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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEETLog No. 438
S.S. No. 2712

(WAR DIARY)

U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date February 1943

FEBRUARY 1

Operating as a unit of Amphibious Force, South Pacific and Task Force 62, enroute Wellington, N. Z. to Noumea, New Caledonia without escort.

0800 24-588, 167-01E.
1200 23-598, 166-46E.
1919 Arrived in Noumea.

FEBRUARY 2

0640 Shifted berth to Grand Quai and commenced unloading in accordance with CTF-62 019620 which further directed loading for the Solomons area.

FEBRUARY 3-6

Unloading Noumea cargo and loading for Solomons.

FEBRUARY 7

1410 Completed dock loading. Shifted berth to anchorage.

FEBRUARY 7-12

Loaded, awaiting orders.
Received CTF-62 110409 forming Task Unit 62.4.3 (Commander Flanagan in FOMALHAUT, CELENO, S.S. ANDREW FURUBETH and GRIDLEY) and directing departure on 13 February for Solomons area.

FEBRUARY 13

1400 Underway with Task Unit 62.4.3 pursuant to CTF 110409.
2000 22-258, 165-52E.

FEBRUARY 14

0800 21-138, 163-53E.
Expended the following ammunition for training: 7 rds 3"; 577 rds 20MM; 165 rds .50 cal.
1200 20-468, 163-22E.
2000 19-348, 162-40E.

FEBRUARY 15

0800 17-548, 162-14E.
Six Submarine Chasers (part of Task Unit) joined the formation and were disposed in inner and outer anti-submarine screen.
Expended the following ammunition for training: 8 rds 3"; 179 rds 20MM; 30 rds .50 cal.
1200 17-168, 162-15E.
2000 16-028, 162-22E.

FEBRUARY 16

0800 14-178, 162-37E.
1200 13-428, 162-40E.
2000 12-288, 162-43E.

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H. Flanagan
Commander,
U. S. N. Navigator

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FEBRUARY 17

0800 10-519, 162-50E.
Sent CTU 62.4.3. desp. 162311 directing GELMCO and FURUSETH, on arrival off Koli Point, to proceed to Tulagi.
Sent CTU 62.4.3 desp. 162332 directing six Sub-Chasers to escort GELMCO and FURUSETH to Tulagi and then to report to Comdr. Naval Activities, Solomons, for duty.
Received ComNavBase Lunga 160543 directing FOMALHAUT anchor and unload off Togama Point.

1200 10-243, 162-41E.
2000 9-50S, 161-40E.

FEBRUARY 18

0637 Anchored off Togama Point and commenced discharging cargo.

FEBRUARY 19

0918 Completed discharging at Togama, got underway for Tulagi.
1017 Anchored in Tulagi and commenced discharging cargo.

FEBRUARY 20

0546 Got underway for Lunga Point.
0738 Anchored off Lunga Point and commenced discharging cargo.
1133 Completed discharging Lunga cargo, got underway for Tulagi.
1305 Anchored in Tulagi.
1400 Shifted berth to Government Wharf and commenced discharging cargo.

FEBRUARY 21

Received ComTransGrpSoPac 210145 forming Task Unit 62.4.13 (Commander Flanagan in FOMALHAUT, PERKINS) and directing departure for Noumea on 21 February when unloaded.
Sent FOMALHAUT 210907 directing CRIDLEY to assume duty with GELMCO, ANDREW FURUSETH, ALCOA FREMANT and ISLAND MAIL.

2047 Completed discharging cargo. Got underway for Noumea with PERKINS as escort.

FEBRUARY 22

0800 10-35S, 162-29E.
1200 11-27S, 162-39E.
2000 13-24S, 162-34E.

FEBRUARY 23

0800 16-27S, 162-29E.
Expended the following ammunition for training: 2 rds 5"; 6 rds 3";
108 rds 20MM; 30 rds .50cal.

1200 17-23S, 162-32E.
2000 19-11S, 162-46E.

FEBRUARY 24

0800 21-33S, 164-32E.
Expended the following ammunition for training: 2 rds 5"; 9 rds 3";
187 rds 20MM.

1200 22-02S, 165-33E.
1740 Arrived Noumea. Task unit dissolved.

FEBRUARY 25

Standing by.

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H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN
Commander,

U. S. N. XAP3362K

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FEBRUARY 26

Received ComTransGroup 260434 directing loading for Koli Point, Guadalcanal.

FEBRUARY 27

Shifted berth to dock and commenced loading.

FEBRUARY 28

Loading.

Approved:

Signature

H. Flanagan
 H. C. FLANAGAN
 Commander, U. S. S. TOMALIBAT

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 S.S. No.

U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date March 1, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Operating as a unit of the Amphibious Force, South Pacific, and Task Force 62. Presently engaged in loading for Guadalcanal Area, at the Navy Finger Pier, Noumea, New Caledonia, in accordance with Comtransgroupsopac mailgram 260434.

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Navy Finger Pier, Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading cargo of Comseronsopac, Acorn 3, and 43rd infantry division, for Guadalcanal Area. Battle Condition Two Mike Able Set.

D.H. McCluskey, Jr.
 D.H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

D.H. McCluskey, Jr.
 D.H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J.M. Johnston
 J.M. Johnston,
 Lieut. E-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F.M. Romanick
 F.M. Romanick,
 Lieut(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

H.E. Dorsey
 H.E. Dorsey,
 Lieut(jg), D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

H.E. Dorsey
 H.E. Dorsey,
 Lieut(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

D.H. McCluskey, Jr.
 D.H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR.

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Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
 H.C. FLANAGAN,
 COMMANDER, USN.,
 COMMANDING.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR.

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U. S. S. POMALHAUT

Date March 2, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Navy Finger Pier, Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading cargo of Comseronsopac, Acorn 3, and 43rd Infantry Division, for Guadalcanal Area. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

D. H. McCluskey, Jr.
D. H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg) D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg) D-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

D. H. McCluskey, Jr.
D. H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

D. H. McCluskey, Jr.
D. H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN.,
COMMANDING

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

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WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Navy Finger Pier, Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading cargo of Comsopac, Acorn 3, and 43rd Infantry Division, for Guadalcanal Area. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0200 Completed loading cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0554 Got underway from Navy Finger Pier, to shift berth.

0650 Moored port side to U.S.S. CIMARRON in Berth 29, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

0731 Commenced receiving fuel from U.S.S. CIMARRON.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg) D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored Port side to U.S.S. CIMARRON.

0850 Completed receiving fuel from U.S.S. CIMARRON.

0912 Got underway to shift berth to anchorage.

0923 Anchored in Berth 21, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

1000 Received Comtransgrpsopac mailgram 020741, forming Task Unit 62.4.9. Commander Flanagan in POMALHAUT and ARIDED, PETER SYLVESTER, CRATER, FLUSSER, CONYNCHAM, and one destroyer to be designated and directing departure on March 5th for Koli Point, Guadalcanal. CRATER and destroyer to join on March 9th in Lat. 11°-03'S, Long. 162°-50'E.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg) D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1900 Received ComSoPac mailgram 030407, changing Task Force designations to be placed into effect at 1200 Zebra, March 15, 1943.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens. USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

XXXXX Navigator.

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U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate March 4, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

020741. Standing by to proceed in accordance with ComTransGrpSoPac mailgram

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 21, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1500 Distributed ComTask Unit 62.4.9, serial 0013, instructions for Task Unit to vessels of Task Unit 62.4.9.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

1740 Received ComTransGrpSoPac mailgram 040105, modifying his mailgram 020741, to delay all times 24 hours and substituting MORRIS for FLUSSER, RUSSELL for CONYNGHAM, CASSIOPEIA for CRATER, and designating the ANDERSON as additional escort in Task Unit 62.4.9.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1910 Began loading provisions from U.S.S. ARCTIC.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., *XXXXXX* Navigator.

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U. S. S. POMALHAUTDate March 5, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Standing by to proceed in accordance with ComTransGrpSoPac mailgram 020741, as modified by his mailgram 040105.

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 21, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0320 Completed loading ship's provisions from U. S. S. ABCTIC.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Received ComTransGrpSoPac mailgram 042125, substituting STERETT for ANDERSON in Task Unit 62.4.9.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. O. Flanagan
H. O. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 6, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

POSITIONS

NOON
Lat. $22^{\circ}-27.7'S$
Long. $165^{\circ}-53'E$

8 P.M.
Lat. $21^{\circ}-16'S$
Long. $164^{\circ}-54.7'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 21, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0551 Got underway for Guadalcanal area with Task Unit 62.4.9, less CASSIOPEIA and STERETT. Formed Column in order, FOMALHAUT, ARIDED, and PETER SYLVESTER; destroyers U.S.S. RUSSELL and U.S.S. MORRIS screening, ComDesron Two in MORRIS escort Commander.

0755 Set Battle Condition III.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming on various courses. Standing out to sea.

0821 Took departure with Amedee Light bearing $056^{\circ}(T)$, distance 4.4 miles. Set course $270^{\circ}(T)$, speed 8.6 knots.

0900 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1000 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
10 rounds of 3"50 cal.
422 rounds of 20MM.

110 rounds of .50 cal. Machine gun.

1100 Changed base course to $305^{\circ}(T)$.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1300 Held emergency signal and emergency turn drills, all ships in convoy participating.

1330 Completed emergency drills. Convoy resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course $305^{\circ}(T)$.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate March 7, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 20°-47.6'S
Long. 163°-17'E

NOON
Lat. 20°-17.6'S
Long. 163°-01.1'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 19°-14'S
Long. 162°-25.8'E

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Enroute Guadalcanal with Task Unit 62.4.9. Commander H. C. Flanagan in U.S.S. FCMALHAUT Task Unit Commander. ComDesron Two in MORRIS, escort Commander.

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with U.S.S. ARIDED and SS Peter Sylvester, escorted by the U.S.S. RUSSELL and the U.S.S. MORRIS, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. This vessel the convoy guide, course 305°(T), speed 8.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Changed base course to 330°(T).
1010 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
8 rounds of 3"50 cal.
297 rounds of 20MM.
45 rounds of .50 Cal.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 330°(T).

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2330 Changed course to 005°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

Robert A. Woodruff
ROBERT A. WOODRUFF

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 8, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 17°-24.2'S
Long. 162°-19'E

NOON
Lat. 15°-42'S
Long. 162°-22'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 15°-22'S
Long. 162°-30'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with U.S.S. ARIDED and SS Peter Sylvester, escorted by the U.S.S. RUSSELL and the U.S.S. MORRIS, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. This vessel the convoy guide. Course 005°(T), speed 8.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1000 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
8 rounds of 3"50 cal.
275 rounds of 20MM.
150 rounds of .50 cal.

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 005°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(O), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,
EXX EXX Navigator.

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U. S. S. FGMAIHAUTDate March 9, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 13°-37.5'S
Long. 162°-48'E

NOON
Lat. 13°-04.4'S
Long. 163°-06.5E

8 P.M.
Lat. 12°-04.3'S
Long. 163°-03'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with U.S.S. ARIDID and SS Peter Sylvester, escorted by the U.S.S. RUSSELL and the U.S.S. MORRIS, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. This vessel the convoy guide. Course 005°(T), speed 8.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0617 Changed base course to 030°(T).

0630 Commenced zig-zagging accordance to zig-zag plan No.11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1107 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

4 rounds 3"50 cal.
50 rounds of 20MM.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1430 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 090126, changing route to south and west of San Cristobal and cancelling rendezvous with the STERETT and the CASSIOPEIA.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1705 Changed base course to 305°(T).

1800 Received ComTransBase Lunga dispatch 090327, giving unloading instructions to Task Unit.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 305°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(Jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

Approved:

H. S. Flanagan
H. S. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

W. J. VanGator
W. J. VanGator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 10, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

POSITIONS

<u>8 A. M.</u>	<u>NOON</u>	<u>8 P. M.</u>
Lat. <u>100°-59.8'S</u>	Lat. <u>100°-42.9'S</u>	Lat. <u>090°-58'S</u>
Long. <u>161°-30.7'E</u>	Long. <u>161°-071'E</u>	Long. <u>161°-07.6'E</u>

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with the U.S.S. ARIDED and the SS Peter Sylvester, escorted by the U.S.S. RUSSELL and the USS MORRIS, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. U.S.S. FOMALHAUT the convoy guide. Course 305°(T), speed 8.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

1630 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1100 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
4 rounds of 3"50 cal.
164 rounds of 20MM.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(O), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1243 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 100143, making U.S.S. FOMALHAUT available for loading at Guadalcanal upon being unloaded.

1300 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
108 rounds of 20MM.
4 rounds of 3"50 cal.

1430 Sent C.T.U. 62.4.9, visual dispatch 100325 to ComDesron Two requesting escort and screens for Auxiliary vessels of Task Unit and informing him that the FOMALHAUT would unload on 24 hour per day basis at Togoma Point.

1500 Received C.T.F. 61 dispatch 100351, instructing FOMALHAUT issue dry provisions to various units of T.F. 61 and deliver diesel oil to Tulagi.

1524 Sent C.T.U. 62.4.9 visual dispatch, 100404, to Peter Sylvester, giving unloading instructions and screening information.

1546 Received ComDesron Two visual dispatch, 100410, to the U.S.S. RUSSELL giving instructions for escorting the Peter Sylvester.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1603 Changed course to 035°(T).

1645 Received ComDesron Two visual dispatch 100510, concerning screening T.U. 62.4.9.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 035°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~

U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date March 10, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2205 Changed course to 295°(T).

2240 Changed course to 300°(T).

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Planagan*
 H. C. PLANAGAN,
 Commander, USN, Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
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 Lieut. D-M, USNR., *Navigator.*

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 11, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with the U.S.S. ARIDED and the SS Peter Sylvester, escorted by the U.S.S. RUSSELL and the U.S.S. MORRIS, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. U.S.S. FOMALHAUT the convoy guide. Course 300°(T) and speed 8.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0400-0645 Steaming as before.

0515 Entered Lengo Channel. Set General Quarters.

0615 U.S.S. CASSIOPEIA and U.S.S. STERETT joined Task Unit 62.4.9.

0620 Parted company with the rest of the convoy, and commenced steaming on various courses and at various speeds approaching anchorage off Togoma Point. In compliance with C.T.U. 62.4.9 visual dispatch 100410, the RUSSELL escorted the Peter Sylvester to Kukum; the ARIDED proceeded to Lunga; the CASSIOPEIA to Tenaru unloading area, the latter two vessels being screened by the STERETT and MORRIS.

0644 Anchored off Togoma Point in 23 fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

0645 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition II and commenced discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0645-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1206 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 110106, modifying his dispatch 100143, changing designation of personnel and equipment to be embarked at Guadalcanal.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

2020 Received notice of approach of enemy aircraft from "Cactus Control", via T_xB_xS_x(voice radio).

2026 Went to General Quarters and got underway for open water, maneuvering vessel with radical course and speed changes and making all preparations to repel enemy air attack. Observed anti-aircraft fire and searchlights from Henderson Field and vicinity. Also observed anti-aircraft fire and searchlights from Tulagi.

2115 Received notice of "all Clear" from "Cactus Control", via T_xB_xS_x, and commenced steaming at various courses and speeds, standing towards anchorage off Togoma Point.

2130 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 22½ fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

2142 Secured from General Quarters, set Battle Condition II and resumed discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. G. Flanagan
H. G. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~RESTRICTED SECURITY~~

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 12, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

All cargo vessels of Task Unit 62.4.9 being screened while in unloading areas by three destroyers and various local craft. All cargo vessels of that unit, except U.S.S. FOMALHAUT have orders to retire to protected anchorages during the night.

MATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 22½ fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. ~~Destroyer screen~~, Battle Condition II set. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0600 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 111112, directing that Task Unit 62.4.16 be formed upon completion of unloading and loading, Commander Flanagan in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and U.S.S. RUSSELL, and directing departure when ready for Auckland, New Zealand.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

2051 Received notice of approach of enemy aircraft from "Cactus Control", via T.B.S.

2059 Got underway for open water and made all preparations to repel enemy attack.

2130 Received notice of "All Clear", from Cactus Control, via T.B.S. Returned to anchorage off Togoma Point.

2154 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 23 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

2155 Resumed discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. G. Flanagan
H. G. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., **EXX** Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 13, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored off Togoma Point. Guadalcanal in 23 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0840 U.S.S. LST246 came alongside starboard side to receive fuel.

0845 Commenced fueling U.S.S. LST246.

1030 Completed fueling U.S.S. LST246.

Sky partly cloudy and sea rough with strong Northwesterly wind.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1440 Ceased discharging cargo and got underway to shift berth, because of the high wind and rough sea, vessel dragging anchor.

1518 Anchored off Togoma Point in 17 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

1520 Strong northwesterly wind and rough sea.

1525 Resumed discharging cargo.

1548 Ceased discharging cargo and got underway to shift berths because vessel again dragged anchor.

1558 Anchored off Togoma Point in 23 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

1600 Resumed discharging cargo.

Sky cloudy, strong northwesterly wind and rough sea.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before.

1835 Ceased discharging cargo because beach party was unable to unlead boats at beach due to the rough condition of the sea.

Sky partly cloudy with strong northwesterly winds and rough sea.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. POMALHAUTDate March 14, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Continued operations in Guadalcanal area. Anti-submarine screen consisting of three destroyers and various local vessels, screening unloading areas being used by cargo vessels of Task Unit 62.4.9.

WATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 23 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set. Awaiting the moderation of wind and sea conditions in order to resume unloading.

0313 Have the starboard anchor chain in to 60 fathoms at the waters edge. Rough choppy sea and a strong northwesterly breeze.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before.

0630 Weather and sea beginning to moderate.

0700 Resumed unloading cargo.

0945 Northwesterly wind increasing in force.

1015 Ceased discharging cargo and veered chain to 90 fathoms because of rough sea and strong northwesterly wind.

1145 Got underway for Tulagi.

Rain squalls and rough northwesterly sea.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Enroute Togoma Point, Guadalcanal to Tulagi.

1323 Moored starboard side to SS Erskine Phelps in 20 fathoms of water in Berth A-5, Tulagi Harbor.

1429 Commenced discharging fuel (diesel oil) to SS Erskine Phelps.

1430 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

1600 Completed discharging diesel fuel to SS Erskine Phelps.

1633 Cleared port side of SS Erskine Phelps and got underway for Togoma Point, Guadalcanal.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Enroute Tulagi to Togoma Point, Guadalcanal.

1815 Anchored in 21½ fathoms of water off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal, with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

1825 Set Battle Condition II.

2335 Resumed discharging cargo.

Overcast sky and sea moderate/considerably, with moderate swells from the west.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 15, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Continued operations in Guadalcanal area. Anti-submarine screen consisting of two destroyers and local vessels screening unloading areas of cargo vessels of Task Unit 62.4.9.

WATCHES

0000-0300 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 22½ fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set. Continuous discharging of cargo.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0300-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1800 SS Peter Sylvester, having finished unloading departed Guadalcanal area escorted by U.S.S. SAUFLEY.

2300 Placed new Fleet and Task Force designations into effect as instructed by ComInch dispatch 192200, of February and ComSoFas dispatch 030407. FOMALHAUT now operating as a unit of the transport group of Task Force 32 (Amphibious Force) of the Third Fleet. This vessel at present operating with Task Unit 32.4.9, Commander H. C. Flanagan in the FOMALHAUT, Task Unit Commander.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~

U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date March 16, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Continued operations in Guadalcanal area. Anti-submarine screen consisting of one destroyer and various local vessels screening cargo vessels of Task Unit 32.4.9.

WATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 23½ fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before.

1800 Completed discharging cargo.

1808 Got underway for Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, speed 14 knots on a westerly course.

1835 Received ComNavAots Solo. visual dispatch 160535, stating no loading would be done at night at Lunga Point.

1836 Reversed course to return to Togoma Point, Guadalcanal.

1851 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 22½ fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
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Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

XXXXX Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SRECK

U. S. S. TOMALHAUT

Date March 17, 1943.

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Continued operations in Guadalcanal area. Anti-submarine screen consisting of U.S.S. RUSSELL and various local vessels.

WATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal in 22½ fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. ~~Resting as before.~~ Battle Condition II set.

0525 Got underway for Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, speed 14 knots ^{DN} in a westerly course.

0615 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in 14 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before.

0805 Commenced loading the equipment of the 1st Aviation Engineer Battalion, USMC, in accordance with ComTransGrpAMP For Third Fleet dispatch 100143, and dispatch 110106.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

NEXCOR, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. POMALHAUTDate March 18, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 P.M.
Lat. $090^{\circ}-23.5'S$
Long. $160^{\circ}-25.5'E$

WATCHES

- 0000-0600 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in 14 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Destroyer screen. Battle Condition II set. Continuous loading of cargo.
F M Romanick
 F. M. Romanick,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.
- 0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.
 0805 SS President Polk stood in and anchored.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR.
- 1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.
 1545 Completed loading cargo.
 1611 Underway for Koli Point, Guadalcanal.
 1700 Hove to off Koli Point to pick up boats.
 Designated Commanding Officer of U.S.S. CASSIOPEIA as Commander Task Unit 32.4.9 in accordance with ComTransGroup Third Fleet mailgram 020741.
F M Romanick
 F. M. Romanick,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.
- 1800-2000 Hove to as before. Hoisting boats.
 1900 Completed hoisting boats and got underway in company with U.S.S. RUSSELL for Auckland, New Zealand, in accordance with ComTransGrp-AmphFor Third Fleet dispatch 11112. Set course $090^{\circ}(T)$ and speed 14 knots. Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition III.
 1915 Changed course to $093^{\circ}(T)$.
 1952 Changed course to $105^{\circ}(T)$.
H. E. Dorsey
 H. E. Dorsey,
 Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.
- 2000-2400 Steaming as before.
 2138 Changed course to $112^{\circ}(T)$.
T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Ens., USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
 H. C. FLANAGAN,
 Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR. **EXCEL** Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. PCNALHAUTDate March 19, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 10°-55.9'S
Long. 162°-49.9'E

NOON
Lat. 11°-52'S
Long. 162°-45'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 13°-45'S
Long. 162°-40.5'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming on course 112°(T), speed 14 knots, enroute Guadalcanal area to Auckland, New Zealand, with U.S.S. RUSSELL as escort. SOPA in U.S.S. PCNALHAUT. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0400 Changed course to 140°(T).
0620 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
0700 Changed base course to 185°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. Molluskey, Jr.
David H. Molluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

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U. S. S. PCMALHAUT

Date March 20, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

POSITIONS

<u>8 A.M.</u>	<u>NOON</u>	<u>8 P.M.</u>
Lat. <u>16°-32.7'S</u>	Lat. <u>17°-27.5'S</u>	Lat. <u>19°-12.7'S</u>
Long. <u>162°-25.1'E</u>	Long. <u>162°-22.1'E</u>	Long. <u>162°-43.6'E</u>

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming on course 135°(T), speed 14 knots, enroute Guadalcanal area to Auckland, New Zealand with the U.S.S. RUSSELL as escort. SOPA in U.S.S. PCMALHAUT. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1010 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
4 rounds of 5"51 cal.
8 rounds of 3"50 cal.
228 rounds of 20MM.
55 rounds of .50 cal. Machine gun.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

¹⁶⁰⁰
1200-1800 Steaming as before.

1543 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds 5"51 cal.
4 rounds 3"50 cal.
151 rounds 20MM.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1700 Changed base course to 150°(T).

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McGuckey, Jr.*
David H. McGuckey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

XXXXX Postmaster.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 21, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 21°-45.3'S
Long. 164°-10'E

NOON
Lat. 22°-31'S
Long. 163°-42.4'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 24°-10'-15"S
Long. 165°-52'-28"E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming on course 150°(T), speed 14 knots, enroute Guadalcanal area to Auckland, New Zealand, with the U.S.S. RUSSELL as escort. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0950 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
4 rounds 3"50 cal.
129 rounds 20MM.
2 rounds 5"51 cal.

1045 Sent visual dispatch 202345, to U.S.S. RUSSELL directing RUSSELL proceed to Noumea, New Caledonia at 1200 (LOT) and report to ComTrans-Grp/AnpFor Third Fleet for further orders.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1202 U.S.S. RUSSELL left the formation and proceeded on duty assigned.
U.S.S. FOMALHAUT continued on to destination without escort.

1510 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds 5"51 cal.
5 rounds of 3"50 cal.
105 rounds of 20MM.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~

U. S. S. POMALHAUTDate March 22, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.	NOON	8 P.M.
Lat. $26^{\circ}-40'S$	Lat. $27^{\circ}-31.9'S$	Lat. $29^{\circ}-02.2'S$
Long. $167^{\circ}-16.5'E$	Long. $167^{\circ}-50.2'E$	Long. $169^{\circ}-21.6'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course $150^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots, enroute Guadalcanal area to Auckland, New Zealand. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

H. E. Dorsey
 H. E. Dorsey,
 Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0800 Changed base course to $145^{\circ}(T)$.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Ens., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0958 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
 2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
 5 rounds of 3"50 cal.
 120 rounds of 20MM.

C. Garthright
 C. Garthright,
 Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1545 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
 2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
 3 rounds of 3"50 cal.
 42 rounds of 20MM.

F. M. Romanick
 F. M. Romanick,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
 H. E. Dorsey,
 Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Ceased zig-zagging and changed course to $140^{\circ}(T)$.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Ens., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

R. W. Murphy
 R. W. Murphy,
 Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
 H. C. FLANAGAN,
 Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCuskey, Jr.*
 David H. McCuskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR. ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. PCMAHOUTDate March 23, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 31°-21.2'S
Long. 171°-27.6'E

NOON
Lat. 31°-51.5'S
Long. 171°-53.5'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 33°-26.5'S
Long. 173°-30'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 140°(T), speed 14 knots, enroute Guadalcanal area to Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition III set.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0635 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0957 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
5 rounds of 3"50 cal.
169 rounds of 20MM.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1522 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
156 rounds of 20MM.
5 rounds of 3"50 cal.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 140°(T).

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Changed course to 145°(T).

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved:

H. J. Flanagan
H. J. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

EX-100, Navigator.

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8 A.M.
Lat. $36^{\circ}-05.3'S$
Long. $174^{\circ}-44'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course $145^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots, enroute Guadalcanal area to Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition III set.

0148 Sighted Cape Brett Light bearing $217^{\circ}(T)$, distance approximately 27 miles.

0233 Changed course to $212^{\circ}(T)$.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before. Proceeding along Searched Channel "Mike 11".

0418 Changed course to $154^{\circ}(T)$.

0614 Changed course to $179^{\circ}(T)$.

0738 Changed course to $145^{\circ}(T)$.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before. Proceeding along Searched Channel "Mike 11".

0849 Changed course to $155^{\circ}(T)$.

0947 Changed course to $218^{\circ}(T)$.

1022 Changed course to $180^{\circ}(T)$.

1035 Changed course to $198^{\circ}(T)$.

1112 Commenced steaming various courses and speeds entering Auckland Harbor.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Proceeded toward berth assigned at various courses and speeds.

1200 Set all clocks ahead one hour to zone minus 12 time.

1318 Moored port side to Princes Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand and commenced discharging cargo. SOPA in U.S.S. SAN DIEGO. Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. MacGriskey, Jr.
David H. MacGriskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

XXXXX Navigator.

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U. S. S. FGMALHAUTDate March 25, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Princes Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Continuous discharging of cargo. SOPA in U.S.S. SAN DIEGO. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCusker, Jr.*
David H. McCusker, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 26 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Princes Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Continuous discharging of cargo. SOPA in U.S.S. SAN DIEGO. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1120 Completed loading 150 tons of dry provisions and 65 tons of fresh provisions.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1300 Completed discharging cargo.
Received ComTransGrp&For Third Fleet dispatch 252141, directing departure for Wellington when unloaded on *March 27, 1943.*

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN, Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 27, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12POSITIONS

NOON
Lat. 36°-36'S
Long. 175°-40.5'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 37°-02.2'S
Long. 177°-45.5'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Princes Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. ~~Continuous~~
~~loading of boats~~ SOPA in U.S.S. SAN DIEGO. Battle Condition Two
Mike able set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0715 Got underway from Princes Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, steaming
at various courses and speeds, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to
Wellington, New Zealand in accordance with ComTransGrp&Pfor Third
Fleet dispatch 252141.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before on various courses proceeding along Searched
Channel "Mike 14".

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before on various courses proceeding along Searched
Channel "Mike 14".

1300 Took departure with Ohene Island Light bearing 342.5°(T), distance
1½ miles. Set Course 100°(T), speed 13.0 knots.

1400 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag
diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1841 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 100°(T).

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

O. Garthright
O. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*

H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*

DAVID H. MCCLUSKEY, JR.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

XXXXX Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 28, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 38°-51'S
Long. 179°-08'E

NOON
Lat. 39°-33.5'S
Long. 178°-24'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 40°-57'S
Long. 176°-58.2'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 100°(T), speed 13 knots, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0100 Changed course to 180°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

0700 Changed base course to 220°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1100 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
5 rounds of 3"50 cal.
143 rounds of 20MM.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1505 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
1 round 5"51 cal.
5 rounds 3"50 cal.
187 rounds of 20MM.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Cessed zig-zagging and resumed base course 220°(T).

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

XXXXX Navigator.

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 29, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 220°(T), speed 13 knots, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike able set.

0220 Changed course to 312°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Commenced steaming at various courses and speeds, proceeding along Searched Channel "Mike 12" standing into Wellington Harbor.

0715 Commenced steaming at various courses and speeds to conform to channel, standing toward berth.

0730 Moored port side to Aotea Wharf in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. SOPA in U.S.S. LOUISVILLE.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

Transferred 8 disabled ramp landing boats (LOV) and two disabled tank lighters, LCM(3) to AmphFor Boat Pool at Wellington.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McOluskey, Jr.
David H. McOluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate March 30, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Wharf in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand, SOPA in U.S.S. LOUISVILLE. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0930 Commenced loading cargo in conformance with ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet dispatch 252141.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1550 Received ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet, dispatch 300444, directing departure from Wellington, New Zealand for Noumea, New Caledonia when loaded.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FCMALHAUT

Date March 31, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

POSITIONS

S.P.M.
Lat. 41°-02.5'S
Long. 174°-31.5'E

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Completed loading at 1530 LCT and U.S.S. FCMALHAUT got underway for Noumea, New Caledonia in accordance with ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet dispatch 300444.

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aecta Wharf in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Continuous loading of cargo. SOPA in U.S.S. LOUISVILLE. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0800 Set Battle Condition III.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1530 Completed loading cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1640 Got underway in conformance with ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet dispatch 300444, steaming on various courses and speeds to conform to Searched Channel "Mike 12", standing out of Wellington Harbor.
1807 Took departure with Baring Head Light, bearing 097°(T), distance 4 miles and set course 270°(T), speed 14 knots.
1828 Karori Lighthouse abeam to starboard 3 1/2 miles off, changed course to 315°(T).
1853 Changed course to 000°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2017 Jackson Head Lighthouse abeam to port, distance 9 miles. Changed course to 335°(T).

