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U. S. S. MASSACHUSETTS

December 4, 1942.

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To: Commander in Chief, U.S. FLEET.
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Subject: War Diary - U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS; Forwarding of.

Reference: (a) Atlantic Fleet Letter 7L-42.
(b) CominCh letter, serial 3899.
(c) Atlantic Fleet Conf. letter 7CL-42 (Revised).

Enclosure: (A) War Diary U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS (BB59) from
commissioning, 12 May 1942, to 31 October 1942.
(B) War Diary, U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS (BB59) for
month of November 1942.

1. The enclosed diaries which were prepared while
reference (a) was believed effective are forwarded herewith. Since
the "Action Report" for 7-8 November 1942 has already been forwarded
in accordance with reference (c), copies are not appended to the
"War Diary".

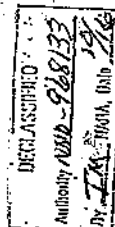
2. Reference (b) was received at the end of November,
1942, upon return from extended operations. Subsequent "War Diaries"
and logs will be maintained in accordance with the instructions
therein.

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D A I L Y D I A R Y

October 16, 1942.

The Diary of the U.S.S. Massachusetts commences this date. Operations to the present time cover Navy Yard fitting out, shakedown, and training periods and are summarized below.

On May 12, 1942, the U.S.S. Massachusetts was delivered at the South Boston Navy Yard Annex by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Fore River Branch, contractors, and placed in commission under the command of Captain Francis E.M. Whiting, U.S. Navy; Commander Edward M. Thompson, U.S. Navy, Executive Officer.

Work continued on uncompleted items and fitting out until July 12, 1942, when the ship sailed for Casco Bay, Maine, to commence a seven week period of active training. On July 10, 1942, the U. S. S. Massachusetts had reported to Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet and Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for duty, (Reference Chief of Naval Operations despatch 301532 of June 1942 and U.S.S. Massachusetts despatch 102004 of July 1942).

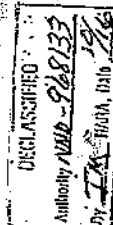
On July 21, 1942, the ship returned to Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., for post trial inspections and further work on uncompleted items.

On July 22, 1942 the U.S.S. Massachusetts was turned over to Commander Battleships, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, (Reference Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet despatch 222037 of July 1942), and on July 28, 1942, reported ready for shakedown cruise (Reference U.S.S. Massachusetts despatch 282003 of July 1942).

On August 2, 1942, the U.S.S. Massachusetts sailed from Boston, Mass., for Chesapeake area for training, deperming and degaussing calibration, compass and radio direction finder work. Arrived in the Tangier Sound area August 3, 1942.

On August 17, 1942, departed from Hampton Roads, Virginia, for Casco Bay, Maine, arriving the following day and continued training exercises.

On September 13, 1942, the U.S.S. Massachusetts entered the Navy Yard Boston for scheduled dry docking and interim availability. The availability period of two weeks having been reduced, the ship sailed for Casco Bay area again on September 22, 1942, conducting night exercises at sea and entering Casco Bay the following day, September 23, 1942.



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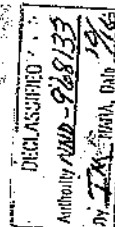
On September 20, 1942, departed from Casco Bay, for Chesapeake arriving Hampton Roads, Virginia, on September 27, 1942, and on September 28, 1942, reported for duty in Task Group 21.3.

On October 1, 1942, the U.S.S. Massachusetts arrived in the Tangier Sound area where further training and firings were conducted. The week-end of October 25, 1942, the ship anchored in Annapolis Roads and was visited by midshipment from the U.S. Naval Academy.

On October 7, 1942, sailed from Chesapeake area for Casco Bay, conducting battle practices enroute and arriving at Casco Bay on October 8, 1942, to continue training.

On 16 October 1942, returned to Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., to load oil, stores and ammunition.

Miles steamed to date are 7016.8 and days underway total 38.

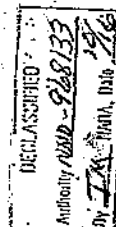


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17 - 18 October 1942.

Continued loading stores, ammunition and fuel in preparation for operations. Installed #2 RDF and operating station.

19 October 1942.

Sailed Navy Yard, Boston, Mass., for Casco Bay. Task Unit composition and designation is "Task Force 21.3". U.S.S. Massachusetts escorted by MAYRANT, RHIND, and EDWARDS, under U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS Operation Plan 12-42 of 17 October 1942.

<u>Positions:</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	42°-20.8 N	43°-01.0 N	43°-43.0 N
Long.	71°-01.6 W	70°-01.7 W	70°-10.0 W

Weather: At 0600 visibility was fair, ceiling unlimited. Visibility improved and was very good, ceiling unlimited.

Miles Steamed: 144.25

Brief of the days operations: Underway from Boston Navy Yard Annex at 0800 for Casco Bay. Fired AABP "B-2" and "S" and 5" Radar practice enroute. Anchored Casco at 1525.

20 October 1942.

Anchored Casco Bay making preparations to receive flag and staff of Commander Cruiser Division SEVEN (Commander Task Group 21.3) on board.

Compensated and calibrated new RDF installation on blimp during the day.

21 October 1942.

Commander Cruiser Division SEVEN, Rear Admiral Robert C. Giffen, U.S. Navy, (Commander Task Group 21.3), transferred with flag and staff from U.S.S. WICHITA.

Task Group 34.1 was formed, Rear Admiral Giffen commanding MASSACHUSETTS' flag.

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23 - 23 October 1942.

Continued preparations for forthcoming operation. All commanding officers reported to Task Group Commander.

24 October 1942.

Composition and Designation Unit:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, U.S.N.
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,
Cruiser Division SEVEN less U.S.S. AUGUSTA,
Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

Positions:

Lat.	(Underway at 1400)	2000 43°-06 N
Long.		68°-42.7 W

Weather: Sea smooth, ceiling low, visibility 4 - 7 miles with intermittent fog patches in late afternoon and early evening.

Brief of days operations: Underway from Casco Bay at 1400 in company Task Group 34.1 under secret orders. Direct route Casco to sea via Browns Bank-Georges Bank route. Speed of advance fifteen (15) knots. Task Group 34.1 is to rendezvous and operate with Task Force 34, Admiral Hewitt, commanding, in U.S.S. AUGUSTA.

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25 October 1942.

Composition and Designation:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, U.S.N.
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,
Cruiser Division SEVEN less U.S.S. AUGUSTA.
Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	41°-52.5'N	41°-27' N	40°-43' N
Long.	65°-01.3'W	63°-56.1'W	61°-28.8'W

Miles Steamed from 1400 to 1200: 320

Weather: Overcast and raining, fog patches in a.m., clearing
at 0830.

Brief of days operations: Proceeded to east and south to rendezvous.
Speed 15. Took in paravanes on crossing 1,000 fathom curve.
Test firings 20 and 40 MM batteries. Drill air attack.

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D-A-I-L-Y D-I-A-R-Y

26 October 1942.

Composition and Designation:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, USN.
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,
Cruiser Division SEVEN less U.S.S. AUGUSTA,
Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

<u>Positions:</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	39°-03.3' N	38°-58' N	39°-17.8' N
Long.	63°-05.5' W	63-57.5' W	61°-16' W.

Course and speed made good 1200 to 1200: 181°T - 13.9 knots.

Miles Steamed from 1200 to 1200: 334.

Brief of days operations: Rendezvoused with Task Group 34.3 at 1037
Maneuvered in vicinity of the rendezvous. At 1112 sighted main
body of Task Group to east. At 1305 changed course to east to
take station in the van as covering force.

Remarks: Distance made good from rendezvous point 121.5, at 2000.

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27 October 1942.

Composition and Designation Unit:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, USN.
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,
Cruiser Division Seven less U.S.S. AUGUSTA.
Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

<u>Positions:</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	39°-44.3' N	39°-53.2' N	39°-57' N
Long.	57°-40' W	57°-02.5' W	54°-57' W

Weather: Sea rough, weather fair.

Miles Steamed from 1200 to 1200: 333.

Brief of days operations: Conducted radar tracking drill in Task Group 34.1.
MAYRANT closed for mail transfer.

Remarks: Continued receiving radio reports of enemy submarine activities
indicating formation of enemy patrol lines ahead of fleet.

28 October 1942.

Composition and Designation Unit:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, USN.
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS.
Cruiser Division SEVEN less U.S.S. AUGUSTA.
Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

<u>Positions:</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	40°-13.5' N	40°-19' N	39°-38' N
Long.	52°-04' W	51°-05' W	48°-53.8' W

Weather: Sea rough - partly fair weather with intermittent rain squalls.

Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200: 270.

Course and speed made good 1200 to 1200: 048° T - 13.3 knots.

Brief of days operations: Radar tracking drill was held in Task Group
34.1 joined by Cruiser Division EIGHT from Task Group 34.3.
Conduct A.A. practice 5" battery, exercise #1, in Task Group 34.1
joined by Cruiser Division EIGHT from Task Group 34.3.

Summary of important orders received and decisions: Enemy submarine
reports indicate possible formation of SS tactical unit in
area 36°-39' North and 35°-45' West. Continued D.F's. on other
enemy patrols received via broadcast schedules.

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29 October 1942.

Composition and Designation Unit:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, USN.
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,
Cruiser Division SEVEN less U.S.S. AUGUSTA.
Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

<u>Positions:</u>	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	38°-29' N	37°-58' N	36°-50.4' N
Long.	45°-41' W	45°-01.8' W	43°-22.8' W

Weather: Sea rough to moderate - weather mostly clear with occasional rain squall.

Course and speed made good 1200 to 1200: 116° T - 13.2 knots.

Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200: 316.1

Brief of days operations: Conducted radar tracking drill in Task Group 34.1 joined by Cruiser Division EIGHT from Task Group 34.3. Doubtful submarine contacts reported by various units of screen.

30 October 1942.

Composition and Designation Unit:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, USN.
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS,
Cruiser Division SEVEN less U.S.S. AUGUSTA.
Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

<u>Positions:</u>	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	35°-15.8' N	35°-02.5' N	34°-09.5' N
Long.	41°-19' W	40°-57.3' W	39°-42.5' W

Weather: Sea moderate becoming smooth with fairly heavy swell from northeast - weather clear - scattered clouds.

Course and speed made good 1200 to 1200: 132.5° T - 11.6 knots.

Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200: 277.4

Brief of days operations: Conducted fueling exercises, joining main body of Task Group 45. Doubtful submarine contact reported by various units of screen.

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31 October 1942.

Composition and Designation Unit:

Task Group 34.1 - Rear Admiral R.C. Giffen, USN.

U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS.

Cruiser Division SEVEN less U.S.S. AUGUSTA.

Destroyer Squadron EIGHT less ROWAN, TRIPPE, plus JENKINS.

Operation Plan No.

Commander Task Group 34.1 Operation Plan 1-42.

Positions:

	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	34°06' N	34°-39' N	34°-41' N
Long.	36°-32' W	36°-12.3' W	34°-39.2' W

Weather: Partly overcast - occasional rain squalls - sea smooth to moderate - swells coming from northeast.

Course and speed made good 1200 to 1200: 096° T - 12.9 knots.

Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200: 295.7

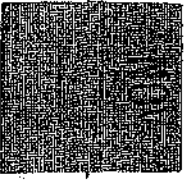
Brief of days operations: Conducted radar tracking drill in Task Group 34.1. Doubtful submarine contacts reported by various units of screen.

The proposed fueling of light forces postponed on account of sea conditions.

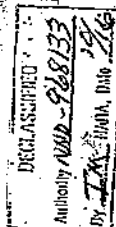
TOTAL MILES STEAMED to 1200, 31 October 1942 - 9307.25.

F.E.M. WHITING,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
Commanding U.S.S. Massachusetts.

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1 November 1942

Steaming as before in Task Group 34.1, in company with and covering group for Task Force 34, operating under Commander Task Force 34 Operation Plan #5-42.

Task Group 34.1, composition as follows:

Rear Admiral Giffen
Crudiv Seven less AUGUSTA
Desron Eight less ROWAN, TRIPPE plus JENKINS

Task Force 34 Organization as follows:

34.1 Covering Group, Rear Admiral Giffen, U.S.N.

34.2 Air Group, Rear Admiral McWhorter

RANGER
SANTEE, SANGAMON, SUWANEE
CLEVELAND
DESRON TEN

34.3 Fire Support Groups Rear Admiral Kelley, U.S.N.

Batdiv Five less ARKANSAS
Crudiv Eight
Desron Eleven less LIVERMORE, EBERLE
Desdiv Twenty-six less NICHOLSON
MURPHY plus LUDLOW
Desdiv Twenty-nine less TILLMAN

34.4 Transports Captain Emmet, U.S.N.

Transdiv One, Three, Five, Seven
Nine plus Seatrain LAKEHURST, S.S. CONTESSA
LIVERMORE, EBERLE, PARKER, DALLAS
DESRON THIRTEEN, less LUDLOW, WILKES
SWANSON, NICHOLSON plus TILLMAN
Desdiv Thirty less PARKER, plus COLE, BEMADON
Mindivs Nineteen, Twenty-one, CHEROKEE

34.5 Western Task Force, Major General Patton, U.S.N.

34.6 Train, Captain Wyatt, U.S.N.
MIANTONOMAH, MONADNOCK

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CHEMUNG, MERRINIACK, HOUSATONIC, WINOOSKI, KENNEBEC, CHENANGO

34.7 Force Flagship

AUGUSTA, ROWAN

1 November 1942 (Con.)

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	32 40.5	32 04.5	30 54
W Long.	32 23	31 56.5	30 37

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 T. 13.1 Knots.
Miles Steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 313.2

Weather: Mostly clear, scattered clouds. Sea moderate to rough-swell from northwest. Steaming on various courses. Doubtful sub contact reported by D.D.S.

Summary of important orders received and decisions: None

2 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	28 42	28 00.5	27 05
W Long.	29 14	28 41	27 13.2

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 145T 13.5 Knots
Miles Steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 323.3

Weather: Mostly clear-occasional rain squalls, scattered clouds. Sea smooth to moderate, swell from northeast.

Catapulted planes at intervals for anti submarine patrol.
Doubtful sub contacts reported by D.D.S.
Destroyers fueled from fleet tankers.

3 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	27 48	28 42	30 06.5
W Long.	24 23	24 23.5	23 41.8

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 080T 13.7 Knots

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Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 329.4
Remarks on weather: Mostly clear with occasional rain squalls
and Scattered clouds. Sea moderate, becoming rough in afternoon.
Steaming on various easterly courses.

4 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	31 40.5	31 48.2	32 21
W Long.	22 41	21 41.3	21 10

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 036.5T 10.8 Knots.
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 258.7
Remarks on weather: Clear in morning with scattered clouds,
strong breeze-partially overcast in afternoon with rain
squalls-sea rough.
Steaming on various courses slowly in afternoon/ Doubtful
submarine contacts reported by screening D.D.S.
Plane lashed to main deck aft carried away by heavy sea
and was badly damaged, leaving but two available for service.

5 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	33 10.7	33 44.7	33 46
W Long.	18 44	18 15	15 53.3

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 056.2T 9.5 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 229.
Remarks on weather: Strong winds, intermittent rain squalls
partially overcast in morning, scattered clouds in afternoon.
Rough sea.
Steaming as before on various courses and speeds.

6 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	33 52	34 17.2	35 33.5
W Long.	13 31.7	13 16	12 20.3

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 082.5T 11.5 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 277.
Remarks on weather: Clear with scattered clouds, moderate N.E.
wind-Sea moderate-swell from north.
Joined main body of convoy for refueling operations. Transferred
Lt.(jg) Russell U.S.N.R. to Mayrant for duty as French interpreter.

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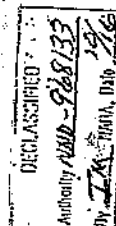
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Sent off fleet mail. Portugese steamers encountered by the screen during the night was turned off to the south.



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7 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	34 32.8	34 41.2	34 17
W Long.	9 25	8 52	7 53

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 083.5 T. 12.1 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 289.7

Weather: Mostly overcast in morning, clearing partially in afternoon-visibility good. Sea moderate to smooth

Changed from formation SAIL to formation 1 VICTOR in morning. Tested Machine guns during the morning.

7 November 1942

At about 15.15 Center Attack Group and Covering Group were released by Task Force Commander, Commander Task Force 34 Attack Plan No. One having been put in effect by signal.

This group (34.1) set course 160 for approach to Casa Blanca, covering Center Attack Group from approximately ten miles to the westward, operating under Commander Task Group 34.1 Battle Plan 1-42.

At 1715 U.S.S. RHIND came along side to receive Radar Equipment spare parts.

The ensuing events, together with the track diagram and Action Report for the remainder of this day and 8 November have been forwarded separately in accordance with Atlantic Fleet Confidential Letter 7CL-42 (Revised). Copy is appended.

8 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	33 48.9	33 47	33 57.2
W Long.	7 39.4	7 56	8 16.2

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 140 T. 14.1 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 337.7

Weather: Bright and clear, slight haze in afternoon. Light breeze from southwest. Sea smooth.

The operations of this day are as reported in U.S.S. Massachusetts Action Report, Secret file A16 of 13 November 1942. Copy is appended.

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9 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	33 58	33 59.5	34 30
W Long.	07 51.6	8 12.8	9 53.2

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 314 T. 16.3
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 390.2

Weather: Overcast. Sea smooth. Light breeze from southwest.

Patrolled area west of Casa Blanca.

10 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	34 01.6	33 48.9	34 02.1
W Long.	7 52.5	7 54.3	09 00

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 124 T. 14.1 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 338.6

Weather: Partially overcast, moderate breeze from north-east. Sea Smooth.

Went to General Quarters at 0900. Stood by off Casa Blanca during further bombardment by other units of fleet. Secured from General Quarters at 1507 and took up patrol in area west of Casa Blanca.

At night stood west to rendezvous fleet tankers.

11 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	34 02.1	34 31.5	34 43.5
W Long.	12 01.5	12 03.8	11 16.8

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 281.5 T. 12.2 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 292.3

Weather: Mostly clear. Scattered clouds with occasional rain squalls. Sea Moderate. Wind moderate to fresh from north.

Conducted refueling of destroyers and cruisers from tankers U.S.S. CHEMUNG and U.S.S. HOUSATONIC. U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT came alongside and transferred LT. (jg) RENOUF RUSSELL to this ship. Sighted British warships: H.M.S. VINDICTIVE HM.S. HECLA, H.M.S. DD G35, H.M.S. DD I75

Received word of capitulation of Casa Blanca.

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12 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	33 33.7	34 26.3	34 30.3
W Long.	11 12.7	11 12.8	12 25.5

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 097 T. 12.5 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 306.7

Weather: Partially overcast, occasional rain squalls.
Moderate to fresh northerly breeze. Sea moderate to rough. Swell from north.

Patrolling area west of Casa Blanca. Conducted Radar tracking drill in morning. Conducted anti-aircraft gunnery exercise in afternoon. During the night received orders for T.G. 34.1 to return to Boston. Set course west.

13 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.		35 21.4	35 07
W Long.		16 04	18 42.5

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 282.5 T. 14.4 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 346.7

Weather: Overcast, visibility good, strong northeast wind.
Sea rough.

Headed on westerly course zig-zagging during daylight.

14 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	35 02	35 01	35 02
W Long.	22 27.6	23 39.5	25 58.8

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 267.5 T. 14.7 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 368.3

Weather: Partially clear with scattered clouds and occasional rain squalls. Strong north northwest wind.
Sea Rough.

Steaming on a westerly course zig-zagging in accordance with plan #10

T.G. 34.1 ordered to Norfolk instead of Boston.

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15 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	34 56.8	34 54.8	34 47.8
W Long.	29 24.7	30 42	33 23.5

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 269 T. 15 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 359

Weather: Partially overcast, fresh to strong northeast wind. Sea rough to moderate.

Steaming on westerly course zig-zagging in accordance with plan #10

16 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	34 54 N	35 04.5	35 35 N
W Long.	36 57.5 W	37 19.7	39 16.2

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 327.8 14.6 Knots
Miles Steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 364.2

Weather: Overcast, sea smooth, heavy swells from N.E.

Steaming as before at 1000 altered course to N.E. for fueling operations Cruisers. Catapulted planes for A.S. patrol. Fueled WAINWRIGHT and MAYRANT followed by RHIND AND JENKINS. Set great circle course for Norfolk upon completion. Miles to go 1840, speed 20 knots.

17 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	36 06.2	36 17.7	36 44.6
Long.	43 58	45 32	48 48.4

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 279 T. 185 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 463.9

Weather: Overcast, Occasional rain squalls moderate to fresh northeast wind. Sea moderate.

Steaming on great circle course for Norfolk, zig-zagging in accordance with plan #10.

18 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	37 08	37 24	37 45.2
W Long.	53 40	55 20.5	58 55

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18 November 1942 (Con.)

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 278 T. 19.6
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 488.9

Weather: Clear, gentle to moderate west and northwest wind.
Scattered clouds. Sea smooth.

Steaming on great circle course for Norfolk zig-zagging
in accordance with plan #10. U.S.S. WICHITA and U.S.S. JENKINS
were detached from this group at 0925. Ship maneuvered in
afternoon to investigate vibration.

19 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	37 43.8	37 41	37 25
W Long.	63 36.6	65 24.5	68 43.1

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 272 T. 20.3 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 508

Weather: Clear with scattered clouds. Strong northwest
wind. Sea rough.

Steaming on great circle course for Norfolk, Va.

20 November 1942

Positions	0800	1200	2000
N Lat.	37 04	36 55.4	N.O.B. Norfolk, Va.
W Long.	74 12.5	75 46.2	

Course and speed 1200 to 1200 264.5 T. 22 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 527

Weather: Fair, Hazy, gentle to moderate southwest wind.
Sea smooth.

At 0910 sighted buoy #1 marking entrance to swept channel
to mouth of Chesapeake Bay. Units of group steamed into
Norfolk, Va. independently. Sighted U.S.S. ALABAMA and escorting
destroyers shortly after daylight. Land sighted at 1126.
Test firing of 20 MM and 40 MM machine guns held in morning.
At 1647 ship moored port side to Pier #7, berth Queen, Naval
Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., having completed duty as under
Commander Task Force 34.1 (operation Plan 1-42.)

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21 November 1942

Positions	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.			
Long.	N.O.B. Norfolk, Va.		

Weather: Clear, scattered clouds. Light southwest breeze.

Moored as before. Admiral Giffen left the ship officially, his flag being hauled down and replaced by commission pennant. Supplies being taken aboard. Ammunition being received from U.S.S. KILAVEA, powder charges and 16 in. by 45 in. A.P. projectiles. Captain and Gunnery Officer left ship to go to Washington, Executive Officer in command of ship.

22 November 1942

Positions	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.			
Long.	N.O.B. Norfolk, Va.		

Weather: Overcast squally, intermittent rain, low ceiling. Moderate to fresh northeast wind.

Moored as before. Completed receiving ammunition from U.S.S. KILAVEA. Taking supplies aboard from pier.

23 November 1942

Positions	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.			
Long.	N.O.B. Norfolk, Va.		

Weather: Overcast, occasional rain, low ceiling. Gentle to moderate northeast breeze.

Moored as before U.S.S. KILAVEA cast off from starboard side having completed delivery of 16 in. by 45 in. and 5 in. by 38 in. and 20 mm ammunition. Took on 278,082 gallons of fuel oil from pier. Taking on supplies.

24 November 1942

Positions	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.			
Long.	N.O.B. Norfolk, Va.		

Weather: Overcast, rainy and foggy. Light breeze from northeast.

Moored as before. Captain and Gunnery Officer returned to ship from temporary duty in Washington completed.

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25 November

<u>Positions</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
Lat.	N.O.B.	36° 58.7'	38° 11'
Long.	Norfolk	75° 28.6	72° 20

Course and speed made good 1200 to 1200 At anchor

Weather: Overcast. Moderate to strong west and Northwest wind.
Sea rough.

Underway at 0800 from Norfolk, Va. bound for Boston, Mass. in company with U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA, U.S.S. ELLISON, U.S.S. RODMAN, U.S.S. EMMONS, U.S.S. FIRCH. - S.O.P.P. Capt. F.E.M. WHITING, U.S.N., MASSACHUSETTS. After leaving swept channel steamed in northeasterly direction with destroyers forming anto-submarine screen.

26 November

<u>Positions</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
N. Lat.	41° 21'	42° 10.7	Navy Yard Annex
W. Long.	69° 07.3	70° 26.8	South Boston, Mass

Course and speed made good 1200 to 1200 23 Knots
Miles steamed (total) from 1200 to 1200 552.7
Weather: Foggy in morning - Overcast - Visibility improved in
afternoon. Sea rough. Moderate to strong north
and east northeast winds.

En route from Norfolk to Boston. Company with U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA, U.S.S. ELLISON, U.S.S. RODMAN, U.S.S. EMMONS, U.S.S. FITCH. Sighted Cape Cod 1001, Distant 10 miles. Proceeded into Boston Harbor. Moored to West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Mass. Starboard side to pier, at 1445. Other units of group proceeded on duty assigned.

Navy Yard began alterations and repairs to ship immediately. Capt. F.E.M. Whiting U.S.N.- SOPA.

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27 November

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Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Mass.

Weather: Overcast and rainy.

Moored as before. Work on ship in progress.

28 November

POSITIONS

Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Mass.

Weather: Clear - detached clouds - moderate to fresh westerly wind.

Moored as before. Work in progress on ship.

29 November

POSITIONS

Navy Yard Annex South Boston, Mass.

Weather: Clear, becoming overcast late in day.
Light to moderate southwest wind.

Moored as before. Work in progress on ship.

30 November

POSITIONS

Navy Yard Annex South Boston, Mass.

Weather: Clear, Detached clouds. Gentle breeze from southwest changing to northwest.

Moored as before. Work in progress on ship.

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At South Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts, for Navy yard availability & complete alterations and repairs to improve the military efficiency of the ship.

Carlson
Lt. Comdr. U.S. Navy

11 December 1942

1025-1200 at 1025 underway leave alongside West Jetty, South Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts enroute to Base Sail in accordance with Capitan's despatch 051315 of December 1942, Standard speed 15 knots (88 rpm), boilers #1, #3, #5 and #7 in use for steaming purposes. Ship's draft prior to getting underway 35'-1" forward and 34'-11" aft. 1034 in the channel making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. Enroute vessels in anti-submarine screens USS Cory, USS Hobson and USS Maddox.

Carlson

1200-1600 Steaming as before 1203 Streamed parameters to 20 knots. 1205 set in #8 boiler on the line. 1206 at Point 2nd, end of swept channel, took departure, set course 050°(T). 1212 $\frac{1}{2}$ to flank speed 24 knots (130 rpm). 1239 set in boilers #2, #4 and #6 on main line. 1246 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 25 knots (163 rpm). 1300 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 26 knots (172 rpm). 1338 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 015°(T). 1400 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22 knots (131 rpm). 1413 sighted Jefferies Hedge Buoy bearing 345°(T) distance 3000 yards. 1415 secured boilers #1, #4, #6 and #8. 1417 Jefferies Hedge Buoy abeam to port distance 2140 yards. 1420 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 030°(T). 1435 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 015°(T). 1503 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 329°(T) entering swept channel to Base Sail. 1531 sighted plane bearing 315° relative. Challenged and answered correctly. 1541 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 000°(T) $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 knots (88 rpm). 1545 sighted buoy #1 bearing 005°(T). Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with entrance channel and approach to anchorage.

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1600-1711 at 1630 returned parameters. 1711 Anchored in berth V-5 in Casco Bay, Portland Maine in 5 fathoms of water, 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following anchor bearings: Cow Island Hedge Light 233.2°(T), Little

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Chebeague 095°(T); Basket Island Beacon 009.5°(T); and
Clapboard Island 312.8°(T). Draft of ship after anchoring 35'-1"
forward and 34'-11" aft.

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1711 December 11, 1942 - 0800 December 17, 1942

at anchor, Bath V-5, Casco Bay, Portland Maine for repairs and repairs. Miscellaneous training and instruction in gunnery and damage control and preparation for maneuvers for war.

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0800-1900 17 December 1942

Underway from Bath V-5 Casco Bay, Portland Maine to sea to fire anti aircraft machine gun practices in accordance with Commander's training schedule. AH-3(5)/FF13-6 serial 01800 of 12 December 1942. Captain and Navigator on the bridge, Executive Officer commanding, standard speed 15 knots (55 rpm), straining with boilers #1, 2, 7 and 8. Making various courses and speeds to show harbor and swept channels. Ship in material readiness order, port war watch set. Ship's deck prior to getting underway 36'1" forward and 36'1" aft. 0843 crossed the Port Watch. Lt. Condition of Readiness to Captain, Watch Officer. 0856 passed through anti-submarine net. 0930 passed CAPE ELIZABETH LIGHT beam to starboard on course 169°(T). 0950 passed Point 8 fairway buoy beam to starboard, distance 3000 yards on course 149°(T). Lt. course 149°(T) at standard speed 18 knots (108 rpm). 1013 commenced firing test shots on the 20 mm machine gun battery. 1025 visibility decreased to 3000 yards flying conditions satisfactory. Exercise with target aircraft target cancelled. 1050 % to 090°(T). 1115 commenced maneuvering 1119 % to 180°(T). 1140 Lt. Condition of Readiness to sail. Ceased test firing on 20 mm battery.

