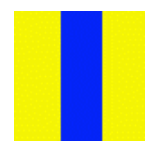
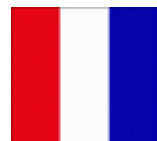
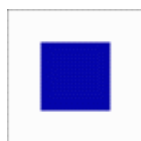
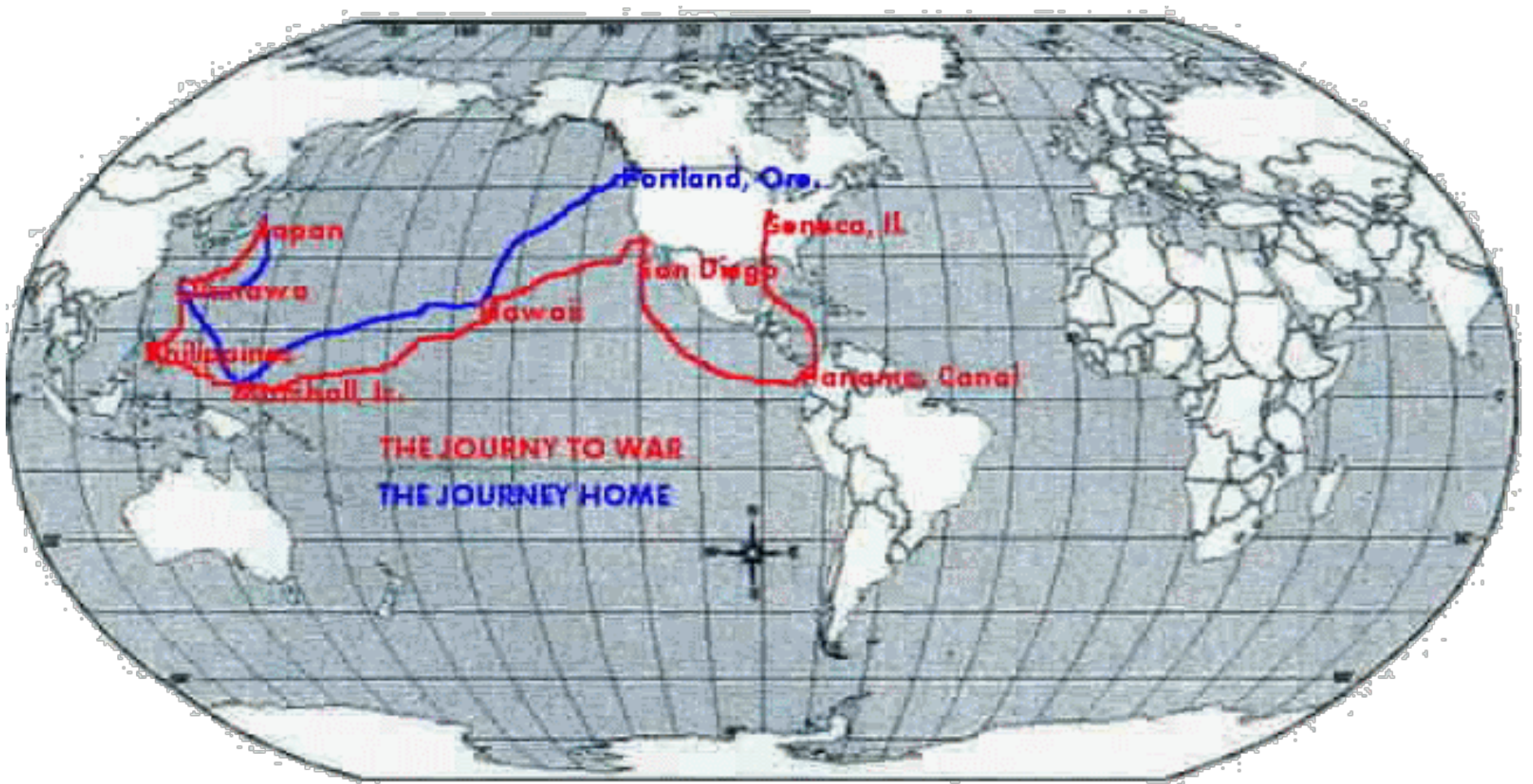


LST-851 War Diary From Micro-film USN Records



USS LST - 851 @ ANCHOR OFF THE BEACH @ OKINAWA JIMA





SERVICE RIBBON & BATTLE STARS AWARDED CREW



THE JOURNEY FROM CAMP BRADFORD VIRGINIA TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON LAKE UNION FOR DECOMMISSIONING

THE LST 851 CREW WAS ASSEMBLED IN THE SWAMPS OF CAMP BRADFORD VIRGINIA IN 1944. WE LIVED IN TENTS AND THE CHOW LINES WERE VERY, VERY LONG THE GAS MASK DRILLS WERE TRULY AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO FORGET, THE FIRE FIGHTING STUFF. WAS ALSO BURNED IN MEMORY BUT THE MAIN THING WAS THE HURRICANE IN SEPTEMBER THAT FLOODED ALL THE TENTS. THE RIFLE RANGE WAS A FUN TIME BUT THE LECTURES WERE VERY BORING. THE LONG NIGHTS ON GUARD DUTY ON LOCKED LATRINES IN THE SWAMP AND THE GIANT SIZE MOSQUITOES. THERE WERE ALSO SIGNAL CLASSES, OBSTACLE COURSE AND THE PAY LINES, IF YOU DIDN'T FILL YOUR PAY CHIT OUT RIGHT OR FORGOT YOUR PAY NUMBER THAT WAS TOO BAD AND THE WAIT FOR NEXT PAYDAY WAS VERY LONG. WHEN THE CREW WAS FINALLY FORMED AND READY WE WERE SENT TO GREAT LAKES FOR GUNNERY TRAINING. AFTER A TIME ON THE RANGE ON LAKE MICHIGAN DOING THE 20MM GUNNERY THING WE WERE TRANSPORTED TO SENECA TO BOARD OUR NEW SHIP THE **LST 851** FOR THE TRIP DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO NEW ORLEANS. DURING THAT PART OF THE JOURNEY WE ENCOUNTERED SAND BARS AND LOGS WHICH DID BAD THINGS TO OUR PROPELLERS. THE SHIP WAS PUT IN DRY DOCK AND THE PROPELLERS WERE REPLACED. THE REST OF THE JOURNEY IS RECORDED AS FOLLOWS !

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WAS SPENT IN THE GULF OF MEXICO AROUND GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI & PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA TRAINING THE CREW IN BEACHING OPERATIONS, FIRE DRILLS, GENERAL QUARTERS, MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS, NAVIGATION EXERCISES AND THEN REPEAT ALL THESE OVER AND OVER AGAIN UNTIL ALL WERE PERFECT. BELOW ARE THE NAMES OF PERSONNEL ONBOARD @ COMMISSIONING ON 30 NOVEMBER 1944 !!!!!!!

LST-851 THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1944 DECK LOG - REMARKS SHEET

1200-1600

1400 - The designated Representative of the Commandant, Eighth Naval District, Lt. Cmdr. John Wildman, USNR, came on board with the commission party, namely Lt. Jg. Travis CHC (R) for the purpose of placing the vessel in commission. The Commandant's Representative read his orders

from the Commandant, EIGHTH Naval District to act as his representative in accepting this vessel for commissioning. (Commandant EIGHTH Naval District /38TKB JE/ Serial 25443/). The Commandants Representative caused the national ensign to be hoisted in accordance with Article 286 U.S.Navy Regulations. The Commandants Representative then turned the vessel over to Lt. C.D. Older USNR which officer is ordered to command. Lt. C.D. Older USNR, read his orders (Reference Orders FE25-7/

Older, Serial 8818) to assume command of this vessel, and assume command. The commanding Officer ordered the Executive Officer to set the watch. 1430 Watch Set, third section. 1435 The Commissioning Party departed from the ship. The Officers and Enlisted personnel attached to this ship on date of commissioning are as follows and shall be known as PLANK OWNERS OF LST-851.

