



U. S. S. MAKASSAR STRAIT CVE-91
PIER 1, NORTH ISLAND, SAN DIEGO, CAL.

OCTOBER 6, 1945
CAPTAIN JOHN O. LAMBRECHT, COMMANDING





HISTORY OF

Makassar does 'magic carpet' duty transporting troops across Pacific

Makassar Strait (CVE-91) was laid down by Kaiser Co., Inc., Vancouver, Washington, and commissioned at Astoria, Oregon, 27 April 1944, Capt. Warren T. Berner in command.

After shakedown along the west coast, Makassar Strait departed San Diego 6 June and steamed via Pearl Harbor to the Marshalls carrying replacement aircraft and passengers; thence, she transported military casualties to Pearl Harbor and the west coast where she arrived San Diego 10 July. During much of the next two months she trained carrier pilots off southern California.

Between 25 September and 15 October she ferried 129 planes to Hawaii and to Manus, Admiralties. After returning to Pearl Harbor 26 October with 70 damaged Wildcats on board, she resumed pilot training operations out of Pearl Harbor.

During the next three months Makassar Strait rendered valuable service in the training of naval and marine aviators. Pilots from a dozen air groups and squadrons made more than 6,700 landings as she participated in combat air patrol and hunter-killer training exercises and night carrier operations, as well as defensive training against simulated bomb and torpedo attacks.

With Composite Squadron 97 embarked, Makassar Strait departed Pearl Harbor 29 January 1945 and steamed

via Eniwetok for combat duty in the western Pacific. Assigned to TG 50.8, between 9 February and 8 April she protected logistics ships operating in support of the Fast Carrier Task Force during devastating airstrikes against enemy targets from the Bonins (Iwo Jima) to the Ryukyus (Okinawa).

Assigned to a support carrier group 8 April, Makassar Strait began air operations in the intense fighting on Okinawa. During the next four weeks she launched scores of sorties against targets in the Ryukyus. Her planes provided close air support for American ground troops and struck with effective and devastating force against enemy gun emplacements, ground installations, as determined Americans drove to capture Okinawa, the enemy's last bastion of his crumbling empire. In addition, the escort carrier's planes splashed four enemy aircraft.

Makassar Strait transferred her air squadron to Shipley Bay (CVE-85) at Kerama Retto 7 May and departed later that day for Guam where she arrived the 11th. She now operated in the Marianas between Guam and Saipan providing refresher training for carrier pilots, until departing for Hawaii 19 July.

Steaming via Kwajalein where she loaded 50 planes, she reached Pearl Harbor 29 July. There she embarked 387

