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U.S.S. GEORGE OLYMER. 1415 Departed Eniwetok Atoll for designated operation against the enemy.

2000 11-29 North 161-23 East

18 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.2 and destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

0800 11-53 North 158-48 East
1200 12-05 North 157-56 East
2000 12-30 North 156-04 East

19 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.2 and destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations. 1327 Set Condition IA. Held troop debarkation drill. Held emergency drills. 1415 Secured from all drills.

20 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.2 and destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. 0622 U.S.S. PRESTON (DD795) made fast alongside for fueling operation. 0626 Commenced transfer of fuel oil to U.S.S. PRESTON. 0848 Completed fueling U.S.S. PRESTON. A total of 34,272 gallons of fuel oil was transferred. 0856 U.S.S. PRESTON away. 1449 Exercised at tactical maneuvers. 1521 Ceased exercising at tactical maneuvers.

0800 13-22 North 148-26 East
1200 13-19 North 147-35 East
2000 13-10 North 145-59 East

21 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.2 and destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations. 0140 Sighted Mount Sasalaguan, Guam Island, bearing 300° true, distant 15 miles. 0245 Observed naval gunfire and star shells in the vicinity of Agat Bay, Guam Island. 0530 Approaching transport area off Agat Bay, Guam Island. Set Condition IA. 0615 Arrived in transport area, stopped and killed all headway. 0630 Lowered all boats, commenced disembarking troops. 0632 Dispatched first six waves to line of departure. 0704 Dispatched seventh wave to line of departure. 0801 Dispatched eighth wave to line of departure. 0830 "H" Hour, first wave of L.V.T.'s landed on the beach and met with heavy enemy resistance consisting primarily of intense mortar fire. 0955 Commenced discharging

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vehicles and mechanized equipment into LCT 966 made fast along-
side. 1006 Ninth wave dispatched to line of departure. 1055
Commenced discharging ammunition into pontoon barge from LST 476
made fast alongside. 1130 LCC PA49 returned and made fast along-
side No. 5 hatch with port side of cock-pit shot away by enemy
mortar fire. The following named officer and men of LCC PA49
were killed in action, dead on arrival of the LCC PA49 to the
ship and were returned to the Graves Registration Service, Guam
Island for burial: Lieut. (jg) Raymond Pettice ARNOLD, 253806,
D-V(G), U.S.N.R.; COGLIANESE, Frank Joseph, 810-57-32, Slc, V-6,
U.S.N.R.; WALCH, George James, 805-37-25, Cox, V-6, U.S.N.R.
The following named officer and man were wounded in action
aboard the LCC PA49 and were taken to U.S.S. PRESIDENT POLK
for treatment: Lieut. (jg) Weston McCarter ALT, 260597, D-V(G)
U.S.N.R., lacerations right arm and lip; DAUGHERTY, Winfield
George, 821-83-92, Cox, SV, V-6, U.S.N.R., multiple superficial
abrasions. 1152 LCT 966 loaded and away. 1330 Pontoon barge
No. 1 from LST 476 loaded and away. 1445 Commenced discharging
8" naval ammunition into LCT 966. Lying to in transport area
throughout the remainder of the day and night and continued dis-
charging cargo into boats as they became available returning
from the beach. Comdr. G. W. McCORMICK, D-M, U.S.N.R., tempo-
rarily detached this date for temporary duty as ComTransGroup
Beachmaster on staff of ComTaskGroup 53.4, Captain J. B.
McGOVERN, U.S.S. ZEILIN.

22 July Lying to in transport area, Agat Bay, Guam Island,
in company with Task Group 53.4, OTC in U.S.S. ZEILIN. Various
other units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet present. Continued dis-
charging cargo. 0205 LCT 966 loaded and away. Completed dis-
charging 8" naval ammunition. 0918 Vessel sustained shell hit,
approximately 3-inch, at Frame 1, port side, below main deck
sheer strake, damage inflicted consisting of 12-inch hole in
hull below and directly forward of port hawse pipe; no casual-
ties. Shell apparently fired from enemy shore battery in the
vicinity of Point Facpi, Guam Island. Position of vessel at the
time of receiving hit 312° true, distant 5700 yards from Point
Facpi. Opened flooding valves to forward magazine to suppress
fire hazard. 0922 Closed flooding valve to forward magazine
and pumped out same. Construction and Repair Department imme-
diately welded patch on shell hole. 1030 Received on board the

