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Day	Date	Month	Event
Sa	02	Jan	At sea for an ASW exercise to tape record a nuclear submarine.
Mo	04	Jan	Started refresher training.
Th	07	Jan	Conducted single ship's ASW exercises.
Fr	08	Jan	Gunnery exercises all day and night. Assisted a small pleasure boat when returning from exercises.
Mo	11	Jan	Conducted dual ship ASW exercises. Anchored off the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.
Tu	12	Jan	Conducted seamanship exercises.
We	13	Jan	Conducted damage control exercises.
Th	14	Jan	ASW exercises. Almost rammed by the USS EPPERSON DD-719. Night steaming.
Fr	15	Jan	BUMPES drills at Ford Island.
Mo	25	Jan	At sea off the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and Diamond Head. Volcanic smog covers the area.
Th	28	Jan	At sea for gunnery exercises but cancelled due to heavy overcast.
Fr	29	Jan	0500 Underway from H-5 for Kahoolawe Island. Took Marines to the beach at Smuggler's Cove then conducted shore bombardment all night with illumination exercises.

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Fr	05	Feb	Conducted a battle problem at sea.
Mo	08	Feb	At sea for a surface gunnery shoot.
Tu	09	Feb	At sea for a formal shoot and a long range shoot.
We	24	Feb	Conducted single ship ASW exercises.
Th	25	Feb	Refueled from the USS RANGER than back to H-3 for two hours then back to sea for night plane guard duty.
Mo	29	Feb	At sea for damage control exercises.
Tu	01	Mar	At sea for dual ship ASW exercises with USS RADFORD and USS GREENFISH.
We	02	Mar	At sea for formal ASW exercise. Fired one torpedo.
Fr	04	Mar	At sea for formal damage control exercise.
Mo	04	Apr	In dry dock.

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Mo	11	Apr	Out of dry dock.
Fr	22	Apr	Underway for WESTPAC cruise. Spent part of the day in the channel at Pearl Harbor filming "Wackiest Ship In The Army," then underway for Midway Island.
Sa	23	Apr	Conducted a full power run.
Mo	25	Apr	0800 Arrived at Midway Island. Played the USS PHILIP in softball. 1500 Underway for Yokosuka, Japan. Conducted a 15 knot economy run.
We	26	Apr	Crossed the International Date Line. No Tuesday.
Th	27	Apr	Weather cold. A bird flew into the pilot house. Conducted General Quarters drills.
Fr	28	Apr	High lined Ltjg Thompson and Messman to the USS EVANS to fix their evaporators.
Sa	29	Apr	High lined movies and supplies to the USS EVANS. Heavy fog in the afternoon.
Su	30	Apr	High lined men back from the USS EVANS after fixing their evaporators. 650 miles to go to Yokosuka, Japan.
Mo	01	May	Weather nice but looks like duck hunting weather. Catholic services in the torpedo shop with 14 men attending. Seen the first Japanese fishing boats. Set the time back to I-time same as Yokosuka.

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Mo	02	May	0800 Japan in sight. Fog in Tokyo Bay. Hundreds of fishing boats. 1400 Moored at berth 7 SRF Yokosuka, Japan. Eight men in FOX division advanced in rate.
Sa	07	May	FOX division party at the Zombie, behind Club Alliance.
We	11	May	Inspection of the ship by Admiral Leverton, COMDESFL0T1.
Fr	13	May	Engineering party at the Kanko.
Mo	16	May	Underway for Ito, Japan (across Tokyo Bay). In the outer harbor the gig and three men dropped into the water. No one hurt. Arrived at Ito in the afternoon.
Tu	17	May	Personnel from the ship plated a Monkey Pod tree at the William Adams monument.
Th	19	May	Departed Ito enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. The Commodore is embarked. The weather is bad.
Sa	21	May	Almost hit by two ships. 1000 Arrived at Buckner Bay. Moored at White Beach.

