

ENCLOSURE (A)
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C O N F I D E N T I A LWAR DIARY - JULY 1942

1 July 1942:

1440: USS MERCURY commissioned with Lieutenant Commander George W. GRAHER D-M, USNR as commanding officer. Moored at Pier 2, San Francisco, California. 1900: Commenced loading ship.

2 - 5 July 1942:

Moored as before. Receiving cargo.

6 July 1942:

Moored as before. 0612: Shifted berth to Peir 50-B. Continued to load ship.

7 - 10 July 1942:

Moored as before.

11 July 1942:

Moored as before. 1500: Shifted berth to Explosive Anchorage 14. 2025: Lieutenant Nelson D. SALMON, D-V(G) USNR, reported aboard as Executive Officer. 2110: Completed loading.

12 July 1942:

Anchored as before. 0426: Underway from San Francisco, Calif., enroute to TONGATABU ISLAND, Harbor of NUKUALOFA, operating singly without escort, in obedience to orders of Naval Transportation Service and Commandant, 12th Naval District. The vessel carried 8135 tons cargo. A full cargo of chilled and frozen foods, and also carried large quantities of dry provisions. Deep tanks were loaded with drummed gasoline, kerosene, diesel oil, and lube oil. Included in the cargo were bomb components, dynamite, and miscellaneous engineering equipment, of which approximately 1100 tons of landing mats comprised the bulk. A deck load of 95 tons including a rock crusher, steam roller, and additional half tracks. Lt.Cdr. T. G. WARFIELD USN, was on board as supercargo and with orders to make inspection of certain advance bases.

	0800:	37-39N	122-52W
Positions:	1200:	36-45N	123-30W
	2000:	34-48N	124-06W

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13 July 1942:

	0800:	31-49N	124-57W
Positions:	1200:	30-50N	125-13W
	2000:	29-23N	126-56W

14 July 1942:

	0800:	27-08N	129-29W
Positions:	1200:	26-22N	130-12W
	2000:	24-44N	131-37W

15 July 1942:

	0800:	22-19N	133-53W
Positions:	1200:	21-32N	135-19W
	2000:	19-48N	135-52W

16 July 1942:

	0800:	17-16N	138-27W
Positions:	1200:	16-29N	139-13W
	2000:	14-43N	140-23W

17 July 1942:

	0800:	12-04N	142-05W
Positions:	1200:	11-15N	142-47W
	2000:	9-44N	144-13W

18 July 1942:

	0800:	07-19N	146-25W
Positions:	1200:	06-33N	147-09W
	2000:	05-01N	148-35W

19 July 1942:

	0800:	03-02N	150-16W
Positions:	1200:	02-09N	151-11W
	2000:	00-36N	152-45W

20 July 1942:

	0800:	01-43S	154-46W
Positions:	1200:	02-44S	155-15W
	2000:	04-18S	156-41W

21 July 1942:

	0800:	06-32S	158-45W
Positions:	1200:	07-29S	159-26W
	2000:	08-52S	160-53W

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22 July 1942:

Positions:	0800:	11-13S	163-03W
	1200:	12-04S	163-50W
	2000:	13-37S	165-46W

23 July 1942:

Positions:	0800:	16-07S	166-19W
	1200:	16-52S	166-48W
	2000:	18-20S	168-04W

24 July 1942:

Positions:	0800:	20-04S	170-05W
	1200:	20-42S	170-53W
	2000:	21-10S	172-33W

26 July 1942:

1148: Arrived and anchored in Berth 2-B, off TONGATABU ISLAND in harbor of NUKUALOFA. Discharged 276 tons of cargo.

Positions: 0800: 21-07S 174-19W

27 July 1942:

Unloading cargo as before. Hole punched in skin of ship Stbd side, No.4 Hatch, above waterline by pontoon barge. Soft patch applied.

28 July 1942:

0706: Underway for PAGO PAGO Harbor on orders of Port Director and in compliance with basic orders. Clocks retarded 24 hours.

Positions:	0800:	21-07S	175-04W
	1200:	21-21S	174-19W
	2000:	19-25S	173-20W

28 July 1942:

Positions:	0800:	18-24S	172-40W
	1200:	17-47S	172-18W
	2000:	16-16S	171-37W

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29 July 1942:

0931: Arrived and anchored in Berth 4, PAGO PAGO Harbor.
1321: Shifted to Berth C. 2000: Commenced discharging cargo.

30 - 31 July 1942:

Continued discharging cargo.


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WAR DIARY - AUGUST 1942

1 - 5 August 1942:

Moored at Berth C, Pago Pago Harbor, Island of Tuituila, American Samoa.

6 August 1942:

1614: Underway from PAGO PAGO Harbor, enroute to NOUMEA, New Caledonia, on orders of Port Director, having discharged 2691 tons cargo.

	0800:		
Positions:	1200:		
	2000:	14-39S	170-48W

7 August 1942:

	0800:	16-21S	173-16W
Positions:	1200:	17-01S	174-14W
	2000:	18-03S	176-01W

8 August 1942:

Changed time to Minus 12 Zone time.

	0800:	19-27S	178-07W
Positions:	1200:	19-57S	179-03W
	2000:	20-38S	179-12E

10 August 1942:

	0800:	21-39S	176-36E
Positions:	1200:	21-59S	175-45E
	2000:	22-26S	173-57E

11 August 1942:

	0800:	22-30S	170-40E
Positions:	1200:	22-35S	169-53E
	2000:	23-07S	168-03E

12 August 1942: to 17 August 1942:

1403: Arrived and secured to Grand Quay, Port Noumea, New Caledonia. 1515: Commenced discharging cargo from all holds.

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18 August 1942:

Underway from Port Noumea, enroute to EFATE ISLAND, NEW HEBRIDES, having discharged 1012 tons of cargo.

Positions: 2000: 22-59S 166-24E

19 August 1942:

Positions: 0800: 21-59S 168-18E
1200: 21-05S 168-27E
2000: 19-15S 168-22E

20 August 1942:

0904: Arrived and anchored in Berth "C", FILA HARBOR, Meli Bay, EFATE ISLAND, NEW HEBRIDES. 1137: Native working party aboard to work all holds.

Positions: 0800: 17-47S 168-13E

21-26 August 1942:

Working all holds.

27 August 1942:


1823: Shifted berth to Berth "G", FILA HARBOR. Transferred oil to USS HELENA.

28 August 1942:

0726: Shifted berth to Berth "B", FILA HARBOR. 1345: Sounded general quarters. 1440: Secured from general quarters. Jap reconnaissance plane reported in vicinity.

29-31 August 1942:

0648: Shifted berth to alongside SS LOWELL in Berth "D", FILA HARBOR. 1145: Commenced discharging cargo.


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WAR DIARY - SEPTEMBER 1942

1 - 8 September 1942:

Unloading cargo FILA HARBOR, EFATE ISLAND, NEW HEBRIDES, moored alongside SS RUSSELL LOWELL, in Berth "D", using native stevedores.

9 September 1942:

1504: Underway from EFATE HARBOR, enroute to SUVA, FIJI ISLANDS, having discharged 4665 tons cargo.

Positions: 2000: 18-01S 169-07E

10 September 1942:

Positions: 0800: 18-11S 171-24E
1200: 18-17S 172-05E
2000: 18-23S 173-48E

11 September 1942:

Positions: 0800: 18-31S 175-40E
1200: 18-37S 176-30E
2000: 18-45S 176-30E

12 September 1945:

1005: Tied up alongside Pier #2, SUVA HARBOR, FIJI ISLAND, commenced taking on 5520 barrels of fuel.

Positions: 0800: 18-13S 178-23E

13 September 1942:

0623: Underway from SUVA, FIJI ISLAND, enroute to San Francisco, California.

Positions: 0800: 16-54S 176-23W
1200: 16-24S 179-17E
2000: 16-13S 173-41W

14 September 1942:

Positions: 0800: 15-58S 170-47W
1200: 15-50S 169-53W
2000: 15-44S 168-08W

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WAR DIARY - SEPTEMBER 1942

15 September 1942:

Positions:	0800:	15-25S	165-36W
	1200:	15-17S	164-41W
	2000:	15-04S	162-40W

16 September 1942:

Positions:	0800:	12-25S	160-47W
	1200:	11-33S	160-20W
	2000:	09-50S	158-55W

17 September 1942:

Positions:	0800:	07-25S	157-08W
	1200:	06-36S	156-31W
	2000:	05-00S	155-26W

18 September 1942:

Positions:	0800:	02-28S	153-29W
	1200:	01-35S	152-51W
	2000:	00-21N	151-39W

19 September 1942:

Positions:	0800:	02-30N	149-55W
	1200:	03-13N	149-13W
	2000:	05-00N	147-50W

20 September 1942:

Positions:	0800:	07-34N	146-01W
	1200:	08-20N	145-26W
	2000:	09-49N	144-14W

21 September 1942:

Positions:	0800:	12-03N	142-23W
	1200:	12-46N	141-45W
	2000:	14-05N	140-42W

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22 September 1942:

	0800:	15-54N	139-10W
Positions:	1200:	16-30N	138-37W
	2000:	17-39N	137-32W

23 September 1942:

	0800:	19-43N	135-45W
Positions:	1200:	20-13N	135-16W
	2000:	21-44N	133-51W

24 September 1942:

	0800:	23-59N	131-45W
Positions:	1200:	24-47N	131-06W
	2000:	26-10N	129-28W

25 September 1942:

	0800:	28-21N	126-58W
Positions:	1200:	29-03N	126-12W
	2000:	30-26N	124-30W

26 September 1942:

	0800:	32-40N	121-50W
Positions:	1200:	33-24N	120-56W
	2000:	34-19N	121-07W

27 September 1942:

0847: Arrived in San Francisco, California, and anchored in Naval Anchorage. Workmen from General Engineering and Dry Dock Company commenced voyage repairs.

28 - 30 September 1942:

0800: Shifted berth to Pier 41. Continued voyage repairs and minor alterations.

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WAR DIARY - OCTOBER 1942

1 - 11 October 1942:

Moored to Pier 41, San Francisco, California. Workmen from General Engineering and Dry Dock Company continuing repairs. Loading operations in all holds.

12 October 1942:

1800: Shifted to Pier 31, San Francisco, and depermed ship.

13 October 1942:

1437: Shifted berth to Pier 41, San Francisco, continued loading holds.

14 October 1942:

1705: Proceeded from SAN FRANCISCO, HARBOR, enroute to AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND. On orders of Port Director, 12th Naval District.

Positions: 2000: 37-36N 122-54W

15 October 1942:

Positions: 0800: 34-31N 123-49W
1200: 33-34N 124-02W
2000: 31-42W 124-17W

16 October 1942:

Positions: 0800: 28-40N 126-24W
1200: 27-48N 127-01W
2000: 26-03N 128-18W

17 October 1942:

Positions: 0800: 23-19N 130-15W
1200: 22-28N 130-53W
2000: 20-43N 132-01W

18 October 1942:

Positions: 0800: 17-54N 133-44W
1200: 17-01N 134-15W
2000: 15-12N 135-34W

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19 October 1942:

Positions:	0800:	12-27N	137-28W
	1200:	11-40N	138-08W
	2000:	09-50N	139-21W

20 October 1942:

Positions:	0800:	07-20N	140-48W
	1200:	06-25N	141-23W
	2000:	04-37N	142-29W

21 October 1942:

Positions:	0800:	01-50N	144-06W
	1200:	00-57N	144-39W
	2000:	00-52S	145-43W

22 October 1942:

Positions:	0800:	03-41S	147-28S
	1200:	04-28S	148-06W
	2000:	06-24S	149-02W

23 October 1942:

Positions:	0800:	09-30S	150-53W
	1200:	10-16S	151-21W
	2000:	12-05S	152-25W

24 October 1942:

Positions:	0800:	14-28S	154-00W
	1200:	15-26S	154-22W
	2000:	17-07S	155-36W

25 October 1942:

Positions:	0800:	20-27S	156-37W
	1200:	21-24S	157-02W
	2000:	23-27S	157-42W

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26 October 1942:

Positions: 0800: 26-56S 158-52W
1200: 27-54S 159-11W
2000: 29-35S 160-29W

27 October 1942:

Heavy fog set in during the early morning, visibility dropping to 1000 yards at 0700. The fog lifted at 0900, and a moderate sea was encountered throughout the afternoon with a 5 knot wind from the Southwest.

Positions: 0800: 32-09S 162-37W
1200: 33-00S 163-25W
2000: 34-29S 164-35W

28 October 1942:

The wind shifted to the West and increased in force sharply to 22 knots by 1100. The sea was rough, causing the vessel to ship water forward and to pitch heavily. The barometer began dropping rapidly in the forenoon; a shift of the wind to the Northwest and an increase in force to 35 knots at 1500 accompanied the drop in pressure, continuing until 2400. Visibility remained good during this period but the sea became very rough.

Positions: 0800: 37-04S 166-46W
1200: 37-48S 167-23W
2000: 39-06S 168-34W

29 October 1942:

The sea remained very rough during the day, but the barometer began to rise at 0700. The wind, a thirty knot gale shifted to the West at 0800 and continued in force all day. 0730, speed was reduced due to pitching and rolling of the vessel, to 65 RPM, again at 1026 to 60 RPM, and at 1700 to 55 RPM. At 2100, the barometer began dropping rapidly and the vessel labored through heavy seas.

Positions: 0800: 40-45S 170-05W
1200: 41-18S 170-38W
2000: 42-04S 171-10W

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30 October 1942:


Wind increased in force to 40 knots, sea very rough, barometer continuing to fall. 0307: #1 motor whaleboat came loose in chocks at #3 hatch. Course changed into the sea and wind, course 250 T at 0325, speed of 50 RPM. 0600: Mountainous sea encountered, vessel pitching heavily, wind from the WSW, 50 knot force. Sea and wind continued throughout day and evening, barometer began rising at 1000 and continued to rise. All watertight doors remained battened down course changed to 240 T at 1835.

	0800:	42-45N	171-56W
Positions:	1200:	42-53N	172-28W
	2000:	43-10S	172-55W

31 October 1942:

Barometer continued to rise, and wind abated during forenoon. 1025: Speed was increased to 70 RPM. Storm subsided during afternoon vessel increased speed to 89 RPM at 1800. The storm carried away ammunition ready lockers of forward 3" gun and chains lashing trucks carried on deck, smashed the cabs on four trucks and damaged four others. The tarpaulin on number one hatch was ripped for about six feet and a Liverpool ventilator into number one lower hold carried away. When the weather abated, new lashings were secured and the ventilator plugged.

	0800:	43-29S	173-35W
Positions:	1200:	42-40S	174-05W
	2000:	44-43S	176-52W


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WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER 1942

1 November 1942:

Steaming as before enroute from SAN FRANCISCO to NEW ZEALAND. 2400: Changed time to time zone Minus 12.

Positions:	0800:	42-56S	175-58W
	1200:	43-33S	178-45W
	2000:	42-44S	178-37E

2 November 1942:

Skipped.

3 November 1942:

0914: Arrived in PORT NICHOLSON, NEW ZEALAND, and anchored in outer anchorage. Upon reporting to Port Director it was found that orders redirecting the ship to AUCKLAND, had been dispatched but had not been broken on board because of a garbled call sign. 1149: Underway to AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, in compliance with modified orders.

Positions:	0800:	41-26S	174-47E
	1200:	41-24S	174-42E
	2000:	41-25S	176-52E

4 November 1942:

Positions:	0800:	39-08S	179-05E
	1200:	38-14S	179-11E
	2000:	36-34S	178-21E

5 November 1942:

Proceeding towards AUCKLAND HARBOR, steaming in HOURKO GULF. 1202: Arrived at dock. 1315: Stevedores came aboard ship and commenced unloading.

Positions:	0800:	36-30S	175-10E
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6 - 7 November 1942:

Discharging cargo from all holds.

8 November 1942:

1708: Shifted from PRINCESS WHARF, starboard side to QUEEN'S WHARF, North side, Shed #18.

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9 - 12 November 1942:

Unloading from all holds.

13 November 1942:

1600: Completed discharging of 7652 tons cargo.

14 November 1942:

Moored as before.

15 November 1942:

0638: Shifted from QUEEN'S WHARF to KING'S WHARF. 0900:
Loading of ship began.

16 - 20 November 1942:

Moored as before.

21 November 1942:

1725: Completed loading ship, having loaded 4045 tons
cargo. Submarine net gear, moorings, and tag ends, out
of warehouses.

22 November 1942:

0610: Proceeded out AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND HARBOR, en-
route to NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

Positions:	0800:	36-19S	173-42E
	1200:	35-34S	172-59E
	2000:	34-24S	171-44E

23 November 1942:

Positions:	0800:	32-38S	171-11E
	1200:	31-52S	170-53E
	2000:	30-10S	169-53E

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24 November 1942:

Positions:	0800:	27-37S	168-34E
	1200:	26-47S	168-08E
	2000:	24-58S	167-28E

25 November 1942:

1152: Arrived NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA. 1309: Anchored in DUMBEA BAY, Berth 21.

Positions: 0800: 23-08S 166-40E

26 - 28 November 1942:

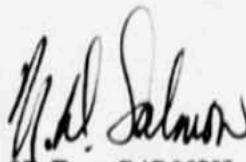
1130: Commenced discharging special cargo.

29 November 1942:

1342: Left Berth 21 and moored alongside the SS MONTGOMERY CITY, port side to at Nickel Dock, NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.
1620: Commenced unloading.

30 November 1942:

Moored as before.


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WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 1942

1 December 1942:

Moored alongside SS MONTGOMERY CITY at Nickel Dock, NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, unloading cargo from all holds. 1645:
Moored alongside Nickel Dock, after SS MONTGOMERY CITY pulled away.

2 December 1942:

Moored as before.

3 December 1942:

Moored as before. 0220: Completed discharging of 225 tons. Commenced loading 100 tons of ammunition.

4 December 1942:

1442: Left Nickel Dock. 1539 Anchored in DUMBEEA BAY, Berth 43.

5 December 1942:

0459: Underway from NOUMEA, enroute to GUADALCANAL, in convoy with Crescent City, President Jackson, and President Adams.

	0800:	22-36S	166-24E
Positions:	1200:	22-05S	165-31E
	2000:	20-28S	163-16E

6 December 1942:

	0800:	18-08S	162-23E
Positions:	1200:	17-17S	162-21E
	2000:	15-31S	162-24E

7 December 1942:

1109: Sounded general quarters. Submarine report. 1146:
Secured from general quarters.

	0800:	12-58S	162-29E
Positions:	1200:	12-04S	162-30E
	2000:	10-49S	161-12E

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8 December 1942:

0631: Arrived GUADALCANAL, anchored off Tunga Point. Commenced discharging cargo. 1659: Moved from GUADALCANAL, to TULAGI, for protection from air raids.

9 December 1942:

0443: Moved from TULAGI to GUADALCANAL. Flash red from beach. General quarters was sounded. 1711: Moved from GUADALCANAL to TULAGI.

10 December 1942:

Due to air raids and submarine menace, shifted anchorage from GUADALCANAL to TULAGI each night. Unloaded cargo when practicable.

11 December 1942:

0502: Received flash red from beach, sounded general quarters; submarine contact. A patrolling destroyer dropped four depth pattern nearby, results negative. Circuit breakers knocked out in engineroom, caused stoppage of several pumps, which were soon put back in service.

12 December 1942:

Due to night air raids left GUADALCANAL and went to TULAGI for night.

13 December 1942:

0423: Returned to GUADALCANAL from TULAGI. 0850: Commenced unloading cargo. 1305: Received flash red, sounded general quarters. 1411: Secured from general quarters. Returning to TULAGI HARBOR, received submarine contact. 1500: Sounded general quarters. Entered TULAGI HARBOR, and at 1528 secured from general quarters.

14 December 1942:

0425: Returned to GUADALCANAL anchorage off Lunga Point, unloading as usual. Moved to TULAGI HARBOR. 1415: Sounded general quarters. 1430: Secured from general quarters. 1614: Entered TULAGI HARBOR anchorage.

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15 December 1942:

0402: Returned to GUADALCANAL. 1629: Finished unloading ship having unloaded 2500 tons. 1655: Underway from GUADALCANAL enroute to NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

Positions: 2000: 09-54S 161-03E

16 December 1942:

Steaming as before. 0930: Unidentified aircraft sighted. Sounded general quarters.

Positions: 0800: 11-46S 162-05E
1200: 12-41S 162-14E
2000: 14-27S 162-14E

17 December 1942:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800: 16-59S 162-16E
1200: 17-52S 162-18E
2000: 19-32S 162-38E

18 December 1942:

1305: Arrived at NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA. 1520: Anchored in Berth 41, DUMBEA BAY.

Positions: 0800: 22-12S 165-40E
1200: 22-24S 166-08E

19 December 1942:

Anchored as before. Commenced discharging cargo.

20 - 27 December 1942:

Anchored as before, discharging cargo.

28 December 1942:

1407: Shifted anchorage from Berth 41 to inside of net.
1300: Completed discharging cargo having discharged 300 tons cargo. Slowness of cargo discharge due to no barges or dock being available. 1945: Commenced loading ship.

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29 December 1942:

1700: Completed loading 125 tons cargo. 1741: Shifted from inside of net to alongside of USS NECHES to take on oil.

30 December 1942:

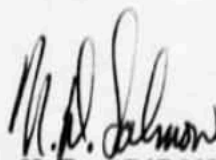
0622: Underway from NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, enroute to HAVANA HARBOR, EFATE ISLAND, New Hebrides.

Positions:	0800:	22-43S	166-29E
	1200:	23-03S	167-31E
	2000:	21-22S	168-19E

31 December 1942:

1135: Arrived at HAVANA HARBOR, EFATE ISLAND. 1230: Commenced unloading of ship.

Positions:	0800:	18-12S	168-08E
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WAR DIARY - JANUARY 1943

1 - 13 January 1943:

Anchored in HAVANA HARBOR, EFATE ISLAND, NEW HEBREDIES.

Discharging cargo.

14 January 1943:

0559 Departed HAVANA HARBOR, enroute to NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA,
having discharged 500 tons of cargo.

0800:	17-50S	168-05E
Positions:1200:	18-40S	168-10E
2000:	20-31S	168-20E

15 January 1943:

1655 Anchored in Berth 50 NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA

Positions:0800:	22-54S	167-55S
	23-05S	166-49E

16 - 18 January 1943:

Anchored in Berth 50 NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

19 January 1943:

0923: Sounded general quarters. 1038 secured from general quarters.

20 - 21 January 1943:

Anchored as before.

22 January 1943:

0543: Underway to inner harbor. 0633 anchored in nearer to shore
alongside liberty ship. 0800 commenced loading ship. 1524
underway to shift anchorage. 1532 anchored nearer to shore.

23 - 25 January 1943:

Anchored as before. Loading hatches 4 and 5 with buoys.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY - JANUARY 1943

26 January 1943:

0619 Underway from NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, enroute to HAVANA HARBOR,
EFATE ISLAND, having loaded a total of 500 tons.

	0800:	22-52S	166-43E
Positions:	1200:	22-58S	167-43E
	2000:	20-47S	168-15S

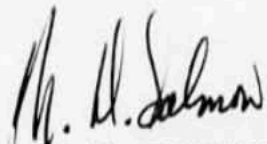
27 January 1943:

0952 arrived HAVANA HARBOR, 1111 anchored in Berth 8.

	0800:	17-40S	168-13E
Positions:			

28 - 31 January 1943:

Anchored as before. Discharging buoys and nets.


N. D. SALMON

cc: CincPac

C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1943

1 - 4 February 1943:

At anchor Berth 8, HAVANA HARBOR, EFATE ISLAND, NEW HEBREDIES.

Discharging Cargo.

5 February 1943:

Completed discharge of 600 tons of cargo at 2045. Working with the net tender Butternut making up capital moorings.

6 February 1943:

0606 underway from HAVANA HARBOR, enroute to NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

	0800:	17-50S	167-58S
Positions:	1200:	18-38S	168-06E
	2000:	20-28S	168-20E

7 - 10 February 1943:

1742 arrived NOUMEA and anchored in Berth A8; commenced to

discharge cargo. Positions:0800: 22-55S 167-53E
1200: 23-11S 166-55E

11 February 1943:

0230 completed discharging cargo of 645 tons. 1518 underway from NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, enroute to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, on orders of port Director. Positions:2000: 22-55S 166-31E

12 February 1943:

	0800:	23-18S	168-46E
Positions:	1200:	23-21S	169-39E
	2000:	23-02S	171-26E

C O N F I D E N T I A LWAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1943

13 February 1943:

	0800:	22-38S	174-09E
Positions:	1200:	22-30S	175-03E
	2000:	22-13S	176-52E

14 February 1943:

	0800:	21-51S	179-33E
Positions:	1200:	21-49S	179-31W
	2000:	21-41S	177-37W

14 February 1943:

Positions:	0800:	21-37S	174-43W
	1200:	21-34S	173-46W
	2000:	21-19S	171-44W

15 February 1943:

Positions:	0800:	20-57S	168-52W
	1200:	20-52S	167-54W
	2000:	20-11S	166-24W

16 February 1943:

Positions:	0800:	17-45S	164-26W
	1200:	16-59S	163-46W
	2000:	15-33S	162-30W

17 February 1943:

Positions:	0800:	33-27S	160-40W
	1200:	12-44S	160-05W
	2000:	11-25S	158-54W

18 February 1943:

Positions:	0800:	09-16S	157-06W
	1200:	08-33S	156-27W
	2000:	07-02S	155-30W

19 February 1943:

Positions:	0800:	04-48S	153-50W
	1200:	03-55S	153-19W
	2000:	02-20S	152-14W

20 February 1943:

Positions:	0800:	00-01N	150-34W
	1200:	00-45N	150-02W
	2000:	02-19N	149-02W

C O N F I D E N T I A LWAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1943

21 February 1943:

	0800:	04-37N	147-29W
Positions:	1200:	05-23N	147-00W
	2000:	06-57N	145-54W

22 February 1943:

	0800:	09-15N	144-22W
Positions:	1200:	10-03N	143-48W
	2000:	11-36N	142-30W

23 February 1943:

	0800:	13-57N	140-37W
Positions:	1200:	14-47N	139-57W
	2000:	16-25N	138-35W

24 February 1943:

	0800:	18-53N	136-45W
Positions:	1200:	19-37N	136-12W
	2000:	21-10N	135-00W

25 February 1943:

	0800:	23-34N	132-57W
Positions:	1200:	24-24N	132-16W
	2000:	26-06N	130-49W

26 February 1943:

	0800:	28-26N	128-45W
Positions:	1200:	29-16N	128-04W
	2000:	30-52N	126-33W

27 February 1943:

	0800:	33-17N	124-24W
Positions:	1200:	34-01N	123-37W
	2000:	35-38N	123-10W

28 February 1943:

0840 arrived SAN FRANCISCO BAY. 0950 anchored in Naval Anchorage,
SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

Positions:0800: 37-42N 122-38W

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON.

cc: CINCPAC

ENCLOSURE (I)
AK42/A12-3(us)

U.S.S. MERCURY

C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY - MARCH 1943

1 March 1943:

1625: Moved from Naval Anchorage, San Francisco Bay, to Pier 48B. Workers aboard to make voyage repairs.

2 - 7 March 1943:

Moored as before. Workers aboard making repairs.

8 - 9 March 1943:

Moored as before. Commenced loading cargo in all holds. Total cargo loaded, 300 tons, aviation engine repair material.

10 March 1943:

0711: Underway from San Francisco, California, on orders of Port Director, 12th Naval District, enroute to San Diego, California.

	0800:	37-47N	122-34W
Positions:	1200:	37-04N	122-51W
	2000:	35-14N	122-22W

11 March 1943:

1827: Arrived and docked at Navy Pier, San Diego, California. Commenced taking cargo for Photo Squadron One.

	0800:	33-11N	119-58W
Positions:	1200:	32-42N	118-53W

12 - 16 March 1943:

Docked as before. Loading cargo. Temporary deck houses fitted to accomodate 24 Passengers.

17 March 1943:

0658: Underway on orders from Port Director's Office, 11N Dist Serial B(SD) -A48, from San Diego Harbor, enroute to NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, having loaded 3200 tons. Escort PC-582 remained until 1900.

	0800:	32-30N	117-28W
Positions:	1200:	32-14N	118-31W
	2000:	30-51N	120-10W

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U.S.S. MERCURY

C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY - MARCH 1943

19 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	24-24N	127-43W
	1200:	23-43N	128-30W
	2000:	22-20N	130-05W

20 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	20-10N	132-30W
	1200:	19-13N	133-11W
	2000:	17-52N	134-25W

21 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	15-23N	136-35W
	1200:	14-37N	137-16W
	2000:	13-06N	138-40W

22 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	10-46N	140-49W
	1200:	09-59N	141-35W
	2000:	08-25N	142-46W

23 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	06-03N	144-33W
	1200:	05-09N	145-11W
	2000:	03-35N	146-22W

24 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	01-10N	148-06W
	1200:	00-18N	148-43W
	2000:	01-13S	149-58W

25 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	03-35S	152-12W
	1200:	04-19S	152-53W
	2000:	05-51S	154-10W

26 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	08-14S	156-03W
	1200:	09-05S	156-43W
	2000:	10-35S	158-05W

27 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	12-50S	160-04W
	1200:	13-36S	160-48W
	2000:	14-46S	162-22W

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U.S.S. MERCURY

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WAR DIAFY - MARCH 1943

28 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	16-29S	164-38W
	1200:	17-04S	165-27W
	2000:	18-14S	166-55W

29 March 1943:

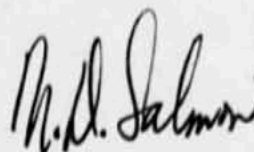
Positions:	0800:	19-45S	169-04W
	1200:	19-59S	169-58W
	2000:	20-05S	171-42W

30 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	20-16S	174-06W
	1200:	20-26S	174-57W
	2000:	20-28S	176-40W

31 March 1943:

Positions:	0800:	20-33S	179-21W
	1200:	20-51S	179-51E


N.D. SALMON

cc: CincPac

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY
Wednesday 23 March 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION (plus) 12. O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Steaming as before on course 273° Gyro and true according to sig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). Conditions Normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U. S. N.
O.O.D.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 273° gyro and true and sig-zagging according to sig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). At 0800, changed course to 333° gyro and true and continued to sigzag in accordance with sig-zag plan number twenty-six (26).

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 333° gyro and true according to sig-zag plan number twenty-six (26), conditions normal. At 1200, changed base course to 213° gyro and true and continued to sig-zag in accordance with sig-zag plan number twenty-six (26).

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 213° gyro and true and sigzagging in accordance with sig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U. S. N.
O.O.D.

1600-2000

At 1600 changed course to 275° gyro and true and commenced sigzagging in accordance with plan number twenty-six (26). Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 275° gyro and true and sig-zagging in accordance with sig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). Conditions normal. At 2400 all clocks were advanced twenty-four (24) hours to conform with minus (-) twelve (12) zone time.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

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Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
Navigator

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U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Friday 2 April 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Steaming as before on course 275° Gyro and true, according to zig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). Conditions normal.

W. K. Lynch
W. K. LYNCH,
Ens., U. S. N., OOD.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 275° Gyro and true, according to zig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). At 0557, obtained fix by observations of ALTAIR, RIGEL KENTAURUS, ARCTURUS, and SPICA; Latitude - 21° - 15' S., Longitude - 176° - 29' E. At 0700, changed course to 282° Gyro and true and continued zigzagging in accordance with plan number twenty-six (26). At 0630 set condition two watches. At 0550 all hands were piped to battle stations for morning alert. At 0630, secured from the morning alert.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
OOD

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 282° Gyro and true and zigzagging in accordance with plan number twenty-six (26).

W. J. Gattel
W. J. GATTEL,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
OOD

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 282° Gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). At 1300, changed course to 358° Gyro and true and continued zigzagging according to plan twenty-six (26). At 1500, changed course to 237° Gyro and true and continued zigzagging according to plan number twenty-six (26). Maintained condition of readiness II. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Ensign, U. S. N.
OOD

1600-2000

At 1600, changed course to 296° Gyro and true and continued to zig-zag in accordance with plan number twenty-six (26). At 1800, all clocks were retarded one (1) hour to conform with (minus) eleven (11) zone time. At 1715, (minus 11 zone time), all hands were piped to general quarters. At 1725 (minus 11 zone time) obtained fix by observations of VENUS, JUPITER, CANOPUS and ALDEBARAN: Latitude - 20° - 24' S, Longitude - 174° - 17' E. At 1830 (minus 11 zone time) secured from evening alert and resumed condition II watches.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
OOD

Approved:

~~Franklin~~

UNITED STATES SHIP MINUITY Friday 2 April 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS.

CONFIDENTIAL

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 296° Gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with plan number twenty-six (26). Maintained condition II.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
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G. W. Graber
Approved: G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

C. F. Tomlin
Examined: C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg),

U. S. N., Navigator.
R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Saturday 3 April 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Steaming as before on course 296° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twenty-six (26). Conditions normal.

W. H. LYNCH
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U. S. N.
O.O.D.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 296° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twenty-six (26). At 0500 all hands were piped to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0515 obtained a fix by observations of VEGA, SPICA, ARCTURUS; Latitude: 19°-25' N., Longitude, 171°-50' E. Sunrise was at 0538. At 0602 secured from general quarters and resumed Condition II Watches.

C. F. TOMLIN
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 296° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twenty-six (26). Maintained Condition II watches.

W. J. SATTEL
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 296° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twenty-six (26). Maintained condition of readiness two (2). Conditions otherwise normal.

W. H. LYNCH
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U. S. N.
O.O.D.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 296° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). At 1743 -sunset. At 1745 all hands were piped to general quarters for the evening alert. At 1845 secured from the evening alert. At 1900 changed course to 270° gyro and true and continued zig-zagging on plan number twenty-six (26). Overcast and cloudy - no star observations.

C. F. TOMLIN
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 270° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). Maintained condition II.

W. J. SATTEL
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

Approved: G. W. GRABER
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined: C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Sunday (1943)	4 (1943)	April (Month)	1943.
ZONE DESCRIPTION -11	O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.		CONFIDENTIAL		
0000 - 0400	Steaming as before on course 270° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twenty-six (26). At 0030 changed course to 000° gyro and true and continued zig-zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). Maintained condition of readiness two (2). Conditions otherwise normal.				
	<i>W. H. Lynch</i> W. H. LYNCH, Ensign, U. S. Navy C.O.D.				
0400 - 0800	Steaming as before on course 000° gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan number twenty-six (26). At 0420, heavy rain, high wind, lightening, and heavy low clouds, Visibility poor - Captain on the bridge. At 0500 slow speed. At 0618 changed course 180° gyro and true. At 0518 - half speed. At 0600, changed course to 090° gyro and true and continued zig-zagging in accordance with plan number twenty-six (26). At 0615 changed course to 000° gyro and true. Overcast, cloudy with continuous rain - no observations.				
	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R. U.O.D.				
0800 - 1200	Steaming as before on course 000° gyro and true at eighteen (18) nozzles. At 0828, sighted landfall (MALEKULA ISLAND) approximately 3 points on the port bow. At 0853, changed course to 090° gyro and true. At 0859 changed course to 075° gyro and true. At 0903 changed course to 070° gyro and true. At 0916 obtained a fix approximately five (5) miles off the Foreland EPI Island, and changed course to 000° gyro and true. At 0919 increased to twenty-one (21) nozzles. At 0930, increased to twenty-four (24) nozzles. At 1000 changed course to 325° gyro and true. At 1015, passed vessel of the American TRYON type approximately 3.5 miles to port. At 1141 changed course to 323° gyro and true.				
	<i>W. J. Sattel</i> W. J. SATTEL, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R. O.O.D.				
1200 - 1600	Steaming as before on course 323° Gyro and true on twenty-four (24) nozzles. Standing condition two watches. At 1345 plane (OS2U) approached and circled. At 1410 West end of TUTUBA Island was bearing 315° true. At 1410 changed course to 313° gyro and true. At 1435 changed course to 135° gyro and true. Captain on the bridge. At 1438, slow ahead and approaching P.C. boat at the pilot station. At 1442 changed course to 295° gyro and true. At 1443 set special sea details. At 1443, half ahead. At 1449 slow ahead and entering the channel off TUTUBA Island; BOGACIO Island abeam to port. At 1449, Lt. HUGHES aboard as pilot. At 1452 full ahead and proceeding in SEGUNA channel, Pilot conning and Captain on the bridge. At 1523 passed through net. At 1554 let go the starboard anchor in berth THIRTY ONE (31), seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out. At 1614, secured in berth THIRTY-ONE (31). Bearings: "F" - 080° True, "H" - 214° True, "L" - 273° True. Finished with engines and secured from sea details.				
	(see next page).				
Approved:	Examined:				
	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> Lt. (jg) U. S. N. R.				

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday

4

April

19

43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

OPERATIONAL
REMARKS. (continued).

1600 - 2000

Anchored in Base "Buttons" in berth Thirty-One (31), Starboard anchor out with seventy-five fathoms of chain. Senior Officer Present Afloat is COMMANDER AIR FORCES in the CURTIS. Foreign men-of-war present: H.M.N.Z.S. LEANDER. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

KECK, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

5

April

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION

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O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Base "Buttons" in berth thirty-one(31), starboard anchor out with seventy-five fathoms of chain. Senior Officer Present Afloat - COMMANDER AIR FORCES, SOUTH PACIFIC. Foreign men-of-war present - H.M.N.Z.S. LEANDER. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0830 commenced unloading Higgins boats, using own crew as the working party. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1200 - 1600

At 1505 four (4) Higgins boats were delivered to officer from the U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and were taken away by working party in his charge. Anchored as before. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

Approved:

G. W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R. *Investigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday

6

April

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in thirty (30) fathoms of water, Berth thirty-one (31), Base "Buttons", with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Senior Officer Present Afloat, COMMANDER AIR FORCE SOUTH PACIFIC, in U.S.S. CURTIS. Foreign men-of-war present: H.M.N.Z.S., LEANDER. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0905 two (2) Higgins boats were delivered to the U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1310 the U.S.S. WASMUTH (DMS 15) stood into the harbor. At 1400, the U.S.S. BELKNAP (AVD 8) and the U.S.S. BUCHANAN (DD484) stood into the harbor.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
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Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

2000 - 2400

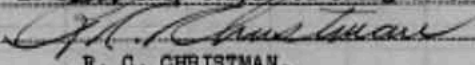
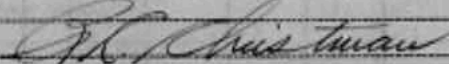
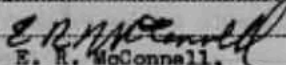
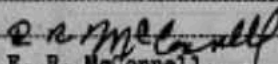
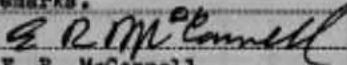
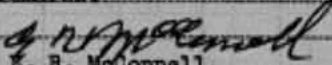
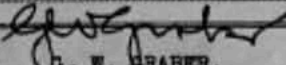
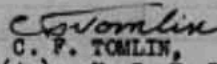
Anchored as before. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. Y. Tomlin*
C. Y. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

XXXXXXXX Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Wednesday 7	April 1943.
O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L		(Day)	(Date)
ZONE DESCRIPTION	REMARKS.	C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L	
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in thirty (30) fathoms of water, berth thirty-one (31), Base "Buttons", with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Senior Officer Present Afloat: Commander Aircraft South Pacific in U.S.S. CURTIS. Foreign men-of-war present: H.M.N.Z.S. LEANDER. At 0200, ship commenced swinging to ebb tide. At 0335, ship completed swing to ebb tide. No further remarks.	 R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R. O.O.D.	
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. No further remarks.	 R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R. O.O.D.	
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. At 0815, U.S.S. SAN DIEGO (CL53) stood in and moored alongside U.S.S. SABINE. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R. O.O.D.	
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. At 1340 the U.S.S. BREEZE (DM18) stood out of the harbor. At 1348, the U.S.S. FREELE (DM20) stood out of the harbor. At 1350, the U.S.S. ELLIOT (DMS4) stood out of the harbor. At 1350, the U.S.S. BUCHANAN (DD484) stood out of the harbor. At 1355, the U.S.S. TRACY (DM19) stood out of the harbor. At 1358 the U.S.S. GAMBLE (DM15) stood out of the harbor. At 1410, the U.S.S. EATON (DD510) stood out of the harbor. At 1410, the U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION (APA17) stood out of the harbor. At 1423, the U.S.S. SAN DIEGO (CL53) stood out of the harbor. At 1423, the S.S. IRVIN McDOWELL stood in. At 1435, commenced unlashng the deck cargo. At 1450, the U.S.S. ENTERPRISE (CV6) stood out of the harbor. At 1455 the H.M.N.Z.S. LEANDER stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R. O.O.D.	
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R. O.O.D.	
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R. O.O.D.	
Approved: 	Examined: 	C. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R. Commanding.	
		C. F. TOMLIN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.	

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REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in thirty (30) fathoms of water, berth thirty-one (31), Base "Buttons", with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Senior Officer Present Afloat: Commander Aircraft South Pacific in U.S.S. CURTIS. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.
O.C.D.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.
O.C.D.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0920, commenced swinging to ebb tide. At 1120, finished swing to ebb tide. At 1025, commenced unloading deck cargo from starboard side of number three (3) hatch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.C.D.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1230, the Master-at-arms held a sale of deserter's clothing. At 1355, the ship commenced swinging to starboard to flood tide. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.C.D.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1625 IM-16 was underway and standing out of the harbor. At 1720, the U.S.S. BREESE, U.S.S. PREBLE and U.S.S. TRACY stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.C.D.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.C.D.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg.), U. S. N. R.

Navigator.

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REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in thirty (30) fathoms of water, berth thirty-one (31), Base "Buttons", with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Senior Officer Present Afloat: COMMANDER AIRCRAFT, SOUTH PACIFIC in U.S.S. CURTIS. Conditions normal.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Swinging to flood tide, stern to starboard. At 0505, completed swing to starboard, heading 034° true. At 0620, the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AKA8) stood into the harbor. At 0720, the U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT (APA14) stood into the harbor. At 0725, the U.S.S. TAPPAHANNOCK (AO43), U.S.S. MAURY (DD401) and the U.S.S. WOODWORTH (DD460) stood into the harbor. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Ensign, U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0810 the U.S.S. ANDERSON (DD411) stood out to sea. At 0900, the U.S.S. PINKNEY (APM2) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1200 - 1312

Anchored as before. At 1245, the Pilot, Lieutenant FOSTER came aboard. At 1250, the U.S.S. WOODSWORTH (DD460) stood out to sea. At 1250, the Engine room was granted permission to jack over main engine. At 1305, the engine room was manned and ready for getting underway. At 1310 the S.S. PETER SYLVESTER stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1312 - 1512

Anchored as before. At 1312 all hands were piped to special sea details. At 1314 the engine room was on "standby"; the Captain and Pilot (Lt. FOSTER) were on the bridge. At 1320, commenced heaving up the starboard anchor. At 1328, anchor aweigh, various bells proceeding out of Fekoa Channel. At 1401, passed through the net. At 1449, the pilot (Lt. FOSTER), left the ship, the captain at the conn. Speed set at twenty-four (24) nozzles. At 1450, set course 142° gyro and true. At 1500, Passed the U.S.S. PATUXENT (AO44) and the U.S.S. TITANIA (AKA13) inbound with destroyer escort. At 1512, secured the special sea-details and set condition III watches. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
Navigator.

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G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

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C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

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1512 - 2000

Underway, passage Base "Buttons" to Base "White Poppy", steaming singly on course 142° gyro and true. At 1845, "Minnie" Peak, AINBRIM Island abeam, bearing 052° true, five (5) miles distant. At 1935 changed course to 194° gyro and true. Smooth sea, low swell, overcast and cloudy. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 194° gyro and true. At 2330 changed course to 171° gyro and true. Maintaining condition of readiness III. Overcast and cloudy, few passing light showers, smooth sea and gentle breeze.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator.

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on course 171° gyro and true. Sky cloudy with occasional passing showers; moderately light breeze. Maintained condition of readiness III. Conditions otherwise normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U. S. Navy
O.O.D.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 171° gyro and true. At 0520, all hands were piped to battle stations for morning alert. At 0525, commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). At 0557 - sunrise. No star observation overcast and cloudy. At 0615, secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches and continued zig-zagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). Vessel pitching easily to a south-east swell.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 171° gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). Maintained condition III watches. Partly cloudy and moderate southerly swells. At 1200, changed base course to 160° gyro and true and continued to zig-zag in accordance with plan number sixteen (16).

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 160° gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). Maintained condition III watches. At 1525, changed course to 191° gyro and true and continued to zig-zag in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). At 1530, sighted five (5) motor-torpedo-boats, bearing 140° true. At 1540, sighted land (MARE ISLAND) (LOYALTY GROUP), bearing 240° true. Moderate breeze and light swells. Otherwise, conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Ensign, U. S. N.
O.O.D.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 191° gyro and true. At 1700, Cape COSTER, bearing 298° true and Cape BOYER bearing 241° true. At 1742 - sunset - darkened ship. At 1800 Cape COSTER bearing 286° true, Cape BOYER bearing 337° true. Light south-east swell. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16) throughout this watch.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.O.D.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 191° gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with plan sixteen (16). At 2000, increased speed to twenty-four (24)

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G. W. Graeber
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Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator.

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nozzles. At 2100, ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. At 2330, changed course to 242° gyro and true.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.
O.C.D.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator.

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Underway - passage Base "Buttons" to Base "White Poppy". Steaming as before on course 212° gyro and true at 89.0 R.P.M. Maintained condition of readiness III watches. At 0330, changed course to 309° gyro and true. Weather cloudy with occasional passing showers. Conditions otherwise normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Ensign, U. S. Navy

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 309° gyro and true. At 0530 all hands were piped to general quarters for the morning alert; commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). No star observations - overcast and cloudy. At 0610, changed course to 000° gyro and true and continued to zig-zag in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). At 0628, secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 000° gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). At 0800, raised AMADEE Lighthouse bearing 030° true; Captain on the bridge. At 0815, secured from condition III watches and all hands were piped to special sea-details. Captain conning through BULARI Pass. Proceeding, in compliance with visual instructions to berth fifty-five (55), DUMBEA Bay. At 1012, let go starboard anchor. Beacons bearing as follows: "J" - 117° true; "H" - 040° true; and "P" - 189° true. At 1018, brought to in seven (7) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain in hawse pipe. Secured from special sea-details.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1015 - 1200

Anchored in berth fifty-five (55), Base (White Poppy) in seven (7) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain in the hawse pipe. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1215, the U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT stood into the harbor. At 1302, the U.S.S. MAURY stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1600 - the U.S.S. PICKNEY stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Condr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Integrator

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 12 April 1943
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0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth fifty-five (55), Base (White Pogy), in a seven (7) fathoms of water, with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Conditions normal.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0730, the U.S.S. CINCINNATI stood into harbor. Conditions normal.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1900 - 1616

Anchored as before. At 0800, U.S.S. FOULHAUT (AKA5) underway and shifting berth. At 0805, The S.S. EDWARD RANDOLPH stood out. At 0830, the ACP-3 stood out of the harbor. At 0830, the U.S.S. SMITH (DD778) underway and shifting berth. At 0845 the S.S. JESSE D. URAGII stood into the harbor. At 0930, LST-334 stood out of the harbor. At 1030, tested steering gear and all navigational gear - found in good order. At 1130, J. W. HIRTH, pilot, and Commander SHRIDAN aboard. At 1134, all hands were piped to special sea details. At 1137, commenced heaving up anchor; Captain and pilot on bridge. At 1144, anchor awigh, various bells proceeding towards USNO Bay, pilot coming. At 1216, slow ahead - off BURA Island, proceeding towards anchorage in USNO Bay. At 1301, let go starboard anchor in eight (8) fathoms of water, with sixty (60) fathoms of chain in the hawse pipe. Anchorage bearings: ANEDNE Lighthouse - 185° true, TUE Island (south end) - 090½° true. At 1325, ship swung head into the wind (heading 135° true). Secured special-sea details. At 1345, lighter alongside at number four (4) hatch and commenced discharging air-planes. At 1400 planes landed on large. At 1410, barge was clear of the ship. At 1415, all hands were piped to special sea details. At 1421, engine-room given "stand-by"; Captain and pilot on bridge. At 1423, commenced heaving up anchor. At 1435, anchor awigh, full ahead, proceeding out USNO Bay, pilot coming. At 1443, obtained cross bearings: ANEDNE Lighthouse bearing 190° true, Signal Station, Fort Nouma bearing 299° true. At 1450, TUE Reef bearing 290° true, passed clear of same. At 1457, ship touched USNO Shoal while on course 270° true, from a point opposite and south of TUE reef; Pilot - Lt. T. W. HIRTH, steering, Commander SHRIDAN aboard as observer. Bearings were being taken when the ship struck. At 1458, PORCUPINE Island bore 091° true, ANEDNE Lighthouse bore 180° true. The ship did not lose headway and answered the rudder readily. All tanks and bilges were sounded and found light. Engine was tried on reduced and full speed and rudder tested, all apparently in good working order. Engine was stopped when ship touched. The soundings taken showed seven (7) fathoms off the starboard beam and then eight (8) fathoms off the stern. Ship proceeded without difficulty towards DUMERA Bay. Cross bearings at 1509: HAITHE Island - (beacon) - 367° true, WANDO Island beacon - 305° true. Captain coming. At 1520, WANDOS passed abeam, changed course to 320° true. At 1536, "P" beacon bearing 043° true, "Q" beacon bearing 319° true. Various courses to Captain's orders rounding ILS BOU and proceeding to berth fifty-five (55). At 1547, "R" beacon bearing 111° true, "T" beacon bearing 056° true. At 1604, let go starboard anchor, sixty (60) fathoms of chain in seven (7) fathoms of water.

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Approved:

Q. W. Graber
Q. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

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C-O-B-F-I-D-B-E-F-I-I-I-I

4th beam bearing 121° true, 7th beam bearing 091° true. At 1610, brought to. Secured from special standstill. Finished with engines. At 1618, Commander SHERRIDAN and Lt. HIRTH left the ship.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1618 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1820, received reports on soundings of deep tanks, fuel tanks and holds. No water present. Conditions normal.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
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C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in seven (7) fathoms of water, berth fifty-five (55), Base "White Poppy", with sixty (60) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Senior Officer Present Afloat: Commander Service Squadron in U.S.S. McCawley. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0815, the U.S.S. ACP-3 stood out of the harbor. At 1040, the U.S.S. TREVOR stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1615, the S.S. SAMUEL NELSON stood in and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Approved:

C. W. Graber
C. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Edlin
C. F. EDLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Muster.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday, 14 April 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400 Anchored as before in seven (7) fathoms of water, berth fifty-five (55), Base "White Poppy", with sixty (60) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks. R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before. At 0645, the U.S.S. FOMALHAUT stood out of the harbor. At 0700 the S.S. JOSEPH B. HICKOK (liberty ship) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 0705, the U.S.S. MENOMANIE stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 0755, the U.S.S. HOPKINS stood out to sea and the U.S.S. MAYAN stood alongside the U.S.S. AO-89 (port side-to). Conditions normal. No further remarks. R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. At 0803, the U.S.S. HOGAN and the U.S.S. TREVOR stood out to sea. At 0843, a U.S. submarine (unidentified) of the "S" class stood out to sea. At 0900, the U.S.S. HOPKINS stood in the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks. E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. At 1200, the U.S.S. MAYAN stood out to sea. At 1210, the S.S. SAMUEL SEABURY stood in to the harbor. At 1345 a liberty-ship (unidentified) stood out to sea. At 1415, Ensign DURAND, from the U.S.S. PROMETHEUS came aboard to inspect the ship's propeller and rudder. At 1430, a diver commenced the inspection of the ship's propeller and rudder. At 1450, the inspection of the ship's propeller and rudder was completed; findings - rudder and propeller undamaged and in good condition. At 1515, the U.S.S. SKYLARK stood into the harbor. At 1525, the U.S.S. SMITH stood out to sea. E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000 At 1600, held fire drill. At 1607, secured from fire drill. At 1608, held abandon-ship drill. At 1618, secured from abandon-ship and all emergency drills. E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks. E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

Approved: G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R. Commanding.

Examined: C. F. TOMLIN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 15 April 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in seven (7) fathoms of water, berth fifty-five (55), Base "White Poppy", with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0705, S.S. JAMES B. HICKOK stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0810, mustered crew on stations - all present or accounted for. At 0920, the U.S.S. KANKAKEE (AO39) stood into the harbor. At 1135, the U.S.S. CONYNGHAM (DD371) stood into the harbor. At 1145, the U.S. S. SAN JUAN (CL54) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600

At 1205, the following ships stood into the harbor: U.S.S. SARATOGA, (CV3), U.S.S. McCall (DD400), U.S.S. CASE (DD370), and U.S.S. CUMMINGS (DD365). At 1315, fresh-water-barge YW-16 came alongside, port side, commenced taking on fresh water. At 1335, the U.S.S. SAN JUAN (CL54), shifted berth and moved inside the submarine net. At 1405, the U.S.S. CONYNGHAM (DD371) stood out of the harbor. At 1420, finished taking on fresh water, having received fifteen-thousand (15,000) gallons. At 1425, YW-16 cast off and stood away from the port side of the ship. At 1425, a Standard Oil Company tanker (HYLLMAN) stood into the harbor. At 1430, the U.S.S. McCALL (DD400) shifted berth and moved inside the submarines net. At 1430, the U.S.S. EBONY (YN10) stood into the harbor. At 1455, the U.S.S. GRIDLEY (DD380), U.S.S. PERKINS (DD377), U.S.S. LAMSON (DD367), U.S.S. DRAYTON (DD366) and the U.S.S. MAHAN (DD364) stood into the harbor. At 1545, the U.S.S. FAWNEE (AT74) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1610, the U.S.S. WASHINGTON (BB56) stood into the harbor. At 1615, the U.S.S. INDIANNA (BB58), and the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS (BB59) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

Approved: *G. W. Graeber*
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

U. S. N., Motorboat.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday
(Day)

16
(Date)

April
(Month)

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in seven (7) fathoms of water, berth fifty-five (55), Base "White Poppy", with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
G. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0615, the U.S. Army Transport MAUI stood into the harbor. At 0635, the S.S. AMOS G. THROOP stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0800, the crew was mustered on stations - no absentees. At 0830, the U.S.S. KANKAKEE shifted berth. At 0950, Marine Transport Number twelve (12) shifted berth. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1250, the U.S.S. CIMMARON shifted berth. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1601, exercised at fire drill. At 1610, secured from fire drill. At 1610, exercised at abandon-ship drill. At 1618, secured from abandon-ship and all emergency drills. At 1615, the U.S.S. DMS-13 shifted berth. At 1650, the U.S.S. PAWNEE stood in and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday, 17
(DAY) (DATE)

April 1943
(MONTH) (YEAR)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

C-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in seven (7) fathoms of water, berth fifty-five (55), Base "White Poppy" with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0615, the U.S.S. HOPKINS stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 0630, the U.S.S. SAN JUAN and the U.S.S. SARATOGA were underway and standing out of the harbor. At 0635, the U.S.S. CASE was underway and standing out of the harbor. At 0640, the U.S.S. McCALL stood out to sea. At 0700, the U.S.S. FANNING was underway and standing out to sea. At 0700, the U.S.S. PANNER was underway and standing out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 1050, the U.S.S. RIXEY stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S. N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Sunday	18,	April	1943.
U-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
ZONE DESCRIPTION	REMARKS.	C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L			
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in seven (7) fathoms of water, berth fifty-five (55), base "White Poppy", with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. MCCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.			
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. At 0600, examined and tested all navigational gear, and steering gear - found in good working order. At 0605, Lt. Comdr., McMULLEN aboard as pilot. At 0615, all hands were piped to special-sea details, Captain and Pilot on bridge. At 0633, commenced heaving up starboard anchor. At 0642, anchor aweigh - various bells and courses in DUMBEA BAY awaiting passage of outbound ships through the submarine net. At 0732, passed through the submarine net, and proceeding toward ANSE DUMBO. At 0821, the first line was ashore. At 0832, secured, starboard side-to ANSE DUMBO pontoon dock. Heading - 000° true. Finished with engines, secured from special-sea-details.	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R. Navigator.			
0800 - 1200	Moored as before. Unloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.			
1200 - 1600	Moored as before. Unloading cargo. At 1545, the U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA18) stood out of the harbor. At 1550, the U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS (APA19) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.			
1600 - 2000	Moored as before. Unloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, ENSIGN, U.S.N.R.			
2000 - 2400	Moored as before. Unloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.			
Approved:	<i>G. W. Graber</i> G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.	Examined:	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R. Navigator.		

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday
(1943)

19
(1943)

April
(1943)

1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.

C-O-M-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to ANSE NUMBO Dock, DUCOS Peninsula, Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia (Base "White Poppy"). Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800.

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 0655 the S.S. SOLON TURMAN stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. At 1025, the U.S.S. LST-334 and LST-390 stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 1240, the U.S.S. WHITNEY was underway and standing out. At 1300, the U.S.S. NICHOLAS was underway and standing out to sea. At 1302, the U.S.S. FLETCHER was underway and standing out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Draper
G. W. DRAPER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday

20

April

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-E-I
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-I

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to Anse NUMBO Dack, Ducos Peninsula, Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia (Base "White Poppy"). Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Shifting Cargo. At 1155 the U.S.S. BRIDGE was underway and standing out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 1525, the U.S.S. GWIN stood into the harbor. At 1530, the U.S.S. RIXEY stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 2345 finished shifting cargo for the night. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Haaber
G. W. HAABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S. N. R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 21
(Day) (Date)

April 19 43
(Month) (Year)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to ANSE NUMBO DOCK, Base "White Poppy". Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0620, the S.S. SEABURY stood out. At 0705, the U.S.S. DRAYTON stood in. Conditions normal; No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. At 0820 a liberty ship (name unknown) stood in. At 0830, the U.S.S. PINCKNEY (APH2) stood in. At 0930, the U.S.S. CHANDELEUR (AV10) stood in. At 0945, the U.S.S. SOLACE stood in. At 1130, the U.S.S. LAMPSON (DD365) stood in. Conditions normal. No further remarks. Shifting cargo throughout this watch.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1230, the U.S.S. BLUEBIRD stood out. At 1400, the U.S. Army Transport MAUI stood out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Shifting cargo.
C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal; No further remarks. Shifting Cargo throughout this watch.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks. Shifting cargo throughout this watch.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. P. Tomlin*
C. P. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Master

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 22 April 1943

(Date) (Month) (Year)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to ANSE NUMBO DOCK, Base "White Poppy", Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 0630, the U.S.S. HOPKINS, U.S.S. ZANE, and the U.S.S. TREVOR stood out to sea. At 0645, the U.S.S. GWIN stood out to sea. At 0700, the U.S.S. VILEHI stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. At 0925, the S.S. NEO HEBRIDAIS, came alongside (port) to receive cargo. At 1045, the U.S.S. SARATOGA stood into the harbor. At 1150 the U.S.S. CHARLESTON stood into the harbor. Continued shifting of cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1245, the U.S.S. SAN JUAN stood into the harbor. At 1350, the U.S.S. CRAVEN stood into the harbor. At 1430, the U.S.S. McCALL stood into the harbor. At 1445, the U.S.S. CASE stood into the harbor. At 1535, the U.S.S. SHELDRAKE stood into the harbor. Continued shifting of cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. At 1615, shifted from starboard to port boiler for auxiliary purposes. At 1620, the U.S.S. MANLEY shifted berths. Continued shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. At 2245, the S.S. NEO HEBRIDAIS shifted from number two (2) hatch to number four (4) hatch. Continued shifting of cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday
(Day)

23
(Date)

April
(Month)

1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before starboard side to BUCOS PENINSULA DOCK. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 0607, the U.S.S. LARNSON was underway and standing out to sea. At 0710, the U.S.S. SHELDRAKE was underway and standing out to sea. At 0730, the U.S.S. APD-16 was underway and standing out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 0805, the U.S.S. McCALL stood out of the harbor. At 0845, three (3) LST's stood into the harbor. At 0920, the U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES stood into the harbor. At 0920, the U.S.S. THOMAS STONE stood into the harbor. At 0940, the U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER stood into the harbor. At 0945, the U.S.S. FULLER passed through the submarine net. At 1015, the U.S.S. YP-423 stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 1445, the U.S.S. BROOKS stood into the harbor. At 1515, the U.S.S. TALAMANCA stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 2245, the S.S. NEO HEBRIDIAS shifted aft to continue loading of cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

Approved:

J. W. Graber
J. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 24

(Date)

April

1943

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to ANSE NUMBO DOCK, Base "WHITE POPPY", port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Shifting cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 0630, U.S.S. PINKNEY (APH2) stood out of the harbor. At 0735, the U.S.S. TREVOR (DMS16) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 1010, the U.S.S. ELLET (DD398) stood out of the harbor. At 1030 a British seaplane-tender (unidentified) stood into the harbor. At 1110, the U.S.S. WOODWORTH (DD460) stood into the harbor. S.S. NEO HEBRIDAIS still alongside to port. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 1215, the U.S.S. WAINWRIGHT (DD419) stood out of the harbor. At 1420, a merchant ship (unidentified) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 1630, the S.S. NEO HEBRIDAIS was shifted forward to facilitate loading of cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Shifting cargo. At 2350, stopped work for the day having finished loading cargo onto S.S. NEO HEBRIDAIS.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Fraber
G. W. FRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Abolished

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday

25

April

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400.