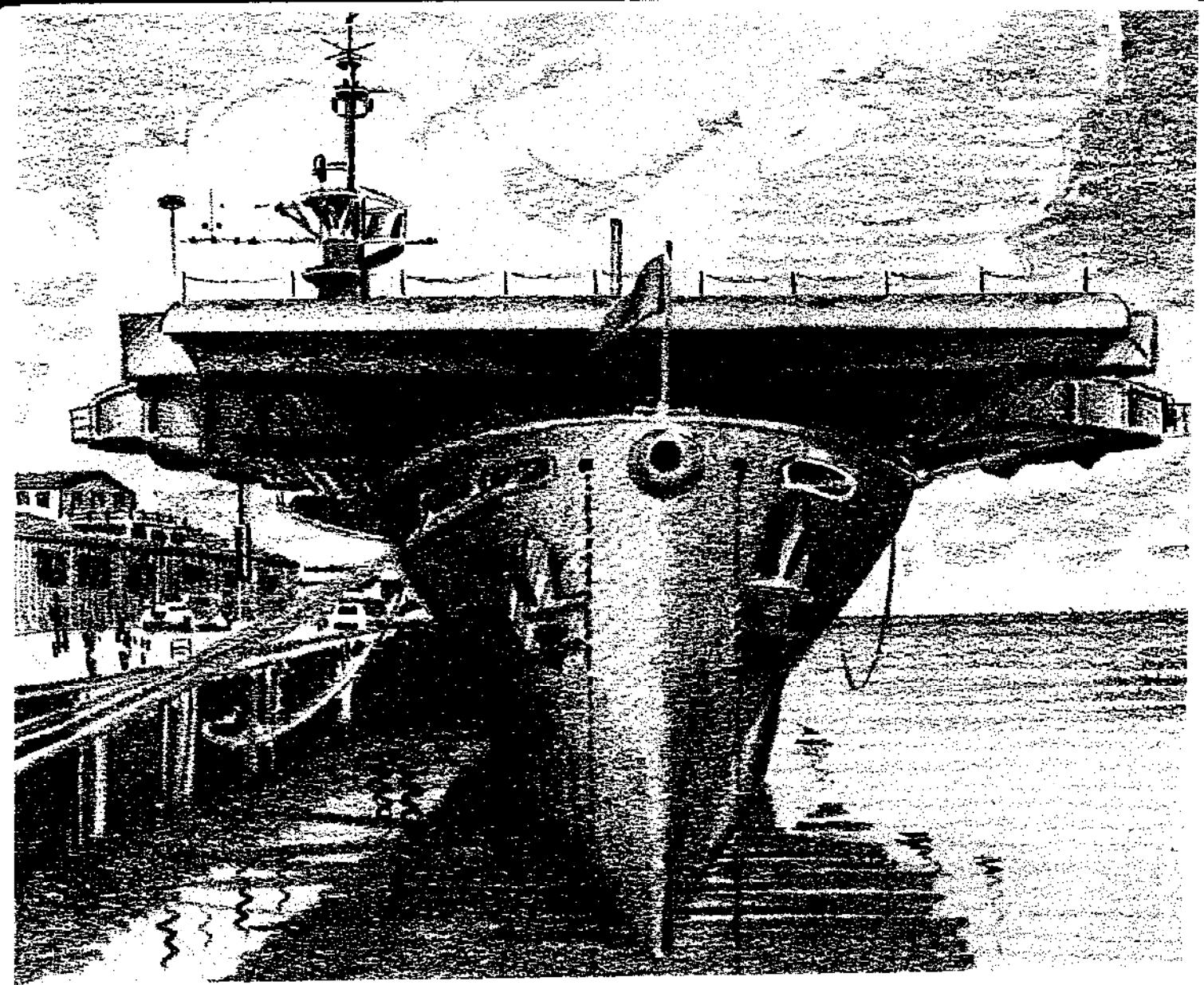
military passengers and sailed 14 August for the United States.

Arriving San Diego 21 August, Makassar Strait had steamed more than 91,000 miles in support of the Allied victory in the Pacific. She continued to train carrier pilots during the next two months; by the end of October the total number of landings on her flight deck since her commissioning had surpassed 15,500.

Makassar Strait departed San Diego 4 November for "Magic Carpet" duty. Steaming via Pearl Harbor, she transported replacement troops to the Marshalls; and after embarking 1,092 veterans at Kwajalein, returned to San Diego 29 November. Between 4 December and 3 January 1946, she made a similar cruise to Guam and back, transporting 1,123 officers and men to the United States.

Departing San Diego 5 January, Makassar Strait steamed via San Francisco to Tacoma, Washington, where she arrived 12 January. Assigned to the 19th Fleet, she underwent deactivation and decommissioned 9 August 1946. She entered the Pacific Reserve Fleet at Tacoma. On 22 August 1958 the Secretary of the Wave authorized her to be used as target to destruction. Her name was struck from the Navy list 1 September 1958.

Makassar Strait received two battle stars for World War II service.

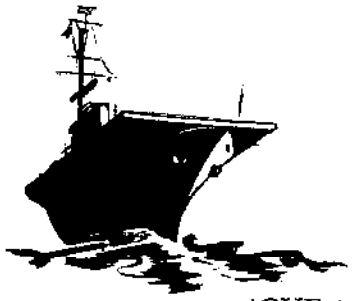


Commissioning

ON JUNE 18, 1942, the Maritime Commission was authorized to build the thirty-seventh escort carrier of the Casablanca class. The keel was laid on December 29, 1942. The ship was launched on March 22, 1943, at the Henry J. Kaiser Company Shipyard, Astoria, Oregon. She was christened the "U. S. S. Makassar Strait," CVE-91, by Mrs. Truman J. Hedding, wife of Captain Truman J. Hedding. The ship was placed in commission on April 27, 1944, in the traditional commissioning ceremony, thus joining the fleet of fighting ships in the United States Navy.

