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U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91)

CARE OF FLEET POST OFFICE
San Francisco, Calif.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: History of the U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY
Reference: (a) AlPac 202-45 (142240) of August 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Subject history.

1 In compliance with reference (a), a factual history of the U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY (CL91), enclosure (A), is forwarded herewith.

2. The period covered in this report is from the commissioning date, 22 December 1944 to 21 September 1945.

C. B. HUNT.

Copy to:
CincPac, Pearl Harbor.

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22 December 1944

U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY commissioned this date at 1500 at the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa. Rear Admiral W.F. DRAEMEL accepted the ship from the builders, CRAMP SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, Philadelphia, Pa., and turned the vessel over to Captain C.B. HUNT, U.S. Navy, who assumed command. Guests at commissioning ceremony included: Mrs. Anton H. CLASSEN, ship's sponsor.

22 December 1944 to 14 January 1945

At Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., for completion of fitting out period. Attached to Commandant, Fourth Naval District.

14 January 1945

Underway for trial run in Delaware River.

15-26 January 1945

This period was spent fitting out, taking on stores and ammunition and running tests prior to shakedown cruise; at Navy Yard, Philadelphia and. lower Delaware Bay.

26 January 1945

Held structural firing tests after leaving lower Delaware Bay,

27 January to 10 February 1945

Training period in Chesapeake Bay area and in route to Trinidad, B.W.I., for shakedown.

10-28 February 1945

Operating in Gulf of Paria, Trinidad, B.W.I., for shakedown and training exercises.

28 February to 4 March 1945

Enroute from Trinidad, B.W.I. to NOB, Norfolk, Virginia.

5-6 March 1945

Annual Military inspection by COTCLant and his Staff at NOB, Norfolk, Virginia.

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7-10 March 1945

Enroute to Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

11-31 March 1942

At Navy Yard, Philadelphia Pa. for post shakedown period.

9 April 1945

Underway for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for various training and gunnery exercises.

16-17 April 1945

Exercises in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba area. Underway for Panama, C.Z.

19 April 1945

Entered Cristobal Harbor, C.Z. Reported for duty to CinCPac. Transited Panama Canal to Balboa, C.Z.

21 April to 2 May 1945

Underway from Balboa, C.Z. to Pearl Harbor, T.H. Held training exercises enroute.

2 May 1945

Entered Pearl Harbor, T.H., reported to ComCruPac for duty.

3-7 May 1945

Underway training period in Hawaiian operating area.

8-11 May 1945

At Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

12-19 May 1945

Underway training period in Hawaiian operating area.

19-21 May 1945

At anchor in Pearl Harbor, T.H,

22 May 1945

Underway to Ulithi in company with U.S.S. TOPEKA.

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1 June 1945

Anchored in Ulithi lagoon.

4 June 1945

Joined Task Group 30.8 for temporary duty.

17 June 1945

Joined Task Unit 32.1.3 for operations against Sakishima Gunto in support of Okinawa campaign.

20 June 1945

Detached from Task Unit 32.1.3 and proceeded to Leyte, P.I. in accordance with orders from Commander Task Force 31.

23 June - 1 July 1945

Anchored in Leyte Gulf, P.I.

1 July 1945

Underway with Task Group 38.1 for strikes against Japanese home islands.

18 July 1945

Released from Task Group 38.1, formed Task Group 35.4 with TOPEKA (CTG 35.4, ComCruDiv 18), ATLANTA, DAYTON and DesRon 62 for surface sweep at entrance to Sagami Wan. Bombarded Nojima Cape.

20 July - 15 August 1945

Rejoined Task Group 38.1. Continued air operations against Japanese home islands.

15 August 1945

Received AlNav from SecNav that Japan had accepted Potsdam peace terms. Received order to cease present operation.

15 August - 5 September 1945

On patrol duty off Japan with Task Group 38.1.

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5-10 September 1945

Became a unit of Task Group 38.2, continuing patrol duty off eastern coast of Japan.

10 September 1945

Entered Tokyo Bay with Task Group 38.2.

10-15 September 1945

At anchor in Tokyo Bay off Yokahama.

15-20 September 1945

Sortied from Tokyo Bay, continued patrol duty with Task Group 38.2.

20 September 1945

Task Group 38.2 changed to FIFTH Fleet, became Task Group 58.2.

21 September 1945

Formed Task Unit 58.2.12 (U.S.S. FLINT CTU 58.2.12 and ComTaskFlot 3). Enroute for Eniwetok, Western Marshall Islands.

ENGINEERING DATA

22 December 1944 to 22 September 1945

Miles Steamed 62,756
Fuel Burned 6,228,632 Gals.
Water Made 4,277,700 Gals.

GUNNERY DATA

Ammunition expended in exercises and bombardment from 22 December 1944 to 24 September 1945

6" - 1,404 rounds
5" - 6,265 rounds
40mm - 45,520 rounds
20mm - 47,361 rounds