Subject: War Diary, 1 August 1945 - 31 August 1945

1 August
Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron FORTY (Pts 589-600 incl.) Lt. Commander George E. Cox, Jr., USNR, Commanding, was disposed this date as follows:

(a) Division "A" Pts 589-590-591-592 aboard the liberty ship, Joseph P. Bradley, Canal Zone to Philippine Islands.

(b) Division "B" Pts 593-594-595-596 at Taboga Island undergoing training operations, upkeep and drydocking, awaiting transportation to the Philippine Islands.

(c) Division "C" Pts 597-598-599-600 at Taboga Island undergoing training operations, upkeep and drydocking, awaiting transportation to the Philippine Islands.

4 August
Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron FORTY departed Taboga Island for the Philippine Islands per BuPers Restricted dispatch 212040 of July 1945.

7 August
Division "B" stood out of Taboga for Balboa, C. Z. to be loaded aboard the liberty ship William H. Crawford. Pts 593 and 594 loaded aboard.

8 August
Pts 595 and 596 loaded aboard the William H. Crawford.

9 August
Division "B" aboard the William H. Crawford, departed Balboa, C. Z. for the Philippine Islands.

11 August
Division "A" aboard the Joseph P. Bradley crossed the international date line latitude 9° 15' North.

19 August
Commander, Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron FORTY reported to Commander Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons PACIFIC Fleet for temporary additional duty.

CNO Confidential dispatch 181405 ordered immediate sailing of the liberty ship Mercy Warren if no units of Division "C" were loaded aboard. Eight tons of gear were off-loaded from the Mercy Warren. One officer and three men who had boarded ship at New York were detached from her. The ship departed Balboa, C. Z. for the Philippine Islands with the balance of Squadron FORTY gear aboard.

Division "C" undergoing upkeep and drydocking at Taboga Island while awaiting disposition orders.
ENCLOSURE (A) (Cont'd)

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25 August

Division "A" aboard the JOSEPH P. BRADLEY, arrived at Guianan Harbor, Samar Island, P. I.

29 August

Division "A" water born from JOSEPH P. BRADLEY. Proceeded to PT Base SEVENTEEN at Bobon Point, Samar, P. I.

31 August

Division "A" Proceeded to PT Base FIVE Tinoagan Point, Samar, P. I.

Division "B" aboard the WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD enroute to the Philippine Islands.

Division "C" at Taboga Island undergoing training operations, upkeep, and drydocking while awaiting disposition orders.
ENCLOSURE (B)

Subject: War Diary, 1 September 1945 - 30 September 1945.

1 September 1945

Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Forty (PT's 589 - 600 inclusive), Lieutenant Commander George E. Cox, Jr., USNR, Commanding was disposed this date as follows:

(a) Division "A", PT's 589 - 590 - 591 - 592 based at PT Base #5 Tinoogan Point, Samar, P.I. undergoing training operations.

(b) Division "B", PT's 593 - 594 - 595 - 596 enroute to the Philippine Islands aboard the liberty ship William H. Crawford.

(c) Division "C" at PT Base Taboga Island, Panama, undergoing training operations, upkeep and drydocking while awaiting disposition orders.

Division "B" crossed International date line Latitude 80°30' north.

13 September 1945

Division "C", authority CNO dispatch 291920, departed Taboga Island for West Bank, Canal Zone to load aboard the liberty ship Ben Robertson for transportation to the Philippine Islands.

PT's 598 and 600 loaded.

14 September 1945

PT's 597 and 599 loaded aboard the Liberty Ship Ben Robertson

15 September 1945

Division "C" sailed from West Bank, Canal Zone enroute to the Philippine Islands aboard the Ben Robertson.

17 September 1945

Division "B", aboard the William H. Crawford, arrived at Guiuan Harbor, Samar, P.I., all boats water born and proceeded to PT Base #17, Babon, Point, Samar, P.I.

18 September 1945

Division "B" proceeded to PT Base #5, Linaogan Point, Samar, P.I.
MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRON FORTY
0/0 F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

ENCLOSURE (C)

Subject: War Diary, 1 October 1945 - 31 October 1945.

1 October 1945

Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Forty, (PT's 589 - 600 inclusive), Lieutenant Commander George E. Cox Jr., USNR, Commanding, was disposed this date as follows:

(a) Division "A", PT's 590 - 591 - 592 - 593 based at PT Base #5, Tinoagan Point, Samar, P.I.

(b) Division "B" PT's 593 - 594 - 595 - 596 based at PT Base #5, Tinoagan Point, Samar, P.I.

(c) Division "C", PT's 597 - 598 - 599 - 600, aboard the Libert Ship Ben Robertson enroute to the Philippine Islands.

2 October 1945

PT's 593 - 594 - 595 - 596 departed Base #5 for Anti-aircraft firing and navigation cruise to Borongan Harbor, Leyte Island.

3 October 1945

PT's 593 - 594 - 595 - 596 departed Borongan Harbor and returned to PT Base #5.

PT's 593 - 594 - 595 - 596 exercised at radar tracing exercise.

8 October 1945

PT's 589 - 596 inclusive moved from PT Base #5 to the U.S.S. ACONTIUS anchored off Bobon Point, Samar, P.I. for tendering per ComMTBRonsPacFleett dispatch 160623.

24 October 1945

PT's 592, 594, 596 exercised at torpedo tracking, general drills and tactics.

25 October 1945

PT's 589, 591, 593 exercised at torpedo tracking, general drills and tactics.

Division "C" waterborn from Liberty Ship Ben Robertson in Guiuan Harbor, Samar, P.I. and proceeded to the U.S.S. ACONTIUS, Bobon Point, Samar, for tendering.