The ceremony was opened with a prayer by Chaplain Lloyd Jack Gray. Captain J. D. Berner, Commanding Officer of the Naval Station, Astoria, then read the orders to commission the U. S. S. Makassar Strait, and ordered the ship to be placed in commission. Captain Warren K. Berner, after reading his orders, took command as the ship's first Commanding Officer. His first official act was to order the Executive Officer, Commander William C. Jonson, Jr., to set the first watch.

The Mak was in the Navy.



ON APRIL 27, 1944, the escort carrier Makassar Strait (CVE 91), joined the United States fleet. The Navy had only recently started on the long road of island-hopping to Tokyo.

ON JANUARY 14, 1946, the same carrier sailed her "last mile" to a Tacoma pier, to be placed "in commission in reserve." The war had ended five months before; most of America's fighting men had been returned to their homeland. The "Mighty Mak" had completed her mission in World War II. The job was done—well done.

IN the twenty-and-a-half months between those two dates, the baby flattop had been called upon to serve in a great variety of assignments. She had fought in direct support of landings and invasions; given aerial protection to the vital life-lines of supply to a fleet operating far from land bases; ferried many loads of planes to vital outposts; given training to hundreds of pilots enroute to front-line carrier duty; served as an experimental station afloat; and, when the fighting was over, scurried back and forth between Pacific islands and the West Coast bringing veterans home on the "magic carpet."

DURING THIS period, the Mak churned up a wake through more than 115,000 miles of Pacific ocean—about half way to the moon. Over fifteen thousand times Navy pilots had brought their Avengers, Wildcats, and Corsairs down on her sturdy flight deck.

THIS WAS the record of the 10,000-ton box-shaped floating airfield . . . This is the story of the "Mighty Mak."



LOG



MARCH, 1944

Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington . . . pre-commissioning school . . . damaged ships tied up at docks . . . uniformed old hands, young, excited, scared, cocky faces . . . "boot-camp blues" . . . eager ensigns on first assignments . . . baby flattop talk . . . MAKASSAR STRAIT (CVE 91) being born . . . barracks office . . . muster on hilly driveways . . . watch, quarter and station bill . . . drills in yard . . . inspections . . . watches . . . firefighting, gunnery, signal, cooking schools . . . swimming tests . . . liberty trips on ferry . . . "what'll the ship be like?"

APRIL, 1944

Navy Receiving Station, Tacoma, Washington . . . couple weeks' stopover . . . final arrangements, preparations for embarking . . . so long—for awhile . . . train to Tongue Point, Oregon . . . Astoria, the ship around bend on banks of Columbia River . . . new air station . . . early-reporting officers . . . ship at dock . . . pre-commissioning officers' party . . . commissioning ceremony . . . first watch set . . . now it begins.

MAY, 1944

Getting salty at the dock . . . "what call is that?" . . . "where's the toi—head?" . . . "he went down the stailadder" . . . "these wal—bulkheads are pretty thin" . . . drills . . . loading supplies . . . wardroom conferences . . . mail censorship . . . quarters for muster . . . liberty in one-horse town . . . Amato's . . . Club 13 . . . Seaside . . . Jack Benny show . . . fish-smell . . . rain . . . anchors aweigh . . . life-jackets . . . Columbia River . . . Pier 91, Seattle . . . deperming . . . measured mile . . . west coast . . . "bucket brigade" . . . "keep your chin up, sailor—you're drooling" . . . "give me a sack and let me die" . . . blimp lands aboard . . . North Island, San Diego.

JUNE, 1944

Shakedown . . . simulated dive, torpedo bombing attacks . . . Allies begin invasion of Europe, we begin invasion of Pearl Harbor . . . passengers . . . "all hands conserve fresh water" . . . zigzagging . . . calm seas . . . warm, clear days . . . flying fish . . . mail buoy lookouts . . . Ford Island, or is it North Island? . . . Aloha from white-dressed band . . . sunken hulks in humming harbor . . . swimming pool at dock . . . terraced hills . . . Hawaiian currency . . . Honolulu melting pot . . . bus tours . . . disappointing Waikiki . . . hulu dancers . . . first convoy . . . morning, evening GQs . . . crossed 180th meridian . . . time changes . . . Majuro in Marshalls . . . first atoll . . . swimming parties, featuring beer . . . shell, coconut hunting . . . Jap prisoners—war's getting closer . . . convoy back to Pearl with passengers . . . two-shift movies . . . card games—for small(?) stakes only.