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, U. S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia (Base "White Poppy"). S.S. NEO HEBRIDAIS tied up alongside to port. *Port* Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0545, the S.S. NEO HEBRIDAIS cast off from alongside. At 0740, the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. At 0805, the U.S.S. DRAYTON stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 0815, motor torpedo-boat Squadron five (5) moored to north side of dock. At 0940, a merchant tanker (unidentified) stood out of the harbor. Shifting and reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1315, the U.S.S. CASTOR stood in and proceeded to anchorage. Reloading and shifting cargo. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Shifting and reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. At 2350 reloading and shifting of cargo was secured for the day. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday 26

April

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, U.S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia (Base "White Poppy"). Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. 0005, reloading and shifting of cargo was secured for the day. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0615, the following ships were underway and standing out to sea: U.S.S. CASE, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. DUNLAP, U.S.S. FANNING and U.S.S. ZANE. At 0635, the U.S.S. HUMPHREYS stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 0730, the U.S.S. HUMPHREYS stood into ARD-5. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

At 0900, the U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY, U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON and the U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS stood into the harbor. At 1045, the U.S.S. CUMMINGS stood into the port. At 1135, the U.S.S. MAHAN stood into the harbor. Reloading and shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks. Moored as before.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1305, the U.S.S. FULLER stood out to sea. At 1340, the U.S.S. SOUTHERN SEAS stood out to sea. At 1535, the U.S.S. MANLEY stood into port. At 1540, the U.S.S. RELIEF stood out to sea. Reloading and shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. At 1610, the U.S.S. DELPHINUS, U.S.S. SMITH and the U.S.S. LAMSON stood into the harbor. Reloading and shifting cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. At 2100, reloading and shifting of cargo was secured for the day. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *D. W. Graber*
D. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *G. F. Tomlin*
G. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday

27

April

19 43.

(1943)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, U.S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia, (Base "WhitePoppy"). Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0605, the following ships were underway and standing out of the harbor: U.S.S. DOWNES, U.S.S. LAMSON, and the U.S.S. BULLARD. At 0655, the S.S. WILLIAM VENDERBILT stood out of the harbor. At 0710, the S.S. BEN WHEELER stood into the harbor.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Working of cargo help up temporarily (until 0930) on account of rain. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1400, the S.S. DIMONS stood into the harbor. At 1540, all reloading and shifting of cargo was secured on account of rain. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Steady rainfall. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Steady rainfall. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Investigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 28
(Date)

April 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, U.S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia. (Base "White-Poppy"). Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

Continuous rain. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1340, the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS stood into the harbor.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. At 1620, the U.S.S. REID and the U.S.S. PERKINS stood into the harbor. At 1800, three thousand, four hundred twenty (3,420) rounds of twenty millimeter ammunition was received aboard from the Naval Ammunition Depot, Noumea, New Caledonia.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Tomlin
C. P. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Investigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 29
(Day) (Month)

April 1943.
(Year)

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O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-P-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

ZONE DESCRIPTION

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, U.S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia. Port Boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0700, the U.S.S. DIEMOS was underway and standing out of the harbor. At 0730, the S.S. LYMAN J. GAGE stood into port and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1225, the U.S.S. TRYONE stood into port. At 1430, the U.S.S. MAURY stood into port. At 1445, the U.S.S. GRIDLEY stood into port. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continuous reloading of cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

G. F. Tomlin
G. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Attest: *[Signature]*

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Friday
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(Date)

April
(Month)

1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, Base "White Poppy". Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. At 0635, the U.S.S. PERKINS stood out of the harbor. At 0645, the U.S.S. REID and the U.S.S. DRAYTON stood out of the harbor. At 0710, the U.S.S. WASHINGTON stood out of the harbor. At 0720, the U.S.S. CRAVEN and the U.S.S. CASE stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. At 0835 the U.S.S. McCAWLEY (APA4) stood out followed by the U.S.S. TREVOR (DMS16). At 0910, the U.S.S. CASTOR (AKS1) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. At 1715, the U.S.S. McCAWLEY (APA4) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. At 2120, cargo reloading was secured temporarily. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Tomlin
C. P. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Master, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday

Nov

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-C-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

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0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, U.S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea New Caledonia. Intermittent rainfall; sky overcast. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0615, the U.S.S. CUNNING (DD365) stood out of the harbor. At 0700, the U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA21) cleared from alongside the U.S.S. PROMETHEUS (AK3) and stood out into the outer harbor. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTIAN
R. C. CHRISTIAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1445, the U.S.S. SANDS was underway and standing out to sea. Conditions normal. Reloading cargo. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTIAN
R. C. CHRISTIAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTIAN
R. C. CHRISTIAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTIAN
R. C. CHRISTIAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Approved:

[Signature]
W. W. SHAPER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

[Signature]
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

51357

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Sunday (1942)	2 (Date)	May (Month)	1943.
ZONE DESCRIPTION	C-E-S-A-T-I-C-N-A-L REMARKS.		C-O-M-P-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L		
0000 - 0200	Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, U.S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Reloading cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christian</i> R. C. CHRISTIAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.		
0200 - 0600	Moored as before. At 0605 the U.S.S. CRAVEN (DD382) was underway and standing out of the harbor. At 0620 the U.S.S. DUNLAP (DD384), U.S.S. FANNING (DD385), U.S.S. BASS (DD370), U.S.S. MAURY (DD401) and the U.S.S. BENT (APD9) stood out of the harbor. At 0645, the S.S. WILLIAM J. McADDOO stood out of the harbor. At 0650, the U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA27) shifted berths from the outer to the inner harbor (inside net). Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christian</i> R. C. CHRISTIAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.		
0600 - 1200	Moored as before. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
1200 - 1600	Moored as before. At 1200, the U.S.S. AGP-3 stood into the harbor. At 1315 the U.S.S. GILMER (APD11) stood in through the net. At 1315, the U.S.S. TALBOT (APD7) stood out of the harbor. At 1430 the U.S.S. BROOKS (APD-10) stood out of the harbor. Reloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
1600 - 2000	Moored as before. At 1600 United States Army Transport LUNLINE stood in to the inner harbor. At 1600 finished loading and commenced securing all hatches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
2000 - 2400	Moored as before. Loading Deck cargo atop number three (3) hatch. At 2200, all cargo was loaded - turned out cargo lights. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
Approved:	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R. Commanding.		Examined:	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.	

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Monday 3 May 1943
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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, Base "White Poppy". Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before, starboard side to DUCOS PENINSULA DOCK, Base "White Poppy". At 0530, examined and tested all navigational gear - found in good order. At 0545 set special-sea details. At 0602 - stand-by engines. At 0604, singling-up lines. At 0611, let go; slow astern and various bells clearing dock, Captain conning. At 0637 passed through the net. At 0704, let go starboard anchor with forty-five (45) fathoms of chain in eight (8) fathoms of water in berth number forty-five (45) DUBEA BAY. At 0712, brought-to; secured from special-sea-details finished with engines. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0835, the U.S. ARMY tug CLEMATIS came alongside number three (3) hatch (starboard). At 0907, the U.S.S. YO-24 came alongside to port to deliver fuel oil. At 0915, hoisted the CLEMATIS on board; A. WOOD, Captain of the CLEMATIS, J. MURRAY and N. KENTROTAS, crew, all civilian employees in the employment of the U.S. Army Transportation Service reported aboard for transportation to Army Transportation Service, APC 708, pursuant to Special Orders No. 68, dated May 3, 1943, by command of Brigadier General BURKE. At 0928, commenced taking oil from YO-24. At 1120, finished taking fuel oil from YO-24, having received 3,056 barrels. At 1125 YO-24 cast off and stood away from alongside. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1610, U.S.S. SAN JUAN (CL54) shifting berth into outer harbor, followed at 1615 by U.S.S. GEORGE CLEYER (APA27). At 1625, Condition YELLOW (drill) signal received from shore station. Sounded general quarters. At 1719 secured from general quarters and set condition two (watch "A"). At 1910, sounded general quarters having received condition "RED" from shore station (drill). At 1940, secured from general quarters and all condition watches having received the all clear signal (Condition "GREEN"). Resumed normal port watches. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday 3
(Day) (Date)

May 1943
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OPERATIONAL
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

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2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Tomlin
C. P. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Master

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REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before, berth forty-five (45), DUMBEA BAY, U.S. Naval Advance Base, Noumea, New Caledonia (Base "White Poppy"), in eight (8) fathoms of water, with forty-five (45) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Ship darkened.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*C. M. Dunaway*C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0735, the U.S.S. YO-24 came alongside to port to deliver fuel oil. At 0750, commenced taking fuel oil from U.S.S. YO-24. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*C. M. Dunaway*C. M. DUNAWAY,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0825 the U.S.S. TITANIA stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1045 completed fueling ship having received on board 2,500 barrels of fuel-oil. At 1055 the U.S.S. YO-24 cast off from alongside.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*R. C. Christman*R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (Jg), U. S. N. R.

1200 - 1400

Anchored as before. At 1201 the U.S.S. JENKINS stood into harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1205 the U.S.S. BOREAS stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1345 all navigational gear was tested and found in good operating condition. At 1345 stationed special-sea-details. At 1359 the engine-room was on "stand-by". Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*R. C. Christman*R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (Jg), U. S. N. R.

1400 - 2000

At 1400 commenced heaving up anchor. At 1408 Anchor aweigh, slow ahead, proceeding towards sea, Captain conning. At 1550 passed through Northern Passage of Bealari Pass, steering 230° True. At 1602 set course 180° C. & T. commenced zig-zagging according to plan #16, set speed at 21 knots. Secured from special sea details, set condition III watches. At 1800 C/C to 128° C&T. continued on plan #16. At 2000 ceased zig-zagging. Vessel pitching easily to moderate SE swell

C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (Jg) U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

At 2140 changed course to 061° C&T. Vessel rolling heavily at times to moderate SE swell.

W. J. Sappel
W. J. SAPPEL,
Lt. (Jg) U. S. N. R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 5 (Day) (Month)

May 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-F-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Underway, passage Base "White Poppy" to Base "Buttons". Steaming singly on course 061° gyro and true. At 0140 changed course to 012° gyro and true. Maintaining condition of readiness three (3). Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, on course 012° gyro and true. At 0520 all hands were piped to general quarters for morning alert; commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). At 0547 raised Cape BOYER, MAKE ISLAND bearing 344° true. At 0610 secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches. At 0703, Cape BOYER bearing 270° true; Cape COSTRE bearing 329° true. At 0830, cape BOYER bearing 222° true and Cape COSTRE bearing 272° true. Steaming on twenty-one (21) nozzles.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 012° gyro and true and zigzagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). At 0800 changed course to 347° gyro and true and resumed zigzagging as before. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 347° gyro and true at 86 RPM and zigzagging according to plan number sixteen (16). At 1300 the twenty millimeter gun crews manned their stations and held firing practice at helium filled balloons. At 1330 completed firing practice, ammunition expended 1,086 rounds. At 1400, changed course to 287° gyro and true. At 1500 changed course to 047° gyro and true. Maintained condition of readiness III. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 047° gyro and true and zigzagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). Maintaining condition of readiness III. At 1700 changed course to 287° gyro and true and continued on plan number 16. At 1725 - sunset, darkened ship. At 1746 obtained fix by observations of CANCER, SIRIUS, BETHLEHEM; Latitude - 19°-41' S; longitude - 167°-56' E. At 1800 changed course to 347° gyro and true and continued to zigzag in accordance with plan number sixteen (16).

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 347° gyro and true and zigzagging in accordance with plan number sixteen (16). Maintaining condition of readiness III. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 6
(Day) (Month)

May 1943.
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on course 347° gyro and true at 85 RPM, singly, passage Base "White Poppy" to Base "Buttons". At 0300 changed course to 030 gyro and true. Maintained condition of readiness III. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 030° gyro and true, maintaining condition III watches. At 0520 all hands were piped to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0536 obtained a fix by observation of VEGA, MARS, AND ANTARES: Latitude - 17°-03' S; longitude - 167°-34' E. At 0618 raised southwest end of MALEKULA ISLAND bearing 332° true. At 0618 secured from general quarters and changed course to 042° gyro and true. At 0729 MINNIE PEAK bearing 016° true, MILIPE POINT bearing 286° true; Changed course to 050° gyro and true.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 050° gyro and true. At 0832 changed course to 322° gyro and true. At 1050 sighted group of three vessels tentatively identified as possible CV, AK (C-2 type) heading southeasterly and one tanker heading northwesterly - bearing approximately north, distance - 15 miles. Maintaining condition III watches.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 322° gyro and true. At 1222 North Cape of MALEKULA Island bearing 242° true, west end of TUTUBA island bearing 330° true; changed course to 328° gyro and true. At 1250 southeast tangent of MALO Island bearing 208° true; east end of BOGARIC Island bearing 331° true. At 1255 Captain on bridge. At 1310 slow speed approaching entrance. At 1316 half ahead; at 1328 entered pass, Captain conning proceeding to PEKOA Channel. At 1346 yellow buoy bearing 255° true. At 1357 Boatswain TODD aboard. At 1359 passed through net proceeding towards berth number six (6) as per signal from Port Director. At 1501, let go starboard anchor, seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain in seventeen (17), fathoms of water. Bearings: "E" - 033° true; "G" - 280° true; "F" - 166° true. At 1515 brought to heading 090° gyro and true; secured from special sea details; finished with engines.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1615 the U.S.S. AOC-4 stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. MCCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. MCCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Surfmaster

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Friday 7 <small>(Date)</small>	May, 1943. <small>(Month)</small>		
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.		C-O-N-B-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L		
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before, berth six (6), Espirito Santos Island, in seventeen (17) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. At 0800 the U.S. Army Tug "Clematis" was lowered into the water, manned by A. WOOD, Captain, J. MURRAY, Executive Officer and N. KENTRATAS, engineer, all civilian employees of the U.S. Army Transportation service, who were on board this vessel for transportation from NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA. At 0825 the U.S.S. LAMBERTON (DMS82) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U. S. N. R.		
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. At 1510 the U.S.S. DRACO (AK79) stood into the harbor. At 1515 the U.S.S. MACKINAC (AVP12) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.		
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.		
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.		
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Approved: <i>C. W. Graber</i> C. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.	Examined: <i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R. Navigator.				

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Saturday 6 (Day) (Book)	May 19 43 (Month)
ZONE DESCRIPTION	O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.	C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L	
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in seventeen (17) fathoms of water, berth six (6), PEKOA Channel, Espirito Santos Island, with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.	
0400 - 0620	Anchored as before. At 0610 the S.S. ROBERT J. WALKER cleared dock and stood out. At 0610 tested all navigational gear - found in good order. At 0610 - turned over main engines. At 0620 Boatswain TYE, U.S. Navy came aboard to act as pilot; piped special sea-details; Lt. N.D. SALMON, U.S.N.R., Executive Officer, relieved the deck preliminary to getting underway. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Ensign, U.S.N.R.	
0620 - 0850	Anchored as before. At 0625 the U.S.S. ALGORAB (AKAB) stood into the harbor. At 0625 engine room on "stand-by; commenced heaving up anchor. At 0636, anchor aweigh; slow ahead and various bells and headings leaving PEKOA channel. At 0653 passed through the net. At 0712, secured special-sea-details and set condition three (3). At 0715 - full ahead. At 0753 changed course to 330° gyro and true. At 0803 changed course to 317° gyro and true. At 0818 - half speed. At 0831 - stop - set special sea-details. At 0836 let go starboard anchor - sixty (60) fathoms of chain in twenty (20) fathoms of water, PALLIKULA Harbor, Espirito Santos Island. At 0846 finished with engines; secured special-sea-details and resumed regular port watches.	<i>N. D. Salmon</i> N. D. SALMON Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
0850 - 1200	Anchored as before. At 0910 the pilot (Boatswain TYE, U.S. Navy) left the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.	
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.	
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. At 1635 a U.S. Army working party came aboard. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.	
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.	<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.	
Approved: <i>G. W. Graber</i> G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.	Examined: <i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	Navigator.	

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday
(1943)

9
(Days)

May
(Month)

19 43.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in PALLIKULA Harbor, Espiritu Santos Island with sixty-five (65) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in twenty (20) fathoms of water. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Discharging cargo from hatches two and three. Raining lightly. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0430 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0830 - 1200

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from two (2) and three (3) hatches. At 0940, commenced discharging cargo from number one (1) hatch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1400

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from hatches number one (1), two(2), and three (3). At 1505 the U.S.S. APD-17 stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 1715, the U.S.S. AK-73 and a liberty ship (unidentified) stood into the harbor and anchored. At 1730 the U.S.S. WILSON stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from number one (1), two (2), and three (3) hatches. At 2115, finished unloading cargo in number three (3) hold. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graper
G. W. GRAPER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday
(Day)

10
(Date)

May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-T-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in FALLIKULO Harbor, Espiritu Santos Island with sixty-five (65) fathoms of chain out on the starboard windlass in twenty (20) fathoms of water. Unloading cargo from number one (1) and two (2) hatches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 0720, the U.S.S. DMS-16 stood into the harbor and anchored. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Working cargo. Weather overcast with steady rainfall during most of this watch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 1307 the U.S.S. AFD-17 stood out. Continuous rainfall throughout this watch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Unloading of cargo halted on account of heavy rainfall; covered up number two (2) hatch because of the weather. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. No unloading due to steady continuous rain. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 11
(Day) (Date)

May 19 43.
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

E-C-M-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in twenty (20) fathoms of water, PALLIKULA Bay, Espiritu Santos Island with sixty (60) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Steady rainfall. No unloading of cargo. At 0100, resumed working cargo at number two (2) hatch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 1530, the U.S.S. PATAPSCO (OG1) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1600 exercised at fire drill. At 1610 secured from fire drill. At 1610 exercised at abandon-ship drill. At 1615 secured from abandon-ship and all emergency drills. At 1915 discontinued discharging cargo due to heavy ground swells endangering the safety of cargo and personnel. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Heavy ground swells. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 12
(Date)

May 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-C-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in FALLIKULA Bay with sixty (60) fathoms of chain to starboard anchor in twenty (20) fathoms of water. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Discharging cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo as before. At 1015 the U.S.S. AN-73 anchored in berth adjacent to us. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo as before. At 1700 the U.S.S. SWALLOW stood into the harbor and anchored. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

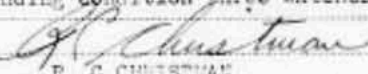
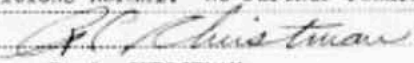
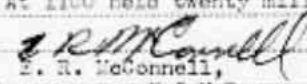
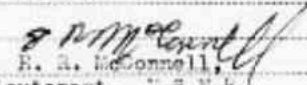

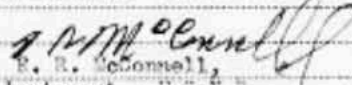
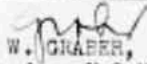
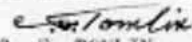
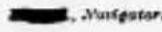
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C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Thursday 13 (Day) (Month)	May 1943. (Month)
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.		O-O-N-P-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in PALLIKULA Bay in twenty (20) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain to the starboard windlass. Discharging cargo from hatches number one (1), two (2) and four (4). Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. Discharging cargo as before. At 0510 Private Frank YOUNG injured his leg while working aboard a barge alongside number one (1) hatch; treated on board; NOT misconduct. At 0745 the U.S.S. SWALLOW stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo as before. At 1530 the U.S.S. WILSON (DD408), U.S.S. TREVOR (DMS16) and the U.S.S. HOPKINS (DMS13) stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo as before. At 1610 the U.S.S. ARIDED (AK73) stood out to sea. At 1620 U.S.S. PATAPSCO (OG1), an unidentified liberty ship and an unidentified DUTCH Merchantman stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo as before. Ship darkened with exception of necessary cargo lights. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
Approved: <i>G. W. Graber</i> G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.		Examined: <i>C. P. Tomlin</i> C. P. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	Surgeon.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Friday 14	May 19 43.
ZONE DESCRIPTION	O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.		C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in FALLIKLE Bay in twenty (20) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Unloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. No cargo worked since 0300 due to lack of barges. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. At 0835 the S.S. ELIAS HOWE stood out to sea. At 0905 commenced unloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. Inloading cargo as before. At 1525 the U.S.S. KITPYAK stood in. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. At 1600 held fire drill. At 1607 secured from fire drill. At 1607 held abandon-ship drill. At 1613 secured from abandon-ship and all emergency drills. Unloading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. At 2110 in compliance with message instructions observed a complete blackout and ceased all working of cargo. (Submarine believed in vicinity). No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
Approved: <i>G. N. Grader</i> G. N. GRADER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.		Examined: <i>C. P. Tomlin</i> C. P. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Saturday 15	May 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	C-P-S-C-A-T-I-O-N-A-L	REMARKS.	C-C-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in Fallikula Bay, Espiritu Santos Island in twenty (20) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Observing a complete black-out in compliance with instructions from higher authority. Standing condition three watches. All working of cargo suspended. No further remarks.		
		 R. C. CHRISTMAN Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.	
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. Standing condition three watches as before. At 0645 secured condition three watches and resumed regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
		 R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U. S. N. R.	
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo. At 0840 the U.S.S. KITTYPAWK (APV-1) shifting berths. At 1100 a liberty ship (unidentified) stood out to sea. At 1100 held twenty millimeter gun drill. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
		 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo. At 1220 Taylor, William, 31172083, PFC, U. S. Army was sent ashore for further observation. (TAYLOR injured his foot at 1140 when he stepped off a box in number five (5) hold). NOT misconduct. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
		 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo as before. At 1610 the U.S.S. BARNES and the U.S.S. PATHFINDER stood into the harbor. At 1650 the U.S.S. HUTCHINS (DM476) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
		 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Unloading cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
	At 2010 Ceased Unloading From No. 3 Hold.		 E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Approved:	 G. W. GRABER, Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.		Examined:
			 C. F. TOLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
			 J. M. J. J. J.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday
(Day)16
(Date)May
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-F-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in FALLIKULO Bay, Espiritu Santos Island in twenty (20) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All hatches secured. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Preparing to unload gas-bombs. At 0700 the U.S.S. LOYALTY stood in and at 0740 stood out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Unloading gas-bombs. At 0950 the U.S.S. PATIENT (AO44) stood into anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Unloading gas-bombs. At 1300 the U.S.S. HUTCHINS (DD476) stood out of the harbor. At 1430 the U.S.S. CRATER (AK-70) stood out of the harbor. At 1435 the barge alongside number three (3) hold shoved off with the last load of bombs. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Ship was darkened at sunset. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. S. Grader
G. S. GRADER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday 17

(Date)

May

1943.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in twenty (20) fathoms of water in PALLIHUO Bay with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 1045 the U.S.S. CRAMER (AK-70) stood out to sea. At 1050 the U.S.S. TREVOR stood out of the harbor. At 1115 the U.S.S. DMS-20 stood into the harbor. At 1010, CHAPIN, Fred, merchant-seaman, S.S. ALBERT GALLATIN was treated on board this vessel for lacerations right palm. Two vessels were tied off and five (5) stitches taken. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Ship darkened at sunset. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Tuesday 1933	18 (Date)	May (Month)	1933
ZONE DESCRIPTION	O-F-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.		C-O-M-P-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L		
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in PALLIKILO Bay in twenty (20) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. CHRISTMAN</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.		
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. CHRISTMAN</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.		
0800 - 1240	Anchored as before. At 1035 the U.S.S. BARNES (ACV20) was underway and standing in to TURTLE Bay. At 1115 the Pilot, BOATSWAIN JENSON came aboard. At 1230 all navigational gear was tested and found in good working order. At 1240 permission was granted to test the main engine with steam. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McCONNELL</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
1240 - 1545	Anchored as before. At 1245 all hands were pined to special sea-details. At 1245 the engine reported manned and ready. At 1300 tested the whistle. At 1300 the engine was on stand-by and commenced heaving up the anchor. At 1308 anchor aweigh; slow ahead and various bells and headings leaving PALLIKILO Bay. At 1308 turned on decausing coils. At 1326 passed out of PALLIKILO Bay. At 1422 entered PEKO Channel. At 1452 passed through the net. At 1452 let go the starboard anchor with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain in twenty-nine (29) fathoms of water in berth two (2) in PEKO Channel. At 1542 secured from special sea details and resumed regular port watches. At 1543 shut down one (1) boiler and maintained vacuum on main engine. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>M. D. SALMON</i> M. D. SALMON, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Executive Officer.		
1545 - 2000	Anchored as before in berth two (2) PEKO Channel, Espiritu Santos Island. Buoy bearings as follows: "A" - 065° true. "B" - 138° true. C - 329° true. D-189° true. F - 225° true. At 1609 held fire drill. At 1613 secured from fire drill. At 1614 held abandon-ship drill. At 1618 secured from abandon-ship drill. At 1618 all hands to general quarters; set condition two - starboard watch. At 1632 secured from general quarters and all emergency drills. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McCONNELL</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. At sunset darkened ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McCONNELL</i> E. R. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
Approved:	<i>G. W. CRABER</i> G. W. CRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.	Examined:	<i>C. F. TOLLIN</i> C. F. TOLLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday 19 May 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth two (2) in nineteen (19) fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, PERCA Channel, Espiritu Santos Island. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0645

Anchored as before. At 0610 the U.S.S. TALAMANCA (AF19) underway and standing out. At 0615 a liberty ship (unidentified) underway and standing out. At 0620 the U.S. JACQUES LARANIE underway and standing out. At 0625 permission granted the engine room to turn over with steam. At 0635 the U.S.S. OCEANOGRAPHER (AG33) underway and standing out.

E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0645 - 0805

Anchored as before. At 0645 all navigational gear was tested and found in good order. At 0645 the engine room was manned and ready. At 0645 all hands were piped to their special sea-details. At 0645 the Pilot, Boatwain BSKBUR came aboard. At 0649 - stand-by given to engine room. At 0649 commenced heaving up anchor. At 0658 anchor aweigh; various bells and headings proceeding toward dock four (4). At 0737 - coming alongside dock. At 0738 - first bow line to dock. At 0742 - first stern line to dock. At 0804 secured special sea details, dropped vacuum on main engine and resumed regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0805 - 1200

Moored as before. Loading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Loading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Loading cargo. At 1625 the U.S.S. WANLEY (AFD1) standing in. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Loading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: G. W. Dasher, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.

Examined:

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MEXICO	Thursday 20 (Day) (Month)	May 19 43. (Year)
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	O-F-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.		C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
0000 - 0200	Moored as before, starboard side to dock four (4), Espiritu Santos Island. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Loading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
0400 - 0800	Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>C. M. Dunaway</i> C. M. DUNAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
0800 - 1200	Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christian</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
1200 - 1600	Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christian</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
1600 - 2000	Moored as before. At 1950 the U.S.S. YO-20 tied up alongside number four (4) hatch, port-side-to. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christian</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
2000 - 2400	Moored as before. At 2005 began taking oil. At 2205 fueling completed having taken aboard 1,119 barrels of fuel oil. At 2225 the U.S.S. YO-20 cast off from alongside port side. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christian</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.
Approved: <i>G. W. Grader</i> G. W. GRADER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.			
Examined: <i>C. P. Tomlin</i> C. P. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.			
Navigator.			

UNITED STATES SHIP	PEKOA	Friday 21 (1943)	May (1943)	1943.
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	REMARKS.		C-O-M-P-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L	
0000 - 0400	Moored as before, starboard side to dock four (4), PEKOA Channel, Espiritu Santos Island. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Loading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.	
0400 - 0600	Moored as before. At 0535 tested navigational gear and found in good operating order. At 0545 piped special sea-details; permission granted to turn over main engine slowly; port boiler out into line. At 0555 the engine room reported manned and ready. At 0558 let go all lines aft. At 0559 singled up forward lines. No further remarks.		<i>R. C. Christman</i> R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.	
0600 - 0800	Moored as before. At 0600 all lines clear; underway from Pier four (4) to anchorage thirty-six (36) PEKOA Channel on orders from the Port Director. Captain conning with various bells and courses. Berth thirty-six (36) occupied by merchant tanker S.S. CHESTERM; proceeded to berth thirty-eight (38). At 0748 let go starboard anchor with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain in twenty-three (23) fathoms of water. Beacon bearings: "R" - 240° true. "H" - 202½° true. "M" - 212° true. At 0757 secured from special-sea details and set the port watch. At 0758 - finished with engines. Permission granted to secure one boiler and the tearing engine. Main engine on twenty (20) minutes standby.		<i>N. D. Salmon</i> N. D. SALMON Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. At 1614 held fire drill. At 1617 secured from fire drill. At 1617 held abandon-ship drill. At 1622 secured from abandon-ship drill and all hands were piped to general quarters. At 1626 secured from general quarters and set condition two - port watch. At 1633 secured from general quarters and all emergency drills. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		<i>E. R. McConnell</i> E. R. McConnell, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
Approved: <i>O. W. Graber</i> O. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.	Examined: <i>C. J. Tomlin</i> C. J. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		Navigator.	

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 22
(1943) (0800)May 19 43
(1943)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-M-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38) PEKOA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island in twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Engine room on twenty (20) minutes notice to get underway. At 0310 two (2) or three (3) ships in the harbor blew several long blasts on their whistles. No signal for condition RED was received by radio or by visual. At 0325 received condition GREEN by radio and visual. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McConnell,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0800 held life-boat drill. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1300 continued with life boat drills. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1600 hoisted life boat aboard and secured from life boat drills. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

_____, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday

23

May

1943.

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-E-R-T-I-C-A-L
REMARKS.

~~C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L~~

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before, berth thirty-eight (38), PEKOA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island in twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0730 the U.S.S. CHEVALIER (DDM51) standing out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 1010 the U.S.S. PAVNEE stood in with the U.S.S. HUSKINE M. PHELPS in tow. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. At 2350 received condition RED from shore signal station and by radio. At 2352 all hands were piped to General Quarters. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

W. J. [redacted] / W. J. [redacted]

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Yonder

24

May

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-I
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-I

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38) PEKOA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, in twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All hands at general quarters. Condition RED exists. At 0025 observed three (3) bombs dropped; no visible damage. At 0108 secured from general quarters and resumed normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. CHRISTMAN
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0815 held locker inspection for all divisions. At 0915 secured from locker inspection. At 0830 a Dutch ship - BELVEDON stood into harbor and proceeded to her anchorage. At 1145 held locker inspection for all Chief Petty Officers. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McCONNELL
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McCONNELL
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. H. LYNCH
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. S. SMITH
A. S. SMITH,
Ensign, U. S. N. R.

Approved:

G. W. GRAHER
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. TOMLIN
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Steward

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 25 (Day) (Date)

May (Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.

C-O-M-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000-0400

Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38), FEKOA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, in about twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCH(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0820 a Dutch merchantman (unidentified) standing toward the harbor entrance. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1510 the S.S. CHESTERBURN stood into the harbor and anchored. At 1537 the U.S.S. MACKINAC was underway. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. DAPPER,
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. R. Campbell
R. R. CAMPBELL,
Lieutenant (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Ship yawing gently. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. E. Grader
G. E. GRADER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Surgeon, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

NEOSITY

Wednesday 26
(Day) (Date)May 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

S-O-N-Y-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38), PEROA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, in about twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. DAPPER,
CEN(XA), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0600

Anchored as before. At 0720 the S.S. CHESTERSIN was underway. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. S. Campbell
R. S. CAMPBELL,
Lieutenant (SG), U.S.N.R.

0600 - 1200

Anchored as before. Loading recreational equipment in number five (5) hold. Ship yawing easily. At 1045 the Captain held mast and awarded the following punishments:

NAME	RATE	OFFENSE	AWARDED
ROEHAN, Harry Everett,	SK.2c,	629-36-82 Pilfering Cargo.	Summary Court Martial.
HITTEK, Samuel Kennerly,	S.2c,	617-96-18 Pilfering Cargo.	Summary Court Martial.
CONQUEST, Arthur S.	AGM.1c	316-56-90 Inattention on watch.	Summary Court Martial.
COGGIN, William David	S.1c	660-32-45 Pilfering Cargo.	Summary Court Martial.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1210 secured number five (5) hatch having finished loading of recreational equipment. At 1330 the U.S.S. PG-82 standing out. At 1350 the U.S.S. SC-701 stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CEN(XX), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. P. DeFart
R. P. DEFART,
APC, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 27

May

1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-N-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38), PERCA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, in about twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the star-board anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. P. DeMART
E. P. DeMART,
ATC, U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 1015 the Captain held mast and assigned the following punishments:

NAME	RATE	OFFENSE	PUNISHMENT
SEARER, Wayne D.	AMM.3c, U.S.N.	Whisky in his possession aboard ship.	Dismissed.
SIENKOWSKI, Edward Raymond.	WT.2c, 412-35-90, U.S.N.R.	Drunk on board.	Five (5) days bread and water with a full ration each third day.
ALLEN, John Lee	MA.3c, 556-13-10, U.S.N.R.	Other clothes in his possession.	Deck Court.
LAGAS, Charles Valio,	BOX, 662-35-25, U.S.N.R.	Drunk on board.	Dismissed.
HARRISON, Earl Charles.	236-60-24, RM.2c, U.S.N.R.	Drunk on board.	Dismissed.
CHAM, Lewis Mitteridge,	V.3c, 562-56-87, U.S.N.R.	Drinking on board.	Judgment reserved.
CROOKS, Robert C.	ACM(AA), U.S.N.	Drinking on board.	Judgment reserved.
KENNERLY, Edward Fresson	CSM, 645-74-82, U.S.N.R.	Drinking on board.	Judgment reserved.

At 1130 SIENKOWSKI, Edward Raymond, WT.2c, 412-35-90, U.S.N.R. was confined to the brig by orders of the Commanding Officer. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1230 the U.S.S. LAGGEE (AE3) was underway. At 1530 a deck-court, Lieutenant, DALE E. HARRISMAN, U.S.N.R. met to try the case of John Lee ALLEN, 556-13-10, MA.3c, V-6, U.S.N.R. and adjourned at 1540. At 1550 the deck court which met at 1530 adjourned. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusen
L. Van DUSEN,
CSM(XA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Published the findings and sentence in the case of John Lee ALLEN, 556-13-10, MA.3c, V-6, U.S.N.R. tried by Deck Court for possession of unauthorized clothing; findings: NOT guilty. At sunset darkened ship. Ship yawing easily. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. H. Egan
W. H. EGAN,
LT. (SGT), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. E. Graper
G. E. GRAPER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

[Signature], Aviator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 27

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.
(continued)

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. J. Smith
A. J. SMITH,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Craden
G. W. CRADEN,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday
(Day)

28
(Date)

May
(Month)

1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38), PEROA Channel, Espiritu Santo island in about twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship yawing gently. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. Van Dussen,
COM(AM), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. H. Leach
W. H. Leach,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. At 0900, a Summary Court Martial of which Lieutenant H. E. WELBY, (MC), U.S.N.R. was senior member convened in the case of WITTEK, SAMUEL FINNELY, S.2c, (17-06-18, V-6, U.S.N.R. and CONQUEST, Arthur Stanley, ACP.1c, 316-56-90, VD-1, U.S. Navy and adjourned at 1115 to await action of the convening authority. At 0930 opened number five (5) hatch to receive cargo and at 0950 secured number five (5) hatch.

V. E. Birmingham
V. E. BIRMINGHAM,
COM(AM), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1300 a Summary Court Martial of which Lieutenant E. R. MCCONNELL, U.S.N.R. was senior member convened in the case of BONHAM, Harry Everett, S.2c, 620-36-82, U.S.N.R. and GOGGIN, William David, S.1c, 662-32-45, U.S.N.R. At 1430 received forty-five (45) bags of mail from APO 708 for transportation to APO 709. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1610 the U.S.S. YACKINAC stood out. At 1745 the Summary Court Martial of which Lieutenant E. R. McConnell, U.S.N.R. was senior member adjourned for the day. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. MCCONNELL,
Lieutenant (MC), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Grader
G. W. GRADER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Toulin
C. F. TOULIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday

20

Nov

1913

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-F-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-E-I
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000-0400

Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight(38), PEKOA channel, Espiritu Santo Island in about twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
COM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. R. McConnell
W. R. McCONNELL
Lieutenant (SC), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0800 Exercised at following general drills. 0901 Fire. 0809 Abandon ship. 0813 General Quarters. 0818 Secured from all general drills. At 0850 U.S.S. HOLLY TN-14, was underway, shifted berths. At 0900 The Summary Court Martial of which Lieutenant W. R. McCONNELL, U.S.N.R. is a senior member reconvened in the case of GOGGIN, William David, S.1c, 662-32-4 and adjourned until 1000. 1135 Summary Court Martial adjourned until 1300. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christian
R. C. CHRISTIAN
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. 1300 Summary Court Martial of which Lieutenant E. J. McCONNELL, U.S.N.R. is the senior member, reconvened to the case of GOGGIN, William David, S.1c 662-32-45. 1550 Summary Court Martial adjourned. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER
COM (IZ), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. F. Dehart
R. F. DEHART
ATC, U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christian
R. C. CHRISTIAN
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

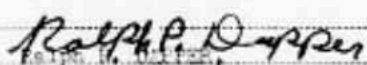

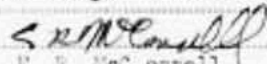
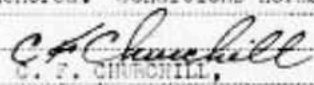


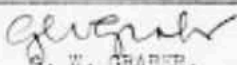


Approved:

G. W. Gruber
G. W. GRUBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

V. E. M., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Sunday	30	May	1943.
		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)	
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	O-P-T-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L		REMARKS.		
	O-O-N-P-I-P-E-N-I-J-A-L				
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38) PENNA Channel in twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	 RALPH P. DAPPER, OBM(FA), U.S.N.R.				
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	 H. P. DEHART, APO, U.S.N.				
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. At 0935 the U.S.S. JAMES HUGHAN was underway. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	 E. E. McCONNELL, Lieutenant, V U.S.N.R.				
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. At 1255 the U.S.S. M3-20 stood into the harbor and anchored. At 1345 the U.S.S. CASSIOPEIA (AK-79) stood into the harbor and anchored. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	 C. F. CHURCHILL, OSM(AA), U.S.N.				
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. At 1605 the U.S.S. JOHN BEN (APA-23) stood into the harbor and anchored. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	 T. H. LYNCH, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.				
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	 R. J. SMITH, Ensign, U.S.N.R.				
Approved:	 G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.		Examined:	 G. F. TOOLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
				 Mortgastor.	

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Monday (Day)	31 (Date)	May (Month)	1943.
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS.		O-C-O-N-T-R-O-L-L-E-D-T-I-M-E		
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in berth thirty-eight (38) PENOA Channel, Espirita Santo Island in about twenty-four (24) fathoms of water with seventy-five (75) fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>C. F. Churchill</i> C. F. CHURCHILL, CSM(XA), U.S.N.				
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>W. F. Lynch</i> W. F. LYNCH, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.				
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. Ship being secured for sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>C. M. Danaway</i> C. M. DANAWAY, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.				
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. At 1230 all navigational gear was tested and found in good working order. At 1242 the engine room was manned and ready for getting underway. At 1245 all hands were piped to special sea details. At 1252 - stand-by engines, commenced heaving up the anchor. At 1301 the anchor was aweigh; various bells and headings leaving anchorage - Captain conning. At 1312 passed through the submarine net. At 1414 the anchor was secured for sea; secured special sea details and set condition three (3) watches. At 1415 speed set at fifty-eight (58) RPM's. At 1416 passed out of PENOA Channel. At 1429 increased to sixty (60) RPM's. At 1441 increased to sixty-four (64) RPM's. At 1430 joined by escort vessels; U.S.S. GWIN, U.S.S. CHEVALIER, U.S.S. BREESE and the U.S.S. PC-479. At 1448 changed course to 355° gyro and true. At 1455 changed course to 345° gyro and true. At 1500 the convoy took stations, two (2) columns, order of ships: Column one: U.S.S. MERCURY and S.S. JEAN LYKES. Column Two: U.S.S. CASCIOPeia and the S.S. PHILIP SHENIDAN. At 1506 - slow ahead. At 1512 - half ahead. At 1520 changed course to 020° gyro and true. At 1525 - full ahead. At 1542 commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan number twelve (12), mean course 020° true. No further remarks.				
	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.				
1600 - 2000	Steaming as before on a mean course of 020° gyro and true and zigzagging in accordance with plan number twelve (12). At 1547 - half speed. At 1612 - ceased zigzagging and resumed course. At 1618 changed course to 000° gyro and true - slow speed. At 1622 - half speed. At 1640 resumed zigzagging in accordance with plan twelve (12), mean course 000° gyro and true. At 1800 ceased zigzagging and resumed the mean course. At 1830 changed course to 310° gyro and true. No further remarks.				
	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.				
Approved:	<i>G. F. Gruber</i> G. F. GRUBER, Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.		Examined:	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
				<i>[Signature]</i> , Navigator.	

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 31 May 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

REMARKS.

C-O-N-T-I-N-U-E-N-T-I-A-I

(continued)

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 310° gyro and true. No further remarks.

W. J. Satch
W. J. SATCH,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Grason
G. W. GRASON,
Lt. Condr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Toulin
C. P. TOULIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

USS *Meridian*

Monday

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June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-P-E-I-A-V-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

REMARKS.

C-O-I-V-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, underway, passage -spirito Santo Island, New Hebrides, Islands to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, acting as convoy commander with S.O.P.A. COMMANDER TASH HUNT 32.4.8 in SWIN (DDA33). Ships in escort: U.S.S. SWIN (DDA33), U.S.S. CHEVALIER, U.S.S. BRIDGE and the U.S.S. PC-479. Ships in the Convoy: U.S.S. MERCURY, U.S.S. SASSIBERIA, S.S. JOHN LYNDS and the S.S. PHILIP MERIDIAN. Steaming on course 310° gyro and true at sixty-two (62) R.P.M. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 310° gyro and true at 52 RPM. At 0400 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number thirty-eight (38). At 0530 all hands were roused to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0612 - sunrise. At 0544 obtained fix by observations of LAGO and AMSTERDAM; Latitude: 13°-43' S.; Longitude: 165°-45' E. At 0620 changed course to 330° gyro and true. At 0625 secured from general quarters. At 0630 resumed zig-zagging as ording to plan number 38. At 0726 the S.S. MERIDIAN (PHILIP) reported an unidentified aircraft bearing 044° T. Sounded general quarters; Captain on the bridge; ceased zig-zagging and commenced 45° emergency turns to Captain's orders. At 0748, all-clear, returned to course 330° gyro and true. At 0800 resumed zig-zagging according to plan number thirty-eight (38).

C. S. Twilen
C. S. TWILLEN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before, in convoy on base course 330° gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 38 at 42 RPM. At 1100 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. At 1104 resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 20. At 1108 reduced convoy speed to 9.3 knots at 55 RPM. At 1145 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course, 330° gyro and true. At 1200 resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 20. Conditions normal. Condition III maintained.

W. J. Batten
W. J. BATTEN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 330° gyro and true at 55 RPM, and zig-zagging according to plan number 20. At 1341 ceased zig-zagging and took stations on base course 330° true. At 1400 resumed zig-zagging using plan 21. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

Approved:

S. H. Kraizer
S. H. KRAIZER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. S. Twilen
C. S. TWILLEN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP	LIBERTY	Tuesday	1	JUNE	1913.
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	REMARKS.		C-2-N-Y-I-D-N-T-I-A-E		
	(Continued)				
1600 - 2000	Steaming as before in convoy, base course 330° gyro and true at speed of 55 MPH, 9 knots, zig-zagging according to plan number 21. At 1700 increased speed to 56 MPH. At 1741, sunset - darkened ship. At 1800 adjusted base course to 326° gyro and true and continued zig-zagging. At 1800 obtained position by observations of <u>SEITZ</u> , <u>CAUCHUS</u> and <u>NICKEL MOUNTAINS</u> . Latitude: 12°-09' S., Longitude: 164°-41' E. Conditions normal.				
	<i>C. E. TULLIN</i> C. E. TULLIN, -lieutenant, U.S.N.R.				
2000 - 2100	Steaming as before, in convoy, on base course 326° gyro and true at 56 MPH (9 knots) and in accordance with zigzag plan number 21. Conditions normal.				
	<i>C. E. TULLIN</i> C. E. TULLIN, -lieutenant, U.S.N.R.				
Approvals:	<i>D. E. GRANT</i> D. E. GRANT, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding,		Examined:	<i>C. E. TULLIN</i> C. E. TULLIN, -lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

November 2

June 10 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.

O-C-N-F-I-D-N-V-T-I-A-I

0300 - 0400

Steaming as before on course 320° gyro and true at 55 knots, passage
 Esprito Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon
 Islands acting as convoy commander with U.S.P.A. being COMBANDER TANK UNIT 32, U.S.
 in the U.S.S. GWIN (DDM-33). Ships in escort: U.S.S. GWIN, U.S.S. CHESTER, U.S.S.
 WHEAT and the U.S.S. PC-479. Ships in convoy: U.S.S. MERCURY, U.S.S. CASIOPPEA
 U.S.S. JOHN LINCOLN and the U.S. PHILIP W. SMITH, proceeding according to plan
 number 21. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lyant
 Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

0400 - 0500

Steaming as before on course 320° gyro and true at 55 knots, and proceeding
 according to plan number 21. At 0745 ceased air-searching and returned to the base
 course. At 0545 obtained a fix by observations of GWIN and CHESTER. Latitude:
 $10^{\circ}-51' S$. Longitude: $153^{\circ}-35' E$. At 0745 changed course to 342° gyro and true.
 At 0800 resumed air-searching according to plan number 21.

C. Tomlin
 Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

0500 - 1200

Steaming as before, in convoy on base course 342° gyro and true and air-
 searching according to plan number 21 at 55 knots. At 0945 ceased air-searching and
 resumed base course. At 0955 turned left 90° to 252° gyro and true. At 1000,
 turned left 90° to course 162° gyro and true - speed 5 knots, 50 RPM. At 1100
 resumed air-searching according to plan number 12. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lyant
 Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 162° gyro and true at 52 knots, according to
 air-search plan number 12. At 1219 reduced speed to 27 knots. At 1223 reduced speed
 to 55 knots. At 1235 ceased air-searching and resumed base course. At 1241 changed
 course to 072° gyro and true. At 1245 changed course to 340° gyro and true. At
 1249 ceased course and speeded to 310° gyro and true. At 1257 increased speed
 to 39 knots. At 1300 resumed air-searching according to plan number 1. At 1311
 sighted two (2) ships on the horizon bearing 290° true; distance approximately
 twelve (12) miles. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lyant
 Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. V. CHAFFIN,
 Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
 Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
 G. F. TOMLIN,
 Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
 Whistler.

UNITED STATES SHIP

111707

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June 1952

ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS.

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111707

1600 - 2000

steering as before on course 310° gyro and true according to plan number 21, at 50 K.P.S. At 1715 caused r/a-m-c-in and resumed the base course, 310° gyro and true. At 1730 changed course by wheeling to 270° gyro and true. Not r/a-m-c-in. Reduced speed to 52 K.P.S. At 1737 a-m-c-in - darkened ship. At 1757, wheeling completed, increased to 55 K.P.S. Conditions normal.

C. P. Tomlin

C. P. Tomlin,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

steering as before on course 270° gyro and true in company at 50 K.P.S. At 2200 changed course to 330° gyro and true by wheeling about. At 2044 resumed former speed at 55 K.P.S. Conditions normal.

C. P. Tomlin

C. P. Tomlin,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

[Signature]
J. V. Wagon,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

[Signature]
C. P. Tomlin,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-V-O-Y-I-N-T-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Aspirito Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, acting as convoy commander with S.O.P.A. in TWIN (COMBANDER TANK UNIT 32.4.8). Ships in escort: U.S.S. GAIN, U.S.S. CHEVALIER, U.S.S. BRASS and the U.S.S. PC-479. Ships in convoy: U.S.S. MERCURY, U.S.S. CASSIOPEIA, S.S. JEAN LYKES and the S.S. PHILLIP MERIDAN. On course 285° gyro and true at 58 R.P.M. At 0127 changed course to 270° gyro and true. At 0240 changed course to 308° gyro and true. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 308° gyro and true at 58 R.P.M. Overcast and rainy. At 0540 all hands were piped to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0638 secured from general quarters. At 0700 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. Increased convoy speed to ten (10) knots. At 0718 ceased zig-zagging and returned to the base course; 61 RPM. At 0750 changed course by wheeling to 292° gyro and true. At 0800 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number twelve.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1044

Steaming as before on course 292° gyro and true at 60 RPM and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. At 0945 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 292° gyro and true. At 0954 changed course to 270° gyro and true. At 1017 changed course to 262° gyro and true. At 1026 convoy formed into a single column: U.S.S. GAIN (guide), U.S.S. MERCURY, S.S. JEAN LYKES, U.S.S. CASSIOPEIA, and S.S. MERIDAN. At 1044 resumed convoy speed at 61 RPM.

W. J. Santil
W. J. SANTIL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1044 - 1407.

Steaming in column as before on course 262° gyro and true. At 1052 changed course and column axis to 308° gyro and true. At 1134 changed course to 270° gyro and true. At 1215 stopped engines, Lt. Comdr., D.M.Y., Assistant Port Director at base CASTLE came aboard with anchorage instructions and unloading plan. At 1219 engine ahead half-speed (60 RPM). At 1223 slowed to 30 revolutions. At 1233 increased to 50 RPM and set special Sea Details; secured condition three gun watches. Captain on bridge. At 1245 changed course to 250° gyro and true. At 1254 changed course to 260° gyro and true, then, various bells and courses approaching anchorage off Lunga point at base CASTLE. At 1230 let go the starboard anchor to 75 fathoms of chain in 25 fathoms of water. At 1244 started heaving up the starboard anchor.

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Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

SARBY

Thursday, 3
(Date)June, 1947.
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-F-S-I-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.
(continued)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

1044 - 1407 (continued).

At 1354 anchor awigh, slow ahead on course 270° true and true. At 1400 engines stopped, let go the starboard anchor in 25 fathoms of water, to 75 fathoms of chain. At 1407 secured from special sea details; finished with engines; vacuum to be maintained on main engine and the ship to be ready to move at immediate notice.

Nelson D. Salmon
Nelson D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, USNR,
Executive Officer.

1407 - 1600

Anchored in Lung Bay, Guadalcanal island in 25 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. At 1400 - working party aboard, commenced unloading deck cargo and vehicles from number one hold. Conditions normal.

V. B. Ellingham
V. B. ELLINGHAM,
COM(AS), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1600 - opened number two hatch. At 1720 U.S.S. LST-182 alongside number three hatch to port. Conditions normal.

K. I. DeRuff
K. I. DeRUFF,
APC, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 2000 U.S.S. LST-182 shifted from port to starboard side number three hatch. At 1140 knocked off working cargo and secured hatches for the night. At 1142 - the U.S.S. LST-182 cleared the ship. No further remarks.


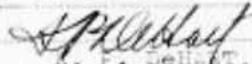
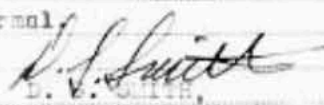
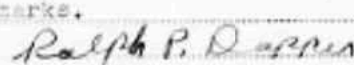
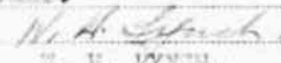
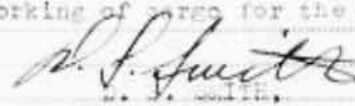

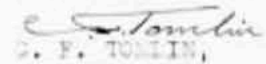
R. S. Christman
R. S. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

C. W. Graier
C. W. GRAIER,
Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Friday 4	June, 1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L		REMARKS.
		O-C-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L	
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before off Lungs Point, Guadalcanal island in 25 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining vacuum at all times. At 0040 hatches, deck and all lights secured for the night. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
	 V. E. BELLINGHAM, ECM(AA), U.S.N.		
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. 0550 all hands piped to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0625 secured from general quarters. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
	 A. F. SCHMITT, LPO, U.S.N.		
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal.		
	 D. J. SMITH, Ensign, U. S. N. R.		
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. Working cargo. No further remarks.		
	 Ralph P. Daffer, RALPH P. DAFFER, CEM(PA), U.S.N.R.		
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal.		
	 W. H. LYNCH, Lt. (JG), U.S.N.		
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 2345 all barges and lighters away from the ship to the beach. Secured hatches and working of cargo for the night. Conditions normal. No further remarks.		
	 D. J. SMITH, Ensign, U.S.N.R.		
Approved:	 G. W. BRAUER, Lt. Comdr., U. S. N. R. Commanding.	Examined:	 G. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 5 June 1943

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-F-R-T-I-O-N-A-L

REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in Lunga Bay, Guadalcanal Island, in 25 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. All hatches secured for the night. At 0109 Condition H&D; sounded general quarters. At 0113 hove short to 60 fathoms. At 0120 Condition H&A&H. At 0124 backed chain out to 75 fathoms. At 0130 secured the anchor. At 0134 secured from general quarters. At 0135 secured the spin engines. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dwyer
Ralph P. DWYER,
LTJG, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0610 - working party aboard; uncovered hatches. Conditions normal.

W. E. Lykes
W. E. LYKES,
Lt. (Jr), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 1135 all unloading operations stopped temporarily for lack of lighters or barges. Conditions normal.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (Jr), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Working cargo. U.S.S. LST-159 alongside number two hatch - port side. At 1450 the U.S.S. PHILIP SKAIDAR underway. At 1455 the U.S.S. ALGORKA (AKA9) underway. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

J. F. Churchill
J. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(R), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Working cargo. No further remarks.

W. E. Lykes
W. E. LYKES,
Lieutenant, (Jr), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Working cargo from number four hatch, all others secured for the night. At 2215 finished unloading from number four hatch. Can enced covering deep tanks. At 2235 number four hatch secured for the night. Ship completely darkened. Conditions normal.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (Jr), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. G. Galt
G. G. GALT,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Surgeon.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 6 June 19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 O-F-S-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400 Anchored as before in 25 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, Lunga Channel, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. Ship darkened. Conditions normal. No further remarks. C. F. CHURCHILL, CSK(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before. At 0513, AMBROSE, John, S.1c, 600-03-22, U.S.N.R., received compound fracture of right leg near ankle while assisting in bringing a camel aboard ship at number two hatch; NOT misconduct. At 0515 posted special-sea details; tested navigational gear in preparation for getting underway. At 0534 engines reported ready. At 0546 engines on "stand-by"; commenced heaving in the anchor. At 0555 anchor aweigh, slow ahead and various bells leaving anchorage. At 0723 let go the starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain in 20 fathoms of water off KOLI Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. At 0727 finished with engines; secured special sea details and resumed regular port watches. R. E. CAMPBELL, Lieutenant (JG), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, off KOLI Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. U.S.S. LPT-159 alongside four and five hatches. At 0600 AMBROSE, A.J., S.1c, 600-07-22, U.S.N.R. was transferred with records and accounts to the Base Hospital, N.A.B., CACTUS. No further remarks. R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (JG), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1222 Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 1222 received Condition R-2; Sounded general quarters. L. VAN DUSEN, CGM(AA), U.S.N.

1222 - 1501 Anchored as before. At 1224 commenced heaving in anchor; stand-by on engines; cleared all lighters and barges from alongside. At 1230 anchor aweigh, half-ahead leaving KOLI Point anchorage. At 1305 set course 090° gyro and true. At 1326 received Condition GRAB. At 1339 changed course to 270° gyro and true. At 1349 changed course to 268° gyro and true. At 1355 secured from general quarters and set special sea details. At 1440 - half ahead and entering KOLI Point anchorage. At 1443 let go starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain in 20 fathoms of water, KOLI Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. At 1501 secured from special sea details and resumed port watches. A. D. SALMON, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R., Executive Officer

Approved: G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding. Examined: C. F. TOLLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 6

June 19 42

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-F-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-I
REMARKS.
(continued)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-I

1501 - 1600

Anchored as before. Commenced working cargo. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. Van Dussen,
SGT (AK), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1850 the U.S.S. LCT-367 alongside. At 1935 the U.S.S. LCT-159 alongside. No further remarks.

R. P. DeMart
R. P. DeMart,
LTJG, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. At 2300 the U.S.S. LCT-367 cast off from alongside. At 2335 man overboard. An unidentified man leaped, from a barge coming alongside, toward a jacob's ladder over the side and fell into the water. A life was thrown to him but he made no attempt to grasp it. He sank immediately. One of the men on the Higgins boat towing the barge, stripped, ready for rescue, but the man did not reappear. All possible attempts to save the man's life were made. The man sank quickly, without outcry, and did not reappear. A statement was obtained from the men on the barge. No further remarks.

R. G. CHRISTMAN
R. G. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *J. W. BRADY*
J. W. BRADY,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. TOMLIN*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Analyst

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Monday

7

June

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-I
REMARKS.

P-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-I

0000 - 0400

anchored as before off KOLI Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Working cargo. At 0015 U.S.S. LCT-159 cleared the ship. At 0305 U.S.S. LCT-367 alongside to starboard. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusen
L. Van DUSEN,
COM(AM), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0500 all work was stopped waiting for barges. At 0530 work resumed. At 0630 U.S.S. LCT-367 alongside starboard side. No further remarks.

R. I. DeHart
R. I. DeHART,
AFC, U.S.N.

0800 - 1047

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 0850 U.S.S. ~~367~~ ^{rail} alongside to remove pontoon barge. At 0940 U.S.S. ~~367~~ ^{rail} cleared with pontoon barge. At 1035 received Condition YELLOW.

P. J. Smith
P. J. SMITH,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1047 - 1220

Anchored as before. At 1047 sounded general quarters, Condition RED. At 1047 stand-by on engines; commenced heaving in anchor. At 1050, anchor aweigh, half-ahead and various bells and courses. At 1102 set course at 340° gyro and true. At 1112 changed course to 345° gyro and true. At 1115 left rudder and half-speed seeking cover under a rain squall. At 1135 changed course to 130° gyro and true; full ahead. At 1139 received Condition GRAY. At 1145 secured from general quarters and set special sea details. At 1212 let go starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain, in 20 fathoms of water, off KOLI Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. At 1220 secured from special sea details and resumed regular port watches.

R. D. Salmon
R. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1220 - 1600

Anchored as before off KOLI Point in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. U.S.S. LCT-367 alongside to starboard. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. McLaughlin
V. E. McLAUGHLIN,
COM(AM), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1610 U.S.S. LCT-367 cleared ship. At 1615 U.S.S. LCT-159 alongside to starboard. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

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Approved:

G. W. Granger
G. W. GRANGER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

_____, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

7

June

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
REMARKS:
(continued)

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

2000 - 2400

Worked as before. Working cargo. At 2055 U.S.S. L-2-159 cleared the ship. At 2100 U.S.S. L-2-387 alongside. At 2140 received Condition RED; sounded general quarters; heaved short to 45 fathoms. At 2200 received condition GRAY; led out chain to 60 fathoms. At 2220 resumed working of cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. J. Smith
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. H. Green
G. H. GREEN,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tobin
C. F. TOBIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

BERGUY

Thursday 8

June 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11

REMARKS.

O-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before off KOLI Point, Bundaberg Island, Solomon Islands in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Working cargo. At 0110 U.S.S. LST-367 cleared the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. E. Hillman
W. E. HILLMAN,
COM(AX), U.S.N.

0400 - 0600

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 0545 U.S.S. LST-159 alongside. At 0715 piped special sea-details to shift berths. At 0722 started to heave in anchor. At 0729 anchor aweigh; slow ahead; various bells and courses shifting anchorage berths. At 0752 let go starboard anchor in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Berth 66, KOLI Point. At 0757 secured engines, anchor, and special sea-details and resumed unloading cargo. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

0600 - 1200

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 0850 U.S.S. LST-367 alongside. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1400

Anchored as before. Working cargo. The following passengers were detached this date, having completed transportation in accordance with basic orders. (Fourth Construction Battalion Special): BOKER, George, S.1c; RAGAN, John, D. SK.3c; HARTMAN, Harold J., S.1c; HUDAK, John, RM.2c; WARD, Earl, M., SK.3c and SMITH, Joe E., SK.3c. Conditions normal.

Ralph I. Dapper
Ralph I. DAPPER,
CIC(IA), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Working cargo as before. No further remarks.

W. E. Hillman
W. E. HILLMAN,
Lieutenant (SC), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. At 2200 completed discharging cargo from number three hatch. Unloading operations slowed considerably during last two hours of watch because of lack of barges. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Gralsh
G. W. GRALSH,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

J. F. Tomlin
J. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

_____, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

HERCULES

Commander S (Date)

June 19 1943 (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.

C-C-N-P-I-L-P-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0100

Anchored as before in berth #6 KILI Point, Midway Island in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Working cargo. Conditions normal.

Ralph P. Daggus
Ralph P. DAGGUS,
CDR(AS), U.S.N.

0100 - 0200

Anchored as before. Working cargo. No further remarks.

W. H. Campbell
W. H. CAMPBELL,
Lieutenant (JG), U.S.N.

0200 - 1200

Anchored as before. Working cargo. No further remarks.

