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October 5TH 1942 AT
N.A.T.S. MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE.

January 9TH AOM^E

January 17TH reported
to Nas. General, FLA.
for Gunns. Gunnery school.

In mid March
I spent five days cross-
ing the country to San DIEGO.

In late March
1943 I spent 5 days
going from Diego to
Ft. Belknap aboard the
Lst 477.

APRIL 6 I left SAN
FRANCISCO ABOARD THE
S.S. PRES. GARFIELD.

APRIL 16 I disembarked
at Pearl Harbor.

APRIL 28 I reported for
duty at C & U #4 at
Muni. 1943

June 1st AOM $\frac{3}{4}$

July 7th reported for duty
at C & U #2 at B.P. Dahu.

August 6th 1943 REPORTED
ABOARD U.S.S. YORKTOWN
FOR DUTY.

1944 July 1st AOM $\frac{1}{2}$

I

Marcus Island AUG 31, 1943
SHIPS:

U.S.S. YORKTOWN 65 TONS

U.S.S. ESSEX

U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE

U.S.S. INDIANA

U.S.S. NASHVILLE

U.S.S. MOBILE

11 DESTROYERS

U.S. BOSSES - 5 AIRCRAFT

JAP BOSSES - 7 BOMBERS

1 P.B.

1 SAMPAN

(Eighty percent
installations demolished)

II

WAKE ISLAND OCT 5 96, 43
SHIPS:

U.S.S. YORKTOWN

U.S.S. ESSEX

U.S.S. LEXINGTON

U.S.S. COWPENS

U.S.S. PRINCETON

U.S.S. BELLEAU WOOD

7 CRUISERS

2 TANKERS

21 DESTROYERS

(Cruisers shelled island
at 17:00, 5 OCT)

U.S. BOSSES

OCT 5 YORKTOWN 5 AIRCRAFT

JAP. BOSSES

OCT 5 137 men in AIR

17 " ON GROUND

1 SEAPLANE

LOSSES

OCT 6 YORKTOWN

4 AIRCRAFT

LOSSES

OCT 6

1 AIRCRAFT IN AIR

22 ON GROUND

TOTAL LOSS-IN-COMBAT 13

" " 63 AIRCRAFT

RES-OF-WAKE-WERE

LEWY-VISIBLE-OFF

-STARBOARD-QUARTER)

III

INVASION OF GIBBETS^{ER}

NOV. 20, 1943 - D-DAY

TASK-FORCES-COMBINED

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS - 19

BATTLESHIPS - 13

HEAVY CRUISERS - 9

LIGHT CRUISERS - 8

DESTROYERS - 55

LST'S - 25

MISC. SHIPS - 92

TOTAL SHIPS - 221

(OVER)

D-1 DAY NOV 19, 1943

SHIPS

U.S.S. YORKTOWN

U.S.S. LEXINGTON

U.S.S. COWPENS

BB U.S.S. WASHINGTON

U.S.S. So. DAKOTA

U.S.S. ALABAMA

8 DD

2 AO

ATTACKED - MIKI, JABUT
U.S. LOSSES - 3 AIRCRAFT
JAP LOSSES 16 " ON GROUND

D-DAY PLANES-SUPPORTED
LANDING ON MAKIN-ISLAND
SANK 3 SUBS

D + 1 DAY

GAZE ISLANDS AIR COVER
UNTIL ESTABLISHED

D + 2 DAY

U. S. S. INDEPENDENCE
TORPEDOED BY ENEMY
PLANES BUT RETURNED
TO P. H. T. H.

NOV 23

LEXINGTON C.A.P INTERCEPTED

20 Zeros

U.S. LOSSES - 2

JAP LOSSES - 18

JAP PROBABLE LOSS - 2

NOV 23 (AT-NIGHT)

3 F4F'S FROM LISCOMB BAY

LANDED ABOARD. 4TH

LANDED BUT JUMPED THE
BARRIERS AND EXPLODED

5 MEN WERE KILLED
MANY WOUNDED

6 PLANES DESTROYED

FIRE WAS ESTINGUISHED
AT 20:10

JAPS SPOTTED FIRE ~~AND~~ AND
WERE OVERHEAD AT 20:35

BECAUSE OF DARKNESS
AND OVER HANGING

CLOUDS THEY LOST OUR
POSITION.

NOV. 24

U.S.S. GISCOMB BAY
TORPEDOED & SUNK, HER
FIRE VISIBLE OFF PORT
SIDE.

LEX AGAIN INTERCEPTS
JAPS.

U.S. LOSSES - 1

JAP LOSSES - 10

PROBABLY - 3

(There was no
action between surface
ships in GILBERT
campaign.)