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS

Maneuvered vessel over degaussing range for one run while proceeding out of the harbor to check calibration data.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding

Examined: *David H. McKinstry*
David H. MCKINSTRY,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 1 April 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

POSITIONS

8 A.M.
 Lat. 38°-21'S
 Long. 173°-00'E

NOON
 Lat. 37°-25'S
 Long. 172°-31'E

8 P.M.
 Lat. 35°-38'S
 Long. 171°-27'E

Log No. 03519
 S.S. No. 03519

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Operating as a unit of the Transport Group of Task force 32 (Amphibious Force), of the Third Fleet. Presently enroute Wellington, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia in accordance with ComTransGroupAmphFor Third Fleet dispatch 300444 of March.

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 335°(T), speed 14 knots, enroute Wellington, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition III set.

0330 Changed course to 340°(T).

C. Garthright
 C. Garthright,
 Lieut. USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0640 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with zigzag plan No. 11 of zigzag diagrams, 1940.

F. M. Romanick
 F. M. Romanick
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1000 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes.
 2 rounds 5"51 cal.
 5 rounds 3"50 cal.
 135 rounds 20MM.

H. E. Dorsey
 H. E. Dorsey
 Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1320 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 340°(T).
 1322 Changed course to 345°(T).

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks
 Ens. USN.

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1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. J. Braun
 R. J. Braun
 Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

R. W. Murphy
 R. W. Murphy
 Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2200 Changed course to 340°(T).

C. Garthright
 C. Garthright
 Lieut. USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
 H. C. FLANAGAN,
 Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~EXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL REMARKS~~

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 2, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

POSITIONS

8 A.M.	NOON	8 P.M.
Lat. <u>33°-15'S</u>	Lat. <u>32°-25'S</u>	Lat. <u>30°-25.5'S</u>
Long. <u>170°-29.5'E</u>	Long. <u>170°-12.5'E</u>	Long. <u>169°-27.5'E</u>

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 340°(T), speed 14 knots, enroute from Wellington, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0958 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds 5"51 cal.
5 rounds 3"50 cal.
174 rounds 20MM.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks
Ens. USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1515 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds 5"51 cal.
5 rounds 3"50 cal.
152 rounds 20MM.

R. J. Braun
R. J. Braun
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1830 Set all clocks back one hour to zone minus eleven time.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright
Lieut. USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~Navigator~~ Navigator.

OPERATION REMARKS
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~U. S. S. FCMAIHAUTDate April 3, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS8 A.M.
Lat. $27^{\circ}-45'S$
Long. $168^{\circ}-54'E$ NOON
Lat. $25^{\circ}-54'S$
Long. $168^{\circ}-04'E$ 8 P.M.
Lat. $24^{\circ}-56'S$
Long. $167^{\circ}-26'E$ WATCHES0000-0400 Steaming singly on course $340^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots, enroute from Wellington, New Zealand, to Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition III set.*H. E. Dorsey*H. E. Dorsey
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with ^{ZIG ZAG} plan No. 11 of zigzag diagrams, 1940.*T. Hicks*T. Hicks
Ens. USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1000 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds 5"51 cal.
3 rounds 3"50 cal.
106 rounds 20MM.*R. F. Braun*R. F. Braun
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1255 Stopped all engines. Starboard engine out of commission temporarily.

1301 Ahead full on port engine, speed 10 knots.

1427 Starboard engine repaired and ahead full on both engines. Speed 14 knots.

1530 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
5 rounds of 3"50 cal.
182 rounds of 20MM.*R. W. Murphy*R. W. Murphy
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

*C. Garthright*C. Garthright
Lieut. USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1809 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course $340^{\circ}(T)$.*F. M. Romanick*F. M. Romanick
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2015 Changed course to $333^{\circ}(T)$.*H. E. Dorsey*H. E. Dorsey
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 4, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 333°(T), speed 14 knots, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia from Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks
Ens. USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Changed course to 050°(T).

0617 Sighted Amedee Light house bearing 051°(T), distance approximately 16 miles.

0745 Entered Bulari Pass and commenced steaming on various courses to conform to channel entering Noumea Harbor.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Standing toward anchorage in Dumbea Bay.

0855 Anchored in Berth 44, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 8 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

0900 Set Battle Condition "Two Mike Able".

1010 Commenced discharging mail and disembarked passengers.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of mail.

1515 Completed discharging mail.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey
Lieut. (jg) D-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1932 Received visual message, 040832, from Port Director, directing the U.S.S. FOMALHAUT be prepared to shift berth to Navy "Finger Pier", about 0600 tomorrow, April 5, 1943.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks
Ens. USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

D. H. McCluskey, Jr.
D. H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., **EXE.** Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date April 5, 19 43

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WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 44, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 8 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. ~~Under way~~ *Mc7*
~~Assault, 1000.~~ Battle Condition "Two Mike Able" set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0650 Got underway to shift berth to Navy "Finger Pier".
0800 Moored, port side to Navy "Finger Pier" Noumea, New Caledonia.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0920 Received ComTransGrp&For Third Fleet mailgram No. 040813 directing FOMALHAUT discharge cargo for Noumea, and load cargo and personnel of the 2nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Ordnance Company and 3rd Ordnance Company, All U.S. Army; and miscellaneous general cargo.
0920 Commenced discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1630 Commenced loading cargo in accordance with ComTransGrp&For Third Fleet mailgram No. 040813.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before. Continuous discharging and loading of cargo.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading and discharging cargo.

M. W. Leupert
M. W. Leupert
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~Relief~~ *Relief* ~~Volunteer~~

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 6, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to the south side of the Nickel Finger Pier No. 1, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0100 Stopped loading and discharging of cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Commenced loading and discharging of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1200 Stopped loading and discharging of cargo during lunch hour.

1300 Resumed loading and discharging of cargo.

1515 Completed discharging cargo, and commenced loading cargo in all holds.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

F. M. Johnston
F. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2130 Stopped loading cargo.

2200 Resumed loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., *USNR. Navigator.*

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 7, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to the south side of the Nickel Finger Pier No. 1, Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0100 Stopped loading cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Resumed loading cargo.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1200 Stopped loading cargo during lunch hour.
1300 Resumed loading cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2130 Stopped loading cargo.
2200 Resumed loading cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 8, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to the south side of the Nickel Finger Pier No. 1, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0100 Stopped loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Resumed loading cargo.

1053 Completed loading cargo.

1115 Got underway, steaming at various courses and speeds to conform to the channel, standing toward assigned berth in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

1146 Passed "Big Entrance" submarine net abeam to port and starboard.

1200 Anchored in Berth 42, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

1214 Got underway to shift berths.

1221 Anchored in northwest section of Berth 41, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1230-1600 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

1629 U.S.S. YO44 came alongside to starboard to deliver diesel fuel.

1650 Commenced receiving diesel fuel from U.S.S. YO44.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before. Fueling of ship.

1840 Completed fueling ship.

1850 U.S.S. YO44 cast off from starboard side.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens. USN.

Approved:

H. O. Flanagan
H. O. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

XXXXXXXX Navigator.

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U. S. S. FORMALHAUTDate April 9, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in northwest section of Berth 41, Dumbaa Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0604 U.S.S. YO44 came alongside starboard side to deliver diesel fuel.
0625 Commenced receiving fuel from U.S.S. YO44.
0716 Completed receiving fuel from U.S.S. YO44.
0730 U.S.S. YO44 cast off from starboard side.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 10, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in northwest section of Berth 41, Dumbes Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens. USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN
Commander, USN., Commanding

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., *USNR Navigator.*

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date April 11, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in northwest section of Berth 41, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0541 Received ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet, visual dispatch 100444, directing FOMALHAUT to load 30,000 cubic feet of general cargo of the U.S. Army.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 12, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in northwest section of Berth 41, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0709 Received Port Director Noumea, visual dispatch 112003, directing FOMALHAUT proceed to the north side of the Nickel Finger Pier No. 2.
0755 Got underway to shift berth, and commenced steaming various courses and speeds to conform to channel standing toward Nickel Finger Pier No. 2.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0837 Moored starboard side to the north side of the Nickel Finger Pier No. 2, Noumea, New Caledonia.
1030 Commenced loading cargo in accordance with ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet, visual dispatch 100444.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

Stopped
1200 ~~Commenced~~ loading cargo during lunch hour.
1300 Resumed loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2130 Stopped loading cargo.
2200 Resumed loading cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*

H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*

David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,

XXXXX Auditor.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 13, 1943.ZCNE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to the north side of Nickel Finger Pier No. 2, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0100 Stopped loading cargo.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R F Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Resumed loading cargo.

David H. McCluskey Jr
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1200 Stopped loading cargo during lunch hour.
1300 Resumed loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

David H. McCluskey Jr
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2115 Completed loading all cargo.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey Jr
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.,
ASST. Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. PCMAIHAUTDate April 14, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES0000-0400 Moored starboard side to the north side of Nickel Finger Pier No. 2, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.*R. F. Braun*
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.0400-0800 Moored as before.

0605 Got underway to shift berth. Commenced steaming various courses and speeds to conform to channel, standing toward anchorage in Dumbea Bay.

0641 Passed "Big Entrance" submarine net abeam to port and starboard.

0656 Anchored in Berth 20, Dumbea Bay, Noumea New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.0800-1200 Anchored as before.*David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.1200-1600 Anchored as before.*C. Garthright*
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.1600-1800 Anchored as before.*J. M. Johnston*
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.1800-2000 Anchored as before.*F. M. Romanick*
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.2000-2400 Anchored as before.*H. E. Dorsey*
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. Flanagan,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 15, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in berth 20, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0920 Received ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet Secret Airmailgram 140617, forming Task Unit 32.4.5; PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT ADAMS, FOMALHAUT, MAHAN, GRIDLEY, CUMMINGS; Capt. Theiss in PRESIDENT JACKSON Task Unit Commander, and directing departure from Noumea by 0500 G.C.T. April 18, 1943 and to proceed to Guadalcanal area.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut. E-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL REMARKSU. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 16, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 20, Dumbaa Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1900 Received Commander Task Unit 32.4.5 operation order No. 5-43, serial 005 containing instructions to the vessels of Task Unit 32.4.5.

1900 Received Commander Task Unit 32.4.5 mailgram 160233, containing instructions to Task Unit 32.4.5 for getting underway, proceeding out of harbor, and forming cruising disposition.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*

H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*

David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

EXERCISE Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAFTDate April 17, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 20, Dumbas Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONSU. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 18, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONSS.P.M.
Lat. 22°-24'S
Long. 166°-02'EWATCHES0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 20, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.*J. M. Johnston*
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.0400-0800 Anchored as before.*F. M. Romanick*
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.0800-1200 Anchored as before.*H. E. Dorsey*
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1430 Made preparations for getting underway.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.1600-1800 Standing by to get underway.

1611 Got underway for Guadalcanal area in accordance with Commander Task Unit 32.4.5 mailgram 160233, in company with the other vessels of Task Unit 32.4.5, which unit is constituted as follows:

Captain P.S. Theiss in PRESIDENT JACKSON.

CONVOYPRESIDENT JACKSON.
PRESIDENT ADAMS.
FOMALHAUT.ESCORT.CUMMINGS
GRIDLEY
MAHAN

1620 Took assigned station in convoy column formation-1000 yards astern of PRESIDENT ADAMS; and stood out of Dumbea Bay on various courses, speed 13.5 knots; escort screening ahead of the convoy formation.

1745 Passed through Bulari Pass; set Battle Condition III; on order from Unit Commander closed distance between convoy ships to 700 yards.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.1800-2000

1800 On signal from Unit Commander changed course to 295°(T) and assumed "Normal Cruising Formation":

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *SENEK*, Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date April 18, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

1800-2000 (Cont'd)

PRESIDENT JACKSON (Guide);
PRESIDENT ADAMS Station 1270;
FOMALHAUT Station 1225;
Circle spacing 1000 yards.

Escort vessels took screening stations ahead and on flanks of
convoy.

1815 Started zig-zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag
diagrams, 1940.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *SEMAN, Navigator.*

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date April 19, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

		<u>POSITIONS</u>	
		<u>NOON</u>	<u>8 P.M.</u>
<u>8 A.M.</u>			
Lat. <u>21°-10.2'S</u>		Lat. <u>20°-26'S</u>	Lat. <u>18°-59'S</u>
Long. <u>163°-46.8'E</u>		Long. <u>163°-22.2'E</u>	Long. <u>162°-29.3'E</u>

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy as a part of Task Unit 32.4.5., enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area in normal cruising formation. On course 295°(T), speed 12.6 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 295°(T).
0610 Changed course and formation axis to 328°(T).
0620 Resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0931 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
3 rounds of 5"51 cal.
22 rounds of 3"50 cal.
10 rounds of 20MM.
100 rounds of .30 cal.
0946 Began executing various turns on signal by voice radio from Task Unit Commander.
1000 Discontinued exercising at making simultaneous turns and resumed zig-zagging (Base course 328°(T)).

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1433 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
3 rounds of 5"51 cal.
8 rounds of 3"50 cal.
5 rounds of 20MM.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2320 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed base course 328°(T).
2330 Changed course and formation axis to 021°(T).
2340 Resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 20, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. $16^{\circ}-43.0'S$
Long. $162^{\circ}-44'E$

NOON
Lat. $15^{\circ}-57'S$
Long. $162^{\circ}-59'E$

8 P.M.
Lat. $14^{\circ}-26.1'S$
Long. $163^{\circ}-36'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy as a part of Task Unit 32.4.5., enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area, in "normal cruising formation" on course $021^{\circ}(T)$, speed 13.5 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

H E Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

T Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1235 Changed base course and formation axis to $023^{\circ}(T)$.

J Garthright
J. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1806 Set General Quarters.

1840 Executed emergency turn of 45° to starboard, to course $088^{\circ}(T)$ on signal by voice radio from Task Unit Commander. U.S.S. CUMMINGS reported submarine contact.

1850 Executed simultaneous turn of 45° to port to course $043^{\circ}(T)$ on signal by voice radio from Task Unit Commander. U.S.S. CUMMINGS reported contact lost after dropping depth charges.

1854 Resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. (Base course $023^{\circ}(T)$).

1855 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition III.

H E Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2300 Received Commander Naval Base Lunga dispatch 200944, assigning anchorages to vessels of Task Unit 32.4.5.

T Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

Approved: *H C Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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Date April 21 1943

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POSITIONS		
8 A.M.	NOON	8 P.M.
Lat. 12°-16.1'S	Lat. 11°-27.5'S	Lat. 10°-22'S
Long. 164°-18'E	Long. 164°-03.8'E	Long. 162°-49.7'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy as a part of Task Unit 32.4.5., enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area, in "normal cruising formation" on course 023°(T), speed 13.5 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0016 Executed simultaneous turn of 45° to port to course 318°(T) on signal by voice radio from Task Unit Commander.

0035 Resumed base course 023°(T), and commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

C. Garthright
O. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0510 Set General Quarters.

0610 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition III.

0703 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 023°(T).

0706 Changed course and formation axis to 343°(T).

0715 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1228 Changed base course and formation axis to 341°(T).

1410 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 341°(T).

1420 Changed course and formation axis to 296°(T).

1430 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1757 Set General Quarters.

1854 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition III.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2012 Changed base course and formation axis to 289°(T).

2250 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 289°(T).

2300 Changed convoy formation to λ column in the order; PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT ADAMS and FOMALHAUT, on signal from Task Unit Commander. Distance between ships 600 yards.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. *W. H. H. Navigator.*

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 22, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. 09°-21'S
Long. 160°-32'E

WATCHES

- 0000-0400 Steaming in convoy as a part of Task Unit 32.4.5., enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area in column formation, on course 289°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.
- 0009 With Aliiti Island bearing 216°(T), distance 5 miles. Changed course and convoy axis to 277°(T).
- 0010 Began zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 0209 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed base course 277°(T).
- 0214 Changed course and convoy axis to 305°(T).
- 0225 Began zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 0250 Sighted vessels of Task Unit 32.4.7 bearing approximately 340°(T), distance about 5½ miles.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0520 Set General Quarters.
- 0540 Adjusted course and convoy axis to 300°(T).
- 0620 Secured from General Quarters, set Battle Condition III.
- 0623 Stopped zig-zagging and changed course and convoy axis to 298°(T).
- 0645 Passed Nura Island abeam to port, distance 3 2/3 miles.
- 0715 Changed course to 281°(T).
- 0731 Passed Rua Sura Island abeam to port, distance 3 3/4 miles.

U. Garthright
U. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0822 Changed course and convoy axis to 270°(T).
- 0830 Entered east entrance of Lengo Channel.
- 0830 PRESIDENT JACKSON left the formation and proceeded independently. Commander Task Unit 32.4.5, designated PRESIDENT ADAMS convoy guide.
- 0859 Increased speed to 14½ knots.
- 0930 Received orders from PRESIDENT ADAMS to proceed independently.
- 0931 FOMALHAUT stood toward assigned anchorage off Lunga Point.
- 0949 Set General Quarters.
- 0953 Began steaming on various courses at various speeds approaching anchorage.
- 0955 Secured from General Quarters. Set Battle Condition II.
- 1005 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in 24½ fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
- 1010 Began discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date April 22, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

1914 Received Commander Task Unit 32.4.5 visual dispatch 220634, designating FOMALHAUT and GRIDLEY Task Unit 32.4.19. Commander H. C. Flanagan in FOMALHAUT Task Unit Commander.

0935 Discontinued discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 23, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in 24½ fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set.

0232 Received notice of the approach of enemy aircraft via voice radio "Cactus", and set General Quarters.

0234 Received notice of all clear via voice radio "Cactus". Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition II.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before.

0630 Resumed discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

1430 Commenced loading cargo for Noumea.

1710 Stopped loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

2140 Completed discharging cargo for Lunga.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 24, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in 24½ fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200

- 0600 Got underway for Koli Point, steaming on various courses at various speeds approaching anchorage.
0641 Anchored off Koli Point, Guadalcanal, in 22 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
0700 Commenced discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

- 1442 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 240048, modifying his mailgram 140607, instructing Task Unit 32.4.19 depart Guadalcanal for Esperitu Santo when ready - Task Unit dissolved upon arrival Esperitu Santo. FOMALHAUT to fuel and await orders and GRIDLEY report ComSoPac.
1550 Completed discharging cargo for Koli.
1632 Got underway for Tulagi steaming on various courses at 14 knots, standing toward Tulagi Harbor.
1741 Passed Beacon Baker abeam to port, distance approximately 1000 yards. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel, standing into Tulagi Harbor.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000

- 1812 Dropped port anchor underfoot to assist mooring.
1813 Moored starboard side to Government Wharf, Tulagi Harbor.
1915 Commenced discharging diesel fuel to shore tanks on Tulagi.
1855 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.
1940 Commenced discharging cargo for Tulagi.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Discharging cargo and diesel fuel.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 25, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

S. P. M.

Lat. $09^{\circ}-24.5'S$ Long. $160^{\circ}-32.5'E$ WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Government Wharf, Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands, with the port anchor underfoot. Discharging cargo and discharging diesel fuel to shore tanks on Tulagi. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0040 Completed discharging cargo for Tulagi. *R. F. Braun*
R. F. Braun
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Discharging diesel fuel. *R. W. Murphy*
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Discharging diesel fuel. *F. M. Romanick*
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Discharging diesel fuel.

1256 Received notice of the approach of enemy aircraft from Shore Signal Station, Tulagi and set General Quarters.

1257 Stopped discharging diesel fuel.

1308 Got underway and stood out of Tulagi Harbor on various courses at various speeds, conforming to channel.

1320 Set standard speed at 14 knots.

1329 Set course $180^{\circ}(T)$.

1337 Received notice of all clear via Harbor Circuit, Tulagi.

1340 Changed course to the right to $009^{\circ}(T)$, and returned to Tulagi Harbor.

1352 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

1410 Anchored in Berth 6, Tulagi Harbor. *M. W. Lampert*
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

1719 Got underway for Esperitu Santo in compliance with ComTransGrpSoPac mailgram 140607 as modified by his dispatch 240048, escorted by the U.S.S. GRIDLEY.

1745 Set course $170^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots. *R. F. Braun*
R. F. Braun
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1837 Changed course to $095^{\circ}(T)$.

1930 Changed course to $105^{\circ}(T)$. *R. W. Murphy*
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2130 Changed course to $121^{\circ}(T)$. *C. Garthright*
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *USNR, Navigator.*

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 26, 1942ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
		8 A.M.	NOON	5 P.M.
		Lat. 10°-29'S	Lat. 10°-59.5'S	Lat. 12°-45'S
		Long. 163°-20.2'E	Long. 164°-06.2'E	Long. 164°-49'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming as part of Task Unit 32.4.19, composed of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and U.S.S. GRIDLEY, enroute Guadalcanal area to Esperitu Santo, New Hebrides. Course 121°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0000 Changed course to 100°(T) and commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0400 Changed base course to 120°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1055 Heard three light explosions and observed three splashes in water approximately 500 yards off port quarter. Went to General Quarters.

1056 Made two radical changes of course. Observed Japanese four-engined flying boat through rift in clouds on our starboard quarter. Altitude approximately 25,000 feet on course normal to ships, headed away from ship.

1058 Resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1110 Changed base course to 140°(T).

1135 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition III.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1345 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 252355, changing destination of Task Unit 32.4.19 to Noumea, New Caledonia.

1400 Changed base course to 157°(T).

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed base course 157°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *W. W. W. W.*, Navigator.

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ADDITIONS TO LOG SHEET

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 27, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

<u>8 A.M.</u>	<u>NOON</u>	<u>8 P.M.</u>
Lat. <u>15°-31'S</u>	Lat. <u>16°-25'S</u>	Lat. <u>18°-06'S</u>
Long. <u>165°-54'E</u>	Long. <u>166°-16'E</u>	Long. <u>166°-53'E</u>

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming as a part of Task Unit 32.4.19 composed of the U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and the U.S.S. GRIDLEY, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 157°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0000 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1118 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
3 rounds of 3"50 cal.
181 rounds of 20MM.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1536 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5"51 cal.
6 rounds of 3"50 cal.
327 rounds of 20MM.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed base course ^{CHANGED} 157°(T).

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 29, 19 ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming as a part of Task Unit 32.4.19 composed of the U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and the U.S.S. GRIDLEY, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 270°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0130 Changed course ^{to} 325°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0515 Changed course to 050°(T).

0549 Changed course to 340°(T).

0556 Changed course to 270°(T).

0602 Changed course to 300°(T).

0613 Changed course to 000°(T) and commenced steaming on various courses standing toward Bulari Pass.

0630 Passed through Bulari Pass.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0812 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

0820 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

0905 Received ComSeronSoPac visual dispatch 282125, instructing FOMALHAUT go alongside SS Frank Drum to refuel when ready.

1006 Got underway and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing toward the SS Frank Drum in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay.

1047 Moored port side to SS Frank Drum in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with the starboard anchor underfoot.

1146 Commenced receiving diesel fuel from the SS Frank Drum.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Receiving diesel fuel.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Receiving diesel fuel.

1930 Completed fueling, having received 253,974 gallons of diesel fuel.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

XXXXX Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate April 30, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to the SS Frank Drum, in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with the starboard anchor underfoot. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0730 Hove up starboard anchor.

0755 Cleared the starboard side of the SS Frank Drum and got underway on various courses at various speeds standing toward Berth 22, Dumbea Bay.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Standing toward anchorage.

0815 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate May 1, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Operating as a unit of the Transport Group of the Amphibious Force of the Third Fleet. Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia at present.

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1435 Commenced discharging Noumea cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Discharging Noumea cargo.

1710 Completed discharging Noumea cargo.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate May 2, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Braun
 R. F. Braun,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
 C. Garthright,
 Lieut., USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
 J. M. Johnston,
 Lieut., E-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
 A. L. Short,
 Boatswain, USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Ens., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
 J. M. Johnston,
 Lieut., E-M, USNR.

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 David H. McGluskey, Jr.,
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. POMALHAUTDate May 3, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Ens., USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1908 Received notice of the presence of unidentified planes in this area via Harbor Circuit, Noumea. Went to General Quarters.

1934 Received notice of "All Clear" via Harbor Circuit, Noumea. Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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H. C. PLANAGAN,
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Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOCALHAUT

Date May 4, 1963.

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

Reg. No. <u>6-22</u>
S.S. No. <u>00013</u>

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

C. Garthright
 C. Garthright,
 Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
 F. M. Romanick,
 Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Ens., USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
 R. W. Murphy,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
 A. L. Short,
 Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Ens., USN.

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 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate May 5, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

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David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~Navigator~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. PCMALHAUTDate May 6, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

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Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. ~~XXXXX~~ Aviator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate May 7, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.,

XXXXX Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate May 8, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lt.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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H. C. FLANAGAN
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Examined:

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David H. McCloskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. *CCXXX*, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate May 9, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-2400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1020 Received ComTransGrpSoPac mailgram 082131, loading plan of cargo to be discharged at Koli Point, Lunga Point and Tulagi.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Planagan
H. C. PLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David R. McCluskey
David R. McCluskey, jg.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.,

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~

U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate Monday 10 May 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.
C. Garthright
 C. Garthright,
 Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
F. M. Romanick
 F. M. Romanick,
 Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
J. M. Johnston
 J. M. Johnston,
 Lieut., E-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1214 Received ComTransGrpSoPac visual dispatch 100055, instructing FCMALHAUT go alongside SS La Placentia and load cargo from that ship.
 1237 Got underway, steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward SS La Placentia in Berth "A-7".
 1324 Moored port side to SS La Placentia in Berth "A-7", Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.
 1415 Commenced loading cargo.
 1425 Received Port Director Noumea visual dispatch, instructing FCMALHAUT proceed to dock nine 0730 Tuesday.
W. B. Lloyd
 W. B. Lloyd,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo.
J. M. Johnston
 J. M. Johnston,
 Lieut., E-M, USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
 H. C. FLANAGAN,
 Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. PCMALHAUTDate Tuesday 11 May 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to SS La Placentia in Berth "A-7", Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

0700 Finished loading cargo from SS La Placentia.
0728 Got underway in compliance with Port Director Noumea dispatch 100322, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing toward Finger Pier No. 2.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Standing toward Finger Pier No. 2.

0840 Moored port side to the south side of Finger Pier No. 2.
0940 Commenced loading cargo.
1155 Stopped loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1300 Resumed loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Loading Cargo.

2100 Stopped loading cargo.
2130 Resumed loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

CCXX, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate Wednesday 12 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES0000-0400 Moored port side to Dock No. 9 (No. 2 Finger Pier) Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0100 Stopped loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.0400-0800 Moored as before.*R. F. Braun*
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Resumed loading cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.1200-1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

1215 Stopped loading cargo.

1300 Resumed loading cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.1600-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

1900 Received Port Director Noumea dispatch 120645, instructing FCMALHAUT anchor in Berth No. 9, Dumbea Bay upon leaving the dock.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.2000-2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

2056 Received Port Director Noumea dispatch 120826, requesting FCMALHAUT leave dock by 0600 (LCT) Thursday, May 13.

2100 Stopped loading cargo.

2130 Resumed loading cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

Approved:

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H. C. FLANAGAN
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Thursday 13 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Dock No. 9 (No. 2 Finger Pier), Noumea, New Caledonia. Loading cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0150 Completed loading all cargo.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0618 Got underway in compliance with Port Director Noumea dispatch 120826, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward Berth No. 9, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

0650 Passed entrance submarine nets abeam.

0710 Anchored in Berth No. 9, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

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Commander, USN., Commanding.

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Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALEAULTDate Friday 14 May 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth No. 9, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Braun
 R. F. Braun,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
 R. W. Murphy,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
 A. L. Short,
 Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Lieut. (jg), USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
 J. M. Johnston,
 Lieut., E-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
 A. L. Short,
 Boatswain, USN.

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 Lieut., D-M, USNR., *KNEX*, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Saturday 15 May 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth No. 9, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

J. M. Johnston
J. M. Johnston,
Lieut., E-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

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Commander, USN., Commanding.

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David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *USNR, Navigator.*

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Sunday 16 May, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 9, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-N, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

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H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-N, USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL CHECKS~~

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Monday 17 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth No. 9, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.
A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
1700 Received ComTransGrp Third Fleet mailgram 170615, forming Task Unit 32.4.6, consisting of the U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, the SS Santa Ana, the SS Dashing Wave, the U.S.S. McCALLA and the U.S.S. PRINGLE. Also containing instructions to depart Noumea on May 18, 1943, and proceed to Guadalcanal area.
R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. O. Flanagan*
H. O. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Tuesday 18 May, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

NOON
Lat. 22°-11'S
Long. 165°-29'E

8 P.M.
Lat. 21°-16.8'S
Long. 163°-43'E

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Formed Task Unit 32.4.6 in compliance with ComTransGrp Third Fleet mailgram 170615, consisting of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, McALLA, PRINGLE, SS Dashing Wave and SS Santa Ana. Commander H. C. Flanagan in FOMALHAUT Task Unit Commander

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth No. 9, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0000 Distributed Commander Task Unit 32.4.6 operation order No. AKA5/44-3/ A16-3/ serial 0016, containing instructions for the Task Unit.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0552 Got underway for Guadalcanal area in compliance with ComTransGrp Third Fleet mailgram 170615, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Noumea Harbor, other vessels of Task Unit in column astern of this vessel.

0712 Passed Amedee Lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 1160 yards.

0734 Passed thru Bulari Pass.

0736 Set Battle Condition III.

0738 Set course 270°(T), speed 10 knots.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Formed normal cruising disposition; column in the order FOMALHAUT (Guide), Dashing Wave and Santa Ana, distance between ships 600 yards. Escorts (McALLA and PRINGLE) screening convoy.

0808 Increased convoy speed to 14 knots and began zig-zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

0902 Changed base course to 300°(T).

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1801 Received ComThird Fleet dispatch, instructing Task Group 11.6 provide air coverage for Task Unit 32.4.6 on May 20, 1943.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Changed base course to 330°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding..

Examined: *David H. McCusker*
David H. McCusker, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~SOLOMONS CURRENT~~U. S. S. PCALIAUTDate Tuesday 19 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

S.A.N.		NOON		S.P.M.	
Lat. $18^{\circ}-50.5'S$	Long. $162^{\circ}-18.8'E$	Lat. $17^{\circ}-57.5'S$	Long. $162^{\circ}-12.2'E$	Lat. $16^{\circ}-23.7'S$	Long. $163^{\circ}-04.8'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with the SS Dashing Wave and the SS Santa Ana, escorted by the U.S.S. PRINGLE and the U.S.S. McALLA, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. This vessel the convoy guide. Base course $330^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0344 Received Commander Task Force 18 dispatch 181147, designating U.S.S. STRONG to rendezvous with Task Unit 32.4.6.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0724 The starboard engine stopped due to a breakdown and convoy speed reduced to 10 knots. Began ~~effective~~ repairs immediately.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Changed base course to $000^{\circ}(T)$.