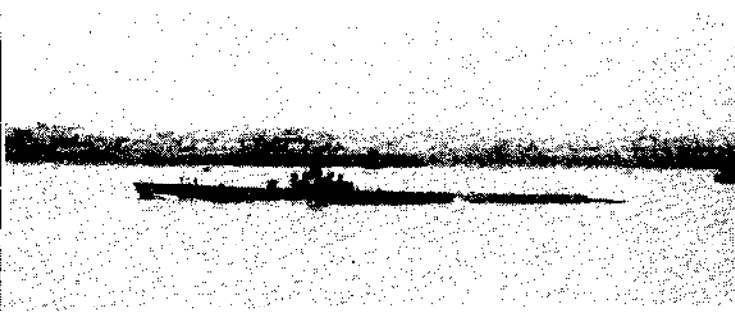
JULY, 1944

Meningitis scare—sulpha lines at scuttlebut . . . anchor pools . . . States . . . American Area and Asiatic Pacific medals—veterans! . . . Repair base, San Diego . . . yard period . . . leave parties ("It was a tough fight, mom") . . . cutting, drilling, welding . . . schools . . . doubling up on deck watches . . . crowded, navy-blue streets . . . ball games at Lane Field . . . party's over, what's next?

AUGUST, 1944

Sea duty—training pilots off Point Loma . . . various exercises . . . TBMs, FMs, Corsairs, launching, landing . . . hard-working "goony birds" . . . searching for wind . . . sightseers on bridge—but not for long . . . "look out, watch this one" . . . "too high, too hard, too fast"





... "howler" ... barrier crash ... twisted prop ... lucky landing, whew! ... fog off "sunny California" coast ... darkened ship ... so many landings, then back to base ... "come on, boys, I got a date"—with a war, too.

SEPTEMBER, 1944

Scuttlebut between and during flight operations ... finally the word ... "goodbye, San Diego, hello Pearl" ... sun-bathing on flight deck ... volleyball, basketball, badminton, catch ... press news, ship's newspaper ... movies starring "woo-woo" whistles ... "USO barge" except for GQs.

OCTOBER, 1944

Heading south, unescorted ... zigzagging ... crossing equator ... "I don't see it yet" ... "Shellback or Pollywog?" ... "You'll be sorry" ... numerically stronger Pollywogs led by arch-conspirator LtCdr Arndt ... special cases ... spirited fights in good fun(?) ... formal ceremony ... King Neptune's Court ... iceberg, flying fish "watches" ... torture contraptions ... running gauntlet ... "Ouch!" ... Shellbacks all, sore-backs most, as over 600 initiated ... Manus, Admiralty Islands ... dense, mountainous jungle ... unloading planes ... liberty parties soaked with beer and rain ... basketball league ... exercises with planes.

NOVEMBER, 1944

Diamondhead ... Royal Hawaiian ... Nimitz Beach ... beautiful, "ballyhulud Hawaii" ... training cruises ... flares, sleeves ... flash "red" ... tennis club ... baseball games ... P Y Chong's steaks, chop-suey ... Moana Hotel ... Kailua ... waiting for the ferry ...

chain-pullers lowering ramp by hand ... pay day before we hit the states—yeah!

DECEMBER, 1944

Diamondhead ... Royal Hawaiian ... pilots, planes, take-offs, landings ... gunnery exercises with drones ... in and out ... crashes into drink ... second pilot lost ... remember Pearl Harbor—three years ago ... Christmas at Ford Island ... fancy feed ... chaplain's party ... "Santa Claus" Houser ... gift line ... "Wonder what they're doing home" ... "Well, it won't be long before some more of that stateside duty" ... "one more time out—that's the straight dope" ... scuttlebut a la Peterson ... night flight operations on New Year's eve.