OFFICERS

Clifford D. Older	Lt. USNR	Commanding Officer	<i>Officer's of USS LST-851 Rank Insignia.</i>
Joseph C. Marzluff	Ensign USN	Executive Officer	
Everett L. Nix	Lt. Jg. USN	First Lieutenant	
Vincent J. Blaine	Lt. Jg. USNR	Engineering Officer	
William Roemelmeyer	Ensign USNR	Communications Officer	
Robert A. Morris	Ensign USNR	Gunnery Officer	
Horace A. Hill	Ensign	Stores Officer	



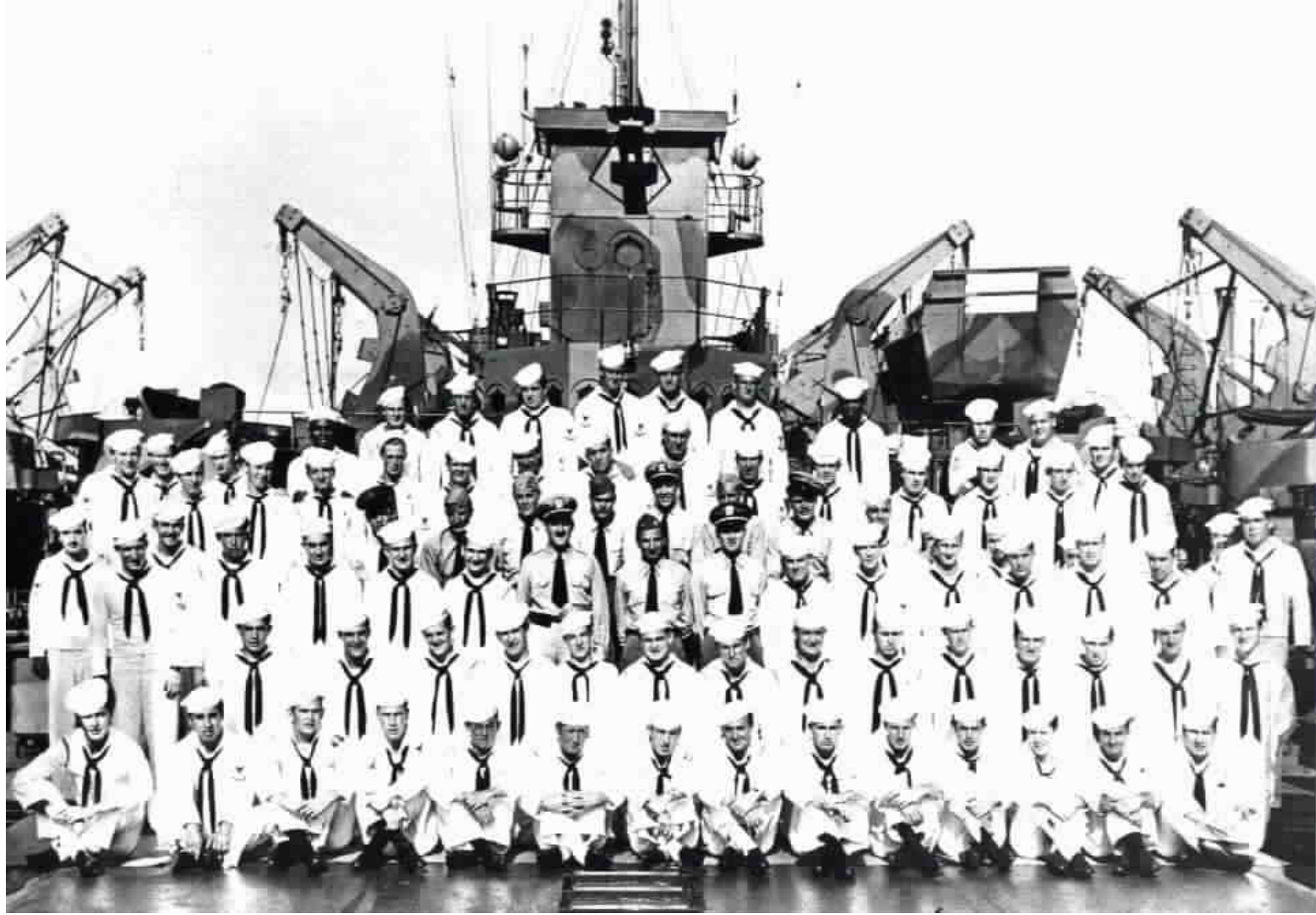
ENLISTED PERSONNEL

Aguiar Victor C.	S1cSK	Lenard Thomas A.	F1c	<i>Rating Badge Emblems For The Enlisted Men That Were Attached to USS LST - 851 !!!!!</i>
All Ernest L.	S2c	Little Tedford C.	S2c	
Bailey Othelea	STM1c	Lushene Donald R.	S2cRM	
Baker Robert W.	COX	Lynch Laverne	S2c	
Bieri Raymond A.	S2c	Malaski George	PhM2c	
Blalock Morris W.	BM2c	Mather Jacob H.	S2c	
Brown Bert H.	S2c	McGinnis Robert C.	F1cMoMM	
Busch Robert W.	S1c	McNamara Burke J.	S1cGM	
Camp James A. Sr.	S2c	Miller Robert G.	SC1c	
Carter Fred M.	F2c	Mills Walter S.	S2c	
Cleek Paul L.	S2c	Montgomery Joseph	STM1c	
Connell J. W.	EM3	Morehead Cecil V.	S2c	
Connolly John F.	SC3c	Moreland James B.	S2c	
Cunningham James P.	F2c	Mote Lewis C.	S1c	
Curtis Frank C.	F2c	Muniak Walter S.	F2c	
Dalitz Elliot C.	YN3c	Munshaw Charles H.	MoMM1c	
Dowd Thomas M.	SC3c	Nielsen Carl B.	PhM1c	
Dubois Allan K.	GM3c	O'Brien Eugene C.	S2c	
Fairbanks John H.	S2c	Ochampaugh Joe	S2c	
Faulkner Charles J.	F1cMoMM	Ortquist Russell L.	S2c	
Fightmaster A. L.	F1cMoMM	Pearce Merle R.	S2c	
Fisher Walter D.	S2c	Penniston Bobby J.	S2c	
Foster Robert L.	S2c	Peterson Quentin R.	S2c	



Fowler Jack L.	S2c	Petrie Franklin L.	S2c	
Freidhof Edward W.	F1c	Phillips John S.	F2c	
Garris Glenn H.	S2c	Phillips Jack S.	S2c	
Gasaway Leo B.	S2c	Pierce Walter L.	S2c	
Gibney Richard J.	S1cQM	Pope Eugene L.	S2c	
Gillen Edward J.	BKR3c	Potts Robert L.	S2c	
Girard Nelson L.	MoMM3c	Prevost Robert	S2c	
Godwin Charles D.	S2c	Prezuhy Francis E.	S1cGM	
Grant Lowell	S2c	Price Alonzo F.	S2c	
Haegele Albert J.	F1cMoMM	Rivier Richard H.	F1cMoMM	
Halterman Joseph V.	S1cRM	Roberts Joseph E.	GM2c	
Hamrick Victor L.	S2c	Rock Donald H.	SF3c	
Harpham Lloyd S.	S2c	Rolf Lynn W.	COX	
Harshman Richard E.	F1cMoMM	Rosetta Robert F.	SM3c	
Harris Charles F.	S2c	Rush Charles A.	S2c	
Haymes Edgar J.	S1cSM	Sides Alvin L.	S2c	
Hill Wendell W.	S2c	Smith Barron Jr.	S1c	
Hodkiewicz Norman	S2c	Steiner Kenneth C.	SF2c	
Hoefler Mattias E.	S2c	Stuckey James W.	F2c	
Hofmann Rudolph R.	S2c	Sweat Leon A.	F2c	
Hood Harry C.	F1cMoMM	Sykes Stuart S.	S2c	
Horn Otis T.	S2c	Tatar James Jr.	S2c	Mo MM
Hughes Benjamin F.	S2c	Tatum Bailey C.	S2c	
Imler Calvin C.	S2c	Taylor James R.	S2c	
Ingram George E.	S1cSC	Taylor John E.	S2c	
Jennings Elmer D.	S2c	Taylor Lyman E.	S2c	
Jordan Floyd C.	F1cMoMM	Terranova Carl R.	S2c	
Karas Constantine	F1cMoMM	Tibbitts Royden E.	S1cQM	
Karr George L.	F1cMoMM	Tobenski Harold J.	F1cMoMM	
Karg William A. Jr.	S2c	Warren Coy E.	S2c	
Kleis Louis A.	S2c	Wheatly Edgar	S2c	
Krail William H.	S1cGM	Whitmire B.	S2c	
Kummer Edward C.	F1cMoMM	Zeilstra Sidney	S2c	
Leighow James K.	GM3c	Zeiders Sanuel H.	F1cMomm	
Lemming Eddie C.	PhM2c			





SHIP'S CREW PEARL HARBOR, T.H. EARLY 1945



Our Prairie Shipyard

CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON COMPANY—SENECA SHIPYARD

HISTORICAL
EDITION

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1942

1945





This is not my war —
It is not your war —
It is our war! If we, and millions
of others like us, pull together, our
efforts will be victorious!