IV

DEC 4, 1943

MARSHALL ISLANDS

CARRIERS - 6

CRUISERS - 10

DESTROYERS - 16

U.S.S. YORKTOWN - FLAGSHIP
FORCES DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS

OUR GROUP

U.S.S. YORKTOWN

U.S.S. LEXINGTON

U.S.S. COWPENS

CV U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO

U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS

U.S.S. BALTIMORE

U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS

CV U.S.S. OAKLAND

(OVER)

OTHER GROUP

U.S.S. ESSEX

U.S.S. ENTERPRISE

U.S.S. BELLEAU WOOD

CRUISERS - 5

P.D. - 8

KWAJALEIN & WOTJE

BOTH GROUPS ATTACK:

OUR SHIP LOST 2 AIRCRAFT

AT KWAJALEIN

JAPS LOST 10-15 IN AIR

" " 3 Cruisers

" RECEIVED 6 DIRECT-HITS

" " 16 NEAR-MISSES

OUR SHIP LOST NO

AIRCRAFT AT WOTJE

JAP LOSSES -

FLOAT-PLANES - 6

HANGERS - 2

BARRACKS - MANY
MACHINE SHOPS - AGL

LEXINGTON ATTACKED
BY 3 TORPEDO PLANES
AT 11:30.

JAP LOSSES - 3 PLANES
NO - DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPS

YORKTOWN ATTACKED
BY FOUR JAP PLANES
"FRICO" GOT ONE, WE
GOT TWO, DD GOT ONE.
THIS - WAS - AT - 12:05
NO - DAMAGE - HERE

DEC. 4, 5

BOTH OF OUR FORCES
WERE ATTACKED AT 19:30
BY AN UNKNOWN NO
OF PLANES.

THIS ATTACK
CONTINUED FOR
7½ hrs.

JAP LOSSES
ESTIMATED AT 26 PLANES
" " TORPEDOES
LAUNCHED AT YKTN. GROUP 23
FLARES WERE USED IN
THIS ATTACK.

U.S. LOSSES

U.S.S. LEXINGTON WAS
TORPEDOED. ONE HIT
STARBOARD-SIDE-AFT

Left Pearl Harbor
Jan 16, 1944.

JAN 22, 1944 11:07
CROSSED EQUATOR AND
WAS DUBBY INITIATED
AS A GOLDEN DRAGON
SHELLBACK.

V JAN 29, 1944

TAROA ISLAND

U.S. LOSSES - NONE

JAP LOSSES - 1 IN AIR

20.0N-GROUND (VF)

6 " " (VB)

DAMAGED & SUNK MANY
SMALL BOATS

CRUISERS & DD'S SHELLED
THE ISLAND.

(Taroa was bombed
the five days preceding
KWAJALEIN attack.)
"INVASION"

KWAJALEIN JAN 30

U.S. LOSSES NONE

JAP LOSSES 3 AIRCRAFT

DESTROYED AND SUNK

MANY SMALL BOATS

BB's SHELLED ISLAND

DD's " "

AND SANK 1 NET TENDER

JAN. 31 AND FEBR. 1

SUPPORTED LANDINGS

ON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL

MARINES INVADE ROI

ISLAND ON FEBR. 1

FEBR. 2, 1944

BOMBED IN SUPPORT OF
ARMY ADVANCE, WE (OUR

FORCE) CLOSED IN. WE

COULD SEE THE HEAVY

CRUISER SAN FRANCISCO

SHELLING AND LST'S

Running UP ON THE BEACH.

OUR FIGHTERS SUNK

A 30' boat TRYING TO
ESCAPE THE ISLAND.

THE FOUR SURVIVORS
(1 OFFICER, 2 SOLDIERS AND
1 CIVILIAN) WERE
BROUGHT ABOARD OUR
SHIP.

FEBR 4, 1944

ANCHORED IN MAJURO
JAP PRISONERS WERE
TRANSFERRED TO THE
USS INDIANA.

EARLIER THE INDIANA
AND WASHINGTON HAD A
COLLISION (AT-NIGHT) SO
BOTH SHIPS WERE HEADED
FOR THE STATES

VI

FEB. 10, 1944

"TRUK" (CAROLINE ISLANDS)

SHIPS:

CARRIERS	- 9
BATTLESHIPS	- 6
CRUISERS	- 10
DD'S	- 25

U. S. S. YORKTOWN - FLAGSHIP

OUR GROUP

U. S. S. YORKTOWN 102 TONS
U. S. S. ENTERPRISE
U. S. S. BELLEAUWoods
U. S. S. SALT LAKE CITY
U. S. S. SANTA FE
U. S. S. OAKLAND
2 OTHER CRUISERS
12 DESTROYERS

EARLIER FEBR. 14
OUR C.A.P SHOT DOWN
TWO JAPS NORTH OF
ENIWITOK.