R. G. Christman
R. G. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Working cargo. At 1315 published the findings and sentence in the case of SORHAN, Harry Everett, SF.3c, 626-26-82, U.S.N.R. For "MISBEHAVIOR WHILE ON DUTY AS A WATCHMAN". Finding: GUILTY. Sentence: To be reduced to the next inferior rating and lose pay amounting to 360. Approved by Convening Authority and Senior Officer Present, June 6, 1943. At 1315 published the findings and sentence in the case of WITTKY, Samuel, R., S.3c, 617-94-18, U.S.N.R. For "MISBEHAVIOR". Finding: GUILTY. Sentence: To solitary confinement on bread and water for thirty days, full ration every third day and two months extra police duties. Approved by convening authority and Senior Officer Present on June 6, 1943. At 1445 the Master-at-arms left the ship with custody of two prisoners (WITTKY and SORHAN) to be delivered ashore. The following passengers were detached this date, transportation completed, to proceed in accordance with basic orders (Fourth Construction Battalion Special): Lieutenant Dewey MURPHY, U.S.N.R., Senior S.T. 10072, U.S.N.R.; WOODS, Edward, P., CPO, U.S.N.R.; BOWMAN, Arthur, R., SF.3c, U.S.N.R.; WITTKY, Samuel R., S.3c, U.S.N.R.; and the following passengers (72-1) were detached this date, transportation completed to proceed in accordance with basic orders: Lieutenant John S. WILSON, U.S.N.; Gunner Cyrus B. WILSON, U.S.Nav(T), COMBATT, Arthur, S., SPO.1c, U.S.N.; GIBSON, Robert, S., SPO, U.S.N.; CARPENTY, Richard, S., PROM.2c, U.S.N.R.; O'NEILL, John, S., SPO, U.S.N.; PEASER, Frederick, R., SF.1c, U.S.N.R.; BRADY, Wayne, D., SPO.3c, U.S.N.; STEVENS, Jonathan, T., SF.3c, U.S.N.R.; SUTHERLAND, Will, R., CPO, U.S.N.; WAINSB, Earl, S., SPO, U.S.N. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. P. Churchill
C. P. CHURCHILL,
CDR(AS), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1840 the last of the passengers left the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. P. DeWitt
A. P. DEWITT,
SPO, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. G. Christman
R. G. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

Approved:

[Signature]
R. G. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

[Signature]
R. F. TULLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

LEUCIUM

Thursday
(1943)10
(1943)June
(1943)

1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

0000 - 0100

Anchored as before in 16 fathoms of water, Kuli Point, Tundaloani Island, Solomon Islands with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Filling after deep tanks in number two hold and forward deep tanks in number four hold. At 0030 shifted to after deep tanks in number four hold. At 0315 shifted from after to forward deep tanks in number two hold. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
COM(AS), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal.

R. P. White
R. P. WHITE,
APC, U.S.N.

0800 - 1135

anchored as before. At 1045 the S.S. PHILIP SVERIDAN stood in from U'LASI and anchored. Finished filling number four deep tank. At 1115 steering gear and all navigational equipment was tested and found in good working order. At 1130 set special sea-detail.

D. C. Smith
D. C. SMITH,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1135 - 1600

At 1138 started heaving in anchor. At 1145 anchor awlch, slow ahead to various bells and headings. At 1154 formed column followed by U.S.S. CASSIOPHEA and U.S. PHILIP SVERIDAN. At 1158 speed increased to 60 RPM. At 1210 set course 090° gyro and true. Set condition of readiness 3. At 1217 reduced speed to 50 RPM. At 1448 changed course to 135° gyro and true. At 1459 increased speed to 60 RPM. At 1546 reduced speed to 50 RPM. At 1553 changed course to 150° gyro and true. Escort commander in U.S.S. WIN. Convoy Commander in U.S.S. LEUCIUM. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynde
W. H. LYNDE,
Lt. (Jr), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming in column followed by U.S.S. CASSIOPHEA and U.S. PHILIP SVERIDAN on course 150° gyro and true at 50 RPM. At 1615 HSA Island ahead bearing 060° true, distance 1 1/2 miles. At 1643 changed course to 125° gyro and true. At 1755 changed course to 140° gyro and true. At 1807 sunset - darkened ship. At 1850 changed course to 180° gyro and true. At 1930 reduced speed to 50 RPM while U.S.S. CASSIOPHEA and U.S. PHILIP SVERIDAN formed a column 1,000 yards distant on the starboard hand. At 1955 all ships in sea formation, increased to 50 RPM. At 2000 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number twelve.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 180° gyro and true at 50 RPM. At 2305 reduced to 50 RPM. Conditions normal.

R. J. Bittel
R. J. BITTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graden
G. W. GRADEN,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	MERCURY	Friday 11 June	1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	REMARKS.		
0000 - 0400	<p>Steaming as before, pastoro Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands, acting as convoy commander with S.O.P.A. COMMANDER TASK UNIT 32.4.8 in U.S.S. GWIN. Ships in escort: U.S.S. T III, and U.S.S. CHEVALIER. Ships in the Convoy: U.S.S. MERCURY, U.S.S. CASSIOPHEA and the S.S. PHILIP SHERRIDAN. Steaming on a mean course of 150° gyro and true at 58 RPM, and zig-zagging according to plan. At 0015 stopped zig-zagging and resumed the base course. At 0030 changed course to 140° gyro and true varying speed to adjust ship's position for the slow ship in the Convoy.</p> <p style="text-align:right;"><i>W. H. L. Smith</i> W. H. L. SMITH, Lt. (JG), U.S.N.</p>		
0400 - 0800	<p>Steaming as before on course 140° gyro and true at 58 RPM. At 0425 changed course to 123° gyro and true. At 0500 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. At 0540 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0605 obtained a fix by observations of ACHERNAR, ALTAIR and VARGO. Latitude: 11°-30.5' S; Longitude: 161°-43' E. At 0630 secured from general quarters.</p> <p style="text-align:right;"><i>C. J. Tomlin</i> C. J. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.</p>		
0800 - 1200	<p>Steaming as before in convoy on course 123° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve at 59 RPM. At 0843 ceased zig-zagging and maintained zig-zag course in effect, 113° gyro and true. At 0845 changed course to 113° gyro and true. At 0900 resumed zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. Conditions normal. No further remarks.</p> <p style="text-align:right;"><i>C. J. Tomlin</i> C. J. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.</p>		
1200 - 1600	<p>Steaming as before on base course 115° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan. At 1202 an unidentified plane reported overhead, emergency turn to starboard ordered by voice from Escort Commander. At 1202 two bomb/rocket-ports 1,700 yards distance bearing 038° true. One bomb dropped approximately two miles distant bearing 038° true; executed turn on dropping of third bomb, ship's position 11°-57' S, long: 162°-25' E. Sounded general quarters. From 1206 to 1221 executed various ship's headings to 45° emergency right turns. At 1223 resumed base course. At 1235 secured from general quarters and resumed condition of readiness three. At 1255 by voice - ordered to repel air attack. Sounded general quarters; heavy rain squalls during this period. At 1340 secured from general quarters and resumed condition three watches. Resumed base course and at 1300 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number thirty eight. No further remarks.</p> <p style="text-align:right;"><i>W. H. L. Smith</i> W. H. L. SMITH, Lt. (JG), U.S.N.</p>		
M-O-T-E			
<p>The below dispatch, in connection with the above-mentioned bombing, was received from COMMANDER TASK UNIT 32.4.8 at 0630 Love, June 13, 1943. It is quoted here for information:</p>			
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Approved:	<i>W. H. L. Smith</i> W. H. L. SMITH, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commander.	Examined:	<i>C. J. Tomlin</i> C. J. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

Number (Reg.)

13 (1942)

Date (Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

0-10-N-147-1-0-N-1-1
REMARKS.

0-20-N-147-1-0-N-1-1

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage of Midway Island, Solomon Islands to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands acting as convoy commander with U.S.S. S. G. HANCOCK, BARKLINE 32.6.8. in U.S.S. SHIP. Ships in escort: U.S.S. SHIP and the U.S.S. S. G. HANCOCK. Ships in the Convoy: U.S.S. S. G. HANCOCK, U.S.S. CASSIOPEIA and the S.S. PHILIP STEPHENS, steaming at 50 KTS and zig-zagging according to plan. Considerable head winds prevailing during last hour of this watch. No further remarks.

W. J. Lynch
W. J. LYNCH,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 130° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number thirty-eight at 50 KTS. At 0430 as per order of Unit Commander, ceased zig-zagging and remained on course 100° gyro and true. At 0430 changed course to 090° gyro and true. At 0445 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number thirty-eight. At 0500 ceased zig-zagging. At 0505 changed course to 110° gyro and true. At 0515 resumed zig-zagging. At 0545 all hands to general quarters for morning alert. At 0630 secured from general quarters. At 0640 ceased zig-zagging. At 0645 changed course to 090° gyro and true. At 0700 commenced zig-zagging according to plan ten, base course 090° true. Proceeding with the U.S.S. CHEVALIER as the escort and followed by the S.S. S. G. HANCOCK.

C. F. Thelin
C. F. THELIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0800 - 1110

Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true at 50 KTS. At 0800 changed course to 085° true. At 0831 commenced zig-zagging according to plan number ten. At 0835 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. At 0845 changed course to 08° gyro and true. At 0930 changed course to 010° true. At 0940 commenced zig-zagging according to plan ten, base course 010° true. At 1005 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. At 1017 changed course to 300° true. At 1025 commenced zig-zagging according to plan ten. At 1052 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. At 1100 changed course to 335° true. Various bells and headings approaching PEWA Channel. At 1110 all hands to special sea details.

W. J. Smith
W. J. SMITH,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1110 - 1255

At 1110 entered PEWA channel. At 1112 slow ahead approaching midcourse net. At 1131 proceeded through net entrance to berth 23. At 1225 let go the starboard anchor and 75 fathoms of chain in 30 fathoms of water, berth 23, PEWA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. At 1230 secured special sea details; finished with engine, vacuum maintained on engines; set regular port watches.

A. D. Kellogg
A. D. KELLOGG,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1255 - 1600

Anchor red in berth 23, PEWA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands in 30 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Vacuum maintained on engines. Starboard hailer in use for auxiliary purposes. At 1330 steering engine secured. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
COR(AA), U.S.N.

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Approved:

G. W. Gruber
G. W. GRUBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.S.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Thelin
C. F. THELIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.S.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

Sunday 13 June 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

[Signature]
R. S. GAVIN,
Lieutenant (JG), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400


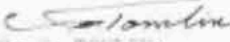
Anchored as before. Conditions normal. Ship darkened. No further remarks.

[Signature]
C. F. DORRAT,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *[Signature]*
J. H. GRANT,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *[Signature]*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

_____, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	DESTROYER	DANIEL	14	June	1934
ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11	REMARKS.				
0000 - 0400	Anchored as before in berth 21, SPOKA Channel, Admiralty Islands, New Hebrides Islands, in 20 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain set to the starboard anchor. Vacuum maintained on engines. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. No further remarks.				
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. At 1425 tested steam weathering system. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before. Conditions normal.				
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before. Ship yawing moderately. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
Approved:	 D. S. TRAUB, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R., Commanding.		Examined:	 G. P. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	



UNITED STATES SHIP

LOGBOOK

Tuesday

15

June

1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth 23, DECA Channel, Espíritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands in 30 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of e sin out to the starboard anchor. Starboard loiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal.

Ralph P. DePue
Ralph P. DePue,
CWO(AS), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal.

J.P. Dehart
J.P. Dehart,
APC, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. Smith,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 1345 commenced securing booms for sea. At 1500 completed a smoke test on all lines composing the smoke detecting system except the deep tanks. All found working normally with exception of number three reefing trunk - third deck. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. P. Hutchins
C. P. Hutchins,
CWO(AS), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1630 started gro. Ship yawing easily. Conditions normal.

W. H. Linn
W. H. Linn,
Lt. (Jr), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Ship darkened. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. Smith,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

S. S. Shapp
S. S. Shapp,
Lt. Comdr; U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

* Examined:

C. P. Tomlin
C. P. Tomlin,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

FEBRUARY

Schedule 16 (Day) (Box)

June 19 43 (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.

C-C-M-F-I-P-F-K-J-J-C-A-C-I

0000 - 0600

Anchored as before in berth 23, FREDA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island in 20 fathoms of water with 75 fathom of chain out to the starboard anchor. Ship Yawing easily. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. P. Churchill
C. P. CHURCHILL,
OW(AA), U.S.N.

0600 - 0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lyche
W. H. LYCHE
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

0800 - 1600

Anchored as before. At 0935 tested main engines. At 0945 tested all navigational gear. At 1100 piped special-ops details. At 1108 RITTO, Lanson, R. Jr., Lieutenant (Jr.), U.S.N. reported aboard for transportation, reference: Bureau 260200 of 29 May, 1943. At 1117 anchor wreath, slow ahead using various bells and headings. At 1203 proceeding through the submarine net. At 1204 full speed. At 1228 secured the anchor for sea; secured special ops details and net condition three watches. At 1243 set base course at 114° gyro and true. At 1247 formed convoy with U.S.S. MARSHALL acting as escort commander and escort; U.S.S. TROSBY acting as convoy tender; ship in convoy: U.S.S. TROSBY and the S.S. STEW BIRD. At 1300 began zig-zagging according to plan number 38, adjusting speed at various intervals to position other ship of convoy. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lyche
W. H. LYCHE,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 114° gyro and true in company with the U.S. STEW BIRD and escorted by the U.S.S. MARSHALL. Zig-zagging according to plan number 38, convoy speed 10 knots. At 1723, sunset - darkened ship. At 1825 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. At 1930 changed course to 082° gyro and true. All clear of SHAWN Strait. Conditions normal.

C. P. Tollin
C. P. TOLLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 082° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan 12 at approximately 60 RPM. Vessel pitching easily to moderate southeasterly swell. Conditions normal.

C. P. Tollin
C. P. TOLLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. E. Gramp
G. E. GRAMP,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Tollin
C. P. TOLLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

USS GULF BIRD

Thursday 17 (Day) (Month)

June 1917 (Year)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 111

REMARKS

0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on base course 080° gyro and true in company with the U.S. GULF BIRD and escorted by the U.S.S. CATALINA (3341) and air-screwing according to plan number twelve. Convoy speed is 10 knots. Varying our RPM's between 59 and 62 from time to time. Bright moonlight.

Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
U. S. NICH,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

0400 - 0600

Steaming as before on course 080° gyro and true, plan twelve at 60 RPM. At 0500 all heads to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0530 obtained a fix by observations of WMS and ACERMAN; Latitude 13°-54' S.; Longitude: 169°-39' E. At 0610 secured from general quarters.

Conditions normal.

C. S. Tolin
C. S. TOLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0600 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 080° gyro and true according to air-scr plan twelve at approximately 59 RPM. Conditions normal. Vessel pitching moderately.

U. S. GATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 080° gyro and true and air-screwing according to plan number twelve. At 1200 changed course to 080° gyro and true, adjusting speed at various intervals to compensate for slow ship in Convoy. At 1530 sighted an unidentified ship bearing approximately 160° true, distance approximately 17 miles. Ship's head 070° true. No further remarks.

U. S. LIZCH,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 080° gyro and true, plan number twelve at 60 RPM. At 1700 - sunset darkened ship. At 1730 obtained fix by observations of WMS, CATALINA, WMS, and DIBBS. Latitude - 15°-39' S; Longitude - 171°-30' E. Vessel pitching easily to lar southeast swell.

C. S. Tolin
C. S. TOLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 080° gyro and true according to air-scr plan twelve at approximately 59 RPM. At 2045, at breakdown signal by U.S. GULFBIRD reduced to slow speed at 30 RPM. At 2300, reversed course to 260° gyro and true while U.S. GULFBIRD repaired broken fuel line. At 2315 returned to base course of 080° gyro and true and resumed air-screwing according to plan twelve, at 50 RPM. At 2355 U.S. GULFBIRD resumed proper interval and increased to 59 RPM.

U. S. GATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. V. CHAMBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.S.
Commander.

Examined:

C. S. Tolin
C. S. TOLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.S.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday

18

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS.

1-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-1-0-1

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands, to San Francisco, California, on course 080° gyro and true in company with U.S.S. GULF BIRD and escorted by the U.S.S. CHEVALIER. Zig-sarcing according to plan number twelve. Varying RPM's between 59 and 62 from time to time. Bright moonlight. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
U. S. NAVY,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 080° gyro and true according to zig-sar plan number twelve. At 0515 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0522 obtained fix by observations of ACHERNAR, DENEB, and ALTAIR. Latitude: 15°-27' S; Longitude: 173°-06' E. At 0623 the U.S.S. GULF BIRD displayed breakdown signal. U.S.S. CHEVALIER, by TTY suggested the MERCURY proceed independently at full speed. At 0628 full ahead, speed 18 knots, proceeding independently. U.S.S. CHEVALIER remaining with the U.S.S. GULFBIRD. At 0700 advanced all clocks one hour to conform with minus twelve zone time.

C. J. Powell
U. S. NAVY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Steaming as before on course 080° gyro and true and according to zig-sar plan number twelve at 18 knots. At 0923 increased to 21 knots. Conditions normal.

C. J. Powell
U. S. NAVY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1400 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 080° gyro and true and zig-sarcing according to plan number twelve at approximately 21 RPM. At 1400 changed course to 090° gyro and true and continued to zig-sar. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
U. S. NAVY,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming independently on course 090° gyro and true according to zig-sar plan number twelve at 21 knots. At 1755, sunset, darkened ship. At 1810 obtained fix by observations of ANTARES, ARCTICUS, and BIEVE MENTANUS. Latitude: 15°-07' S; Longitude: 175° - 19' E. Conditions normal.

C. J. Powell
U. S. NAVY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true according to zig-sar plan number twelve at approximately 23 RPM. Condition three watches maintained. Conditions normal.

C. J. Powell
U. S. NAVY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Cramer
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. J. Powell
U. S. NAVY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

USSCART

October 19 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 13 REMARKS. C-30-3-1-1-1-1-1

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passing Espirito Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, on course 090° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve, using twenty-one nodes and making between E3 and E4 W.P.N.'s. Bright moonlight, conditions normal.

H. A. Lynch
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0400 - 0600

Steaming as before on course 390° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. Speed 21 nodes. At 0600 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0640 secured from general quarters. Obtained fix at 0614 by observations of 1483 and 1600. Latitude: 15°-06' S.; Longitude: 178°-11' W.

C. Stornlin
Lieutenant, U.S.N.
Navigator.

0600 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twelve at approximately E3 W.P. Conditions normal.

J. J. [unclear]
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. At 1300 changed zig-zag plan to number thirty-eight. Conditions normal.

H. A. Lynch
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number thirty-eight. At 1734 - sunset, darkened ship. At 1749 obtained fix by observations of 1600, 1740 and 1820. Latitude: 15°-07' S.; Longitude: 177°-10' W.

C. Stornlin
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan 38 at approximately E3 W.P. Condition three watches maintained. Conditions normal. At 2400 retarded all clocks twenty-four (24) hours to (plus) 12 zone time to June 19, 1943.


J. J. [unclear]
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

J. W. [unclear]
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. Stornlin
Lieutenant, U.S.N.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	VESSEL	Saturday	15	June	1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION	REMARKS.				
0000 - 0100	Steaming as before, passere Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On 21 hoists on course 090° gyro and true and zig-zag according to plan number thirty-eight. Averaging approximately 25 K.P.H. Cloudy sky with light passing showers during early part of watch; bright moonlight during latter part. Conditions normal.		<i>W. A. French</i> U. S. NAVY Lt. (jg), U.S.N.		
0400 - 0500	Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true and zig-zag according to plan number thirty-eight. At 0530 all hands piped to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0545 obtained fix by observations of ACHERNAR, PARS, and ALBAT; Latitude 15° - 04' S; Longitude 176° - 30' W. At 0615 secured from general quarters.		<i>C. Tomlin</i> U. S. NAVY Lieutenant, U.S.N.		
0800 - 1200	Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number thirty-eight at approximately 23 K.P.H. At 0945 the west end of GARDINER Island seen at approximately thirty-five miles. Conditions normal.		<i>C. J. Savel</i> U. S. NAVY Lieutenant, U.S.N.		
1200 - 1600	Steaming as before on course 090° gyro and true and zig-zag according to plan number thirty-eight at approximately 23 K.P.H. At 1400 changed course to 075° gyro and true and continued to zig-zag according to new plan number twelve. Conditions normal.		<i>W. A. French</i> U. S. NAVY Lt. (jg), U.S.N.		
1600 - 2000	Steaming as before on course 075° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twelve. At 1715 - sunset, darkened ship. At 1731 obtained fix by observations of ACHERNAR and ATTARU; Latitude 14° - 55' S; Longitude 173° - 53' W. At 1800 all clocks were advanced one (1) hour to conform with (plus) eleven zone time. Conditions normal.		<i>C. Tomlin</i> U. S. NAVY Lieutenant, U.S.N.		
2000 - 2400	Steaming as before on course 075° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twelve at approximately 23 K.P.H. Conditions normal.		<i>C. J. Savel</i> U. S. NAVY Lieutenant, U.S.N.		
Approved:		Examined:		<i>C. Tomlin</i> U. S. NAVY Lieutenant, U.S.N.	
<i>W. A. French</i> U. S. NAVY Lt. Comdr., U.S.N. Commanding.				 Navigator.	

UNITED STATES SHIP	FERDINAND	Sunday (1943)	20 (1943)	June (1943)	1943	
ZONE DESCRIPTION	Plus- 11	REMARKS.				
0000 - 0400	Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, using 21 nozzles, on course 075° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan 12. Weather cloudy during early part of watch; bright moonlight during last two hours. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				<i>H. H. Finch</i> H. H. FINCH, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.	
0400 - 0800	Steaming as before on course 075° gyro and true at 21 nozzles according to zig-zag plan number 12. At 0615 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0630 the east end of EFOU Island XXXXX bearing 336° True, west end of TUTUIA Island bearing 099° true. Changed course to 053° true and continued zig-zagging. At 0905 two SUB's overhead. Secured from alert. Conditions normal.				<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
0800 - 1200	Steaming as before on course 053° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan 12 at approximately 87 RPM. At 1130 SUB patrol planes signalled departure after maintaining patrol about vessel throughout watch. Conditions normal.				<i>W. J. Sattler</i> W. J. SATTLER, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
1200 - 1600	Steaming as before on mean course 053° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan 12 at approximately 87 RPM. Strong head winds prevailing during watch. Conditions otherwise normal.				<i>H. H. Finch</i> H. H. FINCH, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.	
1600 - 2000	Steaming as before on course 053° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan 12. At 1758, sunset; darkened ship. At 1930 ceased zig-zagging and changed course to 055° gyro and true. Conditions normal.				<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
2000 - 2400	Steaming as before on course 055° gyro and true. At 2130, with the moonrise, resumed zig-zagging according to plan 12 (leg III). Fresh breeze, rather rough sea and frequent showers early watch. Conditions normal.				<i>W. J. Sattler</i> W. J. SATTLER, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	
Approved:	<i>H. H. Finch</i> H. H. FINCH, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R., Commanding.		Examined:	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.		
XXXXXX Watergate.						

UNITED STATES SHIP

USSALBY

Monday

31

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Class II

REMARKS.

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, using 21 nozzles, on course 055° gyro and true, zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. Weather comparatively clear, with bright moonlight, during most of watch. Slight sea, with rather heavy swell running from ENE-S, conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 055° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twelve, speed 22 R.P.M. At 0545 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0550 obtained fix by observations of TANK, AGHEPPAR, and ALTAR: Latitude 11°-07' S; Longitude 167°-16' W.

G. F. Tomlin

G. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 055° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve, at approximately 23 R.P.M. Conditions normal.

G. F. Tomlin

G. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 055° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve at approximately 23 R.P.M. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch

W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 055° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. At 1747 sunset, darkened ship. At 1804 obtained fix by observations of AGHEPPAR, RIGEL, POLARIS and ALTAR: Latitude 09°-31' S.; Longitude 165°-11' W. At 1830 ceased zig-zagging.

G. F. Tomlin

G. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 055° gyro and true at approximately 23 R.P.M. At 2215 with the moonrise, resumed zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. Conditions normal.

G. F. Tomlin

G. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Kraken
G. W. KRAKEN,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.,
Commanding.

Examined:

G. F. Tomlin
G. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

_____, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

MISSION

Daylight (Day)

27 (Date)

June (Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION (Inc 11)

O-T-S-E-A-T-I-O-N-I-S
REMARKS.

O-T-S-E-A-T-I-O-N-I-S

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, using 21 nozzle, on course 055° gyro and true and zig-zagging in accordance with plan number twelve. Slight sea, with moderate swell running from southeast. Weather clear for first two hours of watch with fairly bright moonlight. Cloudy during latter half of watch.

W. H. French
W. H. FRENCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 055°, gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. At 0530 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0534 obtained fix by observations of ALBATROSS, ALTAIR and ALBATROSS; Latitude 06°-05' S.; Longitude 161°-14' W. At 0610 secured from alert. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 055° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twelve at approximately 21 MPH. Conditions normal.

W. S. Sattel
W. S. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 055° gyro and true according to zig-zag plan number twelve at approximately 21 MPH. At 1203 changed course to 057° gyro and true. Conditions normal.

W. H. French
W. H. FRENCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true according to plan number twelve (zig-zag). At 1723 sunset, darkened ship. At 1757 obtained fix by observations of ARGENTUS, ARGENTUS and ARGENTUS; Latitude 06°-31' S.; Longitude 161°-13' W. at 1800 published the findings and sentence in the case of TOMLIN, William David, 662-32-45, S.10, S-6, U.S.N.R. for "THEFT". Finding: GUILTY. Sentence: MILDLY CONSIDERED FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN DAYS AND TO LOSE FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR THREE MONTHS, TOTAL LOSS OF PAY TO BE FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS. Approved by the Convening Authority and the Senior Officer Present on June 21, 1943. At 1830 ceased zig-zagging.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true at approximately 21 MPH. At 2300, resumed zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. Conditions normal.

W. S. Sattel
W. S. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

C. W. Graber
C. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

W. H. French

UNITED STATES SHIP

HERCULES

December 23 (1943)

(Day)

(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11

REMARKS.

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Marinduque Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, at 21 nozzles, on course 057° gyro and true, zig-zagging in accordance with plan number twelve. Averaging approximately 22.5 Kts. Weather overcast, with frequent squalls, during most of watch.

W. A. Spack
W. A. SPACK,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, at 21 nozzles, on course 057° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan number twelve. Weather overcast to cloudy - no observations. At 0515 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0618 secured from alert. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true, speed 21 nozzles, in accordance with zig-zag plan number twelve. At 1200 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course - 057° true.

W. J. Talley
W. J. TALLEY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 057° gyro and true and zig-zagging according to plan. At 1200 ceased zig-zagging. At 1250 shifted from teleoperator station to gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. A. Spack
W. A. SPACK,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true in automatic steering. At 1720 - sunset, darkened ship. At 1744 obtained fix by observations of ARCTURUS, ANTARES and BIEZE. LATITUDE: Latitude 03°-19' S.; Longitude - 157°-00' W. At 1800 all clocks advanced one hour to conform with Plus ten zone time.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot, at approximately 23.0 Kts. Conditions normal.

W. J. Talley
W. J. TALLEY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

W. F. Gruber
W. F. GRUBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP	VESSEL	Thursday	21	June	1943
ZONE DESCRIPTION	REMARKS.				
0000 - 0400	Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. At 21 needles, on course 057° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot, averaging approximately 23 RPM's. Smooth sea, with slight southeasterly swell. Conditions normal. Ship in Condition III. No further remarks.				
0400 - 0800	Steaming as before at 21 needles, on course 057° gyro and true, steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and cloudy - no observations. At 0515 all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. At 0630 secured from alert, and resumed condition III watches. At 0800, secured from condition III watches and set regular sea-watches.				
0800-1200	Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true at approximately 23 RPM. At 0840 began steering various courses while making ship for compass deviations. At 0935 energized the demagnetizing coils. At 1010 completed making ship and returned to course 057° gyro and true and resumed steaming as before.				
1200 - 1600	Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true at approximately 23.0 RPM. Smooth sea with slight swells from east-south-east. Conditions normal.				
1600 - 2000	Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true at 21 needles, steering by gyro-pilot. At 1816 sunset, darkened ship. At 1832 obtained fix by observations of APOHIS, ANTARES, and BIEHL FOUNTAINS. Latitude 0°-42' N.; Longitude 152°-54' W. Conditions normal.				
2000 - 2400	Steaming as before on course 057° gyro and true at approximately 23.0 RPM. At 2000 changed course to 044° gyro and true, steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.				
Approved:	<i>G. W. DRACH</i> G. W. DRACH, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R., Commanding.		Examined:	<i>C. P. TOLIN</i> C. P. TOLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

HERSCHEY

Friday

25

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10.

REMARKS.

0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, at 21 knots, on course 044° gyro and true. Averaging approximately 23 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Smooth sea, with light swell from the north-east. Ship rolling easily. Conditions normal.

H. H. Lynch

Lieutenant (jg), U.S.N.

0400 - 0600

Steaming as before, at 21 knots, on course 044° gyro and true, steering by gyro-pilot. At 0530 all hands to general quarters for morning alert. At 0536 obtained fix by observations of WHELAN, SANS and VEGA and ALTAIR: Latitude 01°-03' N.; Longitude 150°-54' W. Conditions normal. At 0615 secured from alert and resumed (set) condition three watches.

C. J. Sullivan

Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0600 - 1000

Steaming as before on course 044° gyro and true at approximately 23.0 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

C. J. Sullivan

Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1000 - 1400

Steaming as before on course 044° gyro and true at approximately 23.0 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintained condition of readiness III. Conditions normal.

H. H. Lynch

Lieutenant (jg), U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 044° gyro and true, steering by gyro-pilot, at 21 knots. At 1400 held fire drill. At 1407 secured from fire drill. At 1408 held station-keeping drill (practice). At 1612 secured from station ship and all emergency drills. At 1607 stopped, darkened ship. At 1608 obtained fix by observations of WHELAN, SANS, VEGA and ALTAIR: Latitude 02°-15' N.; Longitude 149°-54' W. At 1900 secured from condition III watches and set regular condition watches. Conditions normal.

C. J. Sullivan

Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 044° gyro and true at a speed of approximately 23.0 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

C. J. Sullivan

Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

H. H. Lynch
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. J. Sullivan
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday

26

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10

C-P-T-N-A-T-I-O-N-I
REMARKS.

E-O-S-T-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-I

0000 - 0100

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, at 21 knots, on course 044° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Averaging approximately 23.0 KTS. Passing clouds from the east, with intermittent light showers. Smooth sea, with light swell from the southeast. Ship rolling easily. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

0100 - 0200

Steaming as before, at 21 knots, course 044° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and cloudy - no observations, moderate head swell, vessel pitching easily.

E. J. Toblin
E. J. TOBLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0200 - 1000

Steaming as before at 21 knots on course 044° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1000 held Captain's inspection of quarters and material. Vessel pitching moderately to a moderate north-westerly swell. Conditions normal.

J. J. Kelleher
J. J. KELLEHER,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1000 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 044°, gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (Jr.), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 044° gyro and true, at 21 knots. Steering by gyro-pilot. Vessel pitching moderately to low head swell. At 1800 sunset, darkness ship. At 1820 obtained fix by observations of VENUS, ARCTURUS and JESSEL COMPASS: Latitude 07°-10' N.; Longitude 143°-08' W. At 1900 changed course to 030° gyro and true.

E. J. Toblin
E. J. TOBLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 030° gyro and true at approximately 23.0 KTS. Steering by gyro-pilot. Vessel pitching heavily at times to rather heavy head swell. Conditions normal.

J. J. Kelleher
J. J. KELLEHER,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.,
Commanding.

Examined:

E. J. Toblin
E. J. TOBLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

VESSEL

NUMBER

DATE

TIME

10 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION Line 10

REMARKS.

C-O-M-P-T-R-E-K-T-I-A-I

0000 - 0100

Steaming as before, passage Cortina Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California at 21 knots, on course 035° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Drifting approximately 2.0 NM's. Ship pitching moderately, with occasional rounding, in a moderate sea. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

0100 - 0200

Steaming as before, at 21 knots, on course 035° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and rainy, no star observations. Vessel pitching moderately to moderate head swell. Conditions normal.

E. F. Toulon
E. F. TOULON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

0200 - 1000

Steaming as before on course 035° gyro and true at 21 knots. Steering by gyro-pilot. Vessel pitching moderately to rather rough head sea. Conditions normal.

E. F. Toulon
E. F. TOULON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

1000 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 035° gyro and true at 21 knots. Steering by gyro-pilot. Vessel pitching moderately to rough head sea.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 035° gyro and true at 21 knots, steering by gyro-pilot. At 1754 sunset, darkened ship. At 1900 advanced all clocks one (1) hour to (plus) nine (9) zone time. At 1903 obtained fix by observations of VEGA, ASTORIA, JESSE and DEKA. Latitude 110-14' N.; Longitude 142°-06' W. Conditions normal.

E. F. Toulon
E. F. TOULON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 035° gyro and true at approximately 22.0 NM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

E. F. Toulon
E. F. TOULON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Approved:

E. F. Toulon
E. F. TOULON,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

28

June

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands, to San Francisco California, at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Averaging approximately 32.5 RPM. Weather rather hazy during most of watch, with squally appearances. Ship pitching moderately. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch

W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast - no observations. Vessel pitching easily. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 32 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattell

W. J. SATTELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at 32.0 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch

W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (JG), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true, at 21 nozzles, steering by gyro pilot. At 1849 sunset, darkened ship. At 1915 obtained fix by observations of VENUS, SPICA and ANTARES: Latitude 15°-28' N.; Longitude 138°-46' W. Vessel pitching easily. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 33 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattell

W. J. SATTELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 29 (day) (month)

June 19 43 (year)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro pilot. Averaging approximately 22.5 MPH. Cloudy and dark night. Ship pitching moderately. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations. Vessel pitching easily at times. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 22 MPH. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 22 MPH. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at 21 nozzles. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations. At 1844 sunset, darkened ship. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 22 MPH. Steering by gyro-pilot.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 30
(Day) (Date)June 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

REMARKS.

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Averaging approximately 83 RPM. Dark night, with overcast sky. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true and steer- by gyro-pilot. Overcast - no star observations. Conditions normal.

C. P. Tullin
C. P. TULLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 83 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattler
W. J. SATTLER,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 83 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal.

W. H. Lynch
W. H. LYNCH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before, at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1840 sunset, darkened ship. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations. Conditions normal.

C. P. Tullin
C. P. TULLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 83 RPM. Steering by gyro pilot.

W. J. Sattler
W. J. SATTLER,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Tullin
C. P. TULLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

_____, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Thursday 1 July 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400
Steaming as before at 21 nozzles on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Averaging approximately 83 RPM's. Dark night, with sky mostly cloudy. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800
Steaming as before, at 21 nozzles, on course 038° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and cloudy, no star observations. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200
Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 83.0 RPM'S. Steering by gyro pilot. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600
Steaming as before on course 038° gyro and true at approximately 83 RPM. Steering by gyro pilot, conditions normal. At 1550 changed course to 024° gyro and true and increased speed to 24 nozzles.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000
Steaming as before on course 024° gyro and true at 24 nozzles, averaging approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1800 all clocks were advanced one hour to conform with Plus 8 zone time. At 1934 (Plus 8 zone time), sunset - darkened ship. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Steaming as before on course 024° gyro and true at approximately 87 RPM on 24 nozzles. Steering by gyro pilot. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
53679 Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Friday 2 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 8 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L R E M A R K S CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400
Steaming as before, at 24 nozzles, on course 024° gyro and true. Steering by gyro pilot. Averaging approximately 87 RPM's. Cloudy and dark night. Conditions normal.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800
Steaming as before, at 24 nozzles, on course 024° gyro and true. Steering by gyro pilot. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations. Ship pitching easily to low long northwest swell. Conditions normal.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200
Steaming as before on course 024° gyro and true at approximately 87 RPM. Steering by gyro pilot.
W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600
Steaming as before on course 024° gyro and true at approximately 87 RPM. Steering by gyro pilot. At 1238 changed course to 023° gyro and true. Conditions normal.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000
Steaming as before on course 023° gyro and true at 24 nozzles. Steering by gyro pilot. At 1905 sighted and exchanged calls with U.S.S. DE-15. At 1937 sunset - darkened ship. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Steaming as before on course 023° gyro and true at approximately 87 RPM. Steering by gyro pilot. Conditions normal.
W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Saturday 3 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 8

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, at 24 nozzles, on course 023° gyro and true. Steering by gyro pilot. Averaging 87 RPM's. Dark night, with overcast sky. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, at 24 nozzles, on course 023° gyro and true. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations. Conditions normal.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 023° gyro and true at approximately 87 RPM and steering by gyro-pilot. At 1130 sighted Farallon Islands, Southeast, bearing 019° true, at approximately 25 miles. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1652

Steaming as before on course 023° gyro and true at approximately 87 RPM and at 24 nozzles. At 1202 changed course to 018° gyro and true. At 1249 shifted to telemotor steering. At 1250 changed course to 035° gyro and true. At 1256 degaussing on. At 1256 changed course to 040° gyro and true. At 1308 changed course to 071° gyro and true. At 1322 changed course to 067° gyro and true. At 1339 changed course to 065° gyro and true. At 1349 buoy "G" abeam to port. At ~~1350~~ 1350 Buoy "A" abeam to port. At 1355 buoy "H" abeam to port. At 1358 changed course to 068° gyro and true. At 1401 buoy "I" abeam to port. At 1406 slow speed. At 1412 stopped. At 1418 Pilot aboard, (Lt. Comdr., GRAHAM, U.S.C.G.), at 1418 full ahead, course 070 gyro and true. Passed following buoys at times indicated: 2 - 1428; 4 - 1431. At 1431 changed course to 068° gyro and true. At 1434 buoy "L"; 1437 - buoy 8; 1439 - buoy 10. At 1442 set special sea details. At 1503 passed under Golden Gate Bridge. At 1511 passed through the submarine net. At 1530 commenced degaussing run. At 1543 commenced second degaussing run. At 1554 degaussing runs completed. At 1605 passed under the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge. At 1609 a representative from the Port Director's Office came aboard. At 1618 the representative from the Port Director's Office ashore. At 1619 a tug (U.S.S. YT-269) alongside to port. At 1635 first line to dock. At 1652 secured starboard side to Pier 46 South, San Francisco, California. At 1652 secured Special sea details; dropped vacuum on engines; set port watches.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1652 - 2000

Moored as before, no further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before, No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday

4

July

19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 8

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to Pier 46 South, San Francisco, California. Starboard boiler secured. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving the following services from shore: Telephone, garbage disposal and fresh water.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. At 0815 mustered crew on stations; absentees: None. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen C 4M
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen C 4M
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Monday 5 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 8

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, starboard side to south side of pier number 46, San Francisco, California. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving following services from shore, fresh water and telephone. 0220-CROUSE Robert Lincoln S2c, brought aboard by shore patrol in hysterical and semiconscious condition, apparently induced by excessive alcoholic indulgence. Bishop T.H. Cphm, examined and administered a sedative. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Moored as before. At 0630, prepared to get underway, tested navigational gear and found in good working order. 0640-Mr. Farney, the pilot, came aboard. 0645-Engine room reported ready for getting underway. 0700-Tug came alongside to aid in clearing dock. Engines on stand by. 0705-Cast off lines aft. 0707-Slow astern and various bells and headings with pilot FARNEY conning. 0709-Cast off all mooring lines. 0726-Entered Oakland harbor Channel. 0816-First line on dock number 1, General Engineering and dry dock Co. 0829-Ship secured starboard side to dock. 0831-Finished with engines, Secured Special Sea Detail and resumed port watches. 0840-Pilot, Mr. Farney left ship. Conditions normal. No Further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Moored as before, dock number one General Engineering and Dry Dock Co. Alameda, California. 0845-Muster of all hands, on stations, following absentees. CUTLER, R.M. S2c, DAILEY, H.S. S2c, DANIELS, N. S2c and STAUFF, J. (GM2c). 0940-DANIELS, N. S2c, returned aboard absent over leave since 0630 July 5, 1943. 1145-Secured ships power plant. 1200-Emergency generator and Emergency lighting circuit cut in. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Moored as before. 1315-Received from Bordens Dairy, 15 Gals. milk, inspected as to quality by Lipp R.F. Phm lc as to quantity by Saylor C.E. CCStd. 1345-Following named man transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital Mare Island, California for treatment with records and pay accounts. MERTEN, J.E. Flc U.S.N. 342-38-26. Conditions normal. No Further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Conditions Normal.. No further remarks.

J.N. Maris
J.N. MARIS,
CEM (AA) U.S.N.R.

Approved:

O.W. Graber
O.W. GRABER
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Tuesday 6 July 19 48
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0500

Moored as before, starboard side to, dock number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving the following services from the dock: Fresh water, electric power and telephone. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. DAPPER,
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. Dapper,
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

NOTE: Necessary repairs being ~~carried~~ carried out while ship is moored at General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., docks.

Approved: *W. W. Graber*
W. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 7
(Day) (Date)July 19 43
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ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to Pier one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving phone, electricity and water service from the dock. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. DAPPER,
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Making various repairs to the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Various repairs and alterations being made to the ship. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 8
(Day) (Date)

July 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to Pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Company, Alameda, California. Receiving the following services from the dock: Telephones, garbage disposal, electricity and water service. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
O. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

C. W. Graber
C. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday
(Day)

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(Date)

July 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400
Moored as before, starboard side to, pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving telephone, garbage disposal, electricity and fresh water services from shore. Normal Port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0500
Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600
Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 10

July 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, Pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda California. Receiving telephone, garbage disposal, electricity, and fresh water service from shore. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. DAPPER,
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. DAPPER,
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

SUNDAY 11, July 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda California. Receiving following services from shore. Telephone electricity, garbage disposal and fresh water. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
C.B.M. (PA) U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.F. Dishon
E.F. DISHON,
CRM (AA), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.F. Dishon
E.F. DISHON,
CRM (AA), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *Q.W. Graber*
Q.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomline*
C.F. TOMLINE
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

MONDAY 12 July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving following services from shore. Telephone electricity, garbage disposal and fresh water. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E.F. DISHON,
CRM (AAB), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Following officers were informed by the commanding officer of advancement in rank by authority of terms of ALNAV 131 of July 1943. Appointments are for temporary service. Lt. (jg) Herbert W. TROWBRIDGE to full Lieutenant, Ensign David S. SMITH, to Lieutenant Junior Grade. 1430- Captain held mast and the following punishments awarded. DAILEY, H.S. S2c 664-71-46, U.S.N.R. offense, absent over leave 33 hours, sentenced to five day's confinement, CUTLER, R.M. S2c 386-18-12 U.S.N. offense absent over leave 33 hours, sentenced to five day's confinement. 1445- Adjourned captains mast. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. J. Smith
D.J. SMITH,
Et. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Moored as before. 1650- Following named men reported aboard, with records and pay accounts, for duty. RILEY, L.R. F3c 378-32-06, REPLOGLE, ARLES H. F3c 886-00-38 REESER R.J. F3c 886-21-78, RABOURN D.M. F3c 878-02-93, RANDALL, G.E. F3c 869-85-06, GIESCHEN, T.W. S2c 306-04-60, OTTOSON, R.A. S2c 386-44-60, CUTLER, R.M. S2c, and DAILEY H.S. S2c were confined to the brig in accordance with the orders of the commanding officer. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

E. W. Graber
E. W. GRABER
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

TUESDAY 13 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, starboard side to pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co. Alameda, California. Receiving following services from shore. Telephone, electricity, garbage disposal and fresh water. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

0800-1200

Moored as before. Yard workmen aboard, working in various parts of the ship. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), USNR.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Normal port routine being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.NR
COMMANDING

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 14 July 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Carrying out normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. DAPPER
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Carrying out routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Carrying out routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Carrying out routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Carrying out routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Carrying out routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

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ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, pier one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda California. Receiving the following services from shore: Electric power, fresh water, telephone and pressure for the fire mains. Normal port routine being carried out. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Routine port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Routine port watches being maintained. At 0905 - quarters for muster. At 0950 retreat from quarters; exercised all hands at fire drill. At 0958 secured from fire drill. At 1003 exercised all hands at abandon ship drill. At 1010 secured from abandon ship drill. At 1017 exercised all hands at general quarters. At 1020 secured from general quarters; retreat from all drills.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Routine port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Maintaining routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Maintaining routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday 16

July 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to Pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving following services from the dock: Auxiliary power, telephone and fresh water. Routine port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway

C. M. DUNAWAY

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Illingham

V. E. ILLINGHAM

CCM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. At 1005 lit off port boiler. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith

D. S. SMITH

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper

Ralph P. DAPPER

CBM(PA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Routine port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter

M. M. BAXTER

Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Routine port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith

D. S. SMITH

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 17

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ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, pier number one, General Engineering and Dry dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving the following services from the dock: Auxiliary power, telephone and fresh water. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*Ralph P. Dapper*Ralph P. DAPPER
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*M. M. Baxter*M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. At 0935 inspection party headed by Captain LaFRENZ, U.S.N. (Ret) came on board and inspected personnel and upper and lower decks. At 1100 held the following emergency drills: Fire and Fire and Rescue. At 1130 secured all emergency drills. At 1135 the inspection party left the ship. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*R. C. Christman*R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*C. F. Churchill*C. F. CHURCHILL
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Routine port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*R. C. Christman*R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Maintained routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*C. F. Churchill*C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER, *
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 18
(Day) (Date)

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(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, pier number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda California. Maintaining routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Maintaining routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchhill
C. F. CHURCHILL
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Maintaining routine port watches. Conditions normal. At 0835 prepared to get underway for the United Engineering Dry Dock Co., dry-dock. At 0845 tested navigational gear and found in good working order. At 0850 the engine room reported ready to get underway. At 1135 piped special sea details. At 1143 the engine room on stand-by; pilot G. PETERSON aboard. At 1149 gangway cleared. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen C4M
L. VAN DUSSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1500

Slow astern and various bells and headings leaving dock number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., for United Engineering Co., dry-dock; tugs (F. A. DOUTY and HENRY J. BIDDLE) aiding. At 1204 - all clear aft. At 1206 - all clear forward. At 1208 the DOUTY cast off; various bells, and headings west in channel for the dry-dock. At 1243 entered dry-dock over dock sill. At 1244 first bow line over. At 1251 first stern line over. At 1250 secured. At 1257 finished with engines; secured from special sea details.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1300 - 1600

Dry docked as before at United Engineering Co., Alameda, California. At 1310 commenced raising dry-dock. At 1330 connected fresh water lines. At 1353 shut down ship's power; receiving power from the dock. At 1402 ship resting on keel blocks. At 1500 commenced cleaning the ship's bottom. Maintaining normal port routine. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Drydocked as before. At 1610 fresh water turned on. Routine port watches maintained. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen C4M
L. VAN DUSSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Dry docked as before. At 2200 finished cleaning ship's bottom. Routine port watches maintained. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 19 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Dry-docked as before at United Engineering Co., Alameda, California. Maintaining normal port watches. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Dry-docked as before. Port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Dry-docked as before. Port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Dry-docked as before. Port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Dry-docked as before. Port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CEM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Dry-docked as before. Port watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Tuesday 20, July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Dry-docked as before at United Engineering co., Alameda, California. Normal port watches being maintained. No further remarks.

G.F. Churchill
G.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

0400-0800

Dry-docked as before. Normal port watches being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.F. Dishon
E.F. DISHON,
CRM (AA) U.S.N.

0800-1200

Dry-docked as before. 0945-Commenced flooding dry-dock. 1025-Ship afloat. 1050-All navigational gear tested and found in good working order. 1050-Piped all hands to special sea details. 1055-Cast off aft, tug boat LEA ROVER and YT-269 aiding in clearing dry-dock. 1113-Pilot, Mr. E. HARGENS, came aboard. 1117-Bow cleared dry-dock. 1125-Heading east in Oakland Channel under tow of tug boats, LEA ROVER, and YT-269. 1204-First line on dock at General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., 1216-Stern line to dock. 1220-Tug boats cast off, Breast line to dock, stern spring line to dock. 1222-Secured starboard side to, dock number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., 1225-Secured Special Sea Details, resumed normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Moored as before, dock number one, General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Normal port watches being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter
M.M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Normal port watches being carried out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter
M.M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Wednesday 21, July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L R-E-M-A-R-K-S CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, dock number one General Engineering and Dry dock Co., Alameda, California. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter
M.M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter
M.M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Thursday 22 July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, dock number one General Engineering and Dry Dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving following services from shore, Telephone Fresh water, and garbage disposal. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Normal port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (JG) U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (JG) U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Moored as before. Workmen aboard, working in various parts of the ship. Normal port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Workmen aboard, working in various parts of the ship. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. ELLINGHAM
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA) U.S.N.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Workmen aboard, working in various parts of the ship. Normal port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Workmen aboard working in various parts of the ship. Normal port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. ELLINGHAM
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA) U.S.N.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Friday 23, July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
R E M A R K S

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, starboard side to, dock number one General Engineering and Dry dock Co., Alameda, California. Receiving following services from shore. Telephone, fresh water and garbage disposal. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Normal port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
COM (AA) U.S.N.

0800-1200

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.F. Dishon
E.F. DISHON,
CRM (AA) U.S.N.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Yard workmen aboard, working in various parts of the ship. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Yard workmen aboard, working in various parts of the ship. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.F. Dishon
E.F. DISHON,
CRM (AA) U.S.N.

2000-2400

Moored as before. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

Approved:

E.W. Graber
E.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 24
(Day) (Date)

July 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7 OPERATIONAL REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, alongside General Engineering and Dry-Dock Co., Alameda, California, starboard side to dock number one. No further remarks.

E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0500 JACOBSON, P.C., RM.3c returned from five days leave. At 0600 the Pilot, Captain FARNEY aboard. At 0605 singled up on lines forward and aft. At 0613 engine room on standby. At 0614 let go lines forward. Backing out from dock, tug (YT 267) assisting. 0616 slow ahead. 0645 finished with engines, secured alongside dock, Encinal Terminals, Alameda California.

C. M. DUNAWAY
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before at Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California, berth four, port-side to. At 0745 GOGGIN, W.D., S.1c reported aboard absent overleave since July 15, 1943. 0800 - HAMMOND, E.L., RM.3c left ship on leave to expire at 0800, July 27, 1943. 0800 mustered crew on stations, unauthorized absentees: CURTIS, J.P., S.1c; EDDINGS, W.G., S.2c and CHAMBERS, J.M., S.2c. At 1010, received from Lady Esther's Pastry 24 chocolate cakes. Inspected as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., CGSTB; to quality by BISHOP, T.H., CPHM. At 1050 received from Borden's Dairy fifteen gallons fresh milk. Received from Homecraft Baking Co., thirty nine pounds of bread; from Golden State Milk Products five gallons ice cream. Foregoing inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., PHM.1c and as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c. At 1130 began loading cargo. At 1200 VAN DUSEN, L., 311-01-01, CGM, U.S.N. was transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, California for treatment. At 1200 the effects of GRADY, T., 625-35-06 PTR.3c U.S.N.R. were transferred to the receiving ship, San Francisco, California.

D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Working all holds. No further remarks.

M. M. BAXTER
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Working cargo. At 1850 Lt. (jg) KALBACH, U.S.N.R. returned aboard from leave.

D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Working cargo. No further remarks.

M. M. BAXTER
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved: G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 25 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L R E M A R K S CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400
Moored as before at Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California, berth four, port-side to. Working cargo. At 0200, DALE, R.S., F.2c, returned aboard from 5 days leave. No further remarks.
D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800
Moored as before. Working cargo. At 0020, REED, F.D., F.1c returned aboard from leave. At 0530 GAETA, J., MM.2c returned aboard from leave. At 0650 JELENICH, H., F.2c returned aboard from leave. At 0715 ALVEY, D.B., MM.2c returned aboard from leave. At 0720 POTI, S., CMM, returned aboard from leave. At 0720 LOUGHMILLER, C., F.2c returned aboard from leave. At 0730 LOWE, D. I., EM.2c returned aboard from leave. At 0735 EDDINGS, W.G., S.2c returned aboard twenty five hours thirty-five minutes absent over-leave. No further remarks.
M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. At 0800 HICKMAN, W.S., COX, left the ship on five days leave. At 0835 received from Borden's Dairy Co., fifteen gallons fresh milk. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., PHM.1c; quantity KINDINGER, W.J., SC.3c. At 0800 mustered crew on stations; unauthorized absentees: DAVIDSON, S.F., S.1c, CURTIS, J.F., S.1c, CHAMBERS, J.R., S.2c and DeDIOS, A.B., Stm2c. At 0930 received thirty dozen doughnuts and eighteen pies from Lady Esther's Fine Pastry Co., inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phm1c; quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c: From Golden State Co. five gallons ice-cream. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phm1c - quantity by KINDINGER, W.J. SC3c. At 1130 all PALS were mustered; absentees - none.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600
Moored as before. Loading cargo. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 26 July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400 Moored as before, berth four, port side to, Encinal Terminal, Alameda, Calif. Loading cargo. At 0200 DeDIOS, A.B., StM2c reported aboard absent without leave since 0800 July 25, 1943. No further remarks.

R. F. LIPP

0400 - 0800 Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. At 0705, DAPPER, R. P., CBM(PA), U.S.N.R. returned aboard from leave. No further remarks.

C. F. CHURCHILL

0800 - 1200 Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. At 0805 mustered crew on stations; absentees: DAVIDSON, C.F., S.1c, CURTIS, J.F., S.1c, CHAMBERS, J.M., S.2c and NORMANLY, R.C., SF2c. At 0830 received from the Homecraft Baking Co., 39 pounds of bread. Inspected as to quality by BISHOP, T.H., CPHM and as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c. At 0850 Lt. E.R. McConnell, U.S.N.R. returned aboard from leave. Received from Golden State Company 5 gallon ice cream. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., PHM1c and as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c. At 0945 STAUFF, J.C., left ship on four days leave. Received from Lady Esther's Fine Pastry Co., 18 pies. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., PHM1c as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c. No further remarks.

C. F. CHURCHILL

1200 - 1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. At 1530 Van DUSSEN, L., 311-01-01, CGM(AA), U.S.N. reported aboard for duty from U.S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, California. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper

1600 - 2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. No further remarks.

C. F. CHURCHILL

2000 - 2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper

Approved: G. W. GRAHER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.

Examined: C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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0000 - 0400	Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. No further remarks.				
0400 - 0800	Moored as before. At 0712 HAMMOND, E.L., RM.3c returned aboard from 3 days leave. No further remarks.				
0800 - 1200	Moored as before. Loading cargo as before. At 0810 mustered crew on stations; absentees: CURTIS, J.F., S.2c, CHAMBERS, J.M., S.2c and DAVIDSON, G.F., S.2c. 0820 received on board for general mess from Homecraft Baking Co. 39 lb. fresh bread. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., PHMlc and as to quantity by MINTEN, V.J., Bkr3c. 0935 received on board for general mess 5 gallon of ice cream from Golden State Dairy. Inspected as to quality by Lipp, R.F., PHMlc. 0940 received on board for the general mess from Lady Esther's Fine Pastry Co., 18 pies and 30 coffee cakes. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F. PHMlc and as to quantity by Minten, V.J., Bkr3c. At 1030 received on board from N.M.S.D., San Francisco, California, 3 pkges of medical supplies. At 1050 the Captain held mast and assigned the following punishments. GOGGIN, W.D., S1c (AOL for 9 days), SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL. At 1135 received on board from SFPE Army Post Office for transportation to EPIC, 10 bags registered mail which was delivered into the custody of Lieutenant C.F.TOMLIN and stowed in the registered mail locker. At 1145 received on board for the general mess from Borden's Dairy Delivery Co., 15 gallons fresh milk. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., PHMlc. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
1200-1600	Moored as before. Loading cargo. At 1530 Sergeant Edward L. RICH, 300108, U.S.M.C. reported aboard for transportation in accordance FMF SDA of 24 July, 1943. No further remarks.				
1600 - 2000	Moored as before. 1615 received on board for the general mess from Kraft Cheese Co. 4 cases American Cheddar. Inspected as to quality by Lipp, R.F., PHMlc. and as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c. The following men reported aboard for duty from the Receiving Ship, San Francisco, California in accordance with CSCSFPF mailgram 240033 of July, 1943 with bags, hammocks, records and transfer papers, GILLIGAN, T., S1c, M-1, 377-03-13; HERNANDEZ, E.P., 886-45-50, F.3c, V-6; LEPES, F. 205-00-28, S1c, V-6; McKINNON, L.F., 377-27-86, S1c, M-1; McKINNEY, J.W., 832-02-63 Stm2c, V-6; NICHOLS, M.A.Jr., 670-63-69, S1c, V-6; NUTTING, C.R., 878-18-85, S2c, V-6 (RDM); OKASICH, J.J., 329-24-29, S1c; PENNER, H.J., 377-47-66, S1c, M-1; PETERSON, J.W. 555-58-96, S1c; PHILLIPS, C., 832-03-98, Stm2c, V-6;				
Approved:	<i>W. Graber</i> W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.		Examined:	<i>C. F. Tomlin</i> C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.	

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PHILLIPS, W., 625-26-48, Slc, V-6; RALSTON, K.C., 877-59-06, F.3c, V-6;
RANKIN, A.R., 863-95-02, Stm2c, V-6; REED, L.V., 612-08-72, Slc, V-6, ROGERS, R.E.
878-17-21, S2c, V-6 (RDM); ROWLEY, G.W., 663-99-18, Slc, M-1; RUSICH, G.B., 377-00-52,
Slc, M-1; SHIRK, H.A., 640-63-02, Slc, V-6; SILVA, J.M., 642-57-33, Slc, V-6;
SURETTE, J.R., 203-23-21, Slc, V-6; URELES, I. J., 632-22-19, Slc, V-6; .

2000 mustered all restricted men, all present. Conditions normal. No further
remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400M

Moored as before. Working cargo as before. No further remarks.

E.F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G.W. Graeber*
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

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OPERATIONAL
REMARKS.

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0000-0400

Moored as before, port side to dock, berth four- Encinal terminals, Alameda California. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving following services from shore - Fresh water and telephone. 0020-Curtis, J.F. S2/c, reported aboard 4 day's 16 hours and 20 minutes over leave. 0035- Wischman, A.F. Bkr. 3/c reported aboard from three day leave. Working cargo throughout watch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Moored as before. 0710-Nichols, S.M. QM 2/c, returned aboard from leave. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.F. Dishon
E.F. DISHON
CRM (AA) U.S.N.

0800-1200

Moored as before. 0800 - received from Homecraft Baking Co., 39 pounds of bread for the general mess; inspected as to quantity by Minten, V.J., Bkr3c, as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc. At 0805 mustered crew on stations; Unauthorized absentees: DAVIDSON, G.F., S2c; DAILEY, H.S., S2c, CHAMBERS, J.M., S2c. At 0915 received 18 pies for the general mess from Lady Esther Baking Co. Inspected as to quantity by MINTEN, V.J., Bkr3c and as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc. At 1045 received from Producer's Trading Co., San Francisco, California 40 gallons of oysters and from the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, 5,429 pounds of beer - inspected as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Costd and as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc. At 1050 received from Wilsey, Bennett and Co., 1600 pounds of butter. Inspected as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Costd and as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc.

V.D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1200 received from the Golden State Creamery 120 bricks of ice cream. Received from Standard Beands Co., 300 lbs yeast. From N.S.D. 1200 pounds of potatoes, 1710 pounds dry onions. Inspected as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Costd, and as to quality by BISHOP, R.H., Cphm. WILLIAM H. LYNCH, Lt. (jg), U.S.N. transferred this date, pursuant to orders from the Chief of Naval Personnel to report to Commander Twelfth Naval District pending further assignment by BuPers. Following men transferred this date to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, California for treatment: FRENCHETTE, Howard Anthony, SC2c, 213-56-50, U.S.N.R.; RABOURN, Donald McClellan, F.3c, 878-02-98, V-6, U.S.N.R.; BELL, Robert Douglas, SF2c, 380-75-27, U.S.N.R. Received from Swift Co., 296 pounds lamb, from Getella Bros. Fruit Co. 800 pounds celery, 350 pounds lettuce, 150 pounds onions, 30 pounds garlic, 25 pounds parsley, from L. Kahn Co. 2,820 pounds apples, from Giovannani Bros. 1,170 pounds cabbage, 225 pounds turnips, from Jones and Pettigrew Co. 598 pounds carrots, 233 pounds beets, from American Fruit Co. 168 pounds peaches, 130 pounds plums, 100 pounds strawberries, 410 pounds tomatoes, 210 pounds cauliflower, 114 pounds peas, 60 pounds beans, 300 pounds of squash, 200 pounds corn,; from Jacobs-Malcolm and Berett Co., 1050 pounds of grapefruit, 524 pounds lemons, 2,478 pounds of oranges, 153 pounds of apricots. From John D. Martini Co., 496 pounds of sweet potatoes, 168 pounds of egg plant, 114 pounds of peppers. Inspected as to quality by BISHOP, T.H., Cphm, and as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Costd. The following men were transferred this date to the Receiving Ship, Treasure Island, California: COOK, Charles William, CM2c, 634-24-37, HERRMANN, Charles William, WT2c, 412-50-11, HARRISON, Earl Charles, BM2c, 336-60-24, HARRIS, J. C. Vernon, Fic, 686-17-38,

Approved: W. Graber
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: C. F. Tomlin
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator

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DeLISLE, OMER JOSEPH, Jr., Flc, 204-42-06; BUNNING, Mack George, SKlc, 311-34-14; BONNIN, Emanuel Joseph, F2c, 633-93-65; CRAM, Lewis Kiltridge, F3c, 562-56-87; PYTLAK, William Walter, Flc, 310-90-89; WONDERS, William Clair, BM2c, 250-32-20; SMALL, Wren Ellis, F2c, 655-14-24; VAUGHN, Lauren Henry, WT2c, 376-36-63; REED, Frank David, Flc, 382-89-49; MARIS, Jasper Newton, CEM, (AA), 141-58-65; LUCAS, Charles Valio, COX, 662-35-25; NORMANLY, Luke Bernard, SP3c, 663-04-36; Received from Poultry Producers of Central California 70 cases of eggs; inspected as to quality by BISHOP, T.H., Cphm. and as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Cestd. Received from Gudahy Packing Co., 590 pounds of bacon, 1139 pounds of ham, 1624 pounds of pork loins, 204 pounds of bologne, 500 pounds of frankfurters, 150 pounds of liver sausage, 700 pounds of pork sausage, inspected as to quality by BISHOP, T.H. Cphm, and as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Cestd. Loading cargo during this watch. Conditions normal.