0843 Starboard engine repaired and placed back in commission, and increased convoy speed to 14 knots.

0845 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

322 rounds of 20MM.
7 rounds of 3"50 cal.
1 round of .50 cal. machine gun.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1200 Changed base course to $030^{\circ}(T)$.

1308 Commenced exercising convoy in emergency signals and emergency turns. All vessels of convoy participating.

1321 Completed emergency signal and emergency turn drills and resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. On base course $030^{\circ}(T)$.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. ~~XXXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SCREEN

U. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate Thursday 20 May 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

POSITIONS		
S A.M.	NOON	S P.M.
Lat. $13^{\circ}-52.5'S$	Lat. $12^{\circ}-53'S$	Lat. $12^{\circ}-11.4'S$
Long. $166^{\circ}-56'E$	Long. $163^{\circ}-56'E$	Long. $163^{\circ}-54.8'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with the SS Dashing Wave and the SS Santa Ana, escorted by the U.S.S. PRINGLE and the U.S.S. McALLA, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. This vessel the convoy guide. Base course $030^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0300 Changed base course to $000^{\circ}(T)$.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(O), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0530 Set General Quarters.

0621 Secured from General Quarters. Set Condition III.

0700 Changed base course to $010^{\circ}(T)$.

C. Gerthright
C. Gerthright,
Lieut., USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1100 Changed base course to $000^{\circ}(T)$.

1138 Heard two reports and observed two bomb splashes approximately 100 yards off the starboard bow. Convoy started executing emergency turns in response to emergency turn signals from U.S.S. FOCALHAUT. Set General Quarters. Escorts opened fire on enemy aircraft.

1146 Sighted one twin engined Japanese bomber (believed to be type 1, M/B), on a course parallel to this ship going forward, bearing $220^{\circ}(T)$, altitude about 16,000 feet. Opened fire with 3"50 cal. batteries.

1147 Observed two bombs fall close aboard the starboard bow of the SS Santa Ana, bearing $220^{\circ}(T)$, distance 1400 yards from this ship.

1148 Enemy plane passed out of sight into a cloud formation, ceased firing having expended 11 rounds of 3"50 cal. ammunition. No hits observed and no damage to this vessel or other vessels of the Task Unit. Convoy continuing to execute various emergency turns on signal from Task Unit Commander.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(O), USNR.

1200-1600 Executing emergency turns as before.

1203 Sighted plane on the starboard beam, elevation 45° .

1210 Sent Commander Task Unit 32.4.6 urgent dispatch 200110, informing all ships of plane attack.

1242 Sighted plane dead ahead elevation 60° .

1252 Lost all contact with enemy plane.

1308 Secured from General Quarters, set Battle Condition III and commenced zig-zagging on base course $000^{\circ}(T)$ according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1325 Sent Commander Task Unit 32.4.6 priority dispatch 200225 to ComTrans-GrpSoPac reporting no damage and giving noon position.

1350 Received contact report via voice radio of nine unidentified planes in flights of threes, bearing $220^{\circ}(T)$, distance 12 miles, 15 miles, and 18 miles respectively. Set General Quarters.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Thursday 20 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES (Cont'd)

1200-1600

- 1406 Convoy commenced executing various emergency turns on signals from Commander Task Unit 32.4.6. Unable to establish identity of planes reported.
- 1449 U.S.S. STRONG joined Task Unit 32.4.6., and took station in the screen as assigned by escort Commander.
- 1510 Resumed base course and commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 1530 U.S.S. WILSON joined Task Unit 32.4.6, and took station assigned by escort Commander.
- 1540 Received Commander Task Group 11.6 dispatch 200400, advising Task Unit 32.4.6 to close on 180°(T), in order to receive adequate air coverage against twilight attack.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lt.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1602 Ceased zig-zagging and changed convoy course to 090°(T).
- 1609 Changed convoy course to 180°(T).
- 1705 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 180°(T), according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 1747 Set General quarters.
- 1750 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 180°(T).
- 1800 Changed convoy course to 270°(T).
- 1810 Changed convoy course to 090°(T).
- 1820 Commenced zig-zagging on base course 090°(T), according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 1900 Secured from General quarters.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2142 Received ComAirSols dispatch 200812, informing Commander Task Unit 32.4.6 of air coverage from Point Yoka to Lunga.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. PCMAHOUTDate Friday 21 May, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. $10^{\circ}-11'S$
Long. $162^{\circ}-29.8'E$

NOON
Lat. $10^{\circ}-00'S$
Long. $161^{\circ}-45.3'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with the SS Dashing Wave and the SS Santa Ana, escorted by the U.S.S. PRINGLE, WILSON, STRONG and McALLA, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. This vessel the convoy guide. Base course $000^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0100 Changed base course to $300^{\circ}(T)$.

C. Gerthright
C. Gerthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0525 Set General Quarters.

0618 Secured from General quarters.

0712 Received Commander Naval Base Lunga dispatch 200331, giving anchorage and unloading instructions to Commander Task Unit 32.4.6.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0900 Changed base course to $275^{\circ}(T)$.

1052 Received U.S.S. PRINGLE'S report via TBS of enemy plane bearing $125^{\circ}(T)$, altitude 50° . Convoy commenced executing various emergency turns on signals from Task Unit Commander.

1200 Resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1307 Changed base course to $307^{\circ}(T)$.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1705 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course $307^{\circ}(T)$.

1717 Changed course left to $270^{\circ}(T)$.

1800 Passed Rura Sura Island abeam to port, distance 7 miles.

1900 Entered Lenge channel.

1934 Changed course to $250^{\circ}(T)$, and stood into anchorage off Koli point, escorted by U.S.S. McALLA; other two ships of convoy were directed to proceed to anchorage off Kukum, escorted by U.S.S. PRINGLE and STRONG; U.S.S. WILSON was directed to report to ComTask Unit 32.4.4.

1935 Set General Quarters.

1942 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition II.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*

H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*

David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *XXX* Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Friday 21 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES (Cont'd)2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2004 Anchored in Berth 68, off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal Island in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. U.S.S. McALLA and one Patrol Craft screening unloading area.
- 2025 All boats waterborne and ship prepared to discharge cargo.
- 2200 Commenced discharging Koli cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *XXXXX*, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate Saturday 22 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0600 Anchored in Berth 68, off Togoma Point, Guadalcanal Island, in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition II set. Discharging cargo. SOPA in U.S.S. FOCALHAUT. THE U.S.S. McCALLA and two Sub Chasers screening unloading area.

0447 Completed discharging cargo for Koli Point.

0514 Got underway for Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, escorted by the U.S.S. McCALLA.

0554 Anchored off Lunga Point in Berth 13, in 23 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before.

0600 Commenced discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Discharging Lunga cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

1954 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of approach of enemy aircraft.

1957 Set General Quarters and got underway, steaming on various courses at various speeds to open water.

2035 Changed course to 180°(T), stood toward anchorage off Lunga Point.

2040 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of "All Clear".

2050 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of approach of enemy aircraft, and commenced maneuvering to clear anchorage.

2105 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of "All Clear", and proceeded to anchorage.

2115 Anchored off Lunga Point in Berth 13, in 23 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

2145 Commenced discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. FLANAGAN
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

XXXXX Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate Sunday 23 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHEES

0000-0600 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, in 23 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition II set. Discharging cargo. SOPA in U.S.S. FCMALHAUT. The U.S.S. McCALLA and two Sub Chasers screening the unloading area.

0030 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of approach of enemy aircraft.

0100 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of "All Clear".

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

0900 Commenced loading cargo for transportation to Noumea.

R. F. Brown
R. F. Brown,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Loading and discharging cargo.

1455 Sent Commander Task Unit 32.4.6., dispatch 230325, informing U.S.S. PRINGLE, SS Dashing Wave, and SS Santa Ana, that the Captain of the U.S.S. PRINGLE would assume Command of Task Unit 32.4.6 upon the FCMALHAUT's departure from that area.

~~1455~~ Commander Task Unit 32.4.6, directed U.S.S. STRONG and U.S.S. WILSON to proceed to assistance of U.S.S. NIAGARA and five Motor Torpedo boats reported to be on fire due to enemy action in Lat. 10°-50'S, Long. 163°-00'E in accordance with orders from ComThird Fleet.

1700 Completed discharging Lunga cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Loading cargo.

1925 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of approach of enemy aircraft.

1930 Got underway and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to clear anchorage.

1941 Secured from General quarters and set Battle Condition Two.

1947 Reversed course returning to anchorage.

1958 Received notice from radio Guadalcanal of "All Clear".

2007 Reversed course to 025°(T), and commenced standing toward Tulagi.

2055 Changed course to 010°(T), speed 14 knots.

2143 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to the channel, standing into Tulagi Harbor.

2213 Dropped the port anchor to assist in docking.

2219 Move up port anchor.

2220 Dropped the port anchor underfoot.

2221 While approaching the Government Wharf, in Tulagi Harbor the wind and current caught the vessel and swung the starboard quarter in against the bank on the north side of Tulagi Island. Rear range bearing 058°(T), beacon Fox bearing 321½°(T), Ships head 170°(T).

2300 Ran out a kedge anchor from the port quarter and headlines to the dock in order to heave the ship away from the bank without using the engines.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate Monday 24 May, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

- 0000-0400 Moored with the port anchor underfoot and ^a ~~two~~ headline^s run to the Government Wharf, Tulagi Harbor. The starboard quarter of vessel laying against the bank with a kedge anchor from the port quarter out to port.
- 0045 Hove ship away from the bank with the kedge and headline^s, YT-132 assisting.
- 0115 Completed preliminary inspection of vessel and test of rudder and screw, no apparent damage noted.
- 0130 Hove up port and kedge anchors and proceeded alongside dock at various speeds and courses and using headline^s to assist.
- 0142 Dropped port anchor underfoot to assist in docking.
- 0150 Moored starboard side to Government Wharf, Tulagi Harbor with 6 manila lines.
- 0155 Secured from Battle Condition Two and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.
Sent Commander Task Unit 32.4.6 dispatch 231602, to STRONG and WILSON, directing them return to Guadalcanal area.
- 0312 Commenced discharging diesel fuel to shore tanks in compliance with ComTransGrp Third Fleet mailgram 170615.
R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.
- 0400-0800 Moored as before. Discharging diesel fuel.
- 0700 U.S.S. MENOMINEE came alongside port side to make an underwater examination of the parts of this vessel that had touched the beach.
R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.
- 0800-1200 Moored as before. Discharging diesel fuel.
Diver completed examination of underwater parts of ship and reported no appreciable damage noted.
- 1030 Commenced discharging cargo.
- 1100 Completed discharging cargo.
- 1130 Commenced hoisting boats aboard as cargo in compliance with ComTrans-GrpSoPac dispatch 130357.
W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.
- 1200-1600 Moored as before. Discharging diesel fuel and loading boats.
- 1255 Sent FOCALHAUT dispatch 240155 to ComAirSols requesting air coverage after departure from Lunga Point.
- 1330 Completed discharging diesel fuel, having delivered 139,500 gallons, and also completed loading boats.
- 1342 Got underway and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds conforming to channel, standing out of Tulagi Harbor.
- 1414 Set course 205°(T), speed 14 knots.
- 1516 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in 23 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
- 1550 Commenced embarking passengers in compliance with Port Director Cactus dispatch 240330.
F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *USNR, Navigator.*

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. PCMAHALAULTDate Monday 24 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES (Cont'd)1600-2000 Anchored as before.

- 1610 Commenced hoisting boats aboard as cargo in compliance with ComTrans-GrpSoPac dispatch 130357.
 1631 Completed loading all passengers and boats.
 1638 Got underway, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia, with the U.S.S. McALLA as escort, forming Task Unit 32.4.12 in compliance with ComTransGrp Third Fleet mailgram 170615.
 1700 Set course 080°(T), speed 14 knots.
 1716 Changed course to 090°(T).
 1720 Entered Lengo channel.
 1809 Left Lengo Channel.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2015 Changed course to 127°(T).
 2340 Changed course to 100°(T).

R. F. Braun
 R. F. Braun,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
 H. C. FLANAGAN,
 Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

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U. S. S. FORMALHAUTDate Tuesday 25 May 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

8 A.M.		POSITIONS NOON	8 P.M.
Lat. $10^{\circ}-37.1'S$		Lat. $11^{\circ}-00'S$	Lat. $12^{\circ}-34.7'S$
Long. $163^{\circ}-24'E$		Long. $164^{\circ}-15'E$	Long. $164^{\circ}-42.4'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming as a part of Task Unit 32.4.12, composed of the U.S.S. FORMALHAUT and the U.S.S. McALLA, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course $100^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0000 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11; zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

0320 Changed base course to $120^{\circ}(T)$.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0800-1300 Steaming as before.

1135 Received U.S.S. McALLA'S report via TBS of unidentified plane bearing $350^{\circ}(T)$. Set General quarters.

1138 Commenced executing radical turns.

1140 Sighted enemy two engine bomber bearing $055^{\circ}(T)$, elevation 40° . Enemy plane made two high level bombing attacks on this vessel, dropping two patterns of bombs, both of which missed. Plane was fired upon with ship's 3"50 cal. AA battery. A total of 111 rounds of ammunition was expended. No damage or casualties sustained, no apparent damage was inflicted on plane.

1223 Received U.S.S. McALLA'S report via TBS, stating that contact with the enemy plane had been lost bearing $345^{\circ}(T)$, distance 30 miles. Secured from General quarters.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1300-1600 Steaming as before.

1430 Received U.S.S. McALLA'S report via TBS of unidentified plane bearing $235^{\circ}(T)$, distance 28 miles. Set General quarters.

1440 Plane identified as friendly. Secured from General quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

1500 Changed base course to $180^{\circ}(T)$.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course $180^{\circ}(T)$.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. H. Flanagan
H. H. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-N, USNR., Navigator.

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U. S. S. FGMALHAUTDate Wednesday 26 May, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

8 A.M.		POSITION	8 P.M.	
Lat.	Long.	NOON	Lat.	Long.
15°-16'S	164°-36'E	15°-57.3'S	17°-18.5'S	162°-46.7'E
		163°-57.5'E		

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming as a part of Task Unit 32.4.12, composed of the U.S.S. FGMALHAUT and the U.S.S. McALLA, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 180°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0000 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0700 Changed base course to 220°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1300 Expended the following ammunition, testing 4 air-cooled .50 cal. machine guns.
240 rounds of .50 cal.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~COX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~

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U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate Thursday 27 May 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

8 A.M.		POSITIONS		8 P.M.	
Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.
19°-25.5'S	162°-38'E	20°-05.8'S	163°-04'E	21°-28.3'S	164°-13'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming as a part of Task Unit 32.4.12, composed of the U.S.S. FCMALHAUT and the U.S.S. McCALLA, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940, on base course 180°, speed 14 knots.

0330 Changed base course to 150°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1306 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
5 rounds of 3"50 cal.
218 rounds of 20MM.

1320 Expended the following ammunition test firing .50 cal. machine guns.
100 rounds of .50 cal.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1615 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
109 rounds of 20MM.
4 rounds of 3"50 cal.

1700 Changed base course to 130°(T).

1800 Ceased zig-zagging, and resumed base course 130°(T).

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Commander, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McClellan, Jr.
David H. McClellan, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate Friday 28 May, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming as a part of Task Unit 32.4.12, composed of the U.S.S. FCMALHAUT and the U.S.S. McALLA, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 130°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

J. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0500 Changed course to 060°(T).
0537 Changed course to 050°(T).
0600 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse, Noumea, New Caledonia bearing 063°(T).
0601 Changed course to 070°(T).
0637 Changed course to 050°(T).
0657 Passed thru Bulari Pass.
0703 Commenced steaming on various courses, standing toward Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.
0706 Passed Amedee Light abeam to port bearing 270°(T), distance 1240 yards.
0738 Received Port Director Noumea dispatch 272006, instructing FCMALHAUT refuel from SS Roanoke in Berth 40.
0758 Sent FCMALHAUT 272050 dispatch to the U.S.S. McALLA, detaching her from duty with this vessel.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before. Standing toward SS Roanoke in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

- 0834 Dropped port anchor underfoot to assist in mooring.
0835 Moored starboard side to the SS Roanoke in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia with the port anchor underfoot. Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.
0905 Hove up port anchor.
0937 Commenced receiving fuel from the SS Roanoke.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Receiving diesel fuel.

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Receiving diesel fuel.

- 1745 Completed fueling from the SS Roanoke, having received 210,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *EXXEX* Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

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U. S. S. ROANOK

Date Saturday May 29, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored starboard to the S.S. ROANOKE in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Like Able set.

G.W. Carlson
 G.W. Carlson,
 Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0742 Got underway to shift Berth.

0755 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

R.A. Keller
 R.A. Keller,
 Lieut.(jg), C-V(3), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

F.M. Romanick
 F.M. Romanick,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R.F. Braun
 R.F. Braun,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

M.W. Lampert
 M.W. Lampert,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F.M. Romanick
 F.M. Romanick,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H.C. Flanagan*
 H.C. FLANAGAN
 Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David M. ...*
 David M. ...
 Lieut. D-V, USNR., Navigator.

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U. S. S. POMALHAUT.....

Date Sunday May 30, 1953

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23 Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R.F. Braun
R.F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

M.W. Lambert
M.W. Lambert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A.L. Short
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

W.B. Lloyd
W.B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut(jg), USN.

Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
H.C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-N, USNR,

Navigation, Navigator.

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U. S. S. POMAHAIPT

Date Monday May 31, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

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U.S. No. 00009

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WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

Althoff
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

W.B. Lloyd
W.B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

O.H. Harrell
O.H. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1300 Commenced discharging cargo.

R.W. Murphy
R.W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1630 Stopped discharging cargo.

F.M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

O.H. Harrell
O.H. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. Feeney*
H.C. FEENAY,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut. D-M, USNR, *XXXX*, Navigator.

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~U. S. S. ROMALHAUTDate Tuesday June 1, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.
R. W. Murphy
 R. W. Murphy,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.
F. M. Romanek
 F. M. Romanek,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.
Robert A. Keller
 Robert A. Keller
 Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.
T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.
A. L. Short
 A. L. Short,
 Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.
Robert A. Keller
 Robert A. Keller,
 Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

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Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
 H. C. Flanagan,
 Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR. *USNCGC Navigator.*

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FORMALHAUTDate Wednesday June 2, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A.L. Short
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R.F. Braun
R.F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

M.W. Lampert
M.W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

C.M. Harrell
C.M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R.F. Braun
R.F. Braun,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
H.C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCaskey
David H. McCaskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR,

EXXK, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Thursday June 3, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

C. M. Harrell
C. M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

W. B. Lloyd
W. B. Lloyd,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, Lt.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR, ~~XXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOURNAUTDate Friday June 4, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

<u>0000-0400</u>	Anchored in Berth 23, Dumben Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.	<i>Robert A. Keller</i> Robert A. Keller, Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.
<u>0400-0800</u>	Anchored as before.	<i>T. Hicks</i> T. Hicks, Lieut.(jg), USN.
<u>0800-1200</u>	Anchored as before.	<i>R. W. Murphy</i> R. W. Murphy, Ens., D-V(G), USNR.
<u>1200-1600</u>	Anchored as before.	<i>F. M. Romanick</i> F. M. Romanick, Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.
<u>1600-2000</u>	Anchored as before.	<i>R. F. Braun</i> R. F. Braun, Ens., D-V(G), USNR.
<u>2000-2400</u>	Anchored as before.	<i>R. W. Murphy</i> R. W. Murphy, Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Sr.*
David H. McCluskey, Sr.,
Lieut., D-N, USN. ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Saturday June 5., 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbes Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2225 Received ComTransGrpAmphor Third Fleet dispatch 051047, placing FOMALHAUT on six hour readiness to get underway.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *EXXIX Navigator.*

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. PCMAINAUTDate Sunday June 6, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

David H. McCluskey Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*

H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey Jr.*

David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *SKXX*, Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. POMALHAUTDate Monday June 7, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. M. Herrell
O. M. Herrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1115 Received ComTransGrpAmpFor Third Fleet 062300, canceling his 051047, and removing POMALHAUT from 6 hour readiness status to get underway.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey Jr.
David H. McCluskey Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Tuesday June 8, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1130 Dropped starboard anchor underfoot.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1710 Hove up starboard anchor.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*

H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCuskey*

David H. McCuskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

XXXXXX Navigator

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Wednesday June 9, 19 43ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbes Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *USNR. Navigator.*

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ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. PCMHALHAUTDate Thursday June 10., 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbes Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Ricks
T. Ricks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

C. M. Harrell
C. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

C. M. Harrell
C. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *USNXX Navigator*

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U. S. S. PCMAHAUTDate Friday June 11, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. E. Flanagan
H. E. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David E. McCluskey, Jr.
David E. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *Block Navigator*

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ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. PCMAINAUTDate Saturday June 12, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *W. C. C. Navigator.*

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~~ADDITIONAL SHEETS~~U. S. S. PCMAHHAUTDate Sunday June 13, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

C. M. Harrell
C. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(Jg), C-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXXX~~ Navigator.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Monday June 14, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbec Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J.W. Carlson
A.J. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(3), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R.W. Murphy
R.W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

F.M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R.F. Braun
R.F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R.W. Murphy
R.W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H.C. Flanagan*
H.C. FLANAGAN
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut. D-M, USNR, ~~XXX~~ U.S.N. Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate Tuesday June 15, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbéa Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R.F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A.W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

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H.C. FLANAGAN
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR,
C. S. W., Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~

U. S. S. PCMAHANTDate Wednesday June 16, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbes Bay, Noupes, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

C. H. Harrell
C. H. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. F. Flanagan*
H. F. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McGuire*
David H. McGuire, Jr.,
Lieut., D-H, USNR,
ENSIGN Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate Thursday June 17, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

1117 Dropped starboard anchor underfoot to prevent vessel from dragging due to weather and sea conditions.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1200 Received ComTransGrpSoPac mailgram instructing FOCALHAUT load landing craft engines, batteries, generators and spare parts immediately, and upon arrival destination tranship to AspFor Boat Pool, Wellington.

1232 Hove up starboard anchor.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1628 Commenced intermittent loading of cargo in accordance with ComTrans-GrpSoPac mailgram 170046.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEETU. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate Friday June 18, 1963ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbas Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Intermittent loading of cargo.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1545 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 180131Z, forming Task Unit 32.4.9, Captain Flanagan in U.S.S. FOCALHAUT, Unit Commander; composed of the U.S.S. FOCALHAUT, U.S.S. DRACO, U.S.S. CASSIOPIA, SS David Galliard, and SS James McPherson, escorted by the U.S.S. WARRINGTON, and giving Task Unit instructions.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1730 Completed loading cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2000 Distributed Commander Task Unit 32.4.9 operation order No. AKA5/AL-3/AL6-3, serial No. 0019, containing instructions for Task Unit.
2000 Received ComTransGrp dispatch giving FOCALHAUT loading instructions upon arrival in Auckland.
2317 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 180930Z, deleting SS David Galliard from Task Unit 32.4.9.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. Flanagan,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL RECORDS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FOCALHAUTDate Saturday June 19, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

S. A. M.		MCH		S. P. M.	
Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.	Lat.	Long.
22°08'	166°0'E	22°-59.8'S	166°-27.7'E	24°-07'S	167°-12'E

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0546 Got underway for Auckland, New Zealand in compliance with ComTrans-GrpSoPac dispatch 180131Z, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Noumea Harbor, other vessels of Task Unit in column astern of this vessel, distance between ships 1000 yards.

0754 Passed Amadee Lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 1020 yards.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0805 Passed thru Bulari Pass set course 230°(T), speed 10 knots.

0807 Set Battle Condition III.

0840 Changed course to 180°(T).

0905 Formed normal cruising disposition; Section One, FOCALHAUT Task Unit and section guide, and McPherson; Section Two, CASSIOPIEA and DRACO. Distance between ships in column 600 yards, interval between sections 1000 yards. U.S.S. WARRINGTON screening convoy.

0915 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan No. 12, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1100 Changed base course to 150°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1905 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 150°(T).

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey*
David H. McCluskey, J.
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *EX-1033* Navigator.

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U. S. S. PCMALHAUTDate Sunday June 20, 1943.ZONE DESCRIPTION -11POSITIONS

8 A.M.
Lat. $25^{\circ}-49'S$
Long. $168^{\circ}-19.5'E$

NOON
Lat. $26^{\circ}-30.5'S$
Long. $168^{\circ}-47.8'E$

8 P.M.
Lat. $28^{\circ}-11.2'S$
Long. $169^{\circ}-53.1'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with the CASSIOPHEIA, DRACO, and SS McPherson, escorted by the U.S.S. WARRINGTON, enroute to Auckland, New Zealand, this vessel convoy guide; course $150^{\circ}(T)$, speed 10 knots. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan No. 12, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

0900 Task Unit 32.4.9 was dissolved. All vessels of the Task Unit were ordered by Commander Task Unit 32.4.9 to proceed as previously directed, this vessel proceeded independently on base course $150^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14 knots.

1100 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with zig-zag plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1107 Increased speed to 14.5 knots.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1700 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of $150^{\circ}(T)$.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., *COCK* Navigator.

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate Monday June 21, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

		<u>POSITIONS</u>	
<u>8 A.M.</u>		<u>NOON</u>	<u>8 P.M.</u>
Lat. $30^{\circ}-47'S$		Lat. $31^{\circ}-37'S$	Lat. $33^{\circ}-23.5'S$
Long. $171^{\circ}-36'E$		Long. $172^{\circ}-15'E$	Long. $173^{\circ}-21'E$

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course $150^{\circ}(T)$, speed 14.5 knots, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0700 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1540 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course $150^{\circ}(T)$.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Changed base course to $148^{\circ}(T)$.
1922 Changed base course to $145^{\circ}(T)$.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2330 Changed base course to $150^{\circ}(T)$.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
ADDITIONAL SHEET

U. S. S. FCMALHAUTDate Tuesday June 22, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
		<u>8 A.M.</u>	<u>NOON</u>	<u>8 P.M.</u>
Lat.	35°-47.5'S	Lat.	36°-42.5'S	
Long.	174°-38.5'E	Long.	174°-50'E	Moored

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 150°(T), speed 14.5 knots, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia, to Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition III set.

- 0100 Set all clocks ahead one hour to zone minus 12 time.
 0325 Sighted Cape Brett Light bearing 180°(T), distance approximately 30 miles.
 0338 Changed course to 160°(T).

A. L. Short
 A. L. Short,
 Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0446 Changed course to 212°(T). Proceeding along Searched Channel "Mike 11".
 0630 Changed course to 157°(T).
 0644 Changed course to 160°(T).
 0648 Changed course to 165°(T).
 0714 Changed course to 180°(T).
 0716 Changed course to 185°(T).
 0728 Changed course to 182°(T).
 0740 Changed course to 175°(T).

A. W. Carlson
 A. W. Carlson,
 Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before. Proceeding along Search Channel "Mike 11".

- 0848 Changed course to 145°(T).
 1000 Changed course to 155°(T).
 1050 Changed course to 217°(T).
 1129 Changed course to 180°(T).
 1142 Changed course to 198°(T).

C. Garthright
 C. Garthright,
 Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1217 Changed speed to 10 knots.
 1218 Stopped to pick up pilot. Changed course to 200°(T).
 1222 Pilot H. Hogan, RNZNR came aboard.
 1224 Changed speed to 14.5 knots.
 1226 Changed course to 160°(T).
 1230 Commenced steaming various courses and speeds, entering Auckland Harbor.
 1321 Moored port side to east side of Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

M. W. Lampert
 M. W. Lampert,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
 R. W. Murphy,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
 H. C. FLANAGAN,
 Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
 David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~Navigator~~

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Tuesday June 22, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

		<u>POSITIONS</u>	
		<u>NOON</u>	
<u>8 A.M.</u>			<u>8 P.M.</u>
Lat. $35^{\circ}-47.5'S$		Lat. $36^{\circ}-42.5'S$	
Long. $174^{\circ}-38.5'E$		Long. $174^{\circ}-50'E$	

WATCHES (Cont'd)2000-2400 Moored as before.

2335 Commenced discharging cargo.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

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David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. PCMALHAUT

Date Wednesday June 23, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to east side of Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Discharging cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

Consignment
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Discharging cargo.

0730 Completed discharging cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

1015 Commenced loading cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut. (Jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

2250 Barge came alongside starboard side with cargo for No. 3 hold.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McOluskey, Jr.*
David H. McOluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date Thursday June 24, 19 43.

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Intermittent loading of cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), O-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

O. R. Wiechers
O. R. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Friday June 25, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

WATCHES

<u>0000-0400</u>	Moored port side to east side of Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Loading cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.	<i>R. W. Murphy</i> R. W. Murphy, Ens., D-V(G), USNR.
<u>0400-0800</u>	Moored as before. Loading cargo.	<i>J. R. Wiechers</i> J. R. Wiechers, Ens., D-V(S), USNR.
<u>0800-1200</u>	Moored as before. Loading cargo.	<i>J. W. Railsback</i> J. W. Railsback, Ens., D-V(S), USNR.
<u>1200-1600</u>	Moored as before. Loading cargo.	<i>A. W. Carlson</i> A. W. Carlson, Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.
<u>1600-2000</u>	Moored as before. Loading cargo.	<i>R. A. Keller</i> R. A. Keller, Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.
<u>2000-2400</u>	Moored as before. Loading cargo.	<i>J. W. Railsback</i> J. W. Railsback, Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
~~ADDITIONAL SHEET~~U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Saturday June 26, 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12WATCHES0000-0400 Moored port side to east side of Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand; Loading cargo; Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.*A.W. Carlson*
A.W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.0400-0800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.*R.A. Keller*
R.A. Keller,
Lieut. (Jg), O-V(S), USNR.0800-1200 Moored as before. Loading cargo.*O.P. Wiechers*
O.P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.1200-1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo.*R.W. Murphy*
R.W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR1600-2000 Moored as before; Loading cargo.*F.M. Romanick*
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut. (Jg), D-V(G), USNR.2000-2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo.*O.P. Wiechers*
O.P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
H.C. FLANAGAN
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. Mccluskey Jr.
David H. Mccluskey Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR, ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUT

Date Sunday June 27, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to east side Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

1345 Completed loading cargo.

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1725 Received ComTransGrp dispatch 262355Z, containing departure, routing and unloading instructions for Task Unit 32.4.7, with additional instructions to detach FOMALHAUT and one escort to form Task Unit 32.4.16 to proceed to Auckland, when unloaded.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~XXXXX~~ Navigator.

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U. S. S. FOMALHAUTDate Monday 28 June 1943ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to east side Prince's Wharf, Auckland Harbor, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. W. Hallsback
J. W. Hallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., ~~USNR.~~ Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Tuesday 29 June 1943

Zone description -12

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Moored port side to east side of Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1622 Got underway, steaming on various courses at various speeds standing towards anchorage.

1632 Anchored in Auckland, Harbor, in 7 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Ferry Light 349.7°(T), Breakwater 113°(T), Red Buoy 051.3°(T), Stack 151.8°(T).