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Mo	23	May	0740 Underway in an opposed sortie with USS YORKTOWN CVS-10 and 7 destroyers. The weather is rain.
Tu	24	May	One sonar contact lost when passing over it. Another tracked for one hour and evaluated as a whale.
We	25	May	Steaming out on picket station in OPERATION BULLDOG 1.
Th	26	May	At ASW general quarters then sonar attack team for one hour on a contact picked up by the USS PHILIP. Finally classified as a pinnacle at 194 fathoms. Tidal waves in the Pacific today but no effect on us.
Fr	27	May	Operating east of Yokosuka, Japan in a circle formation. Still cool and wet weather. On a hold down all day by the destroyers of the HUK group. W-2-U cancelled. Bent line screen at night. Small fishing boats try to run us down.
Sa	28	May	Alongside the USS FIREDRAKE in the morning to re-arm.
Su	29	May	Entered Tokyo Bay and moored outboard of four ships at berth 6.
Mo	30	May	Entered the dry dock. The remainder of the division left for Sasebo, Japan.
Fr	03	Jun	Ist division party at the New Anchor. E-gang party at the Club Zombie.
Sa	04	Jun	Captains personnel inspection.
Th	09	Jun	Out of dry dock.

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Fr	10	Jun	Sea trails to test the sonar dome. Strange overall noise. Operations department party at the Kanko.
Sa	11	Jun	Shifted berths from 7 to 6. Secured for tropical storm Mary.
Mo	13	Jun	Underway for gunnery shoot. Headed south through Nampo Shoto.
Tu	14	Jun	Surface gunnery shoot. Sank the LSSL-85 east of Oshima.
We	15	Jun	Cancelled air shoots due to low ceilings. 1400 Returned to berth 7 at Yokosuka, Japan. Visibility very poor. Many riots in Tokyo due to the proposed visit of President Eisenhower, which was cancelled.
Fr	17	Jun	0800 Underway for station V-3. Sailing along inside of Nampo Shoto with a good view of the volcano on Oshima.
Sa	18	Jun	Underway enroute to the Philippine Sea. The weather is the best we've had.
Su	19	Jun	Returning to Yokosuka, Japan.
Mo	20	Jun	Moored at berth 6. Yokosuka, Japan.
Tu	21	Jun	Underway to anchorage to take on ammunition then back to berth 6.
Fr	24	Jun	0800 Underway with USS EPPERSON DD-719 and USS DIRDON for ASW exercises in Sangami Wan. Afterwards proceeded to Japan to anchor for the night.
Sa	25	Jun	0700 Underway from Ito for ASW exercises northeast of Oshima. LCDR Thorson, the new XO, arrived by helo. Acted as day plane guard for the USS YORKTOWN leading around the Isu Penninsula.

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Su	26	Jun	Testing for a sonar noise spike.
Mo	27	Jun	Working with Admiral Biggs in the HMS ALBION along with HMS BELFAST and a frigate squadron including HMS CAVENDISH and HMS CAPRICE.
Tu	28	Jun	Still working with the British squadron enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa plane guarding HMS ALBION.
We	29	Jun	Went alongside the USS VEGA for stores and the USS CHEMUNG for fuel.
Th	30	Jun	Moored at berth BRAVO, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. The XO, LCDR Quanstrom and Chiefs Cook and Dawse left the ship.
Fr	01	Jul	Very hot today. Finally fixed the air conditioners in the wardroom.
Sa	02	Jul	Underway for Sasebo, Japan. Headed east of Okinawa for ASW exercises with the USS EPPERSON, ISS PHILIP, and the USS SPINX. Afternoon spent at ASW in very hot weather.
Mo	04	Jul	ASW exercises all morning. Still very hot.
Tu	05	Jul	Alongside the USS YORKTOWN to high line Marsh who has appendicitis. Went along side the USS TORTUGA for fuel. Have a noise in the sonar when we roll to port.
We	06	Jul	In a three ship screen. Two surface attack units out on a W-#-U exercise. A little cooler weather.
Th	07	Jul	High lined Kenney to the USS EPPERSON to observe CIC exercises.