M. M. BAXTER, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. At 1500 the following men reported aboard for duty in accordance with authority CSCSFPF mailgram 240033 of July, 1943: BROOKHOUSE, Wm. J., 886-44-75, F3c; FITZHENRY, Robert E. F3c, 621-86-74; GARST, F.L., F3c, 865-89-43; GORS, J.P., F3c, 851-89-67; HENSLEY, J.M., F3c, 886-01-97; PRZYWOJSKI, R.J., F3c, 886-46-74; RAAB, W.W., F3c, 871-71-76; RATHJEN, P.N., F3c, 886-22-48; PRESTON, J.W., RT2c, 633-52-65. At 1720 number two hatch was secured. At 1740 number one hatch was secured. At 1815 the following men reported aboard for duty, authority BuPers C/L 154-42 of November, 1942: HENDRIX, J.P., Flc, 553-63-11; HUBBARD, L.E., Flc, 621, 19-67; GARDNER, C.H., F3c, 381-57-30; RING, J.W., Slc, 614-93-43; ROOT, W.B., Slc, 622-78-49; SNODGRASS, J.M., Slc, 626-95-41. At 1930 the following man reported aboard for duty in accordance with CSCSF mailgram 240033 of July, 1943: HARDY, R.E., F.3c, 886-44-45. Loading Cargo. No further remarks.

D. S. SMITH, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Loading cargo in holds 3, 4, and 5. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. BAXTER, Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved: G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.

Examined: C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Thursday 29 July 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS. CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400 Moored as before, port side to, Berth four, Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks. D. E. Smith, Lt. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800 Moored as before. At 0400 secured number four hold. At 0445 secured holds number 3 and 5. At 0530 tested all navigational gear - found in good order; permission granted to test main engine. At 0550 piped special sea details. At 0555 pilot (Captain SHERLY) aboard and tug (F.A. DOUTY) alongside. At 0602 - stand by engines. At 0606 let go lines forward and aft; slow astern, various bells and headings clearing dock, tug aiding. At 0612 tug cast off from alongside. At 0613 proceeding west in Oakland Harbor channel, pilot conning. At 0701 cleared Oakland Harbor Channel and entered Oakland outer harbor. At 0801 first line to dock (7th street, Oakland Dock) port side to. At 0805 first stern line to dock. At 0800 finished with engines. Secured from special sea details and resumed regular port watches. N. D. SALMON, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200 Moored as before, Army Base, Berth "B", foot of Seventh Street, Outer Oakland Harbor, Oakland, California. At 0800 mustered crew on stations. Absentees: DAILEY, H. S., S2c, U.S.N.R.; GROUSE, R. L., S.2c. At 0940 received from Lady Esther's Fine Pastry Co., 24 pies. Inspected as to quality by BISHOP, T.H., Cphm, and as to quantity by MINTON, V.J., Bkr3c. At 1045 Commander STOUTZ brought on board two hundred thousand dollars, from the disbursing office, Fourteenth Naval District, for transportation to Base EPIC. Conditions normal. No further remarks. R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600 Moored as before. At 1200 HICKMAN, W.S., COX, returned from leave. At 1350 received from Borden's Dairy 15 gallons fresh milk. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc, and as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Costd. At 1355 received from General Fish Company 140 pounds of fish. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc and as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c. At 1505 received from Luce and Co., 1526 pounds of veal. Inspected as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Costd., and as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc. The following named men reported aboard for duty by authority of ComSubComSerForPacFlt: KELLOGG, Alfred A., Ylc, 632-22-77. At 1550 received from O'Brien, Spotorno, Mitchell and Compio Bros. Inc., 576 pounds of turkey. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc and as to quantity by SAYLOR, C.E., Costd. Conditions normal. No further remarks. L. Van Dusen, OGM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000 Moored as before. At 1650 the following named man transferred to Armed Guard Center, Treasure Island: GOOD, Alton, Harvey, Ylc, 385-36-92. At 1855 the following man reported aboard for duty: VAN LOBEN SELS, W.R., Slc, 377-16-18, M-1, U.S.N.R. Conditions normal. No further remarks. R. C. CHRISTMAN, Lt. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400 Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks. L. Van Dusen, OGM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved: G. W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding. Examined: C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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0000 - 0400

Moored as before, Army Base, Berth "B", foot of Seventh Street, Outer Oakland Harbor, Oakland, California. At 0145 STAUPF, J.C., GM20, returned aboard from 4 days leave. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. At 0515 CROUSE, R.L., S20, U.S.N. and DAILY, H.S., S20, U.S.N.R. returned aboard, A.O.L. since 0800 July 28, 1943. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusen
L. VAN DUSEN,
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. At 0810 Army Construction crew aboard to erect gear for deck cargo. At 0945 received from Homecraft Baking Co., 501 pounds of bread. Inspected as to quantity by MINTEN, J.V., BKJ30, and as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phm1c. At 1030 received from Borden's Dairy 15 gallons of milk. Inspected as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phm1c, and as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., 983c. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. At 1435 crane alongside with deck cargo (P-38 planes). Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusen
L. VAN DUSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. At 1725 the following man reported aboard for duty by authority of CSCSFFE ltr. ser. 13459 of 7-28-43: BEIN, Fred Joseph, S20, 872-71-88. Loading deck cargo. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. At 2130 HAMMOND, E.L., RM30, returned aboard in custody of Shore Patrol. - A.O.L. since 0800 July 28, 1943. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusen
L. VAN DUSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G.W. Graeber*
G.W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
COMMANDING.

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Saturday 31 July 1942
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0000 - 0400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
OSM(AA), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800
Moored as before. At 0740, MEYERS, E.C., Machinist, U.S. Navy returned aboard from leave. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
L. Van Dusen C. 4 M
L. VAN DUSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. At 0800 mustered crew on stations. Unauthorized absentees: CROUSE, R.L., S.2c, U.S.N., and DAILY, H.S., S2c, U.S.N.R. The following named men reported aboard for transportation to the Commanding Officer, R-8, Navy 131, Noumea, New Caledonia, by authority of CSOSEFF WGM 291603 of July and BuPers Circular Letter Number 160-42: McALLISTER, Edward Hill, QMLc, 282-92-59; FISHER, Robert G., HA2c, S21-31-09; FRAZIER, Fred L., HA2c, S41-15-96; GAITHER, Tinsley J., HA2c, 839-08-83; ROVANG, Wesley Elmer, HA2c, 872-26-20. At 1005 the following named man reported on board for transportation, from leave of absence, by authority of Twelfth Naval District: HARTMAN, William, R., Boatswain, U.S. Navy. The following named man reported aboard for transportation for change of duty by authority of Twelfth Naval District: WRIGHT, James, F., Machinist, U.S. Navy. The following officers reported aboard for transportation, authority Twelfth Naval District: Lieutenant Richard E. JOHNSON, U.S. Navy; Ensign N. MURRAY, D-V (G), U.S.N.R.; Lt. (jg), EMART, R., U.S.N.R.; Boatswain Joseph GOLDSTEIN, U.S. Navy; Ensign Glen E. POTTZ, U.S.N.R.; Ensign P.W. PATRICK, U.S.N.R.; ~~Pharmacist~~ Pharmacist Edward J. ELLSASSER, U.S. Navy. At 1030 received from Borden's Dairy fifteen gallons of fresh milk. Inspected as to quantity by KINDINGER, W.J., SC3c, and as to quality by LIPP, R.F., Phmlc. Deck cargo secured. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600
Moored as before. At 1210 Roderick STEVENS, Jr., from the General Motors Corporation, reported aboard for transportation. At 1515 disconnected fresh water connections on dock. No further remarks.
E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. At 1630 the records, accounts and effects of the following men were transferred to the Receiving Ship, San Francisco, California. CHAMBERS, John Malcomb, S2c, U.S.N. 382-89-04, CROUSE, Robert, Lincoln, S2c, U.S.N., 321-80-14; DAILEY, Harry, Samuel, S2c, V-6, U.S.N.R., 664-71-06. At 1600 all clocks were retarded one hour to conform with zone Plus 8 time. All navigational gear tested and found in good order. At 1550 (zone Plus 8 time) special sea details manned. At 1601 tug alongside (F. A. DOUTY). At 1602 Pilot Captain GAITZIG aboard. At 1604 engine room on standby. At 1611 let go aft, tug aiding and clearing dock. At 1615 let go forward and cleared pier. Slow ahead, various bells and headings, pilot conning. At 1622 tug cast off. At 1634 cleared Oakland outer harbor. At 1647 passed under San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge. At 1651 entered degaussing range. At 1653 passed degaussing by-way. At 1655 left degaussing range and proceeded out San Francisco Bay. At 1712 passed through submarine net. At 1724 passed under Golden Gate Bridge. At 1729 passed out of Golden Gate and headed for sea. At 1757 stopped engines and pilot left ship. At 1809 full ahead, various headings and set speed at twenty-one nozzles. At 1817 passed buoy "J" abeam to port. At 1824 passed buoy "I" abeam to port. At 1825 secured special sea details and set sea watches. At 1837 passed buoy "H" abeam to port. At 1845 passed buoy "F" abeam to port. At 1852 buoy "E" abeam to port. At 1857 buoy "D" abeam to port. At 1905 buoy "C" abeam to port. At 1912 buoy "B" abeam to port. At 1920 buoy "A" abeam to port. At 1921 turned off degaussing coils; Farallon Islands abeam to starboard. At 1940 set course at 207° gyro and true.

Approved: *W. Graber*
W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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~~O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L~~
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 207° gyro and true. At 2045 changed course to 227° gyro and true. At 2103 changed course to 207° gyro and true. Foregoing changes due to radar contact. Conditions normal. Ship Darkened. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lieutenant, Commander, U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 1, August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 8 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 207° G&T. at 21 nozzles, approximately 87.5 R.P.M.^s. Steering by telemotor. Weather overcast and sea rather rough, with heavy westerly swell. Ship rolling heavily and shipping spray frequently over weather deck. At 0220 changed course to 218° G&T. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T., at 88 R.P.M.^s on 21 nozzles. Vessel yawing and rolling moderately to quarterly sea and swell, shipping occasional spray over weather deck. At 0410 shifted to automatic steering. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. at 88 R.P.M.^s. Vessel yawing moderately and spraying occasionally to starboard. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. at 21 nozzles, at approximately 88 R.P.M.^s. Steering by gyro-pilot. Ship yawing and rolling moderately to north-westerly swell. At 1345 sighted unidentified tanker on port bow, bearing 194°T., distant about six miles. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 21 nozzles at approximately 88 R.P.M.^s. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1800 retarded all clocks one hour to conform with Plus 9 zone time. At 1825 sub set - darkened ship. Ship yawing easily. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. at 88 R.P.M.^s. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved: *D.W. Graeber*
D.W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Monday 2 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus *8* O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 218° G&T, at 21 nozzles. Steering by gyro-pilot. Dark night, with weather from overcast to cloudy throughout watch. At 0300 changed course to 223° G&T. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 223° G&T. on 21 nozzles, at approximately 88 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Overcast and cloudy. At 0655 Received Radar Contact- 330° relative bearing, distant twenty miles. At 0740 Sighted ship bearing approximately 204°T. approximately 13 miles distant.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 223° G&T. at approximately 88 R.P.M. At 0815 Exchanged recognition signals and visual calls with the U.S.S. HAMMONDSPOUT, bearing 231° T. distant seven miles and heading generally north-westerly. At 0900 Secured the RADAR. Moderate breeze, sea and swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before at 21 nozzles, on course 223° G&T., at approximately 88 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. 1307- Reduced speed to 18 nozzles. 1505- Sighted unidentified ship bearing 232°T. distant approximately 17 miles. Weather cloudy throughout watch. Ship rolling and yawing easily to quarterly northerly swell. Averaging approximately 86 R.P.M. since reduction of speed. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 223° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather overcast and cloudy. At 1715 turned on Radar. At 1835 Passed unidentified ship, bearing 313°T. three miles distant, heading 223°T. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 223° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Tuesday 3, August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 223° Gyro and True, at approximately 86 R.P.M. on 18 nozzles. Steering by gyro-pilot. Dark night, with sky from cloudy to overcast, with occasionally drizzle, throughout watch. Ship rolling and pitching easily. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 223° Gyro and True on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather, overcast and cloudy. No star observations. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 223° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather, mainly cloudy, with moderate breeze, sea and swell. At 1000 Changed course to 206° gyro and true. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 206° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather cloudy throughout watch. Moderate sea and swell, from northeast. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 206° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1830 Radar in operation. Weather, overcast and cloudy. No star observations. Conditions Normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 206° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather, cloudy with moderate breeze, sea and swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 4 August 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway-passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 206° G&T. on 18 nozzles, averaging approximately 85.6 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Dark night, with cloudy sky throughout watch. Ship riding easily in moderate sea and swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 206° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather overcast and cloudy. No star observations. At 0755 Secured Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 206° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 206° G&T. USING ¹⁸ NOZZLES, at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather from cloudy to overcast, with occasional light showers. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 206° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1849 Sunset, darkened ship. Weather overcast and cloudy. No star observations. At 1915 Commenced operation of Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 206° G&T. at approximately 86 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G.W. Draber*
G.W. DRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
COMMANDING

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 5, August 1943

(Day.) (Date.) (Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 206° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Dark night, with fairly clear weather during most of the watch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 206° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 0600 changed course to 227° G&T. Weather overcast with passing showers. No star observations. At 0700 Secured the Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather, cloudy with few passing showers. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather cloudy throughout watch, with occasional passing showers. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1800 All clocks retarded one hour to conform with Plus 10 zone time. At 1730 (plus 10 zone time) commenced operations of Radar. At 1758 Sunset darkened ship. At 1810 Obtained fix by observations of Vega, Arcturus, Spica and Antares Lat. 12°-44' N., Long. 143°-00' W. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Friday 6, August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L R E M A R K S CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 227° G&T, at 18 nozzles. Steering by gyro-pilot. Dark night, with clear starry sky. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
N. D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T, on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. At 0513 Obtained fix by observations of SIRIUS, CAPELLO and CANOPUS: Lat. 10°-53'N., Long. 145°-13'W. At 0715 Secured the Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T, on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T, on 18 nozzles. Steering by gyro-pilot. Weather cloudy throughout watch, with rather frequent squalls passing close at hand. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
N. D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T, on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1811 Sunset - darkened ship. At 1815 Commenced operation of Radar. At 1825 Obtained Star fix: Lat. 8°-35' N. Long. 147°-39' W. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T, on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Saturday 7, August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway passage San Francisco, California to Noumea New Caledonia. Steaming on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, averaging approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Dark night with sky mainly clear and starry. Ship rolling easily to light easterly swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

H.D. Salmon
H.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 0532 obtained star fix: Lat. 6°-33' N., Long. 149°-38' W. At 0700 Secured the Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A.J. Sattel
A.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. CONDITIONS NORMAL. NO FURTHER REMARKS.

H.D. Salmon
H.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 227° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1830 obtained star fix: Lat. 4°-23.5' N, Long. 151°-53' W. At 1845 Commenced operation of Radar. At 1900 changed course to 218° G&T. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A.J. Sattel
A.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

D.W. Graber
D.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 8 August 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, averaging approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Radar in operation. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 0549 Obtained star fix: Lat. 2°-25' N., Long. 153°-47' W. At 0715 Secured the Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin

C.F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. At 0814 changed course to 216° G&T. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 216° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 216° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 1800 all clocks retarded one hour to conform with plus 11 zone time. At 1700 (plus 11 zone time) Crossed the equator in Long. 155°-39' W. At 1738 Obtained Star fix: Lat. 0°-08' S., Long. 155°-44.5' W. At 1745 Commenced operation of Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 216° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

O.W. Graber
O.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 9 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 216° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. Radar in operation. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 216° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 0515 Obtained star fix: Lat. 2°-29.5' S., Long. 157°-30' W. At 0700 Secured the Radar. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 216° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 84 R.P.M. Steering by gyro-pilot. At 0830 changed over to hand telemotor steering. At 0900 changed course to 210° G&T. and commenced zig zagging in accordance with plan number 26. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 210° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 83 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 26 (Mer-Sigs). Conditions normal. No further remarks.
N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 210° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 83 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 26. 1715-Commenced operations of Radar. At 1740 Sunset, darkened ship. At 1753 Obtained star fix: Lat. 4°-50' S., Long. 159°-02' W. At 1845 changed course to 218° G&T. continued zig-zagging. At 1900 changed from zig-zag plan number 26, to plan 16 (Mer-Sigs). Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 84 R.P.M. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 16. Fine and fresh breeze, shipping occasional light spray to port. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved: G.W. GRABER,
Ltj Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday

10

August

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles. Zig-Zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Averaging approximately 84 R.P.M. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, zig-zagging according to plan number 16, at approximately 84 R.P.M. At 0530 Obtained star fix: Lat. 6°-52' S., Long. 160°-44' W. Radar in operations. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

G.F. Tomlin
G.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 84 R.P.M. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 16. Condition three watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Averaging approximately 84 R.P.M. Maintaining condition three watches. Radar in operation. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs) averaging approximately 84 R.P.M. Radar in operation. Ship in condition three. At 1748 sunset, darkened ship. At 1756 Obtained star fix: Lat. 9°-03' S., Long. 162°-25' W. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

G.F. Tomlin
G.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 84 R.P.M. and zigzagging according to plan number 16. Weather, heavily clouded, frequent heavy showers, fresh breeze and rather rough sea. Condition three watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

G.F. Tomlin
G.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Wednesday 11, August 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, according to zig-zag plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Averaging approximately 84 R.P.M. Maintaining conditions three watches. Radar in operation. Weather from cloudy to overcast, with occasional passing showers. Condition normal. No further remarks.

R.D. Salmon
R.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles according to zig-zag plan number 16, averaging approximately 84 R.P.M. At 0515 Morning alert, all hands to General Quarters. At 0554 Obtained star fix: Lat. 11°-06' S. Long. 164°-09' W. At 0630 Secured from General Quarters and resumed condition three watches. Radar in operation throughout watch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 84 R.P.M. and zig-zagging according to plan 16. At 1030 Held firing practice for 3in 50, and 20 MM. guns. Ammunition expended, 8 rounds of 3" 50cal. and 566 rounds of 20MM. At 1051 Secured from gunnery exercises. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 R.P.M. Zig-Zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition Three watches, with Radar in operation. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.D. Salmon
R.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles, according to zig-zag plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs), at approximately 84 R.P.M. Ship in condition three watches. Radar in operation throughout. At 1758 Sunset, darkened ship. At 1803 Obtained star fix: Lat. 13°-12' S., Long. 165°-52' W. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 218° G&T. on 18 nozzles at approximately 84 R.P.M. and according to zig-zag plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). At 2037 established a radar contact target bearing 189° true, distant 17 miles. At 2122, final target bearing 118° true, distance 21.5 miles. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 12, August 1943

(Day.) (Date.) (Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKSCONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 218° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles, at approximately 84 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches, with radar in operation. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 218° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16. At 0530 Held morning alert, all hands to General Quarters. At 0635 changed course to 231° Gyro and True, continued zig-zagging in accordance with plan 16. At 0645 secured from General Quarters and resumed Condition three watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 231° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles at approximately 84 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 231° Gyro and True, zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). At 1200 increased speed to 24 nozzles, approximately 89 R.P.M. At 1340 passed through position "L". At 1505 picked up unidentified target on radar, bearing 284° True, distant about 3 miles. At 1518 changed course to 131° Gyro and True and ceased zig-zagging. At 1529 resumed base course to 221° Gyro and True and resumed zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 221° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zigzagging according to plan number 16. At 1807 sunset, darkened ship. At 1818 obtained star fix: Lat 17°-24' S., Long. 169°-20' W. At 1915 changed course to 223° Gyro and continued zig-zagging. Condition three watches being maintained. Radar in operation throughout. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 223° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles at approximately 88 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Condition three watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Friday 13, August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 223° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches, with radar in operation. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before, on course 223° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16, maintaining condition three watches. Radar in operation. At 0550 morning alert, all hands to General Quarters. At 0627 obtained star fix: Lat. 19°-27' S., Long. 171°-15' W. At 0702 secured from morning alert, resumed condition three watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 223° Gyro and True and zig-zagging in accordance with plan no 16, at 24 nozzles. Condition three watches being maintained. Radar in operation. At 0915 secured the radar. At 1115 held Captains mast and awarded the following punishments:

- FRANSON, E.C., CM3c 316-34-76 Sitting on gun watch Given Warning.
 - THOMAS, G.A. CM2c 652-84-42 Sitting on gun watch Given Warning.
 - PHIGEN, H.J. S1c 377-47-66 Sitting on gun watch Given Warning.
 - RODRIGUEZ, W.A. S2c 576-73-56 Sitting on gun watch Given Warning.
 - Lipp, R.F. Pm1c 652-00-28 Sitting at General Quarters Given Warning.
 - CUTLER, R.H. S2c 386-18-12 Failed to report at station at G.Q. Given Warning.
 - CRABTREE, J.L.R. S2c 386-27-36 Whistling five hours extra duty.
- At 1135 secured from Captains mast. No further remarks.

J. J. Sattell
J. J. SATTELL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 223° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16. Maintaining condition three watches, with radar inoperative. At 1300 changed course to 227° Gyro and True, and continued to zig-zag as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 227° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs), maintaining condition three watches. At 1800 all clocks retarded on hour to plus 12 zone time. At 1718 (plus 12 zone time), sunset, darkened ship. At 1727 obtained star fix. Lat. 21°-27' S., Long. 173°-19' W. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved: *[Signature]*
S. W. GREGG
Lieut. Comdr. USNR
Commanding Officer

Examined: *[Signature]*
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Friday 11, AUGUST, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 227° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (War-Sigs). At 2045 changed course to 270° Gyro and True and continued zig-zag plan number 16. Condition three watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

G. J. Sattel
G. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. N. Graber
G. N. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Saturday 14, August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 12

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 270° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. Radar inoperative. At 0107 sighted unidentified Liberty Ship, bearing approximately 240° T., distant, about three miles. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 270° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs), maintaining condition three watches. At 0515 Morning alert, all hands to General Quarters. At 0550 obtained star fix: Lat. 21°-59'S., Long. 176°-15'W. At 0625 secured from morning alert, resumed condition three watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 270° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs), maintaining condition three watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before, on course 270° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 270° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. At 1741, Sunset, darkened ship. Weather, overcast and cloudy with light rain. No star observations. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 270° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). At 2015 changed course to 260° Gyro and True and continued zig-zag plan number 16. Weather, overcast intermittent rain, fresh to strong breeze and rather rough sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks. 2400-Advanced All Checks 24 Hours to Monday 16 August, 1943 To Conform With - 12 Z.T.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

Lt. Comdr.

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

16, August

1943

(Day.)

(Date.)

(Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 12

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 260° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. Weather, overcast, with rather rough sea. Taking occasional spray over bow. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 260° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles at approximately 87.5 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs) and maintaining condition three watches. At 0540 Morning alert, all hands to General Quarters. At 0644 Secured from morning alert and resumed condition three watches. Weather overcast, moderate sea, low long south-westerly swell. Vessel pitching heavily at times on SW headings. Shipping spray over weather decks. No star observations. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 260° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles, at approximately 88 R.P.M. and zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. Vessel pitching moderately to rather heavy, short south-westerly swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 260° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles, at approximately 88 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 16 (Mer-Sigs). At 1300 changed base course to 258° Gyro and commenced zig-zagging according to plan number 38 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. Ship pitching rather heavily to south-westerly swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 258° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles, at approximately 88 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 38 (Mer-Sigs) and maintaining condition three watches. Ship pitching moderately to long low south-westerly swell. At 1800 all clocks retarded one hour to Minus 11 zone time. At 1704 Sunset, darkened ship. At 1722 Obtained star fix: Lat. 22°-53'S., Long. 174°-49'E. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 258° Gyro and True on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 R.P.M. and zig-zagging according to plan 38 (Mer-Sigs). At 2000 changed course to 260° Gyro and continued to zig-zag. Vessel pitching moderately to rather heavy south-westerly swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 17, August 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Zone 11

C-P-S-R-A-T-T-Q-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming on course 260° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 38 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. Ship pitching moderately to southwesterly swell. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 260° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 38 (Mer-Sigs). Maintaining condition three watches. Ship pitching easily at times to low southwesterly swell. At 0500 morning alert, all hands to General quarters. At 0527 obtained star fix: Lat. 23°-36.5'S., Long. 171°-43'W. At 0605 secured from morning alert. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 260° Gyro and True, on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 38 (Mer-Sigs). At 0802 sighted vessel bearing 250° True, distant approximately 10 miles. At 0820 exchanged recognition signals and established identity of U.S.S. SHIELDRAKE (AM62). At 0841 reduced speed to 31 nozzles to approximately 86 R.P.M. because of engine trouble. At 0900 changed course to 258° Gyro and commenced zig-zagging according to plan number 11 in column astern of U.S.S. SHIELDRAKE, noting an escort, distance of 2500 yards. Reduced speed to approximately 80 R.P.M. At 1158 reduced to 50 R.P.M. because of engine trouble. Condition three watches being maintained. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 258° Gyro and True, at speed of 50 R.P.M. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 11. Reduced speed due to ruptured regulator diaphragm. At 1236 increased speed to 81 R.P.M. Condition three watches being maintained. Maintaining station behind U.S.S. SHIELDRAKE, distance of 2500 yards. No further remarks.

M.D. Salmon
M.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 258° Gyro and True, at 80 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 11, in company with U.S.S. SHIELDRAKE (AM62). Condition three watches being maintained. At 1738 obtained star fix: Lat. 24°-00'S., Long. 168°-46'E. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 258° Gyro and True, at approximately 80 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 11. Maintaining station astern of U.S.S. SHIELDRAKE. At 2100 changed mean course to 263° Gyro and continued zig-zagging. Condition three watches being maintained. No further remarks.

W.J. Sattel
W.J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Approved:

Examined:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday 18 August 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Underway, passage San Francisco, California, to Noumea, New Caledonia. Steaming as before on course 263° Gyro and True on 18 nozzles, at approximately 79 R.P.M. Keeping station on U.S.S. SHELDRAKE and zig-zagging according to plan number 11 (Mer-Sigs). At 0245 reduced speed to 78 R.P.M. At 0330 changed course to 357° Gyro and continued zig-zagging according to plan number 11. Conditions normal.. No further remarks.

N.D. SALMON, Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 357° Gyro and True, on 78 R.P.M. in company with U.S.S. SHELDRAKE, zig-zagging according to plan number 11. At 0520 Morning alert, all hands to General Quarters. At 0557 Obtained star fix: Lat. 23°-54'S., Long. 166°-20'E. At 0625 Secured from morning alert. At 0633 Decreased to half speed-escort having engine trouble. At 0640 Increased speed to 70 R.P.M. gradually increasing revolutions until 0715 when set speed at 76 R.P.M. At 0730 changed course to 003° Gyro and continued zig-zagging. No further remarks.

O.P. TOMLIN, Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 003° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles at 77 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan number 11. At 0810 Sighted plane (082U Kingfisher) circled and departed. At 0840 White plane (A82U Kingfisher #6) passed close aboard, port side, heading south-east. At 1115 Sighted ~~AMADEH~~ light-bearing 022° True, No further remarks.

W.J. SATTEL, Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1200-1500

Steaming as before on base course 003° Gyro and True, on 18 nozzles-77 R.P.M. and zig-zagging in accordance with plan number 11. At 1207 changed course to 050(T) and 050(PGO). At 1213 Ceased zig-zagging. 1228- All hands to Special Sea Details. At 1230-Turned on Degaussing Coils. 1237-Passed through Northern Passage of AHORE Reef. 1243-AMADEH light house, abeam to port. 1310-Half speed ahead, various bells and heading proceeding to anchorage in UEMO bay. At 1335 Pilot LT. HIRTH, U.S.N.R. aboard. Pilot at Conn., Captain, Executive Officer and navigator on bridge. At 1434 Let go starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain in 8 fathoms of water, in Uemo bay, New Caledonia. At 1448 secured Special Sea Details; Finished with engines. Dropped vacuum on main engine. At 1451 Secured steering engine. At 1500 Pilot left the ship. Port watches being maintained. No further remarks.

N.D. SALMON, Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1500-2000

Anchored as before, Uemo bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Sixty fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor in 8 fathoms of water. At 1830- Lt. C.M. DUNAWAY, recorder for Summary Court Martial, served specifications on GOGGINS, W.D. Sic U.S.N.R. At 1830 Boatswain William R. HARTMAN, U.S.N. left the ship having completed passage aboard this vessel. Conditions normal. Maintaining regular port watches. No further remarks.

V.E. BIRKINGHAM, C.C.M. (AK) U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal.. No further remarks.

D.S. SMITH, Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

Approved: G.W. GRABER, Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R. Commanding

Examined: C.F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 19, August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, UEMO Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
C.C.M. (AA) U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA) U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Carrying out ships port routine. At 0800 Mustered the crew on stations. All present. At 0810 Commenced preparing deck load, (P-38 planes), for unloading. 0820-Ten man working party came aboard to aid in discharging deck cargo, Ens. Nishkian, U.S.N.R. in charge. 0828- Floating crane barge came alongside. 0835- Pontoon barge alongside crane barge and commenced unloading cargo. At 1015 The following named officers and men left the ship in accordance with the terms of their basic orders, having completed their passage aboard this vessel::

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| Pharmacist | EDWARD J. ELSASSER - U.S.N. | Lt. (jg) E.R. INNIS - MC U.S.N.R. |
| Ensign | G.E. POETZ -D-V(G) - U.S.N.R. | Ensign L.P.W. PATRICK - D-V(G) U.S.N.R. |
| Ensign | E.N. MURRAY D-V(G) - U.S.N.R. | Boatswain J. GOLDSTEIN - U.S.N. |
| Gunner | T.B. GUYNN - U.S.N. | Machinist J.E. NUGENT - U.S.N. |
| Sgt. | E.L. RICH - U.S.M.C. | |
| McALLISTER, E.H. | 282 92 59 GMlc U.S.N. | |
| FISHER, R.G. | 821 31 09 HA2c (IND) | |
| GAITHER, T.J. | 839 08 33 HA2c (IND) | |
| FRAZIER, F.L. | 841 15 96 HA2c (IND) | |
| ROVANG, W.D. | 872 26 20 HA2m (SV) | |

At 1020 Crane shifted aft., having completed unloading planes from fore-deck. At 1045 Finished unloading deck cargo. At 1100 Crane barge cast-off. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1235 Engine room was granted permission to turn over main engine with steam - Steering gear tested and found in good working order. At 1300 The engine room reported, ready for getting under-way. 1345-All navigational gear tested and found in good working order. At 1400 Held Captains mast and awarded the following punishments. BARR, JAMES ELMER, MA2c, 670 76 84 U.S.N.R. - Offense, Unauthorized absence from duty station and shirking duty. Sentenced to 20 hours extra duty and five day's solitary confinement. RAAB, WILLIAM WARREN F3c 871 71 76 U.S.N.R. - Offense, Smoking at General Quarters - Sentenced to ten hours extra duty. HAMMOND, EVERETT LA VERGNE, 662 30 90 RM3c, Offense- Absent with-out leave, from 0800 July 28, 1943 to 2130 July 30, 1943 (60 hours). Sentence - Restricted from further special liberty. At 1415 Pilot Lt. Hirsch, came aboard. At 1420 Passed word for special sea details. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA) U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Thursday 19, August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 OPERATIONAL REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

1420-1620

Anchored as before. Preparing to get underway. At 1423 Engines on stand-by. At 1434 Anchor aweigh, half-speed ahead - Various bells and readings standing out of UMO Bay. At 1548 Passed through opening in anti-submarine net in little entrance to Port Noumea, standing into Fisherman's Bay. At 1559 Let go starboard anchor and 40 fathoms of chain in approximately 6 fathoms of water in Fisherman's Bay. Anchorage bearings as follows: Pt. Denouel 303° True, Tip of Verandi Pene 339° True, Beacon off Pt. Chaleix 212° True. At 1625 Secured special sea details. Resumed port watches. Dropped vacuum on main engine, starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Secured steering engine. Turned deck over to Lt. (jg) C. M. DUNAWAY. No further remarks.

R. D. Salmon
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1620-2000

Anchored in Fisherman's Bay with 60 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor in approximately 6 fathoms of water. Barge with Army working party alongside number three starboard. At 1655 Commenced opening number three hatch. At 1905 Commenced unloading cargo from number three hold onto barge. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from number three hatch. Port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapp
Ralph P. DAPP
JMC (PA) U.S.N.R.

Approved: *[Signature]*
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *[Signature]*
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Friday 20 August 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before in Fisherman's Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia - Anchored in 6 fathoms of water with 40 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Army working party unloading cargo from number three hold. At 0040 Army working party left the ship. At 0125 Army working party came aboard and resumed unloading of number three hold. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg) U.S.N.R.

0400-0645

Anchored as before. At 0430 Army working party left the ship. Loaded barge alongside number three hatch, east-off. At 0635 Tested all navigational gear and found in good working order. Turned deck over to Executive Officer, Lieutenant N.D. SALMON. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg) U.S.N.R.

0645-0840

Anchored as before. At 0652 Piped all hands to Special Sea Details. At 0702 Engine on stand-by. Commenced heaving anchor. At 0708 Anchor aweigh. 0709 Slow ahead and various bells and headings leaving anchorage in Fisherman's Bay, for dock number 2. 0824 First stern line to dock. 0834 Bow spring line to dock. 0837 Breast line to dock number 2 Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia. 0838 Finished with engine. Secured from Special Sea Details. Dropped Vacuum and secured steering engine. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0840-1200

Moored as before, dock number 2 Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia. 0858-The following officer left the ship having completed passage aboard this vessel. Lieutenant, R.R. JOHNSON, U.S.N. At 1000 The Summary Court Martial, board of which Lieutenant H.E. BRINK, (mc) U.S.N.R., is senior member, met to try the case ~~of~~ of GOGGIN, WILLIAM D. Sic U.S.N. 662-32-45.. At 1015 Boatswain NEIL ALLEN McCLAFLIN, U.S.N. reported aboard for duty, pursuant to BUPERS. At 1050 The Summary Court Martial, of which Lieutenant H.E. BRINK (MC) U.S.N.R., is the senior officer, adjourned to await action of the convening authority. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.P. Behart
R.P. BEHART,
Ensign U.S.N.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Working cargo from number's 1,2,3, and 5 hatches. At 1430 the U.S.S. BOREAS, (P-8) steamed into harbor and anchored. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.

1600-1800

Moored as before. At 1725 Fuel oil barge (YO-24) came alongside. At 1740 Commenced pumping fuel. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.P. Behart
R.P. BEHART,
Ensign U.S.N.

1800-2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.

Approved: *E.W. Graser*
E. W. GRASER
Lieutenant USNR
Commanding Officer

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

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REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

2000-2400

Moored as before. At 2109 Finished pumping oil. At 2120 Oil barge (YO-26) cast-off. Unloading cargo in number three hatch, throughout.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday 21, August 1943
(Day.) (Date.) (Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, Starboard side to, dock number 2 Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign U.S.N.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign U.S.N.

0800-1200

Moored as before. At 0800 The U.S.S. SHELDRAKE (AM-62) stood out of the harbor. At 0810 The U.S.S. BEREAS (AF-8) stood out of the harbor. At 0925 The U.S.S. LST 448, stood out of the harbor - LST 446 and 447 stood into the harbor. At 0945 Transferred \$200,579.29 to the Disbursing office, Base KPIC. At 1100 U.S.S. PC 67 stood into the harbor. At 1105 Commenced unloading boats from number three hatch. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

1200-1520

Moored as before. 1500 Made preparations to get under-way. 1507-Tested the engine order telegraph and steering engines, both found in good order. 1515-The Pilot Lieutenant STALL, came aboard. 1515-Tested the main engine, and stationed all the Special Sea Detail. At 1520 Turned the deck over to the Executive officer, Lieutenant, N.D. Salmon. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain U.S.N.

1520-1740

Moored as before. At 1555 Tug (YT-206) alongside to assist in undocking. At 1556 Engine on Stand-by. 1600-Bow clear. 1604-Tug commenced heaving bow clear of the dock. 1621-All clear Aft; slow ahead. 1622- Full ahead, various bells and headings leaving dock number 2, Grand Quay. 1624-Slow ahead. 1633-Passed through submarine net. 1656-Half ahead, entering Great Roads anchorage. 1701-Slew ahead. 1714-Stopped. 1729-Anchored in berth A-11 in five and one-half fathoms of water with thirty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Bearings--Nickelworks stack: 111° True- Beacon "K" - 002° True. 1738-Secured from Special Sea Details, secured the main and steering engine. No further remarks.

N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1740-2000

Anchored in berth A-11, in 5 1/2 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, Great Road Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. Churchill,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N. A. McClafflin,
Boatswain, U.S.Navy

Approved:

G.W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. Tomlin,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Anchored as before, berth A-11, Great Roads Anchorage, Noumea, New Caledonia.
No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN
Boatswain, U. S. Navy

0400 - 0800
Anchored as before. Conditions normal. 0740 U.S.S. REID (DD369) standing out.
No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S. Navy

0800 - 1200
Anchored as before. 1230 S.S. THOMPSON standing out. 1230 U.S.S. RATHFORD (DD446) standing in. 1235 All navigational gear tested and found in good order; engine room granted permission to turn over main engines. 1245 U.S.S. BUCHANAN (DD484) stood out of the harbor. 1240 piped all hands to special sea details.

V.E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

1245 - 1335
Anchored as before. 1252 pilot aboard (Lt. Comdr. GATES). 1256 - engines on stand-by; commenced heaving anchor. 1302 anchor aweigh - slow ahead leaving berth A-11 Great Road Anchorage. 1318 approaching dock 9, Nickel works. 1320 stop. 1323 first line to dock. 1329 first stern line to dock. 1327 secured, starboard side to Pier 9, Nickel Works, Noumea, New Caledonia. 1333 finished with engines; secured special sea details, main and steering engines.

N.D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1335 - 1600
Moored, starboard side to Pier 9, Nickel Works, Noumea, New Caledonia. 1337 Pilot left ship. 1700 U.S.S. TALAMANCA (AF15) docked alongside dock 8.

V.E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. 1830 CB's aboard to load ship. Holds 1,2,3, and 5 ready to receive cargo. Conditions normal.

D.S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. 2015 commenced loading cargo in holds 1,2,3 and 5. 2030 working party left ship for lunch. 2130 working party aboard, resumed loading cargo.

V.E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 23, August 19 43
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L R E M A R K S CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400
Moored as before, port side to Nickel dock, number nine, Noumea, New Caledonia. At 0400 Sea-Bee working party left the ship. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
D. Smith
D. E. SMITH,
LT. (JG) U.S.N.R.

0400-0800
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
D. Smith
D. E. SMITH,
LT. (JG) U.S.N.R.

0800-1200
Moored as before. At 0800 Sea-Bees working party aboard, loading cargo in numbers one, two, three and five hatches. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600
Moored as before. Loading cargo in holds number one, two three and five. At 1528 The U.S.S. THUNDERA (T-15), cleared Nickel dock number eight, and stood out into Great Road. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (JG) U.S.N.R.

1600-2000
Moored as before. Continue loading cargo in holds number one, two three and five. At 1635 The U.S.S. TRYON (AMF-1) stood into harbor and anchored. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400
Moored as before. Loading cargo into hatches number one, two three and five. 2040 Sea-Bees left the ship. At 2130 Sea-Bees aboard; resumed loading cargo into hatches one, two three and five. At 2200 finished loading number two hatch; covered number two hatch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (JG) U.S.N.R.

Approved: G.W. GRAHAM,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.,
Commanding

Examined: C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 24, August 1943

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Moored as before, port side to dock number nine, Nickel works, Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading cargo into hatches number one ~~two~~ and five. 0025-Secured number two hatch for sea. 0040-Sea-Bees finished working for the night and left the ship. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT.(jg) U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA) U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Moored as before. 0800-Resumed loading cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DEHART,
ENSIGN U.S.N.

1600-2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Moored as before. At 2100 Secured number one hatch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DEHART,
ENSIGN U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

Ensign

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday 25, August 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0200
Moored as before, port side to dock number nine, Nickel works, Noumea, New Caledonia. Sea-Bees loading deck cargo. 0135-Finished loading deck cargo. Loading completed, Sea-Bees left the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
R.P. DeHart
R.P. DEHART,
Ensign U.S.N.

0200-0800
Moored as before. Making preparations for getting under-way. No further remarks.
L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.

0800-0825
Moored as before. 0808-All navigational gear tested and found in good working order. 0815-Tested main engines. Stationed all the Special Sea Details. Turned the deck over to the Executive Officer, Lieutenant N.D. Salmon. No further remarks.
N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain U.S.N.

0825-1030
Moored as before. 0825-Engines on stand-by. 0828-Tock in head-line, singled up on all other lines. 0831-All clear aft., slow astern and various bells and headings leaving Dock nine, Pt. Dufambo. 0837-Cleared dock and proceeded into stream. 0925-Passed through submarine net. 1000-Let go starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain in 8 fathoms of water in berth 45, Dumbea Bay. Anchorage bearings: Beacon "A" 282°(t) "D" 358°(t) "F" 050(t) "G" 093°(t) "I" 124°(t) and "P" 168°(t). 1008-Secured special sea details, Steering engine and dropped vacuum on main engine. Resumed regular port watches. No further remarks.
N.D. Salmon
N.D. SALMON,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

1030-1200
Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1200-1600
Anchored as before. 1410-Cut port boiler out and shifted to starboard boiler for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

1600-2000
Anchored as before. Regular port watches being maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

2000-2400
Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA) U.S.N.

Approved: *G.W. Graher*
G.W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 26, August, 1943

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before in berth 45, Duches Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in eight fathoms of water, with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0950 the U.S.S. HULL, stood into harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.H. Ellingham
W.H. ELLINGHAM,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. J. Quinn
D. J. QUINN,
LT. (JG) U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.H. Ellingham
W.H. ELLINGHAM,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. J. Quinn
D. J. QUINN,
LT. (JG) U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Raber
G.W. RABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Friday 27, August 19 43

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

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0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth number 45, Dumbas Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA) U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA) U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0910 The U.S.S. PINNEY, shifted anchorage to inner harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.C. Christman
R.C. CHRISTMAN,
LT. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA) U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. At 1645 The U.S.S. WARRINGTON (DD-383), steamed into harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg) U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA) U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 28, August, 1943

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbes Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA) U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg) U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. F. Dehart
K. F. DEHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. F. Dehart
K. F. DEHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA) U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 29, August 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 C-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumhea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.P. DeHart
E.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E.P. DeHart
E.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1200 The U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION (APA-17) and the U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498), stood into the harbor. At 1520 The U.S.S. PINNEY (APW-2) and the U.S.S. CASE (DD-370), stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

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Monday 30, August 1943

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

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0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Neumea, New Caledonia, in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.A. McClafflin
M.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0830, SANCHEZ, R.C., S2s 576-73-54 U.S.N.R., placed in confinement for five days in execution of sentence of the Commanding Officer. At 1030 The U.S.S. BAGLEY (DD-385), U.S.S. McCALL (DD-400) and THE U.S.S. PETERSON (DE-152) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1520 the U.S.S. CRAVEN (DD-382) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. At 1640 the U.S.S. NICHOLAS (DD-449), U.S.S. O'BANNON (DD-450) stood into the harbor. At 1652 The U.S.S. ADAMS (APA-19), U.S.S. JACKSON (APA-18) and the U.S.S. HAYES (APA-20), stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 31 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0100

Anchored as before, Berth A5, Dumbas Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. Dapper
LT. (JG), U.S.N.R.

0100-0200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. Dapper
LT. (JG), U.S.N.R.

0200-1200

Anchored as before. At 1020 The U.S.S. SWIDRAN, (123962) stood into the harbor. At 1030 The U.S.S. STEEL stood into harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

1200-1400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (JG), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (JG), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Draber
G.W. DRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Wednesday 1 September 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

025822

Anchored as before, berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway

C.M. DUNAWAY,

LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper

RALPH P. DAPPER,

CGM (PA), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen

L. VAN DUSSEN,

CGM (AA), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.F. DeHart

R.F. DEHART,

Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen

L. VAN DUSSEN,

CGM (AA), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R.F. DeHart

R.F. DEHART,

Ensign, U.S.N.R.

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Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Thursday 2 September 19
(Day) (Date) (Month)

U.S. SHIP REPORT FORM NO. 1
ZONE DESCRIPTION -11- REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0100 025822
Anchored as before, North of Bushon Bay, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
L. H. Stewart
L. H. STEWART,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0100-0800
Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
L. Van Dusen
L. VAN DUSEN,
CSM (AN), U.S.N.

0800-1200
Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
M. A. McClaff
M. A. McCLAFF,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1200-1600
Anchored as before. At 1201 the U.S.S. STATION (AG-70), moved into harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1320 the U.S.S. STATION (AG-13), stood in for the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AN), U.S.N.

1600-2000
Anchored as before. The following officers, having completed passage aboard this vessel, were transferred this date in accordance with orders by Authority of SUBCOMCOM: R. W. ROBINSON, Ensign (T), U.S.N.A., - Ltr. number 16092-14 and R. STEPHENS JR., Ensign (T), U.S.N.A. - Ltr. number 17731. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
M. A. McClaff
M. A. McCLAFF,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

2000-2400
Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AN), U.S.N.

Approved: *E. W. Gaden*
E. W. GADEN,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.A.
Commanding

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.A.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

Friday, 3 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0000

As shown as before, berth 45, Harbor Bay, Hawaii, New Orleans. As shown in first column of report showing presence of the above named...

N.A. McClaff

Montevideo, U.S.A.

0100-0000

As shown as before, berth 45, Harbor Bay, Hawaii, New Orleans. As shown in first column of report showing presence of the above named... No further remarks.

N.A. McClaff

Montevideo, U.S.A.

0200-0000

As shown as before, berth 45, Harbor Bay, Hawaii, New Orleans. As shown in first column of report showing presence of the above named... No further remarks.

W.E. Ellingham

U.S. (S.S.), U.S.A.

0300-0000

As shown as before, berth 45, Harbor Bay, Hawaii, New Orleans. As shown in first column of report showing presence of the above named... No further remarks.

R. Smith

U.S. (S.S.), U.S.A.

0400-0000

As shown as before, berth 45, Harbor Bay, Hawaii, New Orleans. As shown in first column of report showing presence of the above named... No further remarks.

W.E. Ellingham

U.S. (S.S.), U.S.A.

0500-0000

As shown as before, berth 45, Harbor Bay, Hawaii, New Orleans. As shown in first column of report showing presence of the above named... No further remarks.

R. Smith

U.S. (S.S.), U.S.A.

Approved:

[Signature]

Examined:

[Signature]

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 4, September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining regular port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0500

Anchored as before. At 0718 The U.S.S. CUMINGS stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

0500-1200

Anchored as before. At 0820 The U.S.S. PREBLE (DM-20), and the U.S.S. SAMPSON (DD-394) stood out into Great Roads. At 0940 The U.S.S. DELPHINUS (AF-24) stood into harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1115 The U.S.S. TALAMANCA (AF-15) stood into harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1230 The U.S.S. COMANGO (AG-42) under-way and stood inside net. At 1435 The U.S.S. President JACKSON (APA-18), U.S.S. President HAYES (APA-20), U.S.S. President ADAMS (APA-19), U.S.S. PATTERSON (DD-392), U.S.S. SAMPSON (DD-394) and the DE-1012 under-way and proceeded out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. At 1700 The U.S.S. TAPPAHANNOCK (AG-43) stood into harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 5, September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

0-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0725 The S.S. CHARLES M. McGROARTY stood out into Great Roads and anchored. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
OGM (AA), U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
OGM (AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Monday 6, September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbes Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Starboard boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*L. Van Dussen*L. VAN DUSSSEN,
CGM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0715 The U.S.S. STEELE stood out to sea. At 0720 The U.S.S. STARLING stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*K.P. Dehart*K.P. DEHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 1000 The U.S.S. TALAMANCA (AF-15) stood out of the harbor. At 1045 The U.S.S. GRISWOLD (DE-7) stood into the harbor. At 1140 The U.S.S. STEROPS (AK-96) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*C.F. Churchill*C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1345 The U.S.S. LA SALLE (AP-102) stood into Dumbes Bay and anchored. At 1425 The U.S.S. SWALLOW (AM-65) and the U.S.S. STARLING (AM-64) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*N.A. McClafin*N.A. McCLAFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*C.F. Churchill*C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*N.A. McClafin*N.A. McCLAFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 7, September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbéa Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0630 The U.S.S. DELPHINUS (AF-24), under-way and standing out of the harbor. At 0715 The U.S.S. ATASCOSA (AO66) and the U.S.S. WARRINGTON (dd-383), underway and standing out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0820 The U.S.S. CASE (DD-370) stood into the harbor. At 0830 The CAPE STEVENS, (Liberty Ship), stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1015 The WILLIAM N. BYERS (Liberty Ship), stood into the harbor.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1435 The U.S.S. WARRINGTON (DD-383), U.S.S. McCALL (DD-400), U.S.S. DUNLAP (DD-384), U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION (APA-17), U.S.S. FULLER (APA-7) and the U.S.S. PINKNEY (APH-2) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 8, September 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbaa Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0622 The U.S.S. GRISWOLD (DE-7) stood out of the harbor. At 0630 The U.S.S. WARRINGTON (DD-383) stood out of the harbor. At 0637 The U.S.S. CRATER (AK-70) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1210 The U.S.S. L.S.T. 446 stood into the harbor. At 1225 The U.S.S. L.S.T. 447 stood into the harbor. At 1230 The U.S.S. CRAVEN (DD-382) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1245 The U.S.S. SERPENS (AK-97) stood into the harbor. 1435 The U.S.S. TRACEY (DM-19) stood into the harbor. At 1515 The U.S.S. L.S.T. 446 stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 9, September 1943

(Day.) (Date.) (Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

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Anchored as before in berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA), U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA), U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday 10, September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. The U.S.S. SKYLARK (AM-63) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA), U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0745 The U.S.S. SWALLOW (AM-65) and the U.S.S. McCALL (DD-400) stood out of the harbor. At 0800 The U.S.S. WHITNEY stood out of the harbor. At 0910 The U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. 1000-The U.S.S. L.S.T. 447 stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafin
N.A. McCLAFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1315 The U.S.S. SWALLOW (AM-65) stood into the harbor. At 1423 The U.S.S. PC-1123 stood into the harbor. 1515-The U.S.S. CRAVEN (DD-382) stood out of the harbor. 1525 The U.S.S. CASE (DE-370) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafin
N.A. McCLAFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 11, September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0640 The U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClarin
N.A. McCLARIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. The U.S.S. CAMANGO (AG-42) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1250 The U.S.S. TAGANACK (AG-45) and the S.S. JOHN BARTRAM (Liberty Ship), stood into to the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 12, September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0615 The U.S.S. FANNING (DD-385) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
COM (AA), U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0850 The U.S.S. TRYON (APH-1) stood into Great Roads. At 0924 The U.S.S. YO-24, came alongside to starboard. 0935-Commenced taking on fuel oil from YO-24. 1140-Finished taking fuel oil, having received 1799 barrels of Navy Standard at 60° F. At 1145 The YO-24 cast off and stood away from the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1345 The S.S. OLIVER WENDEL HOLMES, stood into harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM PA, U.S.N.R.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. At 1610 The U.S.S. O'BANNON (DD-450) stood into Great Roads. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday 13, September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA), U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM (AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G.W. Graber*
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined: *C.F. Tomlin*
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 14, September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

B. Van Dussen
B. VAN DUSSEN,
COM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0630 The U.S.S. FULLER stood out of the harbor. At 0650 The U.S.S. LA SALLE stood out of the harbor. At 0650 The U.S.S. CETERO, U.S.S. CAROLI AND THE U.S.S. ARIDID stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K.P. DeHart
K.P. DeHART,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0800 The U.S.S. ARIES (AK-51), stood into the harbor. At 0835 The U.S.S. RIXEY (APH-3) and the U.S.S. OCEANOGRAPHER (AGS-3) stood into the harbor. At 0942 The U.S.S. PINKNEY (APH2) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1438 The U.S.S. BENNETT (DD-473) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N.A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 15, September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. At 0650 The U.S.S. STEROPÉ (AK-96) underway and standing out of Great Roads. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill
C.F. CHURCHILL,
CSM (AA), U.S.N.

0800-1200

Anchored as before. At 0815 The U.S.S. ARNDID (AK-73) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 0825 The U.S.S. PHILLIPS (DD-498) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter
M.M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Anchored as before. At 1340 The U.S.S. CAMANGA (AG-42) stood out of the harbor. At 1350 The U.S.S. PC-88 stood into the harbor and alongside Ducos oil dock. At 1500 The U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

1600-2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter
M.M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM (AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 16, September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Anchored as before, Berth 45, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Anchored in eight fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining normal port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter
M.M. BAXTER,
ENSIGN, U.S.N.R.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V.E. Ellingham
V.E. ELLINGHAM,
COM (AA), U.S.N.

0800-1400

Anchored as before. At 1350 The U.S.S. WADSWORTH (DD-516) and the U.S.S. RALPH TALEBOT (DD-390) stood into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

1400-2000

Anchored as before. At 1400 The U.S.S. PATTERSON (DD-392) stood into the harbor. At 1410 The U.S.S. FULLER (PA-7) stood into the harbor. 1420-The U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498) stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM (PA), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D.S. SMITH,
LT. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G.W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday 17 September 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in berth forty five, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal.

[Signature]
D.V.S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0600 - U.S.S. BENNETT (DD473) standing out. 0615 - U.S.S. CARCAROLI (AK-91) standing out. Conditions normal.

Ralph P. DAPPER,
CBM, U.S.N.R.

Ralph P. Dapper

0800 - 1400

Anchored as before. 0800 - U.S.S. CARLSON (DE9), and the U.S.S. TERRY (DE-8) stood out of the harbor. 0900 - U.S.S. HALF MOON (AVP-26) Standing into the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

[Signature]
L. Van DUSSEN,
CGM, U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1440 - U.S.S. TITANIA (AKA-13) standing out of Great Road to anchorage in Dumbea Bay. 1450 - the following ships standing out to sea: U.S.S. RALPH TALBOT (DD-390), U.S.S. PATTERSON (DD-393), U.S.S. WADSWORTH (DD-516), U.S.S. SELFRIDGE (DD-357), U.S.S. TRACY (DM-19). 1540 - started the gyro-compass; the following ships standing out to sea: U.S.S. LaSALLE (APA-102), U.S.S. FULLER (APA-7), and the Dutch ships BRASTAGI and MOORDAM; U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498) standing in. 1610 - U.S.S. TITANIA (AKA-13) standing out to sea. 1625 - the following ships stood into Dumbea Bay: U.S.S. JACKSON (APA-18), U.S.S. ADAMS (APA-19), U.S.S. HAYES (APA-20), U.S.S. CASE (DD-317), U.S.S. CRAVEN (DD-382), U.S.S. McCALL (DD-400). 1655 - U.S.S. TERRY (DD-513) standing in. 1730 - U.S.S. CARLSON (DE-9) standing in. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

[Signature]
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

[Signature]
L. Van DUSSEN,
CGM, U.S.N.

Approved: *[Signature]*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

[Signature]
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 18 September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in berth forty-five, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM, U.S.N.

0200 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0620 - U.S.S. RIXEY (APH-3) standing out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1346

Anchored as before. 1330 - hoisted in all boats preparatory to getting underway. 1300 - tested all navigational equipment and found to be in good order. 1345 - set special sea details; deck relieved by the Navigator. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM, U.S.N.

1346 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1346 - engines on stand-by. Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge; commenced heaving up anchor. 1357 - anchor aweigh. 1358 - slow astern and various bells turning ship and leaving berth forty-five. Proceeded out Dumbea Bay, Captain conning. 1440 - U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-494) took position off starboard bow as Escort Commander. 1449 - speed reduced to ten knots by order of Escort Comdr., while awaiting arrival of U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6) and U.S.S. CARLSON (DE-9) (her escort). 1551 - passed through Bulari Pass, course 230 (t), U.S.S. PHILIP screening ahead. 1554 - secured from special sea details and set condition III watches. 1600 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan 11 (MerSigs, 1940). 1615 - changed course to 180 (t) and continued zig-zagging. 1703 - Escort advised of a possible submarine contact, sounded General Quarters. 1706 - all clear - secured from General Quarters. 1755 - U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6) closing; ordered to form 90 degrees on her port side, 1,000 yards interval. Speed set at 15 knots. 1755 - full ahead - speed set at 85 RPM. 1813 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan number six (PAC-10). 1850 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course (180 (t)). 1915 - changed course to 129 (t). 1920 - increased speed to 88 RPM. Overcast, occasional rain squalls.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 129 (t), at 88 RPM. 2155 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan 6 (PAC-10). 2210 - ceased zig-zagging; changed course to 090 (t). 2220 - resumed zigzagging plan 6 (PAC-10). Overcast and cloudy. Frequent heavy rain squalls with lightning.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graeber*
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 19 September 19 43
(Day.) (Date.) (Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, on base course 090 (t) in company with U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6), escorted by U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498) acting as escort commander and the U.S.S. CARLSON (DE-9), averaging approximately 87 RPM, on 24 nozzles. Zig-zagging according to Plan number six (PAC*10). 0030 - Resumed base course and ceased zigzagging. 0035 - Reduced speed to 67 RPM. 0040 - changed base course to 038 (t). 0050 - resumed zig-zagging according to plan number six (PAC-10). 0104 - increased speed to 87 RPM. 0015 - increased speed to 90 RPM. Continued adjusting speed at intervals to facilitate station keeping during watch. Conditions normal. Maintaining condition III watches. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 038 (t), zig-zagging according to PAC-10, plan number six. Maintaining condition III watches. Continuous heavy rain during entire watch. 0700 - rain ceased. No observations - overcast. Speed adjusted to facilitate station keeping.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 038 (t). 0830 - ceased zig-zagging and changed course to 020 (t). 0840 - resumed zig-zagging, plan 6, PAC-10. 1001 - ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. Made contact with U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21) and escort. 1004 - changed course to 341 (t). 1040 - changed course to 345 (t), commenced zig-zagging - Plan number thirty-eight (MerSigs, 1940) and forming column, with, and astern of U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6). U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY as guide and convoy commander, bearing 044 (t), distance 1,170 yards. U.S.S. BENNETT (DD-473) and U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498) forming anti-submarine screen. U.S.S. CARLSON (DE-9) departed. Increased standard speed to 15.5 knots (approximately 91 RPM - 24 nozzles). Various course and speed adjustments to gain and maintain station. Condition III watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 345 (t) at 24 nozzles, averaging approximately 90 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 1200 - changed to zigzag plan number eleven (MerSigs, 1940) and continued zig-zagging. During watch adjusted headings at intervals to facilitate station keeping.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 345 (t). Zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Condition III watches maintained. Speed 89 RPM. 1815 - ceased zig-zagging and decreased speed to 15 knots (86 RPM). Resumed base course. Overcast - rain squalls.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 345 (t), average RPM - 85. 2150 - changed course to 343 (t) and increased speed to approximately 86 RPM. Condition III watches maintained. Overcast and cloudy, exceptionally heavy rain squalls, clearing near end of watch. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *W. Graber*
W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

20 September 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, on course 343 (t), in company with U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6) and U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21) (Convoy commander and guide), escorted by the U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498-Escort Commander) and the U.S.S. BENNETT (DD-473). Averaging approximately 88 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 0026 - Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 0033 - increased speed to 89.5 RPM. Continued to make adjustments in speed and headings throughout watch to facilitate station keeping. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

At 0400 changed base course to 005 (t). 0404 - sighted EFATE Island three points on the starboard bow. At 0407 convoy commander changed course to 000 (t) by "TBY". 0400 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 0415 - Convoy Commander increased speed of the convoy 2 RPM, with instructions to the U.S.S. MERCURY to cut turns of zig-zag plan as necessary in order to maintain station. 0500 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0600 - secured from the morning alert. Resumed condition III watches. 0610 - changed base course to 356 (t), continued zig-zagging.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 356 (t) and zig-zagging in accordance with plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Average RPM - 89. 0910 - ceased zig-zagging and returned to base course. 0918 - changed course to 327 (t). 0930 - changed course to 317 (t). 0938 - changed course to 337 (t). 0952 - changed course to 317 (t). 1007 - changed course to 337 (t). 1022 - changed course to 317 (t). 1037 - changed course to 337 (t). 1052 - changed course to 327 (t). (Base course). 1107 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 1135 - unidentified ships sighted bearing 352 (t), 16 miles. Various course adjustments throughout watch to maintain distance on station. Condition III watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before, at 24 nozzles, on base course 327 (t). Zig-zagging in accordance with plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940) and averaging about 89 RPM. Approaching rendezvous point off ESPIRITU SANTO to pick up additional members of the convoy. 1310 - ceased zig-zagging; steadied on course 357 (t). 1324 - reforming convoy and falling into column formation behind U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6) and U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21), respectively. Speed set at 15 knots. 1328 - set speed at 88 RPM. 1343 - reduced speed to half ahead. 1350 - set speed at 55 RPM. 1353 - steadied on course 342 (t). 1355 - convoy reforming as follows: Section 1: U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21), U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42); Section 2: U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27) (convoy commander and guide), and S.S. MORMACGULL; Section 3: U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6) and S.S. TYPHOON. Escort Commander U.S.S. LEVY (DE-9), remainder of escort: U.S.S. PHILLIP (DD-498), U.S.S. BENNETT (DD-473), U.S.S. SAMPSON (DD-384) and the U.S.S. McCALLA (DD-488). 1358 - increased speed to 57 RPM. 1402 - increased to 60 RPM. 1407 - reduced to 58 RPM. 1416 - reduced to 56 RPM. 1417 - reduced to 53 RPM. 1418 - Slow ahead. 1419 - Stop. 1422 - Slow ahead. 1425 - Half ahead. 1427 - Full ahead. 1430 - slow ahead. 1432 - Full ahead. 1436 - half ahead. 1445 - Increased to 63 RPM. 1451 - full ahead. 1454 - half ahead. 1502 - Set course at 353 (t) and commenced zig-zagging according to plan eight (MerSigs, 1940). 1512 - increased speed to 87 RPM. 1526 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1531 - reduced speed to 75 RPM and commenced zig-zagging according to plan number eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 1536 - increased to 78 RPM. 1541 - increased to 80 RPM. 1549 - Increased to 82 RPM. Convoy speed ~~14.5~~ 14.5 knots.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday 20 September 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

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REMARKS
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CONFIDENTIAL

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 353 (t) at 88 RPM. Cruising formation ONE. Zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 1633 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1639 - changed course to 318 (t). Reduced convoy speed to 14 knots - upon completion of wheeling movement speed set at 80 RPM. 1705 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 1740 - all hands to general quarters. 1746 - sunset. 1758 - increased to 81 RPM. 1845 - secured from general quarters. Continued Condition III watches. Cloudy, smooth, sea.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before. Base course 318 (t). Zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Average RPM - 81. Condition III watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *C. W. Chafer*
C. W. CHAFER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Tuesday 21 September 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11 O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400 Steaming as before, passage Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, on base course 318 (t), in cruising formation ONE, in convoy, holding position 12, astern of the U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21). Convoy disposition being three columns as follows: Column 1: U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21), U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42); column 2: U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27), (convoy commander and guide), S.S. MORMACQUILL; column 3: U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6) and S.S. TYPHOON. Escorting ships: U.S.S. LEVY (DE-9 - Escort Commander), U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498), U.S.S. BENNETT (DD-473), U.S.S. SAMPSON (DD-384) and the U.S.S. McALLA (DD-488). Convoy speed 14 knots. Zigzagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 0139 - increased from 80 to 81 RPM. 0211 - increased to 83 RPM. 0224 - reduced to 81 RPM. Made various adjustments in headings during watch in order to maintain station. Maintaining condition III watches. Conditions normal.