TRUK ISLANDS

"U.S.S. YORKTOWN ALONE"

FEBR. 16, 1944

U.S. LOSSES - 1 AIRCRAFT

JAP LOSSES - 30 IN AIR

" " - 30 ON-GROUND

PLANES OF OUR AIR
GROUP SCORED 47
DIRECT HITS-ON-SHIPING

SANK: 3 cruisers
1 Destroyer
1 submarine

SANK OR DAMAGED 15
OTHER SHIPS

"
STILL" FEBR. 16, 1944

THE JAPS ATTACKED
OUR FORCE AT 21:00
AND WERE DRIVEN
OFF BY THE YORKTOWN
NIGHT FIGHTER.

OUR LOSSES
/ TORPEDO HIT ON THE
U.S.S. INTREPID.

9 FEBR. 18, 1944

FEBR. 19, 1944

WE WERE UNDER A LIGHT
TORPEDO PLANE ATTACK.

OUR CRUISER SHOT ONE
DOWN AND AN ENTERPRISE
NIGHT GOT ANOTHER IN
FLAMES.

NO OTHER BOGIES

(AFTER REEUELING
AND REFORMING WE
HEADED FOR THE
MARIANAS ISLANDS)
OUR FORCE WAS SMALLER.
MINUS THE ENTERPRISE
AND INTREPID.

WE WERE AWARE
OF THE FACT THAT WE
HAD BEEN UNDER ENEMY
OBSERVATION. HENCE
WE EXPECTED TROUBLE.

FEBR. 21, 1944 21:30

WE WERE ATTACKED
BY AN UNKNOWN NO OF
ENEMY PLANES. THIS
ATTACK LASTED UNTIL
07:30. DURING THIS
RUGGED NIGHT 10 OF
THE RAIDERS WERE
SHOT DOWN. THEY WERE
TWIN ENGINED BOMBERS
AND LOOKED BEAUTIFUL
BURNING ON THE WATER.
I SAW FOUR OF THESE
BURNING AT THE SAME TIME
"OVER"

VII

Saipan Island-MARIANAS
FEBR. 22, 1944

SHIPS:

U.S.S. YORKTOWN

U.S.S. Essex

U.S.S. BELLEAU WOODS.

U.S.S. OAKLAND

U.S.S. SANTA-FE

U.S.S. SAN DIEGO

U.S.S. ALABAMA

U.S.S. So. DAKOTA

3 MORE CRUISERS

1 ~~SQUADRON~~ SQUADRON OF DD'S

THE CARRIER "BUNKER
HILL" ATTACKED THE
ISLAND OF TIENIN

This morning
while launching

aircraft, we were
again attacked. Our
force shot down
six of these. The
Yorktown accounted
for two of these. On
the horizon we could
see an #6F having
it out with two
bombers. They were
coming in on us.
The fighter did well and
got both before his
help arrived.
(over)

YORKTOWN ONLY
OUR LOSSES AT SAIPAN
WERE TWO AIRCRAFT.
NO DAMAGE TO ANY SHIPS.

JAP LOSSES

AIRCRAFT ON GROUND - 34

" IN AIR - 3

SHIPS SUNK - 3

" LEFT SINKING - 2

AIRCRAFT IN ACTION

AROUND TASK FORCE - 16

PROBABLES — — 1

HANGERS AND RUNWAYS
WERE THOROUGHLY BOMBED

AT ESPIRITO SANTO.
WE HAD TWO BEER
PARTIES ON "AORIE" ISLAND.

AFTER SAIPAN WE
PULLED IN TO MAJURO
HARBOR.

MARCH 10, 1944

WE CROSSED THE
EQUATOR AGAIN. THIS
THIS TIME WE ANCHORED
AT ESPIRITO SANTO IN
THE NEW HEBRIDES
ISLANDS.

MARCH 23 1944

WE LEAVE ESPIRITO

MARCH 26 1944

WE REFUEL AND JOIN
FORCES FOR AN ATTACK
ON THE PALAU-ISLANDS

MARCH 29TH

OUR CAP SHOT
DOWN TWO JAP PATROL
PLANES. AT NITE

WE WERE UNDER
TORPEDO ATTACK FOR 4 HRS.
OUR FORCE SHOT DOWN 4 JAPS.

MARCH 30TH

K-DAY

BOMBING PALAU

JAP LOSSES IN AIR

10 PLANES

JAP LOSSES ON BECK

20 PLANES

YORKTOWN PLANES

SANK:

1 Destroyer

3 cargo ships

SANK OR DAMAGED:

FIVE OTHER CARGO SHIPS.

AT NITE:

WE WERE ATTACKED
BY MANY TORPEDO PLANES.