Captain Paul S. Goen, USN (Ret.)
Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Chicago, Ill.



The peacefulness of the Illinois River was suddenly interrupted early in 1942 -- the Seneca shipyard was in the making.





Top soil being removed when yard started.



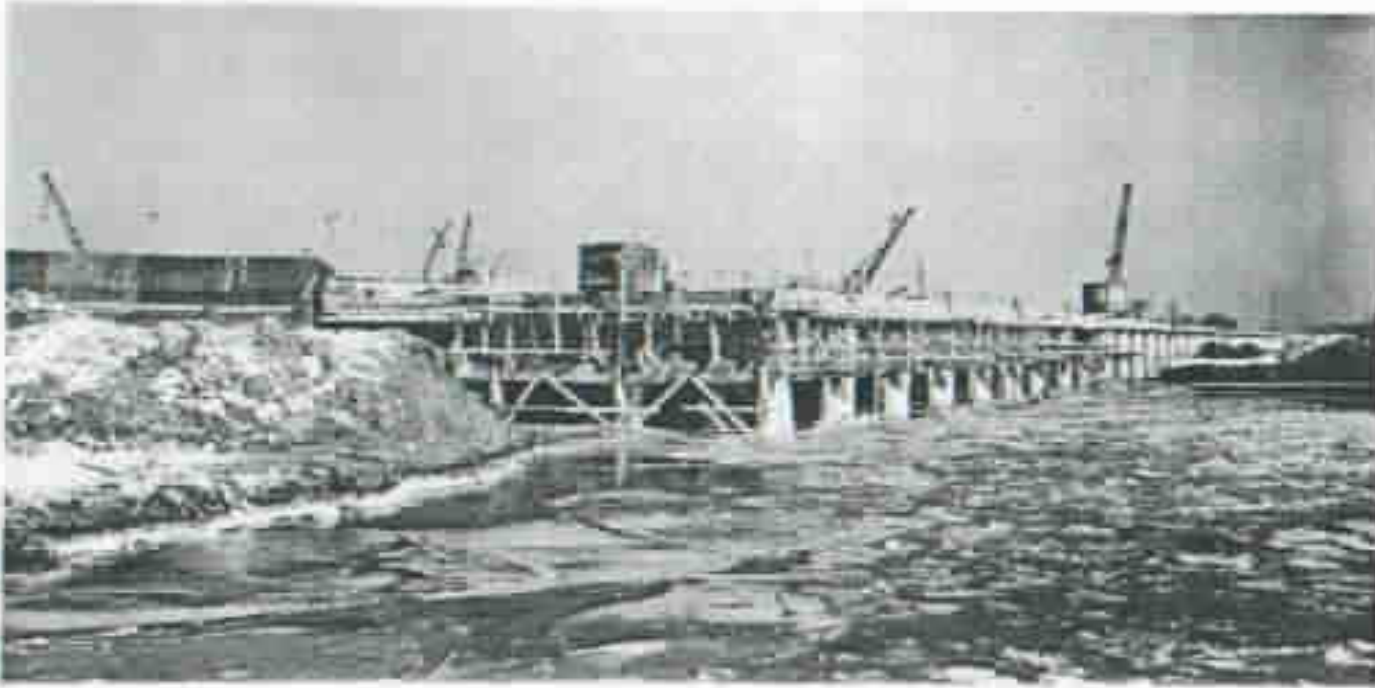
Looking at shipyard site from south river bank.



OUR PRAIRIE SHIPYARD



LAUNCHING WAYS
September 15, 1942



OUTFITTING DOCK
December 4, 1942



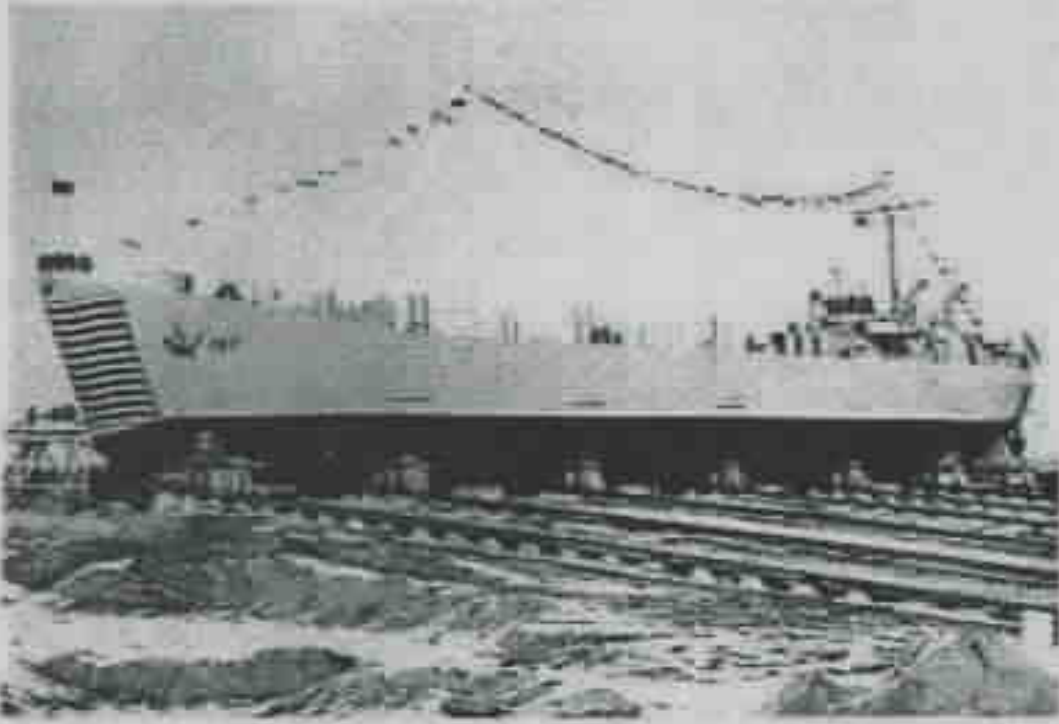
OUR PRAIRIE SHIPYARD



Looking north from Berth One, November 16, 1942.



OUR PRAIRIE SHIPYARD



**LST 197
SENECA'S FIRST SHIP**

KEEL DATE: June 15, 1942
LAUNCHING: December 13, 1942
COMMISSIONING: January, 1943

Later ships were built at a cost of about 22 percent of LST 197 in manhours, in a building period of less than 20 percent of the original time.





Six ships on center ways near completion.

fabrication. The shop was always busy doing maintenance work for other departments. When the furnaces were about to be installed on the ships, the shop was busy with the work night and day. Their welding booths were always alive with tasks in the making. They fabricated complete tanks per ship and with constant cooperation between ships

and ship crews, the department grew from a small shack into one of the finest and largest of its kind.

Departmental growth played a major role in the prairie shipyard. A pickup truck equipped with a thousand gallon tank hauled drinking water from Seneca to the water barrels throughout the yard in its early stages. Later five hundred thousand

gallons of water were pumped daily from three wells.

CLEANING AND PAINTING DEPARTMENT

The cleaning of the steel in preparation for painting and painting of the ship proved to be a difficult task but one ably handled by the Clean-



OUR PRAIRIE SHIPYARD



At the Outfitting dock during deck trials.

