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**U. S. S. LST 1031**  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
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**From:** Commanding Officer.  
**To:** Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Navy.  
**Subject:** War Diary for Month of August, 1945.  
**Reference:** (a) CincPac File A2-11/A12, ser. 1CL-45, dated 1 January 1945.  
(b) Articles 712 and 874(6), U. S. Navy Regulations, 1920.  
(c) ComLSTGroup EIGHTEEN conf. ltr. A12-1, ser. O116 dated 30 July 1945.

1. Time Zone (-) 9. 1 August 1945 - Underway enroute from Okinawa to Guam in convoy OKS #16, our position in convoy fourth ship in tenth column astern LST 715. Convoy Commodore on APA 218. Convoy on base course 150°T, speed 7 knots. Ship in condition of readiness III. Interval and distance between ships extended and dimmed side lights and wake light turned on. Some ships have broken convoy completely, resulting in a shuffling of position within those still in convoy. Our position now fourth ship in tenth column. 0400 Due to increasing violence of the storm at 0658 changed course 165°T. 1800 Changed course 165°T.

0800 - Lat. 23°21'N., Long. 131°50'E.  
1200 - Lat. 23°11'N., Long. 132°00'E.  
2000 - Lat. 23°32'N., Long. 132°18'E.

2. 2 August 1945 - Underway as before. Fury of the storm abating. 0455 Went to routine dawn alert. 0550 Secured from dawn alert and reset Condition III, gun watches. 0711 Changed course 120°T. 1138 Convoy changed speed to 6.5 knots and began emergency maneuvers, changed course 093°T. 1332 Changed course 058°T. 1420 Changed course 093°T. 1456 Changed course 133°T. 1640 Changed course 048°T. Ceased emergency maneuvers and assumed base course 093°T.

0800 - Lat. 21°26'N., Long 133°10'E.  
1200 - Lat. 21°07'N., Long 133°28'E.  
2000 - Lat. 20°11'N., Long 134°29'E.

3. 3 August 1945 - Underway as before. Set ships clocks ahead one hour to conform to -10 time zone. Went to regular dawn alert. 0655 Secured from alert, resumed condition III watches. 0801 Changed course 106°T. 1343 Changed course to 130°T. 1929 Darkened ship - convoy Commodore ordered that no running lights be shown as danger of collision was now remote.

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0800 - Lat. 21 18'N., Long. 135 47'E.  
1200 - Lat. 21 18'N., Long. 136 11'E.  
2000 - Lat. 20 54'N., Long. 136 59'E.

4. 4 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0540 Called routine dawn alert. 0630 Secured from dawn alert. 1500 Convoy began emergency 45° turns. Changed course 125°T. 1700 Changed course 170°T. 1824 Changed course 125°T. Secured from emergency turns. 2100 Increased convoy speed to 6.5 knots.

0800 - Lat. 20°05'N., Long. 137°57'E.  
1200 - Lat. 19°50'N., Long. 138°16.5'E.  
2000 - Lat. 19°16.5'N., Long. 138°54'E.

5. 5 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0813 Changed course to 115°T.

0800 - Lat. 18°28'N., Long. 139°59'E.  
1200 - Lat. 18°15'N., Long. 140°21'E.  
2000 - Lat. 17°47'N., Long. 141°19'E.

6. 6 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0530 Called routine dawn alert. 0615 Secured from dawn alert. 0800 Changed course to 125°T. 1622 Sighted friendly aircraft bearing 055°T, distance 4 miles. 1733 Sighted friendly aircraft bearing 210°T, distance 7 miles.

0800 - Lat. 17°06'N., Long. 142°34'E.  
1200 - Lat. 17°01'N., Long. 142°56'E.  
2000 - Lat. 16°19'N., Long. 143°49'E.

7. 7 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0525 Called routine dawn alert. 0605 Secured from dawn alert. 0810 Changed course to 145°T. 0840 Upon receipt visual orders of convoy commander, left convoy and in company with ATA 181 proceeding to Guam. Changed course to 196°T. 1217 Changed speed to 5 knots. 1240 Changed course to 190°T.

0800 - Lat. 15°33'N., Long. 145°06'E.  
1200 - Lat. 15°13'N., Long. 144°56'E.  
2000 - Lat. 14°27'N., Long. 144°46'E.

8. 8 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0520 Called routine dawn alert. 0612 Secured from dawn alert. 0738 Set special sea detail and maneuvering to enter Apra Harbor, Guam. 0835 Moored to starboard side of LST 1126 in berth 302, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 0844 Secured special sea detail.

