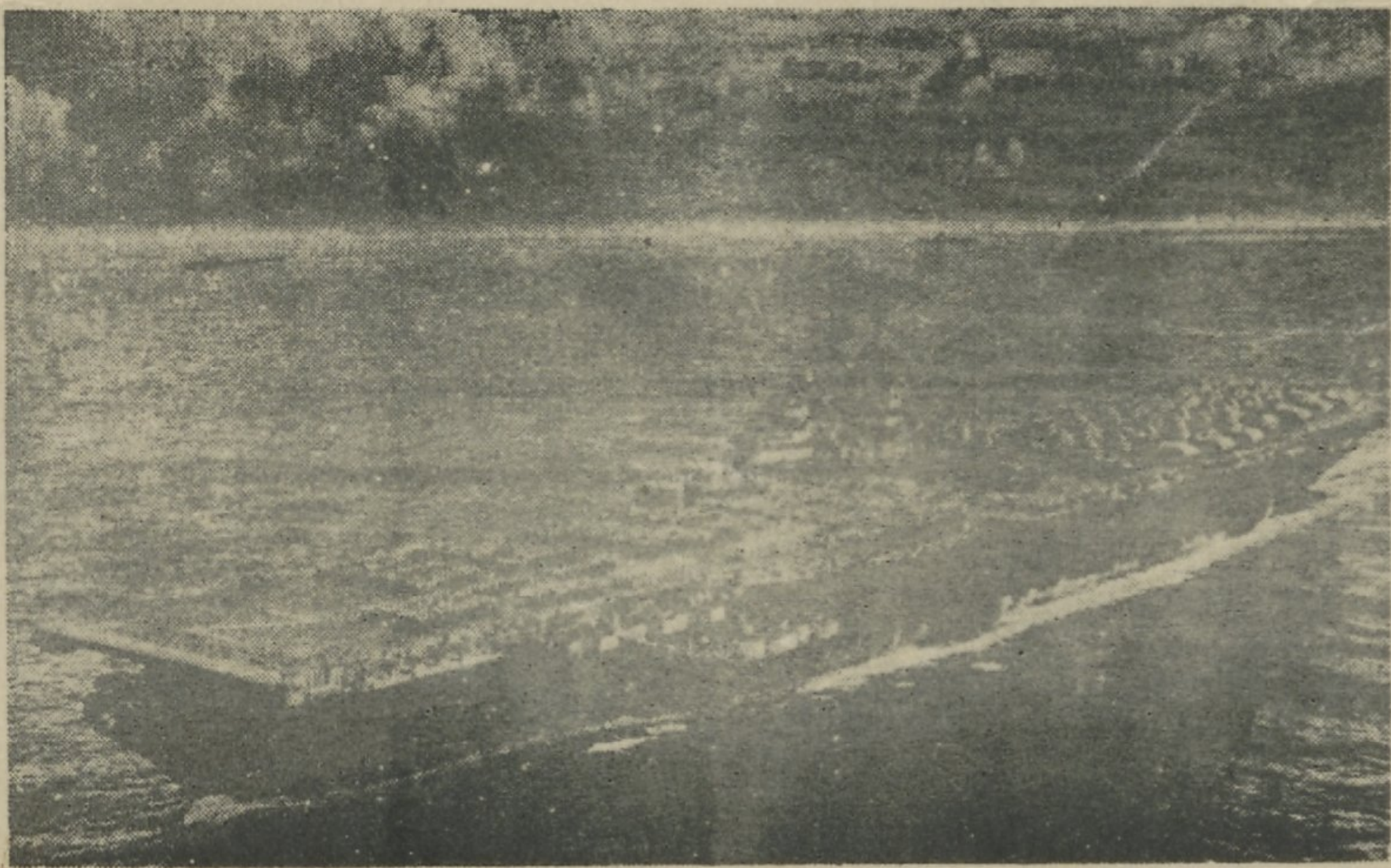


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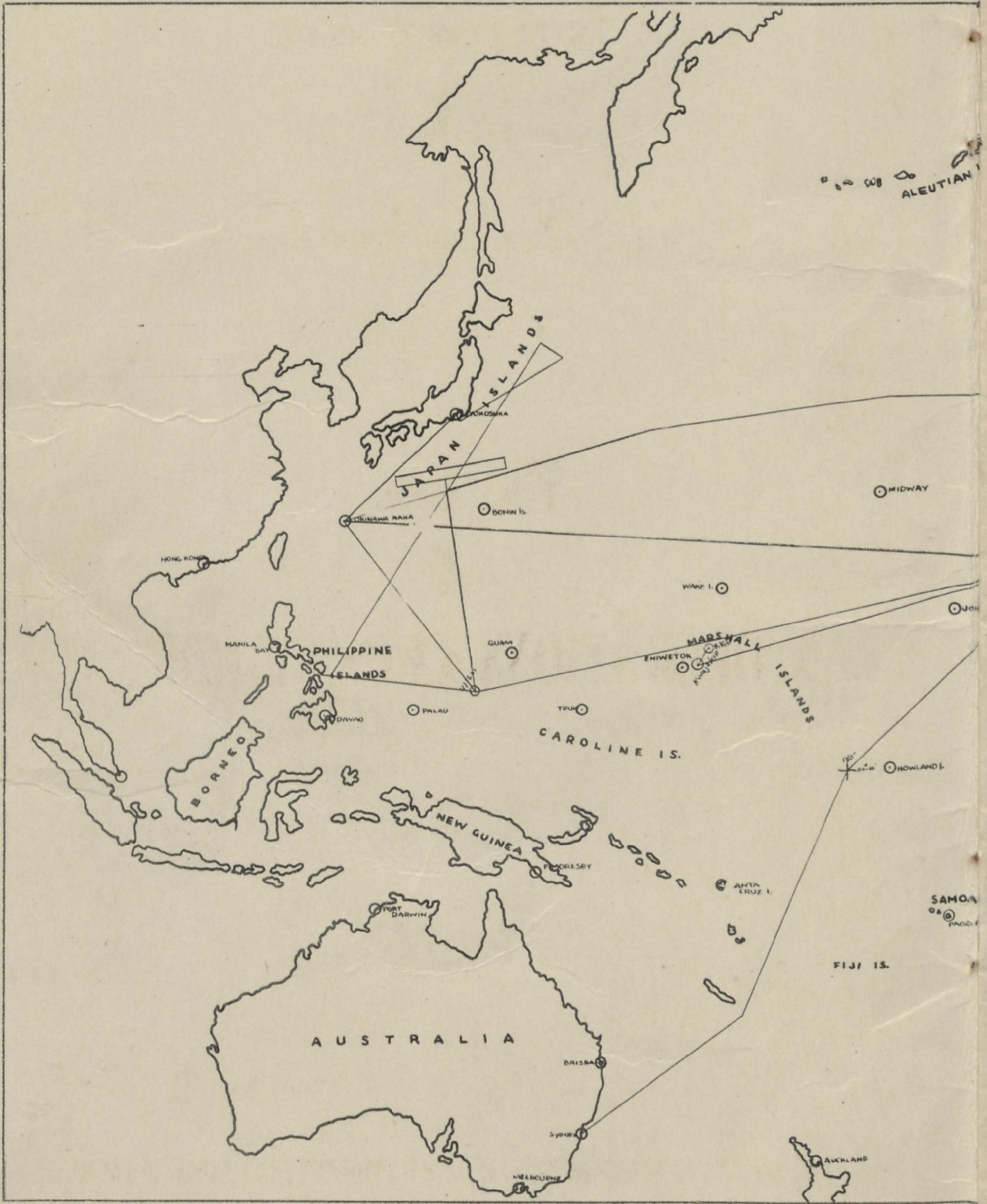
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Commanding Officer	Capt. W.P. Cogswell, USN
Executive Officer	CDR. J.A. Thomas, USN
Air Officer	CDR. J.B. Burks, USN
Communication Officer	CDR. T.W. Hillis, USN
Dental Officer	CDR. P.W. Sutor, USN
First Lieutenant	LCDR. B.A. O'Neal, USN
Engineering Officer	LCDR. H.E. Erickson, USN
Gunnery Officer	LCDR. C.E. Conboy, USN
Medical Officer	CDR. L.J. Hahne, USN
Navigator	CDR. G.E. Marcus, USN
Supply Officer	LCDR. F.A. Lyon, USN
Chaplain	LCDR. E.J. Ford, USN