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN, Captain, USN,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 30 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		36°-15.3'S	34°-39.2'S
Long.		174°-52.5'E	174°-16.2'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored in Auckland Harbor, New Zealand, in 7 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following bearings: Ferry Light, 349.7°(T); Breakwater, 113°(T); Red Buoy, 051.30°(T); Stack, 151.8°(T). Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

A. W. Garrison
A. W. Garrison
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0755 Got underway in accordance with Commander Task Unit 32.4.7 operation order No. 14-43, serial 0065. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel, standing out of Auckland Harbor.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0816 Passed through outer anti-submarine net, commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, proceeding along Searched Channel Mike 11.

0835 Changed course to 335°(T).

0852 Changed course to 0220°(T).

0920 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able. Set Battle Condition III.

0925 Task Unit 32.4.7 formed column formation, order of ships: AMERICAN LEGION, FOMALHAUT, HUNTER LIGGETT, CRESCENT CITY and GEORGE CLYMER, with STERRETT and WILSON in screening position ahead of column, speed 14 knots.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1730 Changed course to 031°(T).

1814 Task Unit 32.4.7 formed cruising disposition taking formation line of Section guides: First section, HUNTER LIGGETT and CRESCENT CITY; Second Section, AMERICAN LEGION and GEORGE CLYMER; Third section, FOMALHAUT. Screened by STERRETT and WILSON. Commander Task Unit in AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 343°(T), speed 14 knots.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Jr.
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 1 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	32°-19'S	31°-27'S	29°-32'S
Long.	173°-26'E	173°-26.5'E	172°-44.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.7, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, HUNTER LIGGETT and CRESCENT CITY; Second section, AMERICAN LEGION and GEORGE CLYMER; Third section, FOMALHAUT; escorted by the STERRITT and WILSON. Course 343°(T), speed 13.5 knots. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0712 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 8, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
0719 Reduced standard speed to 12 knots.
0720 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed course 343°(T).
0747 Increased standard speed to 14 knots.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0804 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 8, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
0824 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed course 343°(T).
0904 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 8, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1430 Changed standard speed to 13 knots.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1600 Set all clocks back one hour to zone minus 11 time.
1720 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed course 343°(T).
1800 Changed standard speed to 14 knots.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

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Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McQuissey, Junior
David H. McQuissey, JUNIOR,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 2 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone Description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	26°-58'S	26°-11.7'S	24°-36'S
Long.	171°-48.2'E	171°-29.9'E	170°-56'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.7, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides, composed of three sections. First section, HUNTER LIGGETT and CRESCENT CITY; Second section, AMERICAN LEGION and GEORGE CLYMER; Third section, FOMALHAUT; escorted by STERRETT and WILSON. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION. Course 343°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0540 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 8, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed base course and convoy axis to 342°(T).

0920 Ceased zig-zagging resumed course 342°(T).

0930 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1322 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed base course and convoy axis to 347°(T) and reduced speed to 13 knots.

1415 U.S.S. AUSBURNE and U.S.S. FOOTE joined Task Unit 32.4.7 and took station in the screen.

1430 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed base course and convoy axis to 342°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1740 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed course 342°(T).

1800 Increased standard speed to 14 knots.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Fitzgerald
H. C. Fitzgerald,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McClellan
David H. McClellan,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Saturday 3 July .1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	22°-02.1'S	21°-21.7'S	19°-52.5'S
Long.	169°-57.5'E	169°-39'E	168°-49'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.7, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, HUNTER LIGGETT and CRESCENT CITY; Second section, AMERICAN LEGION and GEORGE CLYMER; Third section, FOMALHAUT; escorted by the STERRETT, WILSON, AUSBURNE, and FOOTE. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION. Course 342°(T), standard speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0540 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 0735 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed course 342°(T).
- 0740 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander changed course and convoy axis to 335°(T).
- 0745 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1447 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander stopped zig-zagging and held course 295°(T).
- 1505 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander resumed course 335°(T).
- 1520 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1800 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed course 335°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 4 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	17°-25'S	16°-39'S	15°-15.5'S
Long.	167°-32.3'E	167°-09'E	166°-14.2'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.7, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides, composed of three sections: First section, HUNTER LIGGETT and CRESCENT CITY; Second section, AMERICAN LEGION and GEORGE CLYMER; Third section, FOMALHAUT; escorted by WILSON, STERRETT, AUSEBURNE, and FOOTE. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION. Course 335°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0530 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

A. E. Short
A. E. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0820 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed speed to 14.5 knots.

1009 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander stopped zig-zagging and changed course to 328°(T).

1020 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

G. W. Carlson
G. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1345 U.S.S. EATON joined Task Unit 32.4.7 and took station in screen.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1830 Stopped zig-zagging, resumed course 328°(T) and changed speed to 14 knots.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 5 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12°-55'S	12°-06.5'S	10°-43.2'S
Long.	164°-50'E	164°-23.5'E	163°-30.8'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.7, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides, composed of three sections: First section, HUNTER LIGGETT and CRESCENT CITY; Second section, AMERICAN LEGION and GEORGE CLYMER; Third section, FOMALHAUT; escorted by the WILSON, STERRETT, AUSBURNE, FOOTE, and EATON. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION. Course 328°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0530 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 0725 Sighted U.S.S. SAGAMON, bearing 000°(T), distance 18 miles.
- 0745 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed base course and convoy axis to 330°(T).
- 0752 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed speed to 14.5 knots.

A. W. Garrison
A. W. Garrison
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0830 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed base course and convoy axis to 336°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1240 Received ComNavActs Solomons dispatch 042220Z, designating unloading berths for Task Unit 32.4.7. FOMALHAUT assigned Berth 94.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1825 Convoy stopped zig-zagging. Changed course and convoy axis to 299°(T) and changed speed to 14 knots.
- 1835 U.S.S. EATON detached from Task Unit 32.4.7 in accordance with Com-Third Fleet dispatch 050505Z, and proceeded on duty assigned.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Junior
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 6 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	9°-39'S		
Long.	161°-07'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.7, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, HUNTER LIGGETT and CRESCENT CITY; Second section, AMERICAN LEGION AND GEORGE CLYMER; Third section FOMALHAUT; escorted by the WILSON, STERRETT, AUSBURNE, and FOOTE. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION. Course 299°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

- 0000 FOMALHAUT assumed new position 600 yards astern of CRESCENT CITY, becoming a part of Section 1.
- 0143 Changed course and convoy axis to 333°(T).
- 0229 Changed course and convoy axis to 276°(T).
- 0323 All ships in the convoy turned right simultaneously 20° to course 296°(T), convoy axis remaining 276°(T).
- 0328 All ships in the convoy turned left simultaneously 20° and resumed course 276°(T).

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0514 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed course and convoy axis to 310°(T).
- 0530 Set General Quarters.
- 0540 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 8, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 0628 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition III.
- 0638 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander increased speed to 14.5 knots.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0812 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed course and convoy axis to 315°(T).
- 0904 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, stopped zig-zagging and resumed course 315°(T).
- 0906 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed course to 288°(T).
- 0915 All ships in convoy commenced executing various emergency turns upon signals from Task Unit Commander.
- 0935 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed course to 298°(T).
- 0948 Convoy formed column formation, in following order: AMERICAN LEGION, HUNTER LIGGETT, GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY and FOMALHAUT.
- 0958 Changed speed to 14 knots.
- 1008 Changed course to 285°(T).
- 1055 Changed course to 270°(T), and entered Lengo Channel.
- 1128 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, proceeding independently towards assigned anchorage.
- 1148 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition II.
- 1152 Anchored off Tetera, Guadalcanal, in Berth 94 in 16 fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. All vessels of the escort screening anchorage area.

F. Hicks
F. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Junior*
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 6 July, 1943
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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	9°-39'S		
Long.	161°-07'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1800 Anchored as before.

1245 All boats waterborne and ship prepared to discharge cargo.
1315 Commenced discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN, *Commanding Officer.*
Captain, USN.,

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 7 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Operating in Guadalcanal area with Task Unit 32.4.7. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION.

0000-0600 Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, in Berth 94 in 16 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Discharging cargo. Battle Condition II set. Ships present (Task Unit 32.4.7) U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, HUNTER LIGGETT, GEORGE CLYMER, and CRESCENT CITY. U.S.S. FOOTE, AUSEBURNE, WILSON, and STERRETT screening anchorage area.

David H. McCluskey, Junior
 David H. McCluskey, Junior
 Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

A. W. Carlson
 A. W. Carlson
 Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Junior
 David H. McCluskey, Junior
 Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

2050 U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and STERRETT detached from Task Unit 32.4.7 and formed Task Unit 32.4.16.

2050 Task Unit 32.4.7, plus U.S.S. ALGORAB got underway and stood out of Guadalcanal area. U.S.S. FOMALHAUT remaining, discharging cargo, screened by STERRETT.

A. W. Carlson
 A. W. Carlson
 Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
 H. C. FLANAGAN
 Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Junior
 David H. McCluskey, Junior
 Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FGMALHAUT Thursday 8 July, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)EXPLANATORY REMARKS

Operating as Task Unit 32.4.16, screened by U.S.S. STERRETT. Captain H. C. FLANAGAN in FGMALHAUT Task Unit Commander.

0000-0600 Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, in Berth 94 in 16 fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Discharging cargo. Battle Condition II set.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

0655 Stopped discharging cargo and commenced preparations to shift berths.
0706 Got underway steaming on various courses at various speeds standing toward Berth 88.
0733 Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, in Berth 88 in 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
0737 Commenced discharging cargo.

M. W. Carlson
M. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

M. W. Carlson
M. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 9 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, in Berth 88, in 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Discharging cargo. Battle Condition II set. U.S.S. STERRETT screening unloading area.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

1225 Veered the starboard anchor chain to 60 fathoms.
1752 Completed discharging cargo.

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1945 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition III.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *H. C. Flanagan*
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORMALHAUT

Saturday 10 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		9°-24' S	9°-54.5' S
Long.		160°-03' E	161°-42' E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, in Berth 88 in 15 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition III set. U.S.S. STERRETT screening unloading area.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

- 0645 Got underway steaming on various courses at various speeds standing toward anchorage off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal.
- 0740 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 11 in 23 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
- 0755 Commenced loading disabled boats in compliance with ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 040410 Z.

O.M. Harrell
O.M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

- 0820 Commenced loading freight.
- 1009 Commenced discharging fresh water to U.S.S.- SC982.
- 1048 U.S.S.- SC982 completed receiving fresh water, and cast off.
- 1151 Completed loading freight and boats.
- 1154 Got underway, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia, with the U.S.S. STERRETT as escort.

M.W. Lampert
M.W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1205 Set course 080°(T), speed 14.5 knots.
- 1228 Changed course to 090°(T).
- 1236 Entered Lengo Channel.
- 1326 Left Lengo Channel.
- 1330 Changed course to 100°(T).
- 1550 Changed course to 125°(T).

A.L. Short
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A.W. Carlson
A.W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
H.C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PCALHAUT Saturday 10 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		9°-24' S	9°-54.5' S
Long.		160°-03' E	161°-48' E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1809 Changed course to 100°(T).

F.M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2200 Changed course to 120°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
H.C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

David H. Woelckusky, Jr.
David H. Woelckusky, Junior,
Lieut. D-M, USNR, *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 11 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	11°-23.4'S	12°-22.6'S	14°-05.2'S
Long.	164°-10'E	164°-27'E	163°-53'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming ^{in company with} singly, escorted by the U.S.S. STERRETT, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 120°(T), speed 14.5 knots. Battle Condition III set.

Oustanell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Changed course to 150°(T).

0700 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1000 Changed base course to 180°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1400 Changed base course to 200°(T).

E. W. Carlson
E. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Stopped zig-zagging and resumed course 200°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

Oustanell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Monday 12 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°-48'S	17°-38.1'S	19°-18'S
Long.	162°-38'E	162°-19.2'E	162°-38'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with the U.S.S. STERRETT, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 200°(T), speed 14.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1200 Changed base course to 180°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1700 Stopped zig-zagging and changed course to 150°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

C. M. Harrell
C. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Tuesday 13 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-19' S	22°-08' S	
Long.	164°-20' E	165°-09' E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in company with the U.S.S. STERETT, enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 150°(T), speed 14.5 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0000 Changed course to 140°(T).

A.L. Short
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

A.W. Carlson
A.W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Changed course to 125°(T), and commencing ~~the~~ zig zagging according to Plan no. 11, zig zag diagrams 1940.
0907 Changed base course to 115°(T).
0947 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
300 rounds .50 calibre.

F.M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1200 Changed base course to 110°(T).
1400 Stopped zig zagging and resumed course 110°(T).
1519 Changed course to 105°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(Jg), USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1621 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse, New Caledonia, bearing 101°(T), distance 15 miles.
1710 Changed course to 110°(T).
1725 Changed course to 100°(T).
1729 Changed course to 090°(T).
1731 Changed course to 065°(T).
1735 Passed through Bulari Pass.
1738 Changed course to 080°(T).
1741 Commenced steaming on various courses, standing toward Dumbéa Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

O.M. Harrell
O.M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. Flanagan
H.G. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN.,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Junior
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut. D-M, USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ROMALHAUT Tuesday 13 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-19' S	22°-00' S	
Long.	164°-20' E	165°-09' E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1800-2000 Steaming as before. Standing toward Berth 44, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

1920 Anchored in Berth 44, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

1930 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

*F.M. Romanick*F.M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.2000-2400 Anchored as before.*A.L. Short*
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
H.C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN.,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Jr.,
Lieut. D-M, USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 14 July 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			22°-58' S
Long.			166°-20' E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 44, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. H. Rallsback
J. H. Rallsback,
Ens. D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0800 Commenced discharging cargo.
0905 Completed discharging cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1430 Received ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 132345 Z placing Captain Flanagan in the U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, in command of convoy consisting of the U.S.S. SAN PABLO, Cor Caroli, and the S.S. Cushing Kels; and giving convoy instructions and loading instructions for FOMALHAUT upon arrival Auckland, New Zealand.

1449 Got underway for Auckland, New Zealand, in compliance with ComTrans-GroupSoPac dispatch 132345 Z, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Noumea Harbor. Other vessels of convoy in column astern of this vessel.

1655 Passed through Bulari Pass and set course 230°(T), speed 10 knots. Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set Battle Condition III.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1700-1800 Steaming as before.

1730 Changed course to 185°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1805 Convoy formed normal cruising disposition in column formation: FOMALHAUT, Cushing Kels, and Cor Caroli, distance between ships 600 yards. U.S.S. SAN PABLO screening ahead of convoy.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCuskey
David H. McCuskey, Senior
Lieut. D-M, USNR., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PCMALENAUT Wednesday 14 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			22°-58'S
Long.			166°-20'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)2000-2400 Steaming as before.

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. Flanagan
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David A. Madril
David A. Madril
Lieut., D-M, USNR., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 15 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	24°-36.5' S	25°-04.2' S	26°-04' S
Long.	166°-57' E	167°-21.6' E	168°-21' E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with the Cushing Eel and the Cor Caroli, escorted by U.S.S. SAN PABLO, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia, to Auckland, New Zealand, this vessel convoy guide. Course 185°(T), speed 10.4 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0015 Changed course to 140°(T).

F.M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0700 Commenced zig zagging according to Plan No.12, zig zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1001 Changed base course to 135°(T).

O.M. Harrell
O.M. Harrell,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

M.W. Lampert
M.W. Lampert,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1800 Stopped zig zagging and resumed course 135°(T).

A.L. Short
A.L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

A.W. Carlson
A.W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Convoy was dissolved in compliance with ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 132345 Z, all vessels of the convoy proceeding as previously directed. FOMALHAUT changed course to 145°(T), increased speed to 13.5 knots, and proceeded independently enroute Auckland, New Zealand.

F.M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H.C. Flanagan
H.C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut. D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP PCMAHAWK Friday 16 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description - 11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	28°-26'S	29°-12'S	30°-02'S
Long.	169°-51'E	170°-15'E	171°-25'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 145°(T), speed 13.5 knots, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia, to Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(Jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Changed course to 150°(T), and commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 39, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

C. M. Barrell
C. M. Barrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1200 Stopped zig-zagging, resumed course 145°(T), and reduced speed to 10.9 knots.

1300 Changed course to 120°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

E. W. Carlson
E. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2300 Changed course to 180°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(Jg), USN.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Saturday 17 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	31°-51.5'S	32°-37.3'S	34°-06'S
Long.	172°-22.5'E	172°-45'E	173°-29'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Auckland, New Zealand. Course 180°(T), speed 10.9 knots. Battle Condition III set.

Oustarell
O.M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Changed course to 150°(T).

0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to Plan No. 39, U.S. Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

M. W. Lampert
M.W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Increased speed to 13.4 knots.

A. L. Shott
A.L. Shott,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A.W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F.M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Stopped zig-zagging and changed course to 140°(T).

2017 Changed course to 138°(T).

2330 Changed course to 130°(T).

2344 Changed course to 120°(T).

2346 Changed course to 100°(T).

2355 Sighted Cape Brett Light, bearing 155°(T), distance 20 miles.

Oustarell
O.M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. Ferguson
H.C. Ferguson,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Sunday 18 July, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	35°-10' S		
Long.	174°-47' E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

WATCHES

0000-0400 Steaming singly on course 100°(T), speed 13.6 knots, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition III set.

0005 Changed course to 140°(T).
0100 Set all clocks ahead one hour to zone minus 12 time.
0254 Changed course to 175°(T).
0303 Increased speed to 14.6 knots.
0333 Passed Cape Brett Lighthouse abeam to starboard, distance 3 miles. Entered Searched Channel like 11.
0334 Changed course to 154°(T).

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0546 Changed course to 180°(T).
0555 Changed course to 176°(T).
0711 Changed course to 145°(T).

A. L. Skoff
A. L. Skoff,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0842 Changed course to 155°(T).
0922 Changed course to 217°(T).
1003 Changed course to 180°(T).
1017 Changed course to 198°(T).
1047 Stopped to pick up pilot.
1049 Pilot Kelsey, RNZSR came aboard.
1050 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, entering Auckland Harbor.
1135 Anchored in Man of War Anchorage, Auckland, New Zealand in 7 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
1144 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

M. W. Carlson
M. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

H. C. Flanagan
H. C. FLANAGAN,
Captain, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Jr.
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 19 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Man of War anchorage, Auckland, New Zealand in 7 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

C. P. Wiechers
C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN, Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey, Junior
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOURMOUNT Tuesday 20 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description - 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Man of War Anchorage, Auckland, New Zealand, in 7 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

W. L. Short
W. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

- 0650 Pilot Kelsey, R.N.Z.N.R., came aboard.
- 0712 Got underway to shift berths.
- 0729 Tugs Teahuna and William C. Doldy came alongside to starboard to assist in mooring.
- 0754 Moored port side to the east side of King's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Cast off tugs and Pilot left ship.

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

- 0900 Commenced loading cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

- 1530 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 142352Z, forming Task Unit 32.4.8 composed of the U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT ADAMS, PRESIDENT HAYES, and FOURMOUNT with Task Unit Commander (ComTrans Div. 14) in the PRESIDENT JACKSON.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved: *Paul L. F. Weaver*
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN Commanding Officer.

Examined: *David H. Mccluskey*
DAVID H. MCCLUSKEY, Junior,
Lieutenant D-M, USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMAINHAUT Wednesday 21 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12Position 080012002000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)0000-0400 Moored port side to the east side of King's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.*F. M. Romanick*
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.*R. F. Braun*
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.*J. W. Hailback*
J. W. Hailback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1320 Oil barge cleared starboard side.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.*R. A. Keller*
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(S), USNR.2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.*R. E. Conger*
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-N, USNR,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 22 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to east side of King's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

H. A. Keller
H. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

C. F. Wiechers
C. F. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1830 Received ComTransGrp dispatch 220033Z, forming Task Unit 32.4.8, consisting of the U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT ADAMS, PRESIDENT HAYES, FOMALHAUT, ORISKANY, and CHEVALIER. Also containing instructions for departure, routing, and arrival of Task Unit in Noumea, New Caledonia.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *Paul L. F. Traven*
PAUL L. F. TRAVEN
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *David H. McGuckey*
David H. McGuckey, Navigator
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORMALHAUT Friday 23 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description - 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to the east side of King's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1500 Completed loading cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

Robert A. Keller
Robert A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

Approved: *Paul L. F. Weaver*
PAUL L. F. WEAVER
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *David H. McCluskey, Jr.*
David H. McCluskey, Junior,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP PCMALENAUT Saturday 24 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description - 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to the east side of King's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. W. Hailsback
J. W. Hailsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1700 Received Commander Task Unit 32.4.8 operating order No. 4-43, giving communication and sortie plans, cruising formation, and special instructions for the Task Unit.

C. P. Wiechers
C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER
Commanding Officer, USN.

Examined:

David A. Egliuskoff Jr.
David A. Egliuskoff Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USN. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 25 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			35°-12.5'S
Long.			174°-23.7'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

- 0000-0400 Moored port side to the east side of King's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.
O. M. Barrell
O. M. Barrell,
Ens., D-V(3), USNR.
- 0400-0800 Moored as before.
F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(3), USNR.
- 0800-1200 Moored as before.
- 1100 Pilot R. E. Carter, R.N.Z.N.R., came aboard.
- 1130 Got underway in accordance with Commander Task Unit 32.4.8 operation order No. 4-43, serial 0096. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel, standing out of Auckland Harbor. Standard speed 14 knots.
- 1145 Passed through outer anti-submarine net, commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, proceeding along Searched Channel "Mike 11".
A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.
- 1200-1600 Steaming as before.
- 1207 Pilot R. E. Carter, R.N.Z.N.R., left the ship.
- 1213 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set Battle Condition III. Task Unit 32.4.8 formed column formation, order of ships: PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT HAYES, PRESIDENT ADAMS and FOMALHAUT, with the O'BANNON and CHEVALIER in screening position ahead of column. Course 016°(T), standard speed 14 knots.
- 1258 Entered degaussing range, course 016°(T), speed 10 knots. Settings: M coil, - 250; F coil, - 300; and Q coil, +50.
- 1306 Cleared degaussing range.
- 1310 Changed course to 036°(T), and increased speed to 14 knots.
- 1349 Changed course to 334°(T), with Flat Rock bearing 270°(T), distance 3 miles.
A. H. Carlson
A. H. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(3), USNR.
- 1600-1800 Steaming as before.
- 1613 Changed course to 359°(T).
- 1626 Passed Hen Island Light abeam to starboard, distance 2 miles.
- 1751 Changed course to 335°(T).
F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(3), USNR.
- 1800-2000 Steaming as before.
F. Hicks
F. Hicks,
Lieut.(Jg), USN.
- 2000-2400 Steaming as before.
- 2005 Changed course to 030°(T).

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCluskey
David H. McCluskey
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 25 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			35°-12.5'S
Long.			174°-23.7'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 (Cont'd)

2045 Changed course to 330°(T), and Task Unit 32.4.8 formed cruising disposition taking formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and FOMALHAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by the O'BANNON and CHEVALIER. Task Unit Commander in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Speed 10 knots.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David E. McCluskey, Jr.
DAVID E. McCLUSKEY, JR.
Lieut., D-M, USN, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 26 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	33°-03'S	32°-25'S	31°-01.7'S
Long.	173°-09'E	172°-43'E	171°-44'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.8, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and FOMALHAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by the O'BANNON and CHEVALIER. Task Unit Commander in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Course 330°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0200 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

A. M. Carlson
A. M. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1100 Due to sea conditions ceased zig-zagging, resumed course 330°(T), and took position astern of convoy formation.

1107 Increased speed to 14.2 knots.

1145 Changed course to 340°(T).

1148 Changed course to 350°(T).

1152 Changed course to 330°(T).

O. M. Harrell

O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1700 Task Unit 32.4.8 ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 330°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Changed course to 320°(T).

1855 Changed course to 330°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2020 Resumed position in the First section, 600 yards astern of the PRESIDENT ADAMS. Changed speed to 13 knots.

2032 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, increased speed to 14 knots.

A. M. Carlson
A. M. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David A. McCallister
DAVID A. MCCALLISTER,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Tuesday 27 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	28°-47.5'S	28°-07'S	26°-23'S
Long.	170°-22.5'E	169°-55.5'E	168°-40'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.8, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and POMALHAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by the O'BANNON and CHEVALIER. Task Unit Commander in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Course 330°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0300 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0812 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, increased speed to 14.5 knots.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1520 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 270104Z, directing U.S.S. MONTGOMERY and BRIDGE to rendezvous with this Task Unit 32.4.8 in Lat. 23°-32'S; Long. 166°-48'E, at 2000Z the 27th.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 330°(T).
1900 Retarded all clocks one hour to zone minus 11 time.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

David H. McClellan
DAVID H. MCCLELLAN,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Wednesday 28 July, 1943
(Date) (Date) (Month)

Zone description - 11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	23°-59'S	23°-18.3'S	
Long.	167°-07'E	166°-47'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.8, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and POMALHAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by the O'BANNON and CHEVALIER. Task Unit Commander in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Course 330°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0300 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0943 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
242 rounds of 20 MM.
60 rounds of .50 cal.
232 rounds of .30 cal.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1405 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 330°(T).
1412 Changed course and convoy axis to 345°(T).
1417 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
1442 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse, New Caledonia, bearing 007°(T).
1522 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 345°(T).
1525 Convoy formed column formation in the following order: PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT HAYES, PRESIDENT ADAMS, and POMALHAUT.
1545 Changed course to 050°(T).

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1613 Passed through Bulari Pass.
1616 Changed course to 080°(T).
1620 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.
1626 Passed Amedee Lighthouse abeam to port, distance 1100 yards.
1741 Anchored in Berth 42, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
1752 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

R. W. Carlson
R. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. Weaver
PAUL L. E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

David H. MacLuskey
DAVID H. MACLUSKEY,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Wednesday 28 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	23°-59'S	23°-18.3'S	
Long.	167°-07'E	166°-47'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1900 Received ComTransGrpSoPac dispatch 280016Z, containing departure, routing, unloading, and arrival instructions, for Task Unit 32.4.8., with additional instructions to detach POMALHAUT and one escort to form Task Unit 32.4.19, to proceed to Noumea, when unloaded.

Oustanille
 O. M. Harrell,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2355 Received Commander Task Unit 32.4.8 operation order No. 5-43, serial 00110, giving communication and sortie plans, cruising formation, debarkation plan, and special instructions for Task Unit.

M. W. Langert
 M. W. Langert,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
 PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
 Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McCuskey Jr.
 David H. McCuskey Jr.,
 Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 29 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		22°-14'S	21°-07'S
Long.		165°-29.5'E	164°-00'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 42, Dumbes Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. BRAUN,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0605 Got underway for Guadalcanal area in accordance with Commander Task Unit 32.4.8 operation order No. 5-43, serial 00110. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Noumea Harbor. Task Unit 32.4.8 forming column formation, order of ships: PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT HAYES, PRESIDENT ADAMS, and FOMALHAUT, with the O'BANNON, CHEVALIER, MONTGOMERY, and BREESE in screening position ahead of column.

0735 Passed through Bulari Pass and set course 280°(T), speed 14 knots.
0742 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set Battle Condition III.

O. P. Wischers
O. P. Wischers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0815 Task Unit 32.4.8 formed cruising disposition, taking formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and FOMALHAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by O'BANNON, CHEVALIER, MONTGOMERY, and BREESE. Task Unit Commander in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Course 280°(T), speed 14 knots.

0920 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1030 Ceased zig-zagging, and resumed course 280°(T).

1045 Changed course and convoy axis to 305°(T), and commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1750 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 305°(T).

A. W. Carlson
A. W. CARLSON,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Changed course and convoy axis to 322°(T).

1810 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1945 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 322°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.
F. Hicks
F. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

Approved: *Paul E. P. Weaver*
PAUL E. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *David E. McCusker*
DAVID E. MCCUSKER,
Lieut., D-M, USNR. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOCALHAUT Friday 30 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	18°-44'S	17°-55'S	16°-05'S
Long.	162°-21.5'E	162°-37'E	162°-57.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.8, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and FOCALHAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by the O'BANNON, CHEVALIER, MONTGOMERY, and BREESE. Task Unit Commander in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Course 322°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0500 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
0635 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 322°(T).
0644 Changed course and convoy axis to 010°(T).
0652 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 1100 Changed course and convoy axis to 018°(T)

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1334 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
14 rounds of 3"50 cal.
387 rounds of 20MM.
50 rounds of .50 cal.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1900 Ceased zig-zagging. Changed course and convoy axis to 022°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

David H. McGluskey, Jr.
David H. McGluskey, Jr.,
Lieut., D-M, USNR, Navigator.

Req. No. 24
A.S. No. 017138

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UNITED STATES SHIP FCOMALHAUT Saturday 31 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13°-20'S	12°-36'S	10°-54'S
Long.	164°-17.5'E	164°-15.5'E	163°-33.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

F-405

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.8, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and FOMALHAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by MONTGOMERY, CHEVALIER, O'BANNON, and BREESE. Task Unit Commander in PRESIDENT JACKSON. Base course 022°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0525 Set General Quarters.
0530 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 11, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
0625 Secured from General Quarters.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0955 Convoy ceased zig-zagging.
0959 Changed base course and convoy axis to 347°(T).
1005 Convoy resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11.
1050 Received ComNavBase Sols dispatch 302210Z, designating unloading berths for Task Unit 32.4.8. FOMALHAUT assigned Berth 84 yellow.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1500 Received signal from Commander of Task Unit of unidentified plane bearing 160°(T), distance 23 miles.
1500 Upon signal from Commander of Task Unit, convoy set General Quarters.
1514 Escort lost contact.
1520 Convoy secured from General Quarters upon signal from Task Unit Commander and reset Condition III.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1759 Set General Quarters.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1854 Secured from General Quarters.
1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 347°(T).
1910 Changed course and convoy axis to 296°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul I. Weaver
PAUL I. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Robert D. ...
Lieut., D-M, USNR, *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALIAUT Sunday 1 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-45'S	09°-20.7'S	
Long.	161°-06'E	160°-27'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.8, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, PRESIDENT ADAMS and POMALIAUT; Second section, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT HAYES; escorted by the O'BRIEN, CHEVALIER, MONTGOMERY, and BREESE. Task Unit Commander is PRESIDENT JACKSON. Course 296°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanuk
F. M. Romanuk,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0402 Changed course and convoy axis to 275°(T).
- 0525 Set General Quarters.
- 0530 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 38, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 0609 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 275°(T).
- 0613 Changed course and convoy axis to 312°(T).
- 0628 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 17, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
- 0633 Secured from General Quarters and set Battle Condition III.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0821 Changed course and convoy axis to 320°(T).
- 0945 Passed Rura Island abeam to port, distance 3.5 miles.
- 1025 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 320°(T).
- 1028 Changed course and convoy axis to 270°(T).
- 1109 Passed Rura Sura Island abeam to port, distance 7.5 miles.
- 1155 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 320°(T).