*Barlow
Lt. Comdr. U.S. Navy*

12-16 Underway as before. 1213 % to 080°(T). 1314 % to 019°(T). 1315 sighted JEFFRIES WEDGE BUOY bearing 061.5°(T) distance 3000 yards. Visibility increased to eight miles. 1321 % to 035°(T). 1331 sighted land bearing 285°(T), distance about 10 miles. 1353 commenced test firing of 60 mm and 40 mm batteries. 1356 % to 000°(T). 1423 ceased firing on all batteries. 1438 sighted CAPE ELIZABETH light bearing 361°(T), distance about 8 miles. 1441 sighted Portland light ship replacement bearing 325° T. Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform

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with swept channel, entrance channel and approaching anchorage in Casco Bay, Portland, Maine. 1551 Passed through mine field. 1558 Passed through anti-submarine net.

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Lt. Commander U.S. Navy

1600-1612, 17 December 1942

1612 Anchored in berth V-5, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine, in 8 1/2 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor. Anchorage bearings: LITTLE CHEBEAGUE 085°(T), BASKET ISLAND 010°(T), GOW ISLAND UEDGE 339.2°(T) and CLAPBOARD ISLAND 318.8°(T). Draft of ship upon anchoring 34' 4" forward and 34' 10" aft.; mean draft 34' 7". Sailed from Condition II list and set the Post War Watch.

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Lt. Commander U.S. Navy

1612, 17 December 1942 - 0817, 22 December 1942.

at anchor Casco Bay, Portland Maine. Repair and upkeep. Miscellaneous training in gunnery, damage control and communications in preparation for operations far near.

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Lt. Commander U.S. Navy

0817-1200, 22 December 1942.

Underway from Berth V-5, Casco Bay, Portland Maine to sea in company with USS Tuscaloosa and Desdon 13 in accordance with Comdeslant 14-3(5)/FF13-6 Serial 01823 of 19 December 1942. Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Executive Officer conning, standard speed 15 knots (28 rpm), training on coils #1, 3, 5 & 7. Making various courses and speeds to clear harbor and swept channel. Ship in Material Condition of Readiness "Yoke". Draft of ship grows to getting underway 35' 6" forward and 36' 3" forward. 0847 secured from Post War Watch and set Condition of Readiness II. After Watch Three. 0904 passed through anti-submarine net and mine field at 0906. 0922 passed PORTLAND HEAD light abeam & starboard on course 169°(T). 0950 passed Portland Light ship replacement buoy abeam to port. Formed column on USS Tuscaloosa on course 150°(true) 149°(T). Desdon 13 formed Convoy Escort in accordance with Desdon 9A. Commenced scheduled

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Quinn's mass air attack on formation by all available planes from Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, Mass. 0954 un-identified plane bearing 310° (Rel), distance 15 miles. 0955 un-identified plane bearing 208° (Rel), distance 9 miles. 1020 un-identified plane bearing 145° (Rel), distance 18,000 yards. 9/10 to 12 knots (108 rpm). 1033 Commenced zig-zag in accordance with plan #10 on base course 145° (T). 1103 base zig-zag, resumed base course. 1105 9/10 to 148° (T) 149° ppc. 1109 9/10 to 235° (T) 236° ppc. 1112 Dull air attack, maneuvered all anti-aircraft batteries. 1113 Material Condition of Readiness "red" set. 1115 9/10 to 325° (T) 326° ppc. 1140 Radar Plot reported plane contact bearing 139° (rel), distance 20 miles. 1154 five planes sighted on starboard beam, distance 19 miles.

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Lt. Comdr. U.S. Navy

12-16 Underway as before. 1206 commenced making various courses to avoid simulated air attack. all batteries tracking and conducting dull to repel air attack. 1230 planes approaching on starboard beam, course 135° (T). 1240 set course 326° (T) 327° ppc. 1248 ceased present exercises because of air attack and Material Condition of Readiness "red" and set "Yacht". Set Condition of Readiness II. Affirm. 1304 9/10 to 15 knots (38 rpm). 1308 9/10 to 10 knots (37 rpm). 1310 9/10 to 200° (T), 201° ppc. 1312 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with the main channel and approach to anchorages in Casco Bay, Portland, Maine. 1413 Passed through mine field. 1415 Passed through anti-submarine net. 1432 Anchored in berth 450 yards to eastward of berth 4-5, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine in 8 1/2 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Anchorage bearings: CLAPBOARD ISLAND 311.5° (T), BASKET ISLAND 007° (T), LITTLE CHEBEAGUE 095°, and COW ISLAND LEDGE light 240.3° T. Secure from Condition II again and set the Port War Watch.

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1432, 22 December to 0832 23 December
At Anchor, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine

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0832-1200 23 December 1942

Underway from berth 450 yards to eastward of Little U-5
Casco Bay, Portland, Maine to sea. 5 fire anti-aircraft practice
in accordance with Comdisant's AH-3(5)/FF13-6 Serial 01823 of
19 December 1942. Captain and Navigator on the bridge. Executive
Officer conning, standard speed 15 knots (55 rpm). Draft of ship
forward getting underway 35'6" forward and 36'2" aft. Berths #1,
3, 5 and 7 for steaming purposes. Making various courses
and speeds to clear anchorage and to conform with
sweep channel. 0853 passed through anti-submarine net
0856 passed through mine field. 0906 received from Port War
Watch and net Condition of Readiness II Alarm. Watch One. This
in Material Condition of Readiness "Yoke". 0937 Passed point "X" buoy
to starboard, set course 149°(T) 090° ppc. 0939 fired on land test
shots from port and starboard catapults. 0944 1/3 to 18 knots (105
rpm). 0951 manned all anti-aircraft batteries for drill. 0955
commenced firing test shots in 40 mm battery 1038 1/2 to 090°(T)
091°(ppc). 1044 commenced firing 5"/38 starboard battery at
towed sleeve, "Fair" runs. 1045 Ceased fire. 9 rounds expended.
1054 Commenced firing port 5"/38 battery, "Fair" runs. 1055 Ceased
fire. 1101 Commenced firing starboard 5"/38 battery at towed
sleeve, "Fair" runs. 1103 Ceased fire. 1134 commenced firing
starboard 5"/38 battery at towed sleeve, "Fair" runs. 1135 Ceased fire,
sleeve shot down. 1134 cut in battery 648 on main line. 1138
cut in #2 boiler on main line. 1140 hoisted buoys #1, 3 & 7. 1155 re-
coiled buoys #5. 1157 1/2 to 220°(T) 221° ppc.

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1200-1549 23 December 1942

1200 Commenced firing port 5"/38 battery at towed sleeve,
"Fair" runs. 1201 Ceased fire. 1205 set Condition of Readiness II
Alarm, Watch One. 1224 Commenced firing test shots on 40 mm
battery. 1226 Ceased test firings on 40 mm battery. 1238 sighted
JEFFERIES LEDGE BUOY bearing 328°(T) distance 3 miles. 1246 1/2
to 019°(T) 020° ppc. 1251 1/2 to 025°(T) 026° ppc. 1322 1/2 to 329°(T) 330°
ppc, entering swept channel to Portland Maine. 1330 1/3 to 15
knots (55 rpm). 1340 Commenced firing 20 mm battery at towed
sleeve, "Hypo" runs. 1415 ceased firing 20 mm battery ammunition
expended. 660 rds 20 mm and 58 rds 40 mm. Catapulted plane
#01431 to starboard; Pilot, Lieut. C.R. Daeflinger; Passenger, Moody, Cpl.
ARM/1 USN. 1429 Catapulted plane #5805 to starboard; Pilot, Ensign J.
Cotton, USNR, Passenger, Hardison, S.G. ARM/1 USN. Commenced

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making various courses and speeds to conform with swept channel and approach to anchorage. 1505 passed through mine field. 1530 passed through anti-submarine net. 1549 anchored in berth 450 yards to eastward of berth V-5, Cases Bay, Portland Maine in 8 1/2 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Anchorage bearings: COW ISLAND LEDGE light 241.4°(T), CLAPBOARD ISLAND 311.6°(T), LITTLE CHEBEAGUE 095°(T) and BASKET ISLAND 001.7°(T). Draft of ship on anchoring 35'6" forward and 36'0" aft. Secured from Condition II status and set Port War Water.

Barlson
Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy

1549, 23 December 1942 - 0826, 29 December 1942

At anchor, Cases Bay, Portland Maine for leave, liberty and repairs. Conducted daily drills in preparation for readiness for war.

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0826-1200, 29 December 1942.

Underway from berth 450 yards to eastward of berth V-5, Cases Bay, Portland, Maine underway Navy Yard Area, South Portland, Maine in accordance with Cinclant dispatch 231431 of December 1942. Captain and Navigator on the bridge, Executive Officer conning, at standard speed 15 knots (88 rpm). Ship's draft prior to getting underway 35'4" forward and 36'0" aft. Ship in Material Condition of Readiness 2. Making various courses and speeds to clear anchorage and harbor and to conform with swept channel. 0852 set Condition of Readiness II afloat, Watch time. 0855 passed through anti-submarine net. 0856 passed through mine field. 1035 cleared swept channel. Set course 156°(T), standard speed 18 knots (105 rpm). 1047 commenced firing test shots from 20 and 40 mm batteries, 1128 sighted JEFFERIES LEDGE BODY bearing 247°(T), distance 4 miles. 1138 completed test firing on 20 and 40 mm batteries. Ammunition expended: 336 rds 20 mm and 168 rds 40 mm.

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1200-1600

1215 1/2 to 230°(T). 1324 sighted THACHERS ISLAND light bearing 288.1°(T) distance about 7 miles. 1342 1/2 to 225°(T). Lighted

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EASTERN POINT light bearing $300^{\circ}(T)$, distance about 7 miles and passed it abeam to starboard at 1351. 1404 sighted BECKERS ISLAND light bearing $301.5^{\circ}(T)$, distance about 10 miles. 1408 sighted GRAVES ISLAND light bearing $244^{\circ}(T)$, 1411 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $220^{\circ}(T)$. 1416 sighted Point "3rd" mid. channel buoy, entrance to swept channel buoy for Boston, Mass Harbor, bearing $223.5^{\circ}(T)$ distance about 10 miles. 1421 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 knots (88rpm) $\frac{1}{5}$ to 10 knots (54rpm). 1426 entered swept channel, commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 1540 passed through anti-submarine net.

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1600-1635, 29 December 1942.

1635 moved astern side to West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Mass using the following lines: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wire bow line, 10" manila bow bunt, 8" manila fore bow spring, 10" manila after bow spring, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wire bow spring, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wire quarter spring, 10" manila fore quarter spring, 10" manila quarter bunt, 8" manila after quarter spring, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wire stern line.

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1635, 29 December - 2400, 31 December 1942.

Moved at West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Massachusetts for Navy Yard availability & complete alterations and repairs to improve the military efficiency of the ship.

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REMARKS.

0200, 1 January 1943 to 0959, 5 January 1943
Moored alongside West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Massachusetts undergoing repairs and alterations to improve the utility efficiency of the ship. Conducted drills and instructions of the ship's company as far as navy yard work would permit.

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0959, 5 January to 1713, 5 January 1943
0959 underway from alongside West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Massachusetts enroute to Base. Engines on boilers #2, 3, 6 & 8 at standard speed 15 knots (88 rpm). Ship's draft forward 34'-10" aft 35'-6". Making various courses and speeds to conform with the channel. Set Material Condition Yoke and Condition of Readiness II. 1138 took departure from Point Zebra, end of swept channel. Set course direct for Base Light, 050°T. Two destroyers escort formed anti-submarine screen. Engaged and fired 5" 38 caliber battery and 40 and 80 MM machine gun batteries against torpede plane assault. 1336 1/2 to 014°(T). 1511 1/2 to 339°(T) entering swept channel for Base Light. Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform to channel for entering port and approaching anchor age. 1713 Anchored in berth Able-2, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine.

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1713, 5 January to 0759, 10 January 1943.
at anchor in berth Able-2, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine conducting at anchor drills and exercises and routine upkeep and repairs.

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0759, 10 January to 1500, 10 January 1943
Underway from berth Able-2, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine enroute by direct route to Boston, Massachusetts. Boilers #1, 4, 5 and 7 in use for steaming purposes, standard speed 15 knots (88 rpm) Making various courses and speeds to clear anchorage and to conform with channel and swept channels. Draft of ship fwd 35'-6" aft 36'-0". 1001 cleared swept channel, set course 195°(T), 1/2 to 20 knots (119 rpm) Conducting anti-aircraft firing

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REMARKS.

against a towed target across while enroute with the 5" caliber battery, 40 and 20 MM machine gun batteries 1132 $\% \text{ to } 209^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 1329 entering swept channel to Boston Harbor. Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 1520 moved to south side West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Massachusetts.

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1520, 10 January 1943 to 1555, 30 January, 1943

Moved alongside south side of West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Massachusetts undergoing repairs and alterations of military necessity to improve the battle efficiency of this vessel. Conducted such drills and exercises as Navy Yard work would permit.

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1555, 30 January 1943 to 1805, 31 January 1943.

1555 underway from alongside south side of West Jetty, Navy Yard Annex, South Boston, Massachusetts enroute to Buzzards Bay. Engines on boilers #2, 4, 6 & 8 at standard speed 15 knots (88 rpm). Ship's draft forward 35'-6", aft 35'-10". Making various courses and speeds to clear mooring and clearing harbor at 1733 took departure from Point John, Boston Harbor and set course $050^{\circ}(\text{T})$, speed 18 knots (106 rpm). Two destroyers escort formed anti-submarine screen at 2137 $\% \text{ to } 053^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 2334 Motinicus Rock light bore on the port bow. 0020 Motinicus Rock light abeam to port, bearing $324^{\circ}(\text{T})$, distance 14 miles. 0022 $\% \text{ to } 055^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 0124 light Mt. Desert Rock light bearing $035^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 0155 sighted Great Duck Island light, bearing $347^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 0211 $\% \text{ to } 232^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 0310 sighted Motinicus light bearing $272^{\circ}(\text{T})$, distance 20 miles. 0401 passed Motinicus Rock light abeam to starboard, distance 13.5 miles. 0639 crossed 50 fathom course of Platte Bank. 0703 $\% \text{ to } 10$ knots (60 rpm). 0821 $\% \text{ to } 270^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 0834 $\% \text{ to } 320^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 0840 $\% \text{ to } 000^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 0853 $\% \text{ to } 020^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 1139 $\% \text{ to } 060^{\circ}(\text{T})$. 1220 commenced zig-zagging using plan #14. 1445 ceased zig-zagging, $\% \text{ to } 240^{\circ}(\text{T})$. $\% \text{ to } 50$ knots (119 rpm). 1448 $\% \text{ to } 270^{\circ}(\text{T})$. $\% \text{ to } 54$ knots. 1636 $\% \text{ to } 329^{\circ}(\text{T})$. Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with swept channel and approaching anchorage. 1805 Anchored in Portland Anchorage - 3, Casco Bay, Portland Maine.

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1805, 31 January to 0812, 2 February 1943

at anchor in Bath Abn - 3, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine conducting routine upkeep and repairs and at anchor drills and exercises.

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0812, 2 February to 1656, 2 February, 1943.

0812 underway from Bath Abn - 3, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine on rails #1, 3, 5 and 7 enroute to operating area off Base Range to conduct gunnery training exercises. Standard speed 15 knots (8.9 rpm). Making various courses and speeds to clear anchorage and to conform with channel. 0959 left range 149°(T), cleared swept channel, 1000 went to general quarters and set Mutual Conclusion plan. 1019 1/2 to 12 knots. 1024 catapulted aircraft. 1035 1/2 to 15 knots. Commenced making various courses and speeds to conduct maintenance firing. 5" caliber firing and 40 and 80 M.M. firing on board were coordinated so that all batteries were being engaged simultaneously. 1402 ceased firing on all batteries. Relieved from General Quarters and set Conclusion at 1407 set course 320°(T). 1445 1/2 to 321°(T) entering swept channel to base range. 1548 commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with channel and to approach anchorage. 1656 Anchored in Bath Abn - 3, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine.

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1656, 2 February 1943 to 2400 5 February 1943

at anchor in Bath Abn - 3, Casco Bay, Portland Maine conducting routine upkeep and repairs and at anchor training exercises.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

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At anchor in berth Able-3, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine, conducting routine upkeep, repairs, and at anchor drills.

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1158 to 1600

1158 underway from berth Able-3, Casco Bay, Portland, Maine, enroute Colon, Panama Canal Zone, in company with U.S.S. PHILIPS, U.S.S. EATON, and U.S.S. RENSHAW, making various courses and speeds to clear anchorage and entrance channel, Commanding Officer on the Sick List, Executive Officer conning and acting Commanding Officer, Navigator on the Bridge. Steaming with boilers # 2, 4, 6, and 8 in use at standard speed 15 knots (89 rpm). Draft of ship forward 35'9" and aft 35'10". At 1254 took departure with Cape Elizabeth 272.3° (T), Portland Head 320° (T), and Junk of Pork 009.5° (T). Set course 149° (T) and (pgc). 1248 changed standard speed to 18 knots (106 rpm). 1308 Destroyers formed anti-submarine screen; #1 PHILIPS, #2 EATON, and #3 RENSHAW. 1312 Cleared swept channel. 1410 commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1550 Ceased zig-zagging. 1553 changed course to 132° (T). 1556 changed course to 149° (T). Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1616 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1800 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course, 149° (T). 1842 Changed course to 180° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday
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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Steaming on course 180° (T) and (pgc) at standard speed 18 knots (106 rpm) in company with U.S.S. PHILIPS, U.S.S. EATON, and U.S.S. RENSHAW formed in anti-submarine screen, enroute Colon, Panama Canal Zone. Boilers # 2, 4, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. Ship in condition of Readiness II Sugar, and Material Readiness Yoke. 0215 changed course to 196° (T) and (pgc), changed speed to 18.5 knots (109 rpm). 0306 changed course to 181° (T) to clear fishing vessel. 0317 changed course to 196° (T) and (pgc).

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. Commenced making heavy weather during the watch. 0635 changed course left to 166° (T) to clear loose gear on forecastle set adrift by heavy weather. 0648 changed course to 196° (T).

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 38° 17.5' N; longitude 69° 30.7' W. 0809 commenced zig-zagging using plan # 17. 1126 changed course to 151° (T) to clear loose gear on forecastle and secure life raft set adrift by seas. 1139 changed course to 196° (T).

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 37° 10' N; longitude 69° 47' W. 1349 changed speed to 12 knots (72 rpm). Repair party salvaged gangway and life raft broken adrift by heavy seas. Heavy weather increasing. 1419 changed speed to 18.5 knots (109 rpm).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1614 reduced speed to 15 knots (89 rpm) due to weather. 1638 commenced zig-zagging using plan # 17. 1800 changed course to 200° (T) and (pgc).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 35° 03.8' N; Longitude 70° 34.4' W. 2033 changed speed to two-thirds standard speed 12 knots (72 rpm) due to heavy weather flooding main switchboard through ventilation ducts.

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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Steaming on course 200° (T) and (pgc) at standard speed 18 knots 106 rpm. Steaming at two-thirds standard speed (72 rpm) in company with U.S.S. PHILIPS, U.S.S. EATON, and U.S.S. RENSHAW formed in anti-submarine screen, enroute Colon, Panama Canal Zone. Boilers #2, 4, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. 0007 changed speed to 15 knots (89 rpm) as sea beginning to calm. 0225 changed speed to 18.5 knots (109 rpm).

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0730 Sighted U.S.S. POLLUX and U.S.S. CHANDLER off port bow on opposite course.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 32° 12.7' N, Longitude 71° 17.2' W. 1010 changed course to 205° (T). Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 31° 14.7' N, Longitude 71° 55.5' W. 1350 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 205° (T). Changed course to 198° (T) and (pgc). 1355 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Changed speed to 19 knots (112 rpm). 1800 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 198° (T). Changed course to 196° (T) and (pgc). Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1833 Sunset. Darkened ship. 1850 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 196° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 28° 51' N, Longitude 72° 46' W. 2322 Lighted fires under boiler #7.

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0000 to 0400

Steaming on course 196° (T) and (pgc) at standard speed 18 knots (106 rpm), steaming at 19 knots (112 rpm), in company with USS PHILIPS, USS EATON, and USS RENSHAW formed in anti-submarine screen, enroute Colon, Panama Canal Zone. Boilers # 2, 4, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. 0035 Cut Boiler #7 in on main steam line. Secured fires under Boiler #8.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0645 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. Light Ship.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 25° 11.5' N; Longitude 73° 53' W. Changed speed to 22.5 knots (137 rpm). 0830 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. Changed course to 198° (T) and (pgc). 0834 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1047 Sighted San Salvador Light bearing 236.7° (T), distance about 17 miles. 1137 With San Salvador Light bearing 286° (T), distance 12 miles, changed course to 189° (T).

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1352 Sighted Bird Rock Light bearing 164.5° (T), distance about 15 miles. 1415 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 189° (T). 1439 Passed Bird Rock Light abeam to port, distance 4.5 miles. 1443 Lighted fires under #8 boiler. 1514 Changed course to 170° (T). 1518 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1556 Sighted Castle Island Light bearing 162.3° (T).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1610 Cut in Boiler #8 on main line. Cut Boiler #7 from main line and secured fires. 1612 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. 1636 passed Castle Island Light abeam to port, distance 3 miles. 1639 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1730 Sighted sailing vessel bearing 128° (T), distance 14 miles on opposite course. 1900 Changed speed to 19 knots (114 rpm). 1915 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 170° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 20° 55' N; Longitude 74° 11' W. 2055 Sighted Cape Mayst Light bearing 194° (T). 2145 Made radar

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contact on two unidentified vessels. Changed course left to 140° (T). Sighted vessels and identified as merchantmen whose position checked with despatch received from ComCarSeaFrontier. 2152 Clear of merchantmen, changed course to 170° (T). 2205 Passed Cape Mayst Light abeam to starboard bearing 260° (T), distance 8.6 miles. 2210 Changed course to 210° (T). 2224 Passed Cape Mayst Light abeam to starboard, on course 210°, distance 8.5 miles. 2240 Sighted Cape Caleta Light bearing 260° (T). 2306 Passed Cape Caleta Light abeam to starboard, distance 9.25 miles.

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Steaming on course 210° (T) and (pgc) at standard speed 18 knots (106 rpm), steaming at 19 knots (112 rpm), in company with USS PHILIPS, USS EATON, and USS RENSCHAW formed in anti-submarine screen, enroute Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone. Boilers #2, 4, 6, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. 0330 Sighted Navassa Island Light bearing 210° (T), distance 30 miles.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0504 Passed Navassa Island Light abeam to port on course 210° (T), distance 6.5 miles. 0646 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 17° 37.5' N; Longitude 75° 36' W. 0957 Commenced firing test shots from 40MM machine guns. 1010 Commenced firing test shots from 20 MM machine guns. 1042 Ceased firing on all machine gun batteries. Expended 240 rounds of 40 MM and 268 rounds of 20 MM ammunition.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 16° 24.2' N; Longitude 76° 19' W. 1245 By observation of sun's azimuth, Gyro error determined as 1° W. Commenced steering 211° pgc, 210° (T). 1403 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 210° (T). Changed course to 207° (T), steering 208° pgc. 1416 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery conducting exercise 1 and 2 G-3 from Lantflt 14. 1430 Ceased present exercise. Expended 37 rounds 5"/38 caliber ammunition. 1437 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. Sighted aircraft and identified as PBV anti-submarine patrol for this formation. 1942 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 207° (T) 208° (pgc).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 14° 17.8' N; Longitude 27° 28.8' W.

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Steaming on course 207° (T), 208° (pgc) at standard speed 18 knots (106 rpm), in company with U.S.S. PHILIP, U.S.S. EATON, and U.S.S. RENSHAW formed in anti-submarine screen, enroute to Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone. Boilers # 2, 4, 6, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. Ship darkened.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0510 Lighted fires under Boiler #8. 0624 Cut #8 boiler in on main steam line. Cut #7 boiler from line and secured fires. 0658 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0700 Light ship.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 11° 10.2' N; longitude 79° 18.8' W. 0904 Changed speed to 14.5 knots (86 rpm). Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 199° (T), 200° (pgc). 0907 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0938 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery conducting exercise 1 and 2 G-3 of Lantflt 14. 0953 Ceased present exercise. Expended 33 rounds of 5"/38 caliber target ammunition.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 10° 12' N; longitude 79° 42' W. 1400 Changed speed to 12 knots (73 rpm). 1434 sighted swept channel buoy to Cristobal Harbor bearing 226° (pgc), distance about 9 miles. 1438 Changed speed to 15 knots (89 rpm). 1440 Changed course to 222° (T), 223° (pgc). 1457 Changed course to 223° (T), 224° (pgc). 1507 Changed course to 180° (T), 181° (pgc), entering swept channel to Cristobal, Canal Zone. Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 1552 Passed through break-water to port and starboard. 1553 Passed through anti-submarine net gate. 1554 Pilot, F. Munberg, came on board and took the conn.

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1600 to 1650

Steaming as before. 1615 Motor launch came alongside and Lieut. Fitch, U.S.N.R., and Lieut. Wayne, U.S.N.R., boarding officers from 15th Naval District, came on board. 1626 Tugs Faucinella and Assagin moored to port bow and port quarter respectively to assist in mooring ship. 1650 Moored starboard side to Pier #8, Cristobal, Canal Zone, with the following lines: 1-10" Manila bow line; 1-10" manila forward bow spring; 1-1 5/8" wire bow line; 1-10" manila bow brest; 1-8" manila bow after spring; 1-8" manila midship forward spring; 1-8" manila midships after spring; 1-1 5/8" wire after spring; 1-10" quarter brest; 1-10" manila forward quarter spring; 1-10" manila after quarter spring; and 1-1 5/8" wire stem line. Receiving fresh water from the dock. Various units of Atlantic Fleet present plus H.M.S. VICTORIOUS. Boiler #6 in use for

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auxiliary purposes. Commanding Officer S.O.P.A.

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1650 to 2400.

Moored as before. Provisioning and fueling ship. The damage sustained by this ship as a result of the storm encountered is reported in full in the Commanding Officer's Confidential letter to CinCPac, BB59/L11, Serial 049, of February 20, 1943.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday
(Day)12
(Date)February, 1943
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION 4 5

REMARKS

0600 to 0606

Moored starboard side to pier #8, Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, with nine manila lines and 2 wires, taking fresh water and fuel oil from the dock. Ships present various units of Atlantic Fleet plus HMS VICTORIOUS. Commanding Officer SOPA. Boiler #6 in use for auxiliary purposes.

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0606 to 0800

0606 Underway from Pier #8, Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone enroute to De Gaussing Range in Gatun Lake, Canal Zone, Pilot G.A. Smith and F.A. Dear at the conn. Ship's draft forward 37' 0" and aft 36' 11". Steaming under boilers #2, 4, 6, and 8 at standard speed 15 knots (89 rpm), making various courses and speeds to approach Gatun Locks. 0747 Bow entered first lock.

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0800 to 1038

Underway as before. 0802 Closed gate and commenced flooding lock. 0824 Lock flooded. Opened gate to second lock. 0827 Bow entered second lock. 0843 Closed gate to second lock and commenced flooding. 0900 Flooding completed. Opened gate to third lock. 0904 Bow entered third lock. 0918 Closed gate to third lock and commenced flooding. 0937 Flooding completed. Opened gate to Gatun Lake. 0954 Tug La Boca came alongside port bow to assist in clearing locks. 0958 Underway for DeGaussing mooring in Gatun Lake making various courses and speeds to approach mooring buoy. 1008 Stern clear of locks. 1038 Moored bow and stern to mooring buoys on DeGaussing Range, Gatun Lake, Canal Zone, using 1 5/8" wire to bow buoy and 10" manila to stern buoy.

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1038 to 2400

Moored as before. DeGaussing Range officers on board rigging cables and taking data for calibration of DeGaussing Equipment. Ship conducting field day and routine upkeep and repairs.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS Saturday 13 February, 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 45 REMARKS

0000 to 0723

Moored bow and stern to DeGaussing Range buoys, Gatun Lake, Panama Canal Zone, with 1 5/8" wire to bow buoy and 10" manila to stern buoy. DeGaussing Range Officers on board taking data for calibration of DeGaussing Equipment. 0057 Completed calibration.

