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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for the month of January, 1944.

1. During the period 1-5 January, 1944, this vessel was undergoing overhaul at the Navy Yard, New York, N.Y.

2. On 6 January, 1944 this vessel departed from Navy Yard, N.Y. and proceeded to Gravesend Bay, N.Y. to receive fuel, provisions, and ammunition, while at anchor. On 7 January underway for post repair trials. Conducted modified full power trials. Upon completion of run returned and anchored in Gravesend Bay, N.Y. until 0717 9 January 1944 when vessel got underway for deperming at the Deperming Station, Bayonne, N.J. Upon completion of deperming at 1654 9 January, 1944, underway for HAMPTON ROADS, VA. Operating under orders of Commander Operational Training Command, Atlantic. U.S.S. HALSEY POWELL escorting this vessel. Conducted full power trials enroute. Zigzagging in accordance with plan No. 11. 1148 anchored in HAMPTON ROADS, VA. At anchor until 1053 11 January, 1944. During the period 6-11 January, 1944 exercised crew at all general drills at frequent intervals. This was considered necessary and desirable as many new men have been received during the Navy Yard overhaul period.

3. 11 January, 1944 at anchor in HAMPTON ROADS, VA. and underway for CHESAPEAKE BAY area for training and exercises. Operated in this area until 17 January, 1944. During this period this vessel conducted the following gunnery practices.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRACTICE</u>
January 12, 1944.	20MM Test firing, Sight check.
January 12, 1944.	40MM Test firing, Director check.
January 12, 1944.	5"/25 Calibration firing.
January 12, 1944.	6"/47 Calibration firing.
January 13, 1944.	5"/25 Illumination practice.
January 14, 1944.	5"/25 Baker II.
January 14, 1944.	20MM A&H.
January 14, 1944.	40MM A&H.
January 14, 1944.	5"/25 Day Spotting.
January 14, 1944.	5"/25 Local Control.
January 14, 1944.	6"/47 Day Spotting.
January 16, 1944.	6"/47 Shore Bombardment.
January 16, 1944.	5"/25 Shore Bombardment.
January 16, 1944.	40MM Shore Bombardment.
January 16, 1944.	20MM Shore Bombardment.
January 16, 1944.	6"/47 Night Spotting.
January 16, 1944.	5"/25 Night Spotting.

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