THIS ATTACK LASTED
FOR FIVE HOURS.
NONE OF OUR SHIPS
WERE HIT AND TWELVE
JAP PLANES WERE
SHOT DOWN.

March 31, 1944

BOMBED PALAU: K+DAY

19 JAP PLANES WERE
SHOT DOWN OVER THE
TARGET.

WE SUNK OR DAMAGED

6 cargo ships

1 tanker

1 seaplane tender

all in all:

125,000 TONS OF SHIPPING.

150 PLANE DESTROYED.

APRIL FOOLS DAY

APRIL 1st

BOMBED WOLEAI
OUR AIRCRAFT
BOMBED AND STRAFED
INSTALLATIONS AND
DESTROYED THREE
ENEMY PLANES ON-DECK.

APRIL 5TH

WE-AGAIN-ANCHOR
IN MAJURO HARBOR.

INVASION OF HOLLANDIA
NEW GUINEA

APRIL 22ND IS D DAY
DURING THE TWO DAYS
PRECEDING OUR FIRST
STRIKE OF THE 21ST,
SEVEN JAP PATROL PLANES
WERE SHOT DOWN.

D-1 DAY APRIL ~~21ST~~ 21ST
YORKTOWN DROPPED
90 TONS OF BOMBS
DESTROYED

17 AIRCRAFT ON GROUND
22 " PROBABLY DES.
12 " DAMAGED

D DAY APRIL 22ND
YORKTOWN DROPPED
60 TONS OF BOMBS
OUR AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN
3 AIRBORNE SALLIES.

SHIPS IN OUR TASK FORCE
CARRIERS

CV YORKTOWN
CV BUNKER HILL
CVL PRINCETON
CVL CABOT
CVL MONTERAY

BATTLESHIPS

BB IOWA
BB NEW JERSEY

HEAVY CRUISERS

CA SAN FRANCISCO
CA WICHITA
CA BALTIMORE
CA BOSTON
CA NEW ORLEANS
CA MINNEAPOLIS

16 DESTROYERS

AND DESTROYED 6 MORE
ON GROUND. WE STOOD
BY TO BOMB FOR ARMY
IF NECESSARY. THE
ARMY LANDED WITH
SLIGHT RESISTANCE.

D+1 DAY APRIL 23rd
OUR AIRCRAFT DROPPED
35 TONS OF BOMBS AS
THE ARMY CALLED FOR
THEM.

D+2 DAY APRIL 24th
WE REFUELED!
THAT NIGHT JAPANESE
AIRCRAFT DROPPED
NUMEROUS FLARES TO
GUIDE-A-TORPEDO BOAT
= IN TO OUR FORCE.

THE BUNKER HILL
LAUNCHED A NIGHT

THE ENTIRE FORCE WAS
DIVIDED INTO THREE TASK
FORCES.

THE CARRIER STRENGTH

CV U.S.S. YORKTOWN
BUNKER HILL
CV U.S.S. ~~YORKTOWN~~
CV U.S.S. ENTERPRISE
CV U.S.S. LEXINGTON
CV U.S.S. HORNET
CVL U.S.S. PRINCETON
CVL CABOT
CVL MONTERAY
CVL LANCLEY
CVL BATAAN
CVL BELLEAU WOODS
CVL COWPENCE
CVL INDEPENDENCE
CVL

FIGHTER. THE ATTACK
WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

D+3 DAY APRIL 25TH

SEARCH HOPS WERE
SENT OUT BUT NO
RESULTS. THAT NIGHT
TWO DESTROYERS IN
OUR FORCE SANK A
JAPANESE SUBMARINE.
THIS OCCURRED AT 2300.

On April 23rd
WE COULD SEE THE
MOUNTAINS OF DUTCH
NEW GUINEA.

2nd STRIKE AT TRUK
APRIL 29TH 1930TH

OUR TASK FORCE

CV's U.S.S. YORKTOWN CABOT
BUNKER HILL, MONTERAY
BB'S. IOWA, NEW JERSEY
CA'S MINNEAPOLIS, BOSTON
LOUILLVILLE, WICHITA
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS
DD'S 16 Destroyers.

YORKTOWN LOSSES - 0
JAP LOSSES - - - - 6
AIRCRAFT-TO-OUR-FIGHTERS
5 JAP CARGO SHIPS
WERE HIT.

AT 0830 OUR FORCE
WAS UNDER ATTACK BY
ENEMY TORPEDO PLANES.

3 JAP PLANES WERE
SHOT DOWN BY OUR FORCE.
YORKTOWN GUNNERS
GOT 2 OF THESE PLANES.

80 JAP AIRCRAFT
WERE DESTROYED ON THE
GROUND. THIS FIRST DAY
YORKTOWN PLANES
FLEW 227 SORTIES
AND DROPPED 110 TONS OF
BOMBS.