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0723 to 0800

Underway from DeGaussing Range, Gatun Lake, Canal Zone enroute Balboa, Canal Zone, at standard speed 15 knots (89 rpm), making various courses and speeds to conform with the canal. Boilers # 2, 4, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. Ship's draft forward 37' 10" and aft 37' 3". Pilot G. Kollin at conn with Pilots Allen and G.A. Smith on board.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0800 to 1553

Underway as before. 1103 Commenced approach for Pedro Miguel Locks. 1123 Bow entered Pedro Miguel Locks. 1132 Closed gate and commenced pumping lock. 1152 Ceased pumping lock. Opened gate to Mira Flores Lake. 1210 While clearing lock, starboard propeller caught on lock safety chain. Ship made sternway when engines were stopped. 1215 Safety chain clear of propellers, all engines ahead 1/3 standard speed, making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. Engine room reports no damage. 1232 Clear of Pedro Miguel locks. 1310 Making approach to Mira Flores locks. 1324 Bow entered lock #1. 1337 Closed gate to lock #1 and commenced pumping lock. 1351 Ceased pumping, opened gate to lock #2. 1356 Bow entered lock #2. 1412 Closed gate and commenced pumping lock. 1424 Completed pumping lock, opened gate to channel to Balboa, Canal Zone. 1449 Clear of locks. Underway at various speeds and courses conforming to channel approaching Balboa, Canal Zone. 1553 Moored port side to Pier #18, Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, six manila lines and four 1 5/8" wires. Receiving fresh water from dock. Various units of U.S. Fleet present. Commanding Officer SOPA.

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1553 to 2400 Sunday, February 14, 1943.

Moored as before. Conducting routine upkeep and repair. Canal Zone repair force making necessary emergency repairs.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Monday
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15
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February, 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 45

REMARKS

0000 to 1006

Moored port side to Pier 18, Balboa, Canal Zone, with six manila lines and four 1 5/8" wires. Conducting emergency repairs, upkeep, and provisioning ship. Ships present various units U.S. Fleet. Commanding Officer SCPA.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

1006 to 1200

Underway from Pier 18, Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, in accordance with CinCPac Operation Order 3-43, in company with Task Group 2.5 consisting of USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS PHILIPS, USS EATON, and USS RENSHAW. Captain, Executive and Navigating Officers on bridge, Pilot A. Luther at conn. Ship's draft forward 37' 0", aft 36' 8". Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Standard speed 15 knots (89 rpm). Making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 1130 Cleared entrance channel and mine field. Pilot A. Luther left the ship. 1132 set standard speed 15 knots (89 rpm), steaming at standard speed. 1135 Set course 180° (T) and pgc. 1140 Changed course to 175° to clear merchant ship in swept channel. 1146 Changed course to 180° (T). Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. 1155 Motor torpedo boats commenced making simulated torpedo attack. Went to torpedo defense quarters. Destroyers in company formed anti-submarine screen.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 08° 45.4' N; Longitude 79° 30' W. 1228 Changed standard speed to 20 knots (119 rpm). 1230 Simulated torpedo, dive bombing, horizontal bombing and strafing attacks by U.S. Army planes. 1300 Secured from air and torpedo attacks. 1400 Commenced zig-zagging using plan # 17. 1444 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery at towed sleeve target. 1453 Ceased firing 5"/38 caliber battery and secured from all drills. Sleeve shot down and towing plane reported unable to stream new sleeve. Expended 25 rounds 5"/38 caliber target ammunition. 1554 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. Changed course to 250° (T). 1557 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1819 Took departure with Frailes del Sur Light bearing 036.7° (T) and Morro Puercos Light bearing 311.5° (T) on course 250° (T). 1830 Passed Morro Puercos Light abeam to starboard, distance 9.2 miles. 1832 Darkened ship. 1833 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 250° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 06° 56' N; Longitude 80° 50' W.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday 16 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 45

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operation Order number 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen on course 250° (T), steaming at standard speed 20 knots (119 r.p.m.). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke and has Radar Guard. Ship darkened.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0637 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.
0653 Light ship.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 05° 34.8' N; Longitude 84° 44.7' W. 0810 Ceased zig-zagging. 0817 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conduct radar and rangefinder calibration exercise from 30,000 to 5,000 yards range. 1105 Completed exercise. Set course 250° (T) and pgc. 1115 Destroyers resumed station in anti-submarine screen. 1127 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 05° 15.2 N; Longitude 85° 57.1 W. 1258 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 250° (T). 1300 Catapulted Plane #0143 from starboard catapult with Lt. Ainsworth, U.S.N., as pilot and Lt. Doerflinger, U.S.N., as passenger for tracking drill and dropping parachute flares as A.A. targets. 1303 Catapulted plane #5342 from port catapult with Ensign Cotton, U.S.N.R., as pilot and C. H. La Forcade, AMM 3/c, as passenger. 1306 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1330 Sighted Cocos Island bearing 305.2° (T), distance about 45 miles. 1334 Commenced firing anti-aircraft machine gun batteries at parachute flare targets. 1351 Ceased firing on all anti-aircraft machine gun batteries. 1619 rounds of 20 MM target ammunition and 208 rounds of 40 MM target ammunition expended. 1427 Commenced making various courses and speeds to recover aircraft, cast method. 1450 Planes # 0143 and 5342 secured on catapults. 1454 Set course 250° (T), all engines ahead standard speed 20 knots (119 r.p.m.). Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1900 Set ship's clocks back one hour to conform with zone (4) 6 time. 1806 Darkened ship. 1830 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 250° (T). 1849 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery using starshell spreads, maintaining illumination and teas of starshells. 1918 Ceased firing 5"/38 caliber battery. Expended 16 charges of SPDN 2068 and 17 charges of SPDN 3024 indices and 33 illuminating projectiles. U.S.S. PHILIPS assumed radar guard on "SA" radar. Secured SC radar. U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS has "SG" radar guard.

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Tuesday 16 February, 1943.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4-6

REMARKS

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude $04^{\circ} 15' N$; Longitude $88^{\circ} 45.2' W$.

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Wednesday 17 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 46

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operation Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 250° (T), steaming at standard speed 20 knots (119 rpm). Boilers #1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke, with "SG" radar guard. U.S.S. PHILIPS has "SA" radar guard. Ship darkened.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0610 Relieved U.S.S. PHILIPS of radar guard, using "SC" radar. 0612 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #17. 0620 Light ship. U.S.S. EATON relieved U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS of SG radar guard.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 02° 56' N; longitude 92° 36.4' W. 1008 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery conducting exercise 1 and 2 George 3 of Lantflt 14. 1028 Ceased firing. Expended 23 rounds of 5"/38 caliber target ammunition, 899 rounds of 20-MM target ammunition, and 240 rounds of 40 MM target ammunition.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 02° 27.4' N; longitude 93° 52.2' W. 1250 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. 1258 Changed course to 350° (T). 1300 Catapulted plane #5342, Lt. C. R. Doerflinger, U.S.N., pilot, D. L. Moudy, ARM 1/c as passenger, from starboard catapult. 1301 Catapulted plane #01431, Lt. Ainsworth, U.S.N., pilot, S. Hardison, ARM 2/c, as passenger, from port catapult. 1305 Changed course to 250° (T). 1307 Catapulted plane #5805, Ensign Cotton, U.S.N.R., as pilot, G. H. La Forcade, AMM 3/c as passenger, from starboard catapult. All planes conducting search of sector combined with radar tracking drill for the ship. Ship towed bombing target for miniature bombing practice by aircraft. 1308 Changed course to 253° (T). 1320 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1400 Streamed towing spar for bombing target. 1415 Commenced bombing practice. 1445 Ceased bombing practice. 1455 Retrieved towing spar. 1457 Commenced making various courses and speeds to retrieve aircraft, Cast Method. 1528 All planes on board. 1530 Set course 253° (T), standard speed 20 knots (119 rpm), steaming at standard speed. 1532 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1608 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. Commenced making various courses and speeds to determine rudder and speeds to be used for making "Cast Method" aircraft recoveries. 1626 Set course 253° (T). 1635 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1739 Darkened ship. Secured "SC" radar guard, being relieved by U.S.S. PHILIP "SA" radar guard. 1900 Ceased

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zig-zagging, resumed base course 253° (T). Davey Jones and messenger boarded the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, emissaries of His Majesty King Neptune, to present His Majesty's compliments to the Captain, Officers, and Crew. They were very much displeased to find so many polywogs on board. They informed the Captain that King Neptune and his Royal Party would board the ship at 00° 00' 00" latitude.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 01° 46.4' N; longitude 96° 12' W. 2018 Commenced firing starshells for training of fire control parties of secondary batteries. 2045 Ceased firing starshells. Expended 37 rounds star-shell ammunition, Mark 30 Mod. 5.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday 18 February, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 4 6

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operation Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen on course 253° (T), steaming at standard speed 20 knots (119 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" radar guard. U.S.S. PHILIP has "SA" radar guard. Ship darkened.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0615 Relieved U.S.S. PHILIP of "SA" radar guard with "SG" radar. U.S.S. RENSHAW assumed "SG" radar guard. 0640 Light ship. Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 00° 31' N; longitude 100° 11' W. Changed course to 251° (T).

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 00° 07' N; longitude 100° 37.4' W. 1242 Changed course to 000° (T). Changed standard speed to 12 knots (72 rpm). 1246 Catapulted plane #01431, Lt. Ainsworth, U.S.N. pilot, M. L. Hagen, AMM 3/c passenger from starboard catapult. 1249 Changed course to 040° (T). 1253 Catapulted plane #5342, Lt. Doerflinger, U.S.N. pilot, E. F. Gower, ACMM passenger from port catapult. 1254 Changed course to 045°. Changed standard speed to 8 knots (48 rpm). 1258 Catapulted plane #5805, Ensign Cotton, U.S.N.R. pilot, M. H. La Forcade AMM 3/c passenger from starboard catapult. All aircraft on anti-submarine patrol while fueling escort destroyers. 1306 U.S.S. PHILIP received tow line alongside starboard side. 1315 U.S.S. PHILIP received spring line. 1325 Commenced pumping fuel oil to U.S.S. PHILIP. 1326 U.S.S. RENSHAW came alongside port side and received 10" tow line. 1335 U.S.S. RENSHAW received spring line. 1348 Commenced pumping fuel oil to U.S.S. RENSHAW. 1451 Completed pumping fuel oil to U.S.S. PHILIP having delivered 55,713 gallons. 1457 All lines and fuel hoses clear of U.S.S. PHILIP and she cleared starboard side. 1524 Completed pumping fuel oil to U.S.S. RENSHAW having delivered 63,059 gallons. U.S.S. EATON came alongside starboard side and received 10" tow line. 1532 U.S.S. RENSHAW cleared port side. 1536 Commenced pumping fuel oil to U.S.S. EATON.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Relieved U.S.S. RENSHAW of "SG" radar guard. 1638 U.S.S. PHILIP reported suspicious sound contact bearing 040° (T). 1655 Sound contact reported by U.S.S. PHILIP reported as false contact. 1711 Completed pumping fuel oil to U.S.S. EATON having delivered 58,731 gallons. 1721 U.S.S. EATON cleared starboard side. Commenced making various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1750 All planes recovered. 1753 Set course 250° (T) and standard

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REMARKS

speed 21 knots (125 rpm). 1900 Set clocks back one hour to conform with zone (7) time. 1805 His Majesty King Neptune and Royal Party came on board and was received by the Commanding Officer. Due to present operations all ceremonies were dispensed with. 1806 Darkened ship. U.S.S. PHILIP relieved U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS of "SC" radar guard.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 00° 11' N; longitude 102° 24.7' W. 2134 Crossed equator at 102° 55' W longitude.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 4.7

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CingPac Operation Order 3-43, destroyers formed in antisubmarine screen on course 250° (T), steaming at standard speed 21 knots (125 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened. 0030 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber secondary battery to train fire control parties in control of starshells. 0053 Ceased firing. Expended 20 rounds 5"/38 caliber starshells and charges. 0325 Lighted fires under #8 boiler.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0458 Cut #8 boiler in on main line. 0515 Secured fires under #7 boiler. 0545 Relieved U.S.S. PHILIP of "SG" radar guard. 0606 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0612 Light ship. 0700 Changed standard speed to 20 knots (119 rpm).

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 01° 10' S; longitude 106° 38' W. 0800 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 250° (T). 0804 Changed course to 247° (T). Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0955 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 247° (T). Changed speed to 19 knots (112 rpm). Commenced Radar Training Exercise Roger One from Lantflit 14, U.S.S. RENSHAW target vessel. 1000 Changed course to 262° (T). 1010 Changed course to 232° (T). 1022 Changed course to 262° (T). 1035 Changed course to 232° (T). 1040 Changed course to 262° (T). 1045 Changed course to 232° (T). 1100 Changed course to 262° (T). 1100 Changed course to 232° (T). 1130 Completed radar training exercise. Changed course to 247° (T). 1145 Changed standard speed to 20 knots (119 rpm). Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude 01° 42.7'S; longitude 107° 45.5' W. 1259 Catapulted plane #5805 Ensign J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, W. W. GLOVER, AMM 1c as passenger from port catapult. 1300 Catapulted plane #01431 Lt. Ainsworth, U.S.N., pilot, S. G. HARDISON, ARM 1c as passenger from starboard catapult. 1305 Catapulted plane #5342, Lt. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, G. L. MOUDY, ARM 1c as passenger. Planes conducting navigation exercise with ship tracking by radar and optics. Planes conducting dive bombing attack on towing spar with water filled 100 pound bombs. 1430 Went to drill air attack. Planes dive bombing towing spar. 1450 Secured from drill air attack. 1501 Commenced making various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1525 All aircraft on board. Set course 249° (T) 248° (pgc) at standard speed 20 knots (119 rpm). 1536 Commenced zig-zagging using plan # 17.

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Friday 19 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 47

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 1839 Darkened ship. U.S.S. PHILIP relieved "SC" radar guard with "SA" radar. 1913 U.S.S. PHILIP relieved of radar guard with "SC" radar. 1800 Changed speed to 22 knots (132 rpm).

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 02° 36.3' S; longitude 109° 58' W.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

15 Saturday 20 FEBRUARY 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION #7

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operation Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 249° (T), 248° (pgc), steaming at standard speed 22 knots (132 rpm). Boilers #1, 3, 5, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer, Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" and "SC" radar guard. Ship darkened.

Carlson
D. CARLSON,
Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0400 to 0800

Underway as before. 0634 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0642 Light ship.

Carlson
D. CARLSON,
Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 04° 22' S; longitude 114° 23' W. 0900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. Changed course to 251° (T), 250° (pgc). Changed standard speed to 19 knots (119 rpm). 0904 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0930 Went to general quarters to fire special main battery practice to determine arbitrary ballistic for service charges. 0945 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. R. DORFELINGER, U.S.N., pilot, C. L. STONE, AOM 3c as passenger from starboard catapult. 0950 Changed course to 161° (T), 160° (pgc). 0953 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, E. G. HARDISON, ARM 2c as passenger from port catapult. 0954 Catapulted plane #5805 Ensign J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, K. L. BOWMAN, ARM 3c as passenger, from starboard catapult. Changed course to 251° (T), 250° (pgc). 1008 Commenced firing main battery at ranges 5,000, 10,000, 15,000, 20,000, 25,000, and 30,000 yards. 1102 Commenced firing all anti-aircraft batteries to port, using 5" burst as point of aim. Ceased firing on all anti-aircraft batteries. Expended 5 rounds of 5"/38 caliber service charges and projectiles, and 470 rounds of 40 MM target ammunition.

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 04° 55.5' S; longitude 115° 37.5' W. 1208 Completed calibration practice. Expended 32 16" projectiles, 45 caliber target, Mark 9; 32 charges 16" powder SPD 3242; 1 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectile and 3 5"/38 caliber A.A. common target projectiles; 4 5"/38 caliber charges and 470 rounds of 40 MM target ammunition. Secured from General Quarters and Material Condition Zebra, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. 1300 Commenced making various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1324 Aircraft on board. Set course 253° (T), 252° (pgc) and set standard speed 19 knots (112 rpm). 1400 Changed standard speed to 15 knots (90 rpm). Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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Saturday 22 20th February 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 7.35

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 1652 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 253° (T). Gyro error by azimuth of sun 0°. 1659 U.S.S. PHILIP came alongside to receive resistor for "SA" radar. 1705 U.S.S. PHILIP cleared side and resumed station in anti-submarine screen. 1707 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1800 Changed standard speed to 16 knots (95 rpm). 1900 set ship's clocks back one hour to conform with zone plus eight time. 1811 Secured "SC" radar watch. 1830 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 253° (T). Darkened ship.

Carlson
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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

2000 to 2400

Underway as before. 2000 position: latitude 05° 37.7' S; longitude 117° 44.5' W.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday 21 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 48

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operation Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 253° (T) at standard speed 16 knots (95 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 8 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

Carlson
D. CARLSON,

Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0558 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0608 Light ship. 0659 Sighted U.S.S. SEPULGA bearing 030° (T). 0708 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 280° (T) to rendezvous with U.S.S. SEPULGA. 0741 Changed course to 270° (T), base course for fueling. 0754 Changed speed to 7 knots (43 rpm), fueling speed.

Carlson
D. CARLSON,

Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 06° 27.3' S; longitude 120° 58.2' W. U.S.S. RENSHAW assumed "SG" radar guard. Secured "SG" radar. 0818 U.S.S. SEPULGA received first line. 0907 Commenced receiving fuel from U.S.S. SEPULGA.

Carlson
D. CARLSON,

Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 06° 42' S; longitude 121° 23.8' W. 1258 Completed taking fuel from U.S.S. SEPULGA, having received 590,268 gallons. 1319 U.S.S. SEPULGA cast off from starboard side. 1321 Changed course to 248° (T). 1322 Changed course to 245° (T). 1323 Changed course to 240° (T). 1330 Changed course to 105° (T). 1332 Changed standard speed to 15 knots (89 rpm). 1336 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. G. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, I. D. FALLETA, Sea lc, passenger, from starboard catapult. 1337 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. R. DOERFFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, H. NAPARSTER, Sea lc, passenger, from port catapult. 1345 Catapulted plane #5805, Ensign J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, W. E. HEALION, Sea lc, passenger, from starboard catapult. 1345 Commenced compensation of standard magnetic compass, steaming on various courses for this purpose.

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D. CARLSON,

Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Assumed "SG" radar guard. 1644 Changed standard speed to 20 knots (120 rpm). 1650 Secured from compass compensation steering course 205° (T). 1651 Changed standard speed to 20.5 knots (123 rpm). 1655 Making various courses and speeds to recover aircraft. 1743 All aircraft on board. 1744 Changed course to 225° (T), speed 20.5 knots (123 rpm). 1749 Commenced making various courses to resume calibration of standard compass. 1759 Secured from calibration of compass and came to course 254° (T). 1807 Escorting destroyers returned to station to form inner anti-submarine screen.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 48

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1826 U.S.S. RENSHAW left station to receive radar equipment to U.S.S. EATON.
1832 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II, Turret 3 manned. 1838 Secured "SC" radar watch, U.S.S. PHILIP assumed "SA" radar guard. 1908 U.S.S. RENSHAW resumed station.

D. Carlson
D. CARLSON,

Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 07° 08' S; longitude 122° 36' W. 2138 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS Monday 22 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION # 8

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operational Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 254° (T), 254° (pgc), zig-zagging using plan #17, steaming at standard speed 20.5 knots (126 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5 and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0505 Radar contact made with object bearing 244° (T), distant 30,000 yards. 0525 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 254° (T). 0526 Changed course to 284° (T). 0537 Trained Turret 3 on radar target bearing 243° (T), distant 18,000 yards. Second contact made by radar close by first target. 0540 Radar contact identified as rain cloud. 0545 Changed course to 254° (T). 0552 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0619 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 0629 Lighted ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 08° 22.2' S; longitude 126° 40' W. 0800 Changed course to 255° (T), changed standard speed to 19 knots (113 rpm). 0800 Ceased zig-zagging in accordance with plan #17, commenced zig-zagging using plan #8, making 121 rpm. 0930 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 255° (T), making 19 knots (113 rpm). 0930 Commenced check of main and secondary battery directors. 1149 Changed course to 225° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 08° 40.2' S; longitude 127° 53.5' W. 1214 Changed course to 255° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1602 Assumed "SG" radar guard. 1612 Changed course to 285° (T). 1725 Changed course to 256° (T). 1806 Completed main battery director check. 1810 Changed course to 255° (T). 1854 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1900 Set clocks back one hour to conform with zone # 9 time. 1803 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1813 Secured "SC" radar watch. 1830 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 255° (T). 1840 U.S.S. PHILIP resumed station in screen. 1933 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber starshell practice. 1941 Completed firing starshell practice, having expended 11 5"/38 caliber illuminating projectiles, 8 5"/38 caliber charges SPD 2868, 3 5"/38 caliber

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R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude $09^{\circ} 21' S$; longitude $130^{\circ} 39' W$. 2000 Changed course to $257^{\circ} (T)$, changed speed to 21 knots (126 rpm). 2011 Made radar contact with object bearing $257^{\circ} (T)$, distant 3,000 yards. 2027 Changed course to $254^{\circ} (T)$. 2030 Object picked up by radar identified as wake of leading destroyer. 2110 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

R. F. Reybine
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday 23 February, 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 49

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operational Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 254° (T) and (pgw), zig-zagging in accordance with plan #17, steaming at standard speed 21 knots (129 rpm), boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0545 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar. 0559 Lighted ship. 0607 Assumed "SC" radar guard.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 10° 30.2' S; longitude 134° 45' W. 0800 U.S.S. EATON assumed "SG" radar guard. 0800 Changed base course to 256° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan #17. Changed speed to 20 knots (123 rpm). 0930 Commenced radar exercise R1, U.S.S. EATON leaving station to act as radar target. 1040 Changed course to 226° (T). 1100 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #8. 1128 Changed course to 256° (T). Radar exercise completed, U.S.S. EATON resuming station in screen. 1140 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 11° 00.3' S; longitude 136° 02.7' W. 1250 Changed course to 105° (T). 1300 Catapulted plane #5342 Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, D. L. MOUDY, ARM lc, passenger, from starboard catapult. Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, C. BRAUR, Sea lc, passenger, from port catapult. 1307 Catapulted plane #5805, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, E. G. DOANE, Sea lc, passenger, from starboard catapult. Commenced radar exercise R2. 1307 Changed course to 259° (T). 1312 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1411 Commenced drill air attack exercise with planes simulating attack and dropping parachute flares for exercises 1 and 2-G4. 1424 Set Material Readiness Zebra. 1427 Opened fire with A.A. batteries. Maneuvered ship on various courses in attempt to avoid simulated attack by air and surface craft. 1433 Set Condition I, all hands to battle stations. 1455 Ceased firing. Expended 60 projectiles, target Mark 31-6, 5"/38 caliber A.A.; 60 charges, 5"/38 caliber 25-SPD2543, 17-SPD2662, 18-SPD2727; and 278 rounds of 40 MM and 995 rounds of 20 MM ammunition. 1457 Secured from Condition of Readiness I, set Condition II Sugar; secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Condition Yoke. Resumed zig-zagging using plan #17, base course 259° (T). 1510 Changed standard speed to 12 knots (72 rpm). 1518 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). Prepared to hoist aboard 3 aircraft, dog method. 1535 All planes aboard. Resumed zig-zagging on base course 259° (T), changed speed to 20 knots (123 rpm).

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 49

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 This ship assumed "SG" radar guard. 1614 "SC" radar temporarily out of commission. 1748 "SC" radar back in commission. 1818 Radar contact with land, Fatuhiva, bearing 324° (T), distant 67 miles. 1837 Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. Darkened ship. 1900 Ceased zig-zagging. 1914 Secured "SC" radar guard. U.S.S. PHILIP assumed "SA" radar guard.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 11° 31'S; longitude 138° 36.5' W. 2030 Changed course to 258° (T). 2243 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday 24 February 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 49

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operation Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 258° (T) and (pgc), zig-zagging in accordance with plan #17, steaming at standard speed 20 knots (123 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke, with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0627 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 0628 Lighted ship. 0630 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar. 0719 "SC" radar went out of commission.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 12° 23' S; longitude 142° 35.8' W. 0800 U.S.S. RENSHAW assumed "SC" radar guard. 0900 "SC" radar back in commission. 0930 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, F. KOWZLOWSKI, Sea lc, passenger, from starboard catapult, in order to carry out modified training exercise George One, plane dropping float lights for surface targets for each ship. 0956 Changed course to 325° (T). 0950 Changed course to 258° (T). Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1009 Opened fire on surface target with 5"/38 caliber battery. 1011 Ceased firing. Expended 10 rounds 5"/38 caliber common A.A. Mark 31-10 projectiles, 8 charges 5"/38 caliber SPD 3024 and 2 charges 5"/38 caliber SPD 2868. 1029 Changed course to 240° (T), changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). 1031 Changed course to 258° (T). 1039 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1041 Recovered plane #5342. 1040 U.S.S. PHILIP made guide of formation.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 12° 40' S; longitude 143° 53' W. 1235 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 258° (T). 1242 Changed course to 018° (T). 1245 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, E. W. SLAUGHTER, sea lc, passenger, from starboard catapult. 1246 Catapulted plane #5805, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, J. J. RAYMOND, Sea lc, passenger, from port catapult. 1246 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). 1249 Changed course to 258° (T). 1306 U.S.S. PHILIP came alongside to port for fueling. 1315 Commenced pumping fuel. 1453 Completed refueling of U.S.S. PHILIP, having delivered 81,578 gallons. 1458 U.S.S. PHILIP cast off and took station on this ship's port bow. 1505 U.S.S. RENSHAW came alongside to port for refueling. 1514 Commenced pumping fuel oil. 1559 Assumed "SC" radar guard.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before with U.S.S. RENSHAW alongside to port taking fuel.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION #9 and #10

REMARKS

1600 to 2000 (Continued)

1623 Completed refueling of U.S.S. RENSHAW, having delivered 67,789 gallons of fuel. 1627 U.S.S. RENSHAW cast off and resumed station. 1641 U.S.S. EATON came alongside to port for refueling. 1655 Commenced pumping fuel. 1659 Prepared to hoist aboard two aircraft. 1700 Delivered radar parts to U.S.S. EATON. 1731 All aircraft hoisted aboard. 1802 Completed refueling of U.S.S. EATON, having delivered 64,736 gallons of fuel. 1803 U.S.S. EATON cast off and resumed station. 1807 Changed speed to 20 knots (120 rpm). 1809 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1818 U.S.S. PHILIP designated formation guide. 1859 This ship designated as formation guide. 1900 Set clocks back one hour, zone #10 time. 1806 Secured "SC" radar guard. U.S.S. PHILIP assumed "SA" radar guard. 1806 Darkened ship. 1819 Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1830 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 258° (T).

R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 13° 08.3' S; longitude 146° 00.3' W. 2000 Changed course to 260° (T). 2234 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday 25 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 10

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operational Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 260° (T AND pgc), zig-zagging in accordance with plan #17, steaming at standard speed 20 knots (123 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0600

Steaming as before. 0453 Radar contact made with object bearing 165° (T), distant 7,700 yards. Presumed to be a rain cloud. 0500 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 0550 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar. Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 260° (T). 0558 Lighted ship. 0700 Changed standard speed to 19 knots, commenced zig-zagging using plan #8, making 121 rpm. 0723 Lighted fires under boiler #2. 0732 Lighted fires under boiler #8. Boilers # 2 and 8 to be standby for additional power if needed.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 13° 51.5' S; longitude 150° 11' W. 0925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 260° (T). 0927 Changed course to 350° (T). 0930 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. G. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, DACEY, Sea lc, passenger, from starboard catapult. 0931 Catapulted plane #5805, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, SHAWCROSS, Sea lc, passenger, from port catapult. 0932 Changed course to 260° (T). 0935 Catapulted plane #01431, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, ARM-2c passenger, from starboard catapult. 0936 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #8. 1028 Commenced firing 20 MM machine guns at sleeve target towed by plane. 1037 Shot down sleeve on port side. 1053 Shot down sleeve on starboard side. Ceased firing. Expended 1810 rounds 20 MM ammunition. 1100 Director check made and compass compensation carried out by planes during morning. 1114 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 260° (T). Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). 1115 Changed course to 250° (T). 1116 Stopped all engines, prepared to hoist aboard three aircraft Baker method. 1141 All planes hoisted aboard. 1142 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm), changed course to 260° (T). 1147 Changed speed to 19 knots (113 rpm).

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 13° 58' S; longitude 151° 17' W. 1200 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #8. 1330 All hands to General Quarters for drill. Commenced radar exercise Roger One, U.S.S. PHILIP acting as target. 1339 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 230° (T). 1349 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1405 Secured from General Quarters. 1419 Changed course to 290° (T). 1435 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #8. 1445 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 260° (T). 1452 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1518 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 260° (T). 1521 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #6.

