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REPORT FOR COMMANDER DESTROYER DIVISION TWELVE.

MONTH OF JULY

During the month of July, 1942, Destroyer Division Twelve did not act as a unit. The U.S.S. BENHAM and U.S.S. ELLET were attached to Task Force Sixteen. U.S.S. DUNLAP and U.S.S. FANNING on July, 1942, were attached to Task Force One.

1 July 1942

Zone plus 7

G.C.T. L.C.T.

FANNING and DUNLAP moored at Naval Air Station Dock, San Diego, Calif., operating as a unit of Commander Task Force ONE as plane guard and screening vessels for U.S.S. LONG ISLAND.

1507 0807

DUNLAP proceeded out of harbor in company with LONG ISLAND to act as plane guard while LONG ISLAND is engaged in training pilots for carrier qualification.
FANNING at anchor for upkeep.

me

2 July 1942

Zone plus 7

DUNLAP moored to Buoy # 18, San Diego, Calif., for upkeep. FANNING acting as plane guard for U.S.S. LONG ISLAND.

me

3 July 1942

Zone plus 7

1535 0835

FANNING and DUNLAP underway to conduct Battle Torpedo Practice "AFFIRM".

me

2145 1445

Moored to Buoy # 18, San Diego, Calif.

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER

During the month of November, 1942, Destroyer Division TWELVE did not act as a unit. Due to reorganization of Destroyers Pacific Fleet, The Division now consists of USS DUNLAP, USS CASE, USS FANNING and USS CUMMINGS. The USS CASE and USS CUMMINGS were on detached duty. The USS DUNLAP and USS FANNING attached to Task Force ELEVEN. The following report covers the movements of the USS DUNLAP and USS FANNING only.

1 November 1942
Zone time plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Moored to buoy X-6, in Pearl Harbor, T.H. *mc*
Operated with USS WAHOO during the day.

2 - 3 November 1942
Zone time plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
G.C.T. L.C.T.

Moored to buoys in berth X-6, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

1606 0636 Underway in accordance with CINCPAC Despatch *mc*
291925 of October and COMDESRON SIX Serial 0204
of 29 October to conduct training exercises in
operating areas off Oahu, T. H.

4 - 5 November 1942
Zone time plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Moored to buoy X-7, Pearl Harbor, T. H. *mc*

6 - 9 November 1942
Zone time plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
G.C.T. L.C.T.

Moored to buoy X-7, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

1600 0630 Underway proceeding out of harbor in accordance *mc*
with Commander Task Force ELEVEN ltr. A16/3/01
of 5 November, 1942, for training exercises.

10 - 11 November 1942
Zone time plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Moored to buoys X-7, Pearl Harbor, T. H. *mc*

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WAR DIARY

Destroyer Division TWELVE

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To : The Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

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COMMANDER DESTROYER DIVISION TWELVE WAR DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF
AUGUST 1943

1 August 1943

CDD-12 in DUNLAP operating as part of Task Group 31.2 under Commander Task Force 31. 1300 CDD-12 in DUNLAP with SC 531 escorting LST 395 and LST 399 from Guadalcanal to Rendova Island, New Georgia group.

U.S.S. CASE acting as escort for USS RIXEY enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored at Noumea, New Caledonia.

U.S.S. FANNING moored at Noumea, New Caledonia. 1006 Underway in company with Task Group 36.3

2 August 1943

USS DUNLAP and SC 531 escorting LST's to Rendova. After arrival DUNLAP made anti-submarine sweep towards Russells Islands, SC 531 made anti-submarine sweep in Blanche Channel. 1750 returned Onaiavisi Entrance. 1953 DUNLAP, SC 531 escorting LST 399 from Onaiavisi to Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. CASE enroute Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS underway in company with Task Group 36.3

U.S.S. FANNING underway in company with Task Group 36.3

3 August 1943

Commander Destroyer Division TWELVE relieved Commander Destroyer Division 44 as Commander Task Group 31.2. Composition Task Group 31.2 USS DUNLAP (CDD-12), USS MAURY, USS GRIDLEY, USS CRAVEN, USS LANG (CDD-15), USS STACK, USS WILSON, USS STERETT. USS CRAVEN escorting LST's Guadalcanal to Rendova, New Georgia. USS STACK escorting LST's from Rendova to Guadalcanal. USS DUNLAP arrived Purvis Bay from Rendova. USS MAURY, GRIDLEY, LANG, STERETT, WILSON at Purvis Bay, Florida Island.

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3 August 1943 (Cont'd)

U.S.S. CASE 0900 arrived Guadalcanal; fueled,
and returned to anti-submarine patrol for USS RIXEY.
U.S.S. CUMMINGS underway with Task Group 36.3
U.S.S. FANNING underway with Task Group 36.3

4 August 1943

U.S.S. CRAVEN escorting LST's to Rendova and
return.
U.S.S. STACK arrived Purvis Bay from Rendova.
U.S.S. STERETT escorting LST's from Guadalcanal to
Rendova.
U.S.S. DUNLAP, MAURY, GRIDLEY, LANG, WILSON at
Purvis Bay. CDD-12 in DUNLAP proceeded to Koli Point,
Guadalcanal to report to CTF 31, then returned to Purvis.
U.S.S. CASE 0900 Departed Guadalcanal for Noumea,
New Caledonia.
U.S.S. CUMMINGS underway with Task Group 36.3
U.S.S. FANNING underway with Task Group 36.3

5 August 1943

U.S.S. CRAVEN arrived Purvis from Rendova.
U.S.S. STERETT escorting LST's to Rendova and return
U.S.S. WILSON escorting LST's from Guadalcanal to
Rendova.
U.S.S. DUNLAP, MAURY, GRIDLEY, LANG, STACK at
Purvis Bay. CDD-12 reported to headquarters CTF 31 at Guadalcanal
for conference then returned in DUNLAP to Purvis Bay.
U.S.S. CASE enroute to Noumea, New Caledonia.
U.S.S. CUMMINGS underway with Task Group 36.3. 1646
moored in Havannah Harbor, New Hebrides.
U.S.S. FANNING underway with Task Group 36.3 1513
moored in Havannah Harbor, New Hebrides.

