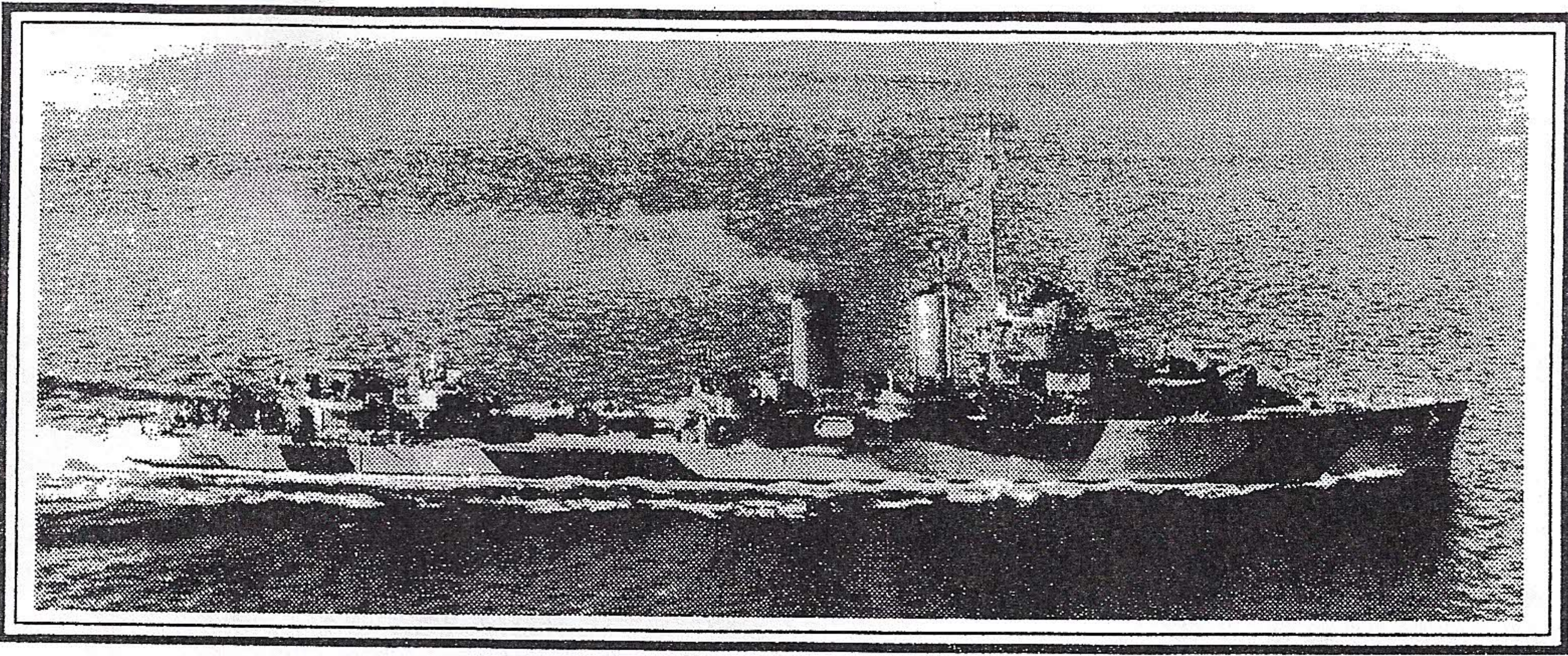


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MAR. 7, 1943

KISKA
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WAKE
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MAKIN ISLAND
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PHILLIPPINES SEA
JUNE 19, 1944

GUAM
JULY 6-21, 1944

Ahoy all Shipmates, Family and Friends:

I know that it has been awhile since you have heard from me but up until lately news has been a little scarce. As most of you know, the USS Hull 945 has taken what's left of us under their wing and in doing so includes us in all of their activities which of course includes reunions. Archie and I have attended the last two of them, one in San Diego two years ago and this past October in Las Vegas. They really went over board to welcome us and treated us like royalty. At the last one in Vegas they kept us busy taking pictures and signing their books "Down to the Sea". In a couple of years they will probably have their reunion in the middle of the country or on the East Coast and if any of you can make it they will treat you rite and you will have a great time. Talked to both Tripet and Dillingham and they are both just hanging in there but still going when they can. Bob Coyne celebrated his 90th birthday recently with a big party which included a large cake decorated with the USS Hull DD 350s image across the top. Bob sounds real good when I talk to him. Since we have family (grand kids and great grand kids in the San Diego aarea) we drop in on Archie and Carl Webb for a good visit, Carl is not doing too good but still is able to get around. Gayline Drummond is hard to catch at times because when she is not redoing her house she is traveling to Colorado. During the next few weeks I am going to try to catch up with Stuckey, Sweat, Sweeney, Barwacz and McClanahan and any others that I can think of. You know that we have lost Schultz, Sims, Drummond and Peterson that I know of. If any of you know of any others please let me know so I can keep my roster up to date. Last nite I had the most enjoyable and interesting call of all times. It was from John Valverdes daughter, she said that John is doing great, turned 90 and just had his drivers license renewed for 5 years, and is going strong every day. She told me to be sure and drop in and see him next time I in the area, which I am at times when I run out of wine ha ha. I know that I am rambling on but as things come to me that I think you may be interested in I try to include it. Now for Kay and I, it will really get boring now, our health is excellent and we are still going strong. I'm still playing taps (more often that I like due to the losses of are Veterans) and taking some short trips except one. Kay said that I promised to take her to Hawaii on our 25th anniversary but did not make it then the 50th came along and no go,

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Would believe the 60th still no trip so here comes the 67 and boy has she made up her mind, well I walked in one day and she said her and her nieces had made all of the arrangements and we were going the 8th of September, so we went. That was my first time back since we lost the ship in 44. What a change and busy place, in fact I got lost every time I took the car out of the garage and it seem that every street starts with a K. We visited the Arizona, a very emotional visit knowing that many men were still in the hull down there and thinking about how many of our shipmates were down in the deep waters only in another area. We were lucky and hit it just rite and went out with an hour wait. I had always wanted to visit the Weather Station but kind of backed off but Kay insisted so I call them told them I was a survivor from the USS Hull that was lost in Typhoon Cobra. The officer on the phone said you are the reason we are here and have this station and we would love to have you out here for a visit, I'll have the public affairs office call and set it up. Receive a call from Micheal (the cutest little ensign you have ever seen) saying she would pick us up and go to lunch then out to the station. Went to lunch at the yacht harbor then to the Pearl Harbor Weather Station. What a trip, as we went in there was a big sign over the entrance saying "Welcome Pat and Kay Douhan" We were met by the Captain, the director of the station and many others. The captain escorted us through the entire station. I was asked to talk to several groups and tell them about our experiences and answer a lot of questions then I was presented with a Weather Station cap, then the Captain presented me with a beautiful medallion made for their 50th anniversary. He said there was only 100 of them made and they wanted me to have one. I was shown how they bounce off of the satellites and tract the storms and how they develop and travel, what an experience. They said that I was the only survivor that had visited the station and thanked me for coming, in which I thanked them for allowing me visit such an awesome place. Now getting back on the ground or on the sea, Thanksgiving is past and we are now into December, a month that many of us USS Hull DD350 shipmates have a lot to be thankful for. First we had Pearl Harbor an event that many of you went through and survived and then we had Typhoon Cobra that a few of us went through and survived so between these two tragedies we all have a lot to be thankful for and I like a lot of you thank the Good Lord that he has allowed us to come through those events and live a full life and enjoy having some great families. You know what? I just remember some other things I wanted to say but I'm running out of paper so will get my act together and send you anther letter before too long so for now Kay and I wish all you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR and God Bless, Good By and Smooth Sailing

Your shipmate,,Pat Douhan

Edited by Kay