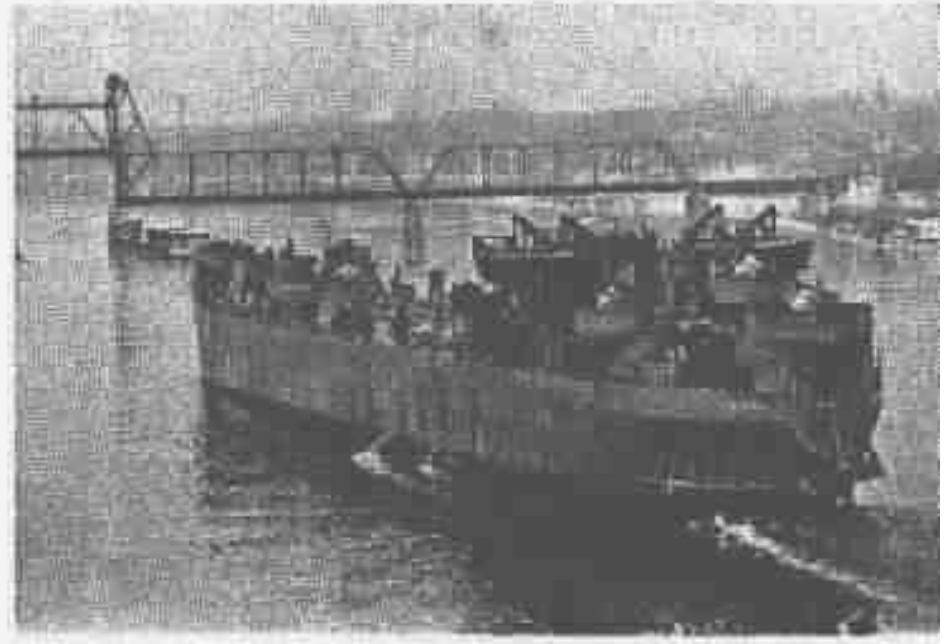


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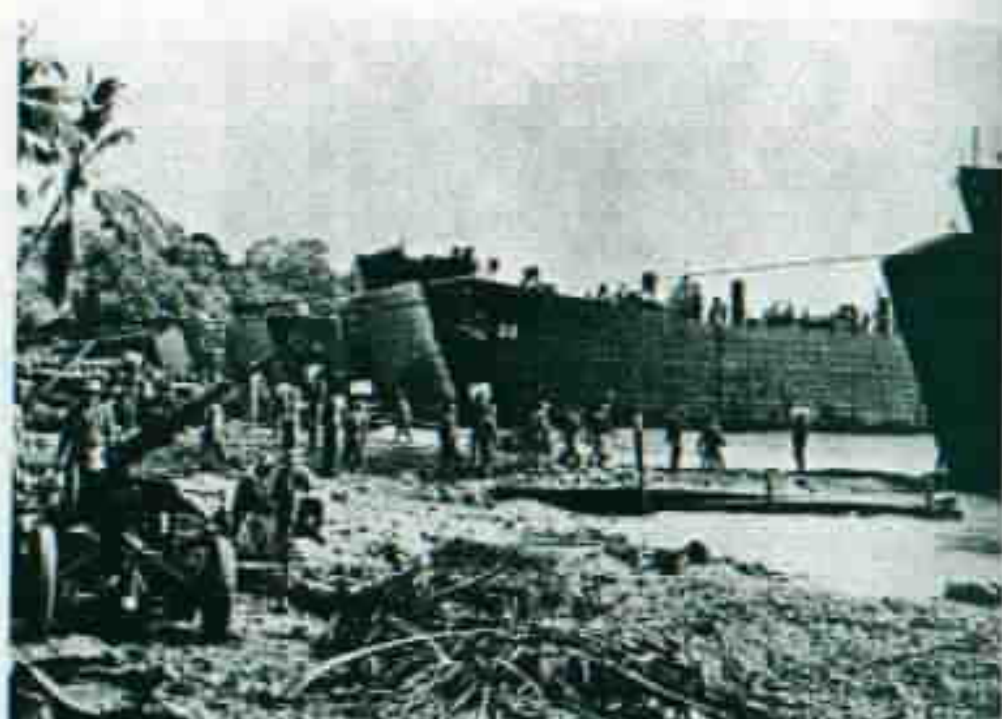
Above: A Combat Crew arrives at the shipyard.

Below, left: Solating the flag as they come on board, right: Several LST departs for combat service.





LST's unload fighting men and machines on the beaches of Leyte Island.
—Official U. S. Coast Guard photograph



Equipment by the tons and men by the thousands are carried into the beaches by LST's.
—Official U. S. Navy photograph

Seneca's 226 and 851 tied side by side at a Pacific Island base.

—Official U. S. Navy photograph





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BELOW IS THE DEFINITION OF "LST"

Large Slow Target



**CHRISTENING OF USS LST-851
PRAIRIE SHIPYARD
SENECA, ILLINOIS 1944**



**USS LST-851 ON THE WAYS
READY TO BE LAUNCHED**



USS LST-851 LAUNCHED !!!!!



**THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN BY DR. J. BOLTON
ON THE BEACH @ OKINAWA, JIMA 1945**



Commissioning pennant



Model built by Sid Zeilstra

WAR DIARY FOR JANUARY 1945

Attached to Division 149, LST Group 75, LST Flotilla 25

US Amphibious Forces Pacific Fleet

0000 1 January 1945: Outward bound near the mouth of the Mississippi River, Pilot aboard.

0200 River Pilot left ship and sea Pilot came aboard. At 0315 took departure on sea buoy after dropping River Pilot. Pilot informs us we were the first ship to leave the Mississippi River in 1945.

0000 2 January to 6 January 1945: Underway enroute to Panama Canal for passage

to the Pacific Ocean.

0853 7 January 1945: Moored alongside LST 942 Pier #1 Coco Solo Naval Station, Canal Zone.

0000 8 January 1945: Moored as before.

0000 9 January 1945: Moored as before.

0952 Underway to Limon Bay preparatory to passing through Canal

1915 Completed passage of Canal having taken seven hours minutes from Gatun Locks to sea buoy on Pacific side, enroute to San Diego, California.



0000 10 January to 20 January 1945: Underway at various speeds and courses, enroute San Diego, California.

0000 21 January 1945: Underway as before.

1630 Moored alongside pier #2 Naval Repair Base National City, California.

0000 22 January 1945: Moored as before, Routine work including taking aboard supplies are carried out.

0000 Moored as before.

1900 23 January 1945: Underway for Pearl Harbor with YMS 434 accompanying.

1928 Departed from outer buoy San Diego Harbor.

0000 24 January to 31 January: Underway enroute to Pearl Harbor.

1000 24 January 1945: Refueled YMS 434 with 2700 gallons of diesel.

WAR DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 1945

**Attached to Division 149, LST Group 75, LST Flotilla 25
US Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet**

**0000 1 February 1945: Underway as before.
0000 2 February 1945: Underway as before.
1340 Arrived in Hula Land Moored in berth T-15 West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.**



**0000 3 February 1945: Moored as before.
0000 4 February 1945: Moored as before.
1430 4 February 1945: Underway to berth Iroquois Point to unload general cargo.
0000 5 February to 10 February: Moored at berth at Iroquois Point, unloading cargo from tank deck.
0000 11 February 1945: Moored as before.
0846 Underway to berth Tare Eight in West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.
0926 Moored in assigned berth.
0000 12 February 1945: Moored as before.
2225 Commenced unloading deck cargo by large crane.
0000 13 February 1945: Moored as before.
0200 Completed unloading deck cargo.
0000 14 February to 19 February: Moored as before.
0000 20 February 1945: Moored as before.
0756 Underway to new assigned berth.
0851 Moored to berth Baker 12 1/2 to receive LCT 891 on main deck.
0000 21 February to 22 February: Moored as before.
0000 23 February 1945: Moored as before.
0827 Completed taking LCT 891 aboard, got underway for berth Tare 15.
0930 Moored in berth Tare 15 West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.
0000 24 February to 28 February 1945: Moored as before, no further remarks.**

WAR DIARY FOR MARCH 1945

**Attached to Division 149, LST Group 75, LST Flotilla 25,
US Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet**

**0000 1 March to 3 March: Moored in berth Tare 15, West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.
0000 4 March 1945: Moored as before.
1624 Underway to Kewalo Basin, T.H. to moor in berth one to take aboard Company A, Twelfth Force Motor Transport Battalion (Prov.) Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (2nd Echelon)
0000 5 March 1945: Moored as before.**

1730 Underway in accordance with secret orders from AdComPhibPac to transport above mentioned men and equipment to Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

0000 6 March 1945: Underway as before.

1017 Moored to Pier #2 Kahului Harbor. High winds set ship into dock causing a 10' tear in skin which will delay sailing twenty-four hours.