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U.S.S. DUNLAP, Flagship

6 August 1943

U.S.S. DUNLAP (CDD-12), U.S.S. CRAVEN, MAURY, LANG (CDD-15), STERETT, STACK enroute Purvis Bay to Vella Gulf and Battle of Vella Gulf (See action report).

U.S.S. GRIDLEY escorting LST's from Guadalcanal to Rendova.

U.S.S. WILSON escorting LST's to Rendova and return.

U.S.S. CASE enroute Noumea, New Caledonia.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before.

U.S.S. FANNING moored as before.

7 August 1943

U.S.S. DUNLAP - Battle of Vella Gulf then to Koli Point for report by CDD-12 to CTF 31, then to Tulagi to replenish fuel, torpedoes and ammunition.

U.S.S. STACK - Battle of Vella Gulf then escorting LST's from Guadalcanal to Rendova.

U.S.S. CRAVEN, MAURY, LANG, STERETT - Battle of Vella Gulf then to Tulagi to replenish fuel, torpedoes and ammunition, then to Purvis Bay.

U.S.S. GRIDLEY escorting LST's.

U.S.S. WILSON arrived Purvis from Rendova.

U.S.S. CASE Arrived Noumea and anchored.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before.

U.S.S. FANNING moored as before.

8 August 1943

U.S.S. JENKINS reported for duty in Task Group 31.2 relieving USS MAURY detached.

U.S.S. DUNLAP Tulagi to Purvis Bay.

U.S.S. GRIDLEY escorting LST's.

U.S.S. STACK escorting LST's to Rendova and return.

U.S.S. JENKINS escorting LST's from Guadalcanal to Rendova.

U.S.S. CRAVEN, LANG, STERETT, WILSON at Purvis Bay.

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8 August 1943 (Cont'd)

U.S.S. CASE at Noumea, New Caledonia; routine upkeep.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before. 1328 underway and moored alongside USS MEDUSA for repairs.

U.S.S. FANNING moored as before.

9 August 1943

U.S.S. DUNLAP (CDD-12), USS CRAVEN, USS GRIDLEY, USS LANG (CDD-15), USS STERETT, USS WILSON enroute Purvis to Vella Gulf and sweeps of Vella Gulf. (See action report).

U.S.S. STACK escorting LST's.

U.S.S. JENKINS escorting LST's to Rendova and return.

U.S.S. CASE 0600 Underway as escort for convoy. 2200 Convoy dispersed and CASE proceeded to Havannah Harbor.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before.

U.S.S. FANNING moored as before. 0704 underway in company with USS McCALL and USS S-31 for exercises. 1610 moored in Havannah Harbor.

10 August 1943

U.S.S. DUNLAP, CRAVEN, GRIDLEY, LANG, STERETT, WILSON sweeps of Vella Gulf, then to Tulagi for replenishment ammunition and fuel, then to Purvis Bay.

U.S.S. STACK escorting LST's to Rendova.

U.S.S. JENKINS returned Purvis from Rendova.

U.S.S. CASE 1630 arrived Havannah Harbor.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before.

U.S.S. FANNING moored as before.

11 August 1943

U.S.S. EATON and PHILIP reported for duty in Task Group 31.2 relieving U.S.S. GRIDLEY and WILSON, detached

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11 August 1943 (Cont'd)

U.S.S. STACK escorting LST's to Rendova and return.

U.S.S. DUNLAP, CRAVEN, STERETT, LANG, PHILIP at Purvis Bay.

U.S.S. CASE at anchor Havannah Harbor.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before.

U.S.S. FANNING moored as before. 0648 underway with USS SAN DIEGO and USS S-31 for exercises. 1657 moored in Havannah Harbor.

12 August 1943

U.S.S. JENKINS escorting LST's to Rendova and return.

U.S.S. EATON escorting LST's from Guadalcanal to Rendova.

U.S.S. DUNLAP, CRAVEN, STERETT, LANG, STACK relieved by units of Desron 22 and detached from Task Group 31.2

Commander Destroyer Division TWELVE relieved by Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-TWO as Commander Task Group 31.2. CDD-12 detached from TG 31.2, reported to CTU 32.4.4 for escort duty.

U.S.S. CASE anchored Havannah Harbor. 0630 Underway for anti-submarine training.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before.

U.S.S. FANNING moored as before. 0000 underway in company with USS McCALL, McCALLA and MASSACHUSETTS for tactical and gunnery exercises.

13 August 1943

U.S.S. DUNLAP underway patrolling for transports during unloading operations.

U.S.S. CASE underway for anti-submarine training.

U.S.S. CUMMINGS moored as before.

U.S.S. FANNING underway in company with USS McCALL McCALLA and MASSACHUSETTS for tactical and gunnery exercises. 1759 moored in Havannah Harbor.