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Fr	08	Jul	<p>Rounding the end of Kusushu heading for Sasebo, Japan. Picked up engineers for a sonar trial in the bay.</p> <p>1300 Moored to berth I-1 in the SSK shipyard. The other ships went alongside the USS AJAX.</p>
Mo	11	Jul	Entered dry dock #3.
We	13	Jul	FOX division party at the Mount Rocky.
Tu	19	Jul	Out of dry dock and over to berth I-1.
Th	21	Jul	Underway for two hours to test the rudder and the sonar.
Fr	22	Jul	0900 Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa. The weather is good but we are leaving Sasebo to avoid the tropical storm Polly south of Buckner bay. Headed down the east side of the South China Sea.
Sa	23	Jul	Headed west across the East China Sea.
Su	24	Jul	Headed for the Formosa Straits. &0 miles off the China coast.
Mo	25	Jul	Refueled from the USS CHEMUNG AO-30 off the northwest tip of Formosa. Tropical storm Polly is still south of Buckner Bay.
Tu	26	Jul	Headed east around the north end of Formosa in heavy swells. Taking 35 to 40 degree rolls. Otherwise the weather is very nice. Headed south in the afternoon.

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We	27	Jul	Steaming north in the Philippine Sea. The weather is now overcast. Headed for a refueling point east of Okinawa.
Th	28	Jul	Early morning refueling for a "John Law Whiskey."
Su	31	Jul	Church service in the Torpedo shop with 21 men.
Tu	02	Aug	Opposed entry into Buckner Bay. RENSHAW held down "good gulf."
We	03	Aug	Underway from anchorage in Buckner Bay enroute to Naha, Okinawa to pick up army personnel for a raid north of Naha. 2300 Completed debarkation of army personnel and underway for Buckner Bay.
Th	04	Aug	Joined task group 70.4 departing Buckner bay. Ship held down "good gulf" until task group was clear.
Fr	05	Aug	Working east of Buckner Bay with HUK group.
Mo	08	Aug	A helo in the screen crashed and the crew was rescued.
We	10	Aug	Underway replenishment and refueling. Detected and held down one of the opposing submarines. Weather getting very bad.
Th	11	Aug	Cancelled OPERATION BULLDOG II due to poor weather.

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Fr	12	Aug	Continued evasion of Typhoons Wendy and Virginia. 1200 Commenced OPERATION BULLDOG II. Detached on a search and rescue to pick up a downed pilot but another vessel arrived first.
Sa	13	Aug	Refueled for the USS ASHTABULA. DESDIV 252 was detached from TG 70.4 and headed for Hong Kong.
Su	14	Aug	Steaming southwest toward Taiwan across the East China Sea. Returned to four section watch.
Mo	15	Aug	Headed south with DESDIV 252 along the east side of Taiwan to join the USS PICTOR for replenishment. Evading Typhoon Agnes. Saw two concentric rainbows, complete circles, close aboard the ship.
Tu	16	Aug	Detached from DESDIV 252 to enter Taiwan and pick up men. Only stayed four hours.
We	17	Aug	Arrived at Hong Kong and moored to a buoy off Fenwick Pier.
Th	18	Aug	Assigned as station ship, Hong Kong.
Fr	19	Aug	Assigned as station ship, Hong Kong.
Sa	20	Aug	The USS NOBLE relieved us as station ship. The USS PHILIP hosted a party in the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.
Su	21	Aug	Chaplin Hondo on board for church services.
We	24	Aug	Departed Hong Kong.
Th	25	Aug	Underway for Buckner Bay to join the USS HORNET. No sonar due to the loss for the HV MG set.