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Thursday 25 February 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION 10

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 This ship assumed "SG" radar guard. 1734 Strange objects sighted by U.S.S. PHILIP. 1735 Changed course to 350° (T), changed speed to 24 knots (150 rpm). 1738 Changed speed to 19 knots (120 rpm). 1740 Changed course to 260° (T), zig-zagging using plan #6. Strange objects sighted by U.S.S. PHILIP identified as floating raft and sticks. 1839 Darkened ship. 1840 Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1900 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 260° (T). Changed standard speed to 20 knots (120 rpm).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 14° 23.5' S; longitude 153° 36.4' W. 2331 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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Friday 26 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION # 10

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operational Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 260° (T and pge), zig-zagging in accordance with plan #17. Steaming at standard speed 20 knots (123 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 in use for steaming purposes, boilers # 2 and 8 standby for emergency use. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke, with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0530 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 0620 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar. Lighted ship. 0700 Ceased using zig-zag plan #17, commenced using zig-zag plan #8.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 15° 06.3' S; longitude 157° 47' W. 0800 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 260° (T). 0805 Changed course to 238° (T). 0816 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0915 All hands to General Quarters for drill. Material Condition of Readiness Zebra set. 0925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 238° (T). 0930 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, D. L. MOUDY, ARM 1c, passenger, from port catapult. 0930 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, S. G. HARDISON, ARM 3c passenger, from starboard catapult. 0935 Catapulted plane #5805, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R. pilot, J. J. BARNEY, Sea 1c passenger, from port catapult. Resumed zig-zagging, using plan #17. 0945 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 238° (T). Commenced special exercise to determine arbitrary correction to hit for main battery, U.S.S. RENSHAW acting as target, 16"/45 caliber battery firing 3 shot salvos, 2 salvos at each range of 5,000, 10,000, 15,000, 20,000, and 25,000 yards. Fired to port using service charges and projectiles. 0948 Opened fire to port. 1028 Changed course to 268° (T). 1033 Changed course to 238° (T). 1050 Changed course to 268° (T). 1055 Changed course to 238° (T). 1134 Changed course to 268° (T). 1139 Changed course to 238° (T). 1200 Completed exercise. Ammunition expended: 30 projectiles, 16"/45 caliber A.P. service Mark 1, 2, and 3; 30 charges: 16"/45 caliber service, 5 SPD 2750, 3 SPD 2755, 12 SPD 2760, 6½ SPD 3082, 3½ SPD 3241.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: Latitude 15° 49.7' S; longitude 158° 59.8' W. 1202 Changed course to 208° (T). 1205 Secured from General Quarters and Material Readiness Zebra, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. 1221 Changed course to 238° (T), changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). Prepared to hoist in three aircraft. 1242 All aircraft hoisted aboard. 1243 Changed speed to 20 knots (123 rpm). 1247 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #6. 1555 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 238° (T).

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REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. Assumed "SG" radar guard. 1625 Lighted fires under boiler #8. 1720 Out in boiler #8 on main steam line. 1722 Secured fires under boiler #7, lighted fires under boiler #6. 1900 Set clocks back one hour to zone / 11 time. 1812 Darkened ship. Secured "SG" radar guard. 1834 Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1845 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 238° (T). 1930 Changed course to 216° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 17° 23' S; longitude 161° 33.5' W. 2344 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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Saturday 27 February 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION 11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operational Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 216° (T and pge), zig-zagging in accordance with plan #17, steaming at standard speed 20 knots (123 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers 2 and 6 standby for emergency use. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke, with "SC" radar guard. Ship darkened.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0450 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 0537 Air Defense reported sighting object bearing 261° (T). 0549 Ship sighted, hull down, bearing 266° (T). Appeared to be tanker. 0551 Lighted ship. 0602 U.S.S. RENSHAW left station to investigate tanker. 0603 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 216° (T). 0604 Changed course to 246° (T). 0608 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0632 Tanker appeared to be on course 188° (T), speed 8 knots. 0635 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set condition of Readiness II Sugar. 0700 Tanker identified as Norwegian ship SCOTIA, under charter to British. 0704 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 246° (T). 0705 Changed course to 216° (T). 0707 U.S.S. RENSHAW resumed station. 0708 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 20° 29.5' S; longitude 164° 14' W. 0800 U.S.S. RENSHAW assumed radar guard ("SG" radar). 0928 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 216° (T). 0930 Commenced radar calibration, U.S.S. PHILIP acting as target 5,000 yards off port beam. 0930 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, D. L. MOUDY, ARM 1c, passenger, from starboard catapult. 0930 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, S. G. HARDISON, ARM 3c, passenger, from port catapult. 0935 Catapulted plane #5805, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, SLAUGHTER, Sea 1c, passenger, from port catapult. 1036 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #17. 1105 Commenced firing 20 MM machine gun practice at sleeve towed by plane. 1125 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 216° (T). 1127 Completed firing 20 MM machine gun practice. Ammunition expended: 5044 rounds 20 MM. 1129 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). Prepared to hoist aboard three aircraft, Dog method. 1152 All planes hoisted aboard. Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 21° 39.1' S; longitude 164° 59' W. 1325 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 216° (T). 1331 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, J. J. RAYMOND, Sea 1c, passenger, from starboard catapult. 1331 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, J. J. BARNEY, Sea 1c, passenger, from port catapult. 1335 Catapulted plane #5805, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, E. KOZLOWSKI, Sea 1c, passenger, from starboard catapult. Commenced radar tracking exercise Roger Two, followed by air attack drill. 1337 All hands to General Quarters for drill. Set Condition of Readiness I and Material Readiness Zebra, secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. Held

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

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battle problem. 1340 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1416 Secured from General Quarters. Secured from Condition of Readiness I and Material Readiness Zebra, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar and Material Readiness Yoke. 1436 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery on float lights dropped by aircraft for targets. 1445 Aircraft commenced dive bombing practice. 1500 Changed standard speed to 19 knots (116 rpm). Prepared to recover three aircraft, Dog method. 1510 Completed firing of 5"/38 caliber battery. 1522 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). 1536 All aircraft hoisted aboard. 1536 Changed speed to 19 knots (116 rpm). Ammunition expended during exercise: 18 projectiles 5"/38 caliber (12 A.A. common Mark 31-10, 6 A.A. special Mark 35-3), 18 charges 5"/38 caliber (11 SPD 2868, 8 SPD 3024).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Assumed "SG" radar guard. 1835 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1915 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 216° (T).

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 23° 41.7' S; longitude 166° 38.2' W. 2305 Changed course to 265° (T).

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 11

REMARKS

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Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operational Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen on course 265° (T and pgc). Steaming at standard speed 19 knots (113 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers # 2 and 6 standby, and 4 and 7 on four hours notice. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened. 0057 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0520 "SC" radar reported temporarily out of commission. 0616 Lighted ship. 0637 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar. 0652 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 265° (T). 0700 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #6. 0704 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 265° (T). 0722 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #6.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 24° 41' S; longitude 170° 44' W. 1145 "SC" radar back in commission. This ship assumed "SC" radar guard.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 24° 50.3' S; longitude 171° 44' W. 1200 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 245° (T). Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). 1208 Changed speed to 15 knots (89 rpm). 1216 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, H. J. IRVIN, ACM (AA), passenger, from port catapult. 1221 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). Catapulted plane #5805, Lieut. C. G. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, M. L. HAGER, ANM 3c, passenger, from port catapult. 1235 U.S.S. PHILIP came alongside to starboard to refuel. 1246 Commenced pumping fuel to U.S.S. PHILIP. 1401 Completed refueling U.S.S. PHILIP, having delivered 80,590 gallons of fuel oil. 1410 U.S.S. PHILIP cast off. 1417 Shaft #2 stopped for repairs to leaky condenser. Revolutions on Shaft #1 increased to 72 rpm. 1420 U.S.S. RENSHAW came alongside to starboard to refuel. 1432 Commenced pumping fuel to U.S.S. RENSHAW. 1522 Prepared to hoist aboard two aircraft, Dog method. 1530 Completed refueling U.S.S. RENSHAW, having delivered 66,533 gallons of fuel oil. 1535 U.S.S. RENSHAW cast off. 1542 Changed course to 165° (T). 1554 All planes aboard. 1554 Changed course to 245° (T).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Assumed "SG" radar guard. 1612 U.S.S. EATON came alongside to starboard to refuel. 1620 Commenced pumping fuel to U.S.S. EATON. 1727 Completed refueling U.S.S. EATON, having delivered 54,934 gallons of fuel oil. 1731 U.S.S. EATON cast off. 1735 Changed course to 272° (T). 1751 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 1752 Changed speed to 19 knots (116 rpm).

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1900 Set clocks back one hour to zone ~~/ 12~~ time. 1800 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1830 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 272° (T). 1837 Cut Boiler #5 off main steam line, cut in boiler #6. 1907 Secured "SC" radar guard. U.S.S. PHILIP assumed "SA" radar guard.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 25° 12.2' S; longitude 173° 45.2' W.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS Monday 1 March 1943
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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac Operational Order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen on course 272° (T and pgo), steaming at standard speed 19 knots (113 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers # 2 and 5 standby and 4 and 7 on four hours notice. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke, with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened. 0138 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #17.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0412 Lighted off boiler #2. 0431 Lighted off boiler #7 for standby purposes. 0442 Assumed "SG" radar guard. 0515 Let fires die under boiler #2. 0523 Let fires die under boiler #7. 0538 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 272° (T). 0539 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #8. 0540 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar. 0542 Lighted ship.

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 25° 02.8' S; longitude 177° 55' W. 0800 U.S.S. EATON assumed "SG" radar guard. 0930 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 120° (T). Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, MOUDY, D. L., ARM 1c, passenger, from port catapult. 0933 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, HARDISON, S. G., ARM 2c, passenger, from starboard catapult. 0938 Catapulted plane #5805, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, LAFORCADE, G. H., ARM 3c, passenger from port catapult. 0943 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #8. 0945 Commenced radar tracking exercise Roger Two. 1009 Streamed towing spar as target for dive bombing practice. 1030 Planes commenced dive bombing practice. 1115 Dive bombing practice completed, towing spar hauled in. 1116 Commenced firing A.A. battery at some floats, exercise Roger One and Two, George Four. 1132 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 10 projectiles 5"/38 caliber -- 7 A.A. Common Mark 31-10 Service, 3 A.A. Common Mark 31-6 Target, 10 charges 5"/38 caliber -- 7 SPD 2868, 3 SPD 2662 target; 115 rounds 40 MM; 321 rounds 20 MM. 1133 Prepared to hoist aboard three aircraft, Cast method, steaming on various courses at various speeds. 1152 All aircraft hoisted aboard. 1153 Changed course to 272° (T), changed speed to 19 knots (113 rpm).

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 25° 04.8' S; longitude 179° 02.5' W. 1206 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #8. 1330 Drill air attack. Held battle problem. Set Condition of Material Readiness Zebra, secured from Material Readiness Yoke. 1420 Secured from drill air attack, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1442 Crossed 180th meridian. 1500 Prepared to launch one aircraft. 1530 Catapulted plane #5342, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HAGGER, A. L., ARM 3c, passenger, from port catapult.

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Monday
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Assumed "SG" radar guard. 1800 Prepared to hoist aboard one aircraft, Cast method. 1821 Plane hoisted aboard. 1836 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1900 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course, 272° (T). 1932 Secured "SC" radar guard, U.S.S. PHILIP assumed "SA" radar guard.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 24° 57.3' S; longitude 178° 13.1' E. 2005 Changed course to 270° (T). 2400 Advanced calendar one day, made time zone -12.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday

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March

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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac operational order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen on course 270° (T and pgc), steaming at standard speed 19 knots (113 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers 2 and 7 standby, boilers 4 and 5 on four hours notice. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke, with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0449 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #8. 0515 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 0613 Lighted ship. 0627 On various courses at various speeds in preparation for launching aircraft. 0631 Catapulted plane #01431, Lieut. C. R. DOERFLINGER, U.S.N., pilot, MOUDY, D. L., ARM lc, passenger, from port catapult as anti-submarine patrol. 0649 Secured from Condition of Readiness II, set Condition of Readiness II Sugar.

R. F. Reybine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: latitude 24° 59' S; longitude 174° 01.2' E. 0927 On various courses at various speeds in preparation for recovering one aircraft, Cast method. 0935 Hoisted aboard one plane. 1200 Changed course to 275° (T), changed speed to 18 knots (107 rpm).

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude 24° 56' S; longitude 172° 43.5' E. 1201 Commenced zig-zagging using plan #8.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1601 Assumed "SG" radar guard. 1730 Secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1900 Set clocks back one hour to zone -11 time. 1806 Darkened ship. 1830 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 275° (T). 1900 Secured "SC" radar guard.

R. F. Reybine
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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 24° 42.3' S; longitude 169° 43.5' E.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 2.5 in accordance with CinCPac operational order 3-43, destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen, on course 275° (T and pgc), steaming at standard speed 18 knots (107 rpm). Boilers # 1, 3, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers 2 and 7 standby, boilers 4 and 5 on four hours notice. Commanding Officer Task Group Commander. Ship in Condition of Readiness II and Material Readiness Yoke, with "SG" radar guard. Ship darkened.

R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0415 Changed course to 344° (T). 0449 Assumed "SC" radar guard. 0500 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #8. 0546 Lighted ship. 0600 Ceased zig-zagging in accordance with plan #8, commenced zig-zagging using plan #17. 0743 Sighted two friendly planes, bearing 315° (T), distant 15 miles. 0753 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 315° (T).

R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #8. 0824 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 315° (T). 0826 Changed course to 344° (T). 0838 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #8. 0927 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 315° (T). 0928 Sighted land bearing 350° (T). 0950 Changed course to 344° (T). 1000 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan #17. 1055 Sighted Mato Island bearing 028° (T), distant 10 miles. 1053 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse bearing 333° (T), distant 18 miles. 1110 Sighted Tabu Reef Lighthouse bearing 322° (T), distant 18 miles. 1138 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 315° (T). 1140 Set special sea details. 1154 Changed course to 055° (T), changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). Escorting destroyers broke formation to cover entrance into channel.

R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1205 Lt. Comdr. A. L. McMULLEN, U.S.N., came aboard to act as pilot. Comdr. GRAY, U.S.N., came aboard. Proceeded on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel. Captain, Executive Officer, Navigator on bridge, pilot at conn. 1305 Set Port War Watch, secured from Condition of Readiness II Sugar. 1431 Moored to buoy, Berth 30, LECTERN, using port anchor chain and 1½" wire mooring cable, 12 fathoms of water, soft bottom. Anti-torpedo net stretched around ship. 1530 Secured special sea details. Secured main engines, maintaining them on 12 hours notice.

R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2400

Moored as before.

R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday-Tuesday 5-9 March, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS

0000 March 5, 1943, to 2400 March 9, 1943.

Moored to buoy in berth Able 30, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and two 1 5/8" wires, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom. Various units of Pacific Fleet present. SOPA in U.S.S. ARGONNE. Reported for duty to Commander Task Force 64. Assigned to Battleship Division 6 comprising U.S.S. WASHINGTON, U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. INDIANA, and became a part of Task Force 64, comprising in addition to the above mentioned battleships U.S.S. DRAYTON, U.S.S. MAHAN, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. FLUSSER, U.S.S. CONYNGHAM, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. SMITH, the last two mentioned units being absent. Commander Task Force 64 in U.S.S. WASHINGTON.

Carrying on routine upkeep of ship, training of personnel and schedule of liberty and recreation.

March 7, 1943.

Transferred plane #01431 to Naval Air Station, Noumea, New Caledonia, to be added to aircraft pool.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

B. H. Howard
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding

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Lt. Commander, U. S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday 10

March 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Moored to buoy in berth Able 30, Noumea, New Caledonia, in company with Task Group 64. Condition of Readiness III; Material Readiness Yoke, Task Group Commander in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Various units of Pacific Fleet present.

R. F. Reybune
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Moored as before, making preparations to get underway. 0732 Underway in accordance with ComTaskFor 64 dispatch #080211 for tactical exercises and training at sea. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel, second in column of battleships, formation guide U.S.S. WASHINGTON, Task group Commander in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Standard speed 16 knots (94 rpm), boilers 1, 3, 6, and 7 cut in for steaming purposes. Draft forward 36' 8", aft 36' 6".

R. F. Reybune
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0825 Set Condition of Readiness for Air Defense. 0830 Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0956 Passed through Bulari Passage on course 230° (T), clearing channel, speed 17 knots (99 rpm). 0951 Changed speed to 18 knots (105 rpm). 0958 Set Condition of Readiness II Able, secured from Air Defense. Set Material Readiness Yoke, secured from Material Readiness Zebra. 1005 Changed course to 190° (T), changed speed to 17 knots (99 rpm). 1015 Took station #2 in cruising disposition 1 Mike, fleet course and axis 180° (T) at fleet and standard speed 16 knots (96 rpm), guide U.S.S. WASHINGTON bearing 180° (T), distant 1500 yards. 1040 Took position in cruising disposition 2 Mike on fleet course and axis 180° (T) at fleet and standard speed 16 knots (96 rpm). Guide U.S.S. WASHINGTON bearing 130° (T) distant 2000 yards. 1101 Changed speed to 17 knots (99 rpm), commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-Z. 1146 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 180° (T). 1148 Lit off boilers 2 and 8 for standby purposes.

R. F. Reybune
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: Latitude 23° 03.2' S; Longitude 166° 24.5' E. 1214 Changed fleet course and axis to 270° (T). 1215 Boiler #8 cut in on main steam line. 1225 Boiler #2 cut in on main steam line. 1228 Changed fleet course and axis to 315° (T). 1236 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-Z. 1244 Changed speed to 18 knots (105 rpm). 1245 All hands to General Quarters battle stations for drill. Secured from Material Readiness Yoke, set Material Readiness Zebra. 1338 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 315° (T). 1340 Changed speed to 17 knots (98 rpm). 1342 Formed cruising disposition 3 Mike, U.S.S. WASHINGTON fleet guide, fleet course and axis 315° (T). This ship took station directly astern of fleet guide, distant 1500 yards. 1400 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1418 Changed fleet course to 345° (T). 1437 Changed fleet course to 315° (T). 1507 Changed fleet course and axis to 345° (T). 1515 Changed fleet course and axis to 315° (T).

R. F. Reybune
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

Examined:

R. O. Glover
R. O. GLOVER
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding

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Lt. Commander, U. S. Navy
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday 10
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March 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 and -12

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Commenced radar calibration exercise 96. 1640 Changed course to 320° (T) to assume position with fleet guide bearing 300° (T) distant 1500 yards. 1645 Changed course to 315° (T). 1710 Took position with fleet guide bearing 285° (T) distant 1500 yards. 1800 Set clocks ahead one hour to conform to zone -12 time. 1904 Changed course to 270° (T). 1912 Changed course to 230° (T). 1919 Changed course to 240° (T). 1921 Darkened ship. Set Condition II, secured from Condition II-Able. 1931 Took position astern of fleet guide, distant 1500 yards, course 240° (T), speed 17 knots (99 rpm).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude 22° 01' S; Longitude 164° 36.3' E. 2021 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-Z. 2045 All hands to General Quarters for drill. Secured from Material Readiness Yoke, set Material Readiness Zebra. 2100 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 240° (T). 2130 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery to port in starshell illumination exercise #62. 2136 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 12 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. illuminating Mk. 30-5, 12 charges 5"/38 caliber index no. 2034-SPDN-2868. 2145 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 2200 Commenced firing 40 MM machine guns in float light practice, Exercise #72. 2208 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 32 rounds 40 MM #96 -- 10, B.S. and T Target. 2256 Changed cruising disposition 2 Mike, this ship taking station with fleet guide, U.S.S. WASHINGTON, bearing 225° (T), distant 2000 yards. 2323 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-Z, changed speed to 18 knots (105 rpm). 2340 Changed speed to 17 knots (99 rpm).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

[Signature]
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding

Examined:

[Signature]
D. CARLSON
Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday

11

March

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude $22^{\circ} 44.7'$ S; Longitude $164^{\circ} 31'$ E. 1200 Changed course to 130° (T). 1227 Changed course to 175° (T). 1240 Changed course to 125° (T). 1245 Changed course to 110° (T), changed speed to 20 knots (118 rpm). 1255 Changed course to 095° (T). 1259 Formed cruising disposition 1 Mike, this ship taking station with fleet guide, U.S.S. WASHINGTON, bearing 093° (T), distant 1500 yards. Fleet course and axis 090° (T), speed 17 knots (99 rpm). 1315 Changed fleet course and axis to 135° (T). 1322 Sounded drill Air Attack, set Material Readiness Zebra. Planes of U.S.S. SARATOGA to simulate attack. 1420 Sighted tanker and destroyer escort bearing 045° (T), distant 25,000 yards, proceeding on opposite course. 1436 Commenced laying smoke screen, using boilers #3 and #6. 1440 Changed course to 045° (T), changed speed to 19 knots (113 rpm). 1442 Changed course to 135° (T). 1443 Changed course to 085° (T). 1445 Changed course to 045° (T), changed speed to 18 knots (108 rpm). 1447 Ceased making smoke screen. 1448 Changed course to 135° (T). 1452 Formed cruising disposition 4 Victor, changed course to 180° (T). This ship took station with fleet guide bearing 180° (T), distant 3000 yards. 1454 Commenced maneuvering independently to avoid aircraft simulating attack. 1516 Changed course to 130° (T). 1517 Secured from drill Air Attack, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, Secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1520 Formed cruising disposition 2 Mike, this ship in station with fleet guide bearing 080° (T) distant 2000 yards. Commenced maneuvering with fleet on various courses for purposes of tactical drill.

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1630 Changed course to 265° (T). Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-Z, speed 17 knots (99 rpm). 1709 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 265° (T). 1711 Changed course to 210° (T). 1714 Changed course to 260° (T). 1719 Changed course to 280° (T). 1725 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-Z. 1911 Darkened ship. Set Condition of Readiness II, secured from Condition of Readiness II-Able.

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude $23^{\circ} 22'$ S; Longitude $164^{\circ} 19.1'$ E. 2005 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 280° (T). Formed cruising disposition 1 Mike, fleet course and axis 280° (T). This ship took station with fleet guide, U.S.S. WASHINGTON, bearing 283° (T), distant 1500 yards. 2057 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery in starshell illumination exercise #62. 2105 Completed 5"/38 caliber battery firing. Ammunition expended: 12 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. illuminating Mk. 30-5, 12 charges 5"/38 caliber index no. 3024 SPDN 2868. 2145 Commenced firing machine gun batteries to port. Completed firing. Ammunition expended: 107 rounds 40 MM, 201 rounds 20 MM. 2018 Changed course to 325° (T). 2237 Changed course to 005° (T). 2245 Formed cruising disposition 2 Mike, this ship taking station with fleet guide bearing 315° (T), distant 2000 yards. 2303 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-Z.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

D. Carlson
D. CARLSON
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding

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D. Carlson
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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday 11
(Day) (Date)March 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 64, in cruising disposition 2 Mike, U.S.S. WASHINGTON Fleet guide and flagship. This ship in station with fleet guide bearing 225° (T), distant 2000 yards. U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA on station bearing 145° (T) from fleet guide, distant 2000 yards. U.S.S. INDIANA on station bearing 095° (T) from fleet guide, distant 3000 yards. Destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen. Fleet course and axis 275° (T), standard speed 16 knots, fleet speed 17 knots (105 rpm). Boilers 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers 4 and 5 standby. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke. Ship darkened. 0330 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 313° (T), changed speed to 12 knots (71 rpm). 0343 Changed speed to 17 knots (99 rpm). 0350 Changed course to 320° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0400 Changed fleet course and axis to 010° (T). Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 14-Z. Changed speed to 12 knots (71 rpm). 0425 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 010° (T), changed speed to 16 knots (71 rpm). 0441 Changed speed to 17 knots (99 rpm). 0444 Changed fleet course and axis to 105° (T), commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-Z. 0600 All hands to General Quarters, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0600 Commenced Tracking Exercise 61. 0650 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition II-Able, secured from Condition of Material Readiness Zebra, set Condition Yoke. 0703 Lighted ship. 0742 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 105° (T), changed speed to 14 knots (82 rpm). 0745 Changed course to 130° (T). 0748 Catapulted plane #5805, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, S.G., ARM 3c passenger, from port catapult. 0749 Catapulted plane #5342, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, MOUDY, D.L., ARM 1c, passenger, from starboard catapult. 0752 Changed speed to 10 knots (60 rpm). 0755 Changed course to 110° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 22° 08.8' S; Longitude 163° 36.5' E. 0801 Changed speed to 15 knots (88 rpm). 0802 All hands to General Quarters for drill and firing of 16"/45 caliber battery -- offset spotting practice Exercise 1-Charlie, U.S.S. WASHINGTON leaving formation to act as target. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0803 Changed speed to 17 knots (99 rpm). 0900 Opened fire to starboard with 16"/45 caliber battery. 0912 Completed firing Phase I. FH radar reported out of commission on first salvo. No further firing by this ship due to failure of radar. Ammunition expended: 6 projectiles 16"/45 caliber A.P. Mk. 8-2 (green), 6 charges 16"/45 caliber: 2 SPD-2760, 4 SPD-3241. 0917 Changed course to 080° (T). 0921 Changed course to 085° (T). 0925 Changed course to 130° (T). 0926 Changed speed to 18.5 knots (108 rpm). 0940 Changed speed to 17 knots (100 rpm). 1004 Changed course to 083° (T). 1020 Changed course to 080° (T). 1029 Changed course to 130° (T). 1145 Changed course to 175° (T). 1158 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

R. J. L...
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday

12

March

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 64 in cruising disposition 2 Mike, U.S.S. WASHINGTON fleet guide and flagship. This ship in station with fleet guide bearing 315° (T), distant 2000 yards. U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA on station bearing 235° (T) from fleet guide, distant 2000 yards. U.S.S. INDIANA on station bearing 185° (T) from fleet guide, distant 3,000 yards. Destroyers formed in anti-submarine screen. Fleet course and axis 005° (T), standard speed 16 knots, fleet speed 17 knots (99 rpm). Boilers # 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers 4 and 5 standby. Ship in condition of readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke. Ship darkened. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan 14-Z. 0220 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 005° (T). 0230 Changed fleet course and axis to 055° (T). 0240 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-Z. 0250 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 055° (T). 0300 Changed fleet course and axis to 095° (T). 0310 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-Z.

R. F. Reybline
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0600 Commenced tracking exercise #61. 0606 All hands to General Quarters, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0647 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 0706 Lighted ship.

R. F. Reybline
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude $22^{\circ} 13' S$; Longitude $165^{\circ} 03.3' E$. 0807 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 095° (T). 0825 Formed cruising disposition 1 Mike, changed fleet course and axis to 130° (T). This ship took station with fleet guide, U.S.S. WASHINGTON, bearing 133° (T), distant 1500 yards. 0850 Sounded drill Air Attack, set Condition of Material Readiness Zebra. Prepared for 5"/38 caliber A.A. firing at sleeve target, Exercise 66. 0918 Changed course to 310° (T), U.S.S. INDIANA becoming fleet guide. 0927 Changed speed to 21 knots (124 rpm). 0934 Changed speed to 17 knots (99 rpm). 0940 Changed course to 280° (T). 0950 Changed course to 300° (T). 0956 Changed course to 310° (T). 0959 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery at sleeve. 1011 Completed firing 5"/38 caliber battery. Ammunition expended: 74 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. Com. Mk. 31-10, 74 charges 5"/38 caliber: 55 SPD-3024, 15 SPD-2868, 4 SPD-3218. 1013 Secured from drill Air Attack, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1054 Changed course to 290° (T), changed speed to 21 knots (122 rpm). 1123 Changed course to 130° (T). 1131 Changed speed to 20 knots (116 rpm). 1134 Changed speed to 19 knots (111 rpm). 1136 Changed course to 110° (T).

R. F. Reybline
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Set clocks back one hour to conform with zone -11. 1200 Position: Latitude $22^{\circ} 17.3' S$; Longitude $165^{\circ} 14' E$. 1200 All hands to general quarters for firing of 16"/45 caliber battery. Set Material Readiness Zebra. U.S.S. WASHINGTON took station to starboard to act as target. 1227 Commenced firing 16"/35 caliber battery, 9-gun salvo. 1232 Completed firing 16"/45 caliber battery. Ammunition expended: 18 projectiles 16"/45 caliber A.P. Com. Mk 8-2 (green), 18 charges 16"/45 caliber: 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ SPD-3241, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ SPD-2760, 2 SPD-3082,

Approved:

R. G. Brown
R. G. BROWN
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding

Examined:

D. Carlson
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Lt. Commander, U. S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday

12

March 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1200 to 1600 (Continued)

1 SPD-2755. 1300 Changed course to 155° (T). 1310 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Able; secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1314 Changed course to 110° (T). 1322 Formed cruising disposition II Mike on fleet course and axis 100° (T), changed speed to 21 knots (124 rpm). This ship took station with fleet guide, U.S.S. WASHINGTON, bearing 050° (T), distant 2000 yards. 1330 Sighted land bearing 055° (T). 1346 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-Z, changed speed to 19 knots (113 rpm). 1505 Sighted Amedee Island Lighthouse bearing 088° (T). 1534 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 090° (T). 1555 Set special sea details. 1557 Changed course to 180° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Changed course to 270° (T). 1611 Changed course to 090° (T). 1616 Changed course to 100° (T), changed speed to 15 knots (90 rpm). 1618 Sounded drill Air Attack, set Condition of Material Readiness Zebra. 1635 Changed course to 077° (T). 1639 Changed course to 050° (T). 1650 Passed through Bulari Passage, commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel entering port Noumea, New Caledonia, in formation astern of U.S.S. WASHINGTON. 1746 Secured from drill Air Attack, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1814 Set Port War Watch. 1906 Moored to buoy in berth Able 31, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom. Draft of ship: forward 35' 7", aft 36' 10". SOFA in U.S.S. WASHINGTON.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Moored as before.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

R. G. Glover
R. G. GLOVERCaptain, U.S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday 13
to
Wednesday 31
(Day) (Date)

March 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

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0000, 13 March 1943 to 2400, 31 March 1943.