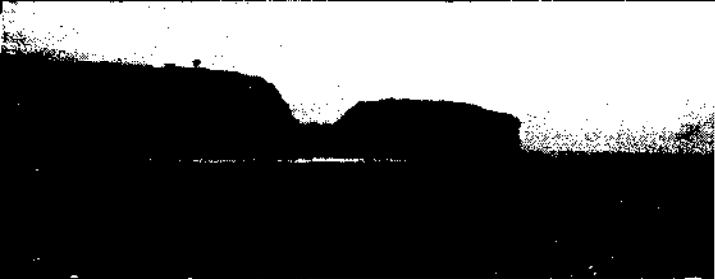
JANUARY, 1945

Diamondhead ... Royal Hawaiian ... "My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time" ... Captain Berner relieved by Commander (later Captain) Riley ... Admiral Jennings aboard ... Jato experiments ... recognition, tactical instruction ... VC-97 comes aboard—our own squadron ... here comes the war ... kiss the girls goodbye—by letter ... Waves trickle in as we leave ... suddenly Hawaii looks pretty good.

FEBRUARY, 1945

Convoy ... launching Cap ... catapulting ... first-aid lectures ... something brewing ... ssh, security ... enemy subs ... Eniwetok ... supply ships ... flat, coral reefs, no vegetation ... quonset huts ... air strip ... PBV base ... TG 50.8 ... USS Detroit ... course Northwest ... trailing sub ... rendezvous with TF 58 ... station keeping ... fueling at sea for Tokyo strike ... our planes sink Jap coastal lugger, six Jap prisoners





taken . . . tanker explosion . . . fast, furious talk on TBS . . . cool nights—only advantage of being north . . . Iwo Jima operation commences . . . logistic support . . . thirty miles from Iwo . . . sound of gunfire . . . smoke clouds . . . bogey scares . . . B-29s . . . anxious hours . . . church attendance improves . . . damage reports—glad we're not any closer.

MARCH, 1945

Sailing south . . . pock-marked, Jap-filled cliffs of Apra Harbor, Guam . . . incomplete breakwater . . . war ruins . . . building program . . . Gab Gab Beach . . . plane replacements . . . Ulithi's enormous, so called "harbor" . . . Fifth Fleet . . . long, drenching boat trips to beach . . . beer party on roped-off flight deck . . . heat . . . mail! . . . March 10th: abandon-ship drill in movies . . . GQ at same time . . . mad rush to battle stations . . . Jap "Kamakazes" . . . Randolph hit . . . watched fire . . . pretty close . . . movies continued . . . carrier-tanker-destroyer-escort convoy . . . logistics . . . refueling . . . mines detonated . . . sub rammed . . . 10,000th landing . . . mail, movies, from destroyers alongside.

APRIL, 1945

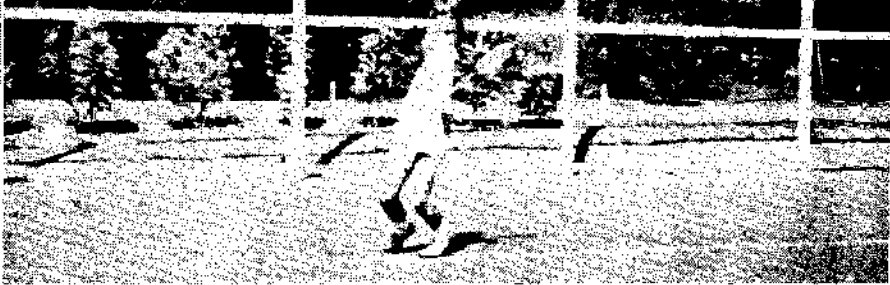
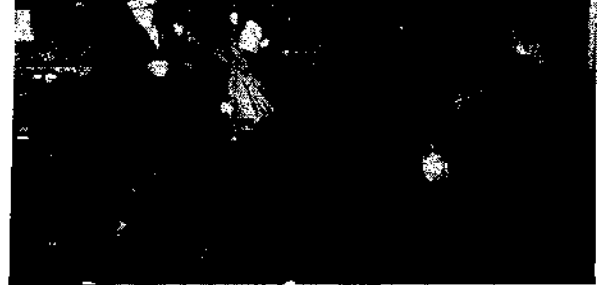
L-Day . . . Invasion of Okinawa . . . edge of hurricane . . . 21 degree roll . . . combat support duty . . . "first team" . . . Purple Heart ceremony . . . air defense—in earnest . . . TU 52.1.2 . . . early morning debut: ready to launch planes at 0330 . . . "3" should have read "5"—"get the Comm Officer" . . . eager-beaver pilots . . . rocket, bombing, strafing attacks over Okinawa . . . "Well done" from Admiral Stump . . . star shells, gun flashes at night over island . . . news "feud" between "communique" Cochran and editor Jones . . . Sakishima attacks . . . frequent bogey GQs . . . "gallop-