OUR FIRST YEAR

- Sept. 15, 1944 Commissioned at Norfolk Navy Yard. Capt. J.D. Barner, USN assumed command.
- Oct. 15 Stood down channel into Chesapeake Bay for trial runs. Landed first plane.
- Nov. 5-17 Underway on first part of shakedown cruise in Chesapeake Bay. Conducted experimental landings with P-51, F7F, and B-25.
- Nov. 21 - Dec. 23 Conducted 2nd part of shakedown cruise to Trinidad, Port of Spain. Three weeks of successful training operations in the Gulf of Paria. Headed for Norfolk, Va.
- Dec. 23 - Feb 2 Departed N.O.B., Hampton Roads, Va., underway for San Diego via Panama Canal.
- Feb 7 Underway for Pearl Harbor, loaded with extra planes.
- Feb. 13 - Apr. 9 Arrived Pearl Harbor and conducted training exercises with air groups.
- Apr. 10-24 Underway for Ulithi and Task Force 58. U.S.S. Shangri-La assigned to Task Force 58.4.
- Apr. 25 Made first strike against enemy held island Okino Daito Jima
- Apr. 26 - May 11 Operating in support of Okinawa Campaign. Repelled "Kamikaze" suicide planes. Suffering damage to two destroyers. Received news of end of European War.
- May 12 Departed Okinawa area for Ulithi Atoll.
- May 14-28 Received aboard Vice-Admiral J.S. McCain and returned to Okinawa Area.
- May 28 - June 9 Attacking southern Kyushu supporting Okinawa Campaign.
- June 10 - July 1 Underway for Leyte, Philippine Islands for refueling, replenishing, and recreation for the crew.
- July 1 - July 10 Underway for combat area. Held ceremony for swearing into office J.L. Sullivan as Ass't. Secretary of the Navy for Air. Resumed offensive operations in Tokyo area.
- July 14 Made first strike in virgin territory of Northern Honshu and Hokkaido.
- July 15 First battleship bombardment of Japanese homeland.
- July 16 Capt. J.D. Barner, USN, the Commanding Officer, relieved by Capt. R.F. Whitehead, USN.
- July 28 Special strike by Shangri-La planes against the battleship Haruna and cruiser Oyodo.
- Aug. 7-15 War over! The U.S.S. Shangri-La has operated continuously off the coast of Japan for 36 days. War has lasted 3 years and 8 months, and ended only 3 months after VJ day.
- Aug. 22 Conducted large scale air-parade over force with all the planes of Task Force 38.
- Sept. 2 Japs sign surrender terms aboard U.S.S. Missouri in Sagami Bay. President Truman declares today VJ-Day.
- Sept. 15 U.S.S. Shangri-La's first anniversary since commissioning. We are now 77 days at sea, but enter Tokyo Bay tomorrow.

FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY STATISTICS

September 15, 1944 - September 15, 1945

Miles steamed since commissioning	74,737
Days at sea	231
Longest period continuously at sea	78
Miles steamed during 78 day period	28,292
Days in forward area	113
Target strikes and sweeps (sorties)	1,874
Total combat sorties flown	5,241
Enemy planes destroyed in air	50
Enemy planes damaged in air	14
Enemy planes destroyed on ground	134
Enemy planes damaged on ground	190
Enemy combatant ships sunk	7
Enemy merchant ships sunk	15
Enemy combatant ships damaged	22
Enemy merchant ships damaged	36
Own planes lost to enemy action	38
Number of plane landings aboard SHANGRI-LA	14,247