9. 9 August 1945 - Moored to starboard side LST 1126 in berth 302, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 1025 Lt. Comdr. CUSHMAN and inspection party aboard to make material inspection of ship. 1445 Inspection party left ship having finished material inspection.

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10. 10 August 1945 - Moored to starboard side LST 1126 in berth 302, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 0620 Underway from berth 302, maneuvering to change berthings. 0657 Moored Slip 7, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I.

11. 11 August 1945 - Moored to starboard side LST 840 in Slip 7, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 0745 Underway from LST Landing maneuvering to shift berthing. 0826 Moored port side to LST 1023 in Berth 302, Apra Harbor, Guam. 1150 LST 840 moored on starboard side. 1743 Underway from berthing maneuvering to clear the harbor. 1801 Passed nets and maneuvered to formation as guide ship accompanied by LST 840 and LST 1068. 1821 Set condition of readiness III, watch I. Set base course 023°T; standard speed 9 knots. 2330 Changed course to 040°T.

12. 12 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0515 Called routine dawn alert. 0604 Secured from dawn alert. 0618 Changed course to 029.5 T. 0658 Changed course to 059.5 T. 0715 Maneuvering to enter Saipan Harbor. 0740 Passed through nets. 0805 Anchored in berth L-89, Outer Harbor, Saipan, M.I., in 12 fathoms of water.

13. 13 August 1945 - Anchored in Berth L-89, Outer Harbor, Saipan, M.I., in 12 fathoms of water.

14. 14 August 1945 - Anchored in Berth L-89, Outer Harbor, Saipan, M.I., in 12 fathoms of water.

15. 15 August 1945 - Anchored in Berth L-89, Outer Harbor, Saipan, M.I., in 12 fathoms of water.

16. 16 August 1945 - Anchored in Berth L-89, Outer Harbor, Saipan, M.I., in 12 fathoms of water. 0658 Underway maneuvering to shift berthings to degaussing range. 0755 Moored to buoys on true north heading at degaussing range, Berth L-23. 1233 Underway from degaussing range, after having degaussing checked, shifting berths. 1253 Moored port side to YO 185 to take fuel aboard. 1500 Ceased fueling having taken 90,000 gallons fuel oil (Diesel). 1553 Underway from alongside YO 185 maneuvering to anchorage. 1554 Anchored in Berth L-22, Saipan Harbor, Saipan, M.I., in 5 fathoms of water. 1605 Pursuant to orders of Officer-in-Charge, Receiving Station, Navy #3245, received 18 officers and 28 enlisted men aboard as passengers. 1814 Underway maneuvering to clear harbor. 1832 Passed nets. 1834 Set condition of readiness III, watch I. 1845 Formed as OTC with LST 166, setting base course 224°T, standard speed 8.5 knots. 2100 Changed speed to 8 knots.

17. 17 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0010 Changed course to 226°T. 0331 Changed course to 187°T. 0812 Maneuvering to enter Apra Harbor. 0818 Passed through harbor nets. 0846 Moored port side to LST 964 in berth 302, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 1637 LST 654 Moored alongside to starboard.

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18. 18 August 1945 - Moored port side to LST 964 in berth 302, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 1026 Underway from berth maneuvering to shift berthing. On backing out of nest, torpedo netting fouled on stern anchor and port screw. 1034 Let go bow anchor to hold ship while torpedo netting was being cleared from stern anchor and port screw. 1332 Underway maneuvering to LST Slip 9 after clearing torpedo netting from anchor and screw. 1410 Moored bow to LST Slip 9 with LST 659 on starboard side and LSM 215 on port side. 1550 Underway maneuvering to assume new position in LST Slip 9. 1604 Moored starboard side to LST 1139 in Slip 9 LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 2200 Commenced loading of ship's cargo.

19. 19 August 1945 - Moored in Slip 9, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I., starboard side to LST 1139. Loading of cargo continued throughout the day.

20. 20 August 1945 - Moored in Slip 9, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I., starboard side to LST 1139. Loading of cargo continued throughout the day. 0820 Water barge alongside to port to transfer fresh water aboard. 0939 Water barge underway from alongside having transferred 42,885 gallons water. 1520 LST 1139 Underway from alongside.

21. 21 August 1945 - Moored in Slip 9, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. Loading of cargo continued throughout the day.

22. 22 August 1945 - Moored in Slip 9, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. Loading of cargo continued throughout the day.

23. 23 August 1945 - Moored in Slip 9, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. Loading of cargo continued throughout the day.