ing ghost of Nansei Shoto" . . . Captain announces FDR's death . . . shock, political speculation, colors at half-mast . . . memorial church service, address by Captain Riley, personal friend of president . . . first plane shot down . . . Lt. Waters rescued by "Dumbo" . . . war hits home: Lt. Tebo, Tuggle AOM 1/c, Loyd, ARM 3/c missing in action . . . April 16th: picturesque, deadly peaks, terraces of Kerama Retto . . . tense replenishment, guns manned . . . sandwich-lemonade lunch . . . underway . . . steaks for supper, mail for dessert . . . sudden GQ . . . Jap planes attacking Kerama . . . dusk . . . fighters in landing circle . . . bogey on screen . . . planes tipped off, swerve . . . visual fighter direction by Lt. (jg) Fellows . . . "Jill" coming in to launch tin-fish . . . Lt. (jg) Riggan dives, misses . . . Jap opens up guns two miles from ship, reveals position . . . Riggan dives again, does not miss . . . Jill flames, crashes, burns off starboard bow to cheers from ship . . . Mak has closest call, first Jap flag . . . "now, where's that sugar report?" . . . unit rejoined, gladly . . . support operations . . . second, uneventful visit to Kerama Retto . . . April 27th: ship's first birthday party . . . reveille in swingtime . . . free ice cream . . . TU 52.1.1.

MAY, 1945

Star for Iwo Jima campaign confirmed . . . Block Island's difficulties . . . Sangamon hit at Kerama . . . orders foul-up . . . Lt. pilot Connelly lost in motor-conk-out crash . . . VC-97 joins Shipley Bay (CVE 85) at Kerama . . . Whew! . . . "Well done, and Godspeed" . . . war ends in Europe . . . "how much longer in Pacific?" . . . "Rope-Yarn Sunday" holiday . . . "turn to or in" . . . "respot" . . . a new Guam . . . land after 60 days of practically continuous steaming . . . belated birthday party, basketball game with Shamrock Bay . . . we eat again . . . training off Guam . . . sun-bathing, flight deck





recreation between flights . . . B-29s on way to, from Tokyo . . . topside walks in cool night air . . . sponson singing . . . 48 hour rest-camp party . . . talk of going home.

JUNE, 1945

Guam . . . rearming boat runs . . . Apollo stage show . . . Red Cross recreation building, women . . . "Gab Gab Bowl" . . . more rest-camp parties . . . "push-push in bush-bush Marie" . . . "both mother and daughter working for the Yankee dollah" . . . Saipan . . . marine camps and cemeteries . . . cliffs . . . "superfort" fields . . . hurricane-hit ships in Apra . . . transport trip with White Plains (CVE 66) . . . planes, pilots to Leyte . . . small, dense, green Philippine Islands . . . Halsey's Third Fleet . . . Guiuan, Samar, for planes . . . native village . . . beautiful, ancient church . . . Jap invasion money . . . volleyball league.

JULY, 1945

Saipan . . . Fourth of July dinner . . . near-miss from anchor-dragging DD . . . Marianas operating area . . . escorted by Williamson . . . "this is getting monotonous—but it could be a lot worse" . . . library booms . . . 13,000th landing, usual free ice cream, cake, cigarettes . . . Roi in Marshalls . . . captain's inspection in whites . . . Captain Lambrecht relieves Captain Riley . . . finally, Pearl Harbor!

AUGUST, 1945

Diamondhead . . . Royal Hawaiian . . . "are we glad to see you!" . . . clock search, liberty delayed—but not for long . . . Honolulu . . . milk, bananas, pineapples, women . . . Waves . . . flight operations off Oahu . . .

USO shows . . . "Hulu" Houser . . . atomic bomb headlines . . . Russia declares war on Japan . . . rumors of Jap surrender . . . wild, premature harbor fireworks . . . shouting, singing, hugging, whooping on flight deck . . . captain's "calm-down-until-confirmed" speech . . . long radio sessions . . . confirmation . . . anti-climactic celebration . . . Waves hold jubilee in barracks . . . peace thanksgiving service . . . underway for home half-hour after official word given—best timing of campaign! . . . drills . . . medical assistance to LSM(R) enroute . . . captain's inspection . . . Point Loma, after 10 months, 27 days . . . Commander Janson relieved by Commander Gjoerloff . . . flight operation—still . . . 14,000th landing . . . "where's that yard?"