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

- 1202 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, commenced forming column formation, order of ships: POMALIAUT, PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT HAYES, and PRESIDENT ADAMS.
- 1205 Commenced steaming on various courses to assume column position.
- 1220 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition II.
- 1222 Entered Lenge Channel.
- 1234 Changed course to 270°(T), and formed column formation, in the following order: POMALIAUT, PRESIDENT JACKSON, PRESIDENT HAYES, and PRESIDENT ADAMS.
- 1240 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, this ship became Unit guide.
- 1251 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel, standing toward assigned anchorage.
- 1308 Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, in Berth 84 in 12 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. All vessels of the escort screening anchorage area.
- 1330 All boats waterborne, and ship commenced discharging cargo.
- 1758 Received ComTransGroup dispatch 312331Z, modifying ComTransGroup dispatch 280016Z, and instructing POMALIAUT to proceed to Rendi, Fiji Islands to embark personnel and load cargo for transportation to Guadalcanal area as per dispatch.

F. M. Romanuk
F. M. Romanuk,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Gertrich
Carter Gertrich,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP INDIANWAT Sunday 1 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-45'S	09°-20.7'S	
Long.	161°-06'E	160°-27'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2400 anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

J.W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(3), USNR.

Approved:

Paul Weaver

PAUL L. WEAVER
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright

Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 2 AUGUST, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Tetera, Guadalcanal, in Berth 84 in 12 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set. Ships present (Task Unit 32.4.8): PRESIDENT ADAMS, PRESIDENT JACKSON, and PRESIDENT HAYES. U.S.S. O'BANNON, CHEVALIER, MONTGOMERY, and BRIDGE screening anchorage area.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0615 Received ComTask Unit 32.4.8 dispatch 012330Z, detaching FOMALHAUT and CHEVALIER from Task Unit 32.4.8 to form Task Unit 32.4.19, according to ComTransGroup dispatch 280016Z.

A. J. Carlson
A. J. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1205 Task Unit 32.4.8, plus O'BANNON, MONTGOMERY, and BRIDGE, got underway and stood out of Guadalcanal area. FOMALHAUT remaining with the CHEVALIER, screening anchorage area.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. J. Carlson
A. J. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul E. Weaver
PAUL E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMAHAUT Tuesday 3 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			9°-38.5'S
Long.			161°-13.1'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, in Berth 84 in 12 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set. U.S.S. CHEVALIER screening unloading area.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

- 1250 Completed discharging cargo.
1420 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1500 Got underway for Nandi, Fiji Islands, in obedience to ComTransGroup dispatch 3123312, escorted by the U.S.S. CHEVALIER.
1500 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, conforming to Lengo Channel.
1534 Secured from Battle Condition II, and set Battle Condition III.
1536 Set course 090°(T), speed 14 knots.
1542 Passed Nugu Island abeam to port, distance approximately 6 miles.
1555 Cleared east entrance to Lengo Channel.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

- 1610 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
1742 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 090°(T).
1744 Changed course to 120°(T).
1755 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1830 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 120°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2130 Changed course to 100°(T).
2130 Passed Ulawa Island abeam to port.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul Weaver
PAUL L. S. WEAVER

Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer*

Examined:

Carter Gerthicks
Carter Gerthicks

Lieut., USN,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POWELL Wednesday 4 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°-48'S	11°-06.5'S	12°-35'S
Long.	163°-27'E	164°-07'E	164°-52'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Landi, Fiji Islands, escorted by the U.S.S. CHEVALIER. Course 100°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0100 Changed course to 120°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0530 Set General Quarters.

0545 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

0622 Secured from General Quarters, and reset Battle Condition III.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0810 Ceased zig-zagging, and changed course to 110°(T).

0812 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 26, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

1132 Ceased zig-zagging, and resumed base course 110°(T).

1134 Changed course to 145°(T).

1137 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 10, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1500 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5"56 cal.
8 rounds of 3"50 cal.

160 rounds of 20MM.

Expended the following pyrotechnics for testing purposes:
8 rockets
5 rounds of very pistol.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. E. Short
H. E. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 145°(T).

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul E. F. Weaver
PAUL E. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garrison
Carter Garrison,
Lieut., USN,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORMALHAUT Thursday 5 AUGUST, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14°-18'S	14°-41'S	15°-02.5'S
Long.	166°-25'E	167°-27'E	169°-21'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Rundi, Fiji Islands, escorted by the U.S.S. CHEVALIER. Course 145°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0100 Changed base course to 118°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(Jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 10, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

0545 Sighted Espiritu Santo Island bearing 168°(T).

0554 Sighted Vanua Lava Island bearing 052°(T).

0610 Sighted Santa Maria Island bearing 098°(T).

C. E. Short
C. E. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1145 Changed base course to 090°(T).

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1514 Changed base course to 112°(T).

M. W. Langert
M. W. Langert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

A. V. Darison
A. V. Darison,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1830 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 112°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2036 Received ComTransGroupSolwa dispatch 050043Z, instructing FORMALHAUT deliver two tank lighters to Boat Pool, Langa Point upon next arrival Solomon Islands.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(Jg), USN.

Approved:

Paul E. Weaver
PAUL E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthoff
Carter Garthoff,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORAINT Friday 6 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°-05.7'S	16°-25.5'S	17°-00.5'S
Long.	171°-45.5'E	172°-38'E	174°-16.1'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Nandi, Fiji Islands, escorted by the U.S.S. CHEVALIER. Course 112°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0100 Advanced all clocks one hour to zone minus 12 time.
A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0545 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 10, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.
A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1036 Changed course to 110°(T).
1130 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5" 51 cal.
7 rounds of 3" 50 cal.
243 rounds of 20MM.
200 rounds of 50 cal.
M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1440 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:
2 rounds of 5" 51 cal.
15 rounds of 3" 50 cal.
372 rounds of 20MM.
166 rounds of 50 cal.
O. S. Harrell
O. S. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 110°(T).
F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Increased speed to 14.5 knots.
A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved: *Paul L. E. Weaver*
PAUL L. E. WEAVER
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *Carter Garthright*
Carter Garthright
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORMOSA Saturday 7 AUGUST, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	17°-58'S		
Long.	177°-02'W		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Nandi, Fiji Islands, escorted by the U.S.S. CHEVALIER. Course 110°(T), speed 14.4 knots. Battle Condition III set.

J. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0530 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 10, zig-zag diagrams, 1940.

0541 Set General Quarters.

0545 Sighted Viti Levu Island, Fiji Islands, bearing 090°(T), distance 37 miles.

0630 Changed course to 126°(T).

0633 Secured from General Quarters, and reset Battle Condition III.

0725 Changed course to 077°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0817 Ceased zig-zagging, and resumed course 077°(T).

0830 Changed course to 055°(T).

0836 Changed course to 076°(T).

0842 Entered Navula Passage.

0850 Pilot McDonald, RNZR, came aboard.

0858 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, conforming to channel, standing toward anchorage.

0910 Passed entrance submarine nets abeam.

0938 Passed Turtle Rock buoy abeam to starboard, bearing 131°(T), distance 800 yards.

1018 Anchored off Vunda Point, Tomba Ko Nandi, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor.

1028 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1900 Received ComThird Fleet dispatch 070525Z, detaching U.S.S. CHEVALIER from Task Unit 32.4.19, to depart Nandi Waters on August 8, 1943, and proceed to Savannah Harbor.

R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. M. Zeilsbeck
J. M. Zeilsbeck,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. V. Weaver
PAUL L. V. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ROMALIAUT Sunday 8 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Vunda Point, Womba So Kandi, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Ships present: U.S.S. CHEVALIER.

0310 Commenced loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0720 U.S.S. FULLER stood in and moored.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0800 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Sager.

0805 Port engine placed out of commission for repair.

1024 U.S.S. CHEVALIER got underway and proceeded on assigned duty in obedience to ComThird Fleet dispatch 070525Z.

1145 Port engine placed back in commission.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1620 U.S.S. FULLER got underway and stood out of anchorage.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

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Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POWELL Monday 9 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Vanda Point, Tomba Ko Mandi, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor. Intermittent loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar.

F. E. Conger
F. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

C. E. Harrell
C. E. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

1330 Main engines placed out of commission for repair.
1420 Main engines placed back in commission.

J. V. Raileback
J. V. Raileback,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

C. E. Harrell
C. E. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. Weaver
PAUL L. WEAVER,
Commander, USN, *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN, *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP TCMATHAWE Tuesday 10 August, 1943
(Date) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Vunda Point, Tomba Ke Landi, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor. Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two like Sugar set.

J. W. Hailback
J. W. Hailback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1000 Starboard engine placed out of commission for repair.

1140 Starboard engine placed back in commission.

C. P. Wiechers
C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. P. Braun
R. P. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

C. P. Wiechers
C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Carthwright
Carter Carthwright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PCOMALSANT Wednesday 11 AUGUST, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Vunda Point, Tomba No Nandi, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar set.

M. W. Lamber
M. W. Lamber,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0600 Commenced preparations for getting underway.
0650 Pilot McDonald, RNR, came aboard.
0715 Completed loading cargo from Vunda Point.
0723 Got underway in compliance with ComTransGroup dispatch 312331Z, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing toward Wharf, Lautoka Harbor.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Moored port side to Wharf, Lautoka Harbor, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands.
0855 Dropped starboard anchor underfoot.
1135 Commenced loading cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1540 Received ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 110137Z, instructing U.S.S. HOVEY to proceed to Nandi, and report to U.S.S. PCOMALSANT for escort duty, August 14, 1943.

O. E. Harrell
O. E. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POCAHONTAS Thursday 12 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description - 12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Wharf, Lautoka Harbor, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands. Intermittent loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar set.

C. M. Marrell
C. M. Marrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. H. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1500 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1540 Completed loading cargo.

C. F. Mechers
C. F. Mechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Moored as before.

1630 Set General Quarters.

1647 Secured from General Quarters and reset Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Moored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2125 Received ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 120356Z, forming Task Unit 32.4.6 and containing departure, routing, unloading and arrival instructions for Noumea section and the Mendii section of which this ship is a part. U.S.S. HENDERSON, POCAHONTAS, and LIBRA return to Noumea upon completion of mission in Guadalcanal area.

F. H. Romanick
F. H. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 13 August , 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Wharf, Lautoka Harbor, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands.
Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar set.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0830 Set General Quarters.
0845 Secured from General Quarters and reset Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Saturday 14 August, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position 0800

1200

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Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)0000-0400 Moored port side to Wharf, Lautoka Harbor, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands.
Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar set.*J. W. Rallsback*
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.0400-0800 Moored as before.*O. M. Harrell*
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.0800-1200 Moored as before.

0905 Set General Quarters.

0916 Secured from General Quarters and reset Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.1200-1600 Moored as before.

1410 U.S.S. HOVEY stood into harbor and anchored, and reported for duty in obedience to ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 110137Z.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.1600-2000 Moored as before.*R. F. Braun*
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.2000-2400 Moored as before.*R. E. Conger*
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 15 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			17°-32.5'S
Long.			175°-43'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to wharf, Lautoka Harbor, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands.
Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0935 Pilot McDonald, RNZN, came aboard.
0950 U.S.S. HOVEY got underway and stood out of harbor to take screening position.
0958 Got underway in obedience to ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 120356Z, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing out of Lautoka Harbor.
1147 Passed entrance submarine nets abeam.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1202 Stopped. Pilot McDonald, RNZN, left ship.
1203 Resumed speed and entered Navula Passage.
1214 Cleared Navula Passage and set course 257°(T), speed 14 knots, U.S.S. HOVEY screening ahead.
1228 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Sugar and set Battle Condition III.
1230 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 26, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
1345 Changed base course to 292°(T).

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan No. 10, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940, maintaining base course 292°(T).

A. I. Short
A. I. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

N. W. Carlson
N. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. E. Weaver
PAUL L. E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 16 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°-33'S	16°-11.5'S	15°-25'S
Long.	173°-16.5'E	172°-25'E	170°-31'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Nandi, Fiji Islands to Guadalcanal area, escorted by the U.S.S. HOVEY. Base course 292°(T), speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 10, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1007 Exercised at General Quarters, followed by Battle Problem.
1032 Secured from General Quarters, and reset Battle Condition III.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1800 Retarded all clocks one hour to zone minus 11 time.
1851 Received ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 160511Z, detaching SS San Martin, SS Brastagi, U.S.S. ELLET and U.S.S. STEELE from Task Unit 32.4.6, forming Task Unit 32.4.11, to proceed to Espiritu Santo arriving about 0800, August 18, 1943.
1946 Received ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 160552Z, directing FOMALHAUT to proceed to Espiritu Santo to await orders, and assume command of Task Unit 32.4.11 upon arrival. U.S.S. HOVEY detached upon FOMALHAUT's entrance Espiritu Santo, to join Task Unit 32.4.6 at original rendezvous.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Changed base course to 291°(T).
2330 Changed base course to 235°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 17 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°-03'S	15°-40.5'S	
Long.	168°-12'E	167°-25.7'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Nandi, Fiji Islands, to Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides, escorted by the U.S.S. HOVEY. Base course 235°(T), speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 10, Zig-Zag diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0520 Received U.S.S. HOVEY's report via TBS of submarine contact between HOVEY and this ship.
0520 Changed course to 000°(T).
0527 Changed course to 010°(T).
0532 Changed course to 235°(T), and resumed zig-zagging according to plan No. 10, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
0533 U.S.S. HOVEY reported submarine contact lost.
0559 Sighted Pentecost Island, bearing 235°(T).
0600 Changed base course to 220°(T).
0632 Changed base course to 215°(T).
0700 Changed base course to 205°(T).
0721 Changed base course to 190°(T).
0745 Changed base course to 225°(T).
0755 Ceased zig-zagging, and changed course to 260°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0811 Changed course to 270°(T).
0818 Entered Selwyn Straits.
0824 Changed course to 298°(T).
0830 Exercised at General Quarters.
0845 Secured from General Quarters, and reset Battle Condition III.
0900 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 10, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
0900 Increased speed to 14.4 knots.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1220 Ceased zig-zagging, and resumed base course 298°(T).
1220 Reduced speed to 14 knots.
1225 U.S.S. HOVEY detached from escort duty in accordance with ComTrans-GroupSoPac dispatch 160552Z, and proceeded on duty assigned.
1256 Passed between Tutuba Island and Bogacio Island.
1256 Changed course to 345°(T).
1318 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to Second Channel, standing toward anchorage.
1332 Passed submarine nets abeam.
1352 Anchored in Berth 7 in Second Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides, in 17 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 17 August, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1200-1600 (Cont'd)

1405 Secured from Battle Condition III, and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

1550 Received ComTransGroupSoPac dispatch 170133Z, directing McCALLA to report to FOMALHAUT for escort duty.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Cowanship Officer.

Examined:

Carter Gerthright
Carter Gerthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 18 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 7, Second Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides, in 17 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0812 Received visual message from Port Director directing FOMALHAUT to shift to Berth 19.

0825 Commenced preparations to get underway.

0850 Got underway to shift Berth, steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

0907 Anchored in Berth 19 in 25 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1300 Starboard engine placed out of commission for repair.

1400 Starboard engine placed back in commission.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORAMIAUT

Thursday

19 August, 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in berth 19, Second Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides, in 35 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0415 Received ComTransGrSoPac dispatch 1800092, canceling ComTransGrSoPac dispatch 180209, and instructing FORAMIAUT that overhaul and docking will be at Wellington, New Zealand.

O. P. Wiersma
O. P. Wiersma
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0940 U.S.S. WEDMILLA stood in.
1010 U.S.S. DRAGO stood in and anchored.
1110 Commenced loading cargo from U.S.S. DRAGO.

E. Hicks
E. Hicks
Lieut.(JG), USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1225 Completed loading cargo from U.S.S. DRAGO.
1235 Emergency Fire Alarm sounded. Fire in No. 1 Hold caused by short circuit in electric motor.
1240 Secured from fire quarters. No damage.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller
Lieut.(JG), G-V(S), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

O. P. Wiersma
O. P. Wiersma
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1850 Received ComTransGrSoPac dispatch 1904372, designating Commanding Officer of U.S.S. PATIENT as Commander Task Unit 32.4.11, and containing departure, routing, unloading and arrival instructions. FORAMIAUT to proceed to Wellington, New Zealand, for overhaul on departure from Guadalcanal area.

O. W. Harrell
O. W. Harrell
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul E. Weaver
PAUL E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Garret Garthright
Garret Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOCHALHAUT Friday 25 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0800-1400 Anchored in berth 19, Second Channel, Espirito Santo Island, New Hebrides in 25 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Tattle Condition Two Mike Aids set.

0100 Received ComSeronSoPacSubJms dispatch 191230Z, informing FOCHALHAUT that U.S.S. PATHEM will not be ready for departure before forenoon Saturday.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(Jr), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(Jr), C-7(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0957 Received ComSeronSoPac dispatch 151027Z, granting FOCHALHAUT unrestricted availability for docking and repairs at Wellington, New Zealand, from August 28, 1943 to September 10, 1943.

1012 Received ComTransRSoPac dispatch 192100Z, notifying Task Unit 32.4.11 of 24 hour delay of departure.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-7(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. E. Conner
R. E. Conner,
Ens., D-7(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-7(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul E. Sawyer
PAUL E. SAWYER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Bartholomew
Carter Bartholomew,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP YAGALANT Saturday 21 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		15°-37'E	14°-02.5'E
Long.		167°-16'E	166°-45.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0430 Anchored in berth 19, Second Channel, Espiritu Santo Island, New Hebrides in 25 fathoms of water, with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick

F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(9), USNR.

0430-0800 Anchored as before.

R. P. Braun

R. P. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(9), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0900 Commenced preparations for getting underway.

0949 Got underway in accordance with Commander Task Unit 32.4.11 operation order No. 3-43, enroute Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal area. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

1025 Passed submarine nets ahead.

1046 Changed course to 163°(T), speed 14 knots.

1128 Passed between Tutuba Island and Roguio Island.

1138 Changed course to 090°(T).

1142 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set Battle Condition III.

1150 Changed course to 030°(T).

J. W. Milshack

J. W. Milshack,
Ens., D-V(9), USNR.

1200-1500 Steaming as before.

1219 Task Unit 32.4.11 formed cruising disposition taking formation line of Section guides: First Section, U.S.S. PATIENT and S.S. GATE SAN MARTIN; Second Section, U.S.S. YAGALANT and S.S. HASTAGI. Screened by ELINT, MCKEEL and STEWIE. Commander Task Unit is U.S.S. PATIENT. Base course 030°(T), speed 13.5 knots.

1246 Changed course and convoy axis to 000°(T).

1300 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Increased speed to 14 knots.

1419 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 000°(T)

1429 sighted Gura Island bearing 020°(T), distance 3.5 miles.

1430 Changed base course and convoy axis to 321°(T).

1542 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

R. A. Keller

R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(9), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

O. H. Harrell

O. H. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(9), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

W. W. Lanzetta

W. W. Lanzetta,
Ens., D-V(9), USNR.

Approved:

R. A. Keller

R. A. Keller,
Commander, USNR., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Cartwright

Carter Cartwright,
Lieut., USNR., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORMALAUT 22 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12°-56'N	11°-23.5'N	10°-10'N
Long.	164°-58'W	161°-20'W	162°-58'W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.11, enroute Espiritu Santo to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of action guides: First Section, U.S.S. PATWENT and S.S. LIFE GARD MANTA; Second Section, U.S.S. FORMALAUT and S.S. BRASTALL; escorted by HULL, WILBY, and STERIS; Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. PATWENT. Base course 321°(T), speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

C. W. Holt
C. W. Holt,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0600 Steaming as before.

0509 Set General quarters.
0555 Secured from General quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

G. W. Carlson
G. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-7(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Changed base course and convoy axis to 318°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1202 Received ComNavActSols dispatch 212234J, designating unloading berths for Task Unit 32.4.11. FORMALAUT assigned Berth 66.
1418 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 318°(T).
1420 Changed base course and convoy axis to 297°(T).
1430 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
1553 Changed base course and convoy axis to 298°(T).
1554 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

5 rounds of 3"/50 Cal.
71 rounds of 20/21

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-7(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1805 Set General Quarters.
1856 Secured from General quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved: *Paul Weaver*
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *Carter Eastright*
Carter Eastright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP TULLAHATCH Sunday 22 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

C. W. Farrell
 C. W. Farrell,
 Lieut., D-7(G), USN.

Approved:

Paul L. Weaver
PAUL L. WEAVER
 Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright
 Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORREST Monday 23 August 1943
(Date) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-20'S	09°-34'S	
Long.	160°-40.7'E	160°-10'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0800-0800 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.1.11, enroute Espirito Santo to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First Section, U.S.S. FORREST and U.S. USS THE MURKIN; Second Section, U.S.S. FORREST and U.S. USS THE MURKIN; escorted by USS THE MURKIN, USS THE MURKIN, and USS THE MURKIN. Task Unit Commander is U.S.S. FORREST. Base course 298°(T), speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

- 0810 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 298°(T).
- 0815 Changed base course and convoy axis to 275°(T).
- 0847 Sighted Alifan Island bearing 257°(T), distance 8 miles.
- 0909 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 0940 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 275°(T).
- 0945 Changed course and convoy axis to 311°(T).
- 0960 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

M. W. Sampert
 M. W. Sampert,
 Ens., D-7(C), USN.

0900-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0633 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 311°(T).
- 0638 Changed base course and convoy axis to 284°(T).
- 0650 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. H. Smith
 A. H. Smith,
 Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0805 Passed Rura Sura Island abeam to port, distance 5 miles.
- 0850 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 284°(T).
- 0855 Changed course and convoy axis to 270°(T).
- 0918 Entered Lengo Channel.
- 0925 Changed course and convoy axis to 265°(T).
- 0945 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition II.
- 0950 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel, standing toward assigned anchorages.
- 1014 Anchored off Koli Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 66 in 15 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. All vessels of the escort screening anchorage area.
- 1100 All boats waterborne, and ship commenced discharging cargo.

J. W. Carlson
 J. W. Carlson,
 Lieut., D-7(C), USN.

Approved: *Paul E. F. ...*
 PAUL E. F. ...
 Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *Carter Garthright*
 Carter Garthright,
 Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP YONAHAVE Monday 23 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.
7 m Fromovich
 F. M. Fromovich,
 Lieut. (jg), D-V(O), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.
C. Gerthright
 C. Gerthright,
 Lieut., USN.

Approved:

Paul L.P. Weaver
 PAUL L.P. WEAVER
 COMMANDER, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Gerthright
 Carter Gerthright,
 Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ROMAINEAU Tuesday 24 August , 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0800 Anchored off Koli Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 66 in 13 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set. U.S.S. MCQUEEN, ELLIOT, and STEWART screening the unloading area.

0330 Completed discharging cargo assigned to Koli Point.
0358 U.S.S. RAMMERT got underway and stood out of anchorage area.
0615 Got underway steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward Tulagi Harbor.
0620 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition III.
0758 Anchored in Berth 6, Tulagi Harbor, in 24 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jr), D-V(O), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0806 Got underway in compliance with Port Director Tulagi dispatch 232045Z, directing ROMAINEAU to shift anchorage to Purvis Bay, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
0916 Anchored in point of tangency of Berths 4 and 12, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, in 29 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
0927 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.
0950 Commenced discharging cargo.
1120 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set Battle Condition II.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(O), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1638 Received notice of the presence of unidentified plane in this area via Harbor Circuit, Purvis Bay. Set General Quarters.
1639 Sighted one plane overhead, altitude about 15,000 feet, laying track of smoke. Plane approached from the West and circled, leaving the area in a southerly direction. No bombs dropped and no ammunition expended.
1642 Secured from General Quarters and reset Battle Condition II.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jr), D-V(O), USNR.

Approved: *[Signature]*
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *[Signature]*
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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		(Day)	(Date)	(Month)		
Zone description	<u>-11</u>					
Position	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>			
Lat.						
Long.						

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in point of tangency of Bertha 4 and 12, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, in 29 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II ast.

C. Cartright
C. Cartright,
Lieut., USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(3), USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1140 U.S.S. PANAMA got underway and stood out of harbor.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-7(3), USN.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

C. Cartright
C. Cartright,
Lieut., USN.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

M. W. Lambert
M. W. Lambert,
Ens., D-7(3), USN.

Approved:

Paul L. Weaver
PAUL L. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Cartright
Carter Cartright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP YONAHAI

Thursday
(Day)

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(Date)

August
(Month)

1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

- 1600 U.S.S. STEELE got underway from starboard side and resumed screening position.
- 1630 Commenced preparations to get underway.
- 1725 Got underway for Wellington, New Zealand in obedience to ComTransRear's dispatch 190437Z, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to clear anchorage. U.S.S. STEELE screening ahead.
- 1750 Set course to 074°(T), speed 14.4 knots.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1805 Entered Lango Channel.
- 1815 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition III.
- 1857 Cleared eastern entrance of Lango Channel.

K. W. Carlson
K. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-7(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2020 Changed course to 120°(T).
- 2058 Passed Hura Island abeam to starboard, distance 4 miles.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. E. Weaver
PAUL L. E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Cartright
Carter Cartright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORWARD Thursday 26 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0100 Anchored in point of tangency of berms 4 and 12, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, in 29 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set.

0035 Completed discharging cargo consigned to Talagi.
0315 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0600-0800 Anchored as before.

0515 Commenced preparations to get underway.
0609 Got underway for Tenaru, Guadalcanal, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
0841 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set Battle Condition III.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0808 Anchored off Tenaru, Guadalcanal, in Berth 32 in 19 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor.
0815 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition II.
0845 Commenced discharging cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-7(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1430 U.S.S. STERLE moored alongside to starboard to receive diesel fuel.
1458 Commenced discharging diesel fuel to STERLE.
1514 Completed discharging cargo.
1536 Completed discharging diesel fuel to STERLE, having delivered 15,000 gallons.

C. Garthright
C. Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved: *Paul L. Weaver*
PAUL L. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined: *Carter Garthright*
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP YAGALHAUT Friday 27 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°-27'S	10°-55'S	12°-11'S
Long.	163°-09'E	163°-52'E	164°-24'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Wallington, New Zealand, escorted by U.S.S. STELLA. Base course 120°(T); speed 14.4 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0000 Changed course to 100°(T).
0100 Changed course to 090°(T).
0300 Changed course to 120°(T).

C. W. Harrell
C. W. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0540 Set General quarters.
0545 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
0618 Secured from General Quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

A. W. Shore
A. W. Shore,
Boatswain, USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1313 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 120°(T).
1315 Changed base course to 160°(T).
1325 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1930 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 160°(T).

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Changed course to 155°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *Paul E. Weaver*
PAUL E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *Curta Cartright*
Curta Cartright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP YAG-40 Saturday 28 August, 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1930 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 150°(T).

F. M. Romanick

F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(2), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

J. J. Hicks

J. J. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

Paul E. V. Weaver
PAUL E. V. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Arthur Cartwright
Arthur Cartwright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POULOVIT Saturday 26 August 1943
(Date) (Time) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	17°-53' S	17°-45' S	17°-23' S
Long.	155°-21' W	155°-02' W	154°-11' W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0600-0800 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area, to Wellington, New Zealand, escorted by the U.S.S. STEEL. Course 155°(T), speed 11.4 knots. Battle Position III set.

J. Hicks
Lieut. (jg), USN.

0800-0900 Steaming as before.

0900 Commenced air-landing according to air-sea plan No. 12, II-Gen Diagrams, 1942.

C. M. Marrell
Lieut. (jg), USN.

0900-1200 Steaming as before.

0931 Set General Quarters.

0936 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

- 2 rounds 3"/50 Cal.
- 300 rounds 20" Cal.
- 30 rounds 30" Cal.
- 30 rounds 30" Cal.

Expended the following pyrotechnics for testing purposes:

- 2 flash smoke rockets.

0907 Secured from General Quarters and reset Battle Position III.

M. W. Sampert
Lieut. (jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1200 Changed base course to 150°(T).

A. L. Short
Lieut. (jg), USN.

1600-1700 Steaming as before.

1700 Reduced speed to 11 knots due to heavy head sea.

J. W. Carson
Lieut. (jg), USN.

Approved:

Paul L. Weaver
PAUL L. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garbriels
Carter Garbriels,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POWHELE Sunday 29 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12°-21'N	20°-27'N	21°-14'N
Long.	157°-21'W	158°-11'W	158°-19'W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0800-0800 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to destination, New Zealand, supported by U.S.S. SPHINX on course 151°(T), speed 14 knts. Battle position III set.

Oustanella
C. W. Barrett,
Lieut., D-7(S), USN.

0800-0900 Steaming as before.

0810 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, 110-120 Diagram, 1943. Base course 151°(T).

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Lieut., D-7(S), USN.

0900-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Increased speed to 14.2 knts.
0900 Changed base course to 142°(T).

W. H. Hunt
W. H. Hunt,
Lieut., D-7(S), USN.

1200-1500 Steaming as before.

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-7(S), USN.

1500-1800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-7(S), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 142°(T).

F. J. Hicks
F. J. Hicks,
Lieut., D-7(S), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

Oustanella
C. W. Barrett,
Lieut., D-7(S), USN.

Approved: *Paul Weaver*
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *Carla Kovich*
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP TOMAHAWK Monday 30 August, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	24°-35'S	24°-04'S	26°-50'S
Long.	175°-28'E	176°-25.5'E	176°-21'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Tondianan area to Wellington, New Zealand, escorted by U.S.S. STEELH. Course 142°(T), speed 14.2 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0200 Changed course to 175°(T).

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(3), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 12, Zig-Zag Diagram, 1940.

A. I. Short
A. I. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0908 Increased speed to 14.4 knots.

1140 U.S.S. STEELH detached from escort duty in obedience to ComTransDivSOPac dispatch 240722Z, and proceeded to Noumea, New Caledonia.

J. A. Carlson
J. A. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(3), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1510 Increase speed to 14.6 knots.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(3), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1620 reduced speed to 14.4 knots.

T. J. Hicks
T. J. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1835 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 175°(T).

O. H. Harrell
O. H. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(3), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(3), USNR.

Approved:

Paul E. P. Weaver
PAUL E. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USNR,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carta Garthright
Carta Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP PCHEMANT

Tuesday 31 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	29°-31'N	29°-31'N	28°-30'N
Long.	176°-41.5'W	176°-47.5'W	176°-31'W

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Wellington, New Zealand. Course 175°(T), speed 14.4 knots. Battle Position III set.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

0400-0500 Steaming as before.

0500 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, 21-Zac Diagram, 1940.

J. W. Carlson
J. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-7(1), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(1), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

O. W. Harrell
O. W. Harrell,
Ensign, D-7(1), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1915 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 175°(T).

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ensign, D-7(1), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2000 Changed course to 173°(T). Increased speed to 14.6 knots.

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

Approved:

Paul L. Weaver
PAUL L. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Arthur Cartwright
Arthur Cartwright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORALIAUT Wednesday 1 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	34°-46'E	35°-39'E	37°-20'E
Long.	171°-25'E	171°-30'E	172°-41'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0800-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Wellington, New Zealand. Course 173°(T), speed 14.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0445 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, Zig-Zag Diagram, 1940.
0600 Changed course to 160°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1107 Increased speed to 14.8 knots.
1158 Increased speed to 15 knots.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1253 Reduced speed to 14.4 knots.

