

U.S.S. MISSOULA (APA-211)

JUNE 20TH	1944	KEEL LAYED
SEPT 6TH		LAUNCHED
OCT 27TH		COMMISSIONED RICHMOND CALIF (KAISER YARD #3)
OCT 27TH		ARRIVED NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT OAKLAND CALIF.
OCT 30TH		LEFT OAKLAND - ARRIVED SAN FRAN FOR DEPERMING.
NOV 3RD		LEFT SAN FRAN - ARRIVED HUNTERS POINT.
NOV 11TH		LEFT SAN FRANCISCO.
NOV 12TH		ARRIVED SAN PEDRO. (SHAKEDOWN CRUISE)
NOV 17TH		LEFT SAN PEDRO - ARRIVED AT SAN DIEGO FOR
		CAME
NOV 28TH		LEFT SAN DIEGO
NOV 29TH		ARRIVED SAN FRAN
DEC 6TH		LEFT SAN FRAN HARBOR AT 1215
DEC 12TH		ARRIVED AT PEARL HARBOR AT 1830
DEC 19TH		MANUEVERS OFF MAUI ISLAND
DEC 25TH		CHRISTMAS SPENT OFF MAUI-SWIMMING PARTY CHRIST-
		MAS DAY ON LAHAINA BEACH, MAUI
DEC 26TH		RETURNED TO PEARL HARBOR
DEC 28TH		ARRIVED AT HILO TO EMBARK 27TH REGIMENT OF THE
		5TH MARINE DIVISION -- MANUEVERS FOLLOWED
JAN 24TH	1945	BACK TO HONOLULU
JAN 27TH		LEFT HONOLULU
JAN 31ST		CROSSED THE 150TH MERIDIAN (MARINES HELD
		INITIATIONS FOR THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN
		DRAGON)
FEB 5TH		ARRIVED AT ENIWETOK ATOLL (MARSHALL ISLANDS)
FEB 7TH		LEFT ENIWETOK
FEB 11TH		ARRIVED AT SAIPAN (MARIANA ISLANDS)
FEB 16TH		LEFT SAIPAN FOR IWO JIMA
*FEB 19TH		ARRIVED AT IWO JIMA **D DAY** LANDED MARINES
		IN ASSUALT WAVES (VOLCANO ISLANDS)
FEB 25TH		LEFT IWO JIMA
FEB 28TH		ARRIVED AT SAIPAN
MAR 5TH		LEFT SAIPAN
MAR 9TH		CROSSED THE EQUATOR (INITIATION HELD)
MAR 11TH		ARRIVED AT TULAGI (SOLOMON ISLANDS)
MAR 13TH		LEFT TULAGI (PASSED GUADACANAL)
MAR 15TH		ARRIVED AT ESPIRITU SANTOS (NEW HEBRIDES)
MAR 15-25TH		LOADED 27TH ARMY DIVISION - 165TH INFANTRY
MAR 25TH		LEFT ESPIRITU SANTOS
APR 3RD		ARRIVED AT ULITHI ATOLL (WESTERN CAROLINE IS.)
APR 4TH		LEFT ULITHI
APR 9TH		ARRIVED AT OKINAWAD DAY PLUS 9** DISEMBARKED
		RESERVE TROOPS (RYUYUKU ISLANDS)
APR 14TH		LEFT OKINAWA
APR 18TH		ARRIVED AT SAIPAN
APR 21ST		LEFT SAIPAN
APR 23RD		ARRIVED AT ULITHI
MAY 22ND		LEFT ULITHI
MAY 23RD		ARRIVED AT GUAM TO PICK UP TWO LCM'S-LEFT THE
		SAME DAY (MARIANA ISLANDS)
MAY 27TH		ARRIVED AT LEYTE (PHILIPPINE ISLANDS)
MAY 29TH		LEFT LEYTE
MAY 31ST		ARRIVED AT SUBIC BAY (NORTHERN LUZON ISLAND)
JUNE 16TH		LEFT SUBIC BAY--ARRIVED AT MANILA SAME DAY)
JUNE 23RD		LEFT MANILA--ARRIVED BACK AT SUBIC BAY
JUNE 26TH		LEFT SUBIC BAY
JUNE 27TH		ARRIVED AT CEBU CITY (CEBU ISLAND)
JUNE 29TH		COMMENCED LOADING "AMERICAL" DIVISION IN
		PREPARATION FOR MANUEVERS
JULY 1 ST		COMMENCED LANDING EXERCISES WITH 132ND REG.
JULY 1-22ND		MANUEVERS WITH 132ND RCT, 162ND REG, 164TH RCT
JULY 22ND		LEFT CEBU
JULY 24TH		ARRIVED AT SUBIC BAY
JULY 25TH		LEFT SUBIC BAY--ARRIVED LUCENA, TAYABAS BAY
		ON THE ISLAND OF LUZON
JULY 26-AUG 13		LOADED 125TH CAV. RCT OF 1ST CAV. DIV. AT
		CANDA BEACH, TAYABAS BAY, PROCEEDED TO LUCINA

JULY 26-AUG 13 CONTINUED FOR TRAINING WHICH WAS COMPLETED AUG 6TH
 THENCE BACK TO CANDA FOR 5TH CAV. RCT AT CANDA
 13 AUG.