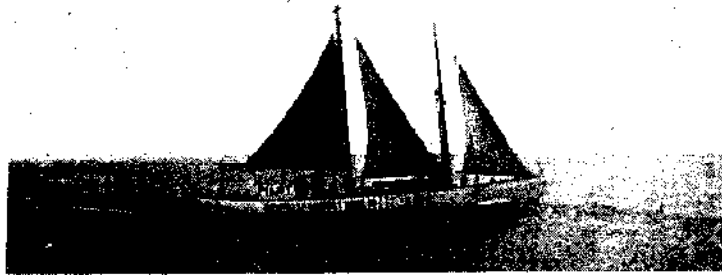
SEPTEMBER, 1945

Leaves . . . court-martial resumes business . . . censorship ends . . . flight quarters . . . training pilots, southern sector, Western Sea Frontier . . . 15,000th landing . . . North Island, piers "Fox," "George," "Item," "Jig" . . . ferry dashes . . . red or green bus . . . stateside movies . . . Naval Repair Base, temporarily . . . officer's party at club . . . "Battle of Broadway" . . . Paul's Inn . . . Grant Hotel . . . Sherman's . . . Paris Inn . . . Obie's.

OCTOBER, 1945

Dry Dock No. 1 . . . plastic paint on bottom . . . sprouting of lieutenant commanders from overdue alnav . . . ship's party at Navy Athletic Field . . . keeping 'em flying . . . more leave . . . regular yard period . . . CIC, gunnery, fire-fighting schools . . . "hey, the war's over!" . . . officers, men begin leaving on points, transfers . . . 778 bunks placed on hangar deck . . . CVE(T) . . . new movie equipment, screen . . . Navy Day visits to dressed-up ship.





NOVEMBER, 1945

Leaves cut . . . pier "Oboe" . . . "Magic Carpet" duty . . . rough, rolling trip to Pearl on seemingly empty ship . . . fire, abandon-ship, air-defense drills—for morale . . . Bishop's Point . . . passengers . . . wardroom cigar mess formed by "Cookie" . . . undarkened ship . . . Kwajalein . . . busy day loading passengers . . . underway for San Francisco—"Golden Gate in Forty Ei—Six!" . . . cards . . . books . . . chow, water lines . . . "Tents" on flight deck . . . basketball, volleyball, medicine ball games . . . hot three-piece band, accent on drums, starring "Moe" . . . stowaway search . . . diversion to San Diego . . . Navy pier . . . unloading excitement . . . harrassed OD.

DECEMBER, 1945

North Island, pier "Peter" . . . AOLs report back . . . long, long passengerless trip to Guam . . . Ship's company buttons . . . Pacific map painted on side of elevator pit . . . holiday greeting telegrams . . . Apra Harbor . . . 1133 passengers . . . mines in track . . . "Glow-worms" in water . . . second overseas Christmas . . . tree on hangar deck, in wardroom . . . carol singing . . . Christmas service and chow . . . missing-gun commotion . . . New Year log poetry contest.

JANUARY, 1946

At sea—New Year celebration postponed . . . "B" street pier, San Diego . . . "Magic Carpet" duty completed . . . Mak goes in "mothballs" . . . Golden Gate . . . Alcatraz . . . Bay Bridge . . . Naval air station, Alameda . . . Frisco liberty . . . top of the Mark . . . Finocchio's . . . ammunition dumped . . . Puget Sound . . . fog over Tacoma—here we are again . . . anchored in Commencement Bay . . . starboard side to pier No. 4,

Todd Shipyards . . . we're SOPA . . . shore patrol . . . Truex shines in tough town . . . hangovers, other headaches . . . jeep accidents . . . inventories . . . check-off lists . . . slopes of Mount Rainier in background on clear day.

FEBRUARY, 1946

Preservation schools . . . rain . . . scraping, chipping, painting . . . "do it over" . . . rust, rust, and more rust . . . shipping-over notices . . . basketball games . . . league formed, Mak takes lead for awhile . . . Seattle liberty . . . officer's cocktail party at Winthrop . . . Pappy's Cabin . . . Derby Club . . . 19th Fleet Inspection party . . . accent on housecleaning . . . Captain Gjoerloff relieves Captain Lambrecht . . . working day extended, but three-section liberty for crew . . . cauliflower-in-sewer smell . . . area working parties—all rates . . . hamburgers, milk, ice cream from Smitty's . . . Gate 8 . . . "Ski's" ski parties . . . visits to Canada . . . Chiefs move topside to clear compartments.