Moored to buoy, berth Able 31, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and two 1 5/8" wires; 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom. Ships present Task Force 64, comprising U.S.S. WASHINGTON, U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.S. INDIANA, U.S.S. DRAYTON, U.S.S. MAHAN, U.S.S. FLUSSER, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. CONYNCHAM, less U.S.S. REID and U.S.S. SMITH. SOPA and Task Force Commander in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Various other units of fleet present.

Carrying out routine upkeep of ship, training of personnel, and schedule of liberty and recreation.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

March 15, 1943.

As of this date Task Force 64 is designated as Task Force 10. This ship consequently becomes attached to Task Force 10 as a unit of Battleship Division Six.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

March 18, 1943.

U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA underway and stood out to sea.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

March 31, 1943.

Transferred plane #5342 from ship to Naval Air Station at Noumea, New Caledonia.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

D. Carlson
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding

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WAR DIARY AND CONFIDENTIAL LOG

UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday

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Monday

5

April

1943

(Day)

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(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

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0000, April 1, 1943, to 0746, April 5, 1943.

Moored in berth Able 31, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and two 1 5/8" wire cables, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10, comprising U.S.S. WASHINGTON, U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.S. INDIANA, U.S.S. DRAYTON, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. SMITH. Absent units of Task Force 10 were U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. MAHAN, U.S.S. FLUSSER, U.S.S. CONYNGHAM, U.S.S. REID. S.O.P.A. and Task Force Commander in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Various units of fleet present including U.S.S. SARATOGA and U.S.S. SAN JUAN. Carrying out routine upkeep of ship and training of ship's personnel and regular schedule of liberty and recreation.

R. F. Freybine
R. F. FREYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0746-1200

0746 Underway, in accordance with ComSoPac dispatch 030331 of April, 1943, in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, U.S.S. LAMSON. Took station #3 in formation astern of U.S.S. INDIANA, guide in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Boilers #1, 3, 5 and 7 cut in for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Material Readiness Yoke, Special Sea Details set. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel. 0852 Set Condition of Readiness for Air Defense, Material Readiness Zebra. 1021 Passed through Bulari Passage, standard speed 16 knots, making 18 knots. 1025 Formed cruising disposition 1 Mike, this ship taking station third in column, 3,000 yards astern of Fleet Guide in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Fleet course and axis 205° (T), speed 17 knots. 1026 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Condition Yoke. 1037 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 1100 Set clocks ahead to minus 12 zone time.

R. F. Freybine
R. F. FREYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 22° 43' S.; Longitude 166° 18.5' E. 1230 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1235 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 205° (T). 1315 All hands to General Quarters, set Material Readiness Zebra in preparation for Exercise I -- 5"/38 caliber calibration and radar spotting practice. U.S.S. MAHAN on station off starboard beam as target ship. 1356 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery. 1433 Changed fleet course and axis to 275° (T). 1443 Changed fleet course and axis to 350° (T). 1527 Formed cruising disposition 2 Mike. 1541 Took position 2230 in cruising disposition 2 Mike with guide in U.S.S. WASHINGTON bearing 040° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet course and axis 350° (T), speed 17 knots. 1541 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-zebra. 1545 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1545 Commenced Exercise 2 -- attack by motor torpedo boats -- secured after one run. Ammunition expended in Exercise I: 23 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. Common Mk. 31-10; 20 projectiles 5"/38 caliber Common Mk. 32-4, 43 charges 5"/38 caliber: 12 SPD 2868, 19 SPD 3024, 12 SPD 3218.

R. F. Freybine
R. F. FREYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1700 Secured S.G. radar. 1713 Formed cruising disposition 1 Mike, this ship taking station third in column with Fleet Guide

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Examined:

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Monday
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REMARKS

1600 to 2000 (Continued)

in U.S.S. WASHINGTON bearing 350° (T), distant 3,000 yards. 1730 Changed fleet course and axis to 265° (T). 1744 Changed fleet course and axis to 180° (T). 1746 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-zebra. 1753 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1814 Changed speed to 14 knots. 1852 Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. Drakened ship. 1908 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1950 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 180° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude 23° 04' S.; Longitude 165° 50.5' E. 2022 Changed fleet course and axis to 130° (T), commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-zebra. 2100 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 180° (T). 2203 Made radar surface contact bearing 038° (T), distant 33,000 yards. Identified as one of our own destroyers. 2325 Changed fleet course and axis to 180° (T). 2348 Changed fleet course and axis to 225° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

E. J. Brown
E. J. BROWN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding

Examined:

E. Carlson
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday 6
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, U.S.S. LAMSON, in accordance with ComSoPac Dispatch 030331 of April 1943, in cruising disposition 1 Mike, this ship third in column, Fleet Guide in U.S.S. WASHINGTON bearing 225° (T), distant 3,000 yards. Fleet course and axis 225° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 15 knots. Commander of Task Force in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Boilers # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke. Ship darkened. 0008 Changed fleet course and axis to 270° (T). 0135 Made radar surface contact bearing 230° (T), distant 22,000 yards. 0144 Emergency turn to the right to course 320° (T). 0148 U.S.S. SMITH dispatched to investigate unidentified contact. 0154 Changed speed to 19 knots. 0202 Contact identified as large merchantman. U.S.S. SMITH ordered to rejoin formation. 0207 Changed speed to 15 knots. 0210 Changed course to 270° (T). 0308 Changed fleet course and axis to 300° (T). 0330 Changed fleet course and axis to 350° (T). 0358 Changed fleet course and axis to 010° (T).

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0400 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 0610 Summoned all hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0705 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0727 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 010° (T). 0750 Changed fleet course and axis to 082° (T).

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 2400

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 22° 39' S; Longitude 165° 48.2' E. 0937 Changed fleet course and axis to 092° (T). 1013 Man overboard on starboard side. Maneuvered on various courses and at various speeds to keep man in sight. U.S.S. MAHAN left station in formation to recover man. 1032 U.S.S. MAHAN recovered man from water in good condition. Identified as CARR, D. J., Sea 20, 202-28-91, U.S.N. 1032 Changed course to 066° (T), changed speed to 16 knots. 1037 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse bearing 051° (T). 1040 Changed course to 050° (T). 1041 Stationed Special Sea Details. 1101 Changed course to 053° (T). 1103 Manned Air Defense stations, set Material Readiness Zebra. 1105 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1110 Entered Bulari Passage. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel into port. This ship third in column. 1144 Secured from Air Defense, set Port War Watch, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1200 Set clocks back one hour to minus 11 zone time. 1224 Moored to buoy in Berth Able 30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, using port anchor chain and two 1 5/8" wire cables, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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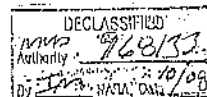
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Captain, U. S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS Wednesday 7 April 1943.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude 22° 29' S.; Longitude 165° 30.1' E. 2110 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 2115 Changed fleet course to 320° (T). 2120 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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E. J. HOOPER
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday 7
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0800

Moored in Berth Able 30, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, using port anchor chain and tow 1 5/8" wire cables, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER. S.O.P.A. and Task Force Commander in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Various units of fleet present.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Moored as before. 1014 Underway in accordance with signal from ComTaskFor 10 in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel. This ship in station third in column astern of U.S.S. INDIANA. Fleet Guide in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness III, Material Readiness Yoke. 1057 All hadd to Air Defense stations, set Material Readiness Zebra.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1216 Secured from Air Defense stations, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1220 Passed through Bulari Passage. 1235 Changed course to 250° (T), changed speed to 20 knots to take station in cruising disposition II Mike with Fleet Guide in USS WASHINGTON bearing 330° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet course and axis 280° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 15 knots. 1300 Commenced zpg-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 1310 Commenced test firing of 20 MM and 40 MM machine guns. 1338 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 280° (T). 1340 Changed fleet course and axis to 135° (T), changed speed to 15 knots. 1344 Completed test firing of machine guns. Ammunition expended: 48 rounds 40 MM A.A. Mk. 1 Service, 132 rounds 40 MM BL&T target, 12 rounds 40 MM BL&P target; 296 rounds 20 MM. 1350 Changed course to 145° (T). 1401 Changed course to 310° (T). 1406 Changed course to 280° (T). 1410 Joined with Task Force 14, less U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. DUNLOP, U.S.S. FANNING. Took station 3090 in cruising disposition I, Fleet Guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010°, distant 3000 yards. Fleet course 280° (T), fleet axis 100° (T). 1430 Changed speed to 18 knots. 1445 Changed fleet course to 295° (T), changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 1450 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1454 Assumed boiler condition 3. 1525 Assumed aircraft condition of readiness 8.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1615 Ceased zig-zagging, changed fleet course to 130° (T), changed fleet speed to 15 knots. U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering planes. 1700 Changed course to 280° (T), resumed zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1706 Changed course to 320° (T). 1716 Changed fleet course to 100° (T), changed fleet speed to 15 knots. U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering planes. 1752 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. 1759 Changed course to 285° (T). 1800 Set clocks ahead one hour to minus 12 zone time. 1906 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1912 Resumed base course 295° (T). 1919 Changed fleet course to 270° (T). 1925 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra.

Approved:

Examined:

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

D. G. Lown
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Captain, U.S. Navy
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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy
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REMARKS

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude 22° 29' S.; Longitude 165° 30.1' E. 2110 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 2115 Changed fleet course to 320° (T). 2120 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

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Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding

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D. CARLSON
Lt. Commander, Navy
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday 8

(Day)

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April 1943

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, and with Task Force 14, less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP, U.S.S. FANNING, in Carrier Cruising Disposition I, this ship in station 3090 with Fleet Guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 3,000 yards. Fleet course 320° (T), fleet axis 100° (T), fleet speed 19 knots, zig-zagging in accordance with plan 14-zebra. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 8, Boiler Readiness 3 with all boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0616 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0640 Changed fleet course to 100° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA launching aircraft. 0651 Resumed course 320° (T). 0700 Commenced zigzagging using plan 14-zebra. 0710 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 20° 15.2' S.; Longitude 162° 58.6' E. 0825 Changed fleet course to 080° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA launching aircraft. 0830 Resumed fleet course 320° (T). 0836 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1056 Changed fleet course to 080°, U.S.S. SARATOGA launching and recovering aircraft. On various courses and at various speeds. 1125 Resumed fleet course 320° (T), changed speed to 19 knots. 1133 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1155 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 320° (T).

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: Latitude 19° 32' S.; Longitude 162° 27.5' E. 1200 Changed fleet course to 335° (T). Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 1236 Changed fleet course to 100° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1240 Resumed fleet course 335° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 14-zebra. 1250 All hands to Air Defense Stations for Task Force 14 Training Exercise #12, A.A. Machine Gun firing at towed sleeve. 1324 Commenced firing machine guns at towed sleeve. Shot down sleeve. 1336 Completed firing. Ammunition expended: 78 rounds 40 MM AA Mk. 1 service, 71 rounds 40 MM BS&T target, 629 rounds 20 MM B&T. 1344 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 1400 Commenced Task Force 10 Training Exercise 618 tracking exercise. 1403 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 335° (T). Formed cruising disposition I-King, this ship taking station 2090, Fleet Guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 055° (T), distant 2800 yards. Fleet course 335° (T), fleet axis 100° (T), speed 19 knots. 1416 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14 zebra. 1512 Changed fleet course to 100° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering planes. 1540 Resumed fleet course 335° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 14-zebra.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1815 Changed fleet course into the wind, U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering planes. 1838 Resumed fleet course 335° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 14-zebra. 1903 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition of Readiness II. 1915 Changed fleet course to 270° (T). 1921 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude 17° 50.3' S.; Longitude 161° 42.3' E. 2055 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 2100 Changed fleet course to 340° (T). 2106 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 2230 Contact reported by U.S.S. INDIANA, bearing 026° (T). 2235 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 340° (T). 2243 Changed fleet course to 220° (T). Surface contact bearing 025° (T) reported by U.S.S. CUMMINGS. 2249 Changed fleet speed to 20 knots. 2252 Contact reported lost by U.S.S. CUMMINGS. 2256 Changed fleet course to 270° (T). Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 2321 Changed course to 315° (T). 2348 Changed fleet course to 340° (T).

R. F. Reybine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday
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(Date)April, 1949
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Steaming in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, and with Task Force 14, less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP, U.S.S. FANNING, in accordance with ComSoPac 061957 of April, formed in cruising disposition I-King, this ship in station 2090 with Fleet Guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 055° (T), distant 2,800 yards. Fleet course 340° (T), fleet axis 100° (T). Standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 8, Boiler Readiness 3 with all boilers cut in on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened. 0001 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0555 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 340° (T). 0601 Changed fleet course to 220° (T). 0606 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0623 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0700 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 220° (T). 0706 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0717 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Condition of Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 16° 15.2' S.; Longitude 159° 50.2' E. 0800 Assumed Condition of Aircraft Readiness 7. 0853 All hands to Air Defense stations. 0935 Secured from Air Defense. 1055 Ceased zig-zagging, changed fleet course to 130° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA launching aircraft. 1119 Changed fleet course to 220° (T), resumed zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1125 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1128 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 220° (T). 1134 Changed fleet course to 100° (T), changed speed to 19 knots. 1143 Changed fleet speed to 13 knots.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 17° 04' S.; Longitude 159° 25.3' E. 1206 Commenced maneuvering to take station for fueling operations. USS INDIANA designated as Fleet Guide. 1240 Destroyers came alongside U.S.S. INDIANA to receive fuel. 1350 U.S.S. MAHAN cast off from U.S.S. INDIANA. 1415 U.S.S. SMITH cast off from U.S.S. INDIANA. 1421 This ship designated as Fleet Guide. 1431 U.S.S. CONYNGHAM came alongside to port to receive fuel. 1443 U.S.S. DRAYTON came alongside to starboard to receive fuel. 1448 Commenced pumping fuel. 1502 After fuel line to U.S.S. DRAYTON parted. 1556 Completed pumping fuel to U.S.S. DRAYTON, having delivered 58,065 gallons. 1559 Completed pumping fuel to U.S.S. CONYNGHAM, having delivered 71,060 gallons.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Friday

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REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1606 U.S.S. DRAYTON cast off from starboard side. 1610 U.S.S. CONYNGHAM cast off from port side. 1638 U.S.S. SARATOGA designated as Fleet Guide. Commenced maneuvering to take station in cruising disposition I-King. 1650 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1702 On station 2-090 in cruising disposition K-King with Fleet Guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 055° (T), distant 2,800 yards. Fleet course and axis 100° (T). Fleet speed 19 knots. 1714 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 100° (T). 1717 Changed fleet course to 190° (T). 1721 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 1734 Secured SG radar. 1820 U.S.S. GRIDLEY flying breakdown signal, dropping out of formation. 1827 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 190° (T). 1830 Changed fleet course to 280° (T). 1837 Changed fleet course to 100° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1857 Changed fleet course to 280° (T). 1859 U.S.S. GRIDLEY resuming station in formation. 1912 Changed fleet course to 190° (T). 1913 Darkened ship. 1915 All hands to Air Defense Stations for evening stand-to, set Material Readiness Zebra. 1917 U.S.S. GRIDLEY in station. 1930 Changed fleet course to 250° (T). 1938 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1953 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II, secured from Condition of Material Readiness Zebra, set Condition Yoke.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude 17° 46.5' S.; Longitude 160° 26.7' E. 2055 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 250° (T). 2100 Changed fleet course to 292° (T). 2106 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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REMARKS

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Underway in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, and with Task Force 14, less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP, U.S.S. FANNING, in accordance with ComSoPac 061957 of April, 1943, formed in cruising disposition K-King, this ship in station 2090 with Fleet Guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 055° (T), distant 2,800 yards. Fleet course 292° (T), fleet axis 100° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 7, Boiler Readiness 3 with all boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened.

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0400 Ceased zig-zagging, changed fleet course to 010° (T). 0406 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0445 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 010° (T). 0500 Changed fleet course to 085° (T). 0506 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 0631 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0640 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 085° (T). 0645 Changed fleet course to 110° (T). 0650 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0658 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 140° (T). 0705 Changed course to 110° (T). 0706 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0715 Two ships sighted bearing 090° (T), distant 14 miles. 0718 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 110° (T). 0719 Two ships identified as U.S.S. CIMMARON and U.S.S. LAMSON, beign Task Unit 36.1.5. 0720 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0723 Changed fleet course to 090° (T). 0734 Changed fleet course to 110° (T), changed fleet speed to 11 knots. U.S.S. CIMMARON went alongside U.S.S. SARATOGA to commence fueling operations. 0745 Commenced zig-zagging independently on station.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 16° 56.7' S.; Longitude 158° 59.6' E. 0800 Assumed Condition of Aircraft Readiness 8, secured from 7. 1052 U.S.S. SARATOGA completed fueling operations. 1108 U.S.S. CIMMARON designated as Fleet Guide. 1114 U.S.S. SAN JUAN commenced fueling operations alongside U.S.S. CIMMARON.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 17° 15.3' S.; Longitude 159° 45.8' E. 1218 U.S.S. SAN JUAN completed fueling from U.S.S. CIMMARON. 1230 Destroyers came alongside U.S.S. CIMMARON for fueling. 1235 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1258 U.S.S. SARATOGA launching aircraft. 1321 U.S.S. PERKINS came alongside to starboard to transfer mail. 1329 U.S.S. PERKINS cast off from starboard side. 1445 U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1512 Changed fleet course to 085° (T). 1513 Formed cruising disposition I-King, this ship taking station 2090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 055° (T), distant 2,800 yards. Fleet course 085° (T), fleet axis 100° (T). 1525 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1526 U.S.S. CIMMARON and U.S.S. SMITH left formation and proceeded in accordance with orders. U.S.S. LAMSON replaced U.S.S. SMITH in

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formation. 1542 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-zebra. 1552 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 085° (T).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Changed fleet course to 050° (T). 1607 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-zebra. 1837 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course to 110° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1845 Resumed fleet course 050° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 11-zebra. 1922 All hands to Air Defense stations for evening stand-to, set Material Readiness Zebra. Darkened ship. 1925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 050° (T). 1930 Changed fleet course to 350° (T). 1935 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 16° 39.5' S.; Longitude 161° 13.1' E. 2013 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 2055 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 350° (T). 2100 Changed fleet course to 273° (T). 2110 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra.

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Underway in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, and with Task Force 14 less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP, U.S.S. FANNING in accordance with ComSoPac 061957 of April 1943, formed in cruising disposition I-King, this ship in station 2090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA, bearing 055° (T), distant 2,800 yards. Fleet course 273° (T), fleet axis 100° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots, zig-zagging according to plan 11-zebra. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 8, Boiler Readiness 3 with all boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened. 0239 Steering casualty. 0252 Conn regained steering control. Failure in starboard steering cable, later repaired.

R. F. Keybine
R. F. KEYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0455 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 273° (T). 0500 Changed fleet course to 180° (T). 0505 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 0631 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0640 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 180° (T). 0645 Changed fleet course to 100° (T). 0650 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 0700 Changed course to 140° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA launching planes. 0705 Resumed fleet course 100° (T), resumed zig-zagging using plan 11-zebra. 0720 Ceased zig-zagging on course 130° (T). 0722 Changed fleet course to 130° (T). 0725 Made radar contact bearing 102° (T), distant 25,000 yards. 0731 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 0731 Radar contact identified as friendly destroyer. 0734 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship.

R. F. Keybine
R. F. KEYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 16° 58.5' S.; Longitude 159° 03.3' E. 0800 U.S.S. FANNING joined formation. 0804 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 130° (T). 0809 Changed fleet course to 270° (T). 0817 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 0855 Following movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0919 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 0927 Changed fleet course to 145° (T). 0945 Changed fleet course to 285° (T). 0950 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 24-zebra. 1049 Changed course to 135° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1120 Resumed fleet course 285° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 24-zebra. 1130 Ceased zig-zagging, steering course 263° (T). 1134 Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3-070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2900 Yards. 1153 Commenced exercise 6-Queen tactics. 1155 Changed course to 285° (T), changed speed to 23 knots. Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 3,000 yards.

R. F. Keybine
R. F. KEYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 17° 12.3' S.; Longitude 158° 19.3' E. 1201 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1211 Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing

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010° (T), distant 2,900 yards. 1222 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 24-zebra. 1259 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 285° (T). 1303 Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 3,000 yards. 1306 All hands to Air Defense Stations for Exercise 12, AA firing with 40 MM machine guns. 1316 Commenced firing 40 MM machine guns at sleeve target. 20 MM machine guns also fired. 1320 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 8-zebra. 1334 Ceased firing, exercise completed. Ammunition expended: 466 rounds 40 MM AA Mk. 1 service, 10 rounds 40 MM BL&T target, 35 rounds 20 MM. 1336 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 285° (T). 1340 Changed course to 100° (T). 1341 Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2,900 yards. 1350 Resumed fleet course 285° (T). 1400 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 24-zebra. 1406 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 1438 Making various courses during launching and recovery of aircraft aboard U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1502 Resumed fleet course 285° (T). 1506 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra.

R. F. Reybaine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000
Steaming as before. 1849 Making various courses during recovery of aircraft aboard U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1908 Resumed fleet course 285° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 11-zebra. 1928 All hands to Air Defense stations for evening stand-to. Darkened ship. 1940 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 285° (T). 1945 Changed fleet course to 250° (T). 1950 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra.

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2000 to 2400
Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 16° 46.4' S.; Longitude 156° 32.6' E. 2013 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II. 2055 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 250° (T). 2100 Changed fleet course to 300° (T). 2105 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 11-zebra.

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Underway in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER and with Task Force 14 less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP, in accordance with ComSoPac 061957 of April 1943, formed in cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship in station 3-070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2,900 yards. Fleet course 300° (T), fleet axis 100° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots, zig-zagging according to plan 11-zebra. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 8, Boiler Readiness 3 with all boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened. 0055 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 300° (T). 0100 Changed fleet course to 060° (T). 0112 Changed fleet course to 115° (T). 0124 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0625 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. 0630 Commenced tracking exercise 61-LF. 0728 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Lighted ship.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 17° 05.5' S.; Longitude 157° 12.8' E. 0800 Assumed Condition of Aircraft Readiness 7, secured from Condition 8. 0855 Making various courses during launching of aircraft from U.S.S. SARATOGA. 0915 Resumed fleet course 115° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 11-zebra. 1058 Changed course to 140° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA launching aircraft. 1105 Resumed fleet course 115° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 11-zebra. 1110 Changed course to 145° (T), U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1124 Resumed fleet course 115° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 11-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 17° 34.4' S.; Longitude 158° 16.8' E. 1300 Changed course to 125° (T), changed speed to 21 knots. U.S.S. SARATOGA launching planes. 1305 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 1315 Commenced Exercise 12, A.A. firing with 40 MM Machine Guns at towed sleeve. 1318 One plane crashed at launching from U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1319 Changed speed to 19 knots, changed course to 115° (T). 1324 Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 3,000 yards. 1331 Commenced firing at towed sleeve with 40 MM machine guns. 1402 Completed firing, Exercise 12 completed. Ammunition expended: 918 rounds 40 MM AA Mk. 1 service. 1404 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 1405 Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2,900 yards. 1424 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-zebra. 1443 Changed course to 135° (T). U.S.S. SARATOGA launching aircraft. 1451 Commenced Exercise 6-Queen, Tactics. 1451 Streamed towing spar as target for aircraft carrying out simulated attack. 1451 Maneuvering on various courses to repel simulated air attack. Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3-090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T).

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distant 3,000 yards. 1504 Changed speed to 24 knots. 1507 Changed speed to 21 knots. 1517 Formed cruising disposition K-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2900 yards. 1524 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1540 Changed fleet course to 090° (T), changed fleet speed to 17 knots. 1542 Recovered towing spar. Exercise 6-Queen completed. 1554 Changed fleet course to 100° (T).

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1657 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 100° (T). 1700 Changed fleet course to 115° (T). 1704 Maneuvering on various courses during recovery of aircraft aboard U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1715 Radar contact made on unidentified object bearing 120° (T), distant 14 miles. 1721 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1723 Unidentified radar contact identified as friendly aircraft. 1838 Changed course to 160° (T). U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1852 Resumed fleet course 115° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 14-zebra. 1912 Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. Darkened ship. 1930 Ceased zig-zagging, changed fleet course to 070° (T). 1937 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 18° 26.8' S.; Longitude 160° 21.5' E. 2055 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 070° (T). 2100 Changed fleet course to 130° (T). 2105 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

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Underway in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. FLUSSER, and with Task Force 14, less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP, in accordance with ComSoPac 061957 of April, 1943, formed in cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship in station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2,900 yards. Fleet course 130° (T), fleet axis 100° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots, zig-zagging according to plan 14-zebra. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 7, Boiler Readiness 3, with all boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0400 U.S.S. CONYNGHAM left station in formation to act as target ship in bracking exercise. 0455 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 130° (T). 0500 Changed fleet course to 140° (T). 0505 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 0616 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. 0630 Commenced Exercise 61-SF, tracking. 0645 Making various courses during launching of aircraft from U.S.S. SARATOGA. 0712 Resumed fleet course 140° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 14-zebra. 0716 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Lighted ship. 0730 Making various courses during launching of aircraft from U.S.S. SARATOGA. 0736 Resumed fleet course 140° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 14-zebra.

R. F. Reybine
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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude: $20^{\circ} 28.4'$ S.; Longitude $163^{\circ} 05.3'$ E. 0837 Streamed towing spar as target for simulated air attack. 0844 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 0845 Commenced Exercise 6-Queen, tactics. Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 3,000 yards. 0851 Changed speed to 23 knots. 0855 Making various courses to avoid simulated air attack. 0914 Changed speed to 19 knots. 0918 Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2,900 yards. 0923 Rigged in remainder of towing spar gear, it having carried away. 0946 Changed fleet course to 165° (T), changed fleet speed to 15 knots. 0952 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 0956 Ceased zig-zagging on course 176° (T). 1000 U.S.S. WASHINGTON designated fleet guide. 1002 Changed fleet course to 175° (T), changed fleet speed to 11 knots. 1008 Commenced steaming independently. 1025 U.S.S. CONYNGHAM came alongside U.S.S. WASHINGTON for fueling operations. 1055 U.S.S. SARATOGA commenced launching planes. 1115 U.S.S. SARATOGA completed launching planes.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: Latitude $21^{\circ} 15.4'$ S; Longitude $163^{\circ} 25.2'$ E. 1303 U.S.S. WASHINGTON completed fueling operations. 1315 Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T) distant 2,900 yards. Changed fleet course to 130° (T). 1317 Changed fleet speed to 15 knots. 1322 U.S.S. SARATOGA recovering aircraft. 1329 Changed fleet course to 095° (T), changed fleet speed

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to 19 knots. 1347 On various courses, U.S.S. SARATOGA launching aircraft. 1356 Resumed fleet course 095° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 14-zebra. 1400 Streamed position buoy as target for simulated air attack. 1412 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. Commenced Exercises 6 Queen, tactics, and 5 Queen, Fighter Direction and Air Attack. 1419 Changed speed to 23 knots. Commenced maneuvering to avoid simulated air attack. 1437 Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T). 1452 Completed exercises. Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 1500 Formed cruising disposition 1-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 2,900 yards. Changed fleet speed to 17 knots. Changed fleet course to 180° (T). 1512 Commenced making various courses during launching and recovery of aircraft aboard U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1553 Resumed fleet course 180° (T).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1608 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 1616 Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 1630 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 180° (T). 1633 Changed fleet course to 235° (T). 1639 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1641 Received report of radar contact on aircraft made by U.S.S. WASHINGTON bearing 025° (T), distant 40 miles. 1707 Radar contact reported lost. 1724 Changed fleet axis to 120° (T). 1743 Commenced exercise 6-Queen, tactics. Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 030° (T), distant 3,000 yards. Changed speed to 23 knots. 1807 Completed Exercise 6-Queen. Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3070, with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA, bearing 030° (T), distant 2,900 yards. 1809 Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 1822 Making various courses during recovery of aircraft by U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1831 Resumed fleet course 235° (T). 1832 Changed fleet course to 120° (T). Formed column of battleships astern of U.S.S. SARATOGA, this ship taking station 3180, astern of U.S.S. INDIANA, with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 120° (T), distant 3,000 yards. 1854 Set Condition of Readiness II. Darkened ship. 1900 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. U.S.S. SAN JUAN and two escorting destroyers left formation. Commenced Exercise 8-Queen, Light Force Night Search and Attack. 1945 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 1948 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 120° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 22° 26.5' S.; Longitude 164° 05.2' E. 2008 Commenced Exercise 99, Director Controlled Machine Gun Firing. Commenced firing 20 MM and 40 MM machine guns. 2020 Casualty in 40 MM Quad 8 caused by explosion of 40 MM shell from Quad 9. Small fire started, three men wounded. 2022 Ceased firing 20 MM and 40 MM machine guns. Ammunition expended: 240 rounds 40 MM A.A. Mk I Service, 2073 rounds 20 MM. 2035 Ceased Exercise 99. Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II. 2047 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 2225 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 120° (T). 2328 Commenced firing 5"/38 Caliber star shells. 2338 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 15 projectiles 5"/38 caliber illuminating Mk. 30-5, 15 charges 5"/38 caliber A.A. Com. Mk 31-10 SPDN 3024. 2344 Completed Exercise 8-Queen. 2359 Formed cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship taking station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 030° (T), distant 2,900 yards.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday 14
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 10 less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, and with Task Force 14 less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP in accordance with ComSoPac 061957 of April, 1943, formed in cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship in station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 030° (T) distant 2,900 yards. Fleet course 120° (T), fleet axis 120° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 8, Boiler Readiness 3, with all boilers cut in on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened. 0031 Changed fleet course to 175° (T). 0052 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 0258 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 175° (T). 0302 Changed fleet course to 115° (T). 0312 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0355 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 115° (T).

