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U.S.S. BACHE (DD470)

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 1 July 1945.

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

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Attached to THIRD FLEET, operating under CTF 31 (Vice Admiral H. W. HILL, USN) in ANCON (AGC 4). Assigned to Task Unit 31.29.18, Commander J. R. CAIN, Jr., USNR, (ComTransDiv 106) in REGISTER (AFD 92), escort for convoy OKS #5. Zone (-10) K time in use.

1 June - En route OKINAWA to SAIPAN. Operating in accordance with CTU 31.29.18 cruising and screening instructions dated 26 May 1945.

Composition of disposition:

Convoy OKS #5

Captain F.C. HUNTOON, USNR,  
 Convoy Commodore, in CASTOR  
 (AK51) plus seventeen other  
 U.S. Navy and Merchant ships.

TU 31.29.18 Escorts

REGISTER (AFD 92)  
 SIMS (AFD 50)  
 BARR (AFD 39)  
 PURSUIT (AM 108)  
 J. C. BUTLER (DE 339)  
 BACHE (DD 470)

0800K - Lat. 16-53 N; Long. 142-15 E.  
 1200K - Lat. 16-44 N; Long. 142-40 E.  
 2000K - Lat. 16-07 N; Long. 143-48 E.

2 June - 0813K Arrived off SAIPAN Harbor. Following entry of Convoy OKS #5, anchored in berth M27 in outer anchorage. Task Unit 31.29.18 dissolved. 1802K Underway, singly, proceeding toward GUAM pursuant to Port Director GUAM routing order dated 2 June 1945, as directed in CTF 31 secret dispatch 291600 of May.

0800K - Lat. 15-15 N; Long. 145-27 E.  
 1200K - At SAIPAN, Marianas.  
 2000K - Lat. 14-57 N; Long. 145-21 E.

3-8 June - 0625K Entered Apra Harbor, GUAM, and after fueling from MANILENO (IX 141), moored in berth #3 where voyage repairs and transfer of five inch gun and mount to STANLEY (DD478) were accomplished. (Reference: CINCPAC secret dispatch 311154 of May.) 8 June received CINCPAC secret dispatch 080745 of June detaching this vessel from the THIRD FLEET

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and authorizing departure GUAM for PEARL HARBOR about June 9, 1945, as routed by Port Director GUAM. At PEARL HARBOR to report to COMDESPAC for repairs at a Navy Yard designated by COMSERVPAC.

9 June - 0717K Underway and proceeding singly to PEARL HARBOR in accordance with Port Director GUAM routing order dated 8 June 1945.

0800K - Lat. 13-23 N; Long. 144-35 E.  
1200K - Lat. 13-06 N; Long. 145-20 E.  
2000K - Lat. 12-54 N; Long. 147-16 E.

10 June - Underway as before.

0800K - Lat. 12-33 N; Long. 150-13 E.  
1200K - Lat. 12-22 N; Long. 151-13 E.  
2000K - Lat. 12-07 N; Long. 153-17 E.

11 June - 0100K Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (-10½) KL time.

0800KL - Lat. 11-45 N; Long. 156-31 E.  
1200KL - Lat. 11-39 N; Long. 157-36 E.  
2000KL - Lat. 11-22 N; Long. 159-52 E.

12 June - 0100KL Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (-11) L time. 0326L Raised IGURIN ISLAND, ENIWETOK atoll, on surface radar bearing 065° T, distant 30 miles. 0440L Altered course to NE preparatory to entering ENIWETOK Harbor for fuel. 0645L Entered ENIWETOK Harbor and fueled from MEREDOSIA (IX 193). 0900L Fueling completed, departed ENIWETOK Harbor and proceeded toward PEARL HARBOR. 2003L Raised NAMU Island, BIKINI atoll, on surface radar bearing 142° T, distant 17 miles.

0800L - At ENIWETOK, Marshall Islands.  
1200L - Lat. 11-32 N; Long. 163-10 E.  
2000L - Lat. 11-50 N; Long. 165-02 E.

13 June - 0100L Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (-11½) LM time.

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0800LM - Lat. 12-54 N; Long. 168-52 E.

1200LM - Lat. 13-14 N; Long. 169-04 E.

2000LM - Lat. 13-49 N; Long. 171-08 E.

14 June - 0100LM Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (-12) M time.

0800M - Lat. 14-42 N; Long. 174-05 E.

1200M - Lat. 14-50 N; Long. 175-02 E.

2000M - Lat. 15-19 N; Long. 177-04 E.

15-14 June - 0000M Set ship's clocks back 23½ hours to zone (+11½) XY time, 14 June 1945.