APRIL 30TH

ABOUT 70 TONS OF
BOMBS WERE DROPPED
THE SECOND DAY. ABOUT
0730 D.D. McDONALD AND
ANOTHER DD SANK AN
ENEMY SUB. THESE D.D.S
OF OUR SCREEN!

OUR CRUISERS SHELLLED
PONAPE ON OUR WAY
BACK TO MAJURO,

COMBINED FORCES
CARRIERS CV'S
YORKTOWN, BUNKER HILL
HORNET, LEXINGTON
ENTERPRISE

CARRIERS CVL'S
LANGLEY BELLEAU-WOOD
CABOT MONTERAY
BATAAN COWPENCE
PRINCETON INDEPENDENCE
BATTLESHIPS
IOWA SOUTH DAKOTA
NEW JERSEY NORTH CAROLINA
ALABAMA MASSACHUTTS
INDIANA

CA'S

MINNEAPOLIS BALTIMORE
 NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE
 BOSTON WICHITA
 PORTLAND INDIANAPOLIS

AA CRUISERS

SAN JUAN OAKLAND

AFTER UNLOADING
 SUPPLIES, BOMBS AND
 AIRCRAFT AT MAJURO WE
 HEADED EAST FOR
 "PEARL".

May 11TH (116 days)
 We pulled into
 Pearl Harbor in company
 with the U.S.S. Monterey
 and U.S.S. Brimston.
 after being in port
 only two days we

pulled out to qualify
 our new "to be" Air
 Group one. We did
 this for four days.
 This time in port
 we tied up in the
 yards for repairs
 which were rushed
 day and night for
 the following eleven
 days. We took
 aboard every thing
 and left Pearl
 the 29TH of May.

On or about
 the third of ~~June~~ June
 we anchored in
 Majuro lagoon.

The sixth of June
we headed out
with the biggest
carrier force ever
assembled.

On June 12TH Guam
was visible off the
starboard side.

INVASION OF MARIANAS
BOMBING OF GUAM A.G.-I
PREVIOUS TO ATTACK
OUR C.A.P. SHOT DOWN
four EMILY'S
JUNE 11TH

THIS AFTERNOON
OUR FIGHTER SWEEP
WENT IN OVER GUAM.

JUNE 12TH
OUR AIR CRAFT
DROPPED 94 TONS OF
BOMBS ON GUAM.

JUNE 13TH
OUR AIRCRAFT
DROPPED 58 TONS OF
BOMBS ON GUAM

JUNE 14TH

WE REFUELED
AND RECEIVED
REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT.

On the night
we started our run
up to the BOINN
ISLANDS.

BOINN ISLAND'S

JUNE 15TH

THESE ISLANDS
ARE 511 MILES FROM
TOKYO. IN LATE
AFTERNOON WE
LAUNCHED OUR FIRST
FIGHTER SWEEP. OUR
PLANES SHOT DOWN
17 ENEMY PLANES.

A COMBINATION
OF DD'S and PLANES

SANK TWO SHIPS
IN THIS AREA.

JUNE 16TH

OUR AIRCRAFT
DESTROYED MANY
ENEMY PLANES ON THE
GROUND. BAD WEATHER
WAS ENCOUNTERED
ON BOTH DAYS.

A BATAAN FIGHTER
SHOT DOWN ONE EMILY.

JUNE 17TH

WE REFUELED DD'S
AND HEADED SOUTH.

JUNE 18TH

WE LAUNCHED
EXTENSIVE SEARCHES.

TASK FORCE 58.1

SHIPS IN FORCE

CARRIERS

YORKTOWN

HORNET

BELLEAU-WOOD & BATAAN

CRUISERS

CANBERRA

BOSTON

BALTIMORE

SAN-JUAN

OAKLAND

DD's Eight

IZARD (PACIFIC-PANTHER)

GRIDLEY

OUR ENTIRE SEA
POWER IN THIS AREA
WAS DIVIDED INTO
4 TASK FORCES (carriers)
AND ONE BATTLESHIP FORCE.

JUNE 19TH

WE LAUNCHED OUR
DECK LOAD ANTICIPATING
AN ATTACK. OUR OTHER
TASK GROUPS WERE
UNDER NUMEROUS
ATTACKS WITHIN SIGHT
OF OUR FORCE. OUR
DECK-LOAD BOMBED
GUAM SOME 45 MILES
AWAY.

OUR TASK FORCE
(58.1) ACCOUNTED FOR
109 ENEMY PLANES
SHOT DOWN. YORKTOWN
FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN
37 PLANES.