O. M. Barrell
O. M. Barrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1845 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 160°(T).

A. L. Short
A. L. Short,
Boatswain, USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

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Approved:

Paul L. K. Sawyer
PAUL L. K. SAWYER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carly Gardner
CARLY GARDNER,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORGALMUTThursday 2 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	39°-48' S	40°-20' S	
Long.	173°-27' E	174°-28' E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Wellington, New Zealand. Course 162°(T), speed 14.4 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0100 Advanced all clocks one hour to zone minus 12 time.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0433 Sighted Cape Egmont Light bearing 140°(T), distance approximately 25 miles.
0506 Changed course to 170°(T). Increased speed to 14.6 knots.
0513 Sighted New Plymouth Light bearing 110°(T), distance 20 miles.
0520 Changed course to 185°(T).
0537 Passed Cape Egmont Light abeam to port.
0614 Changed course to 153°(T).

T. J. Hicks
T. J. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

O. H. Barrell
O. H. Barrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1200 Changed course to 170°(T).
1301 Changed course to 090°(T).
1306 Changed course to 083°(T).
1326 Changed course to 016°(T).
1510 Passed Pencarrow lighthouse abeam to starboard.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1603 Passed entrance submarine nets abeam.
1616 Stopped. Pilot Gell, USNR, came aboard.
1617 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, to conform to channel, steaming into Wellington Harbor.
1640 Dropped starboard anchor underfoot to assist mooring.
1644 Moored nose side to Lotos Quay, in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand.
1703 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

J. W. Hallstrom
J. W. Hallstrom,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul J. Weaver
PAUL J. WEAVER,
Commander, USNR, Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Arthur Cartwright
Arthur Cartwright,
Lieut., USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOCAL POINT Thursday 2 September, 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

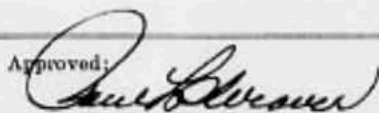
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)2000-2400 Hoored as before.

Quintance
 O. H. Harroll,
 Ens., D-7(C), USNR.

Approved:



Commander, USNR, Commanding Officer.

Examined:



Lieut., USNR, Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP YAG-40 Friday 3 September, 1943
(Ship) (Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-7(2), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

F. W. Rallsback
F. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-7(2), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

1000 Received ComBoroSops dispatch 270437Z, modifying ComBoroSops dispatch 19027Z, changing availability for cooking and messes to September 2, 1943 through September 16, 1943.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(2), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-7(2), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-7(2), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

F. E. Conger
F. E. Conger,
Ens., D-7(2), USNR.

Approved:

Paul S. Brewer
Paul S. Brewer,
Commander, USN.,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Reinhart
Carter Reinhart,
Lieut., USN.,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALINEUT Saturday 4 September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Astea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Position Two Line Able.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-7(S), USN.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-7(O), USN.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

A. A. Keller
A. A. Keller,
Lieut. (jg), D-7(S), USN.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1500 received ComGeronimo dispatch 030324Z, containing loading and routing instructions for POMALINEUT and LIBRA.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-7(O), USN.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-7(O), USN.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

A. A. Keller
A. A. Keller,
Lieut. (jg), D-7(S), USN.

Approved:

Paul L. Weaver
PAUL L. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Bartholomew
Carter Bartholomew,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT

Sunday 5 September, 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay, Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
COMMANDER, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 6 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0705 U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER left dry dock and moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 2.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1650 U.S.S. FELAND got underway to shift berths.

1700 U.S.S. FELAND moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 3.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Tuesday 7 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

1020 U.S.3. GEORGE CLYMER got underway and stood out of harbor.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

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PAUL L.F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined: *Carter Garthright*
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 8 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. F. Brauh
R. F. Brauh,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1400 Received ComTransGrThirdPhib airmailgram 050359Z, containing additional loading instructions for FOMALHAUT, IBRA, and HUNTER LIGGETT.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Thursday 9 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0734 U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY got underway and stood toward dry dock.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0845 U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY entered dry dock.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Friday

10 September

19 43

Zone description -12

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.*F. M. Romanick*
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.0400-0800 Moored as before.*R. E. Conger*
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.0800-1200 Moored as before.0910 Floating crane, HIKITIA, moored alongside to starboard to assist in removing spare propeller from this ship.
1150 HIKITIA cleared starboard side.*R. A. Keller*
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.1200-1600 Moored as before.*O. M. Harrell*
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.1600-2000 Moored as before.1905 U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY cleared dry dock.
1945 U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY moored starboard side to Aotea Quay in Berth 3.*R. W. Murphy*
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.2000-2400 Moored as before.*R. A. Keller*
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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Saturday 11 September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0600 Commenced preparations to get underway.
0650 Pilot Bullock, RNZN, came aboard.
0703 Got underway, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing toward floating dry dock.
0726 Moored at entrance to dry dock.
0737 Bow passed over sill of dry dock by use of various lines.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0801 Commenced pumping water from dry dock.
0850 Dock Master reported all shores in place and ship docked.
0852 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set special watches.
1000 Received radio Auckland dispatch 100541Z, containing estimated completion dates for CRESCENT CITY, FOMALHAUT and HUNTER LIGGETT. FOMALHAUT to be completed September 17, 1943.
1005 U.S.S. ORMSBY stood in harbor.
1040 U.S.S. ORMSBY moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Dry docked as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Dry docked as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Dry docked as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 12 September, 19 43

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Resting on keel blocks in floating dry dock, Wellington, New Zealand.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Dry docked as before.

0720 U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT stood into harbor and moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 2.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Dry docked as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Dry docked as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Dry docked as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), G-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Dry docked as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 13 September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Resting on keel blocks in floating dry dock, Wellington, New Zealand.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Dry docked as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Dry docked as before.

1030 U.S.S. FELAND got underway and stood into harbor and anchored.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Dry docked as before.

1420 Commenced preparations to get underway.
1429 Commenced flooding dry dock.
1515 Pilot McCloud, RNZN, came aboard.
1549 Commenced using starboard engine and various lines to clear dry dock, tug TERAWAITI assisting.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

1603 Bow cleared sill of floating dry dock.
1608 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds standing toward Aotea Quay, Berth 4.
1635 Dropped starboard anchor to assist in mooring.
1638 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.
1735 Fuel barge moored along side to starboard, tug KAHNARY assisting.
1803 Commenced fueling from barge. Draft of ship: Fwd. 9' 06"
Aft. 16' 00"
Mean 6' 06"

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

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Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Monday

13

September

19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -12

Position 0800

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Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Moored as before.

2233 Completed fueling; received 153,644 gallons; on hand 379,235 gallons. Draft of ship: Fwd. 7' 00"
Aft. 21' 00"
Mean 14' 00"

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN.,

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Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 14 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. P. Wischers
O. P. Wischers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0845 U.S.S. ORMSBY got underway and stood out into harbor and anchored.
0928 Fuel barge cleared starboard side of ship.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 15 September, 1943

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0830 Commenced loading cargo.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

1357 Emergency fire alarm sounded. Fire in No. 1 Hold, caused by welding torch igniting paint on bulkhead.

1407 Secured from fire quarters. No damage.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

1715 U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY got underway and stood out of harbor.

1800 Stopped loading cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Thursday 16 September, 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position 0800

1200

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Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Commenced loading cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN.,

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Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 17 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0748 U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT got underway.
0945 U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT entered dry dock.
1000 U.S.S. ORMSBY stood in and moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 1.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

1250 U.S.S. FELAND stood in and moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 2.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Saturday 18 September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

2230 Received ComTransGrThirdPhib dispatch 180646Z containing departure instructions and directing FOMALHAUT to proceed to Lat. 27°-20' S; Long. 168°-32' E, to arrive at 0600Z 23 September 1943, and take direct route to join convoy at 0600Z 24 September 1943.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 19 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0705 U.S.S. ORMSBY got underway and stood out into harbor and anchored.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut., D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1220 U.S.S. FELAND got underway.

1245 U.S.S. FELAND stood out of harbor.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

1813 Received ComTransGrThird Phib dispatch 190336Z canceling ComTransGrThirdPhib dispatch 180446Z, and directing FOMALHAUT to proceed to Noumea for delivery of boats.

F. M. Romanik
F. M. Romanik,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

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Carter Garthright
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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 20 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		41°-22.5'S	39°-27'S
Long.		174°-35'E	173°-32'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Aotea Quay in Berth 4, Wellington, New Zealand. Intermittent loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

- 0845 Completed loading cargo. Pilot McLeod, RNZN, came aboard.
- 1000 Got underway for Noumea, New Caledonia in obedience to ComTransGrThirdPhib dispatch 190336Z, and commenced steaming over degaussing range for one run while standing out of harbor to check calibration data.
- 1043 Stopped. Pilot McLeod, RNZN, left ship.
- 1044 Resumed speed and commenced steaming toward entrance submarine nets.
- 1051 Passed entrance submarine nets abeam.
- 1100 Passed Steeple Rock abeam to port, distance 475 yards.
- 1105 Set course 190°(T), speed 14 knots.
- 1108 Passed Pencarrow Lighthouse abeam to port. Changed course to 250°(T).
- 1120 Secured from Battle Condition Two Mike Able and set Battle Condition III.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1201 Changed course to 350°(T).
- 1338 Changed course to 335°(T).
- 1454 Increased speed to 14.9 knots.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut, D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

- 1600 Increased speed to 15.2 knots.
- 1710 Increased speed to 15.4 knots.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT

Monday

20

September

19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		41°-22.5'S	39°-27'S
Long.		174°-25'E	173°-32'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1804 Increased speed to 15.5 knots.
- 1806 Reduced speed to 15.4 knots.
- 1900 Retarded all clocks one hour to zone minus 11 time.
- 1828 Changed course to 330°(T).
- 1929 Sighted Cape Egmont Light bearing 019°(T), distance approximately 18 miles.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2009 Changed course to 340°(T).
- 2037 Reduced speed to 15.2 knots.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

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Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Tuesday 21 September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37°09'S	26°-20'S	34°-48.5'S
Long.	172°33'E	172°-16'E	171°-34'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Wellington, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 340°(T), speed 14.9 knots. Battle Condition III set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0515 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1025 Reduced speed to 14.5 knots.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1200 Changed base course to 336°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1830 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 336°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Wednesday 22 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	32°-22'S	31°-40'S	29°-58'S
Long.	170°-25'E	170°-04'E	169°-27'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Wellington, New Zealand, to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 336°(T), speed 14.7 knots. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0415 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
0600 Increased speed to 15.2 knots.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Set General Quarters.
0840 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

- 9 rounds 3"/50 Cal.
- 506 rounds 20MM.
- 99 rounds 50 Cal.
- 120 rounds 30 Cal.

0843 Secured from General Quarters and reset Battle Condition III.
1131 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 212303Z, directing U.S.S. GRAYSON to join FOMALHAUT in Lat. 26°-17'S; Long. 167°-41'E, at 0100Z September 23, 1943.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1313 Increased speed to 15.4 knots.
1452 Increased speed to 15.6 knots.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Wednesday 22 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1830 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 336°(T).
1955 Increased speed to 15.7 knots.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2123 Reduced speed to 15.6 knots.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Thursday 23 September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	27°-28'S	26°-37'S	24°-59'S
Long.	168°-03'E	167°-50'E	167°-09.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Wellington, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia. Course 336°(T), speed 15.6 knots. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0430 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

0550 Reduced speed to 15.4 knots.

0610 Changed base course to 347°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1204 Changed base course to 340°(T).

1242 U.S.S. GRAYSON joined FOMALHAUT and took screening position.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1845 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 340°(T).

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2100 Changed course to 335°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

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Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 24 September, 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Wellington, New Zealand to Noumea, New Caledonia, escorted by U.S.S. GRAYSON. Course 335°(T), speed 15.2 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0353 Changed course to 290°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0440 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

0446 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 290°(T).

0510 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 38, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

0542 Changed base course to 050°(T).

0633 Changed base course to 065°(T).

0729 Ceased zig-zagging and changed course to 010°(T).

0735 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse, New Caledonia, bearing 014°(T), distance 9 miles.

0740 Changed course to 330°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Changed course to 050°(T).

0807 Changed course to 048°(T).

0817 Passed through Bulari Pass.

0820 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

0835 Passed Amedee Lighthouse abeam to port.

0935 Anchored in Berth 42, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 10 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

0948 Got underway to shift berths, steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward anchorage.

1004 Anchored in point of tangency of Berths 42 and 30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

1010 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Friday

24 September

1943

Zone description -11

Position 0800

1200

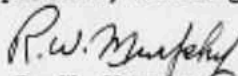
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Lat.

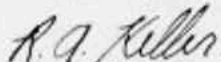
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1200-1600 Anchored as before.

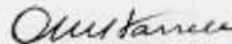
1530 Received ComTransGrThirdPhib dispatch 240351Z, forming Task Unit 32.4.8, consisting of the U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, ROBIN WENTLEY, U.S.S. TERRY, U.S.S. GRAYSON and U.S.S. TAYLOR. Also containing instructions for departure, routing, and arrival of Task Unit in Guadalcanal area.



R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

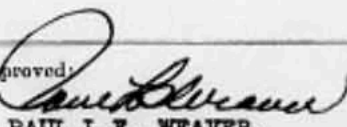
1600-2000 Anchored as before.


R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.


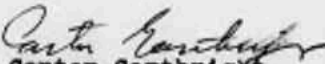
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

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Commanding Officer.

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Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Saturday 25 September, 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in point of tangency of Berths 42 and 30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), O-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

O. P. Wischers
O. P. Wischers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 26 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		21°-55.5'S	20°-42'S
Long.		165°-07'E	163°-39'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in point of tangency of Berths 42 and 30, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

- 0525 Got underway for Guadalcanal area in compliance with ComTransGr-ThirdPhib dispatch 240351Z, in company with Task Unit 32.4.9. Steaming on various courses at various speeds.
- 0605 Formed column, order of ships U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and S.S. ROBIN WENTLEY, with U.S.S. TAYLOR and U.S.S. GRAYSON in screening position ahead of column.
- 0657 Passed through Bulari Pass.
- 0720 Task Unit 32.4.9 formed cruising disposition taking formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and S.S. ROBIN WENTLEY; Second section, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Screened by U.S.S. TAYLOR and U.S.S. GRAYSON. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Course 270°(T), speed 14.5 knots.
- 0732 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 0755 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 270°(T). Changed course and convoy axis to 304°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0805 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 1000 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

7 rounds 3"/50 Cal.
168 rounds 20MM
27 rounds 50 Cal.
50 rounds 30 Cal.

Expended the following pyrotechnics for testing purposes:

1 black smoke rocket

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul I. F. Weaver
PAUL I. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 26 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1328 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, increased speed to 15 knots.
 1419 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 304°(T).
 1423 Changed course and convoy axis to 315°(T).
 1432 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
 A. W. Carlson,
 Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1815 U.S.S. TERRY joined convoy and took screening position ahead.

H. E. Dorsey
 H. E. Dorsey,
 Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
 T. Hicks,
 Lieut.(jg), USN.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Monday 27 September, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	18°-40'S	18°-03'S	16°-30'S
Long.	162°-17'E	162°-16'E	162°-51.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and S.S. ROBIN WENTLEY; Second section, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; escorted by U.S.S. TAYLOR, U.S.S. GRAYSON and U.S.S. TERRY. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 315°(T), speed 15 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0620 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 315°(T).
0625 Changed course and convoy axis to 000°(T).
0634 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

1026 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 000°(T).
1030 Changed course and convoy axis to 025°(T).
1045 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2003 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 025°(T).
2019 Changed course and convoy axis to 010°(T).
2032 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 28 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	14°-01'S	13°-02'S	11°-19.5'S
Long.	163°-17'E	163°-26'E	163°-33'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and S.S. ROBIN WENTLEY; Second section, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; escorted by U.S.S. TAYLOR, U.S.S. GRAYSON and U.S.S. TERRY. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 010°(T), speed 15 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 194C. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Set general quarters.
0557 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

1647 Received ComTask Group 32.6 dispatch 272340Z, designating unloading berth for FOMALHAUT.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1925 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 010°(T).
1930 Changed course to 342°(T).
1950 Changed course to 313°(T).

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2015 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 29 September 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-53'S	09°-24.5'S	
Long.	161°-18'E	160°-34'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and S.S. ROBIN WENTLEY; Second section, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 313°(T), speed 15 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
 F. M. Romanick,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0400 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 313°(T).
- 0415 Changed course to 276°(T).
- 0500 Set general quarters.
 Changed course to 256°(T).
- 0509 Sighted Aliti Island, bearing 120°(T), distance 20 miles.
- 0520 Changed course to 276°(T).
- 0535 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 0557 Secured from general quarters, and reset Battle Condition III.
- 0658 Ceased zig-zagging, and resumed base course 276°(T).
- 0700 Changed course to 309°(T).
- 0712 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

H. E. Dorsey
 H. E. Dorsey,
 Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 1035 Ceased zig-zagging, and resumed base course 309°(T).
- 1038 Changed course to 285°(T).
- 1143 Passed Rura Sura Island abeam to port, distance 8000 yards.

R. A. Keller
 R. A. Keller,
 Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

- 1235 Changed course to 270°(T).
- 1236 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, took assigned station in column formation 1000 yards astern of S.S. ROBIN WENTLEY.
- 1246 Entered east entrance of Lengo Channel.
- 1300 Received orders from U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION to proceed independently.
- 1445 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel, standing toward anchorage.
- 1446 Secured from Battle Condition III, and set Battle Condition II.
- 1515 Anchored off Tassafaranga Point, Guadalcanal, in 40 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

Approved: *Paul L.F. Weaver*
 PAUL L.F. WEAVER,
 Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *Carter Garthright*
 Carter Garthright,
 Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-53'S	09°-24.5'S	
Long.	161°-18'E	160°-34'E	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1200-1800 (Cont'd)

- 1530 Got underway to shift berths, steaming on various courses at various speeds.
- 1608 Anchored off Tassafaranga Point, Guadalcanal, in 45 fathom of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
- 1626 Got underway to shift berths, steaming on various courses at various speeds.
- 1717 Anchored off Tassafaranga Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 134 in 60 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. U.S.S. GRAYSON screening unloading area.
- 1725 All boats waterborne, and ship commenced discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanik
F. M. Romanik,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul I. F. Weaver
PAUL I. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

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Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Thursday 30 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Tassafaranga Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 134, in 60 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set. U.S.S. GRAYSON screening unloading area.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0735 U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION got underway and stood out of anchorage area, escorted by U.S.S. GRAYSON.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 1 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Tassafaranga Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 13, in 60 fathoms of water with 105 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1525 Received ComBerronSoPas dispatch C101202, forming Task Unit 35.2.1 composed of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and S.S. JAMES BAKER FRANCIS escorted by U.S.S. LEVY and U.S.S. STARTING. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Also contains departure and routing instructions for Task Unit.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut. (jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1820 Completed discharging cargo consigned to Tassafaranga Point.
1825 Commenced preparations for getting underway.
1843 Got underway steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward Lunga Point.
2003 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 26, in 16 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

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Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Convening Officer.*

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Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Saturday 2 October 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 26, in 16 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition II set.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before.

- 0611 Commenced discharging of cargo.
- 0953 Completed discharging cargo consigned to Lunga Point.
- 1056 Commenced preparations to get underway.
- 1129 Got underway for Espiritu Santo in obedience to ComSerRonSoPac dispatch 010120Z, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to clear anchorage.
- 1131 Set course 078 (T), speed 14 knots.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1200 Secured from Battle Condition II, and set Battle Condition III. Changed course to 090°(T).
- 1209 S.S. JAMES B. FRANCIS, U.S.S. LEVY, and U.S.S. STARLING joined FOMALHAUT forming Task Unit 35.2.1. S.S. JAMES B. FRANCIS took position astern of this ship and LEVY and STARLING took screening position ahead of column.
- 1213 Changed convoy speed to 11 knots.
- 1250 Sighted Rura Sura Island bearing 113°(T), distance 18.5 miles.
- 1330 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 1457 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 090°(T).
- 1504 Changed base course to 122°(T).
- 1540 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

- 1940 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 122°(T).

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2025 Changed course to 101°(T).
- 2330 Changed course to 115°(T).
- 2400 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

F M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
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Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 3 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°-37.5'S	10°-56'S	11°-53'S
Long.	163°-18'E	163°-50.5E	164°-42'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 35.2.1, composed of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and S.S. JAMES B. FRANCIS, escorted by U.S.S. STARLING and U.S.S. LEVY, enroute Guadalcanal area to Espiritu Santo Island. Task Unit Commander in FOMALHAUT. Base course 115°(T), speed 11 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Set general quarters.
0551 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1345 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 115°(T).
1346 Increased speed to 11.2 knots.
1351 Changed base course to 141°(T).
1400 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved: *Paul L. F. Weaver*
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Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 4 October 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13°-18'S	13°-56'S	14°-29'S
Long.	165°-50'E	166°-15'E	167°-17'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 35.2.1, composed of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and S.S. JAMES B. FRANCIS, escorted by U.S.S. STARLING and U.S.S. LEVY, enroute Guadalcanal area to Espiritu Santo Island. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Base course 141°(T), speed 11 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0500 Set general quarters.
0539 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0915 Sighted Hiw Island bearing 052°(T), distance approximately 40 miles.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1217 Sighted Espiritu Santo Island bearing 148°(T), distance 48 miles.
1500 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 141°(T).
1510 Changed base course to 104°(T).
1517 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2300 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 104°(T).
2305 Changed base course to 195°(T).
2315 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
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Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer*

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 5 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°-01'S	16°-01'S	18°-36'S
Long.	167°-02'E	167°-13'E	167°-35'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 35.2.1 composed of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and S.S. JAMES B. FRANCIS, escorted by U.S.S. STARLING and U.S.S. LEVY, enroute Guadalcanal area to Espiritu Santo Island. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Base course 195°(T), speed 11.2 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 23, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0238 Sighted Aoba Island bearing 140°(T), distance 28 miles.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0444 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 195°(T).

0528 S.S. JAMES B. FRANCIS, escorted by U.S.S. STARLING, detached from Task Unit 35.2.1 in accordance with ComSerRonSoPac dispatch 010120Z, and proceeded to Espiritu Santo Island.

0543 Increased speed to 15.2 knots.

0620 Changed course to 271°(T).

0710 Changed course to 212°(T).

0721 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 14, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

0730 Changed base course to 168°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1300 Changed base course to 165°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
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Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT

Wednesday 6 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-24'S	22°-16'S	23°-29'S
Long.	168°-13'E	168°-30'E	167°-43'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia, escorted by U.S.S. LEVY. Base course 165°(T), speed 15.2 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 14, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick

F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0651 Sighted Mare Island bearing 215°(T), distance approximately 25 miles.

0730 Changed base course to 160°(T).

H. E. Dorsey

H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Exercised at general quarters followed by battle problem.

0906 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

R. A. Keller

R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1422 Sighted Walpole Island bearing 069°(T), distance 16 miles.

1435 Changed base course to 214°(T).

Carter Garthright

Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1830 Changed base course to 270°(T).

A. W. Carlson

A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick

F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Consulting Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 7 October 1943

(1349) (1346) (13440)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia, escorted by U.S.S. LEVY. Base course 270°(T), speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 14, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0200 Changed base course to 006°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0544 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse bearing 052°(T), distance approximately 8 miles.

0546 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 006°(T).

0549 Changed course to 056°(T).

0603 Changed course to 068°(T).

0639 Passed through Bulari Pass, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward Dumbaa Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

0715 Pilot Lieut. J. Hirth, USNR, came aboard.

0718 Received Port Director Noumea dispatch 062008Z, instructing FOMALHAUT to anchor off Montdor.

0735 U.S.S. LEVY detached from escort duty, and proceeded on duty assigned.

R. F. Braun
R. F. Braun,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0856 Anchored off Montdor, Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

0906 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

1050 Got underway to shift berth, steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward anchorage.

1108 Anchored off Montdor, Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 5 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1200 Received ComTransGrThirdPhib dispatch 030606Z, containing loading and routing instructions.

1342 Starboard engine placed out of commission for repair.

1410 Commenced loading cargo.

1530 Starboard engine placed back in commission.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
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Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

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Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 7 October 1943
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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Anchored as before, continuous loading of cargo.

1600 Received ComTransGrThirdPhib Movement Order No. 1-43, forming Task Unit 32.4.3, and containing departure, routing, arrival and unloading instructions. FOMALHAUT to return to Noumea, upon completion of mission in Guadalcanal area.

O. P. Wiechers
 O. P. Wiechers,
 Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
 F. M. Romanick,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
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 Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

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 Carter Garthright,
 Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 8 October 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor, Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 5 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor. * Continuous loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

O. P. Wischers
O. P. Wischers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

2240 Stopped loading cargo.
2305 Commenced loading cargo. *

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Saturday 9 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 5 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Intermittent loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
*Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

- 0830 Completed loading cargo from Montdor, Bulari Bay.
- 0833 Pilot L. Henin came aboard.
- 0841 Got underway for Nickel Dock, Great Road, Noumea, New Caledonia, steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
- 1048 Moored port side to Nickel Dock in Berth 6, Great Road, Noumea, New Caledonia.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1300 Commenced loading cargo.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Cartright
Carter Cartright,
Lieut., USN., *Notipose.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Sunday 10 October 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Nickel Dock in Berth 6, Great Road, Noumea, New Caledonia. Intermittent loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0245 Stopped loading cargo.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0615 U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION got underway and stood out of inner harbor.

0630 U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION anchored in Dumbea Bay.

0700 Commenced loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 11 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored port side to Nickel Dock in Berth 6, Great Road, Noumea, New Caledonia. Intermittent loading of cargo. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0245 Stopped loading cargo.

R. A. Keller
R. A. Keller,
Lieut.(jg), C-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

J. F. Mills
J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0800 Commenced loading cargo.
0820 Port engine placed out of commission for repair.
0950 Port engine placed back in commission.

J. P. Nevins
J. P. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

1450 Commenced preparations to get underway.
1500 Completed loading cargo.
Received Commander Task Unit 32.4.3 operation order No. 21-43, giving departure, communication and sortie plans, and special instructions for Task Unit.
1504 Pilot Lieut. J. Hirth, USNR, came aboard.
1536 Got underway for anchorage in Dumbea Bay, steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

Paul L. Parker
P. L. Parker,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1602 Passed submarine nets abeam.
1617 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
1629 Fuel barge moored alongside to starboard.
1652 Commenced fueling from barge.
Draft of ship: Fwd. 12' 04"
Aft. 21' 02"
Mean 16' 09"
1810 Stopped fueling. Fuel barge cleared starboard side.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
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Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2305 Fuel barge moored alongside to starboard.

2315 Commenced fueling from barge.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
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Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 12 October 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 22, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Receiving diesel fuel from fuel barge. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

0107 Completed fueling, having received 77,000 gallons of fuel. Draft of ship: Fwd. 12' 02"
Aft. 20' 02"
Mean 16' 02"

0118 Fuel barge cleared starboard side. *M. W. Lampert*
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. *F. M. Romanick*
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. *O. M. Harrell*
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1325 Commenced preparations for getting underway.
1410 Got underway in obedience to Commander of Task Unit 32.4.3 operation order No. 23-43, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
1500 Received Port Director Noumea visual message directing U.S.S. FOMALHAUT to anchor within limits of Amedee Lighthouse.
1525 Anchored in Noumea, New Caledonia, in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Maitre Island bearing 307°(T), distance 2 miles. *R. W. Murphy*
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1623 Commenced preparations for getting underway.
1632 Got underway in obedience to Commander of Task Unit 32.4.3 visual message to shift anchorage, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.
1745 Anchored in Noumea, New Caledonia in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Amedee Lighthouse bearing 140°(T), distance 5000 yards.
1749 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 120649Z, notifying Task Unit 32.4.3 of 2 1/2 hour delay of departure. *A. W. Carlson*
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *Paul L. F. Weaver*
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Consulting Officer.

Examined: *Carter Garthright*
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Tuesday 12 October 19 43

(Day) (Month) (Year)

Zone description -11

Position 0800

1200

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Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

2215 Received Commander of Task Unit 32.4.3 visual dispatch 121105Z, placing all ships on one hour notice to get underway.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 13 October, 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			23°-00'S
Long.			166°-24'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Noumea, New Caledonia, in 8 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Amedee Lighthouse bearing 140°(T), 5000 yards. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1625 Commenced preparations for getting underway.
1704 Got underway for Guadalcanal area in obedience to Commander of Task Unit 32.4.3 operation order No. 23-43. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds forming column formation, order of ships: U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, U.S.S. FULLER and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, with the U.S.S. LARDNER and U.S.S. STACK in screening position ahead of column.
1740 Passed through Bulari Pass.
1754 Task Unit 32.4.3 formed cruising disposition, taking formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; Second section, U.S.S. FULLER; escorted by STACK and LARDNER. Task Unit Commander in AMERICAN LEGION. Set course 180°(T), speed 14 knots.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2050 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 180°(T).
2100 Changed course and convoy axis to 129°(T).
2110 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
2350 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 129°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 14 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	22°-49'S	22°-06'S	20°-29'S
Long.	168°-24'E	168°-51'E	168°-40'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.3, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; Second section, U.S.S. FULLER; escorted by U.S.S. STACK and U.S.S. LARDNER. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 129°(T), speed 14 knots. Battle Condition III set.

- 0002 Changed base course and convoy axis to 090°(T).
- 0010 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 0250 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 090°(T).
- 0303 Changed base course and convoy axis to 045°(T).
- 0310 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0555 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 045°(T).
- 0600 Changed base course and convoy axis to 030°(T).
- 0613 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0830 Exercised at general quarters.
- 0846 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.
- 0920 Sighted Walpole Island bearing 091°(T), distance 22 miles.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

- 1235 Changed convoy speed to 14.5 knots.
- 1400 Ceased zig-zagging and changed base course to 343°(T).
- 1410 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 1456 Emergency fire alarm sounded. Fire in galley.
- 1504 Secured from fire quarters. No damage.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg) D-M, USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 14 October 1943

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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	22°-49'S	22°-06'S	20°-29'S
Long.	168°-24'E	168°-51'E	168°-40'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2116 Starboard engine stopped due to loss of oil suction.
2119 Starboard engine placed back in commission.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 15 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°00'S	17°-16'S	15°-40'S
Long.	167°55'E	167°-31'E	166°-30'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.3, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; Second section, U.S.S. FULLER; escorted by U.S.S. LARIXNER and U.S.S. STACK. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 343°(T), speed 14.5 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-7(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0814 Sighted Efate Island bearing 050°(T), distance 25 miles.

0855 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, changed base course to 329°(T).

0928 Increased speed to 15 knots.

1042 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 329°(T).