0000 7 March 1945: Moored as before. Repairs being made to tear in skin between frames 28 and 30. Loaded Army vehicles for transport to Kewalo Basin on return trip.

0000 8 March 1945: Moored as before. Repairs still being made to tear in skin.

0430 Repairs completed, underway in accordance with previously mentioned orders.

1600 Moored in berth #3 Kewalo Basin and commenced unloading Army vehicles.

1816 Completed unloading Army vehicles and commenced loading men and equipment of E "B" 12th Motor Transport Battalion in accordance with AdComPhibsPac secret orders 090210 directing us to take above mentioned men and equipment to Hilo, Hawaii and return with any load offered by the cargo officer there.

0000 9 March 1945: Moored as before.

0816 Underway to Hilo Bay, Hawaii in company with USS LST 822.

0000 10 March 1945: Underway as before.

0825 Entered Hilo Bay and moored to finger pier #4 to unload cargo.

0000 11 March 1945: Moored as before.

0725 Underway: problem with port bow door caused re- turn to Hilo Bay.

0825 Anchored in Hilo Bay, repaired bow door which would not close.

1136 Secured bow door and departed Hilo Bay. Received orders by radio to return to Pearl Harbor T.H.

0000 12 March 1945: Underway as before.

1043 Moored in berth Tare 10, West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.

0000 13 March 1945: Moored as before. Reported to ComServPac for loading Seabee personnel and equipment for Samar P.I. plus landing craft for Samar replacement pool.

0000 14 March 1945: Moored as before.

0804 Underway to berth Baker 16 to load small boats, took aboard three LCVP's and one LCM.

0000 15 March 1945: Moored as before.

0800 Underway to assigned berth in West Lock.

0836 Moored in berth Tare 5, West Lock, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

0000 16 March 1945 to 19 March 1945: Moored as before. Commanding Officer Lt. C. D. Older relieved. Lt. L. T. Tyburski reported aboard as Commanding Officer.

0000 20 March 1945: Moored as before.

1748 Underway in accordance with AdComPhibsPac orders to Iroquois Point, Pearl Harbor.

1850 Moored in berth 10 Iroquois Point, Pearl Harbor.

0000 21 March 1945: Moored as before.

0940 Began loading general cargo and rolling stock of 64th Seabee Battalion.

0000 22 March 1945 to 23 March 1945: Moored as before.

0000 24 March 1945: Moored as before.

1420 Underway under AdComPhibsPac orders for Oklahoma mooring.

1514 Moored at Oklahoma mooring, West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.
 0000 25 March 1945: Moored as before. Completed loading Seabee personnel 127 enlisted men and 4 officers.
 0000 26 March 1945: Moored as before.
 1202 Underway from mooring in West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H. enroute to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, operating as a unit convoy P.D.-353-T in obedience to Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier orders.
 1318 Took departure from outer sea buoy. Course 153.5 degrees true, standard speed 9.4 knots, 240 RPM.
 1930 Changed clocks to keep zone plus 10 time.
 0000 27 March 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 1900 Changed clocks to keep zone plus 11 time.
 0000 28 March 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 29 March 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 30 March 1945: Underway as before in convey.
 0000 31 March 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 1853 Changed clocks to keep zone plus 12 time.

WAR DIARY FOR APRIL 1945

Attached to Division 149, LST Group 75, LST Flotilla 25,
 US Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet

0000 1 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy P.D.-353-T enroute from Pearl harbor to Eniwetok Marshall Islands in obedience to Commander Hawaiian Sea Frontier orders.
 2400 Changed clocks to keep zone minus 12 time.
 0000 3 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy
 1012 Crossed international date line @ latitude 12 degrees 27' 00" N



REALM OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON

0000 4 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 5 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 6 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 7 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 8 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 1558 Anchored in berth Able-Mike-7 Eniwetok Lagoon, Marshall Islands
 0000 9 April 1945 to 13 April 1945: Anchored as before.

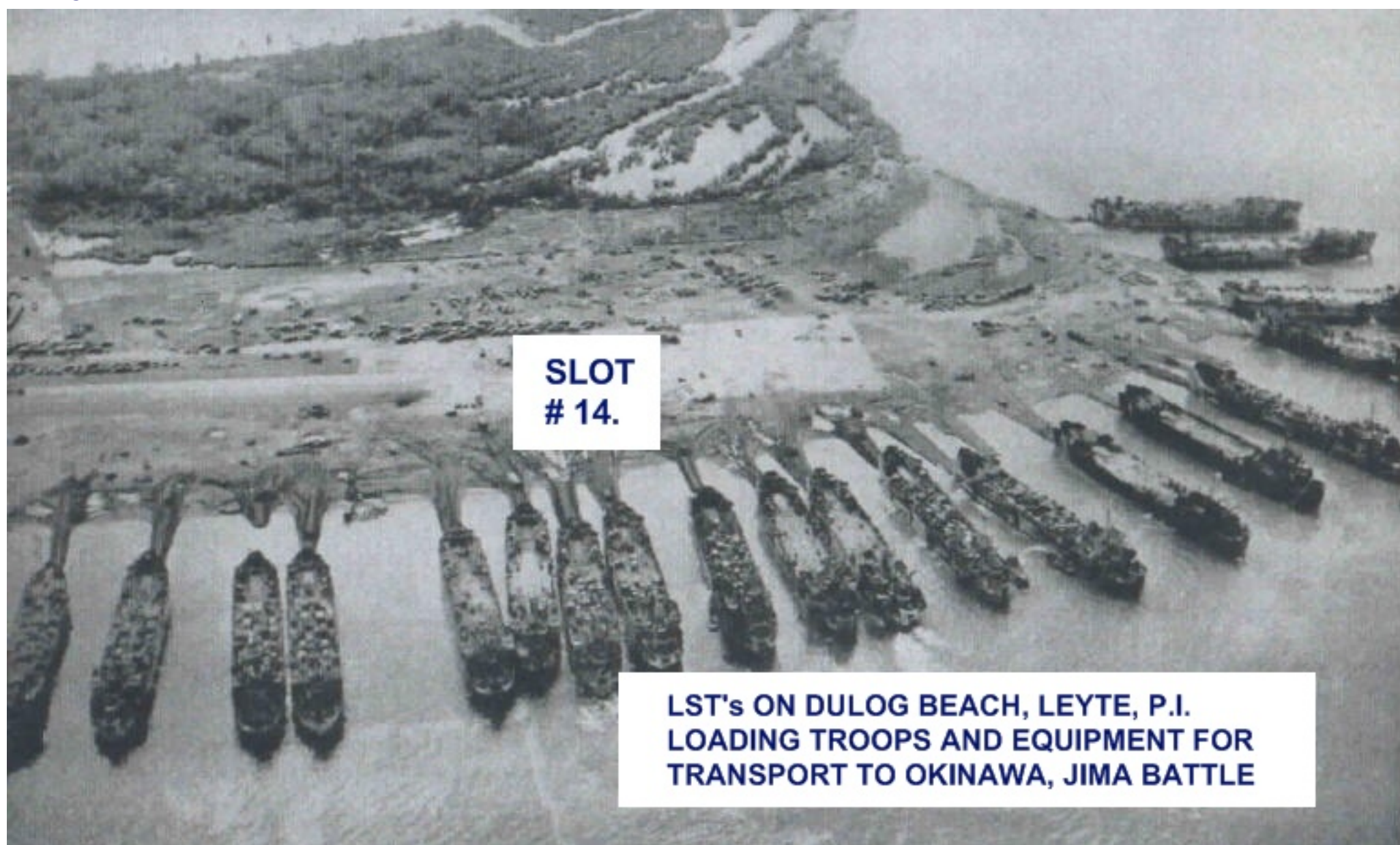
0000 14 April 1945: Anchored as before.
 1007 Underway from anchorage in Eniwetok Lagoon enroute to Kessel Passage, Palau Islands, operating as a part of Task Unit 96.6.14 in obedience to Port Director's, Eniwetok, routing instructions,
 1109 Took departure from outer buoy Eniwetok Lagoon.
 0000 15 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 2030 Changed clocks to keep zone minus 11 time.
 0000 16 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 17 April 1945 to 21 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 1900 18 April 1845: Changed clocks to keep zone minus 10 time.
 0000 22 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 1231 Anchored in Kessel Passage, Palau, Islands.
 0000 23 April 1945: Anchored as before in Kessel Passage, Palau Islands.
 0000 24 April 1945: Anchored as before.
 0649 Underway from anchorage in Kessel Passage enroute to Samar, Philippine Islands, operating as a unit in Convoy G-I #22 in obedience to Port Director, Kessel Roads sailing orders.
 0725 Took departure on channel buoy #1.
 0729 Changed clocks to keep zone minus 9 time.
 0000 25 April 1945 to 26 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 0000 27 April 1945: Underway as before in convoy.
 1846 Anchored in Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands.
 0000 28 April 1945: Anchored as before.
 0915 Underway to change anchorage.
 0946 Anchored in berth Z-59, Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, Philippine Islands.
 0000 29 April 1945: Anchored as before in berth Z-59.
 1210 Disembarked 105 enlisted men and 2 officers of the 64th C.B. Battalion.
 0000 30 April 1945: Anchored as before in berth Z-59.

