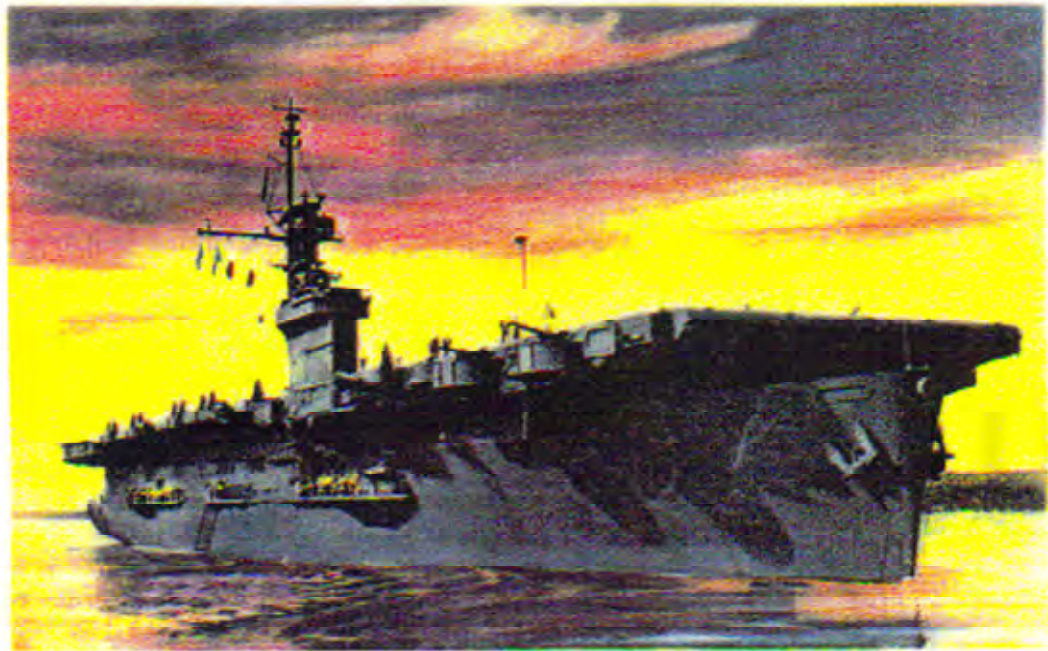


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USS HOGGATT BAY CVE-75



U. S. S. HOGGATT BAY (ICE 75)

"There are lies, there are damn lies, and there are STATISTICS"

The ship:

Length over all 512' 3"

Length at water line 490'

Height—keel to highest mast 125'

Height—flight deck above water line 42'

Width of flight deck 80'

Maximum width beam (catwalk) 108' 1"

Displacement: Light 6,854 tons

Loaded 11,760 tons

Rated Horsepower 9000

We have:

Fuel oil capacity 650,000 gal.

Daily distilling capacity, fresh water 40,000 gal.

Gasoline capacity 153,000 gal.

We can carry:

Dry provisions for 137 days

Frozen provisions for 72 days

Chilled provisions for 60 days

From Commissioning (January 11, 1944) until February 9, 1946,
we expended:

1,382 rounds of 5" ammunition

89,246 rounds of 40 mm ammunition

312,762 rounds of 20mm ammunition in practice and combat.

We made a total of 4,083 catapult launchings.

Off Okinawa alone, in 54 days we made 1,547 landings.

Off Lingayen and Leyte, together:

We made 2,153 combat flights; 463 were acting sorties, dropping 185 tons of bombs and firing 1,181 rockets.

Total hours under way 10,235.6

Total hours not under way 7,757.4

Engine miles steamed 189,271

Screw revolutions 79,984,329

Fuel consumed 11,139,400 gal.

Fuel transferred to other ships 1,678,181 gal.

Lube oil consumed 15,342 gal.

Water consumed—ship's force 16,410,460 gal.

Engineering plant 3,578,165 gal.

Paymaster has paid \$1,623,405.20 to ship's company

Supplied 7 tons of food, clothing, newspapers, magazines to prison of war camps in northern Houshu and Hokkaido, Japan.

60,000 pounds of wiping rags used

50,000 pounds of powder expended

37,000 rolls of toilet paper have been used

1,750,000 sheets of mimeograph paper used

A LITTLE PRAISE

U. S. S. HOGGATT BAY (CVE 75)

22 May to 19 June, 1944

The below paraphrased messages were received specifically addressed to the U.S.S. HOGGATT BAY, ASW Group, CTG in HOGGATT BAY

From: Com3rdFlt: NEWS OF ANOTHER NIP ON THE BOTTOM X KEEP SLUGGIN'

From: Com3rdFlt: YOUR MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE IS A MATTER OF GREAT PRIDE TO THE WHOLE SOUTH PACIFIC TEAM X WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HANDS X HALSEY

From: ComSoPac: CHEERS AGAIN TO THE GRAND SOUTH PACIFIC AIR-SURFACE TEAM FOR CONTINUED MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE X WELL DONE TO ALL HANDS X HALSEY

From: ComSoPac: I WISH TO CONGRATULATE ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR UNIT ON THE MASTERFUL WAY IN WHICH YOU HANDLED THE TASK ASSIGNED X I CONSIDER THE RESULTS OBTAINED TO BE ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY A TASK GROUP IN THE PACIFIC X BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS X NEWTON

From: ComFwdAreas: WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED

5 July to 10 Dec. 1944

From: Com5thFlt: FINE WORK X

From: CTF 32: CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR REPORTED KILL X KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK X