1048 U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY, escorted by U.S.S. WILSON and U.S.S. LANDSDOWNE joined Noumea section of Task Unit 32.4.3, and convoy formed line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT and U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY; Second section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION (Guide) and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; Third section, U.S.S. FULLER. U.S.S. WILSON and U.S.S. LANDSDOWNE took screening position ahead.

1105 Increased speed to 15 knots.

1113 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1422 Sighted Malekula Island bearing 040°(T), distance approximately 30 miles.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

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Examined:

Carter Garthright
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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP	FOMALHAUT	Friday	15	October	1943
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Zone description	-11				
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.	18°-00'S	17°-16'S	15°-40'S		
Long.	167°-55'E	167°-31'E	166°-30'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-7(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-7(G), USNR.

Approved:

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Saturday 16 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13°-25.5'S	12°-38'S	15°-40'S
Long.	165°-02'E	164°-29'E	166°-30'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.3, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGHTS and U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY; Second section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, formation guide, and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; Third section, U.S.S. FULLER; escorted by U.S.S. LARDNER, U.S.S. LANGDOWNE, U.S.S. WILSON and U.S.S. STACK. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 329°(T), speed 15 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0431 Set general quarters.

0531 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

H. E. Dorney
H. E. Dorney,
Lieut. (jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0849 Changed base course and convoy axis to 332°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut. (jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2010 Received Commander Task Group 35.6 dispatch 160311Z, designating unloading berths for Task Unit 32.4.3. U.S.S. FOMALHAUT assigned Berth 70, Koli Point, and Beacon M, Tassafaronga. Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 332°(T).

2114 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander reduced speed to 13 knots.

2122 Changed course and convoy axis to 298°(T).

2127 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander increased speed to 15 knots.

2130 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 17 October 1943
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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-45'S		
Long.	161°-09.5'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 32.4.3, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT and U.S.S. CRESECENT CITY; Second section, U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, formation guide, and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT; Third section, U.S.S. FULLER; escorted by U.S.S. LARDNER, U.S.S. LANSDOWNE, U.S.S. WILSON and U.S.S. STACK. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 298°(T), speed 15 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0204 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 298°(T).
0232 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
0300 Sighted San Cristobal Island bearing 210°(T), distance 15 miles.
0325 Sighted Ulawa Island bearing 336°(T), distance 16 miles.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0405 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 298°(T).
0419 Changed course and convoy axis to 276°(T).
0429 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
0605 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 276°(T).
0608 Changed course and convoy axis to 309°(T).
0632 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0842 Sighted Nural Island bearing 300°(T), distance 16.5 miles.
0944 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 309°(T).
0952 Second section reduced speed to 13 knots, and convoy changed base course and convoy axis to 285°(T) by wheeling movement.
0958 Increased speed to 15 knots.
1004 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
1044 Passed Rua Sura Island abeam to port, distance 3 miles.
1052 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 285°(T).
1137 Reduced speed to 13 knots and convoy changed course and convoy axis to 270°(T) by wheeling movement.
1142 Increased speed to 15 knots.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 17 October, 19 43
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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-45'S		
Long.	161°-09.5'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-1800 Steaming as before.

- 1200 U.S.S. FULLER took position astern of U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY in First section.
- 1201 Entered Lengo Channel.
- 1222 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition II.
- 1225 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, all ships proceeded independently to assigned anchorages.
- 1233 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, standing toward Berth 70, Koli Point.
- 1242 Anchored off Koli Point, Guadalcanal Island in Berth 70, in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. U.S.S. WILSON screening unloading area.
- 1300 Commenced discharging cargo.
- 1740 Commenced preparations for getting underway.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1800-2000 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo.

- 1930 Stopped discharging cargo.
- 1939 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, got underway to clear unloading area, steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel. U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT designated as Unit Commander.

K. W. Carlson
K. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2010 Formed cruising disposition in column formation. Order of ships: U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY, U.S.S. FULLER and U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, escorted by U.S.S. TAYLOR, U.S.S. FLETCHER and U.S.S. NICHOLAS.
- 2020 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition III.
- 2245 Changed course to 125°(T).

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 18 October 1943
(Ship) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-24'S		
Long.	160°-10'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY and U.S.S. FULLER, escorted by U.S.S. TAYLOR, U.S.S. FLETCHER, and U.S.S. NICHOLAS, enroute Koli Point to clear unloading area. U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT the convoy guide. Course 125°(T), speed 12 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0005 Changed course to 215°(T).
0020 Changed course to 305°(T).
0222 Changed course to 270°(T).
0349 Entered Lengo Channel.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0430 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition II.
0516 Anchored off Koli Point, Guadalcanal Island, in Berth 70 in 18 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0800 Commenced discharging cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1725 Completed discharging cargo consigned to Koli Point.
1743 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition III.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1840 Commenced preparations for getting underway

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul I. F. Weaver
PAUL I. F. WEAVER,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Monday 18 October, 19 43
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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09°-24'S		
Long.	160°-10'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)2000-2400 Anchored as before.

- 2010 Got underway to clear unloading area, steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION.
- 2019 Formed cruising disposition in column formation. Order of ships: U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY, U.S.S. FULLER and U.S.S. POMALHAUT, escorted by U.S.S. TAYLOR, U.S.S. NICHOLAS, and U.S.S. LAVELETTE.
- 2136 Changed course to 060°(T).
- 2144 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 2320 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 060°(T).
- 2339 Changed base course to 135°(T).
- 2350 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN., Consulting Officer.

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Carter Gerthright,
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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 19 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION, U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY and U.S.S. FULLER, escorted by U.S.S. TAYLOR, U.S.S. NICHOLAS and U.S.S. LAVELETTE, enroute Koli Point to clear unloading area. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. AMERICAN LEGION. Base course 135°(T), speed 12 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 8, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0100 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 135°(T).
0123 Changed course to 200°(T).
0138 Changed course to 280°(T).
0240 Changed course to 285°(T).
0310 U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT escorted by U.S.S. WILSON joined convoy.
0352 Changed course to 270°(T).

M. W. Lumpert
M. W. Lumpert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0527 Upon signal from Task Unit Commander, all ships proceeded independently to assigned anchorages.
0630 Pilot Lieut. Comdr. W. E. Faulkner, U.S.N.R. came aboard.
0719 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel, standing toward anchorage.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0835 Anchored off Bunina Point, Guadalcanal Island, in Berth 216 in 35 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
0846 Commenced discharging cargo consigned to Doma.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1627 Received ComTaskForce 31 dispatch 190352Z, directing U.S.S. FOMALHAUT to report to ComSeronSoPac after Task Unit 32.4.3 is dissolved.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut. D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 20 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Bunina Point, Guadalcanal Island, in Berth 216 in 35 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set. U.S.S. TOKEN screening unloading area.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved:

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Examined:

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 21 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Bunina Point, Guadalcanal Island, in Berth 216 in 35 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set. SC-728 and SC-761 screening unloading area.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0700 SC-761 stood out of unloading area.
1102 Veered anchor chain to 105 fathoms.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1607 Received ComSeronSoPac dispatch 202300Z, forming Task Unit 35.2.4, consisting of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and S.S. J.D. ROSS, escorted by U.S.S. STANLEY and U.S.S. THATCHER. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Also containing departure and routing instructions for Task Unit.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

2311 Received ComTaskGroup 35.6 dispatch 210746, informing ComSeron-SoPac of delay of departure until the morning of October 22, 1943.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 22 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			09°-48.5'S
Long.			161°-24.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Bunina Point, Guadalcanal Island, in Berth 216 in 35 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Continuous discharging of cargo. Battle Condition II set. SC-728 screening unloading area.

0400 Secured from Battle Condition II and set Battle Condition III.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0610 Completed discharging of cargo.
0701 Got underway for Lunga Point and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0819 Anchored off Lunga Point in Berth 30 in 23 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
0920 Received ComTaskGroup 35.6 dispatch 212010Z, directing all ships of Task Unit 35.2.4 to rendezvous off Lunga Point at 1300, October 22, 1943, and proceed in accordance with ComSeronSoPac dispatch 202300Z.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut., USN.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1238 Got underway in obedience to ComSeronSoPac dispatch 202300Z, enroute Guadalcanal area to Espiritu Santo Island, and commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel. S.S. J.D. ROSS took position astern of this vessel and U.S.S. STANLEY and U.S.S. THATCHER screening ahead.
1332 Set course 087°(T), speed 12 knots.
1418 Changed course to 097°(T).

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1648 Changed course to 120°(T).
1700 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 10, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 22 October, 1943
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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			09°-48.5'S
Long.			161°-24.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 (Cont'd)

1915 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 120°(T).
 1950 Changed course to 100°(T).
 1945 Changed speed to 11 knots.

M. W. Lampert
 M. W. Lampert,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2350 Changed course to 127°(T).

A. W. Carlson
 A. W. Carlson,
 Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
 PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
 Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
 Carter Garthright,
 Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Saturday 23 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°-53.5'S	11°-17.5'S	12°-01'S
Long.	163°-30'E	163°-47'E	164°-30.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 35.2.4, composed of U.S.S. POMALHAUT and S.S. J.D. ROSS, escorted by U.S.S. STANLEY and U.S.S. THATCHER, enroute Guadalcanal area to Espiritu Santo Island. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. POMALHAUT. Course 127°(T), speed 12 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0130 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 10, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Base course 127°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0600 Received ComSeronSoPac dispatch 221055Z, directing U.S.S. BEBAS to join Task Unit 35.2.4 off Bagacio Island, daylight, October 25, 1943, for escort duty to Noumea, New Caledonia.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0800 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 127°(T).

0815 Changed convoy speed to 11 knots.

0830 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 36, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

1010 Exercised at general quarters.

1120 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III. Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

16 rounds 3"/50 Cal.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1755 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 127°(T).

1800 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 35, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
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Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Gerthright
Carter Gerthright,
Lieut., USN.,

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday * 24 October , 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13°-08'S	13°-30'S	14°-21'S
Long.	165°-47'E	166°-21'E	167°-04'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 35.2.4, composed of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and S.S. J.D. ROSS, escorted by U.S.S. STANLEY and U.S.S. THATCHER, enroute Guadalcanal area to Espiritu Santo Island. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Base course 127°(T), speed 11 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 35, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0745 Sighted Torres Island bearing 097°(T), distance 35 miles.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1307 Sighted Vanua Lava Island bearing 087°(T), distance 72 miles.

O. N. Harrell
O. N. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1619 Sighted Guau Island bearing 122°(T), distance 25 miles.
1700 Ceased zig-zagging and changed base course to 154°(T).
1710 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 15, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Monday 25 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	16°-01'S	16°-55'S	18°-38'S
Long.	166°-58.8'E	166°-58.8'E	167°-38.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy with Task Unit 35.2.4, composed of U.S.S. POMALHAUT and S.S. J.D. ROSS, escorted by U.S.S. STANLEY and U.S.S. THATCHER, enroute Guadalcanal area to Espiritu Santo Island. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. POMALHAUT. Base course 154°(T), speed 10 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 15, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

- 0055 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 154°(T).
- 0100 Changed course to 185°(T).
- 0105 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 15, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
- 0259 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 185°(T).
- 0319 Changed course to 180°(T).
- 0325 Changed course to 090°(T).
- 0355 Changed course to 000°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

- 0446 Changed course to 270°(T).
- 0502 Changed course to 240°(T).
- 0517 Changed course to 185°(T).
- 0520 S.S. J.D. ROSS, escorted by U.S.S. STANLEY and U.S.S. THATCHER detached from Task Unit 35.2.4 in accordance with ComSeronSoPac dispatch 202300Z, and proceeded to Espiritu Santo Island.
- 0522 Changed course to 230°(T), and increased speed to 14 knots.
- 0524 Changed course to 185°(T). U.S.S. BEBAS joined U.S.S. POMALHAUT and took screening position ahead.
- 0615 Changed course to 270°(T).
- 0709 Changed course to 203°(T).
- 0718 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

- 0811 Changed base course to 166°(T).

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 25 October 1943

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Position (SOG)	1200	2000
Lat.		
Long.		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)1600-2000 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

F. W. Romanick
F. W. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 26 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	21°-17'S	22°-15'S	23°-28'S
Long.	168°-17'E	168°-15'E	167°-48'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Espiritu Santo Island to Noumea, New Caledonia, escorted by U.S.S. BEBAS. Base course 166°(T), speed 14 knots. Zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0828 Sighted Mare Island bearing 240°(T), distance 9 miles. Changed base course to 180°(T).

1047 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes.

80 rounds 50 Cal.

M. W. Lamport
M. W. Lamport,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1317 Exercised at general quarters.

1329 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 180°(T).

1400 Expended the following ammunition for training purposes:

- 10 rounds 5"/51 Cal. Common TNTBP Projectiles.
- 1 round 5"/51 Cal. High Capacity Bombardment.
- 11 rounds 5"/51 Cal. Powder Charges SPD 3166.
- 41 rounds 3"/50 Cal. A.A. S.P.D. #2142.
- 4 rounds 3"/50 Cal. Star Shell S.P.D. #2858.
- 435 rounds 20mm
- 70 rounds 50 Cal.
- 28 rounds 30 Cal.

1402 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

1408 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Examined:

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ROMAHLHAUPT Tuesday 26 October 1943
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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1800-2000 Steaming as before.

1730 Changed base course to 270°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

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Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 27 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming enroute Guadalcanal area to Noumea, New Caledonia, escorted by U.S.S. BEBAS. Course 270°(T), speed 14 knots, zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 11, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940. Battle Condition III set.

0050 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 270°(T).
0100 Changed course to 346°(T).
0110 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0423 Changed base course to 325°(T).
0426 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 325°(T).
0443 Sighted Amedee Lighthouse, Noumea, New Caledonia, bearing 011°(T).
0445 Sighted U.S.S. MONTEPELIER and one destroyer bearing 319°(T), distance approximately 5 miles.
0508 Changed course to 050°(T).
0518 Changed course to 045 (T).
0524 Changed course to 050 (T).
0527 Passed through Bulari Pass. Commenced steaming on various courses, standing toward Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia.
0536 Passed Amedee Lighthouse abeam to port bearing 290°(T), distance 1220 yards.
0627 U.S.S. BEBAS was detached from duty with this vessel and ordered to report to ComSeronSoPac in accordance with ComThirdFleet dispatch 220257.
0644 Anchored in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
0654 Secured from Battle Condition III and set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0815 Placed port engine out of commission for repairs.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. E. Melver
PAUL L. E. MELVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Carthright
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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMAHANT Wednesday 27 October 19 43
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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert

M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

C. P. Wiechers

C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

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Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Thursday 28 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0100 Anchored in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

E. M. Romanick
E. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1213 Fuel barge moored along side to starboard.
Draft of ship: Fwd. 7' 09"
Aft. 20' 02"
Mean 13' 11"

1245 Commenced receiving diesel fuel from fuel barge.
1430 Completed fueling, received 62,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Fuel on hand 383,760 gallons.
Draft of ship: Fwd. 7' 00"
Aft. 19' 10"
Mean 13' 05"

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1615 Placed port engine back in commission.

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POGALHAUT

Friday

29 October

1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 40, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsay
H. E. Dorsay,
Lieut. (JG), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1618 Got underway to shift berths, steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

1655 Moored to Buoy in Berth A4, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Saturday 30 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored to Buoy in Berth A1, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
M. W. Lampert,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

H. R. Dorsey
H. R. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul E. F. Weaver
PAUL E. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Sunday 31 October 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
 (WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored to buoy in Berth AA, Great Road, Noumea, New Caledonia.
 Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
 R. W. Murphy,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
 H. E. Dorsey,
 Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

0900 Port engine placed out of commission for repairs.

R. E. Conger
 R. E. Conger,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

C. P. Wiechers
 C. P. Wiechers,
 Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

E. P. Nevins
 E. P. Nevins,
 Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

M. W. Lampert
 M. W. Lampert,
 Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
 PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
 Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
 Carter Garthright,
 Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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U.S. No. *None*
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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 1 November 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored to buoy in Berth A4, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

H. E. Dorse
H. E. Dorse,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1200 Received ComSeronSoPac dispatch 300558Z, giving loading instructions for this vessel.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

G. P. Nevins
G. P. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

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Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Coordinating Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FORALBERT Tuesday 2 November 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored to buoy in Berth A4, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

J. F. Mills
J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

1555 Port main engine placed in commission.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

P. L. Parker
P. L. Parker,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 3 November 1943

Scene description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored to buoy in Berth A4, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. F. Mills
J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Moored as before.

O. H. Harrell
O. H. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Moored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Moored as before.

J. P. Nevins
J. P. Nevins,
Lieut. (Jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Moored as before.

R. W. Murphy
R. W. Murphy,
Ens. D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Thursday 4 November 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Moored to buoy in Berth A4, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Moored as before.

0508 Set Condition III.
0758 Underway to swing ship for compass compensation and to shift berths. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0817 Passed through anti-submarine net.
0827 Commenced run on degaussing range, settings Coil "M"-50, Coil "F"-550, Coil "Q"425.
0833 Completed run on degaussing range.
0845 Secured port main engine for repairs.
0903 Set Condition III.
0917 Commenced swinging ship to compensate compasses.
1104 Completed compensating compasses, underway to anchorage.
1125 Port engine placed in commission.
1155 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 5 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1323 Underway to shift berths. Steaming on various courses and speeds approaching anchorage.
1345 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of chain to the port anchor.
1405 Dropped starboard anchor underfoot.
1408 Set condition III.
1422 Secured port main engine for repairs.

P. L. Parker
P. L. Parker,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1618 Port main engine placed in commission.
1707 Set Condition Two Mike Able.

J. M. Mills
J. M. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. P. Weaver
PAUL L. P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Gerthright
Carter Gerthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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Thursday 4 November 1943

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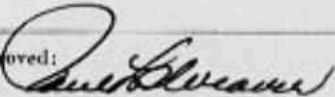
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)2000-2400 Anchored as before.+ M Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:


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Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:


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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Friday 5 November 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, starboard anchor underfoot. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0508 Set Condition III.

0747 Commenced loading cargo. Draft of ship: Fwd. 7' 00"
Aft. 20' 06"
Mean 13' 09"

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0808 Starboard main engine secured for repairs.

0818 Starboard main engine placed in commission.

0920 Port main engine secured for repairs.

1000 Starboard anchor hove in.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens. D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1343 Dropped starboard anchor underfoot.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Saturday 6 November 1943

Zone description -11

Position	OS00	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

**OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)**

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, starboard anchor underfoot. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Continuous loading of cargo.

0300 Starboard anchor hove in.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0508 Set Condition III.
0615 Ceased loading cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0810 Resumed loading cargo.
0916 Port engine secured for repairs.
1122 Port engine back in commission.

P. M. Romanick
P. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1708 Set Condition Two Mike Able.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 7 November 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0507 Set Condition III.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

C. P. Wiechers
C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1709 Set Condition Two Mike Able.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

2020 Number 1 and 2 main generators out of commission.
2045 Number 1 and 2 main generators put in commission.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Monday 8 November 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor, in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Continuous loading of cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0506 Set Battle Condition III.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1709 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP	YOMUHAUT	Tuesday	9 November	1943
Zone description -11		(Day)	(Date)	(Station)
Position	0800	1200	2000	
Lat.				
Long.				

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Condition Two Mike Able set. Continuous loading of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0506 Set Battle Condition III.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Intermittent loading of cargo.

1719 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Wednesday 10 November 1943
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set. Continue loading of cargo.

C. P. Wiechers
C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0506 Set Battle Condition III.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

0820 Port main engine secured for repairs.

1145 Port main engine placed in commission.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

J. W. Hallsback
J. W. Hallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1653 Received Port Director, Noumea visual signal assigning this vessel a berth in Dumbaa Bay.

1711 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

1902 Completed loading of cargo.
Draft of ship. Fwd. 19' 10"
Aft. 22' 10"
Mean 21' 04"

C. P. Wiechers
C. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Co-commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Carthright
Carter Carthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Thursday 11 November 1943

(Day) (Date) (Year)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Montdor in Bulari Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 6 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0505 Set Battle Condition III.

J. W. Hailsback
J. W. Hailsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0826 Underway to shift berths. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

0922 Smoke screen apparatus tested, proved satisfactory.

1007 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1420 Commenced exercising at emergency drills.

1540 Secured from all drills.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1715 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

O. P. Wischers
O. P. Wischers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. E. Nevins
J. E. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. E. Weaver
PAUL L. E. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Arthur Gerthright
Arthur Gerthright,
Lieut., USN., Yeoman.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 12 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0505 Set Battle Condition III.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0845 Commenced loading cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous loading of cargo.

1415 Completed loading of cargo.

J. F. Mills
J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1710 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

R. E. Cozger
R. E. Cozger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Wilaver
PAUL L. F. WILAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Cartright
Carter Cartright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Saturday 13 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

P. S. Parker
P. L. Parker,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0500-0800 Anchored as before.

0504 Set Battle Condition III.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

O. P. Wischers
O. P. Wischers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

J. P. Nevins
J. P. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1730 Set Condition Two Mike Able.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

O. M. Harrell
O. M. Harrell,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 14 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth A3, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

O. P. Wieschers
O. P. Wieschers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0503 Set Battle Condition III.

J. P. Nevins
J. P. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

J. F. Mills
J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

J. W. Fallsback
J. W. Fallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1713 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

P. L. Parker
P. L. Parker,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *Paul L. F. Weaver*
PAUL L. F. WEAVER
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined: *Cartor Garthright*
CARTOR GARTRIGHT
Lieut., USN., No. 10000.

UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Monday 15 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0503 Set Battle Condition III.

J. F. Mills
J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1713 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

J. P. Nevins
J. P. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved:

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Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
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Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 16 November 1943
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Some description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut. (jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0503 Set Battle Condition III.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1714 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

P. L. Parker
P. L. Parker,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Wednesday 17 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

J. F. Mills

J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0502 Set Battle Condition III.

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

J. P. Nevins
J. P. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

1715 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

O. P. Wiechers
O. P. Wiechers,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J. P. Nevins
J. P. Nevins,
Lieut.(jg), D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L.F. Weaver
PAUL L.F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthrick
Carter Garthrick,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Thursday 18 November 1943

Zona description -11

Position 0800

1200

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Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0501 Set Battle Condition III.

0736 Received ComSeronSoPas dispatch NR 749 171125Z forming Task Unit 35.1.9, consisting of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, U.S.S. ADHARA, U.S.S. CETUS, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN and S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS escorted by U.S.S. LEVY, U.S.S. CARLSON and U.S.S. GROUVER. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Also containing departure and routing instructions for Task Unit.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

R. E. Conger
R. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

J. W. Hallsback
J. W. Hallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

1716 Set Battle Condition Two Mike Able.

J. F. Mills
J. F. Mills,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

P. L. Parker
P. L. Parker,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

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Carter Cartright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Friday 19 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored in Berth 43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 9 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition Two Mike Able set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0500 Set Battle Condition III.

H. E. Conger
H. E. Conger,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0825 Commenced preparations for getting underway.

0858 Got underway for Guadalcanal area in obedience to ComSeronSoFao dispatch NR 749 171125Z of 18 November. Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds, forming column formation, order of ships: U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, U.S.S. ADHARA, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN, U.S.S. CETUS, with the U.S.S. LEVY, U.S.S. CROUTER and U.S.S. CARLSON in screening position ahead of column.

1050 Passed Amedee Light abeam to starboard, distance 1200 yards.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1508 Passed through Havannah Pass.

1527 Set base course and convoy axis to 062°(T). Convoy speed 7 knots. Task Unit 35.1.9 formed cruising disposition taking formation line of section guides: First section U.S.S. ADHARA, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN; Second section, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS and U.S.S. CETUS. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT.

1538 Changed convoy speed to 10 knots.

1548 Changed base course and convoy axis to 066°(T).

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT

Friday 19 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1611 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 066°(T).

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2315 Changed base course and convoy axis to 021°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

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PAUL L.P. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Saturday 20 November, 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20°-36'S	20°-00'S	18°-47'S
Long.	167°-53'E	167°-38'E	167°-09'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy, Task Unit 35.1.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section, U.S.S. ADKARA, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN; Second section, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS, U.S.S. CETUS. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Escorted by U.S.S. CARLSON, U.S.S. LEVY and U.S.S. CROFTER in screening position ahead. Base course 021°(T), speed 10 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0150 Changed base course and convoy axis to 336°(T).
0215 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Exercised at general quarters.
0845 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.
0930 Exercised at abandon ship drill.
0937 Secured from abandon ship drill.

J. W. Rallsbach
J. W. Rallsbach,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 336°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

Approved

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 21 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Scene description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	17°-13.5'S	16°-39'S	15°-30'S
Long.	166°-17'E	166°-01'E	165°-29.5'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy, Task Unit 35.1.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section U.S.S. ADHARA, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN; Second section U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS, U.S.S. CETUS. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Escorted by U.S.S. CARLSON, U.S.S. LEVY and U.S.S. CROPPER in screening position ahead. Base course 336°(T), speed 10 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0030 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-7(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Exercised at general quarters.

0847 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

1530 Changed base course and convoy axis to 339°(T).

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 339°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

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Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
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Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Monday 22 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	13°-59'S	13°-26'S	12°-20'S
Long.	164°-53'E	164°-40'E	164°-19'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy, Task Unit 35.1.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section U.S.S. ADHARA, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN; Second section U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS, U.S.S. CETUS. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Escorted by U.S.S. CARLSON, U.S.S. LEVY and U.S.S. CROUTER in screening position ahead. Base course 339°(T), speed 10 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0100 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0830 Exercised at general quarters.
0845 Secured from general quarters and reset Battle Condition III.

J. W. Rallsback
J. W. Rallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1658 Sighted Task Unit 32.4.1 steaming on opposite parallel course.
1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 339°(T).

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

2150 Passed U.S.S. DENVER and escort vessels abeam to starboard on opposite parallel course, distance 4 miles.
2320 Escort vessel reported contact on friendly Task Unit bearing 063°(T), distance 12 miles.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 23 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°-54'S	10°-33'S	10°-01.5'S
Long.	163°-03'E	162°-36'E	161°-35'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy, Task Unit 35.1.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section U.S.S. ADEARA, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN; Second section U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS, U.S.S. CETUS. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Escorted by U.S.S. CARLSON, U.S.S. LEVY and U.S.S. GROUTER in screening position ahead. Base course 339°(T), speed 10 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0030 Changed base course and convoy axis to 308°(T).
0200 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0530 Sighted 3 ships, hull down, bearing 342°(T), distance 13 miles.
0707 Sighted one ship and escort bearing 040°(T), distance 10 miles on opposite parallel course.

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0800-1200 Steaming as before.

0838 Sighted San Cristobal Island bearing 275°(T), distance 35 miles.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Steaming as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Steaming as before.

1647 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 308°(T).
1657 Changed base course and convoy axis to 275°(T).
1705 Resumed zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.
1900 Received ComTaskGroup 35.6 dispatch 230011 assigning berths for this unit.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved: *Paul L. F. Weaver*
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined: *Carter Garthright*
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Tuesday 23 November 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10°-54'S	10°-33'S	10°-01.5'S
Long.	163°-03'E	162°-36'E	161°-35'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

2000-2400 Steaming as before.

- 2000 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 275°(T).
- 2037 Changed speed to 9 knots.
- 2040 Changed base course and convoy axis to 315°(T).
- 2100 Commenced zig-zagging according to zig-zag plan No. 16, Zig-Zag Diagrams, 1940.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Wednesday 24 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Steaming in convoy, Task Unit 35.1.9, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal area. Convoy formation line of section guides: First section U.S.S. ADHARA, S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN; Second section U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS, U.S.S. CETUS. Task Unit Commander in U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Escorted by U.S.S. CARLSON, U.S.S. LEVY and U.S.S. CROUTER in screening position ahead. Base course 315°(T), speed 10 knots. Battle Condition III set.

0215 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 315°(T).
0230 Changed base course and convoy axis to 270°(T).

T. Hicks
T. Hicks,
Lieut.(jg), USN.

0400-0800 Steaming as before.

0508 Changed base course and convoy axis to 260°(T).
0510 Changed base course and convoy axis to 245°(T). Formed column formation, order of ship: U.S.S. FOMALHAUT, S.S. BENJAMIN R. CURTIS, U.S.S. CETUS, U.S.S. ADHARA and S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN. U.S.S. LEVY, U.S.S. CARLSON and U.S.S. CROUTER screening ahead.
0525 Changed base course and convoy axis to 270°(T).
0625 U.S.S. CETUS left column formation and proceeded to Koli Point.
0635 U.S.S. CROUTER AND S.S. JAMES BUCHANAN left column formation and proceeded to Purvis Bay.
0645 Sent visual signal directing all ships in Task Unit 35.1.9 to proceed as previously directed.
0648 Changed base course to 240°(T).
0652 Commenced steaming on various courses at various speeds to reach Berth 24, Lunga Point.
0724 Anchored in Berth 24 off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in 19 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.
0729 Set Battle Condition II.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0800 Draft of ship before unloading: Fwd. 20' 04"
Aft. 23' 02"
Mean 21' 09"
0846 Commenced discharging cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT

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

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1200-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1600 Ceased discharging cargo.

1621 Underway for Doma Point. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform with channel.

1757 Anchored off Doma Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 224 in 38 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set.

1907 Commenced discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., *Commanding Officer.*

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., *Navigator.*

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UNITED STATES SHIP POMALHAUT Thursday 25 November 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1300	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Doma Point, Guadalcanal in Berth 224 in 38 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Cartwright
Carter Cartwright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Friday

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November

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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0600 Anchored off Doma Point, Guadalcanal, in Berth 224 in 38 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0548 Ceased discharging cargo. Draft of ship: Fwd. 19' 06"
Aft. 19' 02"
Mean 19' 04"

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0600-1200 Anchored as before.

0600 Underway for Lunga Point. Steaming on various courses at various speeds to conform to channel.

0716 Anchored in Berth 24, Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in 19 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition II set.

1030 Battle Condition III set. Observed a large fire and numerous explosions on Guadalcanal Island bearing 148°(T), distance about two miles, throughout this watch.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

1230 Commenced discharging cargo from No. 4 hold.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

J. W. Hallsback
J. W. Hallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

2135 Ceased discharging cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP **FOMALHAUT**

Saturday 27 November, 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description **-11**

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Lunga Point in Berth 24 in 19 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition III set.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

0940 Commenced discharging cargo.
1130 Ceased discharging cargo.
1158 Veered chain to 75 fathoms.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1950 Commenced discharging cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Unloading cargo intermittently.