WAR DIARY FOR MAY 1945

Attached to Division 149, LST Group 75, LST Flotilla 25,
 US Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet

0000 1 May 1945: Anchored in berth Z-59 Guiuan Roadstead, Samar, P.I.
 0818 Underway from berth Z-59 enroute to Tubaboa Island, in obedience to Com LST Group 92 orders to unload equipment of 64th C.B. Battalion.
 1332 Moored to pontoon barge on south east side of Tababoa Island and commenced unloading rolling stock and general cargo.
 0000 2 May 1945: Moored on south east sie of Tababoa Island.
 0230 Completed unloading of tank deck.
 0810 Underway for Calicoan Island to unload LCVP's from main deck.
 1032 Anchored in berth A-304, unloaded LCVP's.
 1137 Underway to assigned anchorage.
 1719 Anchored in berth 251 San Pedro Bay, Samar P.I.
 0000 3 May 1945: Anchored as before in berth 251.

2050 Underway in obedience to orders from CTU 50.9.2 enroute to USS Markab berth 63 to unload LCM-6.
2330 Completed unloading LCM-6 and underway to assigned anchorage.
0000 4 May 1945: Anchored in San Pedro Bay, Samar P.I.
0612 Underway from anchorage enroute to Dulag Beach, in obedience to Com Phibs Group 13 orders.
0808 Beached in Slot 14, Dulag Beach, Leyte. P.I.
1025 Commenced loading Army vehicles on tank deck.
1530 Embarked 93 enlisted men and 6 officers of the 24th Corps, Rear Echelon, US Army for transport to Okinawa Jima.



0000 5 May 1945 1945: Beach in Slot 14 Dulag Beach, Leyte, P.I.
0330 Completed loading of tank deck.
0936 Underway from beach to assigned anchorage.
1120 Anchored in berth 275 San Pedro Bay.
0000 6 May 1945: Anchored as before in berth 275.
1312 Received aboard 12 enlisted men from 24th Corps, Rear Echelon, US Army for

transport to Okinawa Jima.

0000 7 May 1945: Anchored as before.

0000 8 May 1945: Anchored as before.

0825 Disembarked 1 officer and 17 enlisted men of US Arma aboard, leaving 5 officers and 88 enlisted men for transportation to Okinawa Jima.

0000 9 May 1945: Anchored as before in berth 275 San Pedro Bay, P.I.

0000 10 May 1945: Anchored as before in berth 275 San Pedro Bay, P.I.

0629 Underway to joint convoy.

0950 Joined convoy enroute from Philippine Islands to Okinawa Jima in obedience to Commander LST Group 75 orders.

1304 Took departure from Leyte Gulf, Course 090 degrees, Speed Full (10.3 knots) 270 RPM.

0000 11 May 1945 to 14 May 1945: Steaming as before in convoy.

0000 15 May 1945: Steaming as before in convoy.

0950 Anchored in Hagushi Bay, Okinawa Jima, Nansei Islands.

1817 Launched LCT 891 to starboard from main deck.

0000 16 May 1945: Anchored in Hagushi Bay, Okinawa Jima.

0130 Sounded General Quarters, some planes observed flying very high.

0437 Secured from General Quarters.

1638 Underway for White Beach, in obedience to orders from CTG 51.22.

1724 Anchored in berth H-25, White Beach, Okinawa Jima. At General Quarters and making smoke at various times during the night, no planes sighted.

0000 17 May 1945: At General Quarters during the early morning, making smoke, no planes sighted.

0126 Underway to beach on White Beach #1, Okinawa Jima.

1335 Commenced unloading vehicles from tank deck, completed unloading at 1717. At General Quarters at various times during the night, no planes sighted.

0000 18 May 1945: Beached at White Beach #1, at General Quarters during the early morning, making smoke, no planes sighted.

0915 Discharged US Army personnel. At General Quarters at various times during the night, making smoke, no planes sighted.

0000 19 May 1945: Beached at White Beach #1, at General Quarters during the early morning, making smoke, no planes sighted.

1051 Retracted from beach.

1151 Anchored off White Beach, Okinawa Jima.

1224 Underway for Kerama Retto in obedience to TF-51 orders.

1911 Anchored at Kerama Kaikyo, Nausei Islands, Okinawa Group.

0000 20 May 1945: Anchored as before.

0800 Reported to ComServSqd 10 Rep "B" for duty as fleet freight ship.

0000 21 May 1945 to 22 May 1945: Anchored as before.

1609 22 May 1945: Underway to assigned anchorage.

1640 Anchored near berth K-62, Kerama Kaikyo, Nausei Islands. At General Quarters at various times during the night, making smoke, no planes sighted.

0000 23 May 1945: Anchored as before.

0756 Underway in obedience to ComServSqd 10 Rep. "B" orders to moor alongside USSCURTISS AV-4.

1112 Moored straboard side USS CURTISS AV-4 and commenced receiving freight. At 1817 completed loading freight, got underway to assigned anchorage.

1928 Anchored in vicinity of berth K-63 Kerama Kaikyo, nausei Islands.

0000 24 May 1945 to 26 May 1945: Anchored as before. At General Quarters at various times during the morning hours, no planes sighted.

0000 27 May 1945: Anchored as before.

0811 Underway to moor alongside USS LST 756 in obedience to ComServSqd 10 Rep "B" orders.

0847 Moored alongside USS LST 756 and commenced unloading Radio, Radar and Sonar gear from her. At General Quarters during the evening hours, no planes sighted.

0000 28 May 1945 to 29 May 1945: Moored as before. At General Quarters at various times, making smoke, no planes sighted.

0000 30 May 1945: Moored as before.

1701 Underway from alongside USS LST 756 to assigned anchorage.

1725 Anchored in vicinity of berth K-63 Kerama Kaikyo, Nausei Islands.

0000 31 May 1945: Anchored as before. At General Quarters at

WAR DIARY FOR JUNE 1945



Attached to LST Group 75 Flotilla 25, LST Flotilla,
US Pacific Fleet, Amphibious Forces Pacific Fleet

0000 1 June 1945 to 10 June 1945: Anchored as before. Operating under the ComServSqd 10 Rep "B" (task unit 30.9.5) as fleet freight ship. At General Quarters at various times during the day and night, making smoke at night, no planes sighted.

0000 11 June 1945: Anchored as before.

1132 Underway to assigned new anchorage.

1212 Anchored in vicinity of berth K-54. At General Quarters at various times during the day and night, making smoke at night, no planes sighted.

0000 12 June 1945 to 30 June 1945: Anchored in vicinity of berth K-54, Kerama Kaikyo, Nausei Islands, Okinawa, Group. At General Quarters at various times during the day and night, making smoke at night. Suicide Planes sighted 21 June, one plane shot down in the harbor.

WAR DIARY FOR JULY 1945

000 1 July 1945 to 9 July 1945: Anchored in vicinity of berth K-54, Kerama Kaikyo, Nausei Island, Okinawa Group. Attached to LST Group 75, Flotilla 25, Third Fleet. Operating under ComServDiv 104 as fleet freight ship. At General Quarters during the day and night, making smoke at night, no planes sighted.

0000 10 July 1945: Anchored as before.

0826 Underway from anchorage enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima in obedience to orders of CTU 99.1.4.

0918 Took departure from Kerama Kaikyo. Course 194 degrees, Speed Full (10.3

knots, 270 RPM).