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0401 Changed fleet course to 005° (T). 1413 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0609 Summoned all hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. 0630 Carried out Exercise 61-LF, Radar Tracking. 0630 Making various courses during launching of aircraft by U.S.S. SARATOGA. 0645 Resumed fleet course 005° (T). 0700 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition II-Sugar. 0705 Changed fleet axis to 130° (T). Ceased zig-zagging. 0717 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 22° 53.1' S.; Longitude 165° 43.2' E. 0810 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 130° (T). 0816 Changed fleet course to 310° (T). 0824 Changed fleet course to 130° (T). 0830 Took station in column astern of U.S.S. INDIANA with fleet guide in U.S.S. SAN JUAN bearing 130° (T), distant 4,000 yards. 0851 Commenced Exercise 66, 5" AA firing at towed sleeve. 0947 Changed fleet speed to 17 knots. 1053 Sighted 8 ships on horizon bearing 140° (T). Identified as friendly. 1057 U.S.S. SARATOGA and destroyer screen detached from formation to maneuver independently. 1058 Changed fleet course to 310° (T). 1134 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery at towed sleeve. 1151 Ceased firing, exercise completed. Ammunition expended: 218 projectiles 5"/38 caliber AA Common, Mk. 31-10 Service, 218 charges 5"/38 caliber, 67 SPDN 3024, 90 SPDN 2868, 31 SPDN 3218, 30 SPDN 3219.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: Latitude 22° 56.7' S.; Longitude 166° 02.8' E. 1230 Changed course to 130° (T). 1240 Changed fleet course and axis to 180° (T). 1248 Changed fleet course and axis to 235° (T). 1252 Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 1253 All hands to General Quarters for drill, set Material Readiness Zebra. 1257 Changed course to 145° (T). 1300 Catapulted plane #5805 from starboard catapult, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, S. G., ARM 2c passenger. 1300 Commenced Exercise #4, 16"/45 caliber offset firing for radar observation. U.S.S. SAN JUAN in position to starboard to act as target ship. 1302 Catapulted plane 01417 from port catapult, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, MOUDY, D. L., ARM 1c, passenger. 1303 Changed course

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1943

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REMARKS

1200 to 1600 (Continued)
to 235° (T), changed speed to 17 knots. 1330 Changed course to 185° (T).
1339 Changed course to 235° (T). 1350 Commenced firing main battery to star-
board. 1406 Changed course to 185° (T). 1416 Changed course to 235° (T).
1504 Changed course to 185° (T). 1513 Changed course to 235° (T). 1548
Ceased firing. Completed Exercise 4. Ammunition expended: 10 projectiles
16"/45 caliber B-S&T Mk 9-1 target, 29 projectiles 16"/45 caliber AP Mk 8-2
service, 39 charges 16"/45 caliber, 34 SPD 2760, 3 SPD 3241, 1½ SPD 3082,
½ SPD 2755. 1552 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness
II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1610 Changed course to 145° (T), changed speed
to 11 knots. 1617 Commenced recovering aircraft. 1625 Completed recovering
aircraft. 1628 Changed course to 235° (T), changed speed to 17 knots. 1635
Changed fleet course and axis to 180° (T). 1643 Changed fleet course and
axis to 090° (T). 1653 Changed fleet course and axis to 065° (T). 1702
Changed speed to 19 knots. 1704 Changed fleet course and axis to 040° (T).
1732 Making various courses and speeds to form cruising disposition I-Queen,
this ship taking station with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 030° (T),
distant 2900 yards. Fleet course 000° (T), fleet axis 120° (T), fleet speed
15 knots. U.S.S. SARATOGA rejoined formation. 1807 This ship on station in
formation I-Queen. 1816 Making various courses during recovery of aircraft
by U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1826 Resumed fleet course 000° (T). 1840 Changed fleet
course to 290° (T), changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 1841 Commenced zig-
zagging using plan 14-zebra. 1842 Changed fleet speed to 20 knots. 1843
Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude 23° 13.9' S.; Longitude
165° 13.6' E. 2055 Changed fleet speed to 18 knots. 2100 Ceased zig-zagging,
resumed base course 290° (T). 2103 Changed fleet course to 020° (T). 2155
Changed fleet course to 270° (T). 2242 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-
zebra. 2355 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T).

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday 15
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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. FLUSSER, and with Task Force 14, less U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLOP, in accordance with ComSoPac 061957 of April 1943; formed in cruising disposition I-Queen, this ship in station 3070 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 030° (T), distant 2900 yards. Fleet course 270° (T), fleet axis 120° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 18 knots. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 8, Boiler Readiness 3 with all boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship darkened. 0000 Changed fleet course to 135° (T). 0005 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 14-zebra. 0150 Unidentified aircraft detected bearing 170° (T), distant 5 miles. 0203 Officer in Tactical Command declared aircraft to be friendly. 0355 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 135° (T).

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0400 Changed fleet course to 050° (T). 0405 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0611 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. 0630 Commenced Exercise 61-6F, Radar Tracking. 0636 Making various courses during launching of planes from U.S.S. SARATOGA. 0702 Resumed fleet course 050° (T). 0704 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 0711 Lighted ship. 0725 Commenced Exercise 5-Queen, Fighter Direction and Air Attack; this ship acting as Black Base 2 to direct aircraft. 0742 All hands to Air Defense stations for Exercises 5-Queen and 6-Queen, Tactics. 0745 Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 3-090 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 030° (T), distant 3,000 yards. Changed fleet speed to 23 knots. 0750 Carrier aircraft simulated attack. 0752 Transferred Black Base 2 to U.S.S. SARATOGA for fighter direction due to faulty communication with aircraft from this ship. 0758 Changed course to 033° (T).

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 23° 15.7' S.; Longitude 165° 59.9' E. 0802 Changed course to 080° (T). 0817 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 0818 Changed course to 100° (T). 0820 Changed speed to 19 knots. 0824 Changed course to 080° (T). 0825 Task Force 14 was detached from formation. Task Force 10 formed cruising disposition I-Mike, this ship taking station 3180, third in column astern of U.S.S. INDIANA. Changed fleet speed to 15 knots. 0846 Changed fleet speed to 17 knots. 0848 Changed fleet course and axis to 030° (T). 0858 Changed fleet course and axis to 000° (T), changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 0917 Changed fleet course and axis to 310° (T). 0940 Changed course to 130° (T), this ship taking fleet guide. 0953 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1010 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 310° (T). 1012 Secured boiler #1. 1015 Commenced A.A. Exercise, firing with 20 MM and 40 MM machine guns at sleeve and parachute targets. 1015 Opened fire with 20 MM machine guns at sleeve target. 1018 Secured boiler #5. 1106 Opened fire with 40 MM machine guns at sleeve target. 1118 Opened fire with machine guns on parachute target. 1129 Catapulted plane #01417 from starboard catapult, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, Lieut. (jg) D. W. CASSEL, U.S.N.R., passenger. 1153 Changed course to 040° (T). 1157 Changed fleet course and axis to 130° (T).

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Thursday 15 April 1943
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REMARKS

1200 to 2400

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 22° 32.3' S.; Longitude 165° 41.7' E. 1219 Catapulted plane #5805 from port catapult, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, Ens. F. H. BOLTON, U.S.N.R., passenger. 1300 Set clocks back one hour to minus 11 zone time. 1205 Completed A.A. Exercise with machine guns. 1217 Commenced Exercise 32, firing 5"/38 caliber battery using Mk. 32 fuse. 1217 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery. 1218 Commenced firing 40 MM machine guns at 5" bursts. 1258 Changed fleet course and axis to 075° (T). 1302 Changed fleet course and axis to 020° (T). 1324 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse bearing 025° (T). 1345 Completed Exercise 32, ceased all firing. Ammunition expended: 24 projectiles 5"/38 caliber AA Special Mk. 35-3, 24 charges 5"/38 caliber: 15 SPDN 3024, 8 SPDN 2868, 1 SPDN 3218; 785 rounds 40 MM AA Mk. I Service; 5607 rounds 20 MM, H.E., H.E. Tracer, Incendiary. 1347 Changed fleet course and axis to 010° (T). 1352 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-zebra. 1359 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 010° (T). 1406 Minor electrical fire broke out in Ship's Service Telephone Switchboard. Extinguished immediately. Damage slight. 1425 Changed speed to 15 knots, changed course to 002° (T). Secured boiler #4. 1429 Changed course to 050° (T). 1432 All hands to Air Defense stations for entry into channel. 1440 Secured boiler #7. 1442 Passed through Bulari Passage. Proceeded on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel, in column astern of U.S.S. INDIANA with U.S.S. WASHINGTON fleet guide. 1457 Secured from Air Defense, set Port War Watch. 1650 Moored to buoy, Berth Able 30, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable in 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom. Ship on 12 hour notice for getting underway.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday 16
to to
Sunday 25 April 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000, April 16, 1943 to 0725, April 25, 1943.

Moored to buoy in Berth Able 30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. REID, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. FLUSSER. S.O.P.A. in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Various units of Pacific Fleet present. This ship on 12 hour notice for getting underway. Carrying on routine upkeep of ship, training of personnel, and schedule of liberty and recreation.

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0725 to 1200, April 25, 1943.

0725 Underway in accordance with ComBatDiv 6 Secret Despatch 230544 for training purposes. Captain and Navigator on the bridge, Executive Officer at the conn. Boilers 1, 3, 5, and 7 cut in for steaming purposes, ship in Condition of Readiness III, Material Readiness Yoke. Standard speed 15 knots. Making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 0824 All hands to Air Defense stations for sortie. 0940 Passed through Bulari Passage. Changed standard speed to 16 knots. Changed course to 240° (T). Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 0952 Rendezvoused with escort group, U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. LAMSON. Formed cruising disposition I-Mike, this ship taking fleet guide, destroyers forming inner submarine screen. Officer in Tactical Command-Commanding Officer. Changed standard speed to 17 knots. 0955 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1036 Sighted yellow smoke bomb bearing 320° (T), distant 5 miles. 1039 Submarine surfaced, bearing 320° (T), distant 5 miles. 1045 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 240° (T). 1054 Changed course to 000° (T). 1059 Changed course to 080° (T). 1100 Catapulted plane #01417 to starboard, Ens. F. H. BOLTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., passenger. 1102 Catapulted plane #5805 to port, Lieut. (jg) D. W. CASSEL, U.S.N.R., pilot, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., passenger. 1103 Changed course to 000° (T). 1105 Commenced Event One, Simulated Night Attack by Submarine. S-31, escorted by U.S.S. FLUSSER, took position, running with decks awash, to launch torpedo attack. 1116 Submarine simulated firing torpedoes from submerged position bearing 336° (T). 1120 Submarine battle surfaced. 1126 Changed course to 349° (T), commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1134 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 000° (T). 1140 Changed course to 180° (T). 1145 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1159 Submarine S-31 commenced second simulated attack similar to first.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 22° 31.2' S.; Longitude 166° 06.8' E. 1206 Sighted destroyer towing target, bearing 070° (T). 1217 Assumed boiler condition of readiness 4 and condition of visual silence 3. 1221 Changed course to 100° (T). Changed speed to 12 knots preparatory to recovering aircraft by Dog method. 1228 Changed course to 130° (T). 1231 All aircraft hoisted aboard. 1231 Changed course to 180° (T), changed speed to 17 knots. 1238 Changed course to 184° (T). 1241 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1259 Friendly aircraft sighted bearing 000° (T). 1315 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 1328 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 184° (T). 1343 Changed course to 270° (T). 1345 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1348 Commenced Event 2, ComTaskFor 10 Exercise 66, A.A. firing with 5"/38 caliber battery on towed Radar Sleeve. 1351 Opened fire with 5"/38 caliber battery on target sleeve. 1515 Secured from Air Defense with exception of Gunnery personnel, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, Phase I of Event 2 completed. 1550 Commenced Phase II of Event 2, ComTaskFor 10 Exercise 99, A.A. firing with 40 MM and 20 MM machine guns on Towed Radar Sleeve. 1550 Commenced

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Sunday 25
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REMARKS

1200 to 1600 (Continued)

firing machine gun batteries at sleeve target. 1559 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 448 rounds 40 MM A.A. Mk. I Service, 315 rounds 20 MM H.E. and H.E. Tracer (5"/38 caliber ammunition expenditure included in later totals).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1623 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1632 Changed course to 120° (T). 1637 Catapulted plane #01417 to starboard, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, MOUDY, ARM 1c, passenger. 1639 Catapulted plane #5805 to port, Ens. J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, ARM 2c, passenger. 1640 Changed course to 000° (T). 1645 Formed battle disposition 8-Love, U.S.S. SMITH taking station astern of the fleet guide in this ship, U.S.S. PERKINS and U.S.S. LAMBSON on station in inner anti-submarine screen. 1648 Sighted ship bearing 040° (T), distant 30,000 yards. 1652 Completed Event 2. 1654 Ship identified as U.S.S. DRAYTON in error, later re-identified as U.S.S. FLUSSER. 1700 Changed course to 070° (T). 1708 Changed course to 000° (T). 1728 Changed course to 020° (T). 1730 U.S.S. FLUSSER joined formation, taking station in inner anti-submarine screen. U.S.S. DRAYTON, towing target sled, sighted. 1750 Changed course to 000° (T). 1752 Changed course to 270° (T). 1800 Changed course to 090° (T). 1822 Changed course to 270° (T). 1825 Changed course to 290° (T). 1830 All hands to General Quarters for Event 3, 16"/45 caliber Night Spotting Practice followed by 5"/38 caliber Night Spotting Practice. 1845 Changed course to 270° (T). 1909 Changed course to 300° (T). 1912 Changed course to 270° (T). 1918 Opened fire with 5"/38 caliber illuminating shells. 1920 Opened fire with 16"/45 caliber battery on target sled. 1925 Ceased firing main battery. 1930 Changed course to 000° (T). 1935 Changed course to 330° (T). 1940 Changed course to 000° (T). 1945 Changed course to 340° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude: 22° 31.6' S.; Longitude 165° 08' E. 2000 Changed course to 270° (T). 2022 Ceased all firing, having completed Event 3. Ammunition expended: 18 projectiles 16"/45 caliber A.P. Mk. 8-1 and 2, Service; 18 charges 16"/45 caliber, 14 SPD 2760, 3 SPD 3241, 1 SPD 3242; 102 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. common Mk. 31-10 Service, 85 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. illuminating Mk. 30-5 Service, 186 charges 5"/38 caliber: 170 SPD 2696, 2 SPD 2795, 6 SPD 3219, 8 SPD 3024. 2023 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II. 2300 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 2318 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 2328 Changed course to 290° (T). 2330 Changed course to 265° (T). 2333 Changed course to 270° (T). 2345 Changed course to 225° (T).

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Monday
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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. FLUSSER, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. LAMSON, in accordance with ComBatDiv 6 Secret Despatch 230544 of April, 1943, in battle disposition 8-Love with formation guide in this ship. U.S.S. SMITH on station astern of guide, other destroyers formed in inner anti-submarine screen. Standard speed 17 knots, steaming at standard speed, course 225° (T). Officer in Tactical Command Commanding Officer of this ship. Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 on the line for steaming purposes, boilers 4 and 6 standby. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness 4, Condition of Visual Silence 3. Ship darkened. 0015 Changed course to 180° (T). 0045 Changed course to 135° (T). 0115 Changed course to 078° (T). 0332 Changed speed to 15 knots.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0515 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Commenced Event 4, ComTaskFor 10 Exercise 61-S, Radar Tracking Drill. U.S.S. DRAYTON designated to rendezvous with formation and act as target. 0523 Made radar contact with ship bearing 053° (T), distant 9 miles. 0531 Contact identified as friendly vessel. 0553 Changed course to 108° (T). 0555 Changed course to 078° (T). 0600 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Lighted ship. 0610 Changed course to 000° (T). 0637 Changed course to 270° (T). 0650 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. Formed cruising disposition I-Mike, destroyers taking station in inner anti-submarine screen. 0752 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T).

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 position: Latitude 22° 30.2' S.; Longitude 164° 59.8' E. 0804 Changed course to 090° (T). 0813 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0903 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 0909 Changed course to 130° (T). 0913 Changed course to 220° (T). 0925 Changed course to 130° (T). 0941 Changed course to 310° (T). 1005 All hands to General Quarters for drill. 1006 U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. LAMSON were detached from formation, duty completed. 1016 Changed course to 130° (T). 1020 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1046 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1103 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 1140 Changed course to 310° (T).

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 22° 49.9' S.; Longitude 165° 21.7' E. 1245 Changed course to 130° (T). 1246 All hands to General Quarters for drill. 1300 Changed course to 310° (T). 1303 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1317 Changed course to 280° (T). 1322 Changed course to 310° (T). 1333 Changed course to 280° (T). 1342 Changed course to 310° (T). 1346 Commenced Event 7, 5"/38 caliber Night Battle Practice (Radar) (Daylight Practice). 1346 Opened fire with 5"/38 caliber battery on target sled to port. 1352 Ceased firing 5"/38 caliber battery to port, Event 7 completed. 1415 Changed course to 130° (T). 1425 Commenced Event 8, Local Control Battle Practice -- 5"/38 caliber Battery. 1425 Opened fire with 5"/38 battery on target sled to starboard. 1428 Ceased firing, Event 8 completed. Ammunition expended: 74 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. Common Mk. 31-10 Service; 74 charges 5"/38 caliber; 71 SPD 2696,

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3 SPDN 3024. 1430 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 1433 Changed course to 310° (T). 1450 Changed speed to 17 knots. 1500 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1525 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 310° (T). 1532 Changed course to 270° (T). 1540 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1730 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1731 Changed course to 225° (T). 1739 Darkened ship. Set Condition of Readiness II, secured from Condition II-Sugar. 1748 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1818 Changed speed to 13 knots. 1900 Changed course to 270° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 22° 32.8' S.; Longitude 163° 42.4' E. 2235 Changed course to 180° (T). 2315 Changed course to 090° (T).

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Tuesday

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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. FLUSSER in accordance with ComBatDiv 6 Secret Despatch 230544 in cruising disposition I-Mike with formation guide in this ship and destroyers formed in inner anti-submarine screen. Standard speed 17 knots, steaming at 13 knots on course 090° (T). Officer in Tactical Command Commanding Officer of this ship. Boilers # 1, 3, 5, and 7 on the line for steaming purposes, boilers # 4 and 6 standby. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness 4, Condition of Visual Silence 3. Ship darkened. 0102 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. Changed speed to 14 knots.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0602 Lighted ship. 0700 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 0701 Changed course to 130° (T), changed speed to 13 knots. 0708 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. Changed speed to 14 knots.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 22° 50.6' S.; Longitude 165° 07.7' E. 0833 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 130° (T). 0840 Changed course to 090° (T). 0846 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 14-zebra. 0901 Changed speed to 17 knots. 1135 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 1136 Ship sighted bearing 044° (T), distant 27,000 yards. 1142 Changed course to 040° (T). 1155 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 22° 54.3' S.; Longitude 166° 13' E. 1206 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 040° (T). 1221 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1227 Changed course to 220° (T). 1258 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1326 Changed course to 040° (T), changed speed to 10 knots. 1330 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1440 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1443 Changed course to 060° (T). 1445 Sighted objects bearing 077° (T), distant 17,000 yards. 1450 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1454 Changed course to 180° (T). 1517 Changed course to 315° (T). Decision was made by Commanding Officer not to attempt entering Bulari Pass as originally intended due to very bad visibility conditions. 1519 Changed course to 270° (T). Formed cruising disposition I-Mike with destroyers on station in inner anti-submarine screen. 1536 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1547 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1555 Two ships sighted bearing 046° (T) and 043° (T), distant 19,000 and 20,000 yards.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1700 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1708 Changed course to 180° (T). 1722 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 1734 Set Condition of Readiness II, darkened ship. 1747 Ceased

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zig-zagging, resumed base course 180° (T). 1900 Changed course to 270° (T).

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2000 to 2400
Steaming as before. 2000 position: Latitude: 22° 58.25' S.; Longitude 165° 46' E. 2300 Changed course to 000° (T).

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Wednesday 28 April 1943
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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. FLUSSER in accordance with ComBatDiv 6 Secret Despatch 230544 in cruising disposition I-Mike with formation guide in this ship and destroyers formed in inner anti-submarine screen. Standard speed 17 knots, steaming at 15 knots on course 000° (T). Officer in Tactical Command Commanding Officer of this ship. Boilers # 1, 3, 5 and 7 on the line for steaming purposes, boilers # 4 and 6 standby. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness 4, Condition of Visual Silence 3. Ship darkened. 0100 Changed course to 090° (T). 0130 Changed course to 180° (T). 0320 Changed course to 090° (T). 0331 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0415 Radar contact made on ship bearing 011° (T), distant 15,000 yards. 0428 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 0433 Changed course to 130° (T). 0438 Trained port battery and Turret 2 on unidentified ship. 0455 Changed course to 090° (T). Ship identified as merchantman by destroyer sent to investigate. 0500 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0514 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. 0556 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Lighted ship. 0743 Sighted friendly destroyer and tanker bearing 150° (T), distant 36,000 yards. 0747 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 0756 Changed course to 030° (T).

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 23° 00.3' S.; Longitude 166° 03.7' E. 0806 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 14-zebra. 0900 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 030° (T). 0901 Lit off boiler #2. 0902 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 17. 0948 Changed course to 025° (T), changed speed to 10 knots. 0956 Sighted ship bearing 000° (T), distant 14 miles. 1016 Changed course to 315° (T). Identity of object bearing 085° (T) established as wreck on reef. 1017 Changed course to 305° (T). 1020 Boiler #2 cut in on line, boiler #1 cut out. 1040 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1051 Land sighted bearing 350° (T), distant 30 miles. 1055 Sighted Amedee Light-house bearing 006° (T), distant 13 miles. 1100 Changed course to 350° (T). 1129 Changed course to 355° (T). 1139 Changed course to 050° (T). 1142 Commenced 360° turn to the left. 1147 Resumed course 050° (T). Escorting destroyers directed to cover entry and upon completion to proceed independently, duty completed.

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1200 to 2400

Steaming as before. 1200 position: Latitude 22° 30.5' S.; Longitude 166° 26.5' E. 1204 Entered Bulari Passage. Proceeded into port at various speeds on various courses to conform with channel. 1208 All hands to Air Defense stations for entry into port. 1305 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness III. 1419 Moored to buoy, Berth Able 30, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, in 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S.

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NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. LAMSON. S.O.P.A. in U.S.S. WASHINGTON.
1500 Broke flag of Captain G. B. DAVIS, U.S.N., Commander Battleship Division
8, comprising U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.S. INDIANA.

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Thursday 29
to
Friday 30 April 1943.
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REMARKS

0000, April 29, 1943 to 2400, April 30, 1943.

Moored to buoy in Berth Able 30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. LAMSON. S.O.P.A. in U.S.S. WASHINGTON. Various units of Pacific Fleet present. Ship on 12 hour notice for getting underway. Carrying on routine upkeep of ship, training of personnel, and schedule of liberty and recreation. 1500, April 29, 1943 -- Pursuant to orders, the staffs of the following reported aboard for duty: ComBatPac, ComBatDiv 8, ComBatDiv 6. 0700, April 30, 1943 -- U.S.S. WASHINGTON underway. Captain G. B. DAVIS, U.S.N. in this ship became S.O.P.A.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday 11

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REMARKS

0000, May 1, 1943 to 2400, May 14, 1943.

Moored to buoy in Berth Able-30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10 less U.S.S. WASHINGTON, U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. PERKINS, U.S.S. LAMSON, U.S.S. DRAYTON, U.S.S. SMITH, U.S.S. REID. SOPA in U.S.S. MacGAULLEY. Various units of U.S. Pacific Fleet present. Ship on 12 hour notice for getting underway. Port war watch set. Carrying on routine upkeep of ship, training of personnel, and schedule of liberty and recreation.

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May 13, 1943

Destroyer Squadron 4 relieved Destroyer Squadron 5 of duty with Task Force 10.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0700 to 1200, May 14, 1943

Underway in accordance with Commander Task Force 10 secret despatch 110501 of May 11, 1943 for training purposes. Captain and Navigator on the bridge, Executive Officer at the conn. Boilers 2, 4, 6 and 8 cut in for steaming purposes, ship in Condition of Readiness III, Material Readiness Yoke. Standard speed 15 knots. Making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. Escorting destroyers: U.S.S. SELFRIDGE, U.S.S. PATTERSON, U.S.S. TALBOT. 0809 All hands to Air Defense stations for sortie. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0915 Strong sound contact on submarine reported by one of escorting destroyers covering sortie in position 5 miles bearing 230° (T) from point X-ray. 0920 Submarine reported attacked. This ship circled inside Tu Reef awaiting further developments and amplification on submarine contact. 0945 Escorting destroyers reported sound contact not developed. This ship proceeded out. 1014 Passed through Bulari Pass. Changed speed to 17 knots. Escorting destroyers reported sound contact non-submarine. 1022 Changed course to 270° (T). Changed standard speed to 17 knots. Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1025 Formed cruising disposition I-Mike, with fleet guide in this ship, escorting destroyers on circle 5. Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-zebra. 1050 Commenced Event One, simulated night surface attack by submarine for radar and lookout training. 1050 Sighted submarine decks awash. 1052 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1103 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 1113 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1124 Changed course to 090° (T). 1146 Completed Event One. 1151 Changed course to 180° (T). 1159 Changed course to 190° (T), changed speed to 20 knots. Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 22° 32.6' S.; Longitude 166° 15.3' E. 1245 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 1255 Changed speed to 17 knots. 1300 Event Two, 5"/38 caliber AA practice, was cancelled due to inability of plane towing radar sleeve to remain on station because of mechanical difficulties. 1305 Secured from Air Defense except for 20 MM battery personnel. 1328 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 190° (T). 1340 Changed

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course to 000° (T). 1350 Changed course to 090° (T). 1353 Catapulted plane #01417 to port, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, MCUDY, D. L., ARM 1c, passenger. 1354 Catapulted plane #5805 to starboard, Lieut. (jg) J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, S. G., ARM 2c, passenger. 1354 Changed course to 000° (T). 1357 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 8-Zebra. 1402 Commenced practice firing 20 MM battery at sleeve target. 1440 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 000° (T). 1449 Changed course to 180° (T). 1455 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 1517 Ceased firing. Directed planes to proceed to base at Noumea. 1535 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 180° (T). 1545 Changed course to 270° (T). 1555 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1725 Set Condition of Readiness II. Darkened ship. 1725 Commenced Event Three, ComTaskFor 10 Exercise 615 modified in that target is tracked out. 1925 Commenced Event Four, ComTaskFor 10 Exercise 625K, illumination of target with starshells. Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber battery to starboard. 1934 Ceased firing. Completed Event Four.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: latitude 22° 57' S.; longitude 164° 56' E. 2050 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 2100 Changed course to 225° (T). 2110 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 2250 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 225° (T). 2300 Changed course to 270° (T). 2310 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra.