MARCH, 1946

Increasing number of separatees . . . "Who's going to do the work?" . . . pressure's on—three section shore leave for officers . . . "Chipper" Houser . . . Desk on quarterdeck . . . permanent day-time OD . . . not many plankowners left . . . newsboys . . . testing general alarm—perhaps for last time . . . draft of "boots" come aboard . . . 19th Fleet basketball tournament . . . Mak reaches finals, loses to Copahce . . . ship's parties on flag-filled, balloon-clustered hangar deck . . . classy Fort Lewis band . . . women, ice cream, cake, soft (?) drinks . . . yard period at Everett or Bremerton rumored for April . . . Bremerton will complete two-year cycle . . . this is where we came in.





FLEET ANCHORAGE — ULITHI

Milestones

- Commissioning: April 27, 1944
- First departure on voyage with full ship's company aboard (Columbia River): May 19, 1944.
- First arrival continental port (Seattle): May 20, 1944.
- First flight operations (San Diego): June 1, 1944.
- First departure from continental U. S. (San Diego): June 6, 1944.
- First arrival in "outside" port (Hawaii): June 12, 1944.
- First arrival in port past P. H. (Majuro): June 25, 1944.
- First arrival on return home (San Diego): July 13, 1944.
- First yard period (San Diego): July 14-August 2, 1944.
- First training duty (San Diego): August 6-Sept. 22, 1944.
- First trip across Equator (P. H. to Manus, A. I.): October 14, 1944.
- First overseas Christmas (P. H.): December 25, 1944.
- First (and only) permanent squadron joins ship (P. H.): Jan. 28, 1945.
- First logistic operation (Iwo Jima): February 9-March 1, 1945.
- First bad storm (off Okinawa): April 2-3, 1945.
- First direct support operation (Okinawa): April 8, 1945.
- First (and only) "close call" (off Kerany Retto): April 16, 1945.
- First "Magic Carpet" run to Kwajalein: November 5, 1945.

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CRUISES AND OPERATING AREAS

May 19-20	Astoria to Bremerton.	May 7-11	Okinawa operating area to Guam.
May 26-29	Bremerton to San Diego.	May 20-31	Pilot qualification exercises; Marianas operating areas.
June 1-4	Off California coast; shake-down exercises.	June 10-11	Guam to Saipan and return.
June 6-July 14	San Diego to Majuro, Marshall Islands, and return via Pearl Harbor, T.H.	June 12-25	Guam to Leyte and Samar and return.
July 14-Aug. 4	Overhaul at Naval Repair Base, San Diego.	June 21-July 17	Pilot qualification exercises; Marianas operating areas.
Aug. 6-Sept. 22	Pilot qualification exercises off California.	July 19-29	Saipan to Pearl Harbor via Roi.
Sept. 21-Oct. 1	San Diego to Pearl Harbor.	August 8-12	Pilot qualification exercises; Hawaiian operating areas.
Oct. 4-26	Pearl Harbor to Manus Island and return.	August 14-21	Pearl Harbor to San Diego.
Oct. 28-Jan. 24 (1945)	Pilot qualification exercises; Hawaiian operating areas.	August 29-Oct. 4	Pilot qualification exercises; off California.
Jan. 29-Feb. 6	Pearl Harbor to Eniwetok.	Oct. 10-Nov. 3	Overhaul in preparation for "Magic Carpet" duty.
Feb. 9-21	Participating in logistic support for Task Force 58 in its coverage of landings and occupation of Iwo Jima and attacks upon Japanese homeland.	November 4-29	San Diego to Kwajalein via Pearl Harbor, and return.
March 1-3	Iwo Jima operating area to Guam.	Dec. 5-Jan. 3 (1946)	San Diego to Guam and return.
March 4-5	Guam to Ulithi.	January 1-7	San Diego to San Francisco.
March 11-May 7	Participating in support of landings and occupation of Okinawa.	January 10-12	San Francisco to Tacoma.