AA FIRE FROM
ALL OF OUR TASK
FORCES ACCOUNTED

FOR 18 ENEMY PLANES.
ALL OF OUR TASK FORCES
COMBINED ACCOUNTED
FOR "342" AIRCRAFT
DESTROYED. MOST OF
THESE PLANES WERE
CARRIER BASED.

JUNE 20TH "BOY DAY"
OUR CAP SHOT
DOWN 3 ENEMY PLANES.
THE SEARCH FROM THE
HORNET CONTACTED
THE ENEMY TASK FORCE
FROM "90,000 FT" SOME
270 MILES AWAY. THIS
WAS AROUND 1500. WE
LAUNCHED OUR STRIKES
AROUND 1530.

The Jap FORCE our
planes attacked consisted
of:
5 BATTLESHIPS
5-6 Carriers
5 Fleet tankers
12-14 Cruisers
15-20 Destroyers.

DUE TO IMPENDING
DARKNESS AND THE
DISTANCE INVOLVED
OUR CARRIERS COULD
LAUNCH ONLY 1 STRIKE.

Yarktown -----
OUR PLANES WERE
OVER THE TARGET AT
1830. THEY GOT THREE
1000# BOMB HITS-AND-SIX
250# BOMB HITS-ON-ONE

LARGE CARRIER. ONE
500# BOMB HIT ON A
HYAKU-KU-CLASS-CARRIER.
TWO TORPEDO HITS ON
ANOTHER LARGE CARRIER.
ONE TORPEDO HIT ON
A HEAVY CRUISER.

ONE 500# BOMB HIT ON A
HEAVY CRUISER.
ONE TORPEDO HIT ON AN
ENEMY DESTROYER, IT SANK
IMMEDIATELY.

TOTAL DAMAGE
DONE TO ENEMY FLEET
BY OUR COMBINED FORCES

1 BB DAMAGED
1 CV LEFT BURNING
1 CV SUNK

2 CV DAMAGED
2 OG DAMAGED
3 OG SUNK
3 DD DAMAGED
3 DD SUNK
2 CA DAMAGED

MANY OF OUR
PLANES WERE
FORCED TO LAND IN
THE WATER.

ONE FIGHTER PILOT
WAS KILLED WHILE
LANDING ABOARD. TWO
TBF CREWS ARE
MISSING. THEY WERE
SHOT DOWN AT THE
TARGET. These are AG#1
LOSSES FOR this operation.

FIGHTERS SHOT
DOWN 15-20 ENEMY
PLANES OVER THE
TARGET.

June 21st

OUR STRIKES COULD
NOT REACH THE ENEMY
FORCE AS IT WAS TOO
FAR AWAY. DURING THE
NIGHT WE HEADED
EAST. OUR CAP GOT ONE
BETTY.

June 22nd

WE REFUELED
FROM A TANKER.

June 23rd

WE LAUNCH A
STRIKE AT PAGAN
ISLAND. OUR AIR-GROUP
DROPPED 22 TONS OF BOMBS

SEVERAL SMALL CARGO
SHIPS WERE SUNK. ALL
PLANES WERE DESTROYED
ON THE GROUND.

Only task force
58.1 participated in
the Pagan island strike.

June 24th

2nd STRIKE AT BOINN-ISLANDS
ONLY TASK FORCE "58.1"

We launched a
fighter sweep into
UWA-JIMA. The purpose
of this strike was to
put the airstrip out
of commission. The
result was negative.
(OVER)

OUR PLANES HAD TO
PROP THEIR BOMBS AND
FIGHT.

YORKTOWN-AG-21 *plane*
HORNET-AG-67?? " "
BATAAN-AG-27 " "
BELLEAU WOOD-AG-2 " "

A TOTAL OF 117 JAP
PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN
BY THE FIGHTERS FROM
TASK FORCE 58.1.

MANY OF THESE
PLANES WERE COMING
OUT AFTER THIS FORCE.

ONE WAS SHOT DOWN
BY BELLEAU WOOD CAP
JUST OFF OUR PORT
SIDE.

OUR Air Group lost
One Fighter Pilot.

June 25th
WE HEADED EAST.

June 26th
WE ANCHOR IN
THE HARBOR AT ENIWETOK
IN THE MARSHALLS.

THE WASP, BUNKER
HILL, FRANKLIN, HORNET
AND YKTN WERE ALL
HERE.

THE BUNKER HILL
WAS HEADED FOR
PEARL OR THE STATES
AS SHE HAD BEEN
HIT BY BOMBS.

June 29
ALL BUT THE
B.H. GOT UNDERWAY.
THIS WAS THE FRANKLIN
FIRST TIME OUT HERE.