OUR SECOND YEAR

- Sept 16, 1945 Entered and anchored in Tokyo Bay.
- Oct. 1-4 Underway from Tokyo Bay enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
- Oct. 6-21 Underway from Okinawa bound for home at last.
- Oct. 22 Thirty day leave commences for approximately one half the ships' company.
- Nov. 5 Enroute San Pedro to San Diego.
- Nov. 26 Captain E. A. Cruise succeeds Captain R.F. Whitehead as Skipper of the Shangri-La.
- Dec. 6-9 Underway from San Diego to Puget Sound Navy yard, Bremerton, Washington.
- Dec. 11 Enter dry dock for repairs.
- Dec. 20 Dry dock period completed.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day spent anchored in Sinclair Inlet, Puget Sound.
- Dec. 30 - Jan. 2 Underway from Puget Sound to San Diego. New year welcomed at sea.
- Jan. 2 - Feb. 14 Training operations of various kinds, including day and night carrier qualifications, conducted.
- Feb. 14-22 Enroute from San Diego to Norfolk, Virginia by way of the Panama Canal. First stop at Balboa, Canal Zone.
- Feb. 24 Underway from Balboa to Colon. Four hundred Canal Zone passengers embarked for the passage of the Canal.
- Feb. 25 - Mar. 1 Steaming from Colon to Norfolk.
- Mar. 4-7 Underway from Norfolk to conduct carrier-pilot qualifications.
- Mar. 18-22 Enroute to Cristobal, Canal Zone on first leg of return to San Diego.
- Mar. 23 Passage of Panama Canal from east to west coast.
- Mar. 25-31 Underway from Balboa, Canal Zone bound for San Diego.
- Apr. 5-10 Enroute from San Diego to Pearl Harbor.
- Apr. 12-17 Underway from Pearl Harbor to N.A.S. Alameda, Calif.
- Apr. 18-19 Left Alameda bound for San Diego.
- Apr. 23-26 Conducted carrier qualifications off San Diego. Radio controlled drones were launched from Shangri-La.
- Apr. 30 - May 9 More flight operations in San Diego area, including Operations Crossroads rehearsal for press representatives.
- May 21-27 Underway to Pearl Harbor from San Diego.
- May 29 Enroute to Roi Anchorage, Kwajalien Atoll, Marshall Islands in connection with Atomic Bomb tests.
- June 5 Enter Roi Anchorage.
- June 6-30 Conducted operations including radio controlled launchings in preparation for Able Day, Operations Crossroads.
- July 1 Able Day for Operations Crossroads, Radio Controlled F6F Drones launched from Shangri-La to gather radio activity data from Atomic Cloud, located 44 miles from the blast.

- July 5 Captain W.P. Cogswell relieved Captain E.A. Cruise as skipper of the Shangri-La.
- July 25 ¹⁵ Baker day at Bikini Atoll. Shangri-La again participated by launching Drones to gather scientific data from the resulting cloud. Again approximately 44 miles from the explosion.
- July 28 - Aug. 2 Underway from Roi to Pearl Harbor on first leg of home-ward trip.
- Aug. 3-9 Enroute from Pearl Harbor to San Diego with full load of aircraft bound for overhaul.
- Sept. 3-5 Conducting carrier pilot qualifications off the California coast.
- Sept. 8-14 Underway from San Diego to Pearl Harbor with thirty prominent civilian passengers embarked as guests of the Secretary of the Navy.
- Sept. 15 Our second anniversary passed uneventfully at Pier Fox 12 and 13, Ford Island, Pearl Harbor.