0800XY - Lat. 16-07 N; Long. 179-58 W.

1200XY - Lat. 16-22 N; Long. 178-51 W.

2000XY - Lat. 16-51 N; Long. 176-53 W.

15 June - 0100XY Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+11) X time. 1242X Made depth charge attack on sonar contact and expended 5 Mk. 9 Mod. 3 and 5 Mk. 9 depth charges. Following depth charge attack, sonar target came to the surface and was identified as a whale.

0800X - Lat. 17-24 N; Long. 173-56 W.

1200X - Lat. 17-38 N; Long. 172-52 W.

2000X - Lat. 18-06 N; Long. 170-45 W.

16 June - 0100X Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+10½) WX time.

0800WX - Lat. 18-35 N; Long. 167-45 W.

1200WX - Lat. 18-44 N; Long. 166-45 W.

2000WX - Lat. 19-05 N; Long. 166-46 W.

17 June - 0100WX Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+10) W time.

0800W - Lat. 19-31 N; Long. 162-01 W.

1200W - Lat. 19-33 N; Long. 161-01 W.

2000W - Lat. 19-49 N; Long. 158-57 W.

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18-20 June - 0100W Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+9½) VW time. 0311W Raised OHAU Island on surface radar bearing 011° T, 45 miles. 0812W Following sortie of SARATOGA (CV3) from PEARL HARBOR, entered harbor and moored alongside LOESER (DE680) in berth D3. Reported to COMDESPAC and received orders via that authority from CINCPAC to proceed on 21 June 1945, via SAN DIEGO and PANAMA CANAL to NEW YORK Navy Yard, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK for permanent repairs. Until departure PEARL HARBOR, voyage repairs accomplished alongside tender BLACKHAWK (AD9). Fueled and provisioned ship.

21 June - 0705W Underway proceeding toward SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, in accordance with COMHAWSEAFRON order 0854, dated 20 June 1945.

0800W - Lat. 21-17 N; Long. 157-57 W.  
1200W - Lat. 21-45 N; Long. 157-00 W.  
2000W - Lat. 22-33 N; Long. 154-51 W.

22 June - Underway as before.

0800W - Lat. 23-57 N; Long. 151-31 W.  
1200W - Lat. 24-25 N; Long. 150-22 W.  
2000W - Lat. 25-18 N; Long. 148-02 W.

23 June - 0100 Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+9) V time.

0800V - Lat. 26-36 N; Long. 144-35 W.  
1200V - Lat. 26-57 N; Long. 143-25 W.  
2000V - Lat. 27-46 N; Long. 141-00 W.

24 June - 0100V Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to (+8½) UV time.

0800UV - Lat. 28-52 N; Long. 137-30 W.  
1200UV - Lat. 29-13 N; Long. 136-15 W.  
2000UV - Lat. 29-54 N; Long. 134-02 W.

25 June - 0100UV Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+8) U time.

0800U - Lat. 30-39 N; Long. 130-45 W.  
1200U - Lat. 30-56 N; Long. 128-58 W.  
2000U - Lat. 31-26 N; Long. 126-57 W.

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26 June - 0100U Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+7½) TU time.

0800TU - Lat. 32-19 N; Long. 123-35 W.

1200TU - Lat. 32-18 N; Long. 122-24 W.

2000TU - Lat. 32-18 N; Long. 120-01 W.

27 June - 0044TU Raised SAN CLEMENTE Island on surface radar bearing 000° T, 45 miles. 0100TU Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to zone (+7) T time. 0414T Sighted Pt. LOMA light bearing 046° T. 0609T Entered SAN DIEGO Harbor and moored in berth #34, pier 3, Naval Repair Base. Reported to COMWESTSEAFRON for onward routing to BALBOA, C.Z. Fueled and provisioned ship.

At SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

28 June - 0810T Underway proceeding toward BALBOA, C.Z., in accordance with SAN DIEGO ROUTING OFFICER routing order O-3741 of 27 June 1945.

0800T At SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

1200T - Lat. 32-10 N; Long. 117-47 W.

2000T - Lat. 30-11 N; Long. 117-10 W.

29 June - Underway as before.

0800T - Lat. 26-59 N; Long. 116-53 W.

1200T - Lat. 25-32 N; Long. 115-47 W.

2000T - Lat. 24-02 N; Long. 114-27 W.

30 June - 0100 Set ship's clocks ahead one hour (+6) S time.

0800S - Lat. 22-02 N; Long. 111-43 W.

1200S - Lat. 21-19 N; Long. 110-39 W.

2000S - Lat. 20-01 N; Long. 108-45 W.

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