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Fr	26	Aug	Detached from DESDIV 252 and entered Buckner Bay. Change of command. CDR W. W. Schwartz, USN relieved CDR R. A. Keil. CDR Keil is assigned to MAAG Taiwan.
Sa	27	Aug	Underway for availability in Subic Bay, Philippines. This change in plans is due to the situation in Laos.
Su	28	Aug	Steaming along the northwest coast of Luzon. Chaplain Hondo arrived by helo for church services. Refueled from the USS PONCHATULA.
Mo	29	Aug	Arrived in Olongapo, Subic Bay, Philippines for maintenance. The harbor is full of ships due to the Laos situation.
Sa	03	Sep	Commanding Officer's inspection. The HV MG set is working again.
Th	08	Sep	"Hold down" exercises with submarine "Paper Hanger."
Fr	09	Sep	Completed hold down exercise after 25 hours and 35 minutes of contact.
Sa	10	Sep	Conducted an ASW W-2-U exercise with the USS PHILIP and scored a 98.
Mo	12	Sep	Conducted a transit exercise with the USS PICKEREL. Refueled then night plane guard.
Tu	13	Sep	Returned back to transit exercise.
We	14	Sep	Arrived at pier 5 South harbor, Manila, Philippines.

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Fr	16	Sep	Underway from Manila in an opposed sortie.
Sa	17	Sep	Conducted an opposed replenishment and refueling. DESDIV 252 detached for Subic Bay, P. I.. DESDIV132 and the USS HORNET headed for Hong Kong.
Su	18	Sep	Steaming south east in the South China Sea enroute to Subic Bay, P.I..
Mo	19	Sep	Arrived in port Subic Bay, P.I. berth 18 at Riveria Point.
We	21	Sep	Experiencing the first really wet weather of the cruise. Babbitt found in the lube oil of the port engine. Cannot get underway tomorrow.
Th	22	Sep	The USS RENSHAW and the USS PHILIP can not get underway. LTJG James and Rathburn sent TAD to the USS EPPERSON to observe gunnery exercises. The USS EPPERSON is conducting shore bombardment exercises at Tabones Island until 2300. Weather is bad.
Fr	23	Sep	The USS PHILIP joins the USS EPPERSON for shore bombardment all day.
Sa	24	Sep	The USS EPPERSON returns to port to the fuel dock between Riveria Point and Cubi Point.
Su	25	Sep	Conducted sea trials for 2 hours. ENS Bob d'Allesio departed the ship for ASW school. Underway from Subic Bay to join the task group enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa and Yokosuka, Japan.
Mo	26	Sep	At general quarters all day for exercises Z-4-AD.
Su	02	Oct	Three helo details today.

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Mo	03	Oct	Did not go to Buckner Bay as scheduled. Conducted a 25 knot economy run and sonar trial.
Tu	04	Oct	Steaming off Okinawa with TG 70.4. Returned to three section watches.
We	05	Oct	Steaming in the Philippine Sea waiting for exercise BULLDOG III to start. Refueled and replenished.
Th	06	Oct	Commenced OPERATION BULLDOG III.
Fr	07	Oct	USS RENSHAW put out of action by "good gulf."
Sa	08	Oct	Lube oil causality. Joined the USS HANCOCK to screen during refueling. A sub shoots two torpedoes at the USS HORNET far side of the screen. 2400 OPERATION BULLDOG III completed.
Su	09	Oct	Detached from TG 70.4. WESTPAC operations are completed.
Mo	10	Oct	En route to Yokosuka, Japan.
Mo	17	Oct	Supply department party at Bar Happy.
We	19	Oct	All small boats secured due to heavy weather.
Th	20	Oct	Moved to the USS PIEDMONT at pier 12.
Fr	21	Oct	0800 Departed Yokosuka, Japan en route to Pearl Harbor. Very rough seas behind typhoon Mamie.
Su	23	Oct	Weather better now. Ten men at church services with the chaplain.

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We	26	Oct	Crossed the International Date Line headed east. Refueled at Midway Island.
Sa	29	Oct	0900 Arrived at Pearl harbor after 6 months, 7 days and 36,000 miles of steaming.
		Nov	WEAPON ALPHA installed in place of hedgehog mount.

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