N. D. SALMON, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on course 318 (t) according to zig-zag plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940), turning 81 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 0450 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0525 - obtained fix by observations of SIRIUS, CAPELLA, CANOPUS, and ACHERNAR: Latitude - 12-56 S., longitude - 165-25 E. 0549 - sunrise. 0555 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches.

C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before. Maintaining condition III watches. Base course 318 (t). Zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Average RPM - 80. 1048 - visual signal intercepted - strange ship sighted. 1125 - strange ship identified as friendly. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. SATTEL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on base course 318 (t) and zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Averaging approximately 80 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 1217 - increased speed to 80 RPM. 1232 - increased to 81 RPM. 1353 - reduced to 80 RPM. 1425 - increased to 81 RPM. 1500 - reduced to 80 RPM. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. D. SALMON, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000 Steaming as before on course 318 (t) and zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940), maintaining condition III watches. 1747 - darkened ship. 1800 - all hands to general quarters for the evening alert. 1830 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1845 - changed course by wheeling to 298 (t). 1855 - resumed zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 1826 - Star fix: latitude - 10-46 S., longitude - 163 - 13 E.

C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before. Base course 298 (t). Average RPM 80. Zig-zagging according to plan number eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Condition 3 watches maintained. 2108 - Radar contact with two unidentified objects bearing 170 (t), distance 10 miles; subsequently identified as friendly vessels. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. SATTEL, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: G. W. GRAHER, Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding.

Examined: C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 22 September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, in convoy, cruising formation ONE, as follows: Ships of convoy: column one: U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21), U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42); column two: U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27 - Benvoy commander and guide), S.S. NORMACGULL; column three: U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6), S.S. TYPHOON. Ships of escort: U.S.S. LEVY (DE-9 - Escort Commander), U.S.S. PHILIP (DD-498), U.S.S. BENNETT (DD-473), U.S.S. SAMPSON, (DD-384), and the U.S.S. McALLA (DD-488). Passage Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. On base course 298 (t), averaging approximately 80 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 0038 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0040 - reduced speed to 75 RPM. 0046 - reduced speed to 70 RPM, and changed course to 276 (t). 0056 - increased to 75 RPM. 0057 - increased to 80 RPM. 0100 - resumed zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). 0103 - increased to 84 RPM. 0132 - reduced to 80 RPM. 0326 - ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. 0333 - changed course to 315 (t). 0336 - increased to 81 RPM. 0343 - resumed zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Condition normal. Maintaining condition III watches.

N. D. Salmon

N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 315 (t) and zig-zagging according to plan eleven (MerSigs, 1940). Condition III watches maintained. 0510 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0615 - secured from the morning alert and resumed condition III watches. 0655 - NURA island abeam bearing 270 (t), distance 2.5 miles. 0745 - ceased zig-zagging and returned to base course. 0752 - changed course by wheeling to 270 (t). Reduced speed to 70 RPM to adjust station.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1020

Steaming as before on course 215 (t), in convoy formation TWO. 0752 - reduced to 70 RPM. 0804 - increased to 74 RPM. 0806 - increased to 78 RPM. 0807 - increased to 80 RPM. 0752 - changed course to 270 (t). 0811 - commenced assuming cruising order THREE. 0815 - slow ahead (30 RPM). 0817 - 25 RPM. 0819 - 30 RPM. 0824 - 80 RPM. 0828 - 82 RPM. 0830 - 87 RPM. 0833 - 84 RPM. 0834 - 80 RPM. 0835 - 84 RPM. 0837 - 87 RPM. 0844 - changed course to 264 (t). 0847 - 84 RPM. 0850 - 82 RPM. 0859 - 80 RPM. 0903 - 79 RPM. 0907 - 80 RPM. 0912 - 81 RPM. 0916 - changed course to 270 (t). 0936 - 80 RPM. 0940 - 79 RPM. 0944 - 78 RPM. 0950 - 79 RPM. 0953 - 80 RPM. 0956 - 81 RPM. 1005 - half speed. 1008 - full speed. 1020 - half speed and various bells and headings approaching LUNGA Point; set special sea details; deck relieved by the Executive Officer.

W. J. Sattel

W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1020 - 1116

1038 - played out ten fathoms chain on starboard anchor. 1049 - let go starboard anchor and sixty fathoms of chain in 19 fathoms of water, berth 24, Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. 1053 - secured radar. 1105 - secured special sea details; finished with engines - engine room ready for getting underway at all times.

N. D. Salmon

N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Executive Officer

1116 - 1600

Anchored as before, berth 24, Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, in 19 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 1116 - U.S.S. McALLA (DD-488) alongside starboard side to fuel. 1140 - commenced fueling. 1130 - commenced discharging deck cargo. 1302 - U.S.S. RILEY (APM-3) standing out. 1333 - finished fueling the U.S.S. McALLA, having discharged 28,014 gallons fuel. 1349 - commenced discharging mail. 1450 - U.S.S. LaSALLE (AP-102) shifting berths. 1530 - U.S.S. FULLER shifting berths. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

B. G. Smith

B. G. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 22 September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS
(continued).

CONFIDENTIAL

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Unloading deck cargo. 1630 - commenced unloading mail from number three hatch. 1700 U.S.S. FULLER (APA-7) and the S.S. MORNINGGULL underway and standing out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2215 - permission granted to blow down salt water evaporators. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. B. Smith
D. B. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 23 September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth twenty-four (24), Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, in nineteen (19) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0415 - permission granted to blow tubes. 0650 - S.S. NORMACGULL stood in and anchored. 0630 U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27) stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Smith
M. M. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 - the following named men were transferred to the U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY (APA-21) in accordance with reference COMSERONSOPAC - Pers order 1845-43 of September 14, 1943 having completed passage aboard this vessel:

RENNER, Theodore Ellsworth, Jr., RM.3c, 244-54-27, V-6, U.S.N.R.
COLEMAN, Robert, LaVerne, 238-89-14, RM.3c, U.S. Navy.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Continuing discharging of cargo for Lunga Point. 1310 - the U.S.S. RIXBY (APH-3) stood out to sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Unloading cargo as before. 1710 - the S.S. NORMACGULL standing out. 1900 - permission granted to blow tubes. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday 24 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in berth twenty-four (24), Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands in nineteen (19) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Discharging cargo. Conditions normal. No further Remarks.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo. 0410 - permission granted to blow tubes. 0653 S.S. MORMACGULL standing in. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaflin
N. A. MCCLAFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S. Navy

1400 - 2000

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo. 1610 - U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9) underway. 1625 U.S.S. LaSALLE (APA-102) underway. 1642 liberty ship (unidentified) underway. 1655 U.S.S. TITANIA (AKA-13) underway. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo. At 2258 condition RED. General quarters sounded, set condition one. At 2312 secured from General Quarters and resumed special watches for this area. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaflin
N. A. MCCLAFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

W. Graber
W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 25 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0800

Anchored as before in berth twenty-four (24), Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, in nineteen (19) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Unloading cargo. Maintaining special watches for this area. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1050 - U.S.S. ALCHIBA (AKA-6) stood in and anchored. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1300

Anchored as before. 1300 - received "CONDITION RED AT TULAGI" by radio and visual. General quarters sounded. Deck relieved by the Executive Officer. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1300 - 1400

Commenced heaving in anchor. Stand-by on engines. 1309 - anchor aweigh; half ahead. 1310 - full ahead and various bells and headings leaving Lunga Point. 1315 - half ahead; received "CONDITION GREEN AT TULAGI" by radio and visual. 1328 - full ahead. 1339 - slow ahead. 1342 - stop; various bells and headings returning to the anchorage. 1353 - let go the starboard anchor and sixty (60) fathoms of chain in nine teen (19) fathoms of water, berth twenty-four (24), Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands. 1359 - finished with engines; secured from general quarters and resumed special watches for this area. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1400 - 1600

Anchored as before in berth twenty-four (24), Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, in nineteen (19) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 1410 - U.S.S. LaSALLE (APA-102), U.S.S. TITANIA (AKA-13), and the U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9) stood in and anchored. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1555 - ceased discharge of cargo due to rough sea. 1610 - following ships underway and standing out: U.S.S. ALHENA (AKA-9), U.S.S. LaSALLE (APA-102), and the U.S.S. TITANIA (AKA-13). 1630 - resumed discharging cargo. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graeber*
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 26 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in berth twenty-four (24), Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands in nineteen (19) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Discharging cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0645 - a convoy of six (6) ships (Liberty type) sighted approaching Lunga Point. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. At 1921 received the following by radio and visual: "CONDITION RED AT TULAGI". Sounded general quarters. At 1935 received the following: "CONDITION GREEN AT TULAGI". 1936 - secured general quarters. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign, (SC), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

27 September

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in berth twenty-four (24), Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands in nineteen (19) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. P. DeHART
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

0200 - 0750

Anchored as before. 0350 - finished discharging cargo for Lunga Point. 0725 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. 0745 - all hands piped to special-sea-details; deck relieved by the Executive Officer. No further remarks.

E. R. McCONNELL
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0750 - 1005

Anchored as before. 0751 - commenced heaving in anchor; Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. Stand-by on engines. 0801 - anchor aweigh, half-ahead and various bells and headings leaving Lunga Point for Tulagi. 0914 - Slow ahead, various bells and headings entering Tulagi Harbor anchorage. 0915 - passed the southern tip of SONGONANGONA Island abeam to port. 0920 - passed through the first (outer) anti-submarine net. 0925 - Passed through the second (inner) anti-submarine net and entered inner Tulagi Harbor. 0953 - let go the starboard anchor and sixty fathoms of chain in twenty-six (26) fathoms of water, berth six (6), Tulagi Inner Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands. Bearings: Beacon "E" - 359 (t); Signal tower - 246 (t). 1005 - secured special sea details and resumed the special watches for this area. No further remarks.

N. D. SALMON
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1005 - 1400

Anchored as before in Inner Tulagi Harbor, berth six (6), in twenty-six (26) fathoms of water with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, Florida Islands, Solomon Islands. 1030 - secured gun watches to enable own crew to aid discharge of cargo. 1325 - condition RED received from the shore station; all hands to general quarters. 1331 - received condition GREEN; secured from general quarters. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo. 1607 - the U.S.S. CLEVELAND (CL-55), U.S.S. COLUMBIA (CL-56), and the U.S.S. DYSON (DD-572) underway and standing out. 1700 - completed discharging cargo for Tulagi. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McCLAFIN
N. A. McCLAFIN
Boatswain, U.S. Navy

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Occasional heavy rain squalls accompanied by strong gusts of winds, during watch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. GRABER
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. TOMLIN
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 28 September 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in twenty-six (26) fathoms of water, berth six (6), Tulagi Inner Harbor, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, with sixty (60) fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Runaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0745

Anchored as before. 0615 - made preparations for getting underway. 0725 - Lieutenant R. D. MAHAN (pilot) came aboard. 0740 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. 0745 - piped special sea details; deck relieved by the Executive Officer.

N. A. McClaylin
N. A. MCCLAYLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0745 - 1100

Anchored as before. 0753 - Stand-by on engines. Commenced heaving in anchor. 0759 - anchor aweigh, slow ahead, various bells and headings leaving berth six (6), Tulagi Inner Harbor. 0808 - passed through first (inner) anti-submarine net. 0813 - passed through the outer (second) anti-submarine net. 0820 - set course at 203 (t), and commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan eight (8) (Mersigs - 1940). 0920 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed the base course. 0926 - various bells and headings entering Lunga Point anchorage. 0931 - Stopped; lying-to awaiting orders from Commander Naval Base, Solomons. 1040 - full ahead - 75 RPM - course 305 (t), proceeding Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands to Russel Islands, Solomon Islands, escorted by the U.S.S. CONSTANT (AM-186) and the U.S.S. SC-729. Standard speed set at thirteen (13) knots and base course at 305 (t). 1049 - reduced to 70 R.P.M. 1100 - secured special sea details and set condition two (2) watches; commenced zig-zagging according to plan 8 (Mersigs, 1940), base course 305 (t). 1100 - reduced speed to 68 R.P.M. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1100 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 305 (t) and zig-zagging according to plan 8 (mersigs, 1940). Condition two (2) watches being maintained. No further remarks.

J. Sattel
J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1701

Steaming as before on base course 305 (t) and zig-zagging according to plan 8 (Mersigs, 1940). Condition two (2) watches being maintained. 1200 - adjusted course to 293 (t). 1255 - exchanged recognition signals and visual calls with the U.S.S. HOVEY (DMS-11). 1405 - adjusted the base course to 305 (t). 1502 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed the base course; piped special sea details. 1530 - slow ahead. 1534 - beachmaster representatives aboard; full ahead, proceeding toward Renard Sound. 1539 - secured 20 MM. gun watches. 1545 - escort released. 1550 - commenced unloading four (4) amphibious boats. 1616 - various bells and headings entering Renard Sound, preparatory to going alongside the U.S.S. ARIDED (AK-73). 1636 - first bow line over. 1642 - first stern line over. 1642 - secured, port side to the U.S.S. ARIDED (AK-73), Renard Sound, Banika Island, Russell Islands, Solomon Islands. 1701 - secured special sea details and resumed special port watches for this area. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1701 - 2000

Moored as before, port side to the U.S.S. ARIDED (AK-73), Renard Sound, Banika Island, Russell Islands, Solomon Islands. 1900 - commenced discharging cargo. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Discharging cargo. 2122 - received condition YELLOW, (continued next sheet).

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 28 September 19 43
(Day.) (Date.) (Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS
(continued)

CONFIDENTIAL

2000 - 2400 (continued).

sounded general quarters. 2126 - received condition GREEN. Secured from general quarters. 2333 - received condition YELLOW; sounded general quarters. 2358 - received condition GREEN - secured from general quarters. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graeber*
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 29 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to the U.S.S. ARIDED (AK-73), Renard Sound, Banika Island, Russel Islands, Solomon Islands. Discharging cargo. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. 0355 - received condition YELLOW; sounded general quarters. 0401 - received condition GREEN; secured from general quarters. 0410 - the security watch reported one (1) lantern missing from the starboard passageway, near the Supply office. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1530 the S.S. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES standing in. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Tomlin
C. P. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 30 September
(Day) (Date) (Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION --11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, port side to U.S.S. ABIDED (AK-73), Rehard Sound, Banika Island, Russell Islands, Solomon Islands. Discharging cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. MCCONNELL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Discharging cargo. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. MCCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. Discharging cargo. 0900 - Commenced ballasting by filling deep tanks. Conditions normal.

H. A. McClavin
H. A. McCLAVIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. 1535 - S.S. ROBIN WENTLEY standing in to anchorage. 1545 - U.S.S. APC-38 alongside to starboard taking on water from dock. 1640 - received condition YELLOW from shore station. 1646 - Received condition GREEN from shore station. 1930 - U.S.S. APC-38 away from alongside, having finished taking on water. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Discharging cargo. 2015 - finished ballasting numbers three and four deep tanks. 2311 - U.S.S. BOBOLINK (AT-131) alongside to starboard to receive fuel oil. Conditions normal.

H. A. McClavin
H. A. McCLAVIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday

1 October

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to U.S.S. ARIDED (AK-73), Renard Sound, Banika Island, Russell Islands, Solomon Islands. Discharging cargo from number three hold. U.S.S. BOBOLINK (AT-131) alongside starboard side for fuel. Conditions normal.

N. A. McClaplin
N. A. McCLAPLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0200 - 0800.

Moored as before. 0255 - Finished fueling the U.S.S. BOBOLINK (AT-131) having delivered eight hundred eighteen (818) barrels of Navy Standard. 0614 - U.S.S. BOBOLINK (AT-131) away from alongside and standing out of the harbor. 0647 - commenced ballasting number one deep tanks - port and starboard. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400.

Moored as before. Discharging cargo from number three hold, ballasting number one deep tanks. 0840 - turned on master gyro compass and checked repeaters. 0848 - finished discharging cargo. 0923 - condition YELLOW by visual and radio. 0927 - condition GREEN. 1041 - received condition YELLOW by visual and radio. 1045 - U.S.S. PARSEE (AT-74) stood in and anchored. 1057 - Secured from condition YELLOW-condition GREEN received by radio and visual. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. 1550 - finished taking ballast in number one deep tank. 1640 - condition YELLOW from shore station. 1650 - condition GREEN from shore station. 1745 - U.S.S. PARSEE (AT-74) standing out. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. 2025 - received condition YELLOW by radio. 2027 - sounded general quarters. 2037 received condition GREEN by radio; secured from general quarters. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

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G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 2 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200.

Moored as before, port side to U.S.S. ARIDED (AK-73), Renard Sound, Banika Island, Russell Islands, Solomon Islands. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter

M. M. BAXTER,

Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0515.

Moored as before. 0515 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. Set special sea details. Deck relieved by the Navigator. No further remarks.

D. J. Smith

D. J. SMITH,

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0515 - 0800.

Moored as before. 0527 - Standby on engines, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. 0544 - all lines clear of the U.S.S. ARIDED (AK-73). Half astern and various bells and headings proceeding out Renard Sound. 0610 - stopped - lying to while hoisting two (2) amphibious boats aboard. 0625 - boats aboard. 0626 - half ahead leaving Renard Sound and heading out to sea. 0636 - set speed at 75 R.P.M. 0651 - secured from special sea details and set condition II watches. 0700 - set course at 112 (t) and commenced zig-zagging according to plan 8 (MerSigs, 1940). Passage Banika Island, Russell Islands, Solomon Islands to Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, thence to Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands. Escorted by the U.S.S. COMBAT (AM-186). No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200.

Steaming as before on course 112 (t) and zig-zagging according to plan 8, (MerSigs, 1940). Condition II watches being maintained. R.P.M. - 70. 1120 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed the base course. 1122 - reduced speed to 30 R.P.M., entering Lunga Point anchorage. 1127 - resumed speed of 70 R.P.M. and changed course to 026 (t), heading for Purvis Bay. 1140 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan number 8 (MerSigs, 1940). No further remarks.

J. Sattel

J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1400

Steaming as before on course 026 (t) and zig-zagging according to plan 8, (MerSigs, 1940); speed - 70 R.P.M. 1225 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed the base course. 1251 - piped special sea details to stations, Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. 1252 - half ahead and various bells and headings entering Purvis Bay. 1301 - passed through first (outer) anti-submarine net. 1304 - passed through the inner (second) anti-submarine net. Proceeding toward anchorage. 1326 - let go the starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain in 28 fathoms of water, berth 12, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands. 1336 - secured special sea details; set regular port watches. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon

N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1400 - 1600.

Anchored as before in berth 12, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 28 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

R. P. DeHart

R. P. DEHART,

Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000.

Anchored as before. At 1715 - began filling number 2 deep tanks. Conditions Normal. No further remarks.

R. P. DeHart

R. P. DEHART,

Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 2 October 1943

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ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

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2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 3 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth 12, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 28 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining vacuum on main engine. 0220 - finished ballasting number two deep tanks; reduced the pressure on the fire main. Conditions normal.

K. P. DeHart
K. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SO), U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. At 0630 the U.S.S. FOOTE (DD-511) shifted berths. Conditions normal.

E. R. McConnell
E. R. McCONNELL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 - U.S.S. YP-415 and U.S.S. LCT-329 standing out. 0810 - U.S.S. SOUTHARD (DMS-10) standing out. 0910 - U.S.S. LCI-24 standing in. 0925 - U.S.S. LST-334 standing in. 0910 - U.S.S. LaVALLETTE (DD-448) shifting anchorage. 1040 - U.S.S. LST-460 standing in. 1110 - U.S.S. LST-446 standing out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway
C. M. DUNAWAY,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1700

Anchored as before. 1410 - U.S.S. DEW (APD-9) and the U.S.S. TERRY (DD-513) stood in and anchored. 1515 - the U.S.S. TERRY (DD-513) stood out. 1540 U.S.S. SELFRIDGE (DD-357) stood out. 1548 - the U.S.S. LaVALLETTE (DD-448) and the U.S.S. GRAYSON (DD-435) underway and standing out. 1620 - U.S.S. FOOTE (DD-511) underway and standing out. Made preparations for getting underway. 1655 - tested all navigational gear and found in good order.

N. A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1700 - 2000

At 1715 all hands piped to special sea details. At 1727 - engines on stand-by; Captain, Executive Officer and Navigator on bridge. 1729 - commenced heaving up. 1736 - anchor weigh. 1737 - half astern and various bells and headings leaving anchorage. 1756 - passed through inner net. 1820 - made rendezvous south of Gavutu Island with escorts (U.S.S. CONVERSE (DD-509) and the U.S.S. TERRY (DD-513). Took position as guide of convoy with the S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN astern. Set course 180 (t), speed 11 knots. 1825 - secured from special sea details and set condition III watches. 1940 - changed course to 090 (t), standard speed 60 RPM. 1953 - Koli Point abeam bearing 180 (t), 1.5 miles distant. Overcast, light rain.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 090 (t), average RPM - 60. Condition III watches maintain. 2315 - passed Nura Island abeam to starboard, distant 7.5 miles (by radar). 2330 - changed course to 135 (t). 2346 - Nura Island abeam bearing 225 (t) distance 7.5 miles. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *E. W. Graber*
E. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

4

October

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

C-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, in convoy, acting as guide with the S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN astern, escorted by the U.S.S. CONVERSE (DD-509 -escort commander) and the U.S.S. TERRY (DD-513), on course 135 (t) averaging approximately 60 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 0240 - changed course to 098 (t). 0304 - made radar contact on five unidentified ships bearing approximately 128 (t), distant about 4 miles. 0340 - made radar contact of two unidentified ships bearing approximately 118 (t), distant 12 and 14 miles respectively. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in company with S.S. WILLIAM ALLEN, escorted by the U.S.S. CONVERSE and the U.S.S. TERRY on course 098 (t) at 60 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 0515 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0550 - changed course to 085 (t) to pass north of Lark Shoal. 0618 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches. 0626 - increased to 62 RPM. At 0700 - by order of the escort commander, changed course to 090 (t) and commenced zig-zagging according to plan 5. 0750 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0800 - changed course to 120 (t) and resumed zig-zagging according to plan 5. Smooth sea, partly cloudy.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1325

Steaming as before on course 120 (t), average RPM - 63. Zig-zagging according to plan 5. 1120 - sighted enemy aircraft. 1121 - sounded general quarters. 1124 - opened fire on enemy plane with three inch anti-aircraft. 1127 - commenced zig-zagging in 45 degree turns alternating right and left. 1157 - ceased firing, plane retired. 1202 - resumed base course 120 (t). 1206 - resumed zig-zagging according to plan 5. 1256 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1325 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 120 (t) at approximately 64 RPM. Zig-zagging in accordance with plan 5. Maintaining condition III watches. 1349 - increased to 66 RPM. 1359 - increased to 67 RPM. 1453 - unidentified plane being tracked in on radar bearing 010 (t), distant about 16 miles. All hands to battle stations. 1507 - plane identified by escort as being possibly friendly, but not having satisfactory identification signals. Fired one round 3 inch-50 calibre anti-aircraft ammunition as a warning. Approximately three rounds five-inch-anti-aircraft ammunition fired by escort. 1550 - plane faded out of radar range. 1554 secured from general quarters, resumed condition III watches. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000.

Steaming as before on course 120 (t) at 68 RPM, zig-zagging according to plan 5. Maintaining condition III watches. 1801 - sunset - darkened ship. 1820 - obtained star fix by observations of VEGA, RIGEL KENTAURUS, ANTARES and ALTAIR, latitude - 10-51 south, longitude - 163 - 51.5 east. Smooth sea, clear weather, moonlight.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 120 (t), average RPM - 66, zig-zagging according to plan 5, maintaining condition III watches. 2050 - ceased zig-zagging and continued on the base course. 2100 - changed course to 141 (t) and resumed zig-zagging according to plan 5. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday 4 October 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION- 11

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NOTE: In connection with the firing this date, the following ammunition was expended (all three inch - fifty caliber):

- Nine (9) rounds S.P.D.N., AA, Service (3195).
- Twenty-one (21) rounds S.P.D.N., AA, Service (3379).
- Ten (10) rounds S.P.D., AA, Service (2788).

Forty (40) rounds total expenditure.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 5 October

1943

(Hour) (Date) (Month)

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on base course 141 (t) in company with the S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN, escorted by the U.S.S. CONVERSE (DD-509 - escort commander) and the U.S.S. TERRY (DD-513). Zig-zagging according to plan 5 (MerSigs, 1940) and maintaining condition III watches. Averaging approximately 66 RPM. 0057 - reduced speed to 60 RPM to enable the S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN to close up, the ALLEN apparently experienced engine trouble and continued to fall far behind station. The U.S.S. CONVERSE detached to investigate and to lead her back to proper station. 0302 - ceased zig-zagging and resumes the base course. 0331 - reduced speed to 55 RPM. The ALLEN still far out of position at the close of this watch. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon

N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 141 (t) at 55 RPM. Maintaining condition ⁴II watches. 0500 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0510 - the S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN rejoined the convoy escorted by the U.S.S. CONVERSE (DD-509); increased speed to 66 RPM. 0520 - obtained star fix by observations of JUPITER, REGULUS, CANOPUS and CAPELLA; latitude 12-12-00 south, longitude 165-14-00 east. 0600 - changed course to 144 (t) and commenced zig-zagging according to plan 5.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 144 (t), average RPM - 66. Zigzagging according to plan 5 (MerSigs, 1940). Condition III watches maintained.

W. F. Sattel

W. F. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 144 (t) at approximately 66 RPM, zig-zagging according to plan 5 (MerSigs, 1940), maintaining condition III watches. 1300 - reduces speed to 62 RPM. Conditions normal. Weather overcast with passing rain squalls, during latter part of the watch. No further remarks.

N. D. Salmon

N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 144 (t) at 62 RPM according to zig-zag plan number 5 (MerSigs, 1940). Maintaining condition III watches. 1605 - heavy rain commenced. 1610 - received orders via "TBY" to cease zig-zagging and resume the base course and reduce speed to 8.5 knots. This order relayed by visual to the S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN and executed at 1614. Overcast, cloudy, heavy rain - no observations.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 144 (t), average RPM - 50. Maintaining Condition III watches. 2007 - changed course to 140 (t). Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. F. Sattel

W. F. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 6 October 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000-0400

Steaming as before on course 140 (t) in company with the S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN, escorted by the U.S.S. CONVERSE (DD-509 - escort commander) and the U.S.S. TERRY (DD-513). Averaging approximately 50 RPM. 0130 - made radar contact of convoy of five (5) or more ships moving up aster, distant about fifteen miles. 0230 - changed course to 130 (t) in accordance with orders received from the U.S.S. CONVERSE to insure passage clear of land lying on starboard bow of the convoy. Conditions normal. No further remarks.


N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 130 (t) at 50 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 0435 - received orders from the escort commander via "TBY" to changed course 50 degrees to the right at 0445. At 0445 changed course to 180 (t). All hands piped to general quarters for the morning alert. 0552 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches. 0750 the south end of Tutuba Island bearing 270 (t). 0756 - changed course to 270 (t) and entered the swept channel.


C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1000

Steaming as before. 0825 - piped special sea details to stations. 0829 - half speed. 0907 - passed through net and entered Pekoa Channel. 0934 - let go the starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain in 20 fathoms of water in berth 15, Pekoa Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. Bearings: Beacon "J": 275 (t). Beacon "F" - 181 1/2 (t). 0941 - dropped vacuum and secured engines; secured special-sea details and set normal port watches.


N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1000 - 1400.

Anchored in berth 15, in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, Pekoa Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. 1010 - U.S.S. BOOTES (AK-99) standing in. Conditions normal.


D. S. SMITH,

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000.

Anchored as before. 1600 - turned off master gyro-compass. 1615 - U.S.S. LYRA (AK-101) standing in. No further remarks.


M. M. BAIZER,

Ensign, U.S.N.R.

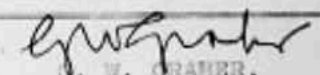
2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

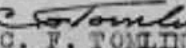

D. S. SMITH,

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:


W. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:


C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 7 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

U-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in berth 15, Peko Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands, in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal.

R. S. Smith
R. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0600

Anchored as before. 0045 - commenced swinging to flood tide - stern to starboard. 0300 - finished swing. 0650 - U.S.S. WILLIAM (DD-408) standing in. 0700 - the U.S.S. S-38 standing out.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0925 - oil barge (YO-20) alongside to starboard. 0941 - commenced taking oil. 1100 - took aboard forty (40) rounds 3 inch-fifty caliber anti-aircraft ammunition from the Naval Ammunition Depot, S.P.D.N., 3379. 1113 - finished taking oil having received one thousand twenty six barrels (1,526) of oil.

R. P. DeHart
R. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

1200 - 1400.

Anchored as before. 1210 - the following ships standing out: U.S.S. SPENCE (DD-512), U.S.S. PARSONS (DD-491), U.S.S. WASHINGTON (DD-514), U.S.S. STARK (DD-406), U.S.S. OSTERHAUS (DD-164), U.S.S. GUEST (DD-572), U.S.S. WILSON (DD-408), U.S.S. WOODSWORTH (DD-460) and the U.S.S. TAURUS (AF-25). 1230 - the following ships standing out: U.S.S. SAN DIEGO (CL-53), U.S.S. SAN JUAN (CL-54), U.S.S. SARATOGA (AV-9), U.S.S. BOSTON (AGY-21). At 1330 - the following ships stood out: U.S.S. COLUMBIA (CL-56), U.S.S. MONTPELLIER (CL-57), and the U.S.S. DENVER (CL-58).

R. P. DeHart
R. P. DeHART,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Anchored as before. Conditions normal.

Ralph P. Daffer
RALPH P. DAFFER
CNS, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal.

R. P. DeHart
R. P. DeHART,
Ensign, (SC) U.S.N.

Approved:

E. W. G. [Signature]
E. W. G. [Signature]
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. P. Tomlin
C. P. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP *Mercury*

Friday 8, October 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

U-S-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

0000-0100

Anchored as before in berth 15, PEKOA Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands, in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

[Signature]
R. P. DELBERT,
Ensign (SC), U.S.N.

0100-0200

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CMM, U.S.N.R.

0200-1200

Anchored as before. At 1300 The U.S.S. LYNX (AK-100) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (JG), U.S.N.R.

1400-2000

Anchored as before. At 1515 The U.S.S. SCULPTOR (AK-103) stood into the harbor and proceeded to anchorage. At 1735 The U.S.S. ATASCOSAL (AO-66) stood into the harbor. At 1745 The U.S.S. POTOMENT stood out of the harbor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Bussem
L. VAN BUSSEM,
CMM (AA), U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Anchored as before. Weather clear with bright moonlight. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.M. Dunaway
C.M. DUNAWAY,
LT. (JG), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

[Signature]
G.W. GAHER,
Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.
Commanding

Examined:

[Signature]
C.F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 9 October 1943

(Day.) (Date.) (Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0600 - 0800

Anchored as before in berth 15, Pekoa Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands, in 20 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Maintaining routine port watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. M. Dunaway

C. M. DUNAWAY,

Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0515 - U.S.S. CONY (DD-508) standing in to the floating dry-dock. 0535 - U.S.S. TAGANAK standing out. 0615 - S.S. WILLIAM A. ALLEN standing out. 0730 - U.S.S. LYRD (AK-101) standing out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen

L. Van DUSSEN,

CGM U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Anchored as before. 0950 - U.S.S. ALBIREA (AK-90) stood in and anchored. 0955 - U.S.S. ATASCOSA underway and shifting berths. Conditions normal.

N. A. McClafflin

N. A. McCLAFFLIN,

Boatswain, U.S.N.

1400 - 2000.

Anchored as before. 1414 - U.S.S. SCULPTUR (AK-103) standing in. 1620 - U.S.S. DIXIE (AD-14) standing in. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill

C. F. CHURCHILL,

CSM U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin

N. A. McCLAFFLIN,

Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 10 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

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REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

0000 - 0200

Anchored as before in berth 15, Pekoa Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands, in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin

N. A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.M.

0200 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0645 - U.S.S. THORNTON (AVD-11) standing out. 0710 - U.S.S. S-38 standing out. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C.F. Churchill

C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Anchored as before; 0800 - U.S.S. SCULPTOR (AK-103) standing out. 0925 - two merchant ships (unidentified - liberty ships) standing in to anchorage. 0940 - U.S.S. CARLSON (DE-9) standing in. 1300 - U.S.S. CARINA (AK-74) standing in.

M.M. Baxter

M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1400 - 1800.

Anchored as before. 1400 - U.S.S. PINKNEY (APH-2) standing in. 1540 - U.S.S. MONTPELIER (CL-57) standing in. 1545 - U.S.S. COLOMBIA (CL-56) standing in. 1550 - U.S.S. DENVER (CL-58) standing in. 1630 - U.S.S. BERTON (AGV*23) and the U.S.S. SARATOGA (CV-3) stood into the harbor and anchored. 1720 - U.S.S. WOODSWORTH (DD-460) U.S.S. WILSON (DD-408) U.S.S. FARENHOLT (DD-491), U.S.S. CHEST (DD-472), U.S.S. FOOTE, (DD-511), U.S.S. GRAYSON (DD-435), U.S.S. THORNTON (AVD-11) stood into the harbor and anchored. Conditions normal.

D.S. Smith

D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1800 - 2400

Anchored as before. 1800 - sunset - darkened ship. 2115 - all navigational equipment tested and found in good order. 2133 - permission granted to turn over the main engine with steam. 2135 - piped special sea details to stations. 2137 - engine room ready for getting underway. 2131 - secured special sea details, engine room on orders to maintain vacuum on main engines so as to be ready for getting underway on short notice. Reason for foregoing - probability of shifting anchorage. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M.M. Baxter

M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday

11

October, 1943

(Day.)

(Date.)

(Month.)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

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REMARKS

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0000 - 0800

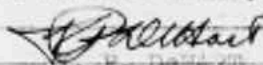
Anchored as before in berth 15, Pekoa Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 0630 - U.S.S. BAYON (DD-510) standing out, 0720 - U.S.S. POLYMERUS (AF-24) standing in. Conditions normal.



Lt. J. G. Smith, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

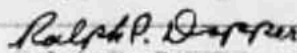
Anchored as before. 0830 - Pressure secured on fire mine. No further remarks.



Ensign (SC), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000.

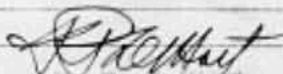
Anchored as before. 1525 - U.S.S. GORGON BAY (AVD-25) standing out. No further remarks.



Ensign (SC), U.S.N.R.

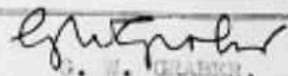
2000 - 2100

Anchored as before. Conditions normal.

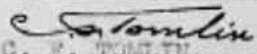


Ensign (SC), U.S.N.R.

Approved:


G. W. GLASER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:


C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 12 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0600 - 0600

Anchored as before in berth 15, Peko Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Conditions normal.

[Signature]
R. F. DEANE,
Ensign (22), U.S.N.R.

0600 - 0715

Anchored as before. 0700 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. 0715 - all hands piped to special sea details; U.S.S. SIB DIZZO (01-53) and the U.S.S. SIB JUAN (01-54) standing out. No further remarks.

[Signature]
Ralph P. Daffer
Ralph P. Daffer,
Cdr., U.S.N.R.

0715 - 0855

Anchored as before. 0720 - engines on standby. 0726 - commenced heaving in anchor. 0738 - anchor awash; slow ahead and various bells and headings leaving berth 15, Peko Channel. 0740 - U.S.S. SIBARONA (07-3) standing out. 0742 - U.S.S. CONY (DD-508) standing out. 0814 - through nets and proceeding to sea. 0825 - full ahead in company with escort (U.S.S. CONY - DD-508). 0848 - set course at 090 (t). 0855 - secured special sea details and set condition II watches, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. No further remarks.

[Signature]
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0855 - 1200

Underway as before. 0857 - changed course to 116 (t). 0902 - speed set at 24 nozzles. 0913 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition II watches maintained. Conditions normal.

[Signature]
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 116 (t) at 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM, and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. 1225 - ceased zig-zagging and changed course to 130 (t). 1300 - changed course to 083 (t). 1310 - resumed zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Conditions normal. Light passing showers during latter part of watch. No further remarks.

[Signature]
R. D. BRADY,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 083 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. 1740 - sunset - darkened ship. 1800 - obtained fix by observations of ANTARES, VEGA, DENEH, and FOCAHANT; Latitude - 15-55.5 S., longitude 169-33.5 E. Partly cloudy, small sea, bright moonlight.

[Signature]
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 083 (t) on 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition II watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

[Signature]
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *[Signature]*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *[Signature]*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 13 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 11

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

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0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on course 083 (t) on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Escorted by the U.S.S. CONY (DD-506). Passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. Weather clear, with bright moonlight. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon

N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 083 (t) on 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. 0430 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0445 - obtained fix by observations of JUPITER, ALDEBARAN, CANOPUS, and CAPELLA; Latitude 15-32 S., longitude 172-16 E. 0513 - Sunrise. 0520 - secured from morning alert, resumed condition II watches. Small sea with low southeast swell.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 083 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition II watches maintained.

W. J. Sattel

W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 083 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon

N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 083 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. 1716 - sunset - darkened ship. 1736 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, RIGEL KENTAURUS, POMALHAUT, and DENEBS. At 1800, advanced all clocks one (1) hour to minus (-) twelve (12) zone time. Slight sea, low swell.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 083 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. 1957 - ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 2004 - changed course to 095 (t) and resumed zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition II watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel

W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 14 October 1943

(Dep.) (Date.) (Cross.)

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 12

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espirita Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 095 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Escorted by the U.S.S. CONY (DD-508). Maintaining condition II watches. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. 0200 - changed base course to 090 (t) and continued zig-zagging as before. Weather clear, with moon almost full, throughout watch. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM. Maintaining condition II watches; zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. 0500 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0519 - obtained fix by observations of JUPITER, CANOPUS, RIGEL and ACHERNAR: Latitude 15-08.5 S., longitude 178-15 E. 0548 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition II watches. 0600 - escort, U.S.S. CONY (DD-508) signaled that she was leaving us to carry out her orders. Slight sea, low swell.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 090 (t) on 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition II watches maintained.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining Condition II watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. 1238 - changed course to 092 (t) and continued zig-zagging as before. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 092 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. 1752 - sunset - darkened ship. 1811 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, RIGEL KENTAURUS, FOMALHAUT and ANTARES: Latitude 15-08 S., longitude - 178-28 W. Slight sea, bright moonlight.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 092 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition II watches maintained. 2400 - all clocks retarded 24 hours to Thursday, October 15, 1943 to conform with (plus) 12 zone time. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Craher
G. W. CRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday 15 October 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11

REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, on course 092 (t) on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Maintaining condition II watches and zig-zagging in accordance with plan 11Z. Weather clear, with bright moonlight. Ship rolling and pitching moderately at times to southeasterly swell. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 092 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. 0515 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0532 - obtained fix by observations of CAPTELA, JUPITER, CANOPUS and NIKEL: Latitude 15-04 S., longitude 169-32 W. 0555 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition II watches. Vessel pitching easily to southeasterly swell.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 092 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition II watches maintained. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel

W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 092 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition II watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. 1203 - changed course to 090 (t) and continued zig-zagging as before. 1335 - sighted unidentified tanker bearing 015 (t), distant about 15 miles, headed in a westerly direction. 1350 - sighted second unidentified tanker bearing 000 (t), distant about 15 miles. Headed in a westerly direction. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. 1600 - exercised at fire drill. 1607 - secured from fire drill. 1608 - exercised at abandon-ship drill. 1614 - secured from abandon-ship and all emergency drills. 1803 - sunset - darkened ship. 1817 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, RIHEL, KENTAUREUS, ANTARES and DENEH: Latitude 15-00 S., longitude 166-12 W. Vessel pitching easily to southeasterly swell.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging accordance with plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel

W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Saturday 16 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus II O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400 Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Maintaining condition II watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Weather clear, with bright moonlight. Conditions normal.
N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition II watches. 0440 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0502 - obtained fix by observations of CANOPUS, ACHERNAH, RIGEL, CAPELLA and JUPITER: Latitude 14-59 S., longitude 163-29 W. 0530 - secured from general quarters and set condition III watches. Smooth sea, low southeasterly swell, vessel pitching easily at times.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition III watches maintained. 0800 - Held quarters for muster; Published articles for the Government of the Navy. 0850 - Secured from quarters.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on course 090 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Conditions normal.
N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000 At 1600, changed course to 040 (t) and continued zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Speed approximately 90 RPM, on 24 nozzles. 1738 - sunset - darkened ship. 1800 - obtained fix by observations of VEVA, DEUNA, RIGEL, CANOPUS, ACHERNAH and ANTHEOS: Latitude - 14-27 S., Longitude 160-24.5 W. Maintaining condition III watches.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition III watches. Conditions normal.
C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: [Signature]
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: [Signature]
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 17 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 11

O-B-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L

REMARKS

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0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Weather partly cloudy with occasional passing showers around middle of watch. Moon fairly bright. Conditions normal.

M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition III watches. At 0430 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0450 - obtained fix by observations of JUPITER, CAPTELA, CANOPUS, and Rigel: Latitude - 12-18.5 S., longitude 158-44 W. 0520 - secured from alert and resumed condition III watches.

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Condition III watches maintained.

G. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Conditions normal.

M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. At 1723 - sunset, darkened ship. 1742 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, ACHERNAR, FOMALHAUT and ANTARES: Latitude - 09-52 S., longitude - 156-50 W. At 1800, all clocks advanced one hour to Plus ten (10) zone time. 1900 - (plus 10 zone time), ceased zig-zagging.

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 2200 - commenced zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Conditions normal.

G. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

C. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

SECURITY

Monday 18 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

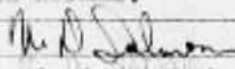
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REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 112. Weather mostly cloudy, with fairly bright moonlight. Conditions normal.


M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

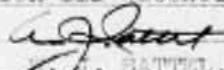
0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 112. Maintaining condition III watches. 0512 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0539 - obtained fix by observations of JUPITER, CENOPUS, RIGEL and SPHEIK; Latitude - 07-42 S., longitude 155-10 W. 0600 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches. Slight sea, partly cloudy.


C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

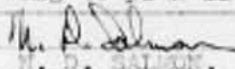
0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 112. Maintaining condition III watches. Conditions normal.


W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

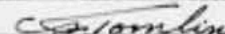
1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 112. Conditions normal.


M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

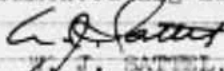
1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 040 (t) on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 112. Maintaining condition III watches. 1806 - sunset, darkened ship. 1827 - obtained fix by observations of FOHAINAUT, ANAKES, VEGA and DEISEN; Latitude - 09-09 S., longitude 153-20 W. 1900 - ceased zig-zagging.

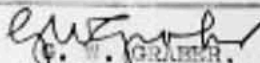

C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

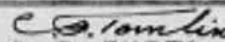
Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 2300 - moonrise; commenced zig-zagging according to plan 112. Conditions normal.


W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:


G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:


C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Tuesday 19 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Weather clear, with fairly bright moonlight. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition III watches. 0500 - all hands to general quarters for the morning alert. 0524 - obtained fix by observations of CAPELLA, RIGEL, JUPITER and CANOPUS: Latitude - 02-53 S., longitude 151-43 W. At 0550 - secured from general quarters and resumed condition III watches.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition III watches. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches and zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. 1418 - sighted unidentified ship bearing 015 (t), distant about nine (9) miles. Conditions normal.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining condition III watches. 1600 - exercised at fire drill. 1609 - secured from fire drill. 1610 - exercised at abandon-ship drill. 1614 - secured from abandon-ship and all emergency drills. 1748 - sunset, darkened ship. 1810 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, POMALHAUT and DENEK: Latitude - 00-16.5 S., longitude - 149-56.5 W. At 1900 ceased zig-zagging. At 1932 - crossed Equator in longitude 149-44.5 West.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 040 (t) on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining condition III watches. 2326 - moonrise - commenced zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

HENRY

Wednesday 20 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10

O-P-N-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On 24 nodes, on course 040 (t) and zig-zagging in accordance with plan 112. 0330 - lost target on radar bearing 205 (t), distance 24 miles. Maintaining condition III watches.

M. V. Salmon
M. V. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 040 (t) on 24 nodes at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 112. Maintaining condition III watches. 0512 - obtained fix by observations of ZEUS, JUPITER, SATURN and URANUS; latitude - 02-01.5 N., longitude 149-27.5 W. 0536 - sunrise. Clear, partly cloudy, slight sea. Secured radar.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 040 (t) on 24 nodes at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 112. Maintaining condition III watches. Conditions normal.

A. J. Suter
A. J. SUTER,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 040 (t) on 24 nodes at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 112. Maintaining condition III watches.

M. V. Salmon
M. V. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 040 (t) on 24 nodes at approximately 90 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 112. Maintaining condition III watches. 1732 - sunset - darkened ship. Radar in operation. Overcast and cloudy - no star observations. 1830 - ceased zig-zagging. 1945 - secured from condition III and set regular steaming watches.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 040 (t) on 24 nodes at approximately 90 RPM. 2351 - sunrise. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. J. Suter
A. J. SUTER,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

E. W. Groh
E. W. GROH,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 21 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 10.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 90 RPM. At 0000 commenced zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining steaming watches. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

H. D. Salmon
H. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 040 (t), on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining regular steaming watches. 0527 - sunrise - secured radar. 0616 - obtained running fix by observations of CAPELLA and the SUN: latitude 06-53 N., longitude 144-37.5 W. 0800 - changed course to 035 (t) and continued zig-zagging on plan 11Z.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 035 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining regular steaming watches.

A. J. Sackett
A. J. SACKETT,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 035 (t), on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining regular steaming watches.

H. D. Salmon
H. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 035 (t) on 24 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Zig-zagging according to plan 11Z. Maintaining regular steaming watches. At 1714 - sunset - darkened ship. Radar placed in operation. At 1728 - obtained fix by observations of YEAH, YAGH, YAGH and YAGH: latitude 06-59 N., longitude 143-45 W. At 1800 advanced all clocks one hour to (plus) nine zone time. At 1901 (plus nine zone time) changed course to 031 (t). Vessel pitching heavily at times to long northeast ground swell. Partly cloudy, occasional rain squalls. At 1905 ceased zig-zagging.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 031 (t) on 24 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining regular steaming watches. Vessel pitching heavily at times to long northeast ground swell.

A. J. Sackett
A. J. SACKETT,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

L. J. Groh
Lt. Groh, U.S.N.R.,
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

USSALBAT

Friday 22 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, large Espirito Santo Island, near the British Islands to San Francisco, California, on course 013 (t) at 24 knots, maintaining regular sea watches. 0130 - reduced speed to 18 knots, 22 RPM. 0240 - reduced speed to 15 knots, approximately 77 RPM. Vessel pitching heavily to northeast swell. Bow lookout stationed on post before wing aft watch.

M. H. Salmon

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Reducing as before to reduced speed to prevent excessive pounding, on course 033 (t) on 15 nozzles, at approximately 78 RPM. Vessel pitching heavily to long, low northeast swell. At 0614 - sunrise, secured radar. No observations - sky overcast. At 0745 - shifted to automatic steering, mostly cloudy, clear, moderate sea, low swell.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 033 (t) at approximately 79 RPM, on automatic steering, maintaining regular sea watches. Fresh sea and rather rough head sea with moderate northeasterly swell.

C. J. Battel

C. J. BATTLE, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 033 (t) by automatic steering at approximately 79 RPM, on 15 nozzles, maintaining regular steaming watches. Ship pitching easily to a northeast swell.

M. H. Salmon

M. H. SALMON, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 033 (t) at reduced speed of approximately 79 RPM, on 15 nozzles, steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular steaming watches. Vessel pitching moderately at times. At 1603 held fire drill. 1607 - secured from fire drill. 1608 - exercised at abandon-ship drill. 1612 - secured from abandon ship and all emergency drills. 1757 - sunset - darkened ship, radar in operation. 1817 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, DESERB, AIRAIR and ANTARES: latitude 13-34 N., longitude 139-58 W. At 1900 changed course to 035 (t). Cloudy to overcast, moderate sea and swell.

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 035 (t) at approximately 78 RPM, on 15 nozzles, steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Fresh to strong breeze and rather rough head sea. Vessel pitching heavily at times.

C. J. Battel

C. J. BATTLE, Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

E. W. Graber
E. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 23 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 035 (t), steering by gyro-pilot. On 15 nozzles, at approximately 78 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches. Vessel pitching heavily at times to northeasterly swell.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 035 (t), on 15 nozzles, at approximately 78 RPM. Maintaining regular steaming watches. 0530 - secured radar. 0543 - obtained fix by observations of JUPITER and SIRIUS: latitude 15-34 N., longitude 138-43 W. 0607 - sunrise. At 0615 - increased speed to 18 nozzles, swell having moderated somewhat. Mostly cloudy, moderate sea and swell, vessel pitching moderately.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 035 (t) on 18 nozzles, at approximately 83 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Fresh breeze, moderate sea and swell. Vessel pitching moderately.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 035 (t), steering by gyro-pilot, on 18 nozzles, at approximately 84 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches. 1208 - changed course to 036 (t). Vessel pitching easily to northeasterly swell.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 036 (t), on 18 nozzles, at approximately 83 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular steaming watches. 1742 - sunset, darkened ship; radar in operation. 1802 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, DENEK and ALTAIR: latitude 18-00 N., longitude 137-06 W. Vessel pitching easily at times. Partly cloudy, clear, moderate sea.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 036 (t), on 18 nozzles at approximately 84 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Fine and clear, moderate breeze and sea.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *W. W. Graber*
W. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday 24 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 036 (t). Steering by gyro-pilot. Speed 18 nozzles; approximately 85 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 036 (t), on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. 0530 - secured radar. 0532 - obtained fix by observations of ALDEBARAN, BETELGEUX, CAPELLA, SIRIUS and POLARIS: latitude 20-18 N., longitude 135-26 W. At 0600 - sunrise. Partly cloudy, clear, small sea and swell.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 036 (t), on 18 nozzles, at approximately 85 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Conditions normal.

W. F. Sattel
W. F. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 036 (t). Steering by gyro-pilot. On 18 nozzles, approximately 85 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches. At 1158 - changed course to 037 (t).

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 037 (t) on 18 nozzles at approximately 85 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular steaming watches. 1722 - sunset - radar in operation - darkened ship. 1745 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, DENEK, and ALTAIR: latitude 22-48 N., longitude 133-35 W. Smooth sea, slight swell, mostly cloudy.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 037 (t), on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Conditions normal.

W. F. Sattel
W. F. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Monday 25 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 9.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Underway as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 037 (t). Steering by gyro-pilot. Speed 18 nozzles, approximately 86 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches. Radar in operation. No further remarks.

R. D. Salmon
R. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 037 (t), on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Overcast - no observations. 0515 - secured radar. 0550 - sunrise - weather clearing. Smooth sea, partly cloudy, clear.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 037 (t), on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. 0800 - changed course to 035 (t). Fine and clear, smooth sea.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 035 (t). Steering by gyro-pilot. Speed 18 nozzles, approximately 87 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches.

R. D. Salmon
R. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 035 (t) on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. 1459 - sunset - radar in operation - darkened ship. Overcast - no observations. At 1800 advanced all clocks one hour to (plus) eight zone time. Cloudy, occasional light rain, heavy beam swell. Ship rolling heavily at times.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 035 (t), on 18 nozzles at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Ship rolling heavily at times to rather heavy, long westerly swell.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

W. W. Graeb
W. W. GRAEB,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Tuesday 26 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 8. REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400 Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. On course 035 (t), speed approximately 86 RPM, 18 nozzles. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Ship rolling heavily at times to rather long westerly swell.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on course 035 (t) on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular steaming watches. 0510 - radar contact: target bearing approximately 160 relative, distant 21 miles. 0610 - obtained fix by observations of JUPITER, CAPELLA, SIRIUS, BETELGEUX and POLARIS: latitude 30-18 N., longitude 127-22 W. 0615 - raised a vessel bearing 216 (t), approximately 15 miles distant overtaking. 0615 - secured radar. Vessel rolling heavily at times to long low westerly swell.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on course 035 (t) on 18 nozzles at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. 0818 - exchanged recognition signals and visual calls with the U.S.S. WEST POINT (AP-23). Vessel rolling heavily to westerly swell.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on course 035 (t). 1245 - changed course to 022 (t). Speed approximately 87 RPM, 18 nozzles. Maintaining regular sea watches. 1308 - sighted the U.S.S. NASSAU bearing 026 relative and distant 10 miles. 1340 - exchanged recognition signals and visual calls with the U.S.S. NASSAU. Ship rolling heavily at times to westerly swell. Steering by gyro-pilot.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000 Steaming as before on course 022 (t) on 18 nozzles at approximately 87 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. 1735 - radar in operation. 1738 - sunset - darkened ship. 1755 - obtained fix by observations of VEGA, ALTAIR and FOMALHAUT: latitude 32-50 N., longitude 125-35.5 W. Vessel rolling heavily at times. Moderate sea, heavy westerly swell. Clear.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on course 022 (t), on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. Vessel rolling heavily to westerly swell. Conditions normal.

W. J. Sattel
W. J. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graher*
G. W. GRAHER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Wednesday 27 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 8.

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California. Steering by gyro-pilot. On course 022 (t). Speed 18 nozzles, approximately 87 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches. Vessel rolling heavily at times to westerly swell. 0300 - radar contact, bearing 327 (t), distant 29 miles.

M. D. Salmon
M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 022 (t) on 18 nozzles, at approximately 86.5 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. 0605 - obtained fix by observations of JUPITER, POLARIS, SIRIUS and RIGEL: latitude 35-46.5 N., longitude 124-01 W. 0615 - secured radar. 0632 - sunrise. Partly cloudy-clear, small following sea, heavy beam swell. Vessel rolling heavily at times.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 022 (t), on 18 nozzles at approximately 86 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. 0823 - changed course to 020 (t). 1000 held quarters for muster and Captain's inspection, of crew and material. 1105 - radar in operation. 1115 - sighted blimp about 18 miles distant, bearing north. 1130 - sighted ship bearing north. 1155 - blimp identified as K-75. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. V. Sattel
W. V. SATTEL,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1715

Steaming as before on course 020 (t). On 18 nozzles, at approximately 86 RPM. 1205 - radar contact, bearing 022 (t). 1340 - changed course to 090 (t). 1340 - shifted to hand steering (telemotor). 1350 - changed course to 085 (t). 1355 - changed course to 075 (t). 1356 - Buoy "B" abeam. 1401 - commenced pumping deep tanks numbers 1 and 4. 1403 - passed buoy "C" abeam; changed course to 070 (t). 1410 - buoy "D" abeam. 1415 - buoy "E" abeam. 1421 - Buoy "F" abeam. 1427 - Buoy "B" abeam. 1432 - Buoy "H" abeam. 1435 - changed course to 075 (t). 1437 - half speed. 1439 - slow speed. 1441 - stopped, picked up pilot (Lt. Comdr. SHRODER, U.S.N.R.). 1450 - full ahead. 1551 - buoy "J" to port. 1525 - piped special sea details to stations. 1530 - Mile Rock abeam to starboard. Various courses approaching San Francisco harbor. 1540 - under Golden Gate bridge. 1545 - half speed. 1546 - through submarine net and into San Francisco Bay. 1556 - Alcatraz Island abeam to port. 1557 - Representatives from Port Directors Office (2 officers) aboard. 1608 - On degaussing range; setting: M-plus 46, F - minus 7, Q - plus 5. 1612 - left degaussing range, proceeding to pier 56 - south. 1617 - Port Director's representatives left ship. 1623 - under San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge. 1631 - tug (SEA SCOUT) alongside to port to assist in docking. 1642 - entered Third Street channel, 1652 - first bow line to dock. 1705 - secured, starboard side to Pier 56 south, San Francisco, California. 1715 - Secured special sea details and set regular port watches. Finished with engines. No further remarks.

M. D. Salmon
M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1715- 2000

Moored as before, starboard side to pier 56 south, San Francisco, California. 1715 - advanced clocks one hour to conform to war time (plus 7). 1840 - transferred fifteen (15) enlisted passengers. 1900 - liberty for men and leave for officers - to expire on board at 0800, Thursday, October 28, 1943. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusen
L. VAN DUSEN,
CGM, U.S.N.

Approved:

E. W. Graber
E. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Thursday 28 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before at pier 56-South, San Francisco California. Starboard side to. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*L. Van Dusen*L. VAN DUSEN,
CGM, U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*C. F. Churchill*C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM, U.S.N.

0800 - 1200.

Moored as before. 1115 - commenced taking fresh water from the dock in the forward peak tanks. The following officer reported aboard this date, for duty, in accordance with BuPers orders, Pers 318-CWC No. 56909 of June 15, 1943. William C. STENSLAND, APC, U.S.Navy. No further remarks.

*M. M. Baxter*M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1310 - commenced unloading mail from number five hatch. 1335 - finished pumping fresh water. The following officer reported aboard this date for duty in accordance BuPers 3101-ALK of July 16, 1943: Anthony Frederick PACIATTI, Ensign, D-V(G), U.S.N.R. 1345 - Carlyle M. DUNAWAY, Lieutenant (jg), D-V(G), U.S.N.R., detached this date; Herbert W. TROWBRIDGE, Lieutenant, E-M, U.S.N.R., detached this date; authority: BuPers despatch 240235 of August 24, 1943. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*V. E. Ellingham*V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CGM, U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Discharged mail and two (2) water-buffaloes to a barge alongside. 1845 - permission granted to blow tubes. No further remarks.

*M. M. Baxter*M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

*V. E. Ellingham*V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CGM, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.
Navigator.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Friday 29 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to Pier 56 - south, San Francisco, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Eltingham
V. E. ELINGHAM,
CCM, U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0720 - tug took barge from alongside number three hatch. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 1110 - the following officer reported aboard for duty; Albert SEBASTIAN CLAUDIA, Jr., Ensign, D-V(G), U.S.N.R.; authority: BuPers 31550-BJM3. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusser
L. VAN DUSSEER,
CGM, U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusser
L. VAN DUSSEER,
CGM, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

W. Graber
W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Saturday 30

October 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7.

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to pier 56-South, San Francisco, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N.A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0515 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM, U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER,
CBM, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D.S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

C. W. Graeber
C. W. GRAEBER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

MERCURY

Sunday
(Day.)

October
31 November
(Date.) (Month.)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 7.

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N-A-L
REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, starboard side to pier 56 south, San Francisco, California. Yard workmen at work in various parts of the ship. Conditions normal.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph F. Dapper
Ralph F. DAPPER,
CSM, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. 0745 - turned on fresh water. 0930 - commenced pumping deep tanks in number 4 hold. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM, U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. 1855 - permission granted to blow tubes. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
CSM, U.S.N.