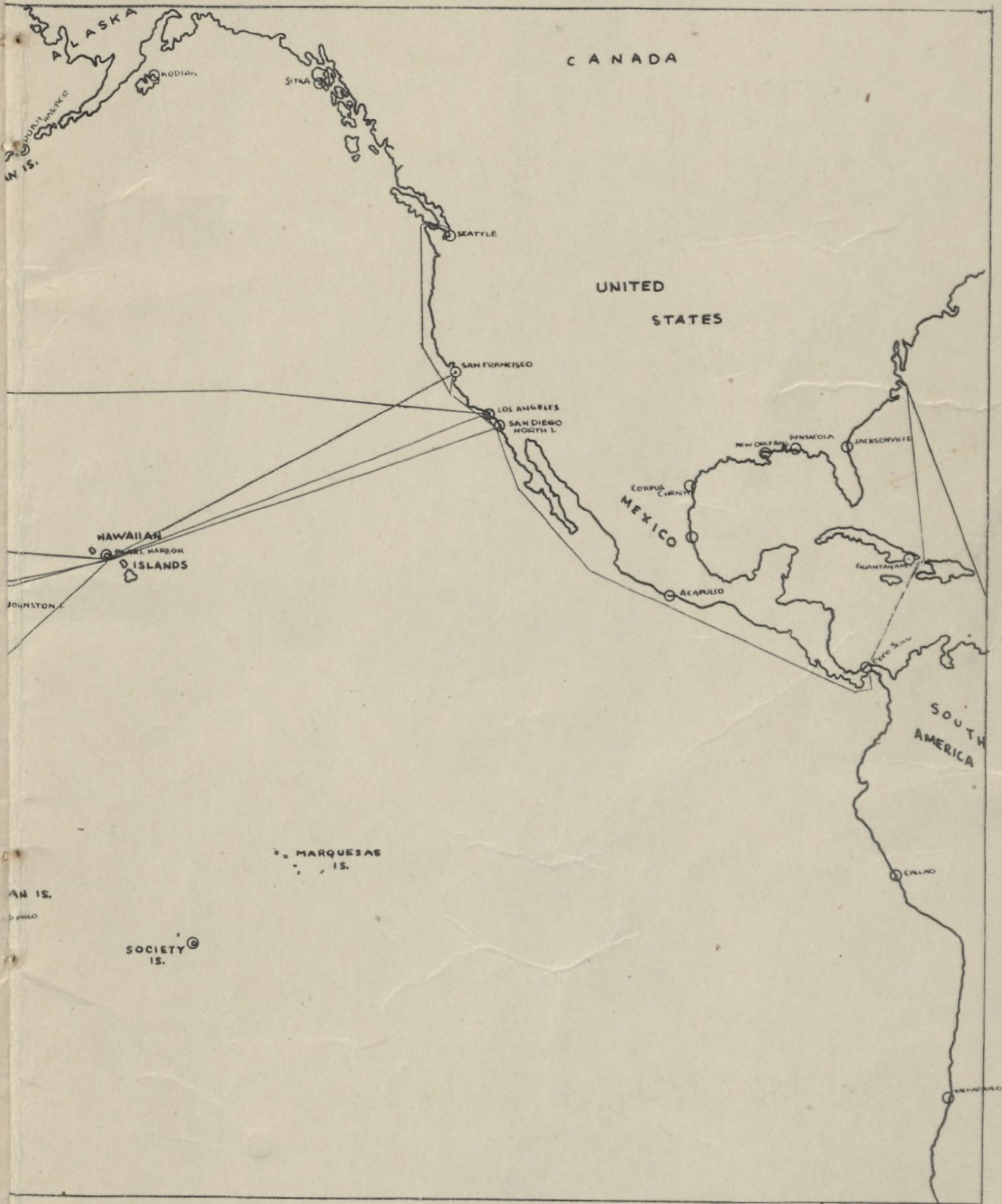
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Miles Steamed	50,669.4
Fuel oil used - gallons	9,097,278
Days at sea	145
Days in port	220
Days at Operation Crossroads	62
Longest period of days continuously at sea	15
Number of Destroyers fueled at sea	15
Number of planes landed	4,446
Aviation gasoline expended - gallons	1,220,000
5 inch ammunition expended - rounds	650
40mm ammunition expended - rounds	7,462
20mm ammunition expended - rounds	40,407
Ships' Company; Officers	74
Enlisted	1,398
Marine	65

SECOND ANNIVERSARY STATISTICS

September 15, 1871 - September 15, 1872

30,883	Mrs. Stebbins
2,087	The Ladies' Society
100	Deacons
250	Men
50	Children
15	...
18	...
410	...
2,000	...
250	...
1,183	...
40,000	...
14	...
1,300	...
53	...



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KODIAK
SITKA
PEARL HARBOR
JOHNSTON I.
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

CANADA

UNITED STATES

MEXICO

SOUTH AMERICA

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