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Saturday 15

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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with U.S.S. SELFRIDGE, U.S.S. PATTERSON, U.S.S. TALBOT in accordance with ComTaskFor 10 secret despatch 110501 of May, 1943, in cruising disposition K-Mike with formation guide in this ship. Standard speed 17 knots, steaming at standard speed, course 270° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 8-Zebra. Boilers 2, 4, 6, 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers 1, 3, 5, 7 standby. Officer in Tactical Command Commanding Officer of this ship. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke. Ship darkened. 0130 Radar contact made with unidentified plane bearing 096° (T), distant 44.8 miles. 0157 Radar contact with unidentified plane lost. 0205 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 0215 Changed course to 000° (T). 0225 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 8-Zebra. 0305 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 000° (T). 0315 Changed course to 090° (T). 0325 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0528 Summoned two-thirds of crew to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Conducted Event Five, ComTaskFor 10 Exercise 611, radar tracking. 0618 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Lighted ship. 0730 All hands to General Quarters for drill. Set Material Readiness Zebra.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: latitude 23° 00.8' S.; longitude 164° 37.9' E. 0831 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 0840 Sighted U.S.S. FANNING towing target sled, bearing 060° (T), distant 15 miles. 0845 Changed course to 000° (T). 0850 Commenced Event Six, long-range battle practice for turrets, spotting range 30,000-25,000 yards. Range offset only. 0850 Opened fire with main battery to starboard. 0859 Ceased firing. Completed Event Six. 0910 Changed course to 075° (T). 0915 Changed course to 120° (T). 0924 Changed course to 090° (T). 0935 Changed course to 270° (T). 0939 Changed course to 240° (T). 0944 Changed speed to 20 knots. 0948 Changed course to 270° (T). 0950 Commenced Event Seven, night battle practice, radar, range 12,000-10,000 yards. 0950 Opened fire with 5"/38 caliber battery to port. 0958 Ceased firing. Completed Event Seven. Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1000 Changed speed to 17 knots. 1005 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 1102 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1114 Changed course to 180° (T). 1126 Changed course to 150° (T). 1145 Changed course to 180° (T). 1148 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 8-Zebra.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude 23° 12.2' S.; longitude 164° 33.3' E. 1230 All hands to General Quarters for drill. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 1236 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 130° (T). 1245 Changed course to 110° (T). 1252 Changed course to 090° (T). Commenced Event Eight, local control battle practice 16"/45 caliber turrets, range 12,000-9,000 yards, target Ser. 60 sled towed by destroyer. 1308 Commenced

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firing main battery. 1325 Ceased firing. Completed Event Eight. 1326 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1330 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 1334 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 1334 Changed course to 270° (T). 1350 Commenced Event Nine, Com Task For 10 Exercise 32, 5"/38 caliber AA test firing of Mk 32 fuzes. Commenced firing secondary battery to port. 1352 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 1406 Ceased firing. Completed Event Nine. 1415 Commander Task Force 10 assumed tactical command. 1430 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1444 Changed course to 030° (T). 1500 Changed speed to 23 knots. Formed cruising disposition 6-Victor. 1508 Commenced maneuvering to avoid simulated air attack. 1515 Changed speed to 17 knots, maneuvering drill completed. 1517 Formed cruising disposition I-Mike. 1539 Changed course to 090° (T). 1548 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 6. 1550 Commanding officer became Officer in Tactical Command.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1605 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 1615 Changed course to 105° (T). 1625 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 6. 1640 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 080° (T). 1650 Changed course to 090° (T). 1705 Changed course to 270° (T). 1713 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 1726 Set Condition of Readiness II, darkened ship. 1821 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 1836 Changed course to 090° (T). 1840 All hands to General Quarters for drill. 1903 Changed course to 270° (T). 1918 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1924 Commenced Event Ten, 5"/38 caliber night spotting practice, range 12,000-10,000 yards, target Ser. 60 sled towed by destroyer to be illuminated. 1924 Commenced firing 5"/38 caliber star shells to port. 1940 Ceased firing. Completed Event Ten without actually firing on target, due to failure to see target. 1942 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II. 1943 Changed speed to 17 knots. 1945 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 23° 18.5' S.; longitude 164° 38.3' E. 2050 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 2100 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 6. 2321 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 270° (T). 2330 Changed course to 315° (T). 2340 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 6. *Ammunition expended in drills of May 14 and May 15: 28 projectiles 16"/45 caliber A.F. Mk. 8-2 Service; 28 charges 16"/45 caliber, 19 SPD 2460, 1 SPD 2755, 2 1/2 SPD 3082, 4 1/2 SPD 3241, 1 1/2 SPD 3242; 24 projectiles 5"/38 caliber AA Special Mk. 35-3, 20 projectiles 5"/38 caliber AA Common Mk. 31-10, 65 projectiles 5"/38 caliber AA Illuminating Mk. 30-5; 109 charges 5"/38 caliber, 57 SPD 2696, 5 SPDN 3024, 26 SPDN 3219, 1 SPDN 2775, 20 SPDN 2868; 2414 rounds 20 MM tracer and H.E.

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Captain, U.S. Navy

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday

16

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with U.S.S. SYLFRIDGE, U.S.S. PATTERSON, U.S.S. TALBOT, in accordance with ComTaskFor 10 secret despatch 110501 of May, 1943, in cruising disposition I-Mike, with formation guide in this ship. Standard speed 17 knots, steaming at standard speed, course 315° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 6. Boilers # 2, 4, 6, and 8 in use for steaming purposes, boilers # 1, 3, 5, 7 standby. Officer in Tactical Command Commanding Officer of this ship. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke. Ship darkened. 0020 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 315° (T). 0030 Changed course to 000° (T). 0040 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 6. 0120 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 000° (T). 0130 Changed course to 045° (T). 0140 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 6. 0305 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 045° (T). 0315 Changed course to 090° (T). 0325 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 6.

R. T. REXBINE
R. T. REXBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0527 Summoned two-thirds of crew to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. 0552 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 0601 Changed course to 135° (T). 0611 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 6. 0620 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 0627 Lighted ship. 0701 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 145° (T). 0711 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 6. 0740 All hands to Air Defense Stations for drill. 0748 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 145° (T).

R. T. REXBINE
R. T. REXBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 22° 50' S.; Longitude 164° 56' E. 0803 Changed course to 095° (T). 0804 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition II-Sugar. 0806 Changed speed to 18 knots. 0807 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 0820 Commenced firing 20 MM machine guns at sleeve targets towed by our planes. Event Twelve, 5"/38 caliber AA practice followed by 40 MM practice, was cancelled due to failure of PBV plane towing radar sleeves to reach station. 0921 Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 5301 rounds 20 MM tracer and H.E. 0927 Commenced making various courses and speeds to recover aircraft, Cast method. 0957 Both aircraft hoisted aboard. 0957 Changed course to 080° (T), changed speed to 18 knots. 1008 Changed course to 097° (T). 1020 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra.

R. T. REXBINE
R. T. REXBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 2400

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 22° 55.6' S.; Longitude 166° 04.7' E. 1200 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 097° (T). 1212 Changed course to 030° (T). 1215 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 8-Zebra. 1220 U.S.S. TALBOT signalled steering gear breakdown. 1224 U.S.S. TALBOT signalled regaining of steering gear control. 1256 Amedee Lighthouse sighted bearing 038° (T), distant 21.7 miles. 1317 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 030° (T). 1327 Changed course to 050° (T). 1329 All hands to Air Defense stations for entry. Set condition of Material Readiness Zebra. 1344 Changed standard speed to 15 knots. 1346 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1404

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D. Carlson
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday

16

May

1943

(Day)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1200 to 2400 (Continued):

Entered Bulari Pass. Proceeded into port making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 1420 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness III, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1611 Moored to buoy in Berth Able 30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, with anti-torpedo net stretched around ship. Ship on 12 hours notice. Various units of Pacific Fleet present. SOPA in U.S.S. MacCAULEY.

Mayline
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

ED. LOREN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding

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Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Monday 17
to
Tuesday 18
(Day) (Date)

May 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 2400, May 17, 1943.

Moored to buoy in Berth Able 30, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, with anti-torpedo net stretched around ship. SOPA in U.S.S. MacCAULEY. Various units of Pacific Fleet present. Ship in Condition of Readiness III, ready to get underway on 12 hours notice. Carrying on routine upkeep and training of personnel. 1430 U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA stood into port.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0000 to 1200, May 18, 1943.

Moored as before. 0000 Ship made ready to get underway on 2 hours notice in accordance with ComSoPac secret despatch 171139 of May 1943.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Moored as before. 1303 Underway in company with Task Force 10 less U.S.S. WASHINGTON, in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943. Escorting destroyers assigned to duty with Task Force 10 for this operation were U.S.S. SELFRIDGE, U.S.S. WOODWORTH, U.S.S. RALPH TALBOT, U.S.S. PATTERSON, U.S.S. CONVERSE. Officer in Tactical Command ComBatDiv 8 in this ship. Captain and Navigator on the bridge, Executive Officer at the Conn. Standard speed 15 knots. Boilers 2, 4, 6, and 8 cut in for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness III, Material Readiness Yoke. Making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 1352 All hands to Air Defense stations for sortie, set Condition of Material Readiness Zebra. 1400 Lighted off boilers 1, 3, 5, and 7. 1517 Passed through Bulari Pass. Changed standard speed to 16 knots. Steaming at standard speed, course 230° (T). Cut in boilers 1, 3, 5, and 7 on main steam line. 1521 Commenced zig-zagging 5° either way of base course. 1522 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1532 Changed course to 275° (T). Formed cruising disposition I-Mike, fleet guide in this ship with U.S.S. INDIANA and U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA on station in column open order astern, distant 1,000 and 2,000 yards, respectively. Fleet course and axis 275° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1600 Rendezvoused with Task Force 14 and in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943, Task Force 10 combined with Task Force 14 for this operation. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. Formed cruising disposition 2, fleet course 275° (T), fleet axis 312° (T), standard speed 16 knots, fleet speed 19 knots. 1600 Commenced making various courses and speeds to take station in formation. 1621 On station 3.5060 in cruising disposition 2 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 182° (T) distant 2,700 yards. 1630 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 1630 Assumed Condition of Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 8. 1638 Commenced test firing of machine gun batteries. 1652 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during aircraft operations. 1702 Completed test firing of machine guns. Ammunition expended: 16 rounds of 40 MM B.L. & T., 115 rounds 40 MM service,

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Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding

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Lt. Commander, U. S. Navy
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday 18 May 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1600 to 2000 (Continued):
17 rounds 20 MM. 1722 Set Condition of Readiness II. Darkened ship. 1741
Changed fleet course to 230° (T). 1800 Commenced zig-zagging using plan 10-
Zebra. 1855 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 230° (T). 1900 Changed
fleet course to 312° (T).

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400 Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 22° 51.3' S.; Longitude
165° 44.9' E.

R. F. Reybine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

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Commanding

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U.S.N. Navigator
Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS Wednesday 19 May 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 14 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943, in cruising disposition 2, this ship in station 3.5060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 182° (T), distant 2,700 yards. Fleet course and axis 312° (T), standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots, zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. Boilers 2, 4, 6, and 8 out in for steaming purposes, boilers 1, 3, 5, and 7 standby. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 8. SG radar in operation. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0529 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0549 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0615 Resumed fleet course 312° (T), speed 19 knots, zig-zag plan 10-zebra. 0616 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0642 Took station 3060 in cruising disposition 2 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 20° 31.7' S.; Longitude 163° 00.3' E. 0940 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during aircraft operations. 0953 U.S.S. SAN JUAN reported submarine contact bearing 350° (T) from fleet center. 0955 U.S.S. SAN JUAN carried out depth charge attack on submarine contact. 1005 in accordance with orders dropped from plane, ComTaskFor 14 Operation Order 1-43, Serial 008, dated May 19, 1943, became effective. 1008 Resumed fleet course 312° (T), speed 19 knots, zig-zag plan 10-Zebra. 1013 Changed fleet course to 342° (T). 1018 U.S.S. SAN JUAN resumed station in formation. U.S.S. DUNLAP remained in vicinity of submarine contact. 1115 Changed fleet course to 312° (T).

R. F. Reybaine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 19° 41.9' S.; Longitude 162° 24.3' E. 1245 Secured boiler #8 for temporary repairs. 1248 Commenced firing 20 MM battery at towed sleeve target. 1314 Completed firing. Ammunition expended: 308 rounds 20 MM tracer and H.E. 1325 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during aircraft operations. 1348 Resumed zig-zagging on base course 312° (T), using plan 10-Zebra. 1355 Out in Boiler 8 on main steam line, repairs completed. 1524 Destroyer of DUNLAP class sighted bearing 175° (T), distant 25,000 yards.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

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Wednesday 19

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May

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1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1649 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 312° (T). 1654 Changed fleet speed to 16 knots. 1703 U.S.S. DUNLAP rejoined formation and went alongside U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1710 Changed course to 302° (T). 1711 Changed course to 322° (T). 1714 Changed course to 312° (T). 1716 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 1717 U.S.S. DUNLAP resumed station in formation. Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 1719 Commenced making various courses to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1738 Changed fleet course to 272° (T). Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 1748 Set Condition of Readiness II. Darkened ship.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 18° 34.8' S.; Longitude 160° 41.5' E. 2025 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 272° (T). 2030 Changed fleet course to 312° (T). 2035 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 2222 Sound contact reported by U.S.S. FANNING. 2224 Changed fleet course to 200° (T). Ceased zig-zagging. 2225 U.S.S. FANNING carried out depth charge attack. 2227 Condition of Material Readiness Zebra set below 2nd deck. 2256 Changed fleet course to 312° (T). 2303 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 2310 Secured from Material Readiness Zebra below 2nd deck, set Material Readiness Yoke.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday

20

May

1943

(Day)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 14 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943, in cruising disposition 2, this ship in station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course and axis 312° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra, standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots. Operating in accordance with ComTaskFor 14 Operation Order 1-43, Serial 008, dated May 19, 1943. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 8. SG radar in operation. Ship darkened. 0052 Secured boiler #7 for repairs. 0208 Cut in boiler #7 on main steam line. 0300 Secured boiler #3 for repairs. 0308 U.S.S. SAN JUAN reported surface contact bearing 022° (T), distant 3,200 yards. 0310 Changed fleet course to 244° (T). 0311 Changed fleet speed to 20 knots. 0313 Surface contact reported by U.S.S. SAN JUAN to have faded. 0320 Changed fleet course to 312° (T). Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 0325 Changed fleet speed to 19 knots. 0332 U.S.S. SAN JUAN reported surface contact bearing 148° (T), distant 3,760 yards. 0342 Changed fleet speed to 21 knots. 0345 Changed fleet speed to 19 knots.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0430 Cut in boiler #3 on main steam line. 0445 Secured boiler #6. 0535 Lighted off boiler #6. 0544 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Material Readiness Zebra set by Gunnery Department. 0548 Changed fleet course to 252° (T). 0608 Changed fleet course to 312° (T). 0612 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra. 0613 Commenced making various courses to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0630 Changed fleet course to 222° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11-Zebra. 0641 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Material Readiness Yoke. 0645 Changed fleet course to 342° (T). 0652 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 16° 46.2' S.; Longitude 158° 02.6' E. 0950 Commenced making various courses to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during aircraft operations. 1027 resumed course 342° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11-Zebra. 1038 Assumed Condition of Aircraft Readiness 9. 1138 Sighted object on horizon bearing 340° (T). 1143 Radar contact made on object bearing 332° (T), distant 13 miles. 1153 Object identified as U.S.S. BUCHANAN.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 15° 51' S.; Longitude 157° 58.6' E. 1200 Changed fleet course to 092° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11-Zebra. 1319 Cut out boiler #6 for temporary repairs. 1330 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 1343 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 092° (T) for carrier aircraft operations. 1404 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra. 1405 Cut in boiler #6 on main steam line. 1434 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness III-Sugar. 1442 Secured

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday 20

May 1913

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1200 to 1600 (Continued).
boiler #2 for repairs. 1548 Cut in boiler #2 on main line.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1705 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 092° (T) during recovery of aircraft by carriers. 1707 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra. 1714 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 070° (T) during recovery of aircraft by carriers. 1741 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra, on base course 092° (T). 1757 Darkened ship. Set Condition of Readiness II. 1825 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 092° (T). 1830 Changed fleet course to 002° (T). 1835 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra. 1935 Secured boiler #7.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 15° 23.4' S.; Longitude 160° 01.8' E. 2045 U.S.S. CASE reported steering casualty. U.S.S. GRIDLEY standing by. 2105 U.S.S. CASE, U.S.S. GRIDLEY returning to formation, casualty repaired. 2121 Cut in boiler #7 on main steam line. 2219 U.S.S. CASE, U.S.S. GRIDLEY reported on station in formation. 2325 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 002° (T). 2330 Changed fleet course to 092° (T). 2335 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday

21

May

1922

(Day)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1200 to 1600 (Continued);
gating planes. 1328 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1344 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 105° (T). 1350 Changed course to 065° (T). 1354 Changed course to 105° (T). 1359 Changed fleet course to 248° (T). 1402 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra. Changed speed to 17 knots. 1453 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform to carriers during aircraft operations. 1533 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra, on base course 248° (T). 1534 Changed fleet speed to 23 knots.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000
Steaming as before. 1606 Changed fleet speed to 22 knots. 1702 Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform to carriers during aircraft operations. 1724 Changed fleet speed to 19.5 knots. 1728 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra, on base course 248° (T). 1742 Darkened ship. Set Condition of Readiness II. 1825 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 248° (T). 1830 Changed fleet course to 212° (T). 1835 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 to 2400
Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 15° 55.1' S.; Longitude 163° 22.6' E. 2025 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 212° (T). 2032 Changed fleet course to 252° (T). 2035 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Friday
(Day)21
(Date)May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 14 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943; in cruising disposition 2, this ship in station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course 092° (T), fleet axis 312° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11-Zebra, standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19 knots. Operating in accordance with ComTaskFor 14 Operation Order 1-43, Serial 008, dated May 19, 1943. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness 1, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation. Ship darkened. 0020 Secured boiler 5 for temporary repairs. 0135 Cut in boiler #5 on main steam line.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0528 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Material Readiness Zebra set. 0550 Commenced making various courses to conform with carriers during launching of aircraft. 0605 Resumed base course 092° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11-Zebra. 0618 Changed fleet course to 105° (T). 0626 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Able, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 14° 32.2' S.; Longitude 162° 35.7' E. 0915 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course during recovery of aircraft by H.M.S. VICTORIOUS. 0912 Resumed zig-zagging on base course 105° (T), using plan 11-Zebra. 0945 Ceased zig-zagging, made various courses to conform to carriers during aircraft operations. 1001 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra, on base course 105° (T). 1030 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 105° (T) during recovery of aircraft by carriers. 1038 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra, on base course 105° (T). 1122 Unidentified aircraft radar contact reported by U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA bearing 255° (T), distant 79 miles. 1137 Unidentified aircraft radar contact reported by U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 010° (T), distant 80 miles. 1142 H.M.S. VICTORIOUS directed to send fighter planes to investigate unidentified aircraft bearing 015° (T), distant 77 miles. 1157 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 105° (T) during aircraft operations by carriers.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 14° 57.6' S.; Longitude 163° 50.4' E. 1207 Watch III on Air Defense stations. 1211 Commenced making various speeds for aircraft operations by carriers. 1235 U.S.S. BUCHANAN reported sound contact. Carried out depth charge attack. 1237 Changed fleet course to 175° (T). 1239 Changed speed to 20 knots. 1240 All hands to Air Defense stations. Set Material Readiness Zebra. Aircraft vectored out by U.S.S. SARATOGA to investigate unidentified aircraft. 1243 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1243 Sound contact reported by U.S.S. BUCHANAN identified as fish. 1248 Changed fleet course to 105° (T), resumed zig-zagging, using plan 11-Zebra. 1300 Changed speed to 20 knots, commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra. 1325 Unidentified aircraft identified as friendly by investi-

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday

22

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 14 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943, in cruising disposition 2, this ship in station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course 252° (T), fleet axis 312° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 19-Zebra, standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19.5 knots. Operating in accordance with ComTaskFor 14 Operation Order 1-43, serial 008, dated May 19, 1943. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. S.G. radar in operation. Ship darkened. 0010 Secured boiler 6 for temporary repairs. 0110 Cut in boiler 6 on main steam line. 0115 Secured boiler 2 for temporary repairs. 0215 Cut in boiler 2 on main steam line.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0538 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Material Readiness Zebra set. 0559 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0618 Resumed base course 252° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 19-Zebra. Resumed speed 19.5 knots. 0627 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, Material Readiness Yoke. 0635 Secured SG radar, SC radar cut in. 0635 Changed fleet course to 149° (T). 0642 Lighted ship.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 14° 57.6' S.; Longitude 163° 50.4' E. 0846 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with carriers during aircraft operations. 0902 Resumed base course 149° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 19-Zebra, speed 19.5 knots. 0918 Commenced Exercise 12, 20 MM firing at towed sleeve. 0930 Secured boiler 3. 0940 Commenced firing 20 MM battery. 1005 U.S.S. CONVERSE was detached from formation to proceed on duty assigned. 1015 Assumed Condition of Aircraft Readiness 3. 1025 Changed speed to 16 knots. 1039 Changed speed to 19.5 knots. 1115 Cut in boiler 3 on main steam line. 1137 Changed course to 060° (T). 1140 Catapulted plane 5805 to starboard, Lieut. (jg) D. W. CASSEL, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, S.G., ARM 2c, passenger. 1141 Catapulted plane 01417 to port, Lieut. C. C. AINSWORTH, U.S.N., pilot, MOUDY, D. L., ARM 1c, passenger. 1142 Changed course to 149° (T). 1145 Commenced making various courses to conform to carriers during aircraft operations. 1159 Resumed base course 149° (T), zig-zagging according to plan 19-Zebra.

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 18° 10.8' S.; Longitude 161° 39.1' E. 1304 Ceased zig-zagging, changed fleet course to 180° (T). Commenced maneuvering to take station 2180 in disposition I-Victor with guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 312° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet axis 312° (T), fleet course 180° (T). 1306 Changed fleet speed to 23 knots. 1309 Changed fleet course to 149° (T). 1315 Changed fleet speed to 25 knots. 1317 Commenced

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Saturday

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REMARKS

1200 to 1600 (Continued)

zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra. 1323 Changed speed to 19 knots. 1348 Changed speed to 25 knots. 1425 Ceased zig-zagging, maneuvered to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 1439 Commenced making various courses and speeds to recover aircraft, Dog method. 1454 Both planes hoisted aboard. 1455 Changed speed to 23 knots to regain station in formation. 1510 Assumed Condition of Aircraft Readiness 9. 1515 Regained station in formation. Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra, base course 149° (T), speed 19.5 knots. 1520 Changed fleet course to 179° (T). Ceased zig-zagging. 1529 Changed fleet speed to 25 knots. 1531 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 1535 Commenced maneuvering radically to avoid simulated air attack, maintaining station on U.S.S. SARATOGA.

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R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1625 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Air attack exercises completed. 1627 Changed fleet course to 165° (T), changed fleet speed to 18.5 knots. 1630 Changed fleet speed to 25 knots. 1635 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1712 Formed cruising disposition 2, this ship taking station 3060, with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course 179° (T), fleet axis 312° (T). 1730 Changed fleet speed to 17 knots. 1739 Darkened ship. Set Condition of Readiness II. 1807 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra. 1835 Changed fleet speed to 20.5 knots. 1841 U.S.S. CASE forced to drop out of formation due to engine casualty. U.S.S. DUNLAP detailed to stand by. 1845 Changed fleet speed to 19.5 knots. 1855 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 179° (T). 1900 Changed fleet course to 151° (T). 1905 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude 19° 31.7' S.; Longitude 162° 40' E. 2222 Radar contact reported bearing 130° (T), distant 15,000 yards. 2224 Contact identified as rain squall. 2225 Radar contact made on vessels bearing 011° (T), distant 17,000 yards, identified as friendly coastal patrol. *Ammunition expended this date: 406 rounds 20 MM tracer and H.E.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday 23 May 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

09789

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 14 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943, in cruising disposition 2, this ship in station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course 151° (T); fleet axis 312° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 19-Zebra, standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19.5 knots. Operating in accordance with ComTaskFor 14 Operation Order 1-43, Serial 008, dated May 19, 1943. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation. Ship darkened. 0055 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 151° (T). 0100 Changed fleet course to 205° (T). 0105 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0455 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 205° (T). 0500 Changed fleet course to 086° (T). 0505 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra. 0534 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Material Readiness Zebra set. 0534 Secured SG radar, cut in SC radar. 0550 Radar contact made with vessels bearing 065° (T), distant 22,000 yards. Later identified as U.S.S. CASE, U.S.S. DUNLAP rejoining formation. 0605 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0616 Resumed zig-zagging on base course 086° (T), using plan 19-Zebra, speed 19.5 knots. 0628 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 086° (T), using plan 19-Zebra, speed 19.5 knots. 0628 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 086° (T), changed fleet speed to 16 knots. 0630 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0653 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra. Changed fleet speed to 19.5 knots. 0718 Changed course to 080° (T), changed speed to 20 knots. 0719 Catapulted plane 01417 to starboard, Ens. F. H. BOLTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, S. G., ARM 2c passenger. 0721 Changed course to 086° (T), resumed zig-zagging, using plan 19-Zebra. 0729 Catapulted plane 5805 to starboard, Lieut. (jg) J. A. COTTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, MOUDY, D. L., ARM 1c passenger. 0733 Commenced Exercise 12, 20 MM firing at towed sleeve. Changed speed to 19 knots. 0742 Commenced firing 20 MM and 40 MM machine guns at towed target.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 21° 50.2' S.; Longitude 163° 34.7' E. 0845 U.S.S. SELFRIDGE reported sound contact. Changed fleet course to 176° (T). 0850 Changed fleet course to 266° (T). 0850 Sound contact identified as large fish. 0900 Changed course to 030° (T). Commenced making various speeds to recover aircraft, Dog method. 0916 Plane 5805 hoisted aboard. 0923 Plane 01417 capsized on surface just after landing. Ens. F. H. BOLTON, U.S.N.R., pilot, HARDISON, S. G., ARM 2c passenger. Both men appeared immediately on floats of plane. U.S.S. CASE ordered to pick up survivors, and to destroy submerged plane. 0925 Changed speed to 19 knots. 0926 Changed speed to 22 knots, changed course to 110° (T). 0929 Changed course to 090° (T). 0931 U.S.S. CASE picked up survivors from plane. 0934 Changed course to 180° (T). Changed speed to 19 knots. 0941 Changed speed to 20.5 knots. 0945 Changed course to 125° (T). Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 0959 Changed speed to 19.5 knots. 1025 Changed fleet course

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Sunday

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REMARKS

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0800 to 1200 (Continued)

to 268° (T). Continued zig-zagging. 1035 Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, repel air attack, taking station 2180 with guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 312° (T), distant 2,000 yards, fleet axis 312° (T). 1042 Changed fleet speed to 25 knots. 1043 Commenced maneuvering radically, conforming to U.S.S. SARATOGA drill to repel simulated air attack. 1111 Completed exercise to repel air attack. Resumed course 268° (T). 1114 Commenced maneuvering to take station 3060 in cruising disposition 2, 1128 Changed fleet course to 225° (T). 1130 Formed cruising disposition 2, this ship on station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet axis 312° (T), fleet course 225° (T), fleet speed 19.5 knots. 1133 Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: Latitude 21° 54.4' S.; Longitude 163° 54.3' E. 1232 Resumed fleet speed 19.5 knots. 1233 Resumed fleet course 225° (T). 1235 Commenced maneuvering to conform to movements of carriers during recovery of aircraft. 1240 Resumed base course 225° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 1348 Ceased zig-zagging. Commenced maneuvering to conform with movements of carriers during launching of aircraft. 1352 All hands to Air Defense stations for drill. 1358 Commenced exercises for repelling simulated air attack by planes from U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS. Formed disposition I-Victor, this ship taking station 2180 with guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 312° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet axis 312° (T), fleet course 225° (T). 1402 Changed speed to 24 knots. 1410 Commenced maneuvering radically to conform to movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA. 1422 Changed speed to 21 knots. 1428 Ceased exercise. 1430 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 1439 Making various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1512 Formed cruising disposition 2, this ship taking station 3060, with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet axis 312° (T), fleet course 225° (T), fleet speed 19.5 knots. 1517 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 1518 U.S.S. PATTERSON indicated breakdown. 1537 U.S.S. PATTERSON completed repairs, commenced resuming station in formation.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1709 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with the movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1716 Resumed base course 225° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. Resumed fleet speed 19.5 knots. 1725 Out in SG radar. 1735 Set Condition of Readiness II. Darkened ship. 1755 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 225° (T). 1800 Changed fleet course to 208° (T). 1805 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 1845 Secured SG radar. 1913 U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA reported radar contact on object bearing 098° (T), distant 32 miles. Contact lost almost immediately. 1925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 208° (T). 1930 Changed fleet course to 081° (T). 1935 Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday
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23
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May
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

09789

2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude $23^{\circ} 09.8' S.$; Longitude $162^{\circ} 28.7' E.$ Ammunition expended this date: 193 rounds 40 mm service, 1466 rounds 20 mm H.E. and tracer.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Monday, May 24, 1943
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REMARKS

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0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Force 14 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with ComThirdFleet secret despatch 172344 of May, 1943, in cruising disposition 2, this ship in station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 179° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course 081° (T), fleet axis 312° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra, standard speed 16 knots, steaming at 19.5 knots. Operating in accordance with ComTaskFor 14 Operation Order 1-43, Serial 008, dated May 19, 1943. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation. Ship darkened.

