U. S. S. APPALACHIAN FILE NO. AGC-1/A12-1 Serial: 982 CONFIDENTIAL The Commanding Officer. From: Commander in Chief, United States Fleet. To: Subject: War Diary. (a) Cominch ltr. No. 5131, FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Reference: Serial 7152 of 29 October 1943. Subject war diary is submitted herewith for the month of July 1944: July 1st to 10th: Anchored in berth A-25 in 25 fathoms of water in south part of Eniwetok Lagoon, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. Acting as Flagship of Rear Admiral Richard L. Conolly, and staff, ComGroupThree, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. Anchored as before. 0620 - Underway for Guam, July 11th: Marianas Islands, in accordance with C.T.F. dispatch No. 091400. C.T.U. 53.1.11 in U.S.S. APPALACHIAN. C.T.U. 53.1.11 composed of U.S.S. APPALACHIAN, U.S.S. COLORADO, and U.S.S. CHENANGO. 2100 - Retarded all ship's clocks to minus ten zone time. 1200 position Lat. 11 27'N Long. 161 25'E 2000 position Lat. 11 47'N Long. 159 26'E July 12th: Steaming as before enroute to Guam, Marianas Islands. 0800 position Lat. 12 20'N Long. 156 11'E 1200 position Lat. 12 30'N Long. 155 15'E 2000 position Lat. 12 51'N Long. 153 18'E Steaming as before enroute to Guam, Marianas July 13th: Islands. 0800 position Lat. 13 23'N Long. 150 19'E 1200 position Lat. 12 30'N Long. 149 19'E 2000 position Lat. 13 08'N Long. 147 16'E July 14th: Steaming as before. 0510 - Sighted Island of Guam. U.S.S. CHENANGO and screening destroyers, U.S.S. SCHROEDER and U.S.S. SIGSBEE detached from 81803

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July 14th:

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Task Unit 53.1.11. 0830 - U.S.S. COLORADO was detached from this Task Unit in accordance with C.T.F. 53 dispatch No. 130422. U.S.S. APPALACHIAN and screen operating independently, cruising in assigned area off Orote Point, Guam. 1420 - Commenced bombardment of target area 473 (Orote airstrip) to break up observed activity. 1430 - Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 30 rounds of 5"/38 caliber. 1750 - Formed cruising disposition 5-L with Task Unit 53.1.15 to execute night retirement. Fleet Guide in U.S.S. APPALACHIAN. O.T.C. in U.S.S. COLORADO.

July 15th:

Steaming as before in night retirment. 0715 - U.S.S. APPALACHIAN detached from Task Unit 53.1.15 and operating independently in assigned area of f Orote Point. 1110 - Commenced firing at designated target on Orote Point, Guam. 1130 - Ceased firing, target destroyed. Ammunition expended: 40 rounds of 5"/38 caliber. 1730 - Formed cruising disposition 5-L with Task Unit 53.1.15 for night retirement. Fleet guide in U.S.S. APPALACHIAN. O.T.C. in U.S.S. COLORADO.

July 16th:

Steaming as before in night retirement. 0630 - U.S.S. APPALACHIAN detached from T.U. 53.1.15 and operating independently in various assigned areas off Guam. 1710 - Formed cruising disposition for night retirement with Task Unit 53.1.11 for night retirement. 0.T.C. 53.1.11 and fleet guide in APPALACHIAN.

July 17th:

Steaming as before in night retirement. 0755 - Cruising disposition 5-L dissolved. U.S.S. APPALA-CHIAN operating independently in various areas off Guam. 1825 - Formed cruising disposition for night retirement in column with Task Unit 53.5.1. O.T.C. and Fleet Guide in U.S.S. NEW MEXICO.

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July 18th:

Steaming as before in night retirement. 0610 - Dissolved night cruising disposition and U.S.S. APPALACHIAN commenced operating independently in assigned area off Asan Point, Guam Island. 1850 - Formed cruising disposition for night retirement in column with Task Unit 53.5.1. Fleet Guide in U.S.S. NEW MEXICO, and O.T.C. in U.S.S. HONOLULU.

July 19th:

Steaming as before in night retirement. 0720 - Dissolved night cruising disposition and U.S.S. APPALACHIAN commenced operating in assigned area off Asan Point, Guam. 1745 - Formed cruising disposition for night retirement, in column with Task Unit 53.5.1. Fleet Guide and O.T.C. in U.S.S. HONOLULU.

July 20th:

Steaming as before in night retirement. 0610 - Dissolved night cruising disposition and U.S.S. APPALACHIAN commenced operating independently in assigned area off Asan Point, Guam. 1620 - Commenced firing on designated targets in Asan town. 1650 - Designated target destroyed. Ceased firing. Ammunition expended - 50 rounds of 5"/38 caliber. 1807 - Formed cruising disposition 5-R for night retirement with Task Unit 53.5.3. U.S.S. APPALACHIAN fleet guide, O.T.C. in U.S.S. WICHITA.

July 21st:

William Day. Steaming as before in night retirement. 0500 - Dissolved night cruising disposition and U.S.S. APPALACHIAN proceeded to assigned position in transport area. Transport divisions disembarking troops to landing craft. APPALACHIAN remained off landing beaches during the day and night. 1900 - Two Japanese prisoners delivered on board for further delivery to the prisoner of war ship, U.S.S. RIXEY.

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July 22nd:

Lying to off landing beaches at Asan Town.

Transport divisions disembarking stores and equipment, occupation of island of Guam in progress.

July 23rd:

Lying off Asan Point, Guam, occupation of island of Guam in progress.

July 24th:

Lying to off Asan Point, Guam, occupation of island of Guam in progress.

July 25th:

Lying to off Asan Point, Guam, occupation of island of Guam in progress.

July 26th:

Lying to off Asan Point, Guam, occupation of island of Guam in progress. 0500 - Underway for Agat beach area. 0715 - Lying to in assigned area off Agat beach. Commenced disembarking personnel and gear of Headquarters Company, Third Amphibious Corps. 1540 - Completed disembarkation of Headquarters Company. 1600 - Underway for Asan Point area. 1730 - Lying to in assigned area off Asan beach, Guam.

July 27th:

Lying to off Asan Point. 0900 - Underway for Agat beach area. 0950 - Lying to in transport area off Agat beach, Guam. Occupation of the island of Guam in progress.

July 28th:

Lying to off Agat beach, Guam. Occupation of the island of Guam in progress.

July 29th:

Lying to off Agat beach, Guam. Occupation of the island of Guam in progress.

Lying to off Agat beach, Guam. Occupation of the island of Guam in progress. 0840 - Pursuant to orders of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Captain C. R. Jeffs, U.S.N., relieved Captain J.M. Fernald, U.S.N., as Commanding Officer of this vessel. 1600 - Underway to enter Apra Harbor, Guam. 1640 - Passed No. 1 channel entrance buoy to Apra Harbor. 1708 -

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July 30th:

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Anchored in berth No. 121, Apra Harbor, Guam

Island.

Anchored in berth No. 21, Apra Harbor, Guam Island. Occupation of island of Guam in progress.

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