 73-10 W  
1200 Q - Lat. 26-44 N; Long. 73-04 W  
2000 Q - Lat. 28-48 N; Long. 72-52 W

11 July 1945.

Underway as before.

0800 Q - Lat. 31-18 N; Long. 72-17 W  
1200 Q - Lat. 32-17 N; Long. 72-08 W  
2000 Q - Lat. 34-17 N; Long. 72-06 W

12 July 1945.

Underway as before.

0800 Q - Lat. 36-54 N; Long. 72-16 W  
1200 Q - Lat. 37-43 N; Long. 72-27 W  
2000 Q - Lat. 39-32 N; Long. 72-34 W

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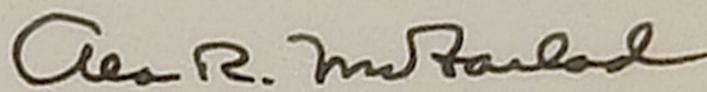
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13 July 1945.

0226 Q Raised first lighted channel buoy off New York. 0450 Q Entered Ambrose Channel, Lower New York Harbor, and proceeded to Leonardo Pier, Sandy Hook, where all ammunition was removed. Subsequently proceeded to Navy Yard, New York, and moored at 1351 Q, where permanent repairs are to be accomplished. Approximate length of Navy Yard availability - 65 days. Reported for duty to Commander Destroyers, Atlantic Fleet.

14-31 July 1945.

At Navy Yard, New York.

  
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