1517 Anchored in vicinity of berth L-39 Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.
0000 11 July 1945 to 12 July 1945: Anchored in vicinity of berth L-39, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.
0000 13 July 1945: Anchored as before.
0756 Underway in obedience to ComServDiv 104 orders to moor to YF 731 for the transfer Class 16 Material and fleet freight.
0000 14 July 1945: Moored to YF 731.
1125 Underway to assigned anchorage.
1140 Anchored in berth B-7 Buckner Bay, Operational control passed this date to CTG 99.1.
1648 Underway to moor alongside PA 171.
1836 Moored alongside PA 171 to remove passengers in obedience to CTG 99.1 orders.
1900 Underway to assigned anchorage.
2011 Anchored in berth L-37 Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.
0000 15 July 1945: Anchored in berth L-37, Buckner Bay.
0000 16 July 1945: Anchored in berth L-37, Buckner Bay.
1755 Underway to moor alongside PA 171.
1940 Moored alongside PA 171 and commenced to remove cargo of CTG 99.1.
0000 17 July 1945: Moored as before alongside PA 171.
0138 Underway to anchor in berth B-172.
0210 Anchored in berth B-172.
1933 Underway to anchor in berth B-202.
1849 Anchored in berth B-202, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.
0000 18 July 1945: Anchored in berth B-202.
0744 Underway in obedience to orders of CTG 99.1 to moor alongside SS Ales Hrdlicka.
0922 Moored alongside SS Hrdlicka to remove cargo of CTG 99.1.
1849 Underway to assigned anchorage.
1910 Anchored in berth B-102
0000 19 July 1945: Anchored in berth B-102.
1349 In obedience to CTG 99.1 orders sortied with LST's under Com LST Group 47 to ride out typhoon. At General Quarters at various times during daylight hours, no planes sighted.
0000 20 July 1945: Steaming in convoy to ride out typhoon.
1900 Returned to Buckner Bay and anchored in berth B-102.
0000 21 July 1945: Anchored in berth B-102.
0758 Underway in obedience to CTG 99.1 orders.
0833 Moored alongside SS Hrdlicka, 1505 completed unloading cargo, underway to moor to LST 890 to assist with mail as FPO Annex.
1623 Moored to LST 890, at 1912 underway to assigned anchorage.
1916 Anchored in berth B-9, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.
0000 22 July 1945: Anchored as before.
1628 Underway to moor alongside LST 890.
1703 Moored alongside LST 890, at General Quarters during the night, making smoke, no planes sighted.

0000 23 July 1945 to 27 July 1945: Moored to LST 890 in berth L-44, Buckner Bay. Under operational control of CTU 99.1.94, acting as FPO Annex. On 26 July 1945 CTU 99.1.94 changed to CTU 95.5.94.

0000 28 July 1945: Moored as before to LST 890.

1249 Underway to assigned anchorage.

1302 Anchored in berth B-32, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.

0000 29 July 1945 to 31 July 1945: Anchored in berth B-32, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima. At General Quarters at various times during the nights, no planes sighted.

WAR DIARY FOR AUGUST 1945

0000 1 August 1945: Anchored in berth B-32, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima. Attached to LST Group 75, Flotilla 25, Third Fleet. Operating as FPO Annex under CTU 95.5.94..

1626 Underway and sortied with LST's under Commander LST Group 91 to ride out typhoon.

0000 2 August 1945: Steaming in convoy to ride out typhoon.

0000 3 August 1945: Steaming in convoy to ride out typhoon.

1936 Anchored in berth B-32, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.

0000 4 August 1945: Anchored in berth B-32, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.

1743 Shifted berth to B-2, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.

0000 5 August 1945 to 22 August 1945: Anchored in berth B-2, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima. On 6 August 1945 an Atomic Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the B-29 Enola Gay. On 9 August 1945 an Atomic Bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

0615 On 15 August 1945 pursuant to Alpac #579, ceased offensive operations against Japanese Forces. **"WAR ENDED"** At General Quarters at various times during the period up to and including the night of the 15th, making smoke at night.

0000 23 August 1945 to 31 August 1945: Anchored in berth B-2, Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima. On 23 August 1945 reported to Commander Naval Operating Base, Okinawa Jima for duty.

WAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

0000 1 September 1945 to 7 September 1945: Anchored in berth B-2 Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima. Attached to LST Group 75 Flotilla 25, Fifth Fleet. Operating as FPO Annex under CTU 95.5.94.



SIGNING OF UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF THE EMPIRE OF JAPAN 2 SEPTEMBER 1945 ABOARD USS MISSOURI BB-63

- 0000 8 September 1945: Anchored in berth B-2 Buckner Bay, Okinawa Jima.**
- 0947 Underway for fuel, provisions and water preparatory to sailing for Naha, Okinawa Jima. Completed getting Fuel, provisions and water.**
- 2231 Underway in obedience to orders from CTU 95.5.94.**
- 2356 Cleared Buckner Bay and set Course 089 degrees for Naha, Speed Standard 240 RPM.**
- 0000 9 September 1945: Underway as before.**
- 0956 Beached west of Kakibana near Naha to load 3073rd Engineer Truck Company.**
- 1916 Retracted from beach, loading completed.**
- 2127 Anchored i berth H-328 Hagushi, Okinawa Jima.**
- 0000 10 September 1945: Anchored in berth H-328 Hagushi, Okinawa Jima.**
- 0000 11 September 1945: Anchored as before. At 0610 hoisted pennant of Commander LST Group 75, aboard as CTU 56.5.3.**
- 0633 Underway in obedience to CTU 56.5.3 orders for Wakayama, Honshu, Japan to evacuate released POW's.**
- 0640 Cleared anchorage and set Course 270 degrees, Speed Standard 240 RPM.**
- 0000 12 September 1945: Underway at 0705 joined convoy consisting of DE' 369 and 370, LST's 555, 661, 965 and 890 OTC aboard LST 851.**
- 0000 13 September 1945: Underway steaming in convoy.**
- 0000 14 September 1945: Steaming in convoy.**
- 1116 Anchored in Wakanoura Wan, Honshu, Japan.**
- 1352 Underway and at 1448 moored head on to stone seawall in Osaki Wan to unload 3073rd Truck Company. At 2045 completed unloading.**
- 0000 15 September 1945: Moored as before, at 0651 anchored in Wakanoura Wan, at 1354 underway in obedience to orders CTU 56.5.2 with CTU 56.5.3 aboard for Nagasaki,**

Kyushu, Japan. At 1405 cleared anchorage, set Course 270 degrees Standard Speed 240 RPM.

0000 16 September 1945: Steaming in convoy, at 1823 turned around because of typhoon warning and set course for Wakanoura Wan.

0000 17 September 1945: Steaming in convoy, returning to Wakanoura Wan.

1605 Anchored in Shiotsu Ko, Wakanoura Honshu, Japan.

2353 Winds and sea had increased in strength and velocity and many ships were moving about the anchorage. At this time the LCI 814 hit us astern knocking off our stern anchor guard.

0000 18 September 1945: Anchored as before, at 0001 anchor was dragging and we began to maneuvering with engines to hold position. At this time the winds and sea had reached typhoon intensity and it was becoming increasingly harder to maneuver. Anchor dragged about 1 3/4 miles from south to north of harbor. Finally at 0748 the sea and wind had died down enough to heave to the anchor and anchor again in a safe position.

0000 19 September 1945 to 21 September 1945: Anchored as before. On September 20 TU designation changed to 51.3.23.

0000 22 September 1945: Anchored as before in Wakanoura Wan.

0815 Underway to assist USS LST 661 in towing USS LST 965 off beach.

1804 Began towing operation but to no avail.

0000 23 September 1945: Anchored with tow line still on USS LST 965, towing in tandem with USS LST 661 and ATA 201 assisting us.

0605 USS LST 965 came off beach and tow line was cast off.

0652 Anchored in Wakanoura Wan near berth B-56. TU designation changed this date to 51.4.6.

2306 Received 178 men for discharge aboard from USS Denver for transportation to Okinawa Jima.

0000 24 September 1945: Anchored as before.

0646 Underway to take USS LST 965 in tow.

0820 With USS LST 965 in tow set course to clear anchorage.

1324 Cleared channel and set course 147 degrees, Flank Speed 300 RPM, for Okinawa in obedience to Port Director's orders.

