

Invasion of the Philippines

Oct. 20, 1944. R.K. Watson

Oct 14. Left Manus, in the Admiralties. Escorting transports carrying the 96th inf. Div. to Leyte Island in the Philippines.

Oct. 14-19. Uneventful trip. Had morning alert each morning. Passed a few floating mines. Passed Palau islands and saw star shells from the battle there. On the 19th we had our first evening alert. Nothing happened.

Oct 20.
0245 Ship went to General quarters. Started passing through strait which was mined. We could see land on each side through the darkness.

0630 Sighted Leyte island.

0800 Arrived in transport area at southern beach. We took position in