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26 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Steaming as before. 0040 KNAPP directed by OTC to investigate surface contact. 0125 TAYLOR directed by OTC to proceed in direction of KNAPP to relay instructions. 0145 TAYLOR rejoined formation. 0235 KNAPP rejoined formation. 1220 COLAHAN entered formation and went alongside MISSOURI. 1415 COLAHAN departed formation. 1530 YARNALL joined Task Group 30.1. 1735 KNAPP left formation and proceeded on duty assigned.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 33-34-30 N., Long. 141-57-15 E.
1200 Lat. 33-37-00 N., Long. 143-02-00 E.
2000 Lat. 33-09-45 N., Long. 142-11-00 E.

27 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Steaming as before. 0410 Ship went to General Quarters. 0432 Ship secured from General Quarters. 0722 Sighted Japanese ship at 315°T, distance 10 miles. Ship went to General Quarters. 0723 NICHOLAS left screen, proceeding on assigned duty to rendezvous with Japanese ship. 0726 Japanese ship identified as destroyer HATUZAKURA, MATSU class destroyer. 0748 Following personnel transferred to NICHOLAS from HATUZAKURA: 2 emissaries, 6 interpreters, and 13 pilots. 0810 Proceeding to go alongside MISSOURI to deliver passengers. 0845 Along starboard side of MISSOURI. Transferred 2 emissaries, 1 interpreter, and 1 pilot; also Japanese language officer and 1 news correspondent. 0945 Away from alongside MISSOURI, taking station 1000 yards on starboard beam, preparatory to receiving ships alongside to transfer Japanese personnel. 1005 STOCKHAM alongside port quarter to receive 7 Japanese pilots and 1 interpreter. 1019 STOCKHAM away from alongside. 1025 WALDRON alongside to receive Japanese personnel, consisting of 2 pilots and 2 interpreters. 1038 WALDRON away from alongside. 1042 HMS WHELP alongside starboard quarter to receive 1 Japanese pilot and 1 Japanese interpreter. 1048 HMS WHELP away from alongside. 1119 GOSSELIN alongside port quarter to receive press representatives. 1150 GOSSELIN away from alongside. NICHOLAS taking station between MISSOURI and IOWA. 1226 Proceeding to anchorage in Sagami Wan. 1246 Proceeding to HATUZAKURA to deliver orders from Commander THIRD Fleet; to lie to until further orders. 1320 Mission completed, proceeding to MISSOURI. 1400 Alongside MISSOURI. 1440 2 Japanese emissaries and 1 interpreter received on board to be transferred to HATUZAKURA. 1507 Personnel transfer completed, proceeding to anchorage. HATUZAKURA proceeded to Tokyo Bay as directed. 1550 Anchored in Berth #124, Sagami Wan, Honshu Island, Japan. 1817 Ship went to General Quarters. 1917 Ship secured from General Quarters.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 34-26-00 N., Long. 139-43-45 E.
1200 Lat. 35-01-45 N., Long. 139-28-00 E.

28 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0305 Underway in accordance with ComThirdFleet visual despatch 270431 of August, proceeding out of Sagami Wan to rendezvous with Task Groups 30.5 and 35.80. 0425 Ship went to General Quarters. 1510 Secured from General Quarters. 0545 Proceeding to go alongside CUMBERLAND SOUND. 0604 Alongside CUMBERLAND SOUND to starboard. Transferred 1 Japanese pilot from NICHOLAS to CUMBERLAND SOUND.

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28 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)(Continued).

0612 Away from alongside CUMBERLAND SOUND, proceeding on assigned duty. 0740 Along starboard side of PROTEUS. Transferred one Japanese pilot and one interpreter. 0745 Away from alongside PROTEUS. 0810 Alongside NECHES to port. 0826 Away from alongside NECHES, proceeding to anchorage in Sagami Wan. 1416 Anchored in berth #124, Sagami Wan, Honshu Island, Japan.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 34-03-00 N., Long. 140-03-00 E.
1200 Lat. 35-17-30 N., Long. 140-30-30 E.

29 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0425 Ship went to General Quarters. 0457 Underway, proceeding to clear anchorage and reform Task Group 30.1. 0530 Task Group reformed with MISSOURI, IOWA, NICHOLAS, O'BANNON, and TAYLOR. 0545 Ship went to General Quarters, preparatory to entering mined waters of Tokyo Bay. 0855 Proceeding independently to assigned anchorage. 0917 Anchored in Berth #113, Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan. 0920 Ship secured from General Quarters. 1235 Underway and proceeding to go alongside MISSOURI. 1255 Moored alongside MISSOURI to port to conduct replenishment exercises. 1345 Completed fueling. Received 52,536 gallons fuel oil. Provisioning completed. 1458 Underway from alongside MISSOURI, proceeding to anchorage. 1522 Anchored in Berth #113, Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 35-10-15 N., Long. 139-45-15 E.

30 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0400 Underway from Berth #113, performing anti-submarine patrol within anchorage area.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 35-22-00 N., Long. 139-44-00 E.
1200 Lat. 35-25-00 N., Long. 139-42-30 E.
2000 Lat. 35-24-45 N., Long. 139-42-30 E.

31 August 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Steaming as before. 1435 Proceeding to anchorage. 1507 Anchored in Berth #113, Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 35-25-00 N., Long. 139-42-00 E.
1200 Lat. 35-20-30 N., Long. 139-41-45 E.

U.S.S. NICHOLAS (DD449)

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U.S.S. NICHOLAS (DD449)

1 September 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Destroyer Squadron 21 - Task Group 30.1 - Third Fleet.

Captain S. S. Murray, USN, CTG 30.1 - USS MISSOURI, Flagship.

Anchored in berth #113, Tokyo Bay, Honshu Island, Japan. SOPA is CinCPac in SOUTH DAKOTA. 1545 Got underway and proceeded to Yokohama. 1650 Moored alongside Custom House Pier, Yokohama, Honshu Island, Japan.

2 September 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Moored as before. 0630 Eighty-seven (87) Allied and United States Army and Naval Representatives reported aboard for transfer to U.S.S. MISSOURI to attend the ceremony for the formal surrender of the Japanese Empire. 0713 Got underway and at 0808 moored alongside U.S.S. MISSOURI in berth F-71, Tokyo Bay, to effect transfer. 0822 Got underway and anchored in berth F-108, Tokyo Bay. 0948 Got underway and moored alongside MISSOURI for return of representatives to Yokohama. 1028 Got underway and moored alongside BUCHANAN alongside Customs Dock, Yokohama, where representatives were disembarked. 1130 Got underway and proceeded to Tokyo Bay anchorage, berth F-113.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 35-21-15 N., Long. 139-44-45 E.

1200 Lat. 35-25-30 N., Long. 139-42-00 E.

3 September 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0733 Got underway and proceeded to anchorage in North Tokyo Bay. 0825 CDS 21 with NICHOLAS and TAYLOR reported for duty to CTG 30.6.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 35-26-30 N., Long. 139-48-30 E.

4 September 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0550 Got underway and proceeded to fuel. 0754 Completed fueling and proceeded to anchorage in area of berths #7 to 17, Tokyo District, Tokyo Bay.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 35-24-00 N., Long. 139-45-45 E.

5 September 1945 (Zone minus 9)

Anchored as before. 0727 Got underway and proceeded to anchorage off Yokohama breakwater. 0821 Anchored in berth B-48, Tokyo Bay.

Positions:

0800 Lat. 35-28-00 N., Long. 139-45-00 E.

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