R. F. Reybaine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0515 Out in SC radar. 0520 Radar contact made with land bearing 020° (T), distant 65 miles. 0530 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. 0556 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0615 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. Lighted ship. 0615 Resumed base course 081° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 0632 Ceased zig-zagging. 0634 Resumed zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 0652 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering to conform with movements of carriers during launching of aircraft. 0715 Resumed base course 081° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra.

R. F. Reybaine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: Latitude 22° 33.6' S.; Longitude 166° 00' E. 0800 Fighter direction drill held by fleet with friendly planes simulating approach and attack. 0825 Aircraft commenced bombing exercise. 0835 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering to conform to movements of carriers during recovery of aircraft. 0900 Received report of U.S. merchant vessel being torpedoed about 75 miles south of Amedee Lighthouse. 0919 Resumed base course 081° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 0922 Changed fleet course to 102° (T). 0934 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse bearing 087° (T), distant 24 miles. 0944 Several ships sighted dead ahead. 0950 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering to conform to movements of carriers during recovery of aircraft. 1005 Resumed base course 102° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. Changed fleet speed to 22 knots. 1009 Changed fleet course to 133° (T). 1032 On signal from Officer in Tactical Command, prepared to enter port. 1032 Changed fleet course to 050° (T). 1034 Changed speed to 16 knots. 1035 Changed course to 230° (T). 1041 Changed course to 100° (T). 1043 Changed speed to 10 knots, changed course to 060° (T). 1047 Changed course to 050° (T). Took station fifth in column, astern of U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, distance 1,000 yards. 1048 All hands to Air Defense stations for entry, set Material Readiness Zebra. 1049 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1050 Changed standard speed to 15 knots. 1055 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1056 Changed speed to 5 knots. 1059 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1059 Entered Bulari Pass. Commenced making various courses and speeds to conform with channel into port.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Monday 21 May 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

09789

1200 to 2400

Steaming as before. 1207 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness III, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 1333 Moored to buoy, Berth Able 31, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom. Anti-torpedo net stretched around ship. Various units of Pacific Fleet present. SCPA in U.S.S. SARATOGA. Ship on 12 hours notice.

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Tuesday 25
to
Monday 31 May 1943
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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11-

REMARKS

Log No. 3083
28. No. 09789

Moored to buoy, Berth Able 31, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10, less U.S.S. HENLEY, U.S.S. HENRI, U.S.S. BAGLEY, U.S.S. MUGFORD. Various units of Pacific Fleet present. SOPA in U.S.S. SARATOGA. Ship in Condition of Readiness III, Material Readiness X-ray during daylight, Yoke during darkness. Ship ready to get underway on 12 hour notice. Anti-torpedo net stretched around ship. Carrying on routine upkeep, training of personnel and schedule of liberty and recreation.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
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May 26, 1943 -- 0900

Transferred plane #5805 to Naval Air Pool at Noumea, New Caledonia.

R. F. Reybine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

May 26, 1943 -- 1615

Received aboard plane #01481 from Naval Air Pool at Noumea, New Caledonia.

R. F. Reybine
R. F. REYBINE,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

May 28, 1943 -- 0900

Staff of ComBatShipsPac and ComBatDiv 6 transferred to U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA.

R. F. Reybine
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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

May 28, 1943 -- 1705

Received aboard plane #01480 from Naval Air Pool at Noumea, New Caledonia.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday 1
to
Saturday 26, June 1943
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REMARKS

0000, June 1, 1943 to 2400, June 26, 1943.

Moored to buoy in Berth Able 31, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom, in company with Task Force 10 less U.S.S. HENLEY, U.S.S. HELL, U.S.S. U.S.S. BAGLEY, U.S.S. MUGFORD. Various units of U.S. Pacific Fleet present, SOPA in U.S.S. SARATOGA. Ship in condition of readiness III, Material Readiness X-ray during daylight, Yoke during darkness. Ship ready to get underway on 12 hours' notice. Anti-torpedo net stretched around ship. Carrying on routine upkeep, training of personnel, and schedule of liberty and recreation.

A. W. Machen Jr.
A. W. MACHEN, Jr.,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday

27

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Moored to buoy in Berth Able 31, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with port anchor chain and one 1 5/8" wire cable, 12 fathoms of water, sand bottom. Various units of U.S. Pacific Fleet present. SOPA in U.S.S. SARATOGA. Ship in Condition of Readiness III, Material Readiness Yoke. Ship darkened. Anti-torpedo net stretched around ship. Boiler #3 steaming for auxiliary purposes. Ship ready to get underway on 12 hours' notice.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Moored as before. 0515 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0704 Underway in company with Task Group 36.3 (Task Force 10 and Task Force 14 combined) in accordance with Operation Plan 1-43 of Commander Task Group 36.3 dated June 23, 1943. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. Escorting destroyers assigned to Task Group 36.3 for this operation: U.S.S. GRIDLEY, U.S.S. STANLEY, U.S.S. CUMMINGS, U.S.S. CLAXTON, U.S.S. SELFRIDGE, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. CASE, U.S.S. FANNING, U.S.S. CONVERSE, U.S.S. DUNLOP. Ship in Condition of Readiness III, Material Readiness Yoke. SC and SG radars in operation. Boilers 1, 3, 5, 7 cut in on main steam line for steaming purposes. Making various courses and speeds to conform with channel. 0758 All hands to Air Defense for sortie. Set Material Readiness Zebra.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0804 Cut in Boilers 2, 4, 6, 8 on main steam line. Assumed Condition of Boiler Readiness I. 0930 Passed through Bulari Passage, took departure with Amedee Light bearing 048.6° (T), distant 4,150 yards. 0934 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, Material Readiness Yoke, Aircraft Readiness 9. 0947 Formed Cruising Disposition II with fleet axis 110° (T), fleet course 230° (T), standard speed 17 knots, steaming at 20 knots. 0953 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 0958 Changed fleet axis to 140° (T). 1011 Commenced Exercise 15 Baker (firing of 5"/38 caliber battery at burst). 1038 Changed speed to standard speed, 17 knots. 1057 Changed standard speed to 18 knots, steaming at standard speed. 1100 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 230° (T). 1104 Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA for launching and recovery of aircraft. 1130 Resumed fleet course 230° (T). 1138 Changed fleet course to 270° (T). 1140 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra.

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: Latitude 22° 57' S, longitude 165° 57.5' E. 1302 Completed exercise 15 Baker. Ceased firing. Ammunition expended: 16 projectiles 5"/38 caliber common Mark 31-10, 161 charges 5"/38 caliber type 112 SPDN 3024, 49 SPDN 2868. 1328 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 270° (T). 1333 Formed cruising disposition I-Victor. On various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA and HMS VICTORIOUS during drill in maneuvering to repel air attack. 1350 Completed drill in maneuvering to repel air attack, formed cruising disposition II. Resumed

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday

27

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

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REMARKS

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fleet course 270° (T). 1404 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 1406 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 270° (T). 1408 On various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1456 Changed fleet axis to 190° (T). 1500 Completed launching and recovery of aircraft, resumed fleet course 270° (T). 1506 Changed fleet course to 310° (T). 1508 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 1540 Changed fleet axis to 240° (T).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1645 Ceased zig-zagging, made various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1705 Resumed fleet course 310° (T), resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 1730 Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. Changed fleet course to 270° (T). 1805 Secured SC radar. 1740 Darkened ship. 1825 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 270° (T). 1830 Changed fleet course to 320° (T). 1835 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra with base course 320° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: latitude 22° 13.9' S.; longitude 164° 39' E. 2053 Secured Boiler #8 for repair of safety valves. 2125 Cut in Boiler #8 on main steam line, having completed repairs.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Monday
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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 36.3 in accordance with Commander Task Group 36.3 Operation Order 1-43 dated June 23, 1943, in cruising disposition II, this ship in station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 107° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course 320° (T), fleet axis 240° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra, standard speed 18 knots, steaming at standard speed. Officer in Tactical Command on U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation. Ship darkened. Radar guard on U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA.

*A. W. Machen Jr.*A. W. MACHEN, Jr.,
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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0547 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0607 On various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0628 Resumed fleet course 320° (T), standard speed 18 knots. Commenced zig-zagging, using plan 10-Zebra. 0647 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0657 Secured SG and SC radars. 0740 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 320° (T).

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: latitude 19° 43.9' S.; longitude 162° 21.8' E. 0802 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 10-Zebra. 0847 Commenced Exercise 12-Baker (anti-aircraft machine gun firing at towed sleeve) and Exercise 15-Baker (5"/38 caliber firing at surface flares). 0903 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 320° (T). 0910 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan 30-Zebra. 0934 Ceased firing, Exercises 12 and 15 Baker completed. Ammunition expended: 48 projectiles, 5"/38 caliber AA Common, Mk 31-10; 25 charges 5"/38 caliber SPDN 2868; 23 charges 5"/38 caliber SPDN 3064. 0950 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1039 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan 30-Zebra on base course 320° (T). 1043 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1057 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 30-Zebra with base course 320° (T).

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude 19° 14.25' S.; longitude 161° 42.5' E. 1337 Ceased zig-zagging, made various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1408 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 30-Zebra, with base course 320° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Monday
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28
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June, 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11-

REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1718 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARA-TOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1745 Resumed zig-zagging using Plan 30-ZEBRA, with base course 320° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots. 1750 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. 1750 Cut in SG-I radar. 1755 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 320° (T). 1800 Changed fleet course to 280° (T). Cut in SG radar II. 1805 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan 30-Zebra, with base course 280° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots. 1830 Secured SC radar. 1925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 280° (T). 1930 Changed fleet course to 350° (T). 1935 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 30-Zebra, with base course 350° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 position: latitude 18° 20.2' S.; longitude 160° 24.3' E.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday
(Day)29
(Date)June, 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11-

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 36.3 in accordance with Commander Task Group 36.3 Operation Order 1-43 dated June 23, 1943, in cruising disposition II, this ship in station 3060 with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 107° (T), distant 2,200 yards. Fleet course 350° (T), fleet axis 240° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra, standard speed 18 knots, steaming at standard speed. Officer in Tactical Command on U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation, radar guard in U.S.S. INDIANA. Ship darkened. 0248 Surface contact on SG-I radar on unidentified ship bearing 105° (T), distant 13,000 yards. 0255 Radar contact identified as U.S.S. CIMMARON.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0425 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 350° (T). 0430 Changed fleet course to 150° (T). 0435 Commenced zig-zagging, using Plan 30-Zebra, with base course 150° (T). 0547 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0625 Ceased zig-zagging and maneuvered to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0633 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra, with base course 150° (T). 0647 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Secured SG-I and SG-II radars, out in SG-I radar. Lighted ship. 0727 Changed fleet axis to 210° (T). 0751 Changed fleet axis to 180° (T).

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Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: latitude $16^{\circ} 58.4'$ S.; longitude $160^{\circ} 34'$ E. 0812 Changed fleet axis to 150° (T). 0901 HMS VICTORIOUS assumed fleet guide while U.S.S. SARATOGA prepared to receive U.S.S. FANNING alongside. 0932 U.S.S. SARATOGA returned to station as fleet guide. 0957 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1036 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra, with base course 150° (T). 1159 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching and recovery of aircraft.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 position: latitude $17^{\circ} 47.3'$ S.; longitude $161^{\circ} 04.8'$ E. 1233 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra, with base course 150° (T). 1230 Commenced Exercises 12 (A.A. machine gun firing at towed sleeve) and 15 (5"/38 caliber battery firing at surface flares.) 1330 Ceased firing, exercises 12 and 15 completed. Ammunition expended: 12 projectiles 5"/38 caliber A.A. common Mk 31-10, 12 charges 5"/38 caliber -- 8 SPDN 2868 and 4 SPDN 3034; 111 cartridges 40 MM A.A. Mk I service, 167 cartridges 20 MM -- 55 tracer, 112 H.E. 1400 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of HMS VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1453 Changed fleet course to 000°

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday
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REMARKS

1200 to 1600 (Continued)

(T). 1501 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra, base course 000° (T).

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1602 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during recovery of aircraft. 1614 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra on base course 000° (T). 1645 Changed fleet course to 335° (T), continued zig-zagging in accordance with plan 30-Zebra, with base course 335° (T). 1715 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1730 Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. Cut in SG-I and SG-II radars. Darkened ship. 1737 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra with base course 335° (T). 1755 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 335° (T). 1800 Changed fleet course to 330° (T). 1805 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra with base course 330° (T). 1810 Secured SG radar. 1925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 330° (T). 1930 Changed fleet course to 305° (T). 1935 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra with base course 305° (T).

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: latitude 17° 27.4' S.; longitude 161° 07.7' E.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday

30

June

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 36.3 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with Commander Task Group 36.3 Operation Order 1-43 dated June 23, 1943, in cruising disposition II, this ship in station 3060, guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 017° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet course 305° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 30-Zebra, fleet axis 150° (T). Officer in Tactical Command on U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation. Radar guard on U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA. Ship darkened. Standard speed 18 knots, steaming at standard speed.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0552 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Secured from Material Readiness Yoke, set Material Readiness Zebra. 0555 Cut in SC radar. Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 305° (T). 0600 Changed fleet course to 150° (T). 0605 Commenced zig-zagging, using Plan 30-Zebra, with base course 150° (T). 0615 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching of aircraft. 0623 Resumed zig-zagging using Plan 30-Zebra with base course 150° (T). 0647 Sighted unidentified ship on horizon bearing 330° (T), later identified as U.S.S. McCALL. 0652 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0706 Sighted unidentified ship bearing 103° (T), distant 22,970 yards. 0715 Unidentified ship bearing 103° (T) identified as U.S.S. DYSON. Rendezvous effected with U.S.S. McCALL AND U.S.S. DYSON, ships ordered to take stations in screen. 0715 Destroyers in screen commenced leaving stations in rotation to come alongside U.S.S. CIMMARON for fueling operations. 0721 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 150° (T). 0730 Commenced making various courses and speeds asentire formation maneuvered about U.S.S. CIMMARON during fueling operations. U.S.S. CIMMARON on fleet course 150° (T).

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: latitude 16° 26.3' S.; longitude 159° 22.8' E. 0804 Commenced firing heavy machine guns for test. 0819 Commenced firing light machine guns for test. 0826 Ceased firing. Test firing of machine gun battery completed. Ammunition expended: 85 cartridges 40 MM A.A. Mk I service, 180 cartridges 20 MM, 60 tracer, 120 bolt. 0955 Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1028 Launching and recovery of aircraft completed, resumed maneuvering on various courses and speeds as entire formation maneuvered about U.S.S. CIMMARON during fueling operations. U.S.S. CIMMARON on base course 150° (T). 1052 Radar contact on unidentified aircraft bearing 115° (T), distant 20 miles. 1055 Radar contact on bearing 115° (T) identified as friendly aircraft. 1115 Radar contact on aircraft bearing 215° (R). Identified as friendly PBV.

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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday 30

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude $17^{\circ} 00.3' S.$; longitude $159^{\circ} 41.3' E.$ 1201 Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during recovery of aircraft. 1222 U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS completed recovery of aircraft, entire formation resumed maneuvering about U.S.S. CIMMARON during fueling operations. 1338 Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1426 Launching and recovery of aircraft completed, entire formation resumed maneuvering about U.S.S. CIMMARON during fueling operations. 1455 U.S.S. CIMMARON completed fueling destroyers. Formed cruising disposition II on fleet course $150^{\circ} (T)$. Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-ZEBRA with base course $150^{\circ} (T)$. Steaming at standard speed 18 knots.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1604 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during recovery of aircraft. 1615 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan 21-Zebra on fleet course $150^{\circ} (T)$, steaming at standard speed 18 knots. 1724 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1735 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra with base course $150^{\circ} (T)$, steaming at standard speed 18 knots. 1754 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. 1755 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course $150^{\circ} (T)$. 1756 Out in SG-I and SG-II radars. 1800 Changed fleet course to $260^{\circ} (T)$. 1805 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra with base course $260^{\circ} (T)$. 1820 Secured SC radar. 1925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course $260^{\circ} (T)$. 1930 Changed fleet course to $350^{\circ} (T)$. 1935 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 21-Zebra with base course $350^{\circ} (T)$.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: latitude $18^{\circ} 05.3' S.$; longitude $160^{\circ} 01.5' E.$ 2050 U.S.S. SELFRIDGE reported SG radar contact bearing $047^{\circ} (T)$, distant 2,890 yards. U.S.S. CONVERSE ordered to leave station in screen and investigate contact. 2053 Executed emergency ship's left 90° . Ceased zig-zagging, came to course $260^{\circ} (T)$. 2058 U.S.S. CONVERSE reported unable to make contact, returned to station in screen. 2102 Resumed fleet course $350^{\circ} (T)$. 2107 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra with base course $350^{\circ} (T)$, steaming at standard speed 18 knots. 2140 In accordance with operation orders set forth in ComThirdFleet despatch 300531 of June, 1943, U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. STANLEY, and U.S.S. CLAXTON left the formation and proceeded on course $060^{\circ} (T)$. This ship changed station in Cruising Disposition II to 3075, U.S.S. SARATOGA now bearing $037^{\circ} (T)$, distant 2,000 yards.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday

1

July

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

017333

Underway in company with Task Group 36.3 (Task Force 14 and Task Force 10 combined) in accordance with Commander Task Group 36.3 Operation Order 1-43, dated June 23, 1943. U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. DYSON, U.S.S. CLAXTON, U.S.S. STANLEY operating independently, having been detached from this formation June 30, 1943, in accordance with operation orders set forth in ComThird Fleet Secret Despatch 300531. In cruising disposition II, this ship in station 3075, fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 037° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet course 350° (T), fleet axis 150° (T), zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra. Officer in Tactical Command on U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation, radar guard on U.S.S. INDIANA. Ship darkened. Standard speed 18 knots, steaming at standard speed.

A. W. MACHEN, Jr.,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0425 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 350° (T). 0430 Changed fleet course to 090° (T). 0435 Resumed zig-zagging using Plan 21-Zebra with base course 090° (T). 0440 Sighted green flare on horizon, bearing 095° (T). No further identification possible. 0533 Cut in SG radar. 0548 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Assumed condition of Material Readiness Zebra. 0555 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 090° (T). 0600 Changed fleet course to 145° (T). 0605 Resumed zig-zagging using Plan 21-Zebra with base course 145° (T). 0616 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching of aircraft. 0625 Resumed zig-zagging using plan 21-Zebra with base course 145° (T). 0648 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0702 Secured SG-I and SG-II radars. 0714 One TBF plane from U.S.S. SARATOGA crashed in the water, bearing 175° (T) from this ship. U.S.S. FANNING ordered to leave station to pick up survivors. 0724 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 145° (T). 0754 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 21-Zebra.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: latitude 16° 17.2' S.; longitude 160° 18.7' E. 0800 Assumed radar guard. 0821 H.M.S. VICTORIOUS assumed fleet guide while U.S.S. SARATOGA made preparations to take U.S.S. FANNING alongside to transfer survivors of plane crash. 0859 U.S.S. SARATOGA returned to station and relieved H.M.S. VICTORIOUS of fleet guide. 0958 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1028 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra with base course 145° (T), steaming at standard speed 18 knots. 1030 Ceased zig-zagging, changed course to 215° (T). 1031 Resumed zig-zagging using Plan 21-Zebra, with base course 215° (T). 1140 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Thursday

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July

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude $17^{\circ} 14.0'$ S.; longitude $160^{\circ} 38.2'$ E. 1213 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra with base course 215° (T), steaming at standard speed 18 knots. 1336 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA AND H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1426 Resumed zig-zagging according to Plan 21-Zebra with base course 215° (T). 1426 Ceased zig-zagging, changed fleet course to 275° (T). 1430 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra with base course 275° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots. 1440 Ceased zig-zagging, remained on zig-zag course 225° (T). Changed fleet axis to 200° (T), with fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA now bearing 087° (T), distant 2,000 yards. 1442 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 21-Zebra with base course 275° (T). 1445 All hands to Air Defense for drill. 1500 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 275° (T). 1501 Formed cruising disposition I-Victor, commenced exercises at various courses and speeds in maneuvering to repel simulated air attack. 1525 Secured from Air Defense, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar. 1527 Ceased exercises in maneuvering to repel simulated air attack, formed cruising disposition II. Fleet course 275° (T), fleet axis 200° (T). 1537 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra, with base course 275° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots. 1541 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1559 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra, with base course 275° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1719 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1735 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 21-Zebra, base course 275° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots. 1755 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 275° (T). 1758 Darkened ship. Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. Cut in SG-I and SG-II radars. 1800 Changed fleet course to 245° (T). 1805 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 21-Zebra. 1840 Radar contact reported on SC radar, bearing 304° (T), distant 10,000 yards. 1843 SG radar contact reported on object bearing 256° (T), distant 8 miles. 1846 Air Defense unable to sight targets on bearings 304° (T) and 256° (T), both radar contacts assumed to be cloud formations.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: Latitude $18^{\circ} 03.9'$ S.; longitude $159^{\circ} 07.9'$ E. 2025 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 245° (T). 2030 Changed fleet course to 025° (T). 2035 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra.

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Friday

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July

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 36.3 in accordance with Commander Task Group 36.3 Operation Order 1-43 dated June 23, 1943, less Task Unit 36.3.9, comprising U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. DYSON, U.S.S. CLAXTON, U.S.S. STANLEY. In cruising disposition II, this ship in station 3075, guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 087° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet course 025° (T), fleet axis 200° (T), standard speed 18 knots, steaming at standard speed, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra. Officer in Tactical Command on U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9, SG and SC radars in operation, radar guard in this ship. Ship darkened.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0549 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0555 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 025° (T). 0600 Changed fleet course to 090° (T). 0605 Resumed zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 21-Zebra. 0612 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching of aircraft. 0622 Observed plane crash on take-off from U.S.S. SARATOGA. U.S.S. FANNING ordered to leave station in screen to pick up survivors. 0630 U.S.S. FANNING reported picking up three survivors of plane crash. 0632 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 21-Zebra. 0638 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to conform with movements of carriers during recovery of aircraft. 0649 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. Lighted ship. 0654 U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS completed recovery of aircraft. 0702 Changed fleet speed to 15 knots. 0708 Changed fleet speed to 10 knots. This ship commenced zig-zagging independently at 15 knots, maneuvering in sector 125°-245° (T) from U.S.S. CIMMARON, as U.S.S. SARATOGA prepared to take U.S.S. CIMMARON alongside for fueling operations. 0715 U.S.S. CIMMARON came alongside U.S.S. SARATOGA and commenced fueling operations.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before, continuing independent maneuvers in sector 125° to 245° (T) from U.S.S. CIMMARON. 0800 Position: latitude 16° 12.2' S.; longitude 160° 13.5' E. 0800 U.S.S. INDIANA assumed radar guard. 1003 U.S.S. SARATOGA completed fueling, cleared U.S.S. CIMMARON. 1014 Changed fleet speed to 18 knots, changed course to 125° (T). 1015 Commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1035 Changed fleet speed to 10 knots. This ship commenced zig-zagging independently at speed of 15 knots in sector 125° to 245° (T) from U.S.S. CIMMARON, as H.M.S. VICTORIOUS prepared to take U.S.S. CIMMARON alongside for fueling operations. 1051 U.S.S. CIMMARON commenced fueling H.M.S. VICTORIOUS.

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Friday
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REMARKS

1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude $16^{\circ} 35.9'$ S.; longitude $160^{\circ} 57.8'$ E. 1413 U.S.S. CIMMARON and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS completed fueling operations. 1424 Changed fleet speed to 18 knots. Changed fleet axis to 110° (T), fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 357° (T), distant 2,000 yards from this ship. 1431 Resumed station in cruising disposition II. 1436 Commenced zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra, with base course 125° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots. 1442 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1506 Changed fleet course to 095° (T). Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1603 Ceased zigzagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1730 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 1730 Cut in SG radar. 1750 Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. Darkened ship. 1755 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed fleet course 095° (T). 1800 Changed fleet course to 065° (T). 1802 U.S.S. SARATOGA reported unidentified aircraft bearing 280° (T), distant 15 miles from the center of the disposition. 1803 Cut in SC radar. 1804 SC radar reported unable to pick up any target. 1805 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 1822 Secured SC radar. 1925 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 065° (T). 1930 Changed fleet course to 280° (T). 1937 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: latitude $16^{\circ} 51.7'$ S.; longitude $162^{\circ} 27.1'$ E.

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Saturday 3

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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 36.3, in accordance with Commander Task Group 36.3 Operation Order 1-43, dated June 23, 1943, less Task Unit 36.3.9, comprising U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. DYSON, U.S.S. CLAXTON, U.S.S. STANLEY. In cruising disposition II, this ship on station 3075, guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 357° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet course 280° (T), fleet axis 110° (T), standard speed 18 knots, steaming at standard speed, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 17-Zebra. Officer in Tactical Command on U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9. SG radar in operation, SC radar secured. Radar guard in U.S.S. INDIANA. Ship darkened. 0025 Secured Boiler #8 for inspection and repair. 0108 Lighted fires under Boiler #8. 0114 Cut in Boiler #8 on main steam line.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0536 Cut in SC radar. 0549 All hands to General Quarters for dawn standto. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0550 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 280° (T). 0600 Changed fleet course to 140° (T). 0605 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 0615 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA during launching of aircraft. 0625 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 0649 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: latitude 16° 44.8' S.; longitude 160° 02' E. 0800 Relieved U.S.S. INDIANA of air search radar guard. 0943 U.S.S. DUNLAP hoisted breakdown signal. 0946 U.S.S. DUNLAP signalled she had regained ship control. 1000 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on carriers during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1030 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra.

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude 17° 32.3' S.; longitude 160° 42.2' E. 1200 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1221 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 1338 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching and recovery of aircraft. 1405 Changed fleet course to 015° (T). 1410 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 1545 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering at various courses and speeds to keep station on H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during recovery of aircraft.

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Saturday 3

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REMARKS

1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1605 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 1718 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA during recovery of aircraft. 1729 Resumed base course 015° (T). 1730 Cut in SG radars. 1731 Changed fleet course to 275° (T). Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 1751 Secured from Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, set Condition II. Darkened ship. 1825 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 275° (T). 1830 Changed fleet course to 255° (T). 1835 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra.

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2000 to 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Position: latitude 17° 17.8' S.; longitude 160° 48.5' E. 2025 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 255° (T). 2030 Changed fleet course to 315° (T). 2035 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MASSACHUSETTS

Sunday

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July

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REMARKS

0000 to 0400

Underway in company with Task Group 36.3 less Task Unit 36.3.9 in accordance with Commander Task Group 36.3 Operation Order 1-43 dated June 23, 1943, in cruising disposition II, in station 3075, fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 357° (T), distant 2,000 yards. Fleet course 315° (T), fleet axis 110° (T) standard speed 18 knots, steaming at standard speed, zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 17-Zebra. Officer in Tactical Command in U.S.S. SARATOGA. All boilers on the line for steaming purposes. Ship in Condition of Readiness II, Material Readiness Yoke, Boiler Readiness I, Aircraft Readiness 9, SC and SG radars in operation. Air search radar guard on this ship. Ship darkened.

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0400 to 0800

Steaming as before. 0455 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 315° (T). 0500 Changed fleet course to 095° (T). 0505 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 0551 All hands to General Quarters for dawn stand-to. Set Material Readiness Zebra. 0622 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during launching of aircraft. 0628 Resumed zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 0645 Ceased zig-zagging, changed fleet course to 105° (T). 0651 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of Readiness II-Sugar, secured from Material Readiness Zebra, set Material Readiness Yoke. 0657 U.S.S. CIMMARON commenced fueling operations, taking alongside in rotation destroyers of the screen. U.S.S. CIMMARON on course 105° (T), steaming at 8 knots. This ship ordered to act independently in area in forward starboard quadrant relative to base course of U.S.S. CIMMARON. 0706 Commenced making various courses to patrol assigned sector during fueling operations.

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0800 to 1200

Steaming as before. 0800 Position: latitude 16° 34' S.; longitude 159° 18' E. 1040 U.S.S. CIMMARON changed base course to 110° (T).

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1200 to 1600

Steaming as before. 1200 Position: latitude 16° 41.9' S.; longitude 159° 50.4' E. 1507 Secured Boiler #7 for repairs. 1549 U.S.S. CIMMARON completed fueling destroyers in screen.

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1600 to 2000

Steaming as before. 1601 Formed cruising disposition II, this ship in station 3075, fleet guide in U.S.S. SARATOGA bearing 357° (T). Fleet course 110° (T), fleet axis 110° (T), steaming at standard speed, 18 knots. 1608 Commenced zig-zagging, using Plan 17-Zebra. 1722 Ceased zig-zagging, commenced maneuvering on various courses and speeds to keep station on U.S.S. SARATOGA and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS during recovery of aircraft. 1730 Secured SC radar, cut in

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