OUR TASK FORCE 58.1

CARRIERS

CL U.S.S. YORKTOWN

CL U.S.S. HORNET

CVL U.S.S. BATAAN

CRUISERS AN CRUISERS

COL BILIOXI CL OAKLAND

COL DENVER CL SAN JUAN

CL MOBILE

CL SANTA-FE

THERE WERE TWO
TASK FORCES ON THESE
OPERATIONS.

TASK FORCE 58.2

CARRIERS

CV U.S.S. WASP

CV U.S.S. FRANKLIN

CVL

3rd STRIKE AT "BOINN" ISLANDS

IWO JIMA

July 3rd

WE LAUNCHED
OUR FIGHTER SWEEP
AT 14:30. OUR FORCE
LAUNCHED A TOTAL OF
60 PLANES FOR THIS
SWEEP. WE LAUNCHED
24 FIGHTERS WITHOUT
BOMBS.

OUR FIGHTERS
SHOT DOWN 11 SURES
AND TWO PROBABLES,
HORNET PLANES
BOMBED THE AIRSTRIP.

July 4th

RAID ON CHICI-CHICA JIMA

OUR PLANES
DROPPED 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ TONS

OF BOMBS ON THE
TARGETS. THIS IS
OUR NEW RECORD,
OUR SORTIES
FOR THE DAY TOTALED
220.

EARLY IN THE
MORNING OUR NIGHT
FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN
ONE RUFÉ.

PLANES FROM
ALL OF THE ATTACKING
AIR GROUPS GOT 25
ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN
THE AIR. SANK 3
ENEMY DESTROYERS.
SANK 3 LARGE AK'S.
1 AMMUNITION SHIP
BLEW UP. SANK 1 CG.
GOT HITS ON OTHER SMALL

AKS. THE CRUISER'S
FROM OUR TWO TASH
FORCES WENT INTO
SHELL THE ISLAND
OF CHIC-CHICA-JIMA.

THEY SHELLED
THE ISLAND AND COMPLETED
THE DESTRUCTION OF THE
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ON
THE GROUND. ON THE
WAY IN THEY SANK AN
ENEMY SUBMARINE.

MANY SHIPS WERE
LEFT BEACHED IN
THE HARBOR.

THE SHIP LOGGED
OVER 100,000 MILES
TODAY!

July 6, 1944

THIS MORNING
WE REFUELED FROM A
TANKER OG-53.

THE KASKISKA WAS
THE GUIDE FOR THE
TANKER FLEET.

IN THE AFTERNOON
WE LAUNCHED FIGHTERS
AT PAGAN ISLAND

July 7, 1944

WE CASUALLY LAUNCHED
STRIKES AT GUAM.

July 8

WE FUEL DD'S AND
LAUNCH STRIKES AT GUAM.

July 9

WE LAUNCH MINOR
STRIKES AT GUAM.

AT NIGHT WE HAD
BOGIES. THE BUNKER HILL
NIGHT FIGHTERS SHOT
DOWN TWO ENEMY PLANES.

July 10

AT NIGHT WE HAD
BOGIES AND OUR NIGHT
FIGHTER SHOT DOWN ONE
BETTY BRINGING OUR
FIGHTER SQD'S TOTAL TO
100 SURE'S.

July 11

WE LAUNCHED ONE
STRIKE AT ROTA ISLAND.

July 12

WE FUEL FROM A
TANKER^{VSS}. SABINE. OG-25
A DESTROYER
FROM OUR FORCE
RESCUED A 1/2 RADIOMAN

FROM GUAM. HE HAD
BEEN PART OF THE NAVAL
DETACHMENT ON GUAM
AT THE START OF THE
WAR. HE WAS 41 YR'S OLD.

July 13TH

WE LAUNCH ONE
STRIKE AT GUAM.

THE CABOT JOINS
US TO REPLACE THE
BATAAN WHICH LEFT US
THE 11TH. OUR FORCE
NOW CONSISTS OF 3 CARRIERS
& CL'S AND DD'S.

SAIPAN IS CLEARLY
VISIBLE OFF OUR PORT
SIDE.

July 14TH

WE EXCHANGE POSITIONS
WITH TASK FORCE 58.2.

WE ARE NOW OPERATING
WEST OF GUAM AND ROTA.
BOTH OF THESE ISLANDS
ARE VISIBLE AT TIMES.

WHEN WE PASSED
ROTA THIS MORNING
WE COULD SEE PLANES
FROM THE HORNET
BOMBING IT.

WE LAUNCHED NO
STRIKES. WE FUEL
DD'S.

THE HORNET IS THE
FLAGSHIP OF THIS TASK
FORCE. 58.1

July 15TH

WE FUEL FROM
A TANKER. 0627

July 16, 17 TH
WE LAUNCH
MINOR STRIKES AT
GUAM AND ROTA.

