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PERIOD COVERED

1 September 1945 - 30 September 1945.

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, MARINE AIR SUPPORT GROUP-48  
CARRIER DIVISION TWENTY-SEVEN  
AIR FORCE, PACIFIC FLEET  
% FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
U.S. FLEET  
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Commandant of the Marine Corps  
Commander in Chief United States Fleet  
Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet  
Commanding General, Third Marine Air Wing  
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**S. M. Adams, Major, U. S. Marine Corps, Commanding.**

**NEXT HIGHER ECHELON:**

**Marine Air Support Group Forty-Eight**

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1-2 September 1945.

Enroute to Yellow Sea, Keijo Area, Korea. Storm still raging. Ship steering various courses and speeds to escape typhoon center.

3 September 1945.

Received orders to proceed to Formosa as soon as storm abated, cancelling operation in Yellow Sea. The seas gradually calmed and course was set as ordered. The purpose of this operation is to drop food and medical supplies to Allied POWs and to evacuate as many as possible.

4 September 1945.

At 1530 Colonel A. D. Cooley, with a detachment of Marines and Navy medical personnel, departed this ship and boarded the USS GARY, DE-326. The GARY, together with the USS KRETCHMER, DE-327, is to dock in Kiirun Harbor, Formosa and to evacuate the POWs.

5 September 1945.

At 1135 the GARY and KRETCHMER docked at Kiirun. During the day 312 prisoners of war were transported to the awaiting ships.

6 September 1945.

The remaining prisoners of war, with the exception of 82 non-movable patients were moved off the island and distributed among the ships in the Task Group. At 2330 the evacuation was complete and the Task Group got underway for Manila, P. I.

7-8 September 1945.

Enroute to Manila, P. I.

9 September 1945.

At 0824, dropped anchor in Manila Bay, P. I. The liberated men were transferred off the ship shortly after anchoring.

10-15 September 1945.

Routine administration. No changes.

16 September 1945.

Detached Captain J. J. O'Brien, USMCR, to Commanding Officer,

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16 September 1945.

Receiving Station, Cavite, P. I. for further transfer to the Third Marine Air Wing, Navy No. 61, % Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

17 September 1945.

At 0630 departed Manila Bay, P. I. enroute to Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa.

18-19 September 1945.

Enroute to Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa.

20 September 1945.

At 0930 dropped anchor in Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa. Detached 2nd Lieutenant H. E. Biggerstaff, USMCR, to HqSq, Second Marine Air Wing, % Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California. Transferred four (4) enlisted men to HqSq, Second Marine Air Wing, % Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

21 September 1945.

Routine administration. No changes.

22 September 1945.

Detached Major Peter Folger, USMCR, to Commanding General, Second Marine Air Wing, % Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

23-26 September 1945.

Routine administration. No changes.

27 September 1945.

At 0648 departed Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa for air operations and training. The ship is to complete training and return to Hagushi Anchorage. At 1818 the ship returned to Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa and dropped anchor.

28 September 1945.

At 0656 departed Hagushi Anchorage, Okinawa in continuance of air operations and to rendezvous with the USS CANEY, AO-95. At 2210 effected rendezvous with the CANEY.

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29 September 1945.

Steaming as before. Typhoon reported in vicinity of Okinawa heading toward Formosa. Set course northwest to avoid storm. Ship refueled by the CANEX. At 1635 a mine was destroyed by the USS FINCH, DE-328 and at 1845 another was destroyed by the USS KULA GULF, CVE-108. Due to numerous mines in the vicinity all ships in the Task Group were ordered to lie to until dawn.

30 September 1945.

At 0617 the ship got underway and at 1300, when it was apparent that there was no further danger from the typhoon, the ship changed course and headed for Okinawa.

S. M. ADAMS  
Major, USMC,  
Commanding.