

A Sailor's Diary



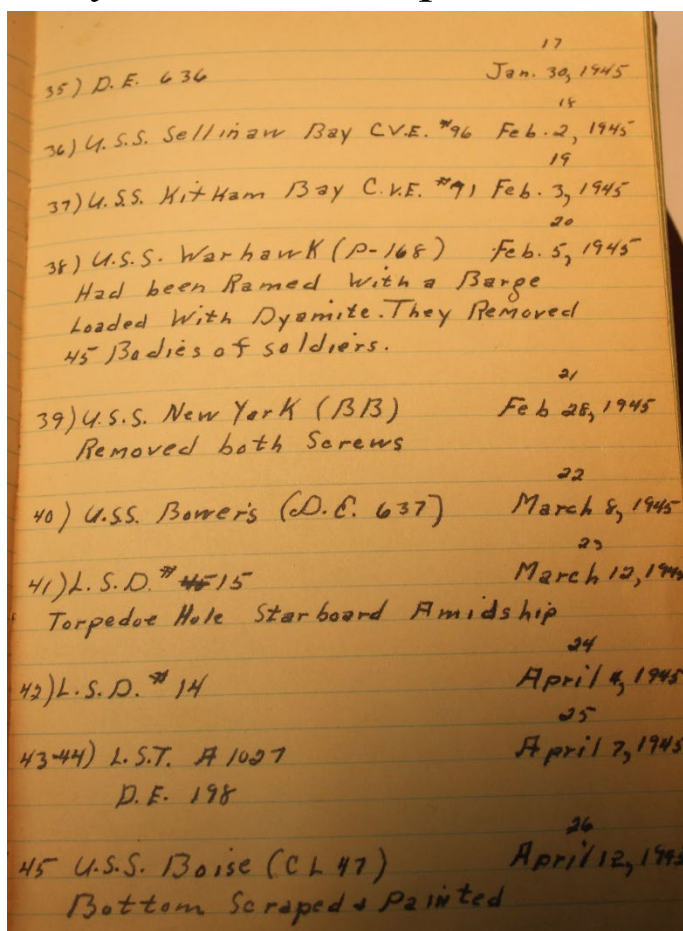
Charles (Charlie) Lindberg left high school at 17 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve in WWII. After completing basic training, he was sent to serve on the USS ABSD-4 in the Pacific. The USS ABSD-4 was a towed auxiliary floating drydock designed to submerge under water, be placed under a ship needing repair and then rise-up taking the ship above the water so work could be done on it below the waterline.

Lindberg left the United States and arrived in the Admiralty Islands on Oct. 7, 1944 to joining the crew.



During his time in the war he kept a diary that included pictures of his family

and sweetheart (Helen, who he would marry after the war). The book also including clippings showing the ship, photos of his shipmates, and a log of the work done by the dry dock. Here are some samples:



U.S.S. St. Louis, Dec. 8, 1944. Plane crashed into starboard side and one into stern. 10 hours (repair time).

U.S.S. Saginaw Bay, Dec. 11, 1944. Baby carrier, CVE. Paint job on her bottom. 12 hours.

U.S.S. Warhawk (P-168), Feb. 5 1945. Had been ramed (sic) with a barge loaded with dynamite. They removed 45 bodies of soldiers.



Also included are a photos of Lindberg and his shipmates, images of diary pages, his dog tag and some of his identification cards.