Approved:

W. Graber
W. GRABER,
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.
Commanding.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

P-405

Reg. No. 376/35470
U.S. No. 134

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 1 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus P.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, starboard side to pier 56-south, San Francisco, California. Conditions normal. Various civilian employees aboard working. Sand blasting the ship's side. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. 0400 - permission granted to blow tubes. 0800 - colors. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 1025 - Panamanian ship (name unknown) moored ahead of this vessel. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
COM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. 1625 - the following men reported aboard for duty; authority: CSCSFPF serial 22069 10/29/43:

CARTELL, John (n),	851-14-35, F.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
COLE, Ezra Leroy,	249-89-06, F.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
CHANDLER, William,	828-42-73, F.3c,	U.S.N.R.
COTELLO, Jerry Joseph,	153-78-16, F.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
CHIPAS, Edward Andy,	853-78-95, F.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
POPJOY, George Lincoln,	853-64-99, SC.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.

1812 - sunset - colors. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
COM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. 2100 - heaved in head and stern lines. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

61433

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER,

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. *Commanding Officer.*

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY

Tuesday
(Day)

2
(Date)

November, 1943
(Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, starboard side to pier 56-south, San Francisco, California. 0045 - slackened head and stern lines. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Bakter
M. M. BAKTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Billingham
V. E. BILLINGHAM
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1332.

Moored as before. 1025 - tested port anchor windlass and found in good working order. 1205 - tested all navigational equipment and found in good working order. 1332 - piped all hands to special sea details, deck relieved by the Executive Officer. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

1332 - 1448.

Moored as before. 1333 - tug (F.A. DUTY) alongside to port. Tug (SEA ROVER) standing by. 1348 - all lines clear aft. 1402 - let go all lines forward; clear of pier. 1422 - under San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. 1436 - tug (F. A. DUTY) cast off. 1437 - entered slip. 1440 - stern line to dock. 1441 - bow line to dock. 1448 - secured, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. 1450 - both tugs released and pilots left ship. 1453 - secured special sea details and resumed port watches.

N. D. Salmon
N. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1448 - 2000

Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California.

1500 - the following men reported aboard for duty pursuant to CSC3FFP serial 22183 of October 30, 1943:

WALKER, Joe Curtis,	848-69-66,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WALL, Norman Edward,	848-69-64,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WALLIN, Gordon Oscar,	878-88-47,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WALLIS, Clyde John,	846-88-45,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WALTERS, Lough Lex,	555-93-57,	S.2c,		12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.
WASHINGTON, George (n),	837-81-47,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WEBB, William Robert,	844-45-81,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WEBB, Charles George,	844-47-15,	S.2c,	IND,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WHITHEAD, DeForest Clell,	841-76-86,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WILKES, Billy Barton,	848-64-58,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WILKES, Walton David,	576-93-66,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WILLIAMS, Harold Douglas,	845-79-48,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WILLIAMS, Simon Peter,	893-13-14,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.
WILLIAMSON, Eugene Gurry,	379-17-18,	S.2c,	V-6,	12th. Bat.,	U.S.N.R.

1800 - GIBBCHILL, G.P., 320-90-22, CGM(AA), U.S.Navy, notified of his appointment as Ensign (t), U.S. Navy, to rank from August 15, 1943, authority; BuPers Cir. Ltr. 191-43 of August 15, Bull. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafferty
N. A. McCLAFFERTY
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

Examined:

[Signature]
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

[Signature]
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP SPRINGERY Tuesday 2 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 7.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)
(continued)

2000 - 2400
Logged as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van deussen
L. VAN DEUSSEN
COMMODORE, U.S.N.

Approved:

[Signature]
L. VAN DEUSSEN

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined:

[Signature]
C. T. TOLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP CRUZZY Wednesday 3 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Ressen
L. Van Ressen
CSC(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W.A. McClaffey
W.A. McClaffey
Sewain, U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. Various workmen (civilian) aboard. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Degan
Ralph P. Degan
CSC(AA), U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. DEHART, Kenneth, P., Ensign (c), (SC), U.S. Navy was detached this date; authority: BuPers Order 116693, U.S. 313 LPP. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

P. Smith
P. Smith
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Degan
Ralph P. Degan
CSC(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

E. J. ...

Examined:

C. J. ...

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.

Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP HEXLEY Thursday 4 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Zone 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0800 - 0900

Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. Civilian workers working in various parts of the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Reginald P. Cooper
REGINALD P. COOPER
GR1(PA), U.S.N.R.

0900 - 0930

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. J. Smith
W. J. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0930 - 1400

Moored as before. 0930 - colors. 0925 - moored starboard roller. 1215 - oil barge unmoored alongside; commenced fueling. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON
GR1(A), U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. Fueling ship from oil barge on starboard side. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN
Boatswain, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Fueling ship. 2345 - finished fueling, having received 7,306.2 barrels fuel oil. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON
GR1(A), U.S.N.

Approved:

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON

Lt. Junior, U.S.N.R.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP USSCUBBY Friday 5 November, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Zone 2

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. 0030 - hooked hose to deck for the fire mains. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Hinson
E. F. HINSON
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. 0700 - oil barge shoved off from starboard side. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin
N. A. MCCLAFFLIN
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. 0800 - colors. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Bester
M. M. BESTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600
Moored as before. 1500 - received from Union Oil Company of California seven (7) barrels of diesel fuel. No further remarks.

V. E. Hellingham
V. E. HELLINGHAM
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Bester
M. M. BESTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Hellingham
V. E. HELLINGHAM
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. GARDNER
G. W. GARDNER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. TOLLIN
C. F. TOLLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Saturday 6 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. Various workmen (civilian) aboard ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. S. Ellingham
V. S. ELLINGHAM
COM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. M. Baxter
W. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400
Moored as before. 0800 - colors. 0915 - starboard boiler lit off. 0938 - ship's generator in full operation. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSIN
COM(AA), U.S.N.

1400 - 2000
Moored as before. 1645 - cut in ship's fire main. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. F. PACIOTTI
Ensign, U.S.N.R.
A. F. Paciotti

Approved:

Examined:

G. W. Grauer
G. W. GRAUER
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. *Commanding Officer.*

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. *Navigator.*

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 7 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California.
Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. F. Paciotti
A. F. PACIOTTI
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.

0800 - 1400
Moored as before. 0800 - colors. Yard workmen aboard in various parts
of the ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dyer
Ralph P. DYER
CBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *O. W. Graiser*
O. W. GRAISER
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
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Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000		
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
0000 - 0200	Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>[Signature]</i> J. L. SMITH, Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.				
0200 - 0800	Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>[Signature]</i> RALPH P. DABER CRM(PA), U.S.N.R.				
0800 - 1400	Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>[Signature]</i> M. M. BAXTER, Ensign, U.S.N.R.				
1400 - 2000	Moored as before. 1625- liberty ship (S.S. CLARENCE DARROW) mooring at pier eleven (11). 1900 - blew tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>[Signature]</i> E. F. DISHON CRM(AA), U.S.N.				
2000 - 2400	Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.				
	<i>[Signature]</i> M. M. BAXTER, Ensign, U.S.N.R.				
Approved:	<i>[Signature]</i> G. W. GRABER Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.		Examined:	<i>[Signature]</i> C. F. TURLIN Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.	

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Tuesday 9 November, 1943
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Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California.
Conditions normal. No further remarks.
M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. 0400 - blew tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. 0800 - colors. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. 1804 - sunset - colors. 1900 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.
C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Grauer

G. W. GRAUER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.

Consulting Officer

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday 10 November, 1943
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Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California.
Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. KILGHAM
V. E. KILGHAM
COM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1400
Moored as before. 0800 - colors. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1400 - 2000
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
COM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN
Boatswain, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graper
G. W. GRAPER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Thursday 11 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California.
Conditions normal. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. 0720 - U.S.S. ESCAMBIA (O-80) underway. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1400
Moored as before. Yard workmen working in various parts of the ship.
Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER
SBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

1400- 2000
Moored as before. The below listed men reported aboard for duty this date:

HOLODNAK, John Leonard, 821-52-24, SK.3c, V-6, U.S.N.R.
MULHALL, Thomas Kevin, 853-89-90, SK.3c, V-6, U.S.N.R.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. Yard workmen working in engine room. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
RALPH P. DAPPER
SBM(PA), U.S.N.R.

Approved: *G. W. Graher*
G. W. GRAHER
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California.
Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Ralph P. Dapper
Ralph P. Dapper,
CSM(PA), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. 0410 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. 0800 - colors. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. 1400 - the below listed men were transferred this date and ordered to report to the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, California:

DAPPER, Ralph Peter, 130-20-38, CSM(PA), V-6, U.S.N.R.
FULLER, James Marshall, 267-24-30, CSM(AA), V-6, U.S.N.R.
HILL, Walter James, 412-31-76, WT.2c, M-2, U.S.N.R.
TAITANO, Vincente 102-44-95, SC.3c, V-6, U.S.N.R.
Rosario,

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CSM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graher
G. W. GRAHER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.

Commanding Officer

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator

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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to pier 9, San Francisco, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dishon
E. F. DISHON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0540

Moored as before. 0535 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. 0940 - piped special sea details. No further remarks.

R. O. Smith
R. O. SMITH,
Lt. (Jg), U.S.N.R.

0540 - 0830

Moored as before. 0600 - secured special sea details. 0605 - YF-180 along-side to starboard. 0610 - pilot aboard. 0635 - piped special sea details. 0652 - all lines clear of dock - underway. 0652 - tug cast off. 0700 - in stream, proceeding toward Richmond, California. Fog - visibility 5,000 yards. 0805 - anchored 1,000 yards southwest of Standard Oil Dock, Richmond California. No further remarks.

W. D. Salmon
W. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0830 - 1200

Anchored as before, 1,000 yards southwest of Standard Oil Dock, Richmond, California with 30 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Sounding fog signals. 1000 - fog closing in. 1130 - fog beginning to lift. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1400

Anchored as before. Heavy fog. 1325 - fog breaking up. 1355 - piped special sea details, deck relieved by the Executive Officer. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

1400 - 1535.

Anchored as before. 1400 - stand-by engines; Commenced heaving in anchor. 1407 - anchor aweigh. 1425 - entered Port Richmond Channel. 1510 - YF-351 along-side port bow. 1515 - first bow line to dock. 1521 - secured, port side to Standard Oil Dock, Richmond, California. 1535 - secured special sea details and resumed port watches. No further remarks.

W. D. Salmon
W. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1535 - 2000

Moored as before, port side to Standard Oil Dock, Richmond, California. 1600 - barge along side number 3 hatch. 1605 - barge alongside number 4 hatch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Toulon
C. F. TOULON

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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2000 - 2400

Moored as before. 2017 - commenced loading number 1 hold. 2100 - started loading numbers 4 and 5 holds. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
CCX(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graeber
G. W. GRAEBER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Cooperating Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 14 November 1943
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Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to Standard Oil Dock (Parr Terminal number 3), Richmond, California. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Bellingham
V. E. BELLINGHAM
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. Working cargo. 0340 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400
Moored as before. Working cargo. 1320 - the below listed man reported aboard for duty:

MECHAN, Wallace Winfred, 721-20-70, S.2c, M-1, U.S.N.R.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

1400 - 2000
Moored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. F. Paciotti
A. F. PACIOTTI,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

Approved: *G. W. Graber*
G. W. GRABER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined: *C. F. Tomlin*
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 15 November, 1943

Zone description Plus 9.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to Standard Oil Dock, (Parr Terminal number 3), Richmond, California. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. Working cargo. 0530 - finished loading deep tanks in number four (4) hold. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. F. Paciotti
A. F. PACIOTTI,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. Working cargo. 1828 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. S. Claudi
A. S. CLAUDI,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2100

Moored as before. Conditions normal. Working cargo. No further remarks.

D. S. Smith
D. S. SMITH,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Crahan
G. W. CRAHAN

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. *Comanding Officer.*

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Tuesday 16 November 1943Zone description Plus 9.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to Standard Oil Dock (Parr Terminals number 3), Richmond California. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.


 D. FOX SMITH,
 Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. 0350 - discontinued working cargo in hatch number 4. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

 A. S. GAUDI
 A. S. GAUDI
 Ensign, U.S.N.R.

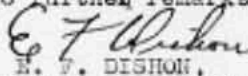
0800 - 1400

Moored as before. 0800 - colors. Working cargo. 1250 - started master gyro-compass. Conditions normal. No further remarks.


 C. F. CHURCHILL,
 Ensign, U.S.N.

1400 - 1655.

Moored as before. 1606 pilot (H.C. LENT) aboard. 1615 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. 1655 - all hands piped to special sea details; deck relieved by the Executive Officer. No further remarks.


 E. F. DISHON,
 CRM(AA), U.S.N.

1655 - 1945

1655 - singled up on all lines. 1700 - stand-by on engines. 1704 - let go aft. 1705 - slow ahead, various bells and headings clearing Parr Terminal number 3, Richmond, California; pilot conning. 1715 - commenced fog whistle. 1731 - cleared Santa Fe Channel. 1822 - under San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge. 1833 - entered Oakland Harbor Estuary. 1904 - tug (MAKAWANDA) alongside to starboard. 1929 - first bowline to dock. 1940 - secured, port side to Pier 1, Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. 1945 - finished with engines; secured special sea details; permission granted to blow tubes. No further remarks.

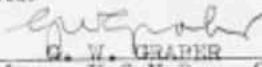

 N. D. SALMON,
 Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

1945 - 2400

Moored as before, port side to Pier 1, Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. 1955 - pilot left ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

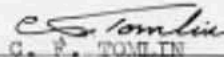

 C. F. CHURCHILL,
 Ensign, U.S.N.

Approved:


 G. W. GRABER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined:


 G. P. TOMLIN
 Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday 17 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 8.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier one (1), Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. F. Dison
E. F. DISON,
CRM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. Conditions normal. Working cargo. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

1200 - 1600
Moored as before. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. 1645 - four (4) passengers (enlisted) reported aboard with baggage - orders to follow. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CCM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Thursday 18 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200
Moored as before, port side to pier one (1), Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

E. M. Baxter
E. M. BAXTER,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
OGN(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1400
Moored as before. Working cargo. 0950 - the below listed man was transferred this date, authority: COM-SHX-POB-PAC-FLEET, Ltr P-1-1/5M serial 5854: DISHON, Elmer Franklin, 381-05-08, CRM(AA), U.S.Navy; Transferred to the Twelfth Naval District for further transportation to Naval Training School (PRE-radio), Wright Junior College, Chicago, Illinois. 1010 - the below listed man was transferred, to report to Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California; authority: SUBCOMSERFORPACFLEET ltr PL6-3/5M serial 22288: DAHLSTROM, Raymond, Phillip, 664-86-26, S.1c, U.S.N.R. 1050 - shifted from starboard to port boiler for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
OGN(AA), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000
Moored as before. Working cargo. The below listed man reported aboard for duty regarding special cargo, pursuant to CGCSPPF Ltr. Ser. 23312 of 11/15/43:

CATRABONE, Dominic Vincent, 817-26-41, TM.3c, V-6, U.S.N.R.

Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. F. Paciotti
A. F. PACIOTTI
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
OGN(AA), U.S.N.

Approved:

G. V. Graeber
G. V. GRAEBER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP BERGQUIRY Friday 19 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to Pier 1, Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. Port boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dusen
L. VAN DUSEN,
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

0200 - 0600

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. F. Paciotti
A. F. PACIOTTI
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. 0800 - colors. Working cargo. 1200 - moved ship forward eighty (80) feet. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. 1635 - STEWART, Glenn Laverne, 568-60-74, HA.1c, V-6, U.S.N.R. reported aboard for duty; authority: Verbal orders CGCSTTF of 11/19/43. 1640 - DUNN, Ralph Peter, 130-20-38, CGM(PA), V-6, U.S.N.R., reported aboard for duty; authority: Art. 3-7017, BuPers Manual. Conditions normal. Working Cargo. No further remarks.

V. B. Mingham
V. B. MINGHAM
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
Ensign, U.S.N.

Approved:

Eugene

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R., Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Saturday 20 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before at pier 1, Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. Port Boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM,
CGN(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. 0800 - colors. 1300 - DAPPER, Ralph Peter, CBM(PA), V-6, U.S.N.R., notified of his appointment as Carpenter, CBC-V(S), U.S.N.R. to rank from May 11, 1943; authority: Pers-366-bmb, 244263. Working cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. Working cargo. 1600 - the below listed men (draft number 833) reported aboard for transportation:

YENNA, William (n),	709-32-10, TM.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
BOUGHTON, Roger C.,	413-34-85, ADM.2c,	U.S.N.
HUDSON, Alton R.,	262-92-38, ADM.2c,	U.S.N.
KIM, Robert,	878-01-89, ARM.3c,	SV6, U.S.N.R.
ZECER, Elden Ray,	386-48-66, ARM.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
RUDDER, Leonard Lee,	877-99-95, S.2c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
MARSH, Glenn Herman,	301-14-54, S.1c,	U.S.N.
MILLER, Robert Thomas,	610-17-23, P.2c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
ARRAJF, Ralph J.,	762-00-40, S.2c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.

1839 - the following men reported aboard for duty:

TOMLIN, R.C.,	379-13-66, P.3c,	U.S.N.
DUDGEON, Roy Karl,	822-87-91, P.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
ECKER, Lee Leroy,	862-83-28, P.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.
EMBODY, Ralph Herbert,	862-77-71, P.3c,	V-6, U.S.N.R.

1805 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. S. Glaudi
A. S. GLAUDI,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
Ensign, U.S.N.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 21 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 8.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to pier 1, Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL,
Ensign, U.S.N.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. 0425 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. S. Claudi
A. S. CLAUDI
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. Working cargo. 1015 - finished loading number 4 hatch. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. Working cargo. 1610 - finished number 5 hold. 1750 - stevedores left ship. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN
CGM(AA), U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 22 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to pier 1, Encinal Terminals, Alameda California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

M. M. Baxter
M. M. BAXTER
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

L. Van Dussen
L. VAN DUSSEN,
CGC(AA), U.S.N.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. Working cargo (0800). 0840 - commenced taking on fresh water. 0948 - finished taking on fresh water. 1110 - barge alongside with landing craft. 1300 - number 3 hatch secured and battened down. 1330 - commenced loading deck cargo. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Anthony Paciotti
Anthony PACIOTTI
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. S. Glaudi
A. S. GLAUDI,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Anthony Paciotti
Anthony PACIOTTI
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

Approved:

C. W. Graher

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. *C. W. GRAHER* Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. *C. F. TOMLIN* Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Tuesday 23 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 2.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0200

Moored as before, port side to pier 1, Buical Terminal, Alameda, California. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

Anthony Paciotti
Anthony PACIOTTI,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0200 - 0800

Moored as before. 0425 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

A. S. Glaudi
A. S. GLAUDI,
Ensign, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1400

Moored as before. 1021 - commenced taking on water. 1133 - finished taking on water. 1138 - started master gyrocompass. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

S. Lazrus
S. LAZRUS
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1400 - 2000

Moored as before. 1345 - DAPPER, Ralph Peter, Carpenter (t), U.S.N.R., detached this vessel; authority: BuPers Ltr of May 28, 1943, Pers-318, LMK-244263, to report to Commander Twelfth Naval District for further assignment by the Chief of Naval Personnel. 1650 - all navigational lights tested and found in good order. 1845 - permission granted to blow tubes. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

S. Lazrus
S. LAZRUS,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Gahler
G. W. GAHLER

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday 24 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description +7

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			Lat: 36-56 N.
Long.			Long: 123-31 W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0545

Moored as before, port side to pier 1, Encinal Terminals, Alameda, California.

0350 - commenced taking on fresh water. 0540 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. 0545 - piped all hands to special sea details; deck relieved by the Executive Officer. No further remarks.

C. F. Churchill
C. F. CHURCHILL
Ensign, U.S.N.

0545 - 0820

0557 - tug (YT-180) alongside (starboard). 0605 - stand by on engines.

0611 - let go all lines aft. 0613 - slow ahead, various bells, clearing pier 1, Encinal Terminals. 0618 - let go forward, proceed mid-stream, pilot (Captain Lister) conning. 0746 - cleared Oakland Harbor Channel, proceeding to anchorage. 0815 - let go starboard anchor and 60 fathoms of chain in 44 feet of water in berth 14, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California. 0819 - finished with engines; maintaining vacuum on engines. 0820 - secured special sea details and resumed port watches.

M. D. Salmon
M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0820 - 1345

Anchored as before in berth 14, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, California in 44 feet of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. 0830 - stevedores came aboard. 0835 - ammunition barge alongside (port). 0900 - commenced loading torpedo war-heads in number 2 hold. 0955 - oil barge alongside starboard side. 1015 - commenced fueling. 1125 - ship swinging to port. 1135 - completed fueling having taken aboard 32,000 gallons fuel oil. 1205 - oil barge away. 1228 - finished loading torpedo war heads. 1300 - all clocks retarded one hour to conform to (plus) 8 zone time. 1320 - all navigational gear tested and found in good order. 1321 - barge away from alongside. 1337 - pilot (Lt. Comdr., SMITH, U.S.C.G.) aboard. 1345 - piped special sea details; deck relieved by the Executive Officer.

V. E. Ellingham
V. E. ELLINGHAM
COM(SA), U.S.N.

1345 - 1550

1351 - standby on engines. 1352 - commenced heaving in anchor. 1403 - anchor aweigh, half ahead and various bells and headings leaving berth 14, San Francisco Bay, pilot conning. 1427 - under San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge and proceeding to degaussing range. 1434 - passed degaussing buoy; settings: "M" - plus 46; "P" - plus 11, "Q" - minus 55. 1450 - through submarine net. 1456 - under Golden Gate Bridge, proceeding to sea. 1546 - pilot left ship. 1547 - both anchors secured for sea. 1547 - course set at 251 (t). 1550 - secured special sea details and set sea watches. No further remarks.

M. D. Salmon
M. D. SALMON,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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Approved:

Examined:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Wednesday 24 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description X?

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
 (WAR DIARY)
 (continued)

1550 - 2000

Steaming as before. 1554 - speed set at 21 nozzles (approximately 88 RPM).
 1556 - Buoy "I" abeam to port. 1603 - Buoy "H" abeam to port. 1609 - Buoy "G"
 abeam to port. 1616 - Buoy "F" abeam to port. 1623 - Buoy "E" abeam to port. 1628
 Buoy "D" abeam to port. 1636 - Buoy "C" abeam to port. 1640 - changed course to
 249 (t). 1642 - Buoy "B" abeam to port. 1648 - Buoy "A" abeam to port. 1650 -
 turned off degaussing gear. 1700 - sunset - darkened ship. 1705 - changed course
 to 207 (t). 1900 - permission granted to blow tubes. At 1740 received the
 following naval despatch on the bridge:

From: Radio San Francisco.

AT 0030 INTERCEPTED SOS FROM SHIP IN LAT 55-07N, LONG 155-30 W. BREAKING
 UP FAST HELP SOON PLEASE

Clear weather, smooth sea, low northwest swell, vessel rolling easily at
 times - deck cargo inspected and found secure.

C. F. Tomlin
 C. F. TOMLIN
 Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 207 (t) at 21 nozzles. Clear weather, smooth
 sea. Conditions normal. No further remarks.

W. G. Christman
 W. G. CHRISTMAN
 Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
 G. W. GRABER

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
 C. F. TOMLIN

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Thursday 25 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 8.

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	34-12 N.	33-23 N.	31-45.5 N.
Long.	125-21 W.	126-16 W.	128-13 W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before passage San Francisco, California to Espirita Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. On course 207 (t) at 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. 0000 - changed course to 210 (t). Calm sea. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN
Boatswain, z U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 210 (t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. 0400 - shifted from telemotor (hand) steering to automatic (gyro-pilot) steering. 0500 - permission granted to blow tubes. 0655 - secured radar. 0650 - obtained fix by observations of VENUS, MARS and PROCYON: Latitude - 34-28 N., longitude - 125-10 W. Cloudy, clear, small following sea, low swell, vessel rolling easily at times.

C.F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before, on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. 0800 - changed course to 224 (t). Vessel rolling easily in a calm sea. No further remarks.

R.C. Christian
R. C. CHRISTIAN
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 224 (t) at 21 nozzles, approximately 89 RPM. Steering by automatic (gyro-pilot) steering. Vessel rolling easily to a westerly swell. Maintaining regular sea watches. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 224 (t), on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. 1726 - sunset - darkened ship. 1735 - radar in operation. 1800 - all clocks retarded 1 hour to conform to plus 9 zone time. 1733 (plus 9 zone time) - changed course to 231 (t). 1805 - permission granted to blow tubes. 1655 - obtained fix by observations of FORMLAUT, VEGA and ALTAR; latitude - 32-17.5 N., longitude 127 - 29.5 W. Partly cloudy, clear, smooth sea, long low westerly swell; vessel rolling moderately at times.

C.F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on course 231 (t), on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by gyro-pilot. Radar in operation. 22 05 - secured heat in ventilation system. Cloudy with decreasing visibility. Conditions normal.

R.C. Christian
R. C. CHRISTIAN
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G.W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Examined:

C.F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R. Commanding Officer

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R. Navigator

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Friday 26, November 1943
(Date) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 8

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	29-49.5 N.	29-11 N.	27-52 N.
Long.	131-02.5 W.	132-02.5 W.	133-53.5 W.

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0000-0400

Steaming as before passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. On Course 231 (t), by Gyro Pilot at 21 Nozzles. Weather, Cloudy. Maintaining regular sea watches. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 231⁰ (t), on 21 Nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by Gyro Pilot. 0558-Obtained fix by observation of Jupiter, Sirius and Venus; Lat-30-09N. Long-130-35 W. 0600-Secured Radar. 0715-Shifted from Automatic steering to telemotor (hand) steering. 0740-Shifted to automatic (gyro pilot) steering. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 231⁰ (t), on 21 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by Gyro Pilot. 0815-Changed from Gyro Pilot to telemotor (hand) steering. Ship rolling easily to a westerly swell. No further remarks.

R. C. Christian
R. C. CHRISTIAN,
Lt. (jg) U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 231⁰ (t), on 21 nozzles - At approximately 89 RPM. Steering by Telemotor. Slight sea, moderate westerly swell - Vessel rolling and pitching easily. No further remarks.

N.A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 231⁰ (t) on 21 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. 1550-Shifted from Telemotor (hand) steering to Automatic (gyro-pilot) steering. 1700-Radar in operation. 1740-Target on Radar bearing 243⁰ (t), distant 17 miles. 1803-Turned on ARK unit (Radar) - Radar targets subsequently identified as probably three vessels - two large and one small. 1839-Changed course to 221⁰ (t). 1854-Changed course to 231⁰ (t). Weather cloudy, overcast. No star observations. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 231⁰ (t), on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by Gyro Pilot. 2145-Lost contact with radar targets, bearing 020⁰ (t), distance 17 miles - Secured Radar's ARK Unit. No further remarks.

R. C. Christian
R. C. CHRISTIAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Commanding Officer.

Navigator.

Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Saturday 27, November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 9

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	25-55 N.	25-10.5 N.	23-25.5 N.
Long.	136-37 W.	137-22 W.	138-41 W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Steaming as before passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. On course 231°(t) by Gyro Pilot at 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0400-0600

Steaming as before on course 231°(t), on 21 nozzles, at approximately 89 RPM. 0600-Secured Radar. 0655-Shifted from Automatic (gyro-pilot) steering to Hand (telemotor). Overcast - No star observations. Vessel rolling moderately to westerly swell. 0730-Shifted from telemotor, to Automatic Gyro-Pilot. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 231°(t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. 0800-Shifted from Gyro-Pilot to Hand telemotor steering. 1005-Sighted unidentified cargo ship bearing 180°(t), hull down. 1030-Changed course to 215° True. Overcast, slight sea - Vessel rolling easily to a westerly swell. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles at about 89 RPM. By Telemotor (hand) steering. Slight sea; Visibility good. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. 1700-Radar in operation. 1730-Shifted from telemotor (hand) steering to Automatic (gyro-pilot) steering. 1800-Obtained fix by observation of ALTAIR, VEGA, and DEMEE, Lat-23-51N. Long.-138-21 W. Mostly cloudy, clear, moderate south-westerly swell. - Vessel rolling moderately. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by Gyro-Pilot. Cloudy, Visibility good - Vessel rolling moderately to south-westerly swell. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.

Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Sunday 28, November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 9

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20-40 N.	19-58.5 N.	18-03 N.
Long.	140-39 W.	141-20 W.	142-47 W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Steaming as before, Passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. Steaming on course 215°(t) by Gyro-Pilot on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Maintaining regular sea watches. Ship rolling moderately to southwesterly swell. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaplin
N. A. McCLAPLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) by Gyro-Pilot, on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. 0615-Secured the Radar. 0720-Shifted from Automatic (gyro-pilot) to Telemotor (hand) steering. Overcast - No star observations - Vessel rolling moderately to low westerly swell. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by Telemotor (hand). Vessel rolling to a westerly swell. clear and mostly cloudy. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by telemotor (hand). Vessel rolling slightly to low shifting swells. Mostly clear; Visibility good. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaplin
N. A. McCLAPLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 215°(t), on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. 1732-Shifted from Hand (telemotor) steering to Automatic (gyro-Pilot). 1745-Radar in operation. 1800-All clocks retarded one hour to conform with plus 10 zone time. Overcast - No star observations. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 89 RPM. Steering by Gyro-Pilot. Radar in operation. Occasional passing showers. Visibility good. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber
G. W. GRABER

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.

Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Monday 29, November 1943

Zone description Plus 10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15-29 N.	14-41.5 N.	12-59 N
Long.	144-41 W.	145-19 W.	146-35 W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Steaming as before, Passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo island, New Hebrides Islands. Steaming on course 215°(t) by gyro-Pilot, on 21 nozzles at approximately 88 RPM. Overcast - Maintaining regular sea watches. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 215°(t), on 21 nozzles, at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Automatic (gyro-pilot). 0535-Radar secured. Overcast - No star observations. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles. Steering by Gyro-Pilot. 0800-Shifted to Telemotor (hand) steering. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles, at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Telemotor hand. No further remarks.

N. A. McClafflin
N. A. McCLAFFLIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 215°(t), on 21 nozzles, at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Telemotor hand. 1700-Shifted from telemotor hand, to Automatic Gyro-Pilot steering. 1715-Radar in operation. Overcast - No star observations. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles, at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Gyro-Pilot. Overcast - Vessel rolling easily to a slight sea. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Graber

G. W. GRABER

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin

C. F. TOMLIN

Navigator.

Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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UNITED STATES SHIP MERCURY Tuesday 30, November 19 43
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description Plus 10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10-30.5 N.	09-40 N.	07-58 N.
Long.	148-33 W.	149-09 W.	150-21 W.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Underway, Passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. Steaming on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Automatic Gyro-Pilot. Maintaining regular sea watches. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on course 215°(t), on 21 nozzles at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Gyro-Pilot. 0532-Obtained fix by observation of CANOPUS, SIRIUS, MARS and VENUS; Lat: 11-02 N., Long: 148-09W. 0540-Secured the Radar. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on course 215°(t), on 21 nozzles. 0800-Shifted from Automatic (gyro-Pilot) to Telemotor (hand) steering. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on course 215°(t), on 21 nozzles at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Telemotor (hand). 1525-Shifted from Telemotor to Automatic Gyro-Pilot, Steering. No further remarks.

N. A. McClaffin
N. A. McCLAFFIN,
Boatswain, U.S.N.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on course 215°(t), on 21 nozzles at approximately 88 RPM. Steering by Gyro-Pilot. 1745-Radar in operation. 1820-Gyro-Pilot ceased functioning, shifted to hand (telemotor) steering. Overcast - No star observations. No further remarks.

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN,
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on course 215°(t) on 21 nozzles. Steering by Telemotor. No further remarks.

R. C. Christman
R. C. CHRISTMAN,
Lt. (jg), U.S.N.R.

Approved:

G. W. Granger
G. W. GRANGER

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

C. F. Tomlin
C. F. TOMLIN

Navigator.

Lt. Comdr. U.S.N.R.

Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

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January 1, 1944.

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From: / Commanding Officer.
To : / Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Submission of.
Reference: (a) Your res. ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152, 29
October, 1943.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the War Diary for the month of December, 1943 is submitted herewith:

December 1, 1943:

Attached - Naval Transportation Service, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California.
Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - plus 10.

Positions:	0800:	Latitude	: 05-17	N.
		Longitude	: 151-53	W.
	1200:	Latitude	: 04-24	N.
		Longitude	: 152-28	W.
	2000:	Latitude	: 02-43	N.
		Longitude	: 153-52	W.

December 2, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - plus 10.

Positions:	0800:	Latitude	: 00-24	N.
		Longitude	: 156-13	W.
	1200:	Latitude	: 00-30	S.
		Longitude	: 156-47.4	W.
	2000:	Latitude	: 02-01	S.
		Longitude	: 157-50	W.

December 3, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - plus 11.

Positions:	0800:	Latitude	: 03-54	S.
		Longitude	: 159-04	W.

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December 3, 1943 (continued):

Positions: 1200: Latitude : 04-29 S.
Longitude : 159-32 W.

2000: Latitude : 05-42 S.
Longitude : 160-25 W.

Held firing practice for all batteries. Ammunition expended:
20 millimeter : 1,319 rounds.
3 inch - 50 calibre : 5 rounds.
5 inch - 51 calibre : 6 rounds.

December 4, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo
Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - plus ll.

Positions: 0800: Latitude : 07-33 S.
Longitude : 161-35 W.

1200: Latitude : 08-13 S.
Longitude : 162-02 W.

2000: Latitude : 09-25 S.
Longitude : 162-47 W.

December 5, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo
Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - plus ll.

Positions: 0800: Latitude : 11-13 S.
Longitude : 164-04 W.

1200: Latitude : 11-50 S.
Longitude : 164-29 W.

2000: Latitude : 12-43 S.
Longitude : 165-36 W.

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December 6, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - plus 12.

Sighted and exchanged recognition signals with two (2) U.S. scout-bombers.

Sighted Tutuilla Island, American Samoa.

Sighted unidentified tanker.

Positions: 0800: Latitude : 14-08.5 S.
Longitude : 168-07 W.

1200: Latitude : 14-40 S.
Longitude : 169-00.5 W.

2000: Latitude : 14-58 S.
Longitude : 171-10 W.

December 7, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - plus 12. Advanced clocks twenty-four (24) hours to Thursday, 9 December, 1943 to conform to minus twelve (12) zone time.

Sighted unidentified ship (Liberty type).

Sighted Tafahi Island.

Made radar contact on Alofi Island.

Positions: 0800: Latitude : 15-01 S.
Longitude : 174-08 W.

1200: Latitude : 15-00 S.
Longitude : 175-09.5 W.

2000: Latitude : 15-02 S.
Longitude : 177-17 W.

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December 9, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - minus 12.

Sighted one unidentified aircraft and one ship (Liberty type) - unidentified.

Positions:	0800:	Latitude : 14-56	S.
		Longitude : 179-37	E.
	1200:	Latitude : 14-58	S.
		Longitude : 178-27	E.
	2000:	Latitude : 14-58	S.
		Longitude : 176-19	E.

December 10, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Zone description - minus 11.

Made rendezvous with escort vessel, U.S.S. LEVY (DE-162).

Positions:	0800:	Latitude : 15-07	S.
		Longitude: 173-34	E.
	1200:	Latitude : 15-12	S.
		Longitude: 172-36	E.
	2000:	Latitude : 15-18	S.
		Longitude: 170-27	E.

December 11, 1943:

Underway, passage San Francisco, California to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. In company with escort vessel, U.S.S. LEVY (DE-162).

Zone description - minus 11.

At 1212 anchored in berth 5, Pekoa (Segund) Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands

Transferred \$2,020,000.00 to the disbursing officer, U.S.S.

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Positions:	0800:	Latitude : 15-58	S.
		Longitude : 167-50.5	E.

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December 12, 1943:

Anchored in berth 5, Pekoa (Segund) Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands.

Unloaded deck cargo.

At 1637 shifted to dock 4, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands and commenced unloading cargo.

December 13, 1943 to December 18, 1943.

Moored port side to dock number 4, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. Working cargo (unloading) during this period. Completed discharge of cargo on December 17, 1943.

December 18, 1943:

Shifted from dock number 4, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to berth ten and one-half (10½) Pekoa Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands at 0704.

December 19, 1943 to December 26, 1943.

Anchored in berth ten and one-half (10½) Pekoa Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands. Cargo discharged. Waiting for orders.

December 26, 1943:

At 0805 shifted from berth ten and one-half (10½) Pekoa Channel to berth three (3) Pekoa Channel.

At 1030, underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California, escorted by U.S.S. SC-701.

Positions:	1200:	Latitude	: 15-38	S.
		Longitude	: 167-21	E.
	2000:	Latitude	: 16-03	S.
		Longitude	: 168-47	E.

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December 27, 1943:

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California.

Zone description - minus 12.

At 1615 the escort vessel, U.S.S. SC-701 proceeded as previously directed. This vessel proceeding independently.

Positions: 0800: Latitude : 15-44.4 S.
Longitude : 170-51 E.

1200: Latitude : 15-46 S.
Longitude : 171-32.5 E.

2000: Latitude : 15-34 S.
Longitude : 173-01 E.

December 28, 1943:

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California.

Zone description - minus 12. All clocks retarded 24 hours to December 28, 1943 to conform to plus 12 zone time.

Sighted unidentified tanker.

Made radar contact on Thikombia Island.

Positions: 0800: Latitude : 15-10.5 S.
Longitude : 176-04 E.

1200: Latitude : 15-10 S.
Longitude : 177-09 E.

2000: Latitude : 15-12 S.
Longitude : 179-08 E.

December 28, 1943:

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California.

Zone description - plus 11.

Sighted Good Hope Island.

Made radar contact on Tafahi Island.

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December 28, 1943 (continued):

Positions:	0800:	Latitude : 15-14	S.
		Longitude : 177-46.5	W.
	1200:	Latitude : 15-13.5	S.
		Longitude : 176-43.5	W.
	2000:	Latitude : 15-09	S.
		Longitude : 175-02	W.

December 29, 1943:

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to San Francisco, California.
Zone description - plus 11.
Sighted Tau Island.
Sighted plane (PBM-2).

Positions:	0800:	Latitude : 15-08	S.
		Longitude : 171-48	W.
	1200:	Latitude : 15-09	S.
		Longitude : 170-46	W.
	2000:	Latitude : 15-09	S.
		Longitude : 168-43	W.

December 30, 1943:

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to San Francisco, California.
Almost continuous rainfall.

Positions:	0800:	Latitude : 15-09	S.
		Longitude : 165-27	W.
	1200:	Latitude : 15-09	S.
		Longitude : 164-22.5	W.
	2000:	Latitude : 15-04	S.
		Longitude : 162-19	W.

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December 31, 1943:

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to San Francisco, California.

Zone description - plus 10.

Positions:	0800:	Latitude	: 13-07.5	S.
		Longitude	: 159-57	W.
	1200:	Latitude	: 12-20	S.
		Longitude	: 159-10	W.
	2000:	Latitude	: 10-54	S.
		Longitude	: 158-02	W.

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February 1, 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Submission of.
Reference: (a) Your res. ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152, 29
October, 1943.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the War Diary for the month of January, 1944 is submitted herewith:

January 1, 1944:

Attached - Naval Transportation Service, Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California.

Zone description - plus ten.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 08-29 S.
Longitude : 156-04 W.

1200 - Latitude : 07-44 S.
Longitude : 155-29 W.

2000 - Latitude : 04-11 S.
Longitude : 152-52 W.

January 2, 1944:

Zone description - plus 10.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides Islands to San Francisco, California.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 03-38 S.
Longitude : 152-33 W.

1200 - Latitude : 02-49 S.
Longitude : 151-59 W.

2000 - Latitude : 01-11 S.
Longitude : 150-53 W.

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January 3, 1944:

Zone description - plus ten.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to San Francisco, California.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 01-12 N.
Longitude : 149-06 W.

1200 - Latitude : 02-03 N.
Longitude : 148-34.5 W.

2000 - Latitude : 03-39 N.
Longitude : 147-32 W.

January 4, 1944:

Zone description - plus ten.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to San Francisco, California.

In accordance with COMMANDER HAWAIIAN SEA FRONTIER despatch
042015 of January, 1944, received this date - changed course and
proceeding to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 06-09 N.
Longitude: 148-54 W.

1200 - Latitude : 06-48 N.
Longitude: 148-06 W.

2000 - Latitude : 07-42 N.
Longitude: 146-19 W.

January 5, 1944:

Zone description - plus 10.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 08-44.5 N.
Longitude: 149-19 W.

1200 - Latitude : 09-06 N.
Longitude: 150-15 W.

2000 - Latitude : 09-47 N.
Longitude: 152-06 W.

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January 6, 1944:

Zone description - plus ten.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to Pearl Harbor, Oahu T.H.

Vessel rolling heavily.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 11-51 N.
Longitude: 154-01 W.

1200 - Latitude : 12-42 N.
Longitude : 154-31 W.

2000 - Latitude : 14-25 N.
Longitude : 155-23 W.

January 7, 1944:

Zone description - plus ten.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 16-50 N.
Longitude: 156-41.5 W.

1200 - Latitude : 17-49 N.
Longitude: 157-01 W.

2000 - Latitude : 19-07 N.
Longitude: 157-42 W.

January 8, 1944:

Zone description - plus ten.

Underway, passage Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides
Islands to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

At 1219 this date, moored - starboard side to the U.S.S.
ZEILIN (APA-3) in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, Oahu T.H.

At 1336 the S.S. MONARCH OF THE SEAS secured starboard
side to this vessel.

Advanced all clocks one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour to conform to plus
nine and one-half ($9\frac{1}{2}$) zone time.

At 1442 the U.S.S. ZEILIN (APA-3) unmoored from this
vessel. In unmooring the ZEILIN bent about fifteen (15) feet of the
starboard life-line (rail), bent the forward starboard corner of the
bridge and carried away a portion of the starboard side-light screen
and drain.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 20-45 N.
Longitude: 157-50 W.

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January 9, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

Moored in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. S.S. MONARCH
OF THE SEAS alongside to port.

January 10, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

Moored in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. S.S. MONARCH
OF THE SEAS alongside to port.

At 1120 the S.S. GEORGE L. BAKER secured alongside to
starboard of this vessel.

January 11, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

At 0755 - the S.S. MONARCH OF THE SEAS unmoored from
the port side of this vessel.

At 1127 the U.S.S. RUTILICUS (AK-113) moored port side to
this vessel.

At 1225 - the U.S.S. CAELUM (AK-106) moored starboard side
to the U.S.S. RUTILICUS (AK-113).

January 12, 1944:

Moored in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., with S.S.
GEORGE L. BAKER moored to starboard and the U.S.S. RUTILICUS (AK-113)
moored to port.

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

At 1815 - the S.S. GEORGE L. BAKER shifted berths.

January 13, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

Moored in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., with the
U.S.S. RUTILICUS (AK-113) alongside to port.

At 1830 - the U.S.S. RUTILICUS unmoored from the port side
of this vessel.

At 2025 the U.S.S. DEGRASSE (AP-164) secured alongside to
starboard.

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January 14, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

Moored in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. with the U.S.S. DEGRASSE (AP-164) alongside to starboard.

January 15, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

Moored in berth X-12, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., with the U.S.S. DEGRASSE (AP-164) alongside to starboard.

In accordance with orders received visually - moored starboard side to the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7) in berth B-17 at 1804 this date.

January 16 to January 18, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7), Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H., in berth B-17.

On January 16 - removed a three inch - fifty caliber Mark X gun - exchanged for a three inch-fifty caliber, Mark XXI.

January 18, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.

Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7) Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H., in berth B-17.

At 0720 - underway - proceeded out channel and joined Transport Division THIRTY (U.S.S. NEVILLE, U.S.S. WHARTON and U.S.S. MERCURY, in order named), (task unit organization - 55.1.13).

At 1308 - test fired three inch fifty caliber gun.

At 1440 - fired target practice as directed by COMMANDER TASK UNIT 55.1.13.

Ammunition expended: three-inch fifty caliber - 44 rounds.
Twenty millimeter - 910 rounds.

At 1524 - commenced making chemical smoke.

At 1530 - ceased making chemical smoke.

At 1835 - moored, starboard side to pier 28 (Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co.), Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.

Commenced loading various cargo this date.

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January 19 to January 23, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.
Moored, starboard side to pier 28 (Inter-Island
Steam Navigation Co,) dock, Honolulu, Oahu, T.H.
Loading various cargo.

January 23, 1944:

Zone description - plus nine and one-half.
1247 - underway - proceeded to sea and joined column
astern of the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7). Operating with Transport
Division THIRTY. Joined with TASK GROUP 51.2 - this group
designated as TASK GROUP 51.1.
Retarded all clocks to conform to plus ten and one-half
zone time.

January 24, 1944:

Zone description - plus ten and one-half.
Underway, steaming as column (zig-zagging) astern of
U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7) operating with TASK GROUP 51.1 and TASK
GROUP 51.2
Fired on plane-towed target this date; ammunition
expended - 635 rounds of twnty millimeter.
At 1533 - commenced making chemical smoke.
At 1544 - ceased making chemical smoke.
All clocks retarded one hour to plus eleven zone time.
Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 19-18 N.
Longitude: 161-49 W.

1200 - Latitude : 19-01 N.
Longitude: 162-47 W.

2000 - Latitude : 18-35 N.
Longitude: 164-38 W.

January 25, 1944:

Zone description - plus eleven.
Underway - steaming in column (zig-zagging) astern of the
U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7) in cruising formation FORTY ONE. Operating with
task groups 51.1 and 51.2.

Positions: 0800 - 17-45 N.
167-10 W.

1200 - Latitude : 17-42 N.
Longitude: 168-00 W.

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January 25, 1944: (continued)

Positions: 2000 - Latitude: 16-14 N.
Longitude: 174-28 W.

January 26, 1944:

Zone description - plus eleven.

Underway - steaming in column (zig-zagging) astern of the
U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7) and operating with Task Group 51.1 and 51.2.

Held target practice at aircraft-towed sleeve this date;
Ammunition expended - 891 rounds of twenty millimeter.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude: 17-10 N.
Longitude: 172-04 W.

1200 - Latitude : 16-51 N.
Longitude: 172-51 W.

2000 - Latitude : 16-14 N.
Longitude: 174-28 W.

January 27, 1944:

Zone description - plus twelve.

Underway - steaming in column (zig-zagging) astern of the
U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7) and operating with Task Groups 51.1 and 51.2.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 15-38 N.
Longitude: 176-33 W.

1200 - Latitude : 16-11 N.
Longitude: 176-44 W.

2000 - Latitude : 16-47 N.
Longitude: 176-43 W.

January 28, 1944:

Zone description - plus twelve.

Underway - steaming in column (zig-zagging) astern of the
U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7) and operating with Task Groups 51.1 and 51.2.

Firing practice at plane-towed sleeve this date; ammunition
expended - 894 rounds of twenty millimeter.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 14-41 N.
Longitude: 178-04 W.

1200 - Latitude : 14-27 N.
Longitude: 178-59 W.

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January 28, 1944 (continued):

Positions: 2000 - Latitude : 13-58 N.
Longitude: 179-14 E.

January 29, 1944:

Zone description - plus twelve.

Steaming in formation astern of the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7), zigzagging. Operating with Task Groups 51.1 and 51.2.

Task group 51.2 formed column to left of task group 51.1 this date in preparation for departure.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 13-09 N.
Longitude: 176-50 E.

1200 - Latitude : 12-46 N.
Longitude: 176-18 E.

2000 - Latitude : 12-27 N.
Longitude: 174-53 E.

January 30, 1944:

Zone description - plus twelve.

Steaming in formation astern of the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7). (Zigzagging). Operating with Task Groups 51.1 and 51.2.

At 0305 - task group 51.2 left the formation on signal and proceeded on duty assigned.

At 0730 - formed cruising disposition FORTY ONE and took station astern of the U.S.S. ELECTRA.

At 0937 - exchanged stations with the U.S.S. ELECTRA and took station astern of the U.S.S. PRESIDENT MONROE.

At 1109 - went to general quarters upon receipt of "BOGIES" on radar screen. At 1233 - planes identified as friendly; secured from general quarters.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude : 11-24 N.
Longitude: 172-23 E.

1200 - Latitude : 11-26 N.
Longitude: 171-36 E.

2000 - Latitude : 11-01 N.
Longitude: 170-35 E.

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January 31, 1944:

Zone description - plus twelve.

Underway, in column (zig-zagging) astern of the U.S.S.

PRESIDENT MONROE, operating with Task Group 51.1.

Positions: 0800 - Latitude - 10-12 N.
Longitude- 168-28 E.

1200 - Latitude - 09-40 N.
Longitude- 168-55 E.

2000 - Latitude - 09-32 N.
Longitude- 168-05 E.

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March 1, 1944

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Submission of.
Reference: (a) Your res. ltr. FF1/A12-1/A16-3, Serial 7152 of
29 October, 1943.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the War Diary
for the month of February, 1944 is submitted herewith:

February 1, 1944:

Attached - Fifth Fleet, Fifth Amphibious Force.
Zone description - plus 12.
Underway in column astern of the U.S.S. PRESIDENT
MONROE (AP-104) in section 2 of Transport Division THIRTY.
Ship in condition 3.

February 2, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.
Underway in column astern of the U.S.S. PRESIDENT
MONROE (AP-104) in section 2 of Transport Division THIRTY.
Ship in condition 3.
At 1301 anchored in Kwajalein Atoll in about 22 fathoms
of water. This vessel operating with Task Group 51.1 in conjunction
with the invasion of the Marshall Islands.
At 1428 - shifted anchorage.
Ship in condition 3.

February 3, 1944.

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before in Porcelain Anchorage, Carillon
(Kwajalein Atoll), Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.

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February 4, 1944.

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before, in Porcelain Anchorage, Kwajalein
Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.

February 5, 1944.

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before, in Porcelain anchorage, Kwajalein
Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.
Unloaded landing craft (deck cargo).
Shifted anchorage to berth P-12; authority - ComTransDiv

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February 6, 1944.

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before, in Porcelain anchorage, Kwajalein
Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.
Held divine services.

February 7, 1944.

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before, in Porcelain anchorage, Kwajalein
Atoll, Marshall Islands. (Berth P-12).
Ship in condition 3.
At 2131 on receipt of Condition RED, proceeded to
General Quarters.
At 2159 on receipt of Condition GREEN, secured from
General Quarters.

February 8, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before, in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12),
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.

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February 9, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12),
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.

February 10, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12)1
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.

February 11, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12),
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.

February 12, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12),
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.

At 0213 - upon receipt of Condition RED, went to
General Quarters - lowered all smoke boats to water. At 0250
commenced making smoke. From appearances - enemy planes probably
attacking ROI Island. At 0320 - ceased making smoke and at 0350
secured from General Quarters and resumed **condition 3** watches.

LST 127 and 29 alongside this date - commenced
discharging cargo to these vessels.

February 13, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.
Anchored as before in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12),
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.
Ship in condition 3.
Held divine services this date.

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February 14, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12),
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3.

Provisioned ship this date from U.S.S. BRIDGE.

February 15, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in Porcelain anchorage (berth P-12),
Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3.

At 1326 - underway with Task Group 51.14 for the invasion
of Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. After clearing harbor - formed
cruising disposition 91 and took station astern of the U.S.S. WHARTON
(AP-7).

February 16, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Underway as before, passage Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall
Islands, in Task Group 51.14, in cruising disposition 91 in assigned
position astern of the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7).

Ship in condition 3.

February 17, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Underway as before with Task Group 51.14, passage
Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, in cruising disposition 91 in
assigned station astern of the U.S.S. WHARTON (AP-7).

Ship in condition 3.

Entered Eniwetok Atoll this date and anchored at 1236
in berth 6 of the Transport Area Number 1.

Unloaded boats and two MK-7 tank destroyers.

February 18, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in berth 6 of Transport Area 1,
Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3.

Shifted anchorage to Transport Area 2 this date, at
0916. At 1249 - shifted to Transport Area 3. At 2115 - shifted anchorage
to a point off point "DOG".

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February 19, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before off Point "DOG", Eniwetok Atoll,

Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3.

Discharging cargo to YELLOW BEACH 2 as directed.

At 1619 shifted berth closer to the beach to facilitate unloading of cargo.

February 20, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3; modified to permit crew to assist in discharge of cargo.

Discharging various cargo as directed.

February 21, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3, modified to permit crew to assist in discharge of cargo.

Discharging various cargo as directed.

February 22, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3, modified to permit crew to assist in discharge of cargo.

Discharging various cargo as directed.

February 23, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3, modified to permit crew to assist in discharge of cargo.

Discharging various cargo as directed.

At 1330 shifted berth closer to the beach to further facilitate discharge of cargo.

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February 24, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3, modified to permit crew to assist
in discharge of cargo.

Discharging various cargo as directed.

At 1515 - all cargo discharged from this vessel.

February 25, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands,

Ship in condition 3.

At 1005 - underway in accordance with previous orders.

After clearing harbor - took assigned position (33) astern of the U.S.S.

ARTHUR MIDDLETON (APA-25). Mersigs being used. Convoy Commodore in the
U.S.S. LEANARD WOOD (APA-12).

February 26, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Underway as before in assigned position (33) astern of
the U.S.S. ARTHUR MIDDLETON (APA-25). Mersigs being used.

Ship in condition 3.

At 1847 - anchored in berth 116, Kwajalein Atoll,
Marshall Islands.

February 27, 1944:

Anchored as before in berth 116, Kwajalein Atoll,
Marshall Islands.

Zone description - plus 12.

Ship in condition 3.

At 1224 - shifted anchorage to berth 14, Kwajalein Atoll.

February 28, 1944:

Anchored as before in berth 14, Kwajalein Atoll,
Marshall Islands.

Zone description - plus 12.

Ship in condition 3.

Embarked troops of the Twentieth Marines this date.

At 1346 upon receipt of Condition RED proceeded to
General Quarters. At 1355 - upon receipt of Condition GREEN - secured
from General Quarters and resumed condition 3 watches.

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February 29, 1944:

Zone description - plus 12.

Anchored as before in berth 14, Kwajalein Atoll,
Marshall Islands.

Ship in condition 3.

At 0919 - underway. Mersigs being used. In accordance
with previous orders, after clearing harbor, took assigned position
(22) astern of the U.S.S. NEVILLE (APA-9). Passage Pearl Harbor, T.H.

POSITIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LATITUDE</u>	<u>LONGITUDE</u>
February 1.	0800	09-06 N.	168-06 E.
	1200	09-41 N.	167-49 E.
	2000	09-04 N.	168-11 E.
February 2.	0800	08-31 N.	167-50 E.
February 15.	2000	08-27 N.	167-47 E.
February 16.	0800	09-29 N.	166-39 E.
	1200	09-31 N.	165-51 E.
	2000	10-16 N.	164-38 E.
February 25	1200	11-26 N.	162-37 E.
		11-23 N.	164-08 E.
February 26.	0800	10-38 N.	166-14 E.
February 29.	1200	09-32 N.	167-37 E.
	2000	08-28 N.	168-43 E.

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WAR DIARY - MARCH 1944:

1 March 1944:

Steaming in convoy, enroute from ROI ISLAND, KWAJALEIN ATOLL to PEARL HARBOR.

Positions: 0800: 7-48N 171-04E
1200: 7-52N 171-52E
2000: 8-30N 173-23E

2 March 1944:

1749 sub contact. 45 degree turn. All hands to general quarters. 1828 sub contact not renewed; secured from general quarters.

Positions: 0800: 9-31N 175-33E
1200: 9-48N 176-15E
2000: 10-16N 177-44E

3 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 11-18N 179-41E
1200: 11-36N 179-36W
2000: 12-15N 178-01W

4 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 13-12N 175-35W
1200: 13-30N 174-45W
2000: 14-08N 173-05W

5 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 15-03N 170-41W
1200: 15-20N 169-48W
2000: 15-55N 168-13W

6 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 16-46N 165-57W
1200: 17-06N 165-07W
2000: 17-49N 163-31W

7 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 18-46N 161-06W
1200: 19-04N 160-12W
2000: 19-47N 158-33W

8 March 1944:

1025 Arrived and tied up to dock M-3 PEARL HARBOR, NAVY YARD;

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WAR DIARY - MARCH 1944:

8 March 1944:

1713 shifted to anchorage in Berth XRay 12

Position: 0800: 21-16N 157-59W

9 March 1944:

Moored as before.

10 March 1944:

1433 under way singly without escort accordance with orders of Port Director, PEARL HARBOR, enroute to SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Position: 2000; 21-47N 157-20W

11 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 23-53N 155-25W
1200: 24-34N 154-38W
2000: 25-57N 153-10W

12 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 27-46N 150-40W
1200: 28-17N 149-45W
2000: 29-09N 148-11W

13 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 30-28N 145-44W
1200: 30-49N 144-56W
2000: 31-43N 143-13W

14 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 32-58N 140-41W
1200: 33-26N 139-46W
2000: 34-14N 137-52W

15 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 35-24N 135-00W
1200: 35-44N 134-00W
2000: 36-20N 132-14W

16 March 1944:

Positions: 0800: 37-08N 129-25W
1200: 37-16N 128-12W
2000: 37-24N 125-59W

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WAR DIARY - MARCH 1944:

17 March 1944:

1100 arrived SAN FRANCISCO and anchored in NAVAL ANCHORAGE.

18 March 1944:

0754 shifted from Naval anchorage to Pier 5, Berth K,
NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT.

19 - 22 March 1944:

Moored as before. Yard workers carrying on repairs
and alterations.

23 March 1944:

Moved to drydock, United Engineering Company, ALAMEDA.

24 March 1944:

Dry docked as before.

25 March 1944:

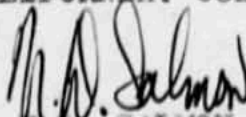
0835 moved from dry dock, ALAMEDA to Pier 4, Berth G,
Naval Supply Depot, Oakland. California.

26 - 30 March 1944:

Moored as before.

31 March 1944:

0837 moved from Pier 4, Berth G, Naval Supply Depot to
Alaska Packers Docks, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA. Continuing repairs.


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1 May 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet. ✓
Subject: War Diary, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42). Period
1-30 April 1944.

1. The War Diary of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of April 1944 is forwarded herewith.

1-7 April 1944
Alameda, California (Plus 7 Z.T.)

Moored as before at Alaska Packer's Dock, Alameda, California, undergoing various routine repairs and alterations on deck and in the engine room. A new 12,000 gallon, daily capacity evaporator was installed in the engine room.

8-14 April 1944
San Francisco, California

Finished with the repairs and moved over to Pier 46, San Francisco, 8 April 1944, and commenced loading general cargo for Pearl Harbor. Noticed that enlisted personnel of the Navy, either while on leave or liberty, were working as longshoremen in helping to load the ship. They receive the same pay and work under the same conditions as the regular longshoremen. In order to work they have to go to the longshoremen's Union Hall, request work, and are then assigned to an experienced gang to work either on the dock or in the holds of a ship.

15 April 1944
San Francisco, California
Date of Sailing for Pearl Harbor

Finished loading cargo and securing for sea in the early part of the afternoon. Cargo on board: 7,877 tons. Sailed at 1615 (Plus 8 Z.T.) for Pearl Harbor. Made one run over the degaussing range and then proceeded to sea, dropping the pilot at 1828. Passed the Farallons, 2.5 miles abeam at 1744 from which our departure was taken. Changed course to 261 and headed toward point 'A' on our routing instructions. The sea was fairly rough outside, and seasickness was most prevalent amongst the officers and men making their first trip to sea.

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1-30 April 1944. (Cont'd)

16-20 April 1944.

En route from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor

The trip between San Francisco and Pearl Harbor was uneventful. Fired 702 rounds of 20mm ammunition at balloons on April 18, and 4 rounds of 5"51 ammunition at a 55 gallon drum put over the side on April 19.

Our daily positions were as follows:

16 April		17 April	
0800:	37° 08' N 126° 24.5' W	0800:	35° 23' N 133° 41' W
1200:	37° 03' N 127° 27' W	1200:	34° 58' N 134° 50' W
2000:	36° 40' N 130° 18' W	2000:	34° 10' N 137° 03' W
18 April		19 April	
0800:	32° 44' N 140° 18.5' W	0800:	29° 30' N 147° 00' W
1200:	32° 11' N 141° 33' W	1200:	28° 48' N 147° 56' W
2000:	31° 05' N 144° 10' W	2000:	27° 46' N 149° 56' W
20 April		21 April	
0800:	29° 30' N 147° 00' W	0800:	21° 39' N 157° 23' W
1200:	25° 20' N 153° 44' W	1200:	21° 13' N 157° 48' W
2000:	23° 56' N 155° 08' W	2000:	Pearl Harbor

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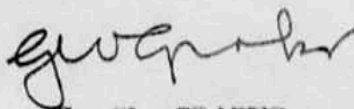
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1-30 April 1944. (Cont'd).

21-25 April 1944
Pearl Harbor (9½ Plus Z.T.)

Arrived in Pearl Harbor, Pier K-8, at 1450, 21 April and commenced discharging cargo. Distance from San Francisco, 2108 miles; steaming time, 6 days, 00 hours, 19 minutes. Average speed, 14.60 knots. Noticed very few combat ships in the harbor. Routine unloading by the 14th Special Seabee Battalion. Finished unloading at 2200, 25 April, discharging 4,098.94 tons of cargo or approximately 52% of the ship's cargo.

26-30 April 1944
Pearl Harbor, X-13

Moved from Pier K-8 to X-13, 26 April to stand by for further orders concerning the discharging of the rest of our cargo, ammunition and cement. During this period a number of APA's and AKA's moored at buoys in our vicinity. On 27 April the ARTHUR MIDDLETON and the ALCHIBA tied up alongside of us.


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C O N F I D E N T I A L

31 May 1944

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander In Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK42). Period 1 to 31 May 1944.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of May 1944 is forwarded herewith.

