

C O N F I D E N T I A L

2 July 1945.

Subject: War Diary for the month of June 1945.

4. 5 and 6 June 1945.

(a) C. F. Bryant, Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy, Commander Fleet Operational Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, accompanied by his staff and assisted by the inspection party from the U.S.S. MARBLEHEAD conducted military inspection of this vessel on 5 June 1945.

(b) O645, 6 June 1945, Commander Fleet Operational Training Command accompanied by his staff and the inspection party from the U. S. S. MARBLEHEAD boarded this vessel for the purpose of conducting damage control inspection and battle problem underway. The ship got underway for the exercise area in Chesapeake Bay at 0650. The remainder of the day was spent in this area conducting the battle problem and damage control inspection. The ship returned to Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Virginia, and moored starboard side to the north side of the pier (5) at 1804, having completed scheduled exercises.

(c) Commander William J. Richter, 62538, U. S. Navy, relieved Commander Carl G. Gesen, 58023, U. S. Naval Reserve, as executive officer of this vessel.

5. 7 through 13 June 1945.

(a) The ship remained moored to pier 5, NOB, Hampton Roads, Virginia, through 13 June 1945.

(b) Having successfully completed military and damage control inspection and battle problem conducted by COTCLant, the Commanding Officer reported to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet for duty on 7 June 1945.

(c) This period was spent completing minor repairs and alterations, fueling, provisioning, and taking on ammunition.

6. 14 through 20 June 1945.

(a) The ship got underway from pier 5 Naval Operating Base, Hampton Roads, Virginia, at 0833, 14 June 1945, for area "Dog", Chesapeake Bay to conduct various exercises and practices.

(b) The next three days were spent in this area conducting anti-aircraft practices, ship handling drills and various other types of general and emergency drills. With the exception of 15 June, on which day