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following named prisoners of war from Beach White One: KYO MASAYOSHI (no number), Cpl., Butai #574 (Army) M.G.; MATSUNO KAZUO, 3211-2-98, Pfc., 2nd Coy., 1st Battalion, 38th Regiment, 29th Division (Army). Prisoners confined in compartment A-202L under armed guard. 1130 Captain A. E. BECKER, U.S.N., left the ship, transportation to destination having been completed. 1545 Received on board the following named wounded prisoners of war from Beach White One, all from 2nd Coy., 1st Battalion, 38th Regiment, 29th Division (Army): OCHIAI HISASHI, 3211-2-86, Pfc.; MOTOSHITA MATSUJIRO, 3211-2-96, Cpl.; TERADA KANICHERO, 3211-2-90, Cpl. Prisoners treated and confined in compartment A-202L under armed guard. 1705 Finished discharging cargo from No. 5 hatch. 2310 Finished discharging No. 4 hatch. 2315 Finished discharging No. 3 hatch.

23 July Lying to in transport area, Agat Bay, Guam Island, in company with Task Group 53.4, OTC U.S.S. ZEILIN. Various units of the U.S. Pacific Fleet present. Continued discharging cargo at No. 1 and 2 hatches. 0715 Finished unloading No. 1 hatch. 0815 Finished unloading No. 2 hatch. All cargo discharged. 1007 Disembarked ship's platoon working detail; all troops disembarked. 1022 Transferred under armed guard to U.S.S. PRESIDENT POLK five Japanese prisoners of war. 1730 Received on board 199 casualties from U.S.S. PRESIDENT POLK. 1828 Departed Agat Bay for night retirement area in company with U.S.S. FAYETTE OTC, U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN and U.S.S. BIDDLE, accompanied by destroyer screen patrolling ahead.

24 July At sea, steaming in night retirement area in company with U.S.S. FAYETTE OTC, U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN and U.S.S. BIDDLE. Destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations. 0647 Returned to transport area, Agat Bay, Guam Island. Lying to in transport area awaiting orders. 0812 Transferred 221 smoke pots, M1 Type, to U.S.S. ZEILIN. 1709 Departed Agat Bay for night retirement area, in company with U.S.S. FAYETTE OTC; other assigned transport units in company. Destroyer screen patrolling ahead on assigned stations.

25 July At sea, steaming in night retirement area in company with U.S.S. FAYETTE, OTC. Other assigned transport units in company. 0632 Returned to transport area, Agat Bay, Guam. Lying to in transport area awaiting orders. 1154 Received

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on board six casualties from Beach Yellow One. 1159 U.S.S. JOHNSTON (DD557) made fast alongside for the purpose of receiving 5"/38 ammunition. 1203 Commenced transfer of ammunition and dry provisions. 1255 Completed transfer of ammunition and dry provisions to U.S.S. JOHNSTON. Transferred 407 rounds 5"/38 S.P.D.N. powder, 90 rounds 5"/38 star shells, 317 rounds 5"/38 projectiles. 1256 U.S.S. JOHNSTON away. 1330 Received on board eight casualties from U.S.S. PRESIDENT POLK. 1400 Received on board eighteen casualties from Beach Yellow One. Total casualties received on board while operating in transport area 227. 1424 Departed Agat Bay, Guam Island for sea in company with Task Group 53.15.1, OTC U.S.S. FAYETTE. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

26 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.15.1. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

0800	12-57 North	148-01 East
1200	12-55 North	148-56 East
2000	12-48 North	150-23 East

27 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.15.1. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

0800	12-28 North	152-59 East
1200	12-20 North	153-52 East
2000	12-02 North	155-35 East

28 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.15.1. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations.

0800	11-20 North	158-09 East
1200	11-17 North	159-02 East
2000	11-07 North	160-42 East

29 July At sea in company with Task Group 53.15.1. Destroyer screen patrolling on assigned stations. 0645 Arrived off Deep Channel, East Entrance, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. 0836 Anchored in Berth 217, Anchorage "C", Eniwetok Lagoon. Task Group 53.15.1 anchored in assigned berths. 0905 Commenced fueling U.S.S. MONOGHAN (DD354) made fast alongside. 1415 Completed fueling U.S.S. MONOGHAN having delivered 64,208