1 May 1944

Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Shifted berths early this morning from X-13 to W-3, Naval Ammunition Depot, Pearl Harbor. Civilian stevedores commenced unloading the 2500 tons of cargo ammunition, consisting mostly of 20MM and 5"38 cal. Unloading is slow because lot numbers have to be sorted out on the deck.

2 - 4 May 1944

Pearl Harbor, Naval Ammunition Depot.

Continuing routine unloading of cargo ammunition.

5 May 1944

Finished unloading the 2500 tons of ammunition at 0600 this morning and got underway at 0740 for Honolulu. Arrived at Pier 11 and the 504th Special Army Stevedoring Battalion came aboard and commenced unloading cement cargo. Routine unloading continues during the day.

6 May 1944

Honolulu, Pier 11.

Finished unloading cement at 1330, discharging 484 tons. Got underway at 1744 for Port Allen, Kauai, to discharge the rest of the cement cargo. Joined up in convoy off Honolulu with the U.S.A.T. COMET, the S.S. WAIALEAU, and the SC 1011, the convoy's escort. The Mercury was designated as convoy commander. Passed Barber's Point abeam at 1950 and proceeded toward Kauai according to Port Director's routing instructions.

7 May 1944

Port Allen, Kauai.

Convoy dispersed early in the morning and the MERCURY proceeded independently to Port Allen, Kauai, arriving at Berth A at 0750. Commenced unloading cement cargo on the dock.

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Subject: War Diary, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK42). Period 1-31
May 1944. (Continued)

8 May 1944

Port Allen, Kauai.

Finished unloading 957 tons of cement at 1400 and got underway for Pearl Harbor at 1840. Joined up in convoy off Kauai with the U.S.A.T. COMET, the S.S. WAIALEAU, and the SC 515, as the escort. Proceeded toward Pearl Harbor during the night.

9 May 1944

Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Convoy dispersed off the entrance to Pearl Harbor and the MERCURY entered and tied up at Berth X-13 at 0955.

10 - 27 May 1944

Pearl Harbor, T.H.

During this period of time the ship remained moored at X-13, Pearl Harbor, awaiting orders from the Fifth Amphibious Force to load for the coming operations.

28 May 1944

Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Lt-Comdr. George W. GRABER, D-M, USNR, after 23 months duty aboard as Commanding Officer, was relieved by Lt-Comdr. Nelson D. SALMON, D-V(G), USNR, former Executive Officer of the ship. Lieut. Edward R. MC CONNELL, D-V(G), USNR, former Gunnery Officer, became the Executive Officer.

29 May 1944

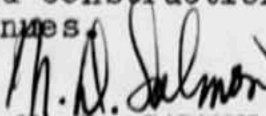
Pearl Harbor - Honolulu.

Got underway at 1700 for Honolulu and arrived at Pier 40A at 1900. Commenced loading airfield construction equipment of the 805th Army Engineers Battalion. Two officers and 100 men, soldiers of the 805th Army Engineers Battalion came aboard for transportation.

30 - 31 May 1944

Honolulu, T.H.

Routine loading of the airfield construction equipment of the 805th Engineers Battalion continues.


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WAR DIARY - JUNE 1944

1 June 1944:

Moored Pier 40-A, HONOLULU, T.H., completed loading cargo consisting of tractor, trucks, graders, and similar specialized engineering equipment for the 804th and 805th aviation engineers. In addition bulk cargo for the 1176th Army Engineers and the Army Civil Affairs organization was loaded. Total cargo amounted to 3095 short tons a very large percentage of which was rolling stock. Reefer space in the lower tween deck of number three hold was utilized for stowage of 325 tons of boxed 90mm ammunition. Additional ordnance supplies were carried in the upper tween deck of number five hold. Aviation gasoline, together with 80 octane fuel was carried in the deep tanks in number four hold, while the forward ballast tanks in number two hold were stowed with belly tanks and additional miscellaneous equipment. The vessel carried 163 tons of rolling stock, trucks, and large tractors on deck forward and also on the square of the three forward holds.

2 June 1944:

0738 shifted to Pier 8 to take on fuel.

3 June 1944:

0800 shifted from Pier 8 to Berth C, SAN ISLAND, HONOLULU.

4 - 6 June 1944:

Moored as before.

7 June 1944:

1015 under way in convoy as a vessel of task group 51.5 en route to ENIWETOK ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

Positions:1200: 21-05N 157-58W
2000: 20-26N 158-27W

8 June 1944:

0800: 19-31N 160-01W
Positions:1200: 19-19N 160-35W
2000: 18-49N 161-42W

9 June 1944:

0800: 18-01N 163-54W
Positions:1200: 17-45N 164-34W
2000: 17-18N 162-02W

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WAR DIARY - JUNE 1944:

10 June 1944:

0800:	16-30N	168-06W
Positions:1200:	16-16N	168-44W
2000:	15-47N	169-38W

11 June 1944:

0800:	15-09N	171-31W
Positions:1200:	15-05N	172-08W
2000:	14-54N	173-05W

12 June 1944:

0800:	14-19N	175-17W
Positions:1200:	14-13N	175-56W
2000:	13-58N	177-11W

13 June 1944:

0800:	13-28N	177-04W
Positions:1200:	13-12N	177-43W
2000:	12-56N	179-03E

Time changed to minus 12 Zone.

15 June 1944:

0800:	12-24N	177-13E
Positions:1200:	12-14N	176-44E
2000:	11-59N	175-27E

16 June 1944:

0800:	11-30N	173-47E
Positions:1200:	11-20N	173-13E
2000:	11-08N	171-59E

17 June 1944:

0800:	10-54N	170-07E
Positions:1200:	10-52N	169-26E
2000:	10-31N	168-11E

18 June 1944:

0800:	10-31N	166-26E
Positions:1200:	10-39N	165-52E
2000:	10-52N	164-42E

19 June 1944:

1027 entered ENIWETOK LAGOON. 1125 anchored in Berth 68, ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

Positions:0800: 11-19N 162-44E

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WAR DIARY - JUNE 1944

20 June 1944:

Shifted from Berth 68 to Berth 352 to refuel from USS ARETHUSA(X-136).
1740 finished refueling moved back to Berth 68.

21 - 22 June 1944:

Anchored as before.

23 June 1944:

0619 underway from ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS, en route to SAIPAN,
MARIANAS ISLANDS.

	0800:	11-34N	162-27E
Positions:	1200:	12-21N	161-48E
	2000:	12-46N	160-07E

24 June 1944:

	0800:	13-17N	157-28E
Positions:	1200:	13-28N	156-39E
	2000:	13-54N	154-52E

25 June 1944:

	0800:	14-33N	151-59E
Positions:	1200:	14-50N	151-07E
	2000:	15-02N	149-17E

26 June 1944:

1415 arrived off SAIPAN. 1614 anchored in Berth B-46. 2052 flash red sounded general quarters orders CTF52. LCVP left ship to lay smoke screen. 2120 secured from general quarters. 2131 after securing from general quarters a twin engine JAPANESE medium bomber believed to have been BETTY came through smoke screen at an altitude of about 92 feet on course 180°T; plane had no running lights. Launched torpedo which hit amidships living compartments on port boat deck. The plane struck the after starboard boom on number four hatch knocking the boom down and carried away the ship's radio antennae. Plane crashed about 500 yards off starboard quarter. The main body of the JAPANESE torpedo was found demolished in First Lieutenant's room, after end port side of deck house. The warhead failed to detonate, but burst open spreading T.N.T. in powder form over number four hatch, the port boat deck, and bridge deck. The torpedo fuse was found lodged above and aft of boilers in engine room. Ship's casualties: Killed: SAYLOR, Clyde Emanuel, CCS, 320 60 59, USN. Wounded in action: two (2); sixty seven men were subsequently under medical care for dermatitis resulting from handling of T.N.T. powder. Missing in action: None. Ship's damage: Superficial structural damage. 2140 sounded general quarters

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26 June 1944 (Cont'd):

flash red on orders of CTF52. Torpedo fragments were found and identified as Japanese. 2318 secured from general quarters.

27 June 1944:

0602 shifted from Berth B-46 to Berth B-62. 1146 torpedo delivered to Naval Intelligence. 1300 commenced unloading. 1545 SAYLOR, Clyde Emanuel was taken ashore and buried. 1845 Flash Red, general quarters were sounded on order CTF52. 1902 secured from general quarters. Resumed unloading operations. 2056 Flash Red sounded general quarters on orders of CTF52. 2205 secured from general quarters and resumed unloading. 2222 Flash Red, sounded general quarters on order of CTF52. 2232 eight (8) bombs hit water 500 yards off starboard bow between this ship and USS CAMBRIA.

28 June 1944:

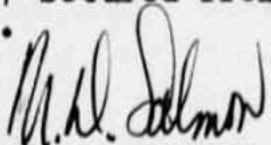
0012 four (4) bombs hit water approximately 3000 yards northeast of this ship. 0035 secured from general quarters. Resumed unloading. 2039 Flash Red, general quarters on orders of CTF52. 2137 secured from general quarters.

29 June 1944:

Anchored as before and unloading cargo from all holds.

30 June 1944:

1951 Flash Red general quarters on orders CTF52. 2020 secured from general quarters. 2046 Flash Red sounded general quarters on order CTF52. 2149 secured from general quarters. 2257 Flash Red sounded general quarters on orders CTF52. 2327 secured from general quarters, resumed unloading cargo from all holds.


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WAR DIARY - JULY 1944

1 July 1944:

Anchored in Berth B-62, SAIPAN, unloading 804th and 805th Army aviation engineer's equipment. 0026 Flash Red, sounded General Quarters on orders of CTF52. 0125 secured from General Quarters.

2 July 1944:

0636 shifted from Berth B-62 to Berth B-54. 0057 Flash Red, and sounded general quarters on orders of CTF52. 0215 secured from general quarters. 0555 completed discharge of all cargo. 0745 commenced disembarking troops of 804th and 805th Army Aviation Engineers. 0818 completed disembarkation of troops. 1221 under way in obedience to orders of CTG 51.4 and joined Task Group 51.4.

Positions:2000: 15-12N 146-58E

3 July 1944:

0800: 14-32N 149-31E
Positions:1200: 14-19N 150-20E
2000: 14-00N 152-00E

4 July 1944:

0800: 13-32N 154-32E
Positions:1200: 13-18N 155-24E
2000: 13-04N 156-59E

5 July 1944:

Positions:0800: 12-33N 159-12E
1200: 12-29N 160-03E
2000: 12-16N 161-20E

6 July 1944:

0625 arrived ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS. 0819 anchored in Berth 78. 0830 fifteen men of ship's crew placed on binnacle list for dermatitis venenata caused by T.N.T. poisoning.

7 July 1944:

Anchored as before.

8 July 1944:

1628 under way in obedience to orders of CTG 51.4 from ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS to join CTG 51.4, enroute to Pearl Harbor.

Positions:2000: 11-29N 162-52E

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAR DIARY - JULY 1944

9 July 1944:

Steaming as before.

0800:	11-55N	165-22E
Positions:1200:	12-13N	166-10E
2000:	12-42N	167-51E

10 July 1944:

0533 TG 51.4 split into two sections, fast ships and slow ships. This ship in fast section which consisted of MS ISLAND MAIL with CTG 51.4 on board and SS ROBIN WENTLEY, speed 15.5 knots.

0800:	13-34N	170-24E
Positions:1200:	13-55N	171-28E
2000:	14-23N	173-26E

11 July 1944:

Steaming as before. 0001 time changed to Plus 12 time zone.

0800:	16-33N	177-57W
Positions:1200:	16-46N	176-54W
2000:	17-18N	174-50W

11 July 1944:

0800:	15-09N	176-26E
Positions:1200:	15-22N	177-22E
2000:	15-52N	179-24E

12 July 1944:

0800:	17-44N	172-00W
Positions:1200:	17-54N	171-06W
2000:	18-10N	169-07W

13 July 1944:

Steaming as before. 2203 MSISLAND MAIL carrying CTG 51.4 broke down. USS MERCURY was designated OTC and ordered to circle to left keeping five (5) mile radius from MS ISLAND MAIL.

0800:	18-43N	166-19W
Positions:1200:	18-53N	165-25W
2000:	19-10N	163-32W

14 July 1944:

Steaming as before. 0215 MS ISLAND MAIL completed repairs. 0637 MS ISLAND MAIL regained station and CTG 51.4 resumed command.

0800:	19-21N	161-41W
Positions:1200:	19-31N	160-57W
2000:	19-44N	159-20W

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U.S.S. MERCURY

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WAR DIARY - JULY 1944

15 July 1944:

0803 arrived Pearl Harbor. 0947 moored in Berth Xray 6.

16 July 1944:

Moored as before.

17 July 1944:

1508 shifted from Berth Xray 6 to Berth B-21, Navy Yard, PEARL HARBOR.

18 - 22 July 1944:

Moored as before; commenced receiving repairs.

23 July 1944:


0247 received order to darken ship and NAVY YARD to blackout. 0248 orders from Captain of the Yard to set Condition I. Large group of unidentified surface craft contacted off Oahu going north. 0830 received orders to resume normal routine.

24 July 1944:

0855 USS LST 559 while coming alongside Berth B-22 struck this ship's stern causing after bow spring to part and made six (6) inch diameter hole above waterline.

25 - 31 July 1944:

Moored as before, receiving repairs.


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R. S. No.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

31 August 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY (AK-42) - Period 1 - 31 August 1944.

1. The WAR DIARY of the USS MERCURY for the month of August 1944 is forwarded herewith.

1 August 1944 (Zone plus 9½) Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor

This vessel moored port side to berth Baker 21 Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor undergoing battle damage repairs, urgent machinery repairs, and routine ship maintenance. LST 20 moored on starboard side. Both boilers are secured and received steam, electricity, and fresh and salt water from the dock.

4 August 1944

Tested port Welin life boat davits by suspending 11,400 pounds weight from each arm for a period of ten minutes each. The davits supported the weight without failure of the arm, guide or screw. Tested No. 8 double bottom, port and starboard, with two pounds air pressure and found same to be air tight.

8 August 1944

At 1105 received verbal orders from Captain of the Yard to shift berth to Xray 2 at 1200. Moored starboard side to USS AURIGA (AK-98).

9 August 1944

USS DOYEN (APA-1) moored starboard side to USS MERCURY in berth Xray 2 at 2020.

10 August 1944

In accordance with orders of AdComPhibsPac 101935 reported to Commander TransDiv Thirty Eight for duty.

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Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY (AK-42) (Cont'd)

18 August 1944

USS DOYEN cleared side 1440 and underway.

19 August 1944

By authority of AdComPhibsPac Ltr. 3219 dated 8 August 1944 the Purple Heart awarded 5 officers, 10 CPO's, and 54 enlisted men by the Commanding Officer for injuries received as result of action against an enemy of the United States.

19 August 1944

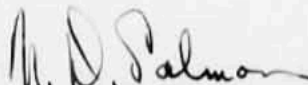
At 2105 the SS HALEAHALA moored along side to port.

22 August 1944

At 0735 the SS HALEAHALA cleared side.

30 August 1944

Began loading refrigerated cargo for issue in forward areas.


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C O N F I D E N T I A L

30 September 1944

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) - Period 1 - 30
September 1944.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of September 1944 is forwarded herewith.

1 September 1944 (Zone plus 9½)

This vessel moored in berth X-ray 2, Pearl Harbor, Island of Oahu, T. H. in 6 fathom of water with fifteen (15) fathom of the starboard anchor chain to the forward mooring buoy and 1 1/8" wire rope to the after buoy. Starboard boiler in use; No. 2 generator in use. Loading refrigerated cargo for issue in forward areas. At 1517 this vessel underway for Pier 24, Honolulu Harbor to load assault cargo for the pending operation. 1756: Moored alongside Pier 24, portside to and awaiting stevedores to commence loading cargo.

2. September

All hatches open in preparation for loading ship. 1340: Began loading assault cargo and ballasting No. 1 deep tank with fresh water for issue in forward area.

3 September

Topped off No. 1 deep tank and commenced ballasting No. 4 deep tank with fresh water for issue in forward areas.

4 September

Topped off No. 4 deep tank.

5 September

Completed loading cargo at 2215 having received 1840 short tons.

6 September

Underway at 1710 from Pier 24, Honolulu to Pearl Harbor.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) (Cont'd)

Moored along starboard side of U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES (APA20) at 1921 in berth C-4, Pearl Harbor.

7 September

U.S.S. AURIGA (AK-98) moored along starboard side at 0842. Twenty fathom of port anchor chain secured to forward mooring buoy at 1140. U.S.S. AURIGA cleared side at 1457.

9 September

Presentation of Navy and Marine Medal to Jesse Clyde STAUFF, GM1c, by the Commanding Officer by authority of CinCPac Cond. Ltr. P15/6A serial 04108 dated 18 August 1944 and SecNav dispatch 102050 dated June 1943.

13 September

In accordance with Secret Dispatch 030219 dated 3 September 1944, 170 Army and 11 Navy personnel embarked for transportation.

15 September

In accordance with Commander Attack Group "Able", Task Group 33.1 Movement Order A171-44 sortied from Pearl Harbor at 1107 after getting underway at 1012. Set course of 180 T., speed of 6 knots while preparing to form cruising disposition 6-T for anti-aircraft gunnery practice. 1309: Changed fleet course to 230 T. At 1447 increased speed to 12 knots. Planes made runs with towed sleeve from 1430 to 1630. After gunnery exercises formed cruising disposition 4-T and reduced speed to 10 knots and began zigzagging in accordance with Plan 6 at 1713. Maintaining condition three state of readiness. Ceased zigzagging at 1945 and resumed base course of 231 T., 217 PSC. Made Radar contact with convoy of approximately twenty (20) ships bearing 050 T. and proceeding on course 230 T. at a speed of approximately 12 knots. Changed course at 2150 to 256 T. Clocks retarded thirty minutes to conform to plus ten zone time.

Position: 1200: Leaving Pearl Harbor
2000: 20 - 35 N. Lat. 159 - 15 W. Long.

16 September

Steaming as before. Commenced zigzagging in accordance with Plan 6 at 0600. Ceased zigzagging at 0823 and resumed base course. Commenced scheduled exercise of "Task Group Deployment upon reaching Objective". Reformed cruising disposition 4-T at 0939, and resumed zigzag plan 6 at 1105 at speed of 12.5 knots. Clocks re-

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Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) (Cont'd)

tarded one hour to conform to plus eleven zone time.

Position: 0800: 19 - 48 N. Lat. 161 - 14 W. Long.
1200: 19 - 35 N. Lat. 161 - 05 W. Long.
2000: 19 - 07 N. Lat. 163 - 31 W. Long.

17 September

Steaming as before. Held maneuvering exercises from 0830 to 0945. Changed course to 250 T. at 2200.

Position: 0800: 18 - 33 N. Lat. 166 - 03 W. Long.
1200: 18 - 22 N. Lat. 166 - 52 W. Long.
2000: 17 - 59 N. Lat. 168 - 28 W. Long.

18 September

Steaming as before. Formed cruising disposition 6-T at 1246, preparatory to anti-aircraft gunnery exercises. Planes made runs with towed sleeves from 1310 to 1425. Reformed disposition 4-T on base course at 1447. Retarded clocks 30 minutes to conform to plus 11½ time zone.

Position: 0800: 17 - 14 N. Lat. 170 - 43 W. Long.
1200: 17 - 02 N. Lat. 171 - 19 W. Long.
2000: 16 - 29 N. Lat. 172 - 57 W. Long.

19 September

Steaming as before. Formed cruising disposition 8-T at close interval and distance at 1246 in preparation for scheduled exercise of anti-aircraft firing practice for screen. 1507: Ceased exercise and at 1513 reformed disposition 4-T. Reduced speed to 11 knots at 1620. Retarded clocks 30 minutes to conform to plus 12 zone time.

Position: 0800: 15 - 40 N. Lat. 175 - 26 W. Long.
1200: 15 - 24 N. Lat. 176 - 16 W. Long.
2000: 14 - 57 N. Lat. 177 - 38 W. Long.

20 September

Crossed International Date Line. Clocks advanced 24 hours.

21 September

Steaming as before. 1300: Exercised at altering fleet course as directed by fleet guide. Ceased exercise at 1456 and resumed base course of 250 T.

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Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) (Cont'd)

Position: 0800: 14 - 15 N. Lat. 179 - 55 W. Long.
1200: 14 - 01 N. Lat. 179 - 25 E. Long.
2000: 13 - 30 N. Lat. 177 - 53 E. Long.

22 September

Steaming as before. Reduced convoy speed to 8 knots at 0240, but increased to 11 knots at 0418. Formed cruising disposition 6-T at 1250 and prepared for anti-aircraft gunnery exercise. Plane made run with towed sleeve from 1315 to 1450. Retarded clocks 30 minutes to conform to minus $11\frac{1}{2}$ zone time.

Position: 0800: 12 - 50 N. Lat. 175 - 47 E. Long.
1200: 12 - 34 N. Lat. 175 - 07 E. Long.
2000: 12 - 04 N. Lat. 172 - 41 E. Long.

23 September

Steaming as before. Retarded clocks 30 minutes to conform to minus 11 zone time.

Position: 0800: 11 - 18 N. Lat. 171 - 20 E. Long.
1200: 11 - 05 N. Lat. 170 - 40 E. Long.
2000: 10 - 43 N. Lat. 168 - 20 E. Long.

24 September

Steaming as before. Changed course to 284 T. at 0745. Formed cruising disposition 6-T and reduced speed to 10.5 knots at 0823. Conducted anti-aircraft gunnery exercise with plane towing sleeve from 0830 to 1130. Reformed cruising disposition 4-T at 1136.

Position: 0800: 10 - 24 N. Lat. 166 - 54 E. Long.
1200: 10 - 34 N. Lat. 166 - 14 E. Long.
2000: 10 - 53 N. Lat. 164 - 53 E. Long.

25 September

Steaming as before. Increased speed to 12.5 knots at 0620. Altered course 30 degrees to port at 0630 to course 254 T. and another 20 degrees at 0640 to course 234 T. and reduced speed to 11 knots at 0700. Returned to base course of 284 by turning 50 degrees to starboard at 0721. Increased speed to 13 knots at 0830. Sighted land bearing 274 T. at 0803. Formed disposition 6-T at 0824 and maneuvered as directed by CTU 33.3.9 in order to get proper position for entering Eniwetok Lagoon through Deep Passage. Moored starboard side to U.S.S. SEPULGA (AO20) at 1434. Completed fueling at 1635 having received 1783 bbls of Bunker "C". 1643: Set special sea detail and at 1650 underway to berth 432. 1812: Anchored in berth 432 with 75 fathom of chain to port anchor in 29 fathom of water.

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Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) (Cont'd)

Position: 0800: 11 - 22 N. Lat. 162 - 49 E. Long.
1200: Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

26-27 September

Anchored as before.

28 September

Anchored as before. Heaved anchor to short stay at 0715, set special sea detail at 0725. Anchor aweigh at 0739, underway and taking station in column of TransDiv X-ray and proceeding out of lagoon in accordance with CTF 33.5, dispatch 261848 of September. Took departure from Eniwetok on course 105 T., speed 8 knots. Changed course to 196 T. at 0932 and increased speed to 12 knots at 0958. Maneuvering to form cruising disposition 4-T, speed 12 knots at 1607. At 2040 strong gale winds and heavy rain reduced visibility to approximately 100 yards but by 2050 visibility increased to 600 yards. About 2230 the winds were subsiding to a moderate breeze.

Position: 0800: 06 - 58 N. Lat. 161 - 30 E. Long.
1200: 06 - 14 N. Lat. 161 - 28 E. Long.
2000: 05 - 00 N. Lat. 161 - 21 E. Long.


29 September

Steaming as before.

30 September

Steaming as before. Formed cruising disposition 6-T at 1252 for anti-aircraft gunnery exercise. 1315: Increased speed to 14.5 knots. Plane towed sleeve from 1315 to 1410. Formed disposition 4-T at 1418 and reduced fleet speed to 14 knots at 1531.

Position: 0800: 02 - 54 N. Lat. 161 - 02 E. Long.
1200: 02 - 36 N. Lat. 160 - 17 E. Long.
2000: 01 - 56 N. Lat. 158 - 38 E. Long.


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U. S. S. MERCURY
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

31 October 1944.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY (K-42) - Period 1 to 31
October 1944.

1. The War Diary of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the
month of October 1944 is forwarded herewith.

1 October 1944

Zone: Minus 11

Passage from ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS, TO MANUS ISLAND,
ADMIRALTYS.

TASK GROUP: 33.1 TASK UNIT: 33.3.9

Steaming in cruising disposition "4T" as set forth in Commander
Task Unit 33.1 Movement Order A171-44 of 2 September 1944 on
base course 249-T. 0745: Sighted KAPINGAMARANGI Island bearing
240-T distance 70 miles. 0900: Ceased zigzagging, resumed base
course 249-T and changed speed to 5½ knots maneuvering into pos-
ition "6-T". 0917: Changed speed to 14 knots and commenced
scheduled anti-aircraft exercises, "Uncle Runs", expending 544
rounds 20mm ammunition. 1445: Changed course of fleet guide and
axis to 261-T. Retarded clocks 30 minutes to conform to minus
10½ zone time.

POSITION:	0800:	01-00 N.Lat.	156-13 E.Long.
	1200:	00-37 N.Lat.	155-33 E.Long.
	2000:	00-02 N.Lat.	153-51 E.Long.

2 October 1944:

Zone: Minus 10½

Conducted scheduled anti-aircraft gunnery exercises "Uncle Runs",
expending 897 rounds 20mm ammunition. Changed speed to 12.5
knots. Retarded clocks 30 minutes to conform to minus 10 zone
time.

POSITION:	0800:	00-26 S.Lat.	151-18 E.Long.
	1200:	00-30 S.Lat.	150-31 E.Long.
	2000:	00-44 S.Lat.	149-00 E.Long.

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31 October 1944

Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY, Period 1-31 October 1944:

3 October 1944:

Zone: Minus 10

Steaming as before in cruising disposition "4-T" base course 261-T, speed 12.5 knots. Anchored in berth W-19 off Manus Island. Clocks retarded 60 minutes to conform to minus 9 zone time.

4 to 8 October 1944:

Zone: Minus 9

Anchored in berth W-19, Seadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, Bismarck Archipelago. Arranged for daily recreation parties for duration of stay in this port for ship's company as well as Army passengers.

9 October 1944:

Anchored as before. In accordance with Commander Third Amphibious Force dispatch 080758 and Commander Seventh Fleet Dispatch 060727 unexecuted portions of C.T.F. Attack Plan A303/44 for Stalemate Two stands cancelled. Task Force 33 becomes Task Force 79. Task Groups 33.1, 33.2 and 33.4 change accordingly. By order of C.T.F. 79 commenced discharging 250 tons refrigerated provisions to ships of T.G. 79.1

10 October 1944:

Anchored as before. 1450: Shifted berth from W-19 to 222, Seadler Harbor. Moored alongside USS LEOPARD (IX-122) and began taking fuel oil while continuing to discharge fresh provisions. 2010: Finished fueling after receiving 1524 barrels.

11 October 1944:

Cleared USS LEOPARD (IX-122) and returned to former berth W-19, Seadler Harbor. Pursuant to Orders of C.T.F. 79 dispatch 111314 received 12 additional enlisted army personnel aboard for transportation.

12 to 13 October 1944:

Shifted berth to Berth 252. In accordance with C.T.F. dispatch 121620 commenced loading 22,000 cots in cargo refrigeration space.

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31 October 1944.

Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY, Period 1-31 October 1944:

14 October 1944:

In accordance with Commander Task Group 79.1 Movement Order Al73-44 of 9 October 1944 sortied from Seadler Harbor, Manus Island and formed cruising disposition "4-T" on base course 300-5, speed 10 knots. 1122: Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 6 of USF-10-A. 1401: Formed cruising disposition "6-T" and commenced firing scheduled anti-aircraft practice expending 88 rounds 20mm and 4 rounds 3"50 caliber ammunition. 1655: Lost station due to securing of port boiler. Water level disappeared in gage glass due to improper functioning of feed water regulator. 1657: Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with Plan 6 of USF-10-A. 1725: Automatic feed water regulator operating satisfactorily and resumed proper position. 1738: Changed speed to 10 knots.

	0800:	Channel, Manus Island	
POSITION:	1200:	01-34 S.Lat.	146-46 E.Long.
	2000:	00-41 S.Lat.	145-54 E.Long.

15 October 1944:

1117: Changed speed to 12.5 knots.

	0800:	00-38 N.Lat.	144-11 E.Long.
POSITION:	1200:	01-07 N.Lat.	143-39 E.Long.
	2000:	01-48 N.Lat.	142-08 E.Long.

16 October 1944:

Formed cruising disposition "8-T" and carried out scheduled exercises with 20mm and 3"50 caliber anti-aircraft practice, "Baker" and "Uncle Runs", expending 520 rounds 20mm ammunition. Formed cruising disposition "4-T" and reduced speed to 8 knots to allow USS CAVALIER (APA-37) USS ASHLAND (LSD-1) and USS CHARA (AKA-58) to stream paravanes. Reduced speed to 8 knots again one hour later to allow ships to recover paravanes. 1537: Changed speed to 11 knots.

	0800:	03-01 N.Lat.	140-01 E.Long.
POSITION:	1200:	03-21 N.Lat.	139-27 E.Long.
	2000:	04-09 N.Lat.	138-08 E.Long.

17 October 1944:

0800: Conducted deployment at objective exercise. 1250: Received mail from the USS CHAUNCEY (DD667) 1900: Ceased zig-zagging

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31 October 1944.

Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY, Period 1-31 October 1944:

2024: Changed course to 296-T. 2325: Pelelieu Island picked up by Radar abeam to starboard 22.5 miles. 2339: Anguar Island picked up by Radar abeam to starboard 16 miles.

POSITION:	0800:	05-18 N.Lat	136-13 E.Long.
	1200:	05-35 N.Lat.	135-44 E.Long.
	2000:	06-24 N.Lat.	134-34 E.Long.

18 October 1944:

Steaming as before. Two tankers astern of this task group refueling destroyers.

POSITION:	0800:	07-12 N.Lat.	132-37 E.Long.
	1200:	07-28 N.Lat.	132-11 E.Long.
	2000:	08-09 N.Lat.	131-04 E.Long.

19 October 1944:

Steaming as before. All hands ordered to wear life jackets at all times.

POSITIONS:	0800:	09-03 N.Lat.	129-02 E.Long.
	1200:	09-22 N.Lat.	128-20 E.Long.
	2000:	09-58 N.Lat.	126-59 E.Long.

20 October 1944:

0700: Formed approach disposition for entry into Transport Area No. 1, Leyte Island, Philippines. 0747: Let go starboard anchor with 60 fathoms chain in 30 fathoms water in berth 23. 1006: Shifted berth to transport area No. 2, berth 23, Leyte Gulf. 1814: Commenced making smoke. 1830: At flash Red sounded General Quarters. 1922: Stopped smoking. 1943: Bogie reported; commenced making smoke. 2027: Flash White; secured from General Quarters and stopped making smoke.

21 October 1944:

2400: Commenced smoking. 0020: Ceased smoking. 0100: Commenced making smoke. 0120: Ceased making smoke. 0200: Commenced making smoke. 0320: Ceased making smoke. 0524: Flash Red and to General Quarters; commenced making smoke. 0630: Secured from General Quarters and ceased smoking. 0843: Flash Red; General

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31 October 1944.

Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY, Period -1 to 31 October 1944:

Quarters. 0852: Two Jap planes, presumably Vals, passed over Violet Beaches, dropped bombs in water and retreated. 0941: Secured from General Quarters. 1145: Commenced discharging vehicles from 287th Observation Battalion from No. 2 hold and general cargo from No. 4 hold. During this day and night fueled three ships, the USS HOVEY (DMS-11), USS SOUTHARD (DMS-10) and the USS HAMILTON (DMS-18). 1646: To General Quarters. 1741: Secured from General Quarters. 1819: Commenced making smoke. 1852: Flash Red; to General Quarters. 1927: Stopped smoking. 1954: Secured from General Quarters.

22 October 1944:

Shifted berth to assigned anchorage off Dulag, Leyte Island, Philippines and continued discharging cargo. Ninety five negro army stevedores with three army officers in charge arrived from USS PRESIDENT HAYES to work holds. Marked improvement noted in number of small boats and occasional LCT and LST alongside to facilitate unloading. Working all five holds. 0047: Commenced making smoke on orders. 0055: Stopped smoking. 0541: Bogey reported; to General Quarters, commenced making smoke. 0641: Stopped making smoke. 0650: Secured from General Quarters. 0734: On Flash Red went to General Quarters. 0742: Flash White, secured from General Quarters. 1815: Commenced making smoke. 1833: Flash Red; to General Quarters. 1937: Secured from General Quarters and stopped making smoke.

23 October 1944:

Anchored as before. All hands secured from regular duties and turned to working cargo to expedite discharging. 0500: Commenced making smoke. 0528: Flash Red; to General Quarters. 0624: Stopped smoking. 0632: On Flash White secured from General Quarters. 1821: Flash Red; to General Quarters and commenced making smoke. 1200: Secured from General Quarters and stopped smoking. In accordance with C.T.F. 79's 240124 this vessel assigned to Task Unit Commander 79.14.8, Rear Admiral Royal on board the ROCKY MOUNT Task Unit Commander. Upon dispatch orders Commander Task Group 79.2 eleven boat pool men transferred to SLCU No. 24. Underway at 1415 in accordance with Commander Task Group 79.2 dispatch 240312 in column 600 yards astern of USS CHARA (AKA-58) in station 31, enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea steaming

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through Leyte Gulf at 14 knot speed on course 135-T. 2248:
Made emergency 40 degree right turn to avoid Japanese planes ahead
of disposition. Base course altered to 117-T. Zigzag plan No.
6 of USF-10-A.

POSITION: 2000: 10-23 N.Lat. 125-55 E.Long.

25 October 1944:

Steaming as before in company Task Unit 79.14.8. Various course
changes, maintaining unit speed of 13 knots.

POSITION: 0800: 09-21 N.Lat. 127-46 E.Long.
1200: 09-00 N.Lat. 128-27 E.Long.
2000: 08-16 N.Lat. 129-51 E.Long.

26 October 1944:

Steaming as before.

POSITION: 0800: 07-11 N. Lat. 132-00 E.Long.
1200: 06-44 N.Lat. 132-38 E.Long.
2000: 05-34 N.Lat. 133-40 E.Long.

27 October 1944:

Changed course to 145-T. Reduced fleet speed to 11,5 knots.
Zig-zagging accordance Plan No. 6, USF-10-A.

POSITION: 0800: 03-53 N.Lat. 135-09 E.Long.
1200: 03-18 N.Lat. 135-43 E.Long.
2000: 02-07 N.Lat. 136-41 E.Long.

28 October 1944:

Changed fleet course and axis to 140-T. Radar target at 275-T,
37 miles presumed to be KEOMAMBA ISLANDS. Changed fleet course
and axis to 100-T.

POSITION: 0800: 00-25 N.Lat. 138-01 E.Long.
1200: 00-11 S.Lat. 138-27 E.Long.
2000: 01-06 S.Lat. 139-09 E.Long.

29 October 1944:

0927: Entered Humbolt Bay, New Guinea, various speeds and course
changes, proceeded idependently to anchorage assignment and let
go starboard anchor with 30 fathoms chain in 7 fathoms water. 6

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30 to 31 October 1944:

Anchored as before. One quarter of ship's guns manned in accordance with orders of S.O.P.A.

Throughout the period of this War Diary the following named ships were provisioned:

USS ALLHAIN	USS CAPRICORNUS	LCI 1057
USS APPALACHIAN	USS CASA GRANDE	LCT 820
USS ASHLAND	USS DOYEN	LCT 740
USS FELAND	USS WARHAWK	SC 632
USS LAMAR	USS COMET	LCT 740
USS ALPINE	USS ELLIOTT	LCI 1057
USS LINDENWOLD	USS BIDDLE	LCT 919
USS HEYWOOD	USS FUNSTON	LCT 977
USS GOLDEN CITY	USS SHERIDAN	LCT 738
USS STARLIGHT	USS MONROVIA	
USS MONITOR	USS BAXTER	
USS CLAVERT	USS MIDDLETON	
USS CHARA	USS BOLIVAR	
USS AURIGA	USS CAVALIER	
USS ROCKY MOUNT	USS LEOPARD	
USS BELLE GROVE	SC 632	
USS ALMAACK	LCT 740	
USS CATSKILL	LCI 1057	
USS RUSHMORE	LCI 1055	
	LCT 687	

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

30 November 1944

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY (K-42) - Period 1 to 30
November 1944.

1. The War Diary of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of November 1944 is forwarded herewith.

1 November 1944:

Anchored in Humboldt Bay, New Guinea; Shifted berth to moor starboard side to HRMFA BISHOPDALE to take on 6,125 barrels of fuel oil.

2 November 1944:

Moored as before. Shifted from alongside HRMFA BISHOPDALE to anchor in former berth.

3 November 1944:

Anchored as before. Received two LCM's with seven man crew from Company A, 542nd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, acting boat crew and for transportation to Leyte Island. No. 1 LCVP sunk in 10 fathoms of water along starboard side number three hatch as a result of crashing into the ship's rudder while riding at mooring astern and stoving in bottom. All efforts to save LCVP were to no avail.

4 November 1944:

Anchored as before.

5 November 1944:

1715: Took departure from Hollandia Bay in accordance with C.T.U. 79.15.3 and C.T.D. 30 Movement Order No. 1-44 of 3 November 1944.

6 November 1944:

Steaming as before. 0600: Sighted Keomamba Island bearing 228 T.

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Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY, Period 1-30 November 1944:

distance 21 miles. 0818: Passed Liki Island on port beam distance 15 miles. 1600: Sighted Japen Island bearing 239 T., distance 38 miles. 2255: Base course 298 T.

POSITIONS: 0800: 01-21 N. Lat. 138-48 E. Long.
1200: 01-15 S. Lat. 138-00 E. Long.
2000: 01-30 S. Lat. 136-35 E. Long.

7 November 1944:

0330: Sighted lights on Noemfoor Island bearing 270 T. 0706: Received order from Task Group Commander to take station bearing 180 relative on USS SHERIDAN, 1600 yards distant and proceed with SHERIDAN as unit Commander and USS COMET to Broe Bay, Noemfoor Island and commence loading. Experienced difficulty in locating bottom for anchorage. 1123: Anchored in 96 fathoms of water to 120 fathoms of chain. 2000: LCT 919 alongside No. 2 hold; commenced loading No. 2 hold therefrom.

POSITIONS: 0800: 00-52 S. Lat. 134-54 E. Long.

8 - 13 November 1944:

Anchored as before. Working all holds intermittently, taking cargo from LCT's. Experienced some difficulty loading due to rough seas. Received 105 enlisted army men and 11 army officers for transportation to Leyte Island. Maintaining modified darken ship using dimmed cargo lights.

14 November 1944:

0654: Underway for Leyte Island, Philippines in accordance with C.T.U. 79.15.3 and ComTransDiv 30 Movement Order No. 1-44. 1720: Rendezvoused with other ships of Task Unit 79.15.4 and formed cruising disposition "Able" as set forth in CTD 38 Movement Order number A5-44 of 3 November 1944 on Base course 000 T. at 14 knots.

POSITIONS: 0800: 00-52 S. Lat. 134-51 E. Long.
1200: 00-12 S. Lat. 135-12 E. Long.
2000: 00-17 N. Lat. 136-04 E. Long.

15 November 1944:

Steaming as before on course 337 T., speed 12 knots, cruising disposition "Able".

POSITIONS: 0800: 02-24 N. Lat. 135-17 E. Long.
1200: 03-10 N. Lat. 134-57 E. Long.
2000: 04-45 N. Lat. 134-28 E. Long.

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16 November 1944:

POSITIONS: 0800: 07-03 N. Lat. 133-14 E. Long.
1200: 07-26 N. Lat. 132-33 E. Long.
2000: 08-09 N. Lat. 131-07 E. Long.

17 November 1944:

Steaming on course 296 T at 12.5 knots in cruising disposition "Able". Unidentified surface craft reported bearing 346 T, at 35,660 yards, identified as Carrier Division 29. Task Unit 79. 15.1 picked up bearing 319 T., distance 7.5 miles. Sighted friendly aircraft covering convoy during day.

POSITIONS: 0800: 09-14 N. Lat. 128-49 E. Long.
1200: 09-35 N. Lat. 128-00 E. Long.
2000: 10-12 N. Lat. 126-42 E. Long.

18 November 1944:

0500: ComTransDiv 30 released from Command of C.T.U. 79.15.4.
0710: Proceeding to assigned anchorage Transport Area, Leyte Island on orders of USS DOYEN. 0723: Ships on starboard bow, 3 to 5 miles distance, commenced firing on two enemy planes. One enemy plane shot down. Anchored off Catmon Hill, Leyte Island, Philippines in 10 fathoms of water to 30 fathoms of chain, boats in the water, commenced discharging cargo immediately. 1700: Army troops and officers detached from ship; transportation completed. In accordance with C.T.D. 38 Movement Order A5-44 and C.T.U. 79.15.4 sortie Plan No. 181609 underway and enroute to Hollandia, New Guinea.

POSITIONS: 0800: Leyte Island
1200: Leyte Island
2000: 10-19 N. Lat. 126-01 E. Long.

19 November 1944:

Steaming as before. Sighted numerous friendly aircraft.

POSITIONS: 0800: 09-20 N. Lat. 127-20 E. Long.
1200: 08-55 N. Lat. 128-05 E. Long.
2000: 07-59 N. Lat. 129-26 E. Long.

20 November 1944:

Steaming as before. Reduced speed to fuel USS SANDS (APD-13).
1504: In accordance with C.T.F. 79 Secret Dispatch 170632 and C.T.U. 79.15.4 visual dispatch 200058 this vessel detached from T.U. 79.15.4 and proceeding independently to Hollandia, New

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Guinea, escorted by USS BROOKS (APD10) and USS SANDS (APD13).

POSITIONS: 0800: 07-03 N. Lat. 131-40 E. Long.
1200: 06-45 N. Lat. 132-13 E. Long.
2000: 06-40 N. Lat. 133-30 E. Long.

21 November 1944:

Steaming as before.

POSITIONS: 0800: 03-34 N. Lat. 135-25 E. Long.
1200: 02-52 N. Lat. 136-05 E. Long.
2000: 01-24 N. Lat. 137-37 E. Long.

22 November 1944:

Arrived Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea. 1818: Anchored in 9 fathoms of water to 30 fathoms of chain.

POSITIONS: 0800: 00-54 S. Lat. 139-18 E. Long.
1200: 01-40 S. Lat. 139-53 E. Long.

23 November 1944:

Anchored as before.

24 November 1944:

Moored alongside USS VILLALOBOS (IX145) and took on 4531 barrels fuel oil.

25 November 1944:

Finished fueling and returned to original anchorage, Humboldt Bay.

26 November 1944:

Anchored as before. Heavy swells causing ship to roll excessively.

27 November 1944:

Anchored as before. Captain ALLEN, Commander Transport Division 32 came aboard for inspection of ship.

28 November 1944:

1753: Underway in accordance with Secret Speedletter, Serial M-0047 of 28 November 1944 from Commander Seventh Amphibious Force, with USS BANNER (APA60) USS MONITOR (LSV5) and USS RIXEY (APH3).

POSITIONS: 2000: 02-23 S. Lat. 140-45 E. Long.

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29 November 1944:

1435: Padaido Islands sighted bearing 284 T., distance 25 miles.
2120: Noemfoor Island reported by Radar bearing 275 T., distance
36 miles.

POSITIONS: 0800: 01-12 S. Lat. 138-22 E. Long.
1200: 01-14 S. Lat. 137-31 E. Long.
2000: 01-19 S. Lat. 135-44 E. Long.

30 November 1944:

1239: Upon receiving orders by T.B.S. to proceed independently
as previously directed, this vessel changed course to 327 T., pro-
ceeding in company with USS HUTCHINSON (PF45) as screen, to
Morotai Island.

POSITIONS: 0800: 01-09 S. Lat. 133-30 E. Long.
1200: 01-08 S. Lat. 132-34 E. Long.
2000: 01-06 N. Lat. 131-38 E. Long.


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31 December 1944

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY (K-42) - Period 1 to 31
December 1944.

1. The War Diary of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of December 1944 is forwarded herewith.

1 December 1944:

Steaming as before in accordance with Commander Seventh Amphibious force Secret Speedletter, Serial M-0047 of 28 November 1944. 0526: Radar surface contact identified as HALMAHERA ISLAND. 0610: Radar surface contact identified as MOROTAI ISLAND 60 miles distant. 1200: Entered harbor off POINT GILA, MOROTAI ISLAND, NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES and anchored in 17 fathoms of water. 2304: On flash red went to general quarters. 2315: Secured on flash white.

2 - 3 December 1944:

Anchored as before. Recreation parties to the beach. PT boats alongside to take on fresh water.

4 December 1944:

0110: Flash red, all hands to general quarters; shore batteries opened fire on enemy planes. 0147: Secured from general quarters on flash white. 1600: Ship dragging anchor toward beach in strong northwesterly wind, moderate sea. Shifted berth to anchor further out from beach.

5 - 15 December 1944:

Anchored as before. Frequent flash red signals from the beach with ship going into general quarters from one to four times each night. PT boats continuing to take on fresh water.

16 December 1944:

1745: SS GRAND TETON hoisted signal indicating mutiny on board and asking assistance. 1810: LCVF put off from this ship to the SS GRAND TETON with 16 armed men and two officers in charge.

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Upon reaching the SSTETON the two officers boarded her and offered their assistance to the Captain. It was discovered that the Assistant Chief Engineer had refused to take orders and threatened trouble. Shortly after the arrival of the Mercury's boat the Port Director came aboard and ordered two of the armed men from the Mercury to go below and deliver the offender to his, the Port Director's, boat alongside. This order having been carried out the officers and men of the Mercury returned to their ship.

17 - 22 December 1944:

Anchored as before. Nightly general quarters on condition red. PT's still taking on water.

23 December 1944:

Anchored as before.

24 December 1944:

Moved into Navy dock and commenced loading cargo. 2154: Flash red and to general quarters. 2200: Enemy plane shot down over the island by Spitfire.

25 December 1944:

Army stevedores loading cargo. Twenty five men and one officer of the 26th QM War Dog Platoon reported aboard for transportation.

26 December 1944:

0013: General quarters on flash red. 0038: Secured from general quarters. 0059: General quarters on flash red. 0120: Secured from general quarters. 214 men and 10 officers of the 340th Army Engineers reported aboard for transportation. 2034: General quarters on flash red. 2133: Secured from general quarters.

27 December 1944:

0050: General quarters on flash red. 0143: Secured on flash white. 0307: Flash red. 0313: Flash white. 0408: General quarters. 0436: Secured from general quarters. 0453: Flash red to general quarters. 0523: Secured from general quarters. Finished loading this day and moved back into stream and dropped anchor. Carrying 1100 tons cargo and 10 officers 214 men of 340th Army Engineers and one officer and 25 men of Headquarters, 26th Quartermaster War Dog Platoon.

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28 December 1944:

Underway for SANSAPOR, DUTCH NEW GUINEA in accordance with C.T.G. 78.5 Secret Speedletter 00101 of 25 December 1944, escorted by the USS LOVELACE (DE-198).

Positions:	0800: 01 - 50N.	128 - 19E.
	1200: 01 - 41N.	129 - 05E.
	2000: 01 - 30N.	130 - 40E.

29 December 1944:

Steaming as before. 1040: Arrived Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea.

30 December 1944:

0024: Flash red, sounded general quarters. 0034: Bogie, tentatively reported as "Jake" hit by five inch AA fire, burst into flames and crashed. 0107: Secured from general quarters. Underway in accordance with C.T.G. 78.5 Top Secret Movement Order No. 2-24, serial number 00052 of 11 December 1944.

31 December 1944:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800: 01 - 34N.	132 - 24E.
	1200: 01 - 51N.	132 - 27E.
	2000: 02 - 46N.	132 - 27E.



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C O N F I D E N T I A L

31 January 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (K-42) - Period
1 to 31 January 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY for the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of January 1945 is forwarded herewith.

1 January 1945:

Steaming as before, in cruising disposition "C-1A" in convoy with Task Group 78.5 in accordance with CGT 78.5 secret movement order 2-44, serial 00052 of 11 December 1944. 1842: Sound contact evaluated as non-sub.

Positions: 0800: 03-58N 132-56E
1200: 04-10N 133-10E
2000: 04-54N 133-08E

2 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800: 06-11N 132-42E
1200: 06-26N 132-09E
2000: 07-02N 131-06E

3 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800: 07-57N 129-34E
1200: 08-18N 128-49E
2000: 08-55N 127-45E

4 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800: 09-41N 126-45E
1200: 09-56N 126-32E
2000: 10-35N 125-40E

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5 January 1945:

0555: Bogie reported at 330 T 10 miles. Flash red, condition green, commenced making smoke. 0657: Stopped smoking and secured from General Quarters.

Positions: 0800: 09-25N 124-35E
1200: 09-10N 124-10E
2000: 08-51N 123-01E

6 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800: 09-36N 122-10E
1200: 10-05N 121-44E
2000: 11-06N 121-27E

7 January 1945:

2144: Skunk reported bearing 054 T, distance 16 miles.
2234: Escort ships commenced firing on skunk identified as enemy destroyer. 2243: Skunk sunk.

Positions: 0800: 12-22N 120-50E
1200: 12-48N 120-28E
2000: 13-35N 119-20E

8 January 1945:

0315: Commenced making smoke. 0357: Enemy plane made suicide dive on LST 912 causing minor damage and several casualties. LST 912 continued to maintain station. 0758: Four enemy planes attacked convoy with strafing and small bombs. One enemy plane was hit by AA fire and crash dived into the USS CALLOWAY, causing damage aft. CALLOWAY continued to maintain station.

Positions: 0800: 15-09N 118-54E
1200: 15-54N 118-55E
2000: 16-51N 119-22E

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Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY - Period 1 to
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9 January 1945:

Anchored in LINGAYEN GULF off white beach #2 preparing to discharge cargo. Many enemy planes over area with extremely heavy AA fire. Unloading progressing slowly due to lack of boats.

10 January 1945:

0400: Enemy motor torpedo boats reported active in area. Guns alerted and all precautions taken. Many enemy planes reported overhead.

11 January 1945:

Flash red and to general quarters recurrently throughout the day. 1828: Completely unloaded and underway in accordance with orders of CTG 78.5 with Task Unit 79.14.4 departing Lingayen Gulf. Total cargo discharged 1100 tons. Army personnel carried as passengers and discharged included 10 officers, and 214 enlisted men of 340th Army Engineers, and 1 officer and 25 men of the Headquarters 26th QM War Dog Platoon. Numerous flash red signals while proceeding North from LINGAYEN GULF.

12 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	15-29N	119-05E
	1200:	14-44N	119-16E
	2000:	13-16N	119-44E

13 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	11-27N	121-11E
	1200:	10-40N	121-37E
	2000:	09-04N	122-26E

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14 January 1945:

1616: Anchored in Berth 18 off Dulag, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. In accordance with previous orders reported to Commander, Transport Division 40 for duty.

15-18 January 1945:

Anchored as before.

19 January 1945:

Alongside SS ESSO ROANOKE to take on fuel. Received 2143 bbls oil and returned to Berth 18.

20-21 January 1945:

Two army LCM'S with crews of 4 army men assigned to ship. Shifted berth to Dulag anchorage off Vigia Point. Commenced loading cargo in No. 1 hold.

22-25 January 1945:

Anchored as before. Loading cargo in all holds.

26 January 1945:

Underway in accordance with CTU 78.3.3 mailgram 240446 and CTG 78.3 Sortie Plan 221515.

27 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	08-59N	122-48E
	1200:	09-26N	122-17E
	2000:	10-31N	121-44E

28 January 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	12-14N	120-56E
	1200:	12-55N	120-32E
	2000:	13-54N	118-22E

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29 January 1945:

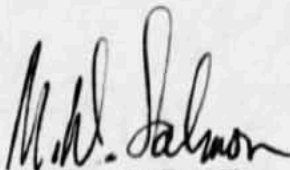
0606: Arrived and anchored off beach at San Antoino, Luzon P.I. Scheduled bombardment cancelled. Immediately put LCM's and LCVP's in water, uncovered hatches and commenced discharging cargo. Beach party of 6 men with Lt. GODDARD in charge dispatched to beach to organize beachmaster headquarters for this ship. In accordance with CTG 78.3 Operation plan 1-45 reported to Commander, Transport Squadron 13.

30 January 1945:

Anchored as before. Working all holds.

31 January 1945:

1630: Cargo completely unloaded. 1635: Disembarked 283 army enlisted passengers and 9 officers. 1843: Underway in accordance with CTU 78.3.23 movement order 2145 as set forth in CTU 78.3.23 mailgram 310700.


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C O N F I D E N T I A L

28 February 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (K-42) - Period
1 to 28 February 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY for the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of February 1945 is forwarded herewith.

1 February 1945:

ZONE: Minus 9

Steaming in accordance with CTU 78.3.23 Movement Order 2145 as set forth in CTU 78.3.23 Mailgram 310700. Passage from San Felipe, P.I. to Leyte Island, P.I.

Positions:	0800:	13-14N	119-41E
	1200:	12-51N	120-26E
	2000:	11-29N	121-18E

2 February 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	09-20N	122-14E
	1200:	08-52N	122-14E
	2000:	09-12N	124-12E

3 February 1945:

Arrived assigned anchorage, Berth 159 in San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, P.I. 2247: Received flash red and went to general quarters. 2300: Secured from G. Q. on white flash from SOPA.

4 February 1945:

Anchored as before.

5-6 February 1945

Anchored as before.

7 February 1945:

Reassigned from TransDiv 40 to TransDiv 13 by CANF Op Plan 18-44.

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8 - 9 February 1945:

Anchored as before.

10 February 1945:

Anchored as before. 0430: Received flash blue control
green from Commander, Philippine Sea Frontier. 0440: Flash
white, control green.

11 - 14 February 1945:

Anchored as before.

15 February 1945:

Underway in accordance with CTU 78.5.3 dispatch 140120 and
secret movement order A2-45 of 13 February 1945. Passage
from Leyte Gulf to Ulithi, Caroline Islands.

16 February 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	10-19N	128-49E
	1200:	10-16N	129-36E
	2000:	10-15N	131-05E

17 February 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	10-11N	133-29E
	1200:	10-12N	134-15E
	2000:	10-15N	135-21E

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Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY - Period 1 to
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18 February 1945:

0118: Friendly plane reported by USS ELECTRA circling overhead signaling "OE" dropped two white flares close aboard on starboard. Plane departed after communicating with USS Leonard Wood by light.

Positions:	0800:	10-11N	133-29E
	1200:	10-12N	134-15E
	2000:	10-15N	135-21E

19 February 1945:

ZONE: Minus 10

Anchored in Berth 145, Ulithi Island. Reported to CSR 10 for conversion and upkeep in accordance with CincPac Advance NPM 120732.

20 - 22 February 1945:

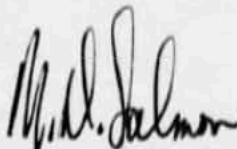
Anchored as before.

23 February 1945:

Shifted anchorage to Berth 10.

24 - 28 February 1945:

Anchored as before. Taking on provisions and small stores stocks.


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cc: CincPac

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U. S. S. MERCURY
c/o POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Reg. No.	557
R. S. No.	

31 March 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (K-42) - Period 1
to 31 March 1945.

1. The War Diary of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of March 1945 is forwarded herewith.

1 March 1945: Zone: Minus 10

Anchored in Berth 10, Northern Anchorage, ULITHI ISLAND, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS. Ship undergoing conversion for duty as fleet provision ship by Commander Service Squadron TEN under orders CinCPac dispatch 120732 February.

2 - 4 March 1945:

Anchored as before.

5 March 1945:

1333: Shifted to Berth Northwest 13 in obedience to Port Director dispatch 050015. 1437: Anchored in Berth Northwest 13. 1835: Shifted to Berth 109, Northern Anchorage in obedience to ComServRon 10 Administration dispatch 050538. 1905: Anchored in Berth 109, Northern Anchorage, ULITHI ISLAND, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS.

6 March 1945:

0825: Received U.S.S. VIRGO (KA-20) alongside to port and commenced transferring cargo from U.S.S. VIRGO on orders of ComServRon TEN in accordance with CinCPac dispatch 120732 February.

7 - 10 March 1945:

Anchored as before. U.S.S. VIRGO alongside to port transferring cargo to this ship. YF 1038 being used to handle transfer of cargo.

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31 March 1945

Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY - Period 1 to 31 March
1945.

11 March 1945:

Anchored as before. 2008: On a sneak attack by a Japanese plane, the U.S.S. RANDOLPH (CV-15) was hit. 2010: Flash red received by voice radio. Sounded general quarters. 2055: Flash white, secured from general quarters and resumed taking on cargo.

12 March 1945:

Anchored as before, receiving cargo from U.S.S. VIRGO and YF 1038. 1316: Flash red received from SOPA; sounded general quarters. 1347: Flash white, resumed loading cargo. 1627: Two stevedores of Co. "B", 17th Construction Battalion, suffered injuries aboard YF 1038 when strap of cargo net parted, spilling net of boxes on men below. One man suffered fracture of right humerus, compound BB fracture of lower left leg and fracture of right ribs. The other suffered fracture of right tibia and fibula, compound BB fracture above right ankle. Men given first aid and transferred to U.S.S. RELIEF (AH-1).

13 - 14 March 1945:

Anchored as before. Loading cargo from U.S.S. VIRGO and YF 1038.

15 March 1945:

Anchored as before. 0840: Completed loading cargo from U.S.S. VIRGO and YF 1038. Draft at completion of loading: 17'6" forward; 20'6" aft.

16 - 17 March 1945:

Anchored as before.

18 March 1945:

Anchored as before. 1052: Flash red received from Fighter Director, ULITHI, sounded general quarters. 1116: Flash white, secured from general quarters.

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Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY - Period 1 to 31 March 1945.

19 March 1945:

Anchored as before. 1715: Shifted berth in obedience to Com-ServRon TEN visual dispatch 190429, to berth 558, ULITHI ISLAND, WEST CAROLINE ISLANDS.

20 March 1945:

Anchored as before. Loading fresh provisions from SS TRADE WINDS. 1313: Received 4300 barrels of fuel from YO-76. Draft after fueling: 17'3" forward; 22'6" aft.

21 March 1945:

Anchored as before.

22 March 1945:

Underway in obedience with Commander Service Squadron TEN dispatch 210633. 0700: Departed ULITHI ISLAND escorted by U.S.S. LYMAN (DE-302) to rendezvous with TG 50.8 as set forth in Commander Service Squadron SIX Op-Order 8/P/2-45.

	0800:	14-12N	136-33E
Positions:	1200:	14-42N	135-51E
	2000:	15-58N	134-56E

23 - 24 March 1945:

Steaming as before, zigzagging in accordance with Plan 6 of USF10A. 1120: Unidentified surface craft sighted bearing 145 T., distant 16 miles. 1325: Ships identified as TU 50.8.5 by voice radio. 1720: Took station in cruising disposition with TU 50.8.5

	0800:	16-52N	133-18E
Positions:	1200:	18-25N	132-45E
	2000:	19-39N	131-49E

25 March 1945:

Steaming as before in company with TU 50.8.5.

	0800:	21-04N	130-27E
Positions:	1200:	21-20N	130-02E
	2000:	22-20N	128-59E

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31 March 1945

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26 March 1945:

Steaming as before. 0158: Submarine sound contact reported by screen. 0200: Executed emergency turn to right 60 degrees on order from CTG 50.8 0232: Commenced zigzagging in accordance to Plan 6, USF10A. 0500: Received orders to proceed independently with U.S.S. LYMAN as escort, to join CTG 50.8.1 at daybreak. 0735: Received orders to commence fueling and replenishing ships of TG 58.1. 0815: U.S.S. MURRAY (DD-576) alongside to starboard. 0830: U.S.S. WEDDERBURN (DD-684) alongside to port. 1020: U.S.S. WEDDERBURN cleared port side. 1050: U.S.S. JOHN ROGERS (DD-574) alongside to port. 1109: U.S.S. MURRAY cleared starboard side. 1123: U.S.S. SIGSBEE (DD-502) alongside to starboard. 1416: U.S.S. JOHN ROGERS cleared port side. 1426: U.S.S. BLUE (DD-744) alongside to port. 1437: U.S.S. SIGSBEE cleared starboard side. 1520: U.S.S. STOCKHAM (DD-683) alongside to starboard. 1644: U.S.S. BLUE cleared port side. 1655: U.S.S. SWENSON (DD-729) alongside to port. 1744: U.S.S. STOCKHAM cleared starboard side. 1800: U.S.S. SWENSON cleared port side. Replenishing exercises completed for the day. Transferred 37 tons of fresh and 17 tons of other provisions. 1805: Received orders to join TG 50.8. 1850: Took station 33 in cruising disposition 8S-1 in company of TG 50.8. 2315: Radar contact on two ships bearing 320 T., distant 17 miles, identified as friendly. Following message received from CTG 50.8: "Your commendable performance in your initial replenishment operation is noted with pleasure."

