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Year: **1945**

Day	Date	Month	Event
Mo	01	Jan	Attached to the Lingayen Attack Force providing transport screen protection for the liberation of the Philippines.
Sa	06	Jan	Commenced a two day attack on Jap aircraft and airfield facilities on the Luzon area, Philippine Islands. A single Jap plane attacked a transport.
Mo	08	Jan	A single Jap plane made an unsuccessful attack on one of our carriers.
Tu	09	Jan	Operating with TF 79, TG 79.11 screen DESRON22 supporting army landings in Lingayen Gulf area with gunfire shore bombardment. The ship was under constant air attack. 1845 Kamikaze attacks on a carrier and a battleship. Downed one aircraft attacking our ship.
We	10	Jan	0445 Jap torpedo boats made runs on our ship. Sunk one. 0500 Spotted a Jap barge and fired upon it repeatedly as visibility was poor on account of darkness. A few hours later a Jap body was found in the water and taken aboard. Effects on the body were transferred to a PBY. The PBY nearly ran into the ship due to high swells.
Fr	12	Jan	1800 Departed Luzon with transports bound for Leyte.
Sa	13	Jan	A Jap plane made a suicide dive on a transport. Did not make a direct hit, resulting in little damage to the transport.

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Su	14	Jan	0800 - 2300 Left the convoy to search <u>alone</u> for a Jap naval unit reported to consist of at least 2 battleships, cruisers and destroyers and to be in the Sulu Sea. No contact was made and we were at full speed all the time.
Mo	15	Jan	Arrived at Leyte, then continued with one transport to Manus Island.
Fr	19	Jan	Crossed the equator and arrived at Manus Island.
Sa	20	Jan	Conducted anti-shipping sweeps in Leyte Gulf.
We	24	Jan	Departed Manus with troop ships enroute to New Guinea.
Fr	26	Jan	Arrived Maffin Bay, Wadke Island, New Guinea.
Th	01	Feb	Departed Maffin Bay with 9 transports.
Fr	02	Feb	2300 Contacted an enemy submarine. Dropped depth charges and lost the contact.
Sa	03	Feb	0200 Crossed the equator. At day break we were joined by more transports and destroyer escorts.
Tu	06	Feb	Arrived at San Pedro Bay, Leyte.

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We	07	Feb	Departed Leyte for Mindoro with numerous transports..
Fr	09	Feb	Arrived Mindoro.
Sa	10	Feb	Departed Mindoro with transports bound for Leyte.
Mo	12	Feb	Arrived Leyte.
Th	15	Feb	Anchored at berth 46 in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippines
Fr	16	Feb	Anchored between berths 57 and 74, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippines.
Mo	19	Feb	Anchored at berth 511, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippines.
Tu	20	Feb	Fueled in san Pedro Bay area and departed for Subic Bay, Philippines as part of TU 78.7.6. Took station 6 of a 13 ship circular screen 3000 yards from the nearest ship in the convoy. The screen includes USS WALLER, USS SIGORNEY, USS SHAW, USS SMITH and several YMS and SC types.

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Th	22	Feb	<p>0000 underway in tow of LT 636 with no way on. LT 57 is moored to the port side giving assistance as water is rising in the after engine room.</p> <p>0005 USS RUDDERROW and USS FORMOE joined the formation and SC749 departed.</p> <p>0010 Brought over one two inch hose from LT 57 and commenced pumping.</p>

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Th	22	Feb	<p>0039 Water still rising. Connection severed from tug and tug departed.</p> <p>0103 USS RUDDERROW moored to starboard side. Water in the after engine room now ten feet deep.</p> <p>0112 USS RUDDERROW passed over a portable gasoline pump and three submersible bilge pumps.</p> <p>0135 Three submersible pumps and one large gasoline pump placed in operation.</p> <p>0200 Shifted all pumps back to ship's own emergency power.</p> <p>0230 Speed of formation set at 5 knots enroute to Leyte Gulf.</p> <p>0238 Increased speed to seven knots. Water level reduced to three feet in the after engine room. Secured all gasoline pumps leaving the three submersible pumps in operation.</p> <p>0318 Negligible water in the after engine room.</p> <p>0449 USS RUDDERROW assumed screen lead.</p> <p>0525 Indicated speed of towing vessel increased to nine knots.</p> <p>0615 Set Condition of Readiness I for morning alert. Motor whale boat submerged and lost.</p> <p>0730 ATR 86 joined the formation.</p> <p>0800 Mustered the crew on stations with no absentees.</p> <p>0919 Taken in tow by ATR 85 at eleven knots.</p> <p>1015 Body recovered from forward engine room.</p> <p>1330 Burial at sea conducted for six men at Latitude 09 degrees, 34 minutes north; and Longitude 124 degrees 35.8 minutes east.</p>