July 18
WE START TO
LAUNCH MAJOR STRIKES
AT GUAM IN PREPARATION
FOR LANDINGS ON THE
21st. WE LAUNCH FOUR
STRIKES.

July 19
WE LAUNCH FOUR
STRIKES.

July 20 TH
WE LAUNCH 6
STRIKES DROPPING
85 TONS OF BOMBS.
WE HAD A PERFECT
LAUNCH.

July 21st
D DAY
WE LAUNCHED
THREE STRIKES. THE
TROOPS WENT ASHORE
STANDING UP. THE
RESISTANCE WAS
SLIGHT.

July 22nd
AT 7:30 WE COME
TO ANCHOR IN SIAPAN
HARBOR. WE ARE CLOSE
TO TENNIAN. OUR
WAGONS, CRUISERS,
DESTROYERS AND PLANES
ARE CONSTANTLY
SHELLING AND BOMBING
THE ISLAND. EVEN
THOUGH WE ARE
ANCHORED HERE WE

CAN SEE THE BLAST
AND SMOKE WHERE
OUR TROOPS ARE STILL
SMOKING OUT SOME
JAPANESE ON SIAPAN
ITSELF. THE
ARTILLERY ON SIAPAN
IS AIDING IN THE
BOMBARDMENT OF TENNIAN.

NINE AND ONE
HALF HOURS AFTER WE
ANCHORED IN SIAPAN
WE GOT UNDER WAY.
ALL WE TOOK ON
BOARD WAS 150 TON
OF BOMBS. AT NIGHT
THE SHELLING OF
TENNIAN CONTINUED.

July 23, 1944
IN THE MORNING
WE FUEL FROM A
TANKER OG-42. WE
ARE STILL THE SAME
TASK FORCE 58.1.

WE ARE GOING
SOUTH EAST.

July 24
THE HORNET AND
CABOT LAUNCH
FIGHTER SWEEPS
AT WOLEAL. WE
LAUNCH EXTENSIVE
SEARCHES FOR
ENEMY SHIPPING
POSSIBLY IN THIS AREA.

"WOLEAI ISLAND"

July 24, 1944
RESULTS OF

THE ATTACK ON
WOLEAI ARE UNKNOWN

July 25, 1944

"YAP ISLAND"

OUR CAP SHOT
DOWN ONE ZEKE
WITHIN SIGHT OF
OUR FORCE.

WE LAUNCHED
TWO FIGHTER SWEEPS.
THEY DROPPED BOMBS
AND DESTROYED FOUR
JAP AIRCRAFT ON DECK.

July 26TH

WE LAUNCHED
FOUR STRIKES AT
YAP DROPPING FIFTY

TWO TONS OF
BOMBS.

JAP LOSSES

3-ZEKE'S-ON-GROUND

3-HAMP'S-ON-GROUND

1 AMMO. DUMP

MANY GUN POSITIONS
WERE-KNOCKED-OUT,

Our aircraft took
good pictures of the
target.

July 27, TH

WE LAUNCHED
FOUR STRIKES AT
YAP ISLAND, DROPPING
55 TON OF BOMBS.

OUR AIRCRAFT
ADDED TO THE PREVIOUS

DESTRUCTION AND
DESTROYED ONE ZEPH
ON THE GROUND.

WE ALSO
REFUELED FIVE
DESTROYERS.

July 28TH

WE LAUNCHED
TWO STRIKES AT
YAP ISLAND AND
REFUELED DESTROYERS.

July 29TH

WE REAN DVEAU
WITH THE TASK
FORCE WHICH HAD
BEEN ATTACKING THE

PALAU ISLANDS,

July 30TH

Gumman
and Siapon
island were
clearly visible.

July 31ST

We headed
Eastward!

August 1ST 1944

We headed East
holding Gunnery
Exercises.

August 2ND

Around noon
we anchored in
the harbor at
Enimetok. We
came here in
Company with the

U.S.S. WASP, PRINCETON
CANBERRA AND
BILIOXI.

August 3rd
We took on
some wounded
men, unloaded
supplies and
a station Yacabie.

AUGUST-4TH

WE LEFT

ENIWETOK HARBOR.

AUGUST-5TH

WE ARE HEADED

EASTWARD IN

COMPANY WITH ONE

AA CRUISER AND

FOUR DESTROYERS.

August 7TH

WE CROSSED
THE DATE LINE
AND REPEATED
MONDAY.

August 10TH

WE MOORED
STARBOARD SIDE TO
AT FOX^N 9 FORD-ISLAND
PEARL HARBOR.

August 11TH

WE GOT UNDERWAY
AROUND 10:00. WE
ARE IN COMPANY
WITH THE U.S.S. NEW
MEXICO-AND THREE
DESTROYERS. WE HAD
GUNNERY-EXERCISES.
HEADED-NORTHEAST.