AUG 14TH MISSOULA WENT AGROUND IN TWO FATHOMS WATER OFF
 LEMERY, BALAYAN BAY, LUZON FOR 2 HOURS

AUG 15TH NEWS OF WAR ENDING

AUG 16TH CEASED ALL TRAINING OF TROOPS

AUG 17TH ARRIVED AT SUBIC BAY

AUG 20TH LEFT SUBIC BAY--ARRIVED BATANGAS TO LOAD 1ST
 CAV. DIV.

AUG 22ND LEFT BATANGAS BAY--ARRIVED LUCENA

AUG 23RD LEFT LUCENA--BACK TO BATANGAS BAY TO AWAIT
 FORMING OF CONVOY

AUG 25TH LEFT BATANGAS BAY AS "TOKYO TASK FORCE"

AUG 26TH ARRIVED BACK AT SUBIC BAY BECAUSE OF BAD
 WEATHER

AUG 27TH LEFT SUBIC BAY

SEPT 2ND ARRIVED AT TOKYO BAY**V J DAY** DISEMBARKED
 TROOPS AND DOCKED AT YOKOHAMA TO DISEMBARK
 CARGO

SEPT 3RD ANCHORED IN TOKYO BAY

SEPT 4TH LEFT TOKYO BAY WITH 700 PASSENGERS

SEPT 11TH ARRIVED AT LEYTE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SAN
 PEDRO BAY)

SEPT 15TH LEFT LEYTE

SEPT 16TH ARRIVED AT ZAMBOANGA (MINDANAO ISLAND) TO
 PICK UP TROOPS OF 41ST INF. DIV.

SEPT 19TH LEFT ZAMBOANGA

SEPT 20TH STOPPED AT MACAJALAO BAY, MINDANAO, TO PICK UP
 2 LCM'S--LEFT A FEW HOURS LATER

SEPT 21ST ARRIVED AT LEYTE

SEPT 22ND LEFT LEYTE

SEPT 25TH ARRIVED AT OKINAWA

SEPT 26TH LEFT OKINAWA BECAUSE OF TYPHOON WARNINGS:
 TYPHOON CHASED US AROUND THE ISLAND FOR TWO
 DAYS

OCT 1ST ARRIVED BACK AT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA

OCT 3RD LEFT OKINAWA FOR JAPAN

OCT 5TH ARRIVED IYO NADA, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN

OCT 6TH LEFT IYO NADA FOR HIRO WAN (BAY) NEAR CITY OF
 HIRO (ATOMIC BOMB LANDED 50 MILES AWAY)

OCT 7TH DEBARKED TROOPS AND CARGO

OCT 11TH LEFT HIRO WAN (FIRST LAP OF TRIP TO U.S.)

OCT 13TH ARRIVED AT OKINAWA (MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY TYPHOON
 132 MILE PER HR WIND)

OCT 17TH PICKED UP 1725 NAVY AND MARINE PERSONNEL FOR
 ROUTING TO U.S.--LEFT OKINAWA (BUCKNER BAY)
 SAME DAY AT 1630 FOR SAN FRANCISCO

OCT 25TH CROSSED THE 100TH MERIDIAN AT 1238

Nov. 1ST ARRIVED SAN FRANCISCO

SEPTEMBER 19, 1985

MEMORANDUM NO. 2 TO EX-SHIPMATES, U.S.S. MISSOULA (APA-211)

I have devoted considerable time and expense in trying to locate my former Navy buddies, however, the response has been very discouraging to date. I will continue to work on a possible reunion, hoping that something can be arranged for next year at this time.

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To date, word has been received from the following individuals:

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Mr. Belcich was kind enough to send a chronology of our wartime excursion. I enjoyed reading it, and am taking the liberty of sending a copy to you.

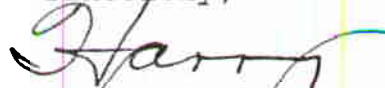
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Please look through your old Navy records. If you have any names and addresses of former shipmates, please send them to me, so they can be added to the list.

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In order that I may ^{have} complete information as possible on you, please fill in the enclosed form and return to me.

Sincerely,



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December 4, 1985

MEMORANDUM NO. 4 TO EX-SHIPMATES, U.S.S. MISSOULA (APA-211)

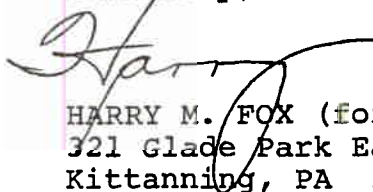
As you know, I have been trying to put together a list of former shipmates in order to plan a reunion, however, the response to date has been discouraging to say the least.

I realize that forty (40) years is a long time, and many are no longer around. Yet, with a complement of over 250, I really thought there would be interest shown.

I AM, THEREFORE, SORRY TO REPORT THAT THE REUNION WHICH I HAD ENVISIONED DOES NOT LOOK FEASIBLE, AND I HAVE ABANDONED THE PROJECT.

Thank you for writing and offering encouragement plus interest.

Sincerely,



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