24. 24 August 1945 - Moored in Slip 9, LST Landing, Apra Harbor, Guam, M.I. 1000 Completed loading of ship's cargo. 1030 Pursuant to orders of Commanding Officer, Receiving Station, Navy 926, embarked 11 officers; 148 enlisted men, Navy 273; 35 enlisted Marine Corps personnel and 12 USED Civilian Employees, as passengers. 1658 Underway from LST Landing maneuvering to clear harbor. 1737 Passed harbor nets. 1740 Set base course of 280°T, standard speed 9½ knots. 1750 Set condition of readiness III, watch I. 1805 Commenced zig-zagging according to USF 10B plan 1. 1815 Changed course to 181°T. 2025 Changed course to 091°T.

25. 25 August 1945 - Underway as before. 0800 Changed zig-zagging to plan 6 USF 10B. 0933 Ceased zig-zagging because of failure of master gyro-compass. 0950 Master gyro-compass repaired and in operation. Resumed zig-zagging. 1230 Changed course to 097°T.

0800 - Lat. 13°10'N., Long. 146°12'E.

1200 - Lat. 13°08'N., Long. 146°47'E.

2000 - Lat. 12°59'N., Long. 148°00'E.

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26. 26 August 1945 - Underway as before. Zig-zagging in accordance to plan 6 USF 10B. 1025 Stopped starboard engine to repair broken airline to clutch. 1100 Completed repairs and started starboard engine.

0800 - Lat.  $12^{\circ}48'N.$ , Long.  $149^{\circ}46'E.$   
1200 - Lat.  $12^{\circ}44'N.$ , Long.  $150^{\circ}20'E.$   
2000 - Lat.  $12^{\circ}35'N.$ , Long.  $151^{\circ}31'E.$

27. 27 August 1945 - Underway as before. Zig-zagging in accordance to plan 6 USF 10B. 0600 Changed course to  $098^{\circ}T.$  0800 Sighted ship identified as KA-57 bearing  $050^{\circ}T.$ , distance 8 miles.

0800 - Lat.  $12^{\circ}23'N.$ , Long.  $153^{\circ}16.5'E.$   
1200 - Lat.  $12^{\circ}21'N.$ , Long.  $153^{\circ}53'E.$   
2000 - Lat.  $12^{\circ}12'N.$ , Long.  $155^{\circ}04'E.$

28. 28 August 1945 - Underway as before. Zig-zagging in accordance to plan 6 USF 10B. 0000 Set all ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to -11 time zone. 1825 Friendly ship sighted bearing  $060^{\circ}T.$ , distance 5 miles.

0800 - Lat.  $11^{\circ}56'N.$ , Long.  $156^{\circ}39'E.$   
1200 - Lat.  $11^{\circ}51'N.$ , Long.  $157^{\circ}13'E.$   
2000 - Lat.  $11^{\circ}42'N.$ , Long.  $158^{\circ}23'E.$

29. 29 August 1945 - Underway as before. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan 6 USF 10B. 0700 Changed course to  $094^{\circ}T.$  0830 Changed course to  $092^{\circ}T.$  1050 Sighted DE on horizon bearing  $008^{\circ}T.$ , distance 10 miles. 1930 Changed course to  $100^{\circ}T.$

0800 - Lat.  $11^{\circ}18'N.$ , Long.  $159^{\circ}49'E.$   
1200 - Lat.  $11^{\circ}16'N.$ , Long.  $160^{\circ}28'E.$   
2000 - Lat.  $11^{\circ}15'N.$ , Long.  $161^{\circ}37'E.$

30. 30 August 1945 - Underway as before. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan 6 USF 10B. 0000 Changed course to  $095^{\circ}T.$  0444 Stopped port engine for minor repair. 0530 Port engine repaired and resumed base speed. 0830 Sighted friendly ships bearing  $145^{\circ}T.$ , distance 15 miles. 1455 Sighted friendly ship bearing  $150^{\circ}T.$ , distance 9 miles.

0800 - Lat.  $11^{\circ}01'N.$ , Long.  $163^{\circ}22'E.$   
1200 - Lat.  $10^{\circ}59'N.$ , Long.  $163^{\circ}55'E.$   
2000 - Lat.  $10^{\circ}53'N.$ , Long.  $165^{\circ}04'E.$

31. 31 August 1945 - Underway as before. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan 6 USF 10B. 0230 Changed course to  $090^{\circ}T.$  0805 Ceased zig-zagging. 1200 Changed course to  $095^{\circ}T.$  1815 Resumed zig-zagging.

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0800 - Lat. 10°50'N., Long. 166°35'E.  
1200 - Lat. 10°55.5'N., Long. 167°16'E.  
2000 - Lat. 10°52'N., Long. 168°25'E.

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