

S E C R E T

12 June 1945.

Subject: War Diary for the month of May 1945.

(b) Recreation parties left the ship on the 25th and the 26th at 1000 each day for the Scotland Bay recreation area, Scotland Bay, Trinidad, returning to the ship at 1700.

(c) 0845, 25 May, diving operations were begun in an attempt to seal the shaft stern tube where leakage from number 3 gland had steadily increased. The attempt to seal the shaft stern tube from the outside was without success and it was necessary to add one additional turn of packing without benefit of shaft sealing.

(d) On the afternoon of 26 May, 4 automobiles and other equipment were transferred to this vessel for transportation to the Naval Operating Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. 1210, 26 May the aviation unit returned aboard having completed temporary duty at the Naval Air Station, Trinidad, in connection with aircraft exercises. In the course of the afternoon 8 officers and 38 men reported aboard for transportation to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. 1312, the ship completed fueling from an oil barge alongside to port.

8. 27 through 31 May.

(a) The ship got underway from the Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, British West Indies, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in compliance with Commander Fleet Operational Training Command operation order 53-45 as amended by COTCLANT secret despatch 192139 May, 1945. The course was set via point Able 13°24'N - 64°00'W thence to point Baker 18°02'N - 74°46'W thence through to Guantanamo Bay. Exercises and drills were conducted in accordance with enclosure (A).

(b) 28 May, while en route to Guantanamo Bay full power trials and smoke prevention runs were conducted.

(c) At 0855, 29 May, the ship anchored in berth 15, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Ships present include USS BOXER, USS ANTIETAM, USS BOYLE, plus various other units of the U. S. Fleet and local craft. At 1030 the officers and enlisted men aboard for transportation from Trinidad to Guantanamo Bay were transferred to the Naval Operating Base. During the afternoon the ship fueled from barges alongside to port.

(d) The ship got underway from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, at 1659, 30 May, en route to Culebra Island, British West Indies via point Nan 19°44'N - 75°58'W thence along the north coast of Hispaniola to Culebra, speed of advance 16.5 knots.

(e) En route Culebra Island on 30 and 31 May, the ship continued exercises and practices as set forth in enclosure (A). 1200, 31 May, the