From: Com3rdFlt: HOGGATT BAY IS NO SNUG HARBOR FOR NIP SUBMARINES X WELL DONE TO YOU AND ALL YOUR BOYS FOR PUTTING ANOTHER ONE ON THE BOTTOM X HALSEY

From: Com3rdFlt: WELL DONE TO THE VETERAN OF ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE IN THE PACIFIC X HALSEY

From: Com3rdFlt: FOR SKILL AND GUTS THE SAFE RETIREMENT OF THE DAMAGED CRIPPLES FROM THE SHADOW OF FORMOSA COAST UNDER HEAVY ATTACK WILL BECOME A NAVY TRADITION X TO ALL HANDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE JOB LET ME SAY WELL DONE X HALSEY

From: CTG 30.3: YOUR EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN THE PROTECTION OF SLOW-MOVING TOWING GROUP DURING SALVAGE OPERATIONS WAS OUTSTANDING AND VITAL AND PREVENTED AT LEAST ONE POSSIBLE ATTACK X CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

From: CinCPac: THE EXCELLENT RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE HOGGATT BAY AIR-SURFACE ASW TASK GROUP DURING THE PAST 5 MONTHS ARE NOTED WITH EXTREME SATISFACTION

From: CinCPac: CINCPAC NOTES WITH EXTREME GRATIFICATION THE EXCELLENT RESULTS OBTAINED BY THIS TASK GROUP COMPOSED OF THE USS HOGGATT BAY (CVE 75) AND THE DESTROYERS AND DESTROYER ESCORTS WHICH TURNED IN SUCH A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE.

From Com Air Forces Pacific (ComAirPac) to all carrier divisions. IT IS WITH A FEELING OF PRIDE AND HUMILITY THAT I SAY TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF AIR FORCE PACIFIC FLEET WELL DONE X FROM THE GRIM EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR TO THE

GLORIOUS DAY OF VICTORY OVER THE LAST OF THE AGGRESSORS NAVAL AVIATION HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT X THE NOBLE PART YOU AND YOUR COMRADES WHOSE LIVES WERE BRAVELY SACRIFICED HAVE PLAYED IN THE REDUCTION OF JAPANESE MILITARY MIGHT IS KNOWN TO AND WILL BE REMEMBERED BY ALL THE WORLD X YOU HAVE EARNED THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND THE ENDURING GRATITUDE OF YOUR COUNTRYMEN X X X

Dispatch: From Commander Task Unit 32.1.1 June 1945

THE OKINAWA CAMPAIGN IS OVER FOR THIS TASK UNIT AND WE ARE HEADED FOR LEYTE X THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CARRIER AIRGROUPS CRUISER AND SCREEN SHOULD BE A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR ALL CONCERNED X FROM THE OTC TO ALL HANDS A VERY WELL DONE X X X

From Adm. Martin, ComCarDiv 23 to Hoggatt Bay, Matanikau X
DUTY COMPLETED X REQUIRE NO MORE AIR SUPPORT OR AIR SERVICES IN PRESENT OPERATION X YOUR AIR SUPPORT DUTIES SMARTLY EXECUTED X ADD MY WELL DONE MARTIN

Dispatch: From Fleet Admiral Nimitz to Pacific Fleet: Aug.'45

WITH PRIDE AND SATISFACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FORCES OF MY COMMAND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM KING GEORGE THE 6th IS REPEATED TO YOU X AS ALWAYS THE

BRITISH FORCES SERVING IN THE PACFLT HAVE DISPLAYED THE SKILL COURAGE AND CAPACITY THAT CHARACTERIZES THE BRITISH NAVY "I DESIRE TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION FOR THE DETERMINED RESOLUTION AND SUPREME SKILL WITH WHICH OUR CAMPAIGN HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AND MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETE SUCCESSES WHICH HAVE CROWNED YOUR EFFORTS X IT IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO ME THAT MY FLEETS ARE UNDER YOUR COMMAND AND INSPIRED LEADERSHIP PLAYING THEIR PART IN OPERATIONS WHICH WILL EVER BE ACCLAIMED BY HISTORY AND ON BEHALF OF ALL MY PEOPLES I ASK YOU TO CONVEY TO THEM MY HEARTFELT THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS X X X

Dispatch: From ComNorPac to all ships CTF 31

ALL OF US HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU AND HOPE TO DO SO AGAIN X BEST TESTIMONIAL TO YOUR WORK ARE STATEMENTS BY POW X YOU HAVE GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE ASK FOR AND MORE BESIDES X WE ASSURE YOU THAT THE DOUGHBOYS HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR HELP X OUR ENTIRE GANG EXTENDS TO YOU OUR THANKS X X X



- DON'T BE A WORRYBIRD!
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U.S.S. HOGGATT BAY CVE 75

V-J DAY ON THE HOGGATT BAY

PRAYER OF THANKS

O Almighty God, our Father and Protector, in the midst of our rejoicing and merriment we turn to Thee. With humble hearts we acknowledge that success could not have been ours without Thee, and with grateful hearts we thank Thee for this day. We have pleaded and begged for peace, and lives have been spared. We thank Thee in the name of our brothers in arms, who have fought and died—giving their lives that our nation might live.

And now, O God, we ask a continuance of Thy guidance, that the peace we have won today shall not vanish tomorrow. Instill into the hearts of all men, particularly the leaders of nations, principles of justice and charity, upon which alone, true and lasting peace can be founded. Continue, we beseech Thee, to shower Thy blessings upon our great nation. With one voice we beseech Thee. God Bless America!



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