

COMMANDER MINE SQUADRON TWENTY  
Care of Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

FC6-20/A12  
Serial: 0108

11 July 1945.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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

From: Commander Mine Squadron TWENTY.  
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Subject: War Diary, submission of.  
Reference: (a) PacFlt ltr. 1CL-45 of 1 January 1945.

*Recorded*

1. In accordance with reference (a), the War Diary for the period 1 June - 30 June 1945, is submitted herewith.

*W.R. Loud*  
W.R. LOUD.

Copy to:  
CincPac

RECEIVED S-C FILES

30-3 Room 2055

29 AUG 1945  
AL2-1/FC6-20  
101

133391

**FILMED**

WAR DIARY

1 June 1945 (Item)

(The numbered paragraphs 1-8 below correspond to the subparagraphs (a) - (h), paragraph 14 of PacFlt Conf. ltr. 1CL-45 of 1 January 1945).

1. Mine Squadron TWENTY is an administrative unit of Commander Minecraft, U.S. Pacific Fleet and is attached to the THIRD FLEET, Pacific Fleet for duty. Mine Squadron 20 is constituted as follows:

<u>MinDiv 58</u> (Comdr. F.P. MITCHELL, USN)	<u>MinDiv 59</u> (Capt. W.R. LOUD, USN)	<u>MinDiv 60</u> (Capt. M.D. MATTHEWS, USN)
DMS 24 FORREST (F)	DMS 19 ELLYSON (SF)	DMS 29 BUTIER (F)
26 HOBSON	20 HAMBLETON	28 HARDING
25 FITCH	21 RODMAN	27 JEFFERS (FD)
23 MACOMB (FD)		30 GHERARDI

Cominron TWENTY performs additional duty as CTG 32.3 under CTG 32.2 (Rear Admiral Alex. SHARP, USN, CominPac, USCGC BIBB (CGC 31), temporary flagship) who is also CTF 39 (Commander Mine Flotilla). Task Group 32.3 is constituted as follows:

<u>Task Unit 32.3.2</u> (Comdr. F.P. MITCHELL, USN)	<u>Task Unit 32.3.3</u> (Capt. W.R. LOUD, USN)	<u>Task Unit 32.3.4</u> (Capt. M.D. MATTHEWS, USN)
* MinDiv 58 less FITCH DM 33 GWIN	** MinDiv 59 ** DM 32 LINDSEY	*** MinDiv 60 DM 29 H.A. WILEY
* (Non-operational due to battle damage)	** (RODMAN, LINDSEY non-operational due to battle damage)	*** (BUTLER, HARDING, JEFFERS non-operational due to battle damage)

Cominron TWENTY also performs additional duty as CTG 39.2 (Commander Mine Group TWO) under CTF 39 (Commander Mine Flotilla). Task Group 39.2 is composed as follows:

<u>Task Unit 39.2.1</u>	<u>Task Unit 39.2.2</u>
DMS 10 SOUTHARD DMS 13 HOPKINS	DMS 24 FORREST (Non-operational)
<u>Task Unit 39.2.3</u>	<u>Task Unit 39.2.4</u>
DMS 19 ELLYSON (GF)(FF)(F) DMS 20 HAMBLETON	DMS 29 BUTLER (Non-operational) DMS 30 GHERARDI

2. ComTHIRD Fleet OpPlan No. 3-45.  
CominPac secret despatch [redacted].  
CominPac secret serial 00526 of 21 May 1945.
3. In ELLYSON operating as directed in vicinity of OKINAWA GUNTO.

WAR DIARY

4. Patrolling on A/S screen, off OKINAWA SHIMA forming dusk AA disposition daily with HAMBLETON & GHERARDI from adjacent screening stations.

5. Received CinCPac confidential despatch of 1 June advising typhoon forming at 12o 00 N 135o 00 E.

6-8. No remarks.

2 June 1945 (Item)

1-4. Same as 1 June 1945.

5-8. No remarks.

4 June 1945 (Item)

1-4. Same as 1 June 1945.

5. Received CTF 31's secret despatch to TF 31 and other commands concerned ordering preparations to be made for heavy weather in accordance with CTF 51 Operation Plan A1-45. Received subsequent secret despatch from CTF 31 to TF 31 to resume normal conditions inasmuch as storm danger had passed.

6-8. No remarks.

5 June 1945 (Item)

1-4. Same as 1 June 1945.

5-8. No remarks.

6 June 1945 (Item)

1-3. Same as 1 June 1945.

4. 0630 Departed screening station, proceeding KERAMA RETTO in accordance with CTG 31.5 secret despatch of 5 June 1945.  
0900 Arrived KERAMA RETTO. ELLYSON reported to Commander Service Squadron TEN, representative at KERAMA RETTO for tender availability.  
0945 Proceeded to report to CTG 32.2 aboard his flagship (USCGC BIBB (CGC 31) for discussion minesweeping operation scheduled for execution by this command in near future.  
1235 Returned to ELLYSON.

5-8. No remarks.

7 June 1945 (Item)

1-2. Same as 1 June 1945.

3. In ELLYSON which is undergoing alongside tender availability from HAMUL (AD 10). Reporting aboard BIBB to CominPac daily.



WAR DIARY

7 June 1945 (Item)(Cont'd)

4. In accordance with verbal orders from CTG 32.2 continued daily discussion and planning of future minesweeping operation with members of his staff.

5-8. No remarks.

8 June 1945 (Item)

1-3. Same as 7 June 1945.

4. At 1630 shifted pennant from USS ELLYSON (DMS 19) to USS FORREST (DMS 24). FORREST is alongside NESTOR (ARB 6) in KERAMA RETTO anchorage undergoing battle damage repairs. Daily activities are as outlined on 7 June.

5-8. No remarks.

9-10 June 1945 (Item)

1-2. Same as 7 June 1945.

3. In FORREST performing minesweeping planning activities as outlined on 7 June.

4-8. No remarks.

11 June 1945 (Item)

1-3. Same as 9 June.

4. Reported to CominPac for temporary duty in accordance with his orders as set forth in paragraph 5 below.

5. Received visual despatch dated [redacted] from CTG 32.2 directing this command to report to him with staff for temporary additional duty.

6-8. No remarks.

12 June 1945 (Item)

1. Same as 1 June except that Task Group 32.3 reorganized in accordance with CominPac OpPlan under the Command of Capt. A.M. TOWNSEND, U.S.N., Commander Mine Squadron 3, Pacific Fleet (U.S.S. GWIN (DM 33), flagship). All ships previously listed except GWIN and H.A. WILEY (DM 29) released from new task organization.

Cominron 20 remains as CTG 39.2 with vessels listed in this report as of 1 June.

2-4. Same as 11 June.

5-8. No remarks.

WAR DIARY

13-21 June 1945 (Item)

- 1-4. Same as 12 June with changes to date.  
5-8. No remarks.

22 June 1945 (Item)

- 1-4. Same as 13 June.  
5. Received ELLYSON secret despatch [redacted] informing that enemy aircraft had been destroyed close aboard by ships gunfire with superficial damage to vessel's superstructure resulting. ELLYSON reports fully operational.  
6-8. No remarks.

23-24 June 1945 (Item)

- 1-4. Same as 13 June.  
5-8. No remarks.

25 June 1945 (Item)

- 1-3. Same as 13 June.  
4. 1610 Shifted pennant from FORREST to ELLYSON.  
5-8. No remarks.

26-30 June 1945 (Item)

- 1-4. Same as 13 June.  
4-8. No remarks.