0000 25 September 1945 to 27 September 1945: Steaming with USS LST 965 in tow, in company with USS LST 661, CTU aboard as OTC.

0000 28 September 1945: Steaming with USS LST 965 in tow.

0723 Anchored in berth H-330 Hagushi, Okinawa Jima.

0824 Hauled down pennant of Commander LST Group 75 and task unit 51.5 was dissolved. Now operating under CTU 51.9.63 as a garrison ship.

1813 Disembarked 178 passengers.

1837 Sortied west with USS LST 965 in tow to escape another typhoon.

0000 Steaming with USS LST 965 in tow in company with USS LST 661 towing USS LST 980, OTC aboard USS LST 661.

2359 Changed course to 092 degrees to head back to Hagushi, Okinawa Jima.

0000 30 September 1945: Steaming with USS LST 965 in tow, at 0630 tow cable parted and all morning was spent preparing to pass over another cable.

2121 New towing cable secured and proceeding as before, heading back to Hagushi, Okinawa Jima.

WAR DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1945

- 0000 1 October 1945: Steaming in typhoon sortie on orders of CTU 51.9.63 towing USS LST 965 in company with USS LST 661 towing USS LST 890, OTC aboard USS LST 661 heading back to Hagushi, Okinawa.
- 0000 2 October 1945: Anchored off Hagushi, Okinawa.
- 0000 3 October 1945: Anchored as before, 1332 anchor aweigh maneuvering to change anchorage to keep USS LST 965 from drifting onto reef. Anchor unable to hold ground, underway to ride out storm.
- 2145 Pursuant to orders, Commander LST's Okinawa area, set course for Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 0000 4 October 1945: Underway to Buckner Bay.
- 0921 Anchored in berth B-54 Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 1005 Cast off towing cable to USS LST 965.
- 0000 5 October 1945: Anchored in berth B-54 Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 0942 Beached at Brown Beach, Okinawa discharging Ambulances and prisoner of war supplies.
- 1725 Retracted from beach, underway to assigned anchorage.
- 1818 Anchored in berth B-54, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 0000 6 October 1945: Anchored as before.
- 1650 In accordance with orders of LST Commander, Okinawa area underway to Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan. WAR CORRESPONDENT ERNIE PYLE KILLED HERE !!!!!
- 0000 7 October 1945: Underway to Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan.
- 0637 Anchored at Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan in berth M-58.
- 0000 8 October 1945: Anchored as before in berth M-58.
- 0900 Pursuant to orders from Commander LST Group 75 underway on typhoon sortie.
- 0000 9 October 1945: Underway on typhoon sortie.
- 0000 10 October 1945: Underway on typhoon sortie.
- 0145 Port bow door carried away in heavy seas.
- 0000 11 October 1945: Underway on typhoon sortie.
- 1637 Anchored in berth L-163 Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 0000 12 October 1945: Anchored in berth L-163 Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- 1646 Anchor aweigh for Saipan pursuant to orders of CNOB, Okinawa.
- 0000 13 October 1945: Underway for Saipan.
- 0000 14 October 1945: Underway for Saipan.
- 0000 15 October 1945: Underway for Saipan.
- 1330 Starboard bow door carried away and lost at sea with help of ships crew and maneuvering by the Captain.
- 0000 16 October 1945 to 18 October 1945: Underway for Saipan.
- 0000 19 October 1945: Underway for Saipan.
- 1027 Anchored in Saipan Harbor berth L-44.
- 0000 20 October 1945 to 31 October 1945: Anchored in berth L-44 Saipan Harbor.

WAR DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1945

- 0000 1 November 1945 to 4 November 1945: Attached to LST Group 75 Flotilla 25, operating under ComAdCom, Amphibious Forces, US Pacific Fleet. Anchored in vicinity of berth L-44 Saipan Harbor, Marianas Islands. On 2 November 1945, received aboard 124 passengers for transport to Pearl Harbor T.H.
- 0000 5 November 1945: Anchored as before in vicinity of berth L-44 Saipan Harbor.
- 0800 Underway in convoy, single column headed by USS LST 1061 as convoy guide with OTC aboard, followed by USS LST 1076 & USS LST 851, enroute to Pearl Harbor T.H.
- 0000 6 November 1945 to 20 November 1945: Underway enroute from Saipan, Marianas Islands to Pearl Harbor T.H. 6 November set clocks to keep zone minus 11 time, 11 November set clocks to keep zone minus 12 time, 14 November set clocks to keep zone plus 12 time, 15 November set clocks to keep zone plus 11 time.
- 0000 21 November 1945 Underway as before to Pearl Harbor T.H.
- 1126 Entered Pearl Harbor and moored portside to berth T-9 West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.
- 0000 22 November 1945 to 25 November 1945: Moored as before portside to berth T-9 West Lock, Pearl Harbor T.H.
- 0000 26 November 1945: Moored as before.
- 0800 Underway to moor at repair docks for alterations to main deck incidental to receiving USS AMc U3 to main deck for transportation to "USA".
- 0000 27 November 1945: USS AMc U3 placed on main deck and crew received aboard for transportation.
- 0000 28 November 1945: Cleared repair base Pearl Harbor T.H. Maneuvering to stand out channel.
- 1206 Cleared harbor entrance and set course for Portland, Oregon USA with AMc U3 on main deck.
- 0000 29 November 1945: Underway enroute to Portland, Oregon USA with AMc U3 on main deck, set clocks to keep zone plus 9 time.
- 0000 30 November 1945: Underway enroute to Portland, Oregon USA with AMc U3 on main deck, set clocks to keep zone plus 8 time.

WAR DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1945

- 0000 1 December 1945 to 8 December 1945: Attached to LST Group, Flotilla 25, operating under Commander Admins Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. USS LST 851 Underway alone with AMc U3 on main deck in passage from Pearl Harbor, Oahu T.H. to Portland, Oregon, Passengers include the following War Department Personnel, 110 enlisted men and 4 officers, who reported aboard at Pearl Harbor, Oahu T.H.
- 0800 Set clocks to keep zone plus 7 time.
- 0000 9 December 1945: Underway as before from Pearl Harbor to Portland, Oregon.
- 1455 Received pilots from Columbia River Entrance Light Ship and proceeded up the mouth of river to Astoria, Oregon.
- 1645 Let go the bow anchor in vicinity of Astoria, Oregon, waiting for river traffic to

clear and also awaiting orders to proceed to Portland, Oregon.

1711 Anchors aweigh, proceeded up the Columbia River to Portland, Oregon.

2200 Moored portside to Municipal Pier Terminal 4, Portland, Oregon.

0000 10 December 1945: Set clocks to keep zone 8 time.

1030 Disembarked War Department Personnel, consisting of 110 enlisted men and 4 officers.

1304 Underway with pilot incidental to changing berths. Moored portside to Interstate Terminal Pier, Portland, Oregon.

0000 11 December 1945 to 13 December 1945: Moored as before portside to Interstate Terminal Pier, Portland, Oregon.

0000 14 December 1945: Moored as before portside to Interstate Pier, Portland, Oregon.

0705 Received pilot aboard and proceeded down Columbia River from Portland, Oregon to Astoria, Oregon,

1045 Anchored for one hour (1) in channel to wait for fog and poor visibility to clear.

1145 Hoisted anchor and continued to Astoria, Oregon.

1948 Moored starboard side to at pier 3 berth 7 of Port Docks US Naval Station, Astoria, Oregon.

0000 15 December 1945 to 31 December 1945: Moored starboard side to at pier 3 berth seven, US Naval Station, Astoria Oregon. 18 December 1945, Officers and Staff of Material Inspection Party from US Naval Station, Astoria, held meeting and inspection aboard ship. Inspection Party checked all Ship's division's records and equipment. Also checked the hull of the ship. The Inspection Party convened to determine the future status of the USS LST 851.

Note...This was as much documentation available,...so from memory after Astoria, Oregon is what follows: We sailed from Astoria, Oregon to Puget Sound in Washington State and anchored in an area off Blake Island. From this anchorage you could see the lights of Seattle, Washington. After a time the USS LST 851 entered Lake Union, Seattle Washington. The ship was decommissioned 24 April 1946 & struck from the Navy List 6 May 1946, sold to Northwest Merchandising Service 30 September 1946.

" AND THERE ENDED THE SAGA KNOWN AS THE JOURNEY OF THE USS LST 851"

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