	0800:	23-20N	127-37E
Positions:	1200:	23-29N	128-09E
	2000:	24-10N	129-25E

27 March 1945:

Steaming as before. 0440: Screen reported sound contact bearing 055 T., 5000 yards from formation center. 0444: Emergency right 60 degrees. 0448: Ships right 60 degrees. 0517: Ships left 60 degrees. 0555: Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0709: Commenced replenishing with U.S.S. WELLS (DD-107) alongside to port. 0710: ATF 107 alongside to starboard but cancelled provisioning due to unfavorable sea conditions. 0803: U.S.S. KALK (DD-611) alongside to starboard. 0923: U.S.S. KALK cleared starboard side. 0948: U.S.S. WELLS cleared port side. Replenishing completed for the day. Transferred

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4 tons of fresh and 8 tons of other provisions. 1145: Took station 23 in cruising disposition 8S-1 in company of TG 50.8. 1345: U.S.S. ALYWYN (DE-355) alongside to starboard to pick up mail. 1405: U.S.S. ALYWYN cleared starboard side.

Positions: 0800: 23-33N 131-23E
1200: 23-41N 131-58E
2000: 23-18N 132-55E

28 March 1945:

Steaming as before. 0649: Escort sighted periscope on her starboard hand, attacked with depth charges and gunfire. Sounded general quarters. 0653: Escort reports supposed sub a floating log. 0658: Secured from general quarters. 0732: U.S.S. HANCOCK (CV-19) alongside to port as replenishing commences for the day. 0832: U.S.S. HANCOCK cleared port side. 0853: U.S.S. PASADENA (CL-65) alongside to port. 1020: U.S.S. PASADENA cleared port side. 1040: U.S.S. ASTORIA (CL-90) alongside to port. 1210: U.S.S. ASTORIA cleared port side. 1340: U.S.S. BATAAN (CVL-29) alongside to port. 1457: U.S.S. BATAAN cleared port side. 1538: U.S.S. SPRINGFIELD (CL-66) alongside to port. 1640: U.S.S. SPRINGFIELD cleared port side. Ceased replenishing operations for the day having transferred 39 tons of fresh and 17 tons of other provisions. 1720: Took station 23 in company of TU 50.18.3. 1740: Periscope sighted off port bow. Sounded general quarters. 1743: Periscope identified as part of floating wreckage. 1748: Secured from general quarters. 1830: Sighted OKINO DAITO JIMA, bearing 005 T., distant 15 miles.

Positions: 0800: 24-32N 132-41E
1200: 25-01N 131-56E
2000: 25-30N 131-28E

29 March 1945:

Steaming as before. 0733: Commenced provisioning with U.S.S. CREE (ATF-84) alongside to port. 0738: U.S.S. MUNSEE (ATF-107) alongside to starboard. 0805: U.S.S. CREE cleared port side. 0833: U.S.S. SIOUX (ATF-75) alongside to port. 0905: U.S.S. MUNSEE cleared starboard side. 1004: U.S.S. SIOUX cleared port side. 1007: U.S.S. GILLESPIE (DD-609) alongside to starboard. 1014: U.S.S. STOCKTON (DD-646) alongside to port. 1204: U.S.S. STOCKTON cleared port side. 1208: U.S.S.

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Subject: WAR DIARY, USS MERCURY - Period 1 to 31 March
1945:

GILLESPIE cleared starboard side. 1242: U.S.S. THORN (DD-647) alongside to starboard. 1255: U.S.S. CREE (ATF-84) alongside to port to deliver mail. 1301: U.S.S. CREE cleared port side. 1314: U.S.S. STEVENSON (DD-645) alongside to port. 1449: U.S.S. STEVENSON cleared port side. 1456: U.S.S. THORN cleared starboard side. 1510: U.S.S. FARRAGUT (DD-353) alongside to port. 1756: Starboard and port sides cleared. Replenishing exercises completed for the day having transferred 42 tons of fresh and 25 tons of other provisions. 1805: Took station 32 in cruising disposition 8S-1 in company with TG 50.8. 1958: #1 generator taken off line to repair oil leak. 2020: #1 generator repaired and in operation.

	0800:	24-20N	132-53E
Positions:	1200:	22-50N	132-38E
	2000:	23-23N	132-38E

30 March 1945:

Steaming as before. 0633: Commenced replenishing exercises with U.S.S. MOORE (DD-747) alongside to port. 0718: U.S.S. MANSFIELD (DD-728) alongside to starboard. 0920: U.S.S. MOORE cleared port side. 0921: U.S.S. MANSFIELD cleared starboard side. 0935: U.S.S. HARRISON (DD-573) alongside to port. 0940: U.S.S. TWINING (DD-540) alongside to starboard. 1050: U.S.S. HARRISON cleared port side. 1130: U.S.S. DeHAVEN (DD-727) alongside to port. 1158: U.S.S. TWINING cleared starboard side. 1232: U.S.S. DASHIELL (DD-659) alongside to starboard. 1348: U.S.S. DeHAVEN cleared port side. 1405: U.S.S. BRUSH (DD-745) alongside to port. 1511: U.S.S. DASHIELL cleared starboard side. 1523: U.S.S. BRUSH cleared port side. 1536: U.S.S. HEMMINGER (DD-746) alongside to starboard. 1555: U.S.S. McKEE (DD-575) alongside to port. 1800: Both sides cleared and replenishing completed for the day. Transferred 52 tons of fresh and 41 tons of other provisions. 1810: Took station 11 in cruising disposition 8S-1 in company of TG 50.8.

	0800:	24-49N	133-24E
Positions:	1200:	25-24N	133-40E
	2000:	26-03N	133-33E

31 March 1945:

Steaming as before in convoy with TG 50.8. Rolling heavily.

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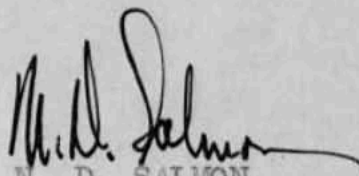
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	0800:	24-17N	132-15E
Positions:	1200:	23-52N	132-57E
	2000:	23-02N	133-09E

During five days of replenishing underway, 32 ships were provisioned with a total of 346 tons of fresh and other provisions.


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cc: CinCPac
ComServRon 8

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U. S. S. MERCURY
c/o POSTMASTER
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

REG NO 995
P. S. NO
REC. SHEET NO 67

C O N F I D E N T I A L

30 April 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (K-42)- Period 1 to
30 April 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the
month of April 1945 is forwarded herewith.

1 April 1945:

Steaming as before in station 11, cruising disposition 8S-1 in
accordance with Commander Service Squadron 10 dispatch #210633.
Ship rolling deeply.

	0800:	22-12N	131-34E
Positions:	1200:	22-42N	131-42E
	2000:	23-43N	131-37E

2 April 1945:

Steaming as before.

	0800:	23-14N	131-37E
Positions:	1200:	23-20N	132-16E
	2000:	23-31N	132-40E

3 April 1945:

Steaming as before. Ship pitching heavily in heavy gale and sea
from North.

	0800:	22-15N	131-09E
Positions:	1200:	23-00N	130-12E
	2000:	23-08N	128-50E

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4 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0517: Received orders from CTG 50.8 to form fueling disposition #1. 0707: Commenced replenishing operations. Vessels rolling and pitching heavily, making operations slow and hazardous. 0820: Discontinued replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 1 ship with a total of 1 ton of provisions. 1902: Received orders to join CTG 50.8. 2010: Took station 11 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-15N 128-59E
1200: 23-14N 129-07E
2000: 24-20N 129-50E

5 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0750: Commenced replenishing operations. 1852: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having provisioned 6 ships with a total of 85 tons of provisions. 1900: Received orders to join CTG 50.8. 1933: Took station 11 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-29N 128-57E
1200: 24-07N 128-53E
2000: 25-52N 128-44E

6 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0750: Commenced replenishing operations. 1700: Completed replenishing exercises for the day, having replenished 6 ships with a total of 62 tons of provisions. 1800: Received orders to join CTG 50.8. 1925: Took station 12 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-34N 131-44E
1200: 23-49N 131-27E
2000: 24-09N 132-32E

7 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0846: Commenced replenishing operations. 1318: Completed replenishing operations for the day having 2 ships with a total of 53 tons of provisions. Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 12 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

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7 April 1945 (Con't)

	0800:	24-44N	133-20E
Positions:	1200:	24-55N	133-55E
	2000:	25-10N	134-40E

8 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0724: Commenced replenishing operations. 1750: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 9 ships with a total of 63 tons of provisions. 1915: Received orders to join CTG 50.8 1935: Took station 21 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

	0800:	24-43N	133-20E
Positions:	1200:	25-03N	134-00E
	2000:	25-00N	132-56E

9 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0637: Commenced replenishing operations. 1816: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 10 ships with a total of 93 tons of cargo. Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 11 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

	0800:	24-40N	133-16E
Positions:	1200:	24-41N	133-49E
	2000:	24-55N	134-47E

10 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0751: Commenced replenishing operations. 1443: Screen reported sound contact. 1450: Several patterns of depth charges laid down. 1520: Contact reported fading; presumably a school of fish. 1726: Completed replenishing for the day, having replenished 9 ships with a total of 95 tons of provisions. 1825: Took station 11 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

	0800:	24-30N	133-00E
Positions:	1200:	24-09N	132-35E
	2000:	23-18N	131-23E

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30 April 1945.

11 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0803: Commenced replenishing operations. 1754: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 6 ships with 41 tons of provisions. 1800: Received orders to join CTG 50.8. 1850: Took station 12 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-28N 132-20E
1200: 23-38N 131-50E
2000: 24-11N 131-00E

12 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0150: Bogey reported bearing 315T, distant 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. 0200: Bogey reported opening at 18 miles. 1830: Assigned station 23 by CTG 50.8. Took station 23.

Positions: 0800: 23-51N 133-04E
1200: 24-24N 132-51E
2000: 23-55N 132-38E

13 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 1014: Received orders to fuel from U.S.S. KASKASKIA (AO-27). 1154: Commenced fueling. 1359: Fueling completed. 1751: Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 23 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-55N 132-29E
1200: 23-30N 131-55E
2000: 23-14N 132-31E

14 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0645: Commenced replenishing operations. 1722: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 8 ships with a total of 142 tons of provisions. Upon orders from CTG50.8, took station 31 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-34N 132-36E
1200: 24-13N 133-06E
2000: 24-46N 133-38E

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15 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0726: Commenced replenishing operations.
1521: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having
replenished 7 ships with a total of 83 tons of provisions.
1835: Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 31 in cruising
disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-50N 132-38E
1200: 24-36N 132-44E
2000: 25-28N 132-55E

16 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0810: Commenced replenishing operations.
1628: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having
replenished 10 ships with a total of 77 tons of provisions.
1730: Took station 31 in cruising disposition 8S-1. 1915:
Emergency turn 60 degrees to right. Possible submarine con-
tact reported by screen. 1928: Ships left 60 degrees.

Positions: 0800: 24-00N 135-40E
1200: 24-35N 132-52E
2000: 25-09N 132-53E

17 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0630: Commenced replenishing operations.
1805: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having
replenished 7 ships with a total of 60 tons of provisions.
1825: Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 31 in cruising
disposition 8S-1. 2100: Cut out #1 generator to effect rep-
airs. 2110: Stopped rotation, maintaining vacuum. 2137:
Cut in #1 generator.

Positions: 0800: 24-57N 132-21E
1200: 25-20N 132-07E
2000: 24-39N 132-13E

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30 April 1945

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18 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0612: Commenced replenishing operations. 1433: Plane crashed in water while attempting landing on carrier 2500 yards distant, bearing 061T. 1435: Veered right 10 degrees to avoid scene of accident. 1501: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 6 ships with a total of 55 tons of provisions. 1517: Took station 32 in cruising disposition 8S-1. 2018: #2 generator cut off line for repairs. 2054: #2 generator cut back in line.

Positions: 0800: 24-30N 133-26E
1200: 24-43N 134-06E
2000: 24-53N 134-21E

19 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0818: Commenced replenishing operations. 1213: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 2 ships with a total of 8 tons of provisions. Took station 32 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 24-17N 132-59E
1200: 23-47N 133-25E
2000: 23-28N 134-07E

20 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0700: Commenced replenishing operations. 1650: Completed replenishing operations for the day having replenished 9 ships with a total of 77 tons. 1735: Took station 31 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 24-23N 132-41E
1200: 23-57N 132-05E
2000: 23-12N 131-47E

21 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0647: Commenced replenishing operations. 1645: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 2 ships with a total of 32 tons of provisions. Took station 31 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 24-49N 132-48E
1200: 25-22N 133-12E
2000: 24-20N 133-07E

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30 April 1945

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30 April 1945.

22 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0655: Commenced replenishing operations, for the day. 1507: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 7 ships with a total of 57 tons of provisions. 1745: Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 21 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-50N 132-48E
1200: 24-26N 133-01E
2000: 25-09N 133-22E

23 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0630: Commenced replenishing operations. 1901: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 11 ships with a total of 163 tons of provisions. 1920: Took station 51 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 24-42N 132-09E
1200: 24-55N 131-28E
2000: 25-07N 130-26E

24 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0154: Screen reported submarine contact bearing 130 T, 3500 yards from fleet center. 0212: Screen reported contact lost. 0635: Commenced replenishing operations. 1649: Completed replenishing operations for the day having 6 ships with a total of 81 tons of provisions. 1651: Assigned station 41 in cruising disposition 8S-1 by CTG 50.8.

Positions: 0800: 24-41N 132-03E
1200: 25-13N 131-18E
2000: 24-39N 132-30E

25 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0730: Commenced replenishing operations. 1601: Completed replenishing operations for the day having replenished 5 ships with a total of 84 tons of provisions. Took station 41 in cruising disposition 8S-1. 2002: Cut #1 generator off the line to effect repairs. 2009: Stopped rotation, maintaining vacuum. 2203: Cut #1 generator back in line.

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30 April 1945.

25 April 1945: (Con't).

Positions: 0800: 24-38N 132-42E
1200: 24-50N 132-05E
2000: 24-39N 132-39E

26 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0702: Commenced replenishing operations.
1618: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having
replenished 6 ships with a total of 67 tons of provisions.
1628: Rejoined CTG 50.8, taking station 41 in cruising dis-
position 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 24-19N 132-13E
1200: 23-57N 132-35E
2000: 24-08N 130-48E

27 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0607: Commenced replenishing operations.
1857: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having
replenished 13 ships with a total of 181 tons of provisions.
1930: Took station 51 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 24-33N 131-51E
1200: 24-57N 131-13E
2000: 25-23N 130-09E

28 April 1945:

Steaming as before. 0625: Commenced replenishing operations.
1448: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having
replenished 8 ships with a total of 75 tons of provisions.
1453: Proceeded to station 21 in cruising disposition 8S-1,
on order from CTG 50.8.

Positions: 0800: 23-51N 130-58E
1200: 24-02N 131-36E
2000: 24-18N 132-23E

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30 April 1945

Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY - Period 1 to
30 April 1945.

29 April 1945:

Steaming as before.


Positions:	0800:	22-59N	131-41E
	1200:	23-18N	132-14E
	2000:	23-40N	132-29E

30 April 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	23-50N	131-20E
	1200:	23-58N	132-42E
	2000:	23-35N	132 $\frac{1}{2}$ 08E

During 23 days of replenishing underway, 154 ships were provisioned with a total of 1735 tons of provisions.


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U. S. S. MERCURY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

31 May 1945

From: Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (K-42)- Period 1
to 31 May 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY for the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of May 1945 is forwarded herewith.

1 May 1945:

Steaming as before in accordance with orders of ComServRon Ten dispatch #210633 of March 1945. 0618: Commenced replenishing operations. 1742: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 4 ships with a total of 172½ tons of cargo. 1900: Upon seeing orders from CTG 58.3, took station 12 in cruising disposition 8S-1 in company with CTG 50.8.

0800: 23-25N 130-56E
Positions: 1200: 23-03N 131-27E
2000: 23-29N 131-08E

2 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 0608: Commenced replenishing operations. 1510: Secured replenishing for the day having replenished 8 ships with a total of 99 3/4 tons of provisions. 1517: Upon orders of CTG 50.8 took station 11 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

0800: 23-40N 131-00E
Positions: 1200: 23-58N 131-36E
2000: 23-41N 132-09E

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31 May 1945

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31 May 1945.

3 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 1048: Received orders to assume station 22 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions:	0800:	23-57N	131-01E
	1200:	24-04N	131-31E
	2000:	24-09N	132-18E

4 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 1051: Upon orders of CTG 50.8, took station 32 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions:	0800:	23-44N	130-54E
	1200:	24-04N	131-31E
	2000:	23-41N	132-03E

5 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	23-30N	130-49E
	1200:	23-15N	131-15E
	2000:	23-42N	132-04E

6 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 0802: Commenced replenishing operations.
1635: Completed replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 6 ships with a total of 88½ tons of provisions.
1750: Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 31 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions:	0800:	23-55N	130-54E
	1200:	24-04N	131-32E
	2000:	24-32N	132-03E

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7 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 0251: Lost pressure on fuel oil pump, speed dropped to 7 knots. 0252: Cut in electric fuel pump, regained speed and station. 0624: Commenced replenishing operations. 1028: Secured replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 10 ships with a total of 75 tons of provisions. 1032: Upon orders from CTG 50.8, took station 21 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-35N 130-45E
1200: 23-50N 131-28E
2000: 24-09N 132-39E

8 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 0941: Commenced replenishing operations. 1028: Secured replenishing operations for the day, having replenished 1 ship with a total of $\frac{1}{4}$ ton of provisions. 1032: Received orders from CTG 50.8 to take station 21 in cruising disposition 8S-1.

Positions: 0800: 23-40N 131-18E
1200: 23-33N 131-47E
2000: 22-57N 132-15E

9 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800: 23-38N 130-27E
1200: 23-30N 130-38E
2000: 23-59N 131-14E

10 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800: 23-39N 130-51E
1200: 23-57N 131-27E
2000: 24-50N 131-45E

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31 May 1945.

11 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	23-43N	130-57E
	1200:	23-58N	131-38E
	2000:	22-54N	132-00E

12 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 1609: Received orders to form cruising disposition 0-1. 1702: Assumed station 1.2-216 in cruising disposition 0-1. 1707: Detached from CTG 50.8, proceeding as directed by ComServPac's dispatch 032215 and CTG 50.8 dispatch 112200, in company with TU 50.18.7.

Positions:	0800:	23-48N	130-11E
	1200:	23-13N	130-09E
	2000:	22-53N	130-50E

13 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	20-22N	132-16E
	1200:	19-46N	132-19E
	2000:	18-45N	133-10E

14 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	17-05N	134-42E
	1200:	16-18N	135-16E
	2000:	15-03N	136-08E

15 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	13-12N	137-27E
	1200:	12-33N	137-43E
	2000:	11-18N	138-34E

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31 May 1945.

16 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 0822: Anchored in NE section of Berth
170, ULITHI ISLAND, WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS.

17 May 1945:

Anchored as before.

18 May 1945:

Anchored as before. 0613: Underway in obedience to Com-
ServRon Ten secret dispatch 170049. Proceeding independ-
ently. No remnant cargo discharged.

	0800:	100-01N	139-52E
Positions:	1200:	10-13N	140-37E
	2000:	10-29N	142-08E

19 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

	0800:	10-50N	144-20E
Positions:	1200:	10-56N	145-03E
	2000:	11-24N	146-25E

20 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

	0800:	12-10N	148-28E
Positions:	1200:	12-31N	147-12E
	2000:	12-45N	150-27E

21 May 1945:

	0800:	12-26N	152-39E
Positions:	1200:	12-21N	153-24E

22 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

	0800:	11-49N	157-00E
Positions:	1200:	11-42N	157-46E
	2000:	11-26N	159-11E

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Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY - Period 1 to
31 May 1945.

23 May 1945:

Steaming as before. 1005: Sighted land, identified as ENI-
WETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS.

Positions:	0800:	11-14N	161-30E
	1200:	10-10N	162-25E
	2000:	11-04N	164-05E

24 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	10-47N	166-12E
	1200:	10-48N	167-00E
	2000:	10-49N	168-38E

25 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	11-04N	171-01E
	1200:	11-21N	171-40E
	2000:	11-38N	173-16E

26 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	12-18N	175-30E
	1200:	12-39N	176-12E
	2000:	13-20N	177-40E

26 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	14-07N	179-44E
	1200:	14-26N	179-34W
	2000:	15-02N	178-02W

27 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	15-55N	175-50W
	1200:	16-11N	175-00W
	2000:	16-39N	173-21W

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31 May 1945

Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY - Period 1 to
31 May 1945.

28 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	17-16N	170-58W
	1200:	17-33N	170-08W
	2000:	17-52N	168-28W

29 May 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800:	18-18N	166-17W
	1200:	18-35N	165-18W
	2000:	18-58N	163-51W

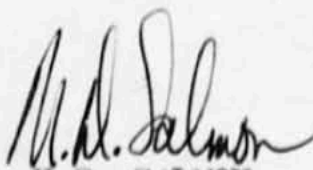
30 May 1945:

Steaming as before. Fired gunnery practice both surface and
A.A.

Positions:	0800:	19-22N	161-16W
	1200:	19-33N	160-24W
	2000:	19-58N	158-37W

31 May 1945:

Steaming as before. Fired A.A. practice at towed sleeve.
1056: Moored in Berth XRAY 7, PEARL HARBOR, T.H.


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30 June 1945.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) - Period
1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of June 1945 is forwarded herewith.

1 June 1945:

Moored in Berth X-Ray 7, Pearl Harbor, T.H. 1241 shifted berth to B-21. Yard workmen making repairs in engine room.

2-3 June 1945:

Moored as before.

4 June 1945:

1841 took departure Pearl Harbor and proceeding in accordance ComHawSeaFron despatch of 4 June 1945. Steaming independently to San Francisco, California.

Positions:

2000: 21-12N 157-44 W

5 June 1945:

0800	22-48N	156-41W
Positions: 1200	23-17N	156-09W
2000	24-06N	154-59W

6 June 1945:

0800	25-12N	153-04W
Positions: 1200	25-34N	152-27W
2000	26-26N	151-00W

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30 June 1945.

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Subj: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) - Period
1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945.

7 June 1945:

Positions:	0800	27-44N	148-50W
	1200	28-09N	147-58W
	2000	29-00N	146-26W

8 June 1945:

Positions:	0800	30-12N	144-04W
	1200	30-42N	143-01W
	2000	31-31N	141-13W

9 June 1945:

Positions:	0800	34-45N	138-47W
	1200	32-41N	137-55W
	2000	33-33N	136-00W

10 June 1945:

Positions:	0800	34-45N	133-22W
	1200	35-07N	132-22W
	2000	35-44N	130-28W

11 June 1945:

Positions:	0800	36-26N	127-29W
	1200	36-39N	126-33W
	2000	37-25N	124-57W

12 June 1945:

0901 passed beneath Golden Gate Bridge and entered San Francisco harbor. Anchored Berth 12, San Francisco Bay.

13 June 1945:

0902 shifted from berth 12 to Pier A, Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California and commenced discharging cargo and ammunition in preparation for conversion to Fleet AKS.

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30 June 1945.

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Subj: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AK-42) - Period
1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945.

14-15 June 1945:

Moored as before.

16 June 1945:

1145 shifted to temporary anchorage in San Francisco Bay. 1538 shifted to Pier 1, Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, California, for conversion to Fleet AKS.

17-20 June 1945:

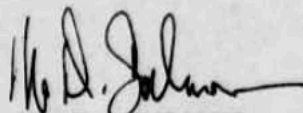
Moored as before. Yard workmen on board.

21 June 1945:

Shifted to Pier 3, Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, Calif.

22-30 June 1945:

Moored as before. Yard workmen on 24 hour work basis. Ship's Company on leave in accordance with port regulations, 25% of crew having been outside continental limits of United States for a two (2) year period; 75% for longer than eighteen (18) months.


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31 July 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AKS20) - Period
1 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

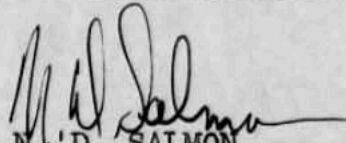
1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of July 1945 is forwarded herewith.

1 July 1945: Moored portside to Pier #3, undergoing conversion and repair, Hurley Marine Works Inc., Oakland, California, lines #1 - 7 secured to dock. Receiving all auxiliaries from dock. Engine room plant secured.

2 - 11 July: Moored as before, yard workmen on board.

12 July 1945: 1025 fire reported in #1 hold in after cargo locker. Emergency fire-fighting party with Executive and Cargo Officers at scene of fire. 1040 Hurley Marine Works fire truck arrived to assist in fighting fire. 1045 fire reported as out.

13 - 31 July: Moored as before. Yard workmen on 24 hour work basis. Ship's Company on leave in accordance with port regulations.


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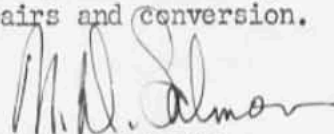
31 August 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subj: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AKS-20) - Period 1 August to
31 August 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of August 1945, is forwarded herewith.

- 1 August: Classification of vessel changed from AK-42 to AKS-20, effective 31 July 1945 by authority of Chief of Naval Operations letter serial 286723 of July 1945. Moored portside to pier #3, Hurley Marine Works Inc., Oakland, California, undergoing conversion and repair.
- 2 - 22 August: Moored as before, yard workmen on board.
- 23 August: 0926 underway for General Engineering Drydock Company, Alameda, California. 1047 Ship secured in the floating drydock.
- 24 - 30 Aug: Moored as before in floating drydock at General Engineering, Alameda, California, undergoing conversion to AKS.
- 31 August: 1400 underway to Hurley Marine Works, Inc., Oakland, California. 1430 moored portside to pier #3, Hurley Marine Works, Inc., Oakland, California, undergoing repairs and conversion.


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U.S.S. MERCURY, AKS-20
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N.Y.

30 September, 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MERCURY, (AKS-20).
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AKS-20) - Period 1 September
1945 to 30 September, 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of
September, is forwarded herewith.

1. September: Moored portside to pier #3, Hurley Marine Works, Inc.,
Oakland, California, lines 1 - 6 to dock. Undergoing
repairs and conversion.
- 2-14 September: Moored as before.
- 15 September: 1345 made steering gear and engine dock trial over a
two hour period. Results satisfactory.
- 16-17 September: Moored as before.
- 18 September: 0838 underway to Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California.
1121 moored portside to Berth Easy, Pier No. 4, Naval
Supply Depot, Oakland, California.
- 19 September: 1120 a flare back occurred in the furnace of the port
boiler completely blowing out the boiler casing on all
sides and top of the furnace, but without causing any
harm to personnel. The cause of the flare back is attri-
buted to the fact that the electric fuel oil pump lost
suction which caused the fires to be extinguished. Both
fuel oil settling tanks had been filled shortly before
the explosion and immediately afterwards they were sounded
and found to be full. It is believed that the main fuel
oil pump became air-bound by a loose joint on the suction
flange of the steam stand by pump which was being worked
on by the yard workmen. At the time the main fuel oil
pump lost suction it was taking suction from the starboard
settler and immediately upon observing that the fuel oil
pressure to the burners had dropped, suction was also taken
from the port settler and after a period of possibly two
minutes the pump regained suction fuel, oil pressure to the
burners was restored. Also at the same time that the fuel

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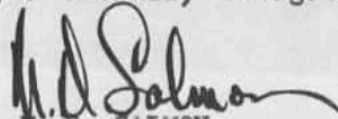
C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MERCURY, (AKS-20)
To: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY, (AKS-20) - Period 1 September
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oil pressure was observed to drop to zero, the water tender of the watch secured the master fuel oil control valve to the burners and opened up two of the three air registers. He then increased the blower pressure to $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches of water and purged the furnace for approximately three minutes before trying to light off again. The water tender then closed his registers and reduced his air pressure to $\frac{1}{2}$ " , and then proceeded to light off. On the first two attempts to light-off, the torch was blown out before it was inserted it clear into the boiler and before the water tender had turned on the burner oil valve, but on the third trial the atomizer ignited and the flare back occurred.

20 September: 0930 underway to Hurley Marine Works, Inc., Oakland, California, for repairs to port boiler. 1032 moored starboard side to pier #4, Hurley Marine Works, I_nc. Oakland, California.

21-30 September: Moored as before starboard side to pier #4, Hurley Marine Works, Inc., Oakland, California, undergoing repairs to port boiler.


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31 October, 1945

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MERCURY.
To: The Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AKS-20), period 1 October
1945 to 31 October 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of
October 1945, is forwarded herewith.

1 October, 1945:

Moored starboard side to pier #4 at Hurley Marine Works,
Oakland, California. Yard workmen aboard making repairs to engine room.

2 - 5 October, 1945:

Moored as before.

6 October, 1945:

0810 left pier #4 at Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, California,
proceeding to San Rafael degaussing range on orders from AIM. 1000 arrived
degaussing range. 1025 commenced degaussing range run. 1118 degaussing opera-
tion completed pending deperming of ship. 1208 entered berth #31, San Francisco,
California. 1407 hauled to middle of stream for deperming. 1628 moored port-
side pier #31, San Francisco, California. 2230 commenced dock trial run. 2236
main engine speed 50 RPM's.

7 October, 1945:

Moored as before.

8 October, 1945:

0800 left pier #31, San Francisco, California, to North Bay Area,
under orders of Port Director, San Francisco, California. 0803 damaged scuppers
on portside. No structural damage to vessel. 1116 proceeding to firing area
through channel, passing under Golden Gate Bridge. 1251 passed S.E. Far-Allons
abeam to port. 1312 sounded general quarters, set condition "A". 1327 commenced

31 October, 1945

WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY (AKS-20), period 1 October 1945 to 31 October 1945.

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firing exercises. 1420 STILL, G. F., 934 98 67, S2c, received compound fracture right thumb attempting to unload gun 28. 1437 secured from general quarters and test. Results of test, satisfactory. 1451 proceeding for San Francisco Bay. 1520 completed full power run. 1619 commenced astern trial. 1632 completed astern trial. Report of astern trial, heavy vibration throughout vessel, heavy enough to shake down rigging if long maintained. 1730 passed under Golden Gate Bridge. 1823 anchored, anchorage #9, Berth 15, San Francisco, California.

9 October, 1945:

Anchored as before. 1238 underway from berth 15, San Francisco, California, to Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, as per orders from Port Director, San Francisco, California. 1355 moored portside pier #4, berth "D", Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California.

10 - 11 October, 1945:

Moored as before.

12 October, 1945:

Moored as before. 1018 underway from pier #4, berth "D", Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, California, to Balboa, Panama, distance 3250 miles, in accordance with orders from COMWESTSEAFRON. 1050 passed under Golden Gate Bridge.

Positions: 1200 37-43N 122-40W
2000 35-36N 121-47W

13 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 120-13W 33-10W
1200 119-33W 31-58N
2000 31-13N 117-57W

14 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 27-42N 115-42W
1200 26-56N 114-57W
2000 25-25N 113-26W

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WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY, AKS-20, period
1 October, 1945 to 31 October, 1945.

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15 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	111-21W	23-20W
	1200	110-32.5W	22-34N
	2000	108-56W	21-04N

16 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	19-14N	106-11.5W
	1200	18-44N	105-20W
	2000	17-44.2N	105-16W

17 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	100-17W	16-14N
	1200	99-18W	15-46N
	2000	97-16W	14-45N

18 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	94-53W	13-27N
	1200	93-40W	13-00N
	2000	92-08W	12-06N

19 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions:	0800	89-15W	10-55N
	1200	88-18W	10-26N
	2000	87-02W	9-24N

20 October, 1945:

Positions:	0800	7-59N	83-45W
	1200	7-32N	82-47W
	2000	6-59N	80-51W

31 October, 1945

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WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of October, 1945 to 31 October, 1945.

21 October, 1945:

Steaming as before. 0935 anchored off Balboa, Panama. 1211 proceeding from anchorage in Panama Bay to pier #1, Balboa, Panama, with RENNIE, R. G., as pilot. 1248 entered Balboa Inner Harbor. 1305 ship struck piling on pier while approaching; no material damage to ship. Five pilings on dock were split and broken. 1355 moored starboard side to pier #1, Balboa Inner Harbor, Balboa, Canal Zone.

22 October, 1945:

Moored as before. 1207 underway from pier #1, Balboa Inner Harbor, Canal Zone, for passage through the Panama Canal to Cristobal, Panama, in obedience to orders (verbal) of Lieutenant-Commander DELANEY, Assistant Port Director, Balboa Panama, with CALCUTT, W. P., as Pilot. 1241 heavy rain, visibility reduced to 100 yards. 1244 let go starboard anchor. 1249 rain slacked, visibility increased to 1 mile. 1256 hauled in starboard anchor, ahead slow, Approaching #1 Miraflores Lock. 1323 ship in first lock. 1336 ship in second lock. 1351 proceeding into Miraflores Lake, along channel, approaching #1 lock, Pedro Miguel Lock. 1417 ship in first lock. 1434 proceeding into excavated channel, Cucaracha Reach. 1630 entered Jabernilla Reach. 1713 entered Gatun Reach. 1735 approaching Gatun Locks. 1746 moored to dock awaiting order for passage. 1847 proceeding into lock Farthest inland of Gatun Locks. 1857 ship in lock. 1917 ship in middle lock. 1929 ship in Seaward Lock. 1941 proceeding out of last lock in Atlantic Channel of Limon Bay. 2026 proceeding via Winward Passage and Crooked Island to Hampton Roads, Virginia, pursuant to orders delivered aboard to Pilot at Gatun Locks by line from 15th Naval District.

23 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

	0800	12-03N	78-35W
Positions:	1200	12-52N	78-10W
	2000	14-42N	77-25W

24 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

	0800	75-40W	17-27N
Positions:	1200	74-58W	15-10N
	2000	73-54W	20-07N

31 October, 1945

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WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the Month of 1 October to 31 October, 1945.

25 October, 1945:

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 74-28W 23-01N
1200 74-14W 24-01N
2000 74-17W 26-13N

26 October, 1945:

Steaming as before. 0258 pressure lost on fuel oil service pump. All engines stopped. 0320 pressure built up, underway at reduced speed.

Positions: 0800 29-16N 74-15W
1200 30-19N 74-15W

27 October, 1945:

Steaming as before. 1601 moored portside pier #4, berth 46, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

Positions: 0800 35-30N 75-03W

28 October, 1945:


Moored as before.

29 October, 1945:

Moored as before. 1455 underway from pier #4, berth 46, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, to berth #24, Hampton Roads, Virginia. 1530 anchored in berth #24, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

30 - 31 October, 1945:

Anchored as before.


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U.S.S. MERCURY (AKS-20)
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, New York

30 November 1945

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From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MERCURY.
To: The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY, (AKS-20), period 1 November 1945 to 30 November 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of November 1945, is forwarded herewith.

1 November 1945

Anchored in berth 24, Hampton Roads, Virginia, in 12 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. 1335 underway on various courses and speeds to improve position in berth 24. 1357 let go starboard anchor in center of berth 24, Hampton Roads Anchorage in 10 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following bearings: Old Clock Tower 140° T, Fort Wool Light 070° T, and Old Point Comfort Light House 046.2° T.

2 - 8 November 1945

Anchored as before.

9 November 1945

Anchored as before. 1215 temprature of starboard 40 mm clipping room, bridge deck, reported at 120° F. Removed 249 rounds 40 mm ammunition. 1545 investigation disclosed faulty steam ventilation system, as installed at Hurley Marine Works, Oakland, California, overheated clipping room, caused temprature rise.

10 November 1945

Anchored as before. 1110 the following ammunition was transferred to Naval Ammunition Depot, St Julien's Creek, Virginia.

100 Rds.	HEITSD	12	NS261-151711
50 Rds.	HEISD	8	NS717-101711
96 Rds.	BLT	16	N8787-005151

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11 - 23 November 1945

Anchored as before.

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WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY, (AKS-20), Period 1 November 1945 to 30 November 1945 - Continued.

24 November, 1945

Anchored as before. 0730 underway from berth 24, Hampton Roads, Virginia, to pier 2, berth 23, N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia, in obedience to orders of Commandant Fifth Naval District. 0812 moored starboard side to pier 2, berth 23, N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia. 0933 Commodore WALLACE, SC, USN, and Commander MEISENHYMER, USN, made informal inspection of ship for Commander Service Force Atlantic.

25 - 26 November, 1945

Moored as before.

27 November, 1945

Moored as before. 1423 underway from Pier 2, berth 23, N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia, to N.S.D., New Orleans, Louisiana, in obedience to orders of ComServLant.

Positions: 2000 36-05N 75-25W

28 November, 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 33-29N 75-35W
1200 32-38N 75-55W
2000 30-52N 76-50W

29 November, 1945

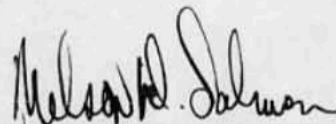
Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 28-34N 78-20W
1200 27-57N 79-10W
2000 26-25N 79-57W

30 November, 1945

Steaming as before.

Positions: 0800 24-30N 81-18W
1200 24-20N 82-21W
2000 24-56.5N 83-54W


Nelson D. Salmon

2 January, 1946

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer, U.S.S. MERCURY, AKS20.
To: The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY, AKS-20, Period 1 December, 1945
to 31 December, 1945.

1. The WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY for the month of December, 1945, is forwarded herewith.

1 December

Steaming independently from Hampton Roads, Virginia, to New Orleans, Louisiana, under orders of ComServLant dispatch 241910 of November.

Positions: 0800 26-23N 85-45W
1200 26-52N 86-21W
2000 27-49N 88-00W

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2 December

Steaming as before. 0621 entered Mississippi River by way of Southwest Pass. 1448 moored starboard side to section 4 & 5, Naval Supply Depot, New Orleans, Louisiana.

3 December

Moored as before. 0930 commenced loading cargo of coffee.

4-10 December

Moored as before. Loading cargo.

11 December

Moored as before. 0756 underway from Naval Supply Depot, New Orleans, Louisiana, to Miami, Florida, in obedience to ComServLant dispatch 241910 and New Orleans Port Director Operation order number 17-45 of 10 December, 1945, having loaded 1867 tons of Columbian, Guatemalan, Haitian, and Santos coffee, and 8 tons of miscellaneous cargo.

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WAR DIARY of the U.S.S. MERCURY, AKS20, period 1 December, 1945, to 31 December, 1945. - Continued.

12 December

Steaming independently from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Miami, Florida.

	0800	26-20W	85-40W
Positions:	1200	25 -44N	84-45W
	2000	24-32N	83-03W

13 December

Steaming as before. 0951 headed toward channel entrance to Miami Harbor. 1020 Pilot Warre came aboard. 1110 in turning basin, strong current running across piers forcing ship past berth; pilot taking no action. Pilot not mastering situation. Pilot incompetent. Ship in irons, Captain took conn. 1126 moored portside to North side of Pier 3, Naval Supply Depot, Miami, Florida.

Positions: 0800 25-12N 80-04W

14 December

Moored as before. 1300 underway from Miami, Florida, to New York, N. Y. in obedience to ComServLant dispatch 241910 of November, 1945, having loaded two German midget submarines and miscellaneous cargo, total 41 tons.

Positions: 2000 25-12N 80-04W

15 December

Steaming as before.

	0800	30-42.5N	79-25W
Positions:	1200	31-32N	78-43W
	2000	32-58N	76-59W

16 December

Steaming as before.

	0800	35-34N	74-57W
Positions:	1200	36-28N	74-36W
	2000	38-11N	76-08W

17 December

Steaming as before. 0643 entered channel to New York Harbor.

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WAR DIARY, U.S.S. MERCURY, AKS20, Period 1 December, 1945 to 31 December, 1945 - Continued.

0810 moored portside to 35th Street Pier, Brooklyn, New York. Unloaded deck cargo.

18 December

Moored as before. Unloading cargo of coffee during daylight hours. Progress very slow.

19 December

Moored as before.

20-21 December

Moored as before. Unloading cargo of coffee during daylight hours. Progress very slow.

22-23 December

Moored as before.

24 December

Moored as before. Unloading cargo of coffee during daylight hours. Progress very slow.

25 December

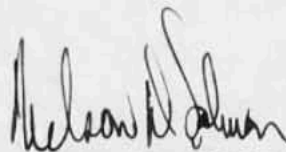
Moored as before.

26-28 December

Moored as before. Unloading cargo of coffee during daylight hours. Progress very slow.

29-31 December

Moored as before.


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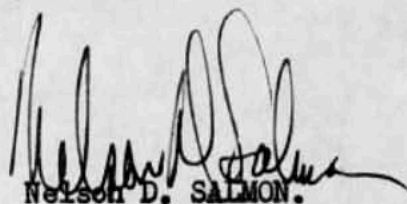
17 April 1946.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy - Public Information.
Via.: Commander Service Force, U.S. ATLANTIC Fleet.
Subject: Ship's History - Forwarding of.

Reference: (a) CinCLant's des. 100352 - ALLant 70.

Enclosure: (A) Ship's History.

1. In accordance with reference (a), the factual history of the U.S.S. MERCURY is forwarded herewith.


Nelson D. SALMON.

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SHIP'S BOOM BATS OUT VICTORY OVER JAP PLANE !

THE JAP-KILLING CARGO BOOM NOW DISPLAYS RISING SUN EMBLEM — AT THE EXPLICIT REQUEST OF THE COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCES, U. S. FLEET !

THE JAP TORPEDO BOMBER ATTACKED THE AMERICAN CARGO SHIP IN THE MARIANAS. DIVING THROUGH A SMOKE SCREEN, THE JAP MISCALCULATED HIS RUN, CRASHED INTO THE BOOM AND PLUNGED INTO THE WATER.

GAPPING THE WEIRD "BATTLE," THE PLANE'S TORPEDO HIT THE SHIP AND BROKE IN TWO WITHOUT EXPLODING !

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NARRATIVE WAR HISTORY OF THE U. S. S. MERCURY

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8 November 1945.

It is significant that Mercury to the ancient Romans was the Messenger God, the swift and winged harbinger of good tidings. While it is not here alleged that our Mercury was as swift and as fleet of foot in her Naval role as her mythological predecessor, it is nonetheless submitted that this Mercury was oft times the harbinger of good tidings to the American Armed forces, such tidings being in the more material form of food, sorely needed ordnance supplies, and innumerable other items for our frequently hard pressed fighting men. The farflung reaches of the Pacific from the very outset found a gap between homefront production and the fox holes of Guadalcanal, and it is believed that this Mercury helped to fill that gap as faithfully as her turbinized heart would permit.

The War History of the USS Mercury should properly be divided into three phases: first, the long runs to the South Pacific bases during the dark days of the war; second, the participation in the Central Pacific invasion strikes; third, the brief but important provisioning of the Third Fleet during the Okinawa campaign.

The first consideration will be phase one, the South Pacific support runs during the early days of the war. The ship was commissioned on the first of July, 1942, at which time she was a twenty one month old product of the Federal Shipbuilding Company of New Jersey. She had been one of the first C2 cargo carriers, with a steam turbine power plant of 6,000 horsepower, designed with slim, graceful lines to give maximum economy for her pay load of 8,000 displacement tons. Her maximum speed of 15.5 knots placed her in the class of fast freighters, and that she later was outclassed by fast ocean liners in company with her is not to her discredit. She had light cargo handling gear, 14 five ton booms, two ten ton booms, and one 30 ton boom; such gear was never later changed when she was called upon to handle maximum invasion loads and she struggled valiently with what she had. The ship was designed with eight cargo refrigerators, with a total capacity of 29,000 cubic feet which space was later to provide her with a dual mission of supplying heavy equipment and fresh foods.

Immediately upon being commissioned the Mercury was loaded and set out on voyage one during that same month of July, 1942. She had a load of 8135 tons of mixed cargo including drummed petroleum products, landing mats, dynamite, and a considerable quantity of engineering equipment. In addition her refrigeration space was loaded to capacity with fresh and frozen foods. Her mission was

to supply, and she went quickly to the task with a green crew and her commission pennant proudly flown. Thirteen days later she arrived in Tongatabu harbor, discharged some of the cargo, sailed for Pago Pago harbor, Tutuila, where 2500 tons was discharged. Port Noumea in New Caledonia was the next port, where 1000 tons was set ashore. The ship then sailed for Efate Island in the New Hebrides group where she unloaded 4500 tons of cargo, and where she experienced her first general quarters alert from Japanese reconnaissance planes. After a brief stop-over at Suva Harbor, in the Fiji group for fuel, to replace that which was given to the Helena, the ship headed for the Golden Gate, her maiden voyage completed upon arrival in San Francisco, September 27, 1942. She was now a proud ship of the Navy, and her green crew began to refer to themselves as sailors and realize that they had earned the title.

The second voyage took the ship from San Francisco on October 14, 1942, with a load of 8000 tons for the now hard pressed South Pacific. The dark days of the war had set in, and it was during these days that the Mercury performed yeoman service running unescorted through the then ominous waters to bring sorely needed supplies to our advanced lines. On the 27th of October the ship experienced storm waters, struggling through heavy seas of the roaring forties for three days. Weathering the storm, the Mercury arrived in Port Nicholson, New Zealand on November 3, 1942, and was directed to proceed to Auckland, where she arrived on the 5th of November. Unloading operations were commenced immediately, 7600 tons being discharged in the ensuing eight days. The ship was then loaded with 4000 tons of submarine net gear, moorings, buoys, and similar equipment and dispatched to Noumea where a small portion of the cargo was discharged, ammunition was loaded, and on the 5th of December the Mercury sailed for Guadalcanal. Here from December 8 to 15 the ship unloaded cargo, being under constant air raids and being forced to shift each evening to Tulagi Harbor for better protection, returning during the day for the unloading process. The Mercury returned to Noumea, arriving December 18 where remnant cargo was discharged and new cargo taken aboard. The hard working lady had little opportunity to indulge in nostalgic remorse during her first Christmas away from home, and sailed for Havana Harbor, Efate, December 30, arriving the following day. 500 tons of cargo were discharged, and the ship set out for Noumea on the 7th of February to discharge all remnant cargo, and completed the operation on February 11. She set sail for San Francisco on that date. Seventeen days later she sighted home, tired and wiser in the ways of fast discharging under adverse conditions but now a proud ship.

After a brief respite of eight days for minor repairs, loading of ammunition commenced, and on the 10th of March she sailed for San Diego for the balance of her load. Arriving the following day, specialized gear of Photo Squadron One was brought aboard. Temporary deck houses were fitted out aft of the superstructure on either side of number four hold for temporary passenger accommodations, and these were to remain throughout her amphibious days. With a complete load of 4000 tons of specialized cargo the Mercury sailed March 17, 1943, on voyage three.

The ship arrived at Espiritu Santo on April 4, 1943, after 18 days of unescorted steaming. A small portion of the cargo was discharged and the ship set sail on April 9th for Noumea, arriving on April 11, 1943. Unloading was commenced immediately, and much shifting of cargo was necessary in order to make accessible specialized items. On May 4th the Mercury sailed for Espiritu Santo, arriving on May 6, 1943. Unloading was continued until May 31st, whereupon the ship sailed in convoy for Guadalcanal, arriving June 3, 1943. Unloading was completed June 9, 1943, whereupon the ship sailed for Espiritu Santo, entering the anchorage on the 13th of June. The final remnant cargo was unloaded June 16, and once more the Mercury headed for home and the Golden Gate, docking on July 3, 1943.

The ship received repairs, including dry docking, until July 24th, at which time loading commenced. July 31st saw the Mercury underway again, having completed loading of 5600 tons of cargo for the South Pacific. Arrival in Noumea was made August 18, 1943, and discharging was commenced immediately. The Mercury remained in Noumea until September 18th, discharging cargo and awaiting orders. On the 18th she sailed for Guadalcanal in convoy, arriving on September 22nd. There she discharged a large percentage of her cargo, consisting largely of bombs and ordnance supplies, and was under frequent air attacks and heavy seas. Here a trial shipment of the first Ducks and Buffaloes, the vanguard of amphibious craft in the South Pacific, was unloaded and tests were conducted. On the 28th the ship shifted to the Russell Island anchorage, being the second large ship to enter, where the balance of the fresh provisions and general cargo was discharged. The Mercury sailed for Espiritu Santo on the 3rd of October, underwent an ineffective bombing attack on the 4th and arrived at Pukoa Channel on the 6th. After fueling and taking on service ammunition, the ship sailed for San Francisco October 12, 1943, arriving on the 27th of October.

After brief repairs the Mercury was again loaded for a South Pacific voyage, number five in her itinerary. On November 24th, after completing the loading of torpedo war-heads off Hunter's Point, she sailed again out under the bridge for Espiritu Santo. It is interesting to note

that more than \$2,000,000 in money formed a part of this cargo, transferred to the USS Dixie on the 11th. The Mercury's second Christmas away from home was spent unloading, and having completed the operation on December 26th, 1943, she sailed for home.

Enroute to San Francisco, she received orders via Radio NPM of Honolulu to put into Pearl Harbor. Unknown to the hard working ship and to the crew, this was a turning point for her Naval career, and January 7, 1944, the date of her first entry into Pearl marked the end of phase one.

Throughout the previous months of struggle during the South Pacific campaign the dark cloud of hopelessness had passed. Guadalcanal had been weathered solely by the sheer determination and costly blood of our fighting men. Makin and Tarawa were now past, and now the strategists eyed the central Pacific hopefully. The Fifth Amphibious Force, though then young, was soon to become the most powerful of its kind throughout the world. It was to this force that the Mercury reported for duty.

She loaded at Honolulu, carrying troops and equipment of the 102nd Infantry, the 104th Field Artillery, and had scattered detachments of chemical warfare units, special rifle squadrons, and the like. Her total load of 2200 tons was a different load from that to which she had been accustomed. This load was essentially planned for accessibility, for discharging the maximum amount in the minimum time. Troops were quartered in the second deck areas, and the mingling of khakis and dungarees on deck and in the chow lines was a strange sight at first, but was later to become commonplace. The ship sailed for the Marshall Islands on January 20th, entered Kwajalien Atoll eleven days later, witnessing the bombardment and initial assault on the southern portion of the lagoon. Except for the discharge of a small amount of ordnance, the cargo remained intact, and she remained with the assault force sailing for Eniwetok Atoll on February 4th, 1944. Arriving in the Atoll through the northwest passage, her cargo was discharged by landing craft during the attacks on Eniwetok Island and Parry Island. Having completed the discharge, the Mercury sailed for Kwajalien Atoll on February 18, 1944 arriving at Roi Island on the 23rd. With a battered detachment from the 22nd Marine Corps and a hospital rigged in number two hold, she sailed for Pearl Harbor February 28th arriving at Pearl March the 8th. Upon disembarking the Marine Detachment and fueling, the ship sailed for San Francisco on March 10th, arriving on the 17th.

After yard availability, including dry docking, loading was commenced on April 8, 1944, and completed on April 15th with a total cargo of 7800 tons, consisting largely of ammunition, fresh provisions, cement, aviation supplies including two deck loaded pursuit planes, and miscellaneous equipment. She sailed for Pearl Harbor on the 15th, arrived on the 22nd and commenced unloading immediately.

After discharging 4300 tons of cargo, including 30,000 crates of potatoes, 7200 cases of fresh eggs, and a wide variety of other material, the ship proceeded to West Loch Depot to discharge 2500 tons of ammunition. On the 5th of May she moved to Honolulu to unload her special cement cargo, and on the 6th sailed to Kauai Island of the Hawaiian Group to unload the balance of the cement cargo.

Being now completely unloaded, the Mercury returned to Pearl Harbor on the 9th to await formation of the Saipan attack group. On the 28th Lieutenant Commander G. W. GRABER, U.S.N.R. was relieved of command by Lieutenant Commander N. D. SALMON (D), U.S.N.R. She moved to Honolulu to commence embarkation of units of Army Aviation Engineers and to begin loading on the 29th of May. Having completed loading of 3200 tons of combat engineering equipment, 100 men and officers, she steamed out in formation with task group 51.5 on the 7th of June enroute to Saipan. The 12 day trip was punctuated by frequent submarine alerts through the hazardous waters linking the advance base of Eniwetok with Pearl Harbor, and after a brief stop at Eniwetok on the 19th the Mercury moved on to Saipan, arriving on the 26th of June after a 3500 mile trip from Honolulu.

The night of the 26th of June will not soon be forgotten by the Mercury or her crew; long after those men have returned to familiar haunts in San Antonio, in Allentown, and in Sioux City, they shall hark back to that night when a rendezvous had been set for them, which they did not keep solely because their time was not at hand.

Anchored off the island just south of Garapan, the ship had just secured from General Quarters on signal from CTF 51. The immediate area of the anchorage was covered by a thick smoke screen. At 2130 the roar of a plane's engines were heard coming in from off the port bow from the general direction of the Navy's temporary seaplane base. At 2133 a twin-engined medium bomber broke through the smoke at 200 yards, flying at about 90 feet headed dead on the ship's superstructure. The plane released an aerial torpedo which did not hit the water but struck the ship un-armed, passing through the compartments on the port side of the deck house. Attempting to gain altitude, the plane passed clear of the stack but struck the starboard boom at number four hold and spun into the water about 1000 yards off the starboard quarter.

The impact tore open the warhead and air flask of the torpedo, scattering TNT over the bridge and the after section of the ship, while the afterbody tore into the deck house, killing the Chief Commissary Steward on impact, and lodged in the first lieutenant's room aft. The detonator lodged aft of the boilers in the engine room.

A large portion of the crew were covered with the explosive compound, and some were injured by the falling boom and topping lift.

The damage was quickly surveyed, and fortunately no serious structural failures were found. The following day the somewhat intact afterbody of the torpedo was delivered to the CTG 51, temporary repairs were made to the rigging and the ship commenced discharging. That night during a condition red a string of eight bombs walked toward the ship but was one short. No damage done and the few pieces of shrapnel found on deck were added to the sailors souvenir bag. Debarkation of the troops and complete unloading was accomplished on July 2nd, and with temporary repairs to the deck house and the ship's gyro compass, she sailed for Pearl Harbor via Eniwetok, arriving on the 15th of July.

Severe cases of dermatitis, in the nature of a burn, spread among the crew who had contacted the TNT during the return voyage, heavily taxing the relatively small medical department and causing considerable pain among those affected.

The Mercury was given repair availability at Pearl Harbor, from July 17th to August 8th for necessary repairs to the engine room and for battle damage incurred at Saipan. On the 30th of August she took on 250 tons of fresh provisions in Pearl, and moved into Honolulu Harbor to commence loading operations for the Y-p Invasion, which campaign was later changed underway by dispatch to include the Leyte operation. 1840 tons of ammunition and 250 tons of fresh provisions, were loaded, and after a brief return to Pearl on September 6th to embark 186 men and officers of the 24th Army Corp the ship took departure for Eniwetok Atoll on the 15th in company with Task Group 33.1. Arrival was made on the 25th, and the Mercury sailed on the 28th for Manus Island in the Admiralty Group, dropping anchor there on the 3rd of October. On the 9th of October Task Group 33.1 became TG 791, and the Mercury commenced provisioning ships of Task Group 79.1 from her refrigerated cargo, providing more than 35 attack transports and cargo vessels with 250 tons of fresh provisions. Completing replenishment of the group on the 11th, and loading 22,000 cots for field hospital use in the cargo refrigerators, the ship sailed on the 14th for the invasion of Leyte Island in company with Task Group 79.1.

Arrival was made on October 20th off Dulag Beach, but unloading started the 21st when boats became available, during the ensuing three days and nights of unloading, the ship was subjected to frequent air attack. It was during this period that the Japanese fleet made its disastrous attempt to intercept the invasion force by passage through Surigao Strait.

Unloading was completed, destroyers fueled, small craft provisioned and the Mercury was underway on the 23rd, enroute to Hollandia with Task Unit 79.14.8.

Humbolt bay, New Guinea was reached on October 29th where the ship awaited orders for further movement. Orders were received to sail for Noemfoor Island with Knox, Custer, Sheridan, Comet, and Aloyone on November 5th, and upon arrival on the 7th loading was commenced of material and personnel of the Army's 58th Fighter Group. By November 11th 850 tons of cargo and 127 officers and men were aboard and departure was made on the 14th for Leyte Island. Departed off Catmonn Hill with a hot air raid in the morning of the 18th, the ship discharged 850 tons of cargo in eight and one half hours, which in view of the light rigging and limited landing craft equipment, is believed to be an excellent performance.

The Mercury departed for Humbolt Bay on the 18th, and upon arrival on the 22nd of November stood by for movement orders. Direction to sail detached for Morotai Island in the Halmahara Group on the 28th was complied with, and upon reaching Morotaition December 1st preparations were made to load units and equipment of the 340th Combat Engineers; the Lingayen attack was delayed, however, pending consolidation of the Leyte area, and hence loading of 1100 tons of cargo, including 25 dogs of the 30th War Dog Platoon, and 210 men was delayed until late in December. Five general quarters alerts during the night and full loading operations during the day marked the Mercury's third Christmas away from home. It was during the ship's stay at Morotai that she was subjected to 46 separate air attacks by raiding bombers from Halmahara Island. On the 16th of December, in answer to a signal from the SS Grand Teton, a boarding party left the ship to quell mutiny aboard the merchant tanker, custody of the principles to the mutiny was turned over to the port Director Morotai Island.

December 28th saw departure from Morotai for Sansapor for rendezvous with Earstable, Bramer, Herald of the Morning, Ramey and Electra, and on December 30th the Mercury was underway for Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. The task group route took the ship north and west from Sansapor into Leyte Gulf, thence through the Surigao Straits, and then northward through the Mindoro Strait past Manila to Lingayen. During the last phases of the trip the first kamikaze tactics were witnessed by the crew; the attack on the USS Callaway, formation guide of the group, began a series of many air attacks, during which the ship was almost constantly at general quarters. Speed of advance was necessarily slowed due to incorporation of slow landing craft units with the attack group. January 9th 1945, after nine and one half days steaming, the group arrived off the beach in Lingayen Gulf. For two and one half days, marked with dawn and evening strikes by Japanese planes, the Mercury unloaded her 1100 tons of invasion cargo. Departure was made on the 11th, in fast convoy for Leyte Island, and the three day trip was also marked by alerts against air attack, and kamikaze dives were again seen.

After arrival at Leyte on the 14th of January, 1945 plans were made for the embarking of the 38th Division, US Army in an attack at San Antonio, Luzon, in an effort to cut off Japanese retreat to the Bataan peninsula. Loading was commenced on the 21st, and the 26th saw 167 men and officers and 2000 tons, primarily of heavy artillery ammunition and petroleum supplies, of cargo on board for departure the same day. The ship in company with Task Group 78.3 arrived January 29th, and discharging continues until the 31st. The Mercury again being the first AK to finish discharging.

Underway once more on January 31st, the Mercury arrived at San Pedro Bay in Leyte Gulf on the 3rd of February. Shortly after arrival orders were received from CTU 78.5.3 to sail for Ulithi Atoll, reporting to ComSerRon ten for duty. Phase two, participation in the Central Pacific Invasion attacks ended at this point for the Mercury. 12,000 tons of invasion cargo had been landed on beachheads, under frequent air attacks and in hazardous waters, and the ship was now proud with 6 battle stars to her Asiatic-Pacific ribbon. The strategic importance of the work done was best measured by the efforts of the Japanese air force to turn back the attack groups, and by the attempted strike by the best of the Japanese fleet during October 20 to 24th at Leyte. She was proud then and she is proud now of the task then performed.

After arrival at Ulithi on February 19, 1945 with Task Unit 78.5.3, emergency alterations were made to outfit the ship for the transfer of cargo at sea. Replenishment of large fast task groups of the fleet with regard to fuel and ammunition had proven successful; but as yet no fully loaded provisions ship had successfully transferred on a large scale while underway. Between March 6th and 17th the Mercury loaded 3100 tons, a complete load of general storekeeping items, ship's store and clothing, and dry provisions, from the USS Virgo, AKA20, while anchored with her in the Atoll at Ulithi. The problem of segregation of items and ready accessibility of all items at any time made the loading a difficult task, together with insufficient lighterage and bad weather. A refrigerated cargo of 300 tons was taken aboard from the SS Trade Winds, and departure for rendezvous with Service Squadron Six was made on March 22nd. On the 26th Task Unit 58.8.1 was joined, and transfer of cargo at sea was commenced on the same day to units of Task Group 58.1. From that date until the 11th of May, the Mercury replenished the fast carrier groups of task force 58 off Okinawa. 2250 tons of the dry cargo and all of the fresh provisions was transferred during this period this period, and was swung out to the receiving ship by either manila high-line or the Burtoning Method. The Mercury serviced carriers large and small, cruisers heavy and light, and her crew worked from early dawn to dark, giving as much effort

and attention to the "1650 class" destroyers as to the majestic Missouri or the giant Bunker Hill.

Fifty five days after leaving port, during which the ship steamed 13,500 miles at an average speed of ten knots, the Mercury returned to Ulithi. It is believed that both the ship and her crew displayed maximum endurance and played a not too minor role in keeping our hard hitting fleet close to the Japanese homeland during the Okinawa campaign.

Arriving in Ulithi on the 16th, the ship was dispatched to Pearl Harbor on the 18th. Entering Pearl Harbor on May 31st, 1945, where availability was first granted for much needed repairs, orders were received on June 4th to sail for San Francisco for repairs and alterations under the Assistant Industrial Manager. Departure was discharging the remnant cargo from the Okinawa replenishment, alterations and repairs were commenced. The change was gradual, but slowly as new gear, armament and equipment was added an entirely new Mercury took shape. On July 31, 1945, by direction of CNO, the old "AK 42" having carried a total of 274 million ton miles of war cargo, was stricken from the records and the new "AKS 20" came into being.

This has been the war history of the Mercury, and in fact the war history of many of her fine crew. It is at best a mere chronological account of events and dates; it cannot be expected to have captured the feelings and emotions of those past days.

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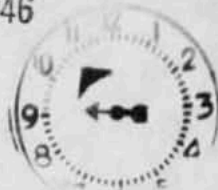
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