

S E C R E T

12 June 1945.

Subject: War Diary for the month of May 1945.

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(a) In accordance with Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet secret operation order no. CTF 53-45, the ship got underway from Pier 5 Navy Yard, Philadelphia at 0757, 9 May and steamed on various courses at various speeds, conforming with swept channel to Delaware Bay, carrying out emergency drills and exercises en route. The ship anchored in Delaware Bay at 1413 and remained at anchor in the bay until the morning of 10 May. The morning of 10 May was spent swinging ship for compensation of magnetic compasses and radio direction finder equipment.

(b) 0908, 10 May, while hoisting out 1 OS2U airplane the airplane crane hoist jammed. An examination by ship's force disclosed that the piston in the "A" end had frozen in the cylinder because of heavy scoring. This was caused by particles of metal in the hydraulic oil. Further examination disclosed light scratches on the "B" end of the hoist and damage of a less serious nature to both the "A" and "B" ends of the training unit. The aircraft was recovered at 1121 by means of deck winches.

(c) On getting underway 10 May, 1945, trouble was experienced with all 4 of the main shaft stern tubes glands which all appeared to be running warm. All glands were checked to insure sufficient leak-off existed and leak-off was found to be satisfactory. The following morning after about 5 hours operation it was deemed advisable to anchor and add another turn of packing to glands nos. 1 and 4. This was done and at the time of departure for Trinidad, British West Indies, no. 2 gland seemed to settle down to normal operation but number 3 gland continued to leak more than a normal amount.

4. 11 to 16 May 1945.

(a) The ship got underway from anchorage in Delaware Bay, at 0941 for Trinidad, British West Indies in accordance with Commander Fleet Operational Training Command order. The course was set through Delaware Capes via south swept channel to point XRay Mike then to position Able 38°-10'N - 74°-20'W thence to position Baker 36°N - 69°W to position Charlie 25°N - 67°W, thence via Mona Island passage through to Trinidad; speed was set at 16.5 knots.

(b) Exercises were carried out en route to Trinidad in accordance with enclosure (A). Flight exercises in accordance with this schedule were not carried out due to casualty of the airplane crane as described.

(c) 11 May 1945

Positions: 0800 anchored Delaware Bay.  
1200 38°36'24"N - 74°49'W  
2000 37°32' N - 72°51'W