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Th	22	Feb	<p>1811 Body recovered from forward engine room.</p> <p>1825 Body recovered from forward engine room.</p>
Fr	23	Feb	<p>0000 Underway in tow of ATR 86 at eleven knots enroute to Leyte Gulf. Screened by USS RUDDERROW and USS FORMOE.</p> <p>0810 Body recovered from forward engine room.</p> <p>0930 Burial at sea conducted for three men at Latitude 10 degrees, 16.2 minutes North; and Longitude 125 degrees, 18 minutes east.</p> <p>1725 USS RUDDERROW closed on starboard and spread oil slick in an attempt to smooth the sea and reduce vibration.</p>
Sa	24	Feb	<p>0145 Moored to the port side of ATR 86 in berth No. 72 at San Pedro Bay. Transferred two injured men to LST 464 for further treatment and hospitalization.</p> <p>1420 Entered dry dock ARD 16 in berth No. 43. Recovered one body from the after fire room, recovered one body from the forward fire room, and recovered one body from the forward engine room.</p>
Su	25	Feb	<p>Docked in ARD 16 in berth No. 43, San Pedro bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. Recovered three bodies from the after fire room.</p>
Mo	26	Feb	<p>Temporary repairs underway by the ship's crew and men from the destroyer tenders USS PROMETHEUS and USS WHITNEY.</p>
Tu	10	Apr	<p>Departed dry dock.</p>

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We	25	Apr	Departed for Eniwetok with USS SHAW and two transports carrying evacuees.
Tu	01	May	Contacted enemy submarine. Contact lost.
We	02	May	Arrived Eniwetok.
Th	03	May	Departed Eniwetok enroute to Pearl Harbor, H. T.
Su	06	May	1715 Crossed the International Date Line.
We	09	May	0030 Arrived at Pearl Harbor, H. T.. Some of the wounded shipmates returned to the ship.
Th	10	May	0800 Departed Pearl Harbor enroute to Seattle, Washington.
Th	17	May	Arrived at Seattle, Washington. Berthed dock side at Todd's Shipyard, Harbor Island.

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Th	04	Oct	Departed Seattle, Wash. Enroute to San Pedro, Calif.
Sa	06	Oct	Arrived San Pedro, Calif. for refueling then underway for Colon, Panama.
Su	14	Oct	<p>1000 Entered the Panama Canal.</p> <p>1800 Completed passage through the Panama Canal.</p> <p>1900 Arrived Colon, Panama. Liberty for the third section to expire on board at 2300.</p> <p>2030 Commenced refueling.</p> <p>2335 Completed refueling.</p>
Mo	15	Oct	1300 Departed Colon, Panama. Underway for New York, New York.
Tu	16	Oct	2100 Off the southern coast of Cuba.
We	17	Oct	1000 Off the coast of Florida. Rough seas.
Th	18	Oct	Encountering very rough seas off Cape Hatteras, N. C.
Fr	19	Oct	1200 Entered New York harbor. Sailed past the Statue of Liberty and moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.
Sa	20	Oct	Moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.
Su	21	Oct	Moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard
Mo	22	Oct	Moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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Tu	23	Oct	Moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.
We	24	Oct	Moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.
Th	25	Oct	Moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.
Fr	26	Oct	Moored at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Making necessary clean-up repairs and adjustments to the ship for Navy Day celebration. Moored the ship to the foot of Broadway.
Sa	27	Oct	<p>1200 Moored next to the USS MISSOURI.</p> <p>1550 President Harry Truman, Mrs. Truman and daughter Bess Truman; Admiral Ingrahm, and Admiral Leahy and party embark to review 48 ships of various classes anchored for a seven mile stretch on the Hudson River. As RENSHAW passed, each ship rendered a 21-gun salute to President Truman.</p> <p>1900 After debarking the dignitaries, returned to Brooklyn Navy Yard.</p>
We	31	Oct	0930 Departed for pier 33, Brooklyn Navy Yard for supplies.
Th	01	Nov	Underway enroute to Charleston Navy Yard, S.C.
Sa	03	Nov	0800 Anchored in Charleston Harbor.
Mo	05	Nov	<p>1000 Commenced off loading ammunition</p> <p>1430 Completed off loading ammunition</p> <p>1645 Moored at Charleston Navy Yard dry dock for moth balling.</p>

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Tu	13	Nov	1630 Departed dry dock.
Fr	30	Nov	1330 Towed from Charleston Navy Yard to the Wando River anchorage. USS ISHERWOOD and USS MC KEE moored on either side supplying steam power and fire main pressure.