2150 Ceased discharging cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT Sunday 28 November 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in Berth 24 in 19 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition III set.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

0530 Commenced discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

J. W. Railsback
J. W. Railsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

1600-1800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

1730 Ceased discharging cargo.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1800-2000 Anchored as before.

1810 Commenced discharging cargo.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

2223 Ceased discharging cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN.,
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP		FOMALHAUT		Monday 29 November 19 43	
Zone description		-11		(Day)	(Date)
Position	0800	1200	2000		
Lat.					
Long.					
OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)					
<u>0000-0400</u>	Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in Berth 24 in 19 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition III set.				
0040	Commenced discharging cargo.				
	<i>J. W. Railsback</i> J. W. Railsback, Ens., D-V(S), USNR.				
<u>0400-0800</u>	Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.				
0552	Ceased discharging cargo.				
0625	Commenced discharging cargo.				
	<i>A. W. Carlson</i> A. W. Carlson, Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.				
<u>0800-1200</u>	Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.				
0800	Hove in to 60 fathoms.				
	<i>F. M. Romanick</i> F. M. Romanick, Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.				
<u>1200-1600</u>	Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.				
	<i>H. E. Dorsey</i> H. E. Dorsey, Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.				
<u>1600-1800</u>	Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.				
1735	Ceased discharging cargo.				
	<i>J. W. Railsback</i> J. W. Railsback, Ens., D-V(S), USNR.				
<u>1800-2000</u>	Anchored as before.				
1815	Commenced discharging cargo.				
	<i>A. W. Carlson</i> A. W. Carlson, Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.				
<u>2000-2400</u>	Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.				
2340	Ceased discharging cargo.				
	<i>F. M. Romanick</i> F. M. Romanick, Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.				
Approved:	<i>Paul L. F. Weaver</i>				Examined:
<u>PAUL L. F. WEAVER,</u>					<i>Carter Garthright</i>
Commander, USN.,	Commodoring Officer,				Lieut., USN.,
					Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP FOMALHAUT

Tuesday 30 November 1943
(Day) (Year) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal in Berth 24 in 19 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Battle Condition III set.

0025 Commenced discharging cargo.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

0400-0800 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0535 Ceased discharging cargo.
0615 Commenced discharging cargo.

J. W. Hallsback
J. W. Hallsback,
Ens., D-V(S), USNR.

0800-1200 Anchored as before. Continuous discharging of cargo.

0912 Completed discharging all cargo. Draft of ship: Fwd. 6' 00"
Aft. 20' 01"
Mean 13' 01"

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1200-1600 Anchored as before.

F. M. Romanick
F. M. Romanick,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

1600-2000 Anchored as before.

H. E. Dorsey
H. E. Dorsey,
Lieut.(jg), D-M, USNR.

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

A. W. Carlson
A. W. Carlson,
Lieut., D-V(G), USNR.

Approved:

Paul L. F. Weaver
PAUL L. F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN., Commanding Officer.

Examined:

Carter Garthright
Carter Garthright,
Lieut., USN., Navigator.

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U.S.S. FOMALHAUT

From: 1 December 1943.

To: 31 December 1943.

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1 DECEMBER

Operating as a unit of Transport Division 10, Third Amphibious Force, Third Fleet (SoPac Force) and Task Force 32. Temporarily under operational control of ComServRon Third Fleet in Task Unit 35.1.9 (Commander Weaver in FOMALHAUT) CASSIOPEIA, CARINA, merchant ship HENRY HOYT and THOMAS HOWELL with ComCortDiv 8 in CROUTER, BREESE, HOPKINS, DASH and directing departure for Fiji via Espiritu Santo; further directing departure Guadalcanal 1800.

- 1018 Received Commander Task Group 35.6 dispatch 302240 reorganizing Task Unit 35.1.9 (less merchant ship HENRY HOYT) and directing convoy to rendezvous at Kukum prior to 1500.
- 1135 Received ComTaskGroup dispatch 010006 modifying time of departure to 2200 to allow for delay in CASSIOPEIA.
- 1408 Got underway for Kukum.
- 1445 Anchored off Kukum.
- 1800 Sent Task Unit 35.1.9 Operation Order F3-43 to Task Unit 35.1.9; directing departure at 2200 in accordance with ComTaskGroup dispatch 302240 and ComServRonSoPac dispatch 3000420.
- 1810 Received ComTaskGroup 35.6 dispatch 010621 delaying departure of Task Unit 35.1.9 to about 2200.
- 2100 Received ComServRonSoPac dispatch 010546 directing Task Unit 35.1.9 depart 1800 (less CASSIOPEIA and BREESE) if CASSIOPEIA not ready.
- 2254 Received ComTaskGroup 35.6 dispatch 011130 directing departure of Task Unit 35.1.9 (less CASSIOPEIA and BREESE) immediately, in compliance with ComServRonSoPac dispatch 010546.
- 2300 Got underway with other vessels of Task Unit 35.1.9 for Espiritu Santo; formed column, order of ships: FOMALHAUT, CARINA and S.S. THOMAS HOWELL. Escorted by ComCortDiv 8 in CROUTER, HOPKINS and DASH screening.

2 DECEMBER

- 0800 9-47S, 161-15E.
- 1200 9-56S, 161-59E.
- 2000 10-43S, 163-11E.
- 2026 Submarine contact reported by escort vessel; CROUTER left formation and commenced search and attack. Convoy maneuvered clear of area.
- 2

3 DECEMBER

0119 Received ComServRonSoPac dispatch 020941 modifying
dispatch 300420 directing DASH detached from Task Unit
35.1.9 after daylight 4 December to rendezvous with
Task Unit 35.1.7.
0800 12-03S, 164-40E.
1200 12-29S, 165-09E.
2000 13-36S, 165-58E.

4 DECEMBER

0540 U.S.S. DASH detached from Task Unit 31.5.9 in accordance
with ComServRon dispatch 020941.
0800 15-02S, 167-20.5E.
1127 U.S.S. CROUTER rejoined Task Unit 35.1.9.
1130 CROUTER and CARINA detached from Task Unit 35.1.9 to
proceed in accordance with ComServRonSoPac dispatch
300420.
1211 Task Unit 35.1.9 consisting of FOMALHAUT (Task Unit
Commander) HOPKINS and merchant ship THOMAS HOWELL
arrived in Espiritu Santo.

FOMALHAUT reverted to operational control of ComTransGroup
3rdPhibFleet pursuant to ComTransGroup dispatch 202302.

1820 Received ComTransGroup dispatch 041109 designating Suva
first embarkation port for FOMALHAUT.

5 DECEMBER

At anchor, Espiritu Santo.

6 DECEMBER

1605 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 060100 directing SAMPSON
as escort for FOMALHAUT towards Suva.

7 DECEMBER

At anchor, Espiritu Santo.

8 DECEMBER

1000 Departed Espiritu Santo, SAMPSON screening, enroute Suva,
Fiji Islands in accordance with ComTransGroup3rdPhib
Movement Order 2-43 and ComThirdFleet dispatch 060100.
1200 15-41S, 167-27E.
2000 16-21S, 169-13E.

9 DECEMBER

1017 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 082205 ordering SAMPSON detached and proceed to rendezvous with and escort MECHANICSVILLE.
1130 SAMPSON detached in accordance with ComThirdFleet dispatch 082205.
0800 17-12S, 171-46E.
1200 17-26S, 172-36E.
2000 17-51S, 174-21E.

Strong head winds and moderate seas.

10 DECEMBER

0800 18-15S, 176-21E.
1200 18-33S, 177-06E.
1914 Anchored in Suva Harbor, Fiji Islands.

11 DECEMBER

0530 Shifted to berth at King's Wharf, Suva.
1100 Disembarked passengers, discharged cargo and mail.
1130 Commenced convoy loading of ship in accordance with ComTrans3rdPhib Movement Order 2-43.

12 DECEMBER

Continued loading operations.

13 DECEMBER

1030 Completed loading Suva cargo and passengers.
1350 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 130040 designating the TRACY as escort, Fiji to Guadalcanal.
1800 Departed Suva, Fiji Islands, YMS 216 screening; underway for Lautoka, Fiji Islands in accordance with ComTrans-Group Movement Order 2-43.
2000 18-25S, 178-15E.

14 DECEMBER

0800 17-57S, 177-10E.
0925 Moored at Lautoka wharf.

15 DECEMBER

0700 Completed loading equipment of advanced detachment of the Americal Division.
0900 Received advanced detachment personnel.
1030 Shifted to anchorage in Lautoka Harbor.
1919 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch modifying the designation of escort for FOMALHAUT. ACREE designated escort in place of TRACY.

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16 DECEMBER

1400 Underway for Guadalcanal in accordance with ComTrans-
Group3rdFleet Movement Order 2-43, ACREE screening.
2000 17-37S, 176-17E.

17 DECEMBER

0800 16-35S, 173-31.5E.
1200 16-18S, 172-34E.
2000 15-34S, 170-34.5E.

18 DECEMBER

0800 14-32S, 167-47E.
1200 14-08S, 166-57E.
2000 13-00.5S, 165-33E.

19 DECEMBER

0800 11-19S, 163-23E.
1200 10-39S, 162-43E.
1435 Received ComTaskGroup 35.6 dispatch directing FOMALHAUT
to Lunga anchorage to determine order of discharge.
2000 09-56.5S, 161-25E.

20 DECEMBER

0536 Anchored in Berth 26, Lunga Roads, Guadalcanal.
0948 Underway for Kukum Dock.
1035 Moored to Kukum Dock, commenced discharging cargo and
passengers.
1552 Received warning of enemy planes overhead from radio
Guadalcanal.
1600 Underway from dock and maneuvered in open water off
Lunga Roads.
1630 Received "all clear" signal from radio Guadalcanal.
1642 Moored to Kukum Dock, resumed discharging cargo.

21 DECEMBER

Continued discharging cargo.
1600 Underway for anchorage at Kukum.
1630 Anchored at Kukum, continued discharging cargo.

22 DECEMBER

0600 Shifting anchorage at Kukum.
0635 Anchored Kukum.
1015 Completed discharging cargo.
1245 Received CTG 35.6 dispatch directing FOMALHAUT and
HYPERION rendezvous off Lunga Point at 1300.
1412 Underway with HYPERION, YMS 271 furnishing anti-submarine
screen.
1649 Anchored in Purvis Bay.

23-24 DECEMBER

Awaiting orders.

25 DECEMBER

0750 Received ComTrans3rdPhib dispatch 240240 directing
FOMALHAUT to replace FULLER in Task Unit 32.4.2 at local
noon the 27th, and depart Purvis Bay with local escort
to rendezvous at Teterere.
1240 Sent FOMALHAUT dispatch 250140 to CTG 35.6 requesting
local escort outside Purvis Bay at 0630, 27 December.
1504 Received CTG 35.6 dispatch 242308 assigning berths at
Teterere to Task Unit 32.4.2.
1838 Received ComGenAmerical dispatch 242242 designating
additional cargo to be loaded by various ships of
Task Unit 32.4.2 and 32.4.3.

26 DECEMBER

0646 Received CTF 31 dispatch 251129 modifying 0019 restrictions
of tonnage for loading.

27 DECEMBER

0545 Underway for Teterere pursuant to ComTrans3rdPhib dispatch
240240. DORSEY screening.
0756 Anchored at TETERERE and joined Task Unit 32.4.2 composed
as follows: U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (Task Unit Commander),
CRESCENT CITY, FULLER, LIBRA, ALCHIBA.
0805 Received CTU 32.4.2 dispatch 252310 substituting LIBRA
for FULLER and FOMALHAUT for LIBRA effective 1200
December 27th further referring to Task Unit 32.4.2
Operational Order 24-43 and applying wherever names appear.
1101 Received CTU 32.4.2 Operation Order 24-43 directing the
Task Unit to move elements of the Americal Division from
Fiji to Torokina via Guadalcanal in accordance with
ComTrans3rdPhib Movement Order 2-43.
1150 Received CTU 32.4.2 dispatch 262330 to prepare to get
underway at 1600.
1200 U.S.S. FULLER detached from Task Unit 32.4.2 underway.

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27 DECEMBER

1553 Underway pursuant to ComTrans3rdPhib Movement Order 2-43; formed cruising formation number two, screened by MinDiv 5 (ComEscort in HOVEY), SOUTHARD, DORSEY, TREVOR.
2000 9-30S, 161-04E.

28 DECEMBER

0006 Received ComNavBase Fiji dispatch 271050 designating Fiji ports for loading.
0800 10-47S, 163-15E.
1200 11-21S, 163-58E.
2000 12-37.5S, 165-14.5E.

29 DECEMBER

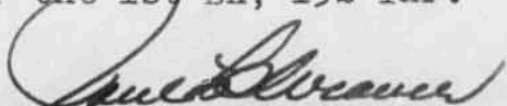
0800 14-14S, 167-04E.
1200 14-42S, 167-47E.
2000 15-30S, 169-11E.

30 DECEMBER

0800 16-34S, 171-42E.
1200 16-40S, 172-35E.
1411 Received Commander Task Unit 32.4.2 dispatch 300125 regarding tentative fueling schedule.
1435 Received CTU 32.4.2 dispatch 300123 directing ALCHIBA, HOVEY to depart for Suva 0800 Mike, January 3rd and rendezvous with Lautoka section at 18-00S, 176-50E about 1700 Mike January 3rd. Lautoka section to leave anchorage about 1500 Mike.
2000 17-18S, 174-19.5E.
2305 ALCHIBA and HOVEY left formation for Suva.

31 DECEMBER

0800 17-56S, 177-03E.
0923 Received ComTaskUnit 32.4.2 dispatch 302040 cancelling dispatch 300125 regarding fueling arrangements at Lautoka.
0955 Received ComTaskUnit 32.4.2 dispatch 302049 directing LIBRA moor Lautoka Dock, FOMALHAUT moor Lautoka buoys.
1000 CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY screened by SOUTHARD, DORSEY, TREVOR, left formation for Vunda Point.
1139 Moored to bow and stern buoys at Lautoka.
1503 Commenced loading a detachment of the 1st Bn, 132 Inf. Americal Division.


PAUL L.F. WEAVER,
Commander, USN.,
COMMANDING.

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U.S.S. FOMALHAUT

From: 1 January 1944.

To: 31 January 1944.

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1 JANUARY

Operating as a unit of Transport Division 10, Third Amphibious Force, Third Fleet (SoPac Force) and Task Force 32. At present in Task Unit 32.4.2 composed of GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, FOMALHAUT and ALCHIBA. ComTaskUnit (Captain Ashe) 32.4.2 in CLYMER. Escort vessels HOVEY (ComEscort), SOUTHARD, DORSEY and TREVER attached. Moored to buoys at Lautoka, Fiji Islands and engaged in embarking a detachment of the 1st Bn, 132nd Infantry Americal Division's equipment and supplies in accordance with ComTransGr3rdPhib Movement Order 2-43. Completed embarkation of detachment, equipment and supplies.

- 1245 Underway for Vunda Point, Nandi Waters.
- 1714 Anchored off Vunda Point ships of 32.4.2 in company as follows: GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA and FOMALHAUT, escorts TREVER, SOUTHARD and DORSEY.
- 1334 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 312337 replacing PRUITT for SOUTHARD.

2 JANUARY

1028 PRUITT replaced SOUTHARD in Task Unit 32.4.2.

3 JANUARY

- 1500 Task Unit 32.4.2 underway for Guadalcanal in accordance with ComTransGr3rdPhib Movement Order 2-43. Ships in company GEORGE CLYMER (TaskUnitCdr.), CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA and FOMALHAUT, screened by TREVER, PRUITT and DORSEY.
- 1750 ALCHIBA and HOVEY joined the formation.
- 2000 17-53S, 167-26E.

4 JANUARY

- 0800 17-04-5S, 174-06E
- 1200 16-41S, 173-11E
- 2000 15-57S, 171-15E

5 JANUARY

- 0800 14-54S, 168-39E
- 1200 14-39S, 167-50E

Received ComThirdFleet Operations Plan 1-44 directing Task Force 38 and Task Force 33 to cover the approach, unloading, and retirement of the 17th Torokina Echelon, (this unit) and to destroy threatening forces.

2000 13-58S, 166-14E
2259 Received ComTaskForce 31 dispatch 042356 designating ComDesDiv 44 in convoy with RENSHAW, SIGOURNEY, GUEST, BENNETT and OSTERHAUS report to CTU 32.4.2 as escort for 17th Echelon to Torokina and return to Guadalcanal. MENOMINEE to join south of Simbo.

6 JANUARY

0800 12-03S, 164-25.5E
1200 11-22S, 163-52E
1310 Received ComTaskGroup 35.6 dispatch 052250 assigning berths to Task Unit 32.4.2 at Koli and Teneru. FOMALHAUT Berth 74 at Koli.
1547 Received ComTaskForce 31 dispatch 052322 attaching MENOMINEE to Task Unit 32.4.2 at 1600 local January 8th in vicinity of Simbo and to detach daylight the tenth.
2000 10-19S, 162-27E

7 JANUARY

0820 Anchored at Koli, Guadalcanal.
2300 Underway in company with Task Unit 32.4.2 for Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville Island, British Solomons in accordance with ComTransGr3rdPhibFor Movement Order 2-43. Screened by DesDiv 44 (ComEscort) in convoy, RENSHAW, BENNETT, SIGOURNEY, GUEST and OSTERHAUS.

8 JANUARY

0021 Received ComTransGr3rdPhib dispatch 070623 directing Task Unit to remain in Solomons area for intensive training until 6 February.
0145 Received ComTaskUnit 32.4.2 dispatch 071042 directing FOMALHAUT to use Beach Yellow - Two in unloading area.
0800 9-08S, 158-21E
1200 8-58S, 157-34E

Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 080117 designating HOVEY, TREVER, DORSEY and PRUITT as escorts for Task Unit 32.4.2 during training period.

1735 MENOMINEE joined Task Unit 32.4.2.
2000 8-05S, 156-05E

9 JANUARY

0645 Arrived Cape Torokina area.
0728 Commenced unloading operations.
1250 Commenced embarking a detachment of 21st Rgt. 3rd MarDiv.
1230 Completed unloading.
1330 Completed embarkation.
1445 Underway for Tetere with Task Unit 32.4.2 (less MENOMINEE) and escorts pursuant to ComTransGr3rdPhibFor Movement Order 2-43.
2000 7-10.5S, 155-09.5E
2045 Received CTG 35.6 dispatch 090039 designating anchorages at Tetere for Task Unit 32.4.2.

10 JANUARY

0800 8-48.5S, 157-21.5E
1200 8-55S, 158-20E
2000 9-20S, 160-05E
2101 Anchored Tetere, Guadalcanal in company with ships of Task Unit 32.4.2.

11 JANUARY

0745 Debarked troops and equipment to Tetere.
1425 Underway with Task Unit 32.4.2 screened by TRACY, SICARD, HOPKINS and GAMBLE.
1650 Anchored in Purvis Bay with Task Unit 32.4.2 awaiting orders.

12 JANUARY

1100 Embarked a detachment of Standard Landing Craft Unit No. 16 for training. Received CTU 34.4.2 training schedule, supplementing Basic Training and Upkeep schedule of ComTransGr3rdPhibFor.
1200 Commenced upkeep and training schedule in accordance with CTU 34.4.2 schedule of 11 January.

13 JANUARY

Continued ships upkeep and training schedule.

14 JANUARY

0455 Received ComTransGr3rdPhib dispatch 130530 reforming Task Unit 32.4.2 as follows: GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, FOMALHAUT, LIBRA, TITANIA and escorts HOVEY, TREVER, DORSEY and PRUITT.
Continued upkeep and training schedule.

15-16 JANUARY

Continued upkeep and training schedule.

17 JANUARY

Expended the following ammunition for boat machine gun target practice:

5000 rounds 30 Cal.
1400 rounds 50 Cal.

18-21 JANUARY

Continued daily schedule of exercises in accordance with CTU 32.4.2.

22 JANUARY

- 1000 Received CTU 32.4.2 Operation Order 1-44 directed to Task Unit 32.4.2 composed of GEORGE CLYMER (Task Unit Cdr.), CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, TITANIA, FOMALHAUT, HOVEY, PRUITT, DORSEY, TREVER and directing Task Unit 32.4.2 in underway exercises in Amphibious Operations in accordance with Task Unit training schedule for 23-29 January.
- 1015 Received CTU 32.4.2 training schedule for 23-29 January.

23-24 JANUARY

Operating in accordance with CTU 32.4.2 training schedule.

25 JANUARY

Expended the following ammunition for training purposes; (in accordance with Task Unit Cdr's training schedule).

23 rounds 3"/50 Cal. A.A. I&F
2030 rounds 20MM
1725 rounds 50 Cal.

26 JANUARY

Expended the following ammunition for training in accordance with CTU 32.4.2 training schedule:

10 rounds 3"/50 Cal. A.A. I&F
5 rounds 5"/51 Cal. Common
283 rounds 20MM

27 JANUARY

Expended the following ammunition in accordance with training schedule:

20 rounds 3"/50 Cal. A.A. I&F
1879 rounds 20MM
650 rounds 50 Cal.

28 JANUARY

1505 Exercised in accordance with CTU 32.4.2 training schedule.
Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 280252 directing ROCHAMBEAU if ready, depart with Task Unit 32.4.2 at dawn 30 January and to detach with one escort in vicinity of fifteen south latitude thence to Espiritu Santo.

29 JANUARY

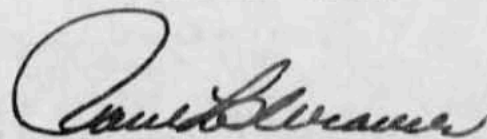
Exercised in accordance with CTU 32.4.2 training schedule. Completed training schedule.
Received ComTaskUnit 32.4.2 Operation Order 2-44 designating task organization as follows: U.S.S. GEORGE CLYMER (Task Unit Cdr.), CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, TITANIA, FOMALHAUT, ROCHAMBEAU, PRUITT, HOVEY, DORSEY, TREVER. Captain Talbot in GEORGE CLYMER; the Task Unit underway about 0600 January 30 for Wellington via Noumea.

30 JANUARY

0600 Underway with Task Unit 32.4.2 in accordance with CTU Operation Order 2-44.
0800 9-22.5S, 160-16E
1200 9-37S, 161-10E
2000 10-29S, 162-47E

31 JANUARY

0800 12-26S, 164-32E
1200 13-21S, 164-51.5E
2000 15-03S, 165-39.5E
2300 ROCHAMBEAU and DORSEY detached in accordance with ComThirdFleet dispatch 280252.


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1 FEBRUARY

Operating as a unit of Transport Division 10, Third Amphibious Force, Third Fleet (SoPac Force) and Task Force 32. At present in Transport Division 8 and Task Unit 32.4.2 composed of GEORGE CLYMER, (Task Unit Cdr., Captain F.R. Talbot, USN.), CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, TITANIA, FOMALHAUT, PRUITT, HOVEY, TREVER. Zone (-) 11 time. Underway for Wellington, New Zealand via Noumea, New Caledonia.

0800 17-38.5S, 166-25.5E
1200 18-26S, 166-55E
2000 19-59S, 167-41E

2 FEBRUARY

0800 21-57.5S, 167-48E
1200 22-24S, 166-58E

1535 Anchored Noumea, New Caledonia.

3 FEBRUARY

1230 Received CTU 32.4.2 dispatch 030130 annexing Task Unit Operation Order 2-44, Task Organization GEORGE CLYMER, CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, TITANIA, FOMALHAUT, PRUITT, HOVEY, TREVER underway at 1600 3 February. LIBRA and TITANIA to be detached and proceed to Auckland, New Zealand as directed in ComTransGroup3rdPhib dispatch 31006. Escorts to be detached as directed in ComThirdFleet dispatch 022258.

1600 Underway for Wellington, New Zealand in company with Task Unit 32.4.2.
2000 22-59S, 166-26E

4 FEBRUARY

0540 PRUITT and TREVER detached in accordance with CTD 8 dispatch 022355.
0800 25-21S, 167-26.5E
Strong winds, moderately heavy head seas.

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1200 26-01S, 167-42E
1810 LIBRA, TITANIA and HOVEY detached in accordance with
ComTransGroup3rdFleet dispatches 31006 and 030330.
2000 27-31S, 168-34E

Ship laboring against heavy head seas.

5 FEBRUARY

0800 29-54S, 169-24E
1200 30-40S, 169-48E
1548 Received ComThirdPhib 030448 ComTransGroup modifying serial
0010 of 9 January. CRESCENT CITY, GEORGE CLYMER, FOMALHAUT
to depart Wellington 21 February and arrive Auckland 23
February, departing in company with LIBRA, TITANIA 24
February and arriving Noumea 27 February, departing Noumea
28 February and arriving Guadalcanal 2 March.
All ships available for transportation of the 25th Division
to Noumea.
1610 FOMALHAUT detached to proceed to Wellington at best speed.
2000 32-04S, 170-22.5E

6 FEBRUARY

0800 34-31S, 171-23.5E
1200 35-22S, 171-47E
2000 37-59S, 172-29.5E

7 FEBRUARY

0200 Changed to Zone -12 time.
0800 39-17S, 173-30E
1200 40-09.5S, 174-03E
1949 Arrived in Wellington, N.Z. and commenced availability
for upkeep and docking in accordance with ComTransGroup
dispatch 0010 of 9 January.

8-20 FEBRUARY

Undergoing Availability and Upkeep.

21 FEBRUARY

Completed Availability Upkeep and docking period.
1000 Underway for degaussing runs.

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- 1300 Underway for Auckland, N.Z. in accordance with ComTransGroup-3rdPhibFor dispatch 0010 and CTU 32.4.2 Operation Order 2-44. In company with GEORGE CLYMER (CTU), and CRESCENT CITY.
2000 42-28S, 175-59E

Ship laboring against heavy head seas.

22 FEBRUARY

- 0800 39-56S, 177-39E
0841 FOMALHAUT detached to proceed independently at safest maximum speed.
1200 39-23S, 178-11.5E
2000 37-46.5S, 178-45.5E

23 FEBRUARY

- 0800 36-36S, 175-41E
1315 Arrived Auckland, N.Z. and commenced embarking elements of the 25th Division, U.S. Army for transportation to Noumea in accordance with ComThirdPhib dispatch 030448.
1900 Completed loading.

Received CTU 32.4.2 Operation Order 3-44, directing the Task Unit underway about 0800, 24 February for Noumea in accordance with previous directives.

Received ComTransGroup3rdPhib dispatch 19081 directing that troops be discharged at Noumea. TransDiv 8 to continue upkeep and training period and prepare to depart for Guadalcanal in company with TransDiv 6 on March 11. The LEEDSTOWN to join TransDiv 8 at Noumea.

24 FEBRUARY

- 0800 Departed Auckland, N.Z. for Noumea in company with Task Unit 32.4.2 composed as follows: GEORGE CLYMER (Captain Talbot Task Unit Cdr.), CRESCENT CITY, LIBRA, TITANIA and FOMALHAUT.
1200 36-05.5S, 174-44E
2000 34-24S, 174-09.5E

25 FEBRUARY

- 0800 31-55S, 172-49.5E
1200 31-15.5S, 172-10E

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1330 Conducted test firing on new 40MM and 20MM batteries:
Expending: 14 rounds 40MM
207 rounds 20MM
1800 Changed to Zone -11 time.
2000 29-35S, 170-44.5E

26 FEBRUARY

0800 27-20S, 169-04E
0805 SICARD joined Task Unit and commenced screening.
0945 PERRY and DUFFY joined and took up screening stations.

1117 Received ComTransGroupThirdFleet dispatch 240847 modifying
dispatch 190801 and directing ComTransDiv 8 to complete
embarkation 14th Defense Battalion by 8 March and prepare
to depart Noumea daybreak 9 March for Guadalcanal,
arriving 11 March.

1200 26-35S, 168-28E
2000 25-05S, 167-17E

27 FEBRUARY

0800 Arrived Noumea. Anchored in Great Roads. Commenced discharging
cargo and passengers.

28 FEBRUARY

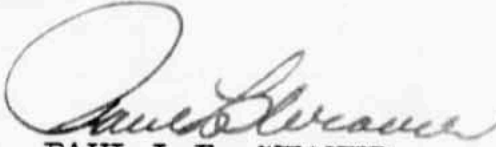
Commenced upkeep and training period.

1530 Shifted to mooring at Finger Pier.
1800 Commenced loading cargo of 14th Defense Battalion.

29 FEBRUARY

Completed loading cargo.

1630 Shifted to anchorage in Great Roads.


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1 March

Zone (-) 11 Time.

Received Task Unit Commander's Training Order for 2-7 March including boat and boat machine gun practices and communication drills.

- 1000 Received ComTransGroupThirdPhib dispatch 291209 requesting dispatch orders of ComSoPac for Commander P.L.F. Weaver, USN to be assigned Staff ComTransGroupThirdPhib and to be relieved by Commander C.A. Printup, USN.

2 March

- 1450 Received ComSoPac dispatch 012122 detaching Commander P.L.F. Weaver, USN as Commanding Officer, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT to report on the Staff of ComTransGroupThirdPhib.
- 1531 Received ComSoPac dispatch 012120 detaching Commander C.A. Printup, USN, Executive Officer, PRESIDENT ADAMS to command, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT. Expended 500 rounds .50 caliber, 20000 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition in boat machine gun practice.

3 March

- 1100 Shifted to anchorage in outer harbor. Received ComTrans-GroupThirdPhib dispatch 030232 directing Special Weapons Group, 14th Defense Battalion to discharge at Tetere, all remaining elements to discharge at Doma Cove.

4-5 March

Continued training and upkeep period.

6 March

- 0737 Received CTU 32.4.2 dispatch 051150 directing Task Unit 32.4.2 plus assigned screen to depart Bulari Pass 1800 8 March for Guadalcanal, to arrive off Lunga Point about 0600 12 March. Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 060617 assigning BREESE, STANSBURY and DUFFY with RADFORD departing Havannah Harbor to effect rendezvous 10th and

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escort Task Unit 32.4.2 to Solomons; on arrival Guadalcanal STANSBURY and DUFFY reporting to CTF 31 for duty, BREESE to ComSerRonSoPac, RADFORD to CTF 38.

1000 Commander Carter A. Printup, USN relieved Commander Paul L.F. Weaver, USN as Commanding Officer, U.S.S. FOMALHAUT.

7 March

Continued training and upkeep period. Received CTU 32.4.2 Operation Order 4-44, directing Task Unit 32.4.2 underway on signal about 1630 8 March and form Cruising Disposition One.

8 March

1630 Task Unit 32.4.2 composed of GEORGE CLYMER (Captain F.R. Talbot, USN, Task Unit Comdr.), CRESCENT CITY, LEEDSTOWN, LIBRA and FOMALHAUT screened by BREESE, STANSBURY and DUFFY underway for Guadalcanal pursuant to Task Unit Commander's Operation Order 4-44 and previous dispatches.

2000 22-26S 166-04E

9 March

0700 Conducted anti-aircraft target practice expending the following ammunition:

3"/50 Caliber	-	50 rounds
20 Millimeter	-	1612 rounds
40 Millimeter	-	207 rounds
50 Caliber	-	723 rounds

0800 20-52S 163-52E

1200 20-22S 163-16.5E

2000 18-52S 162-28E

10 March

0800 16-20.9S 162-50E

0840 RADFORD joined formation and took station in the screen.

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1200 15-25S 162-58E

2000 13-42S 163-29E

11 March

0520 Received CTG 35.6 dispatch 100559 designating FOMALHAUT to anchor in Berth 73 at Tetere.

0800 11-26S 163-48.5E

1200 10-59S 163-13E

2000 10-02.5S 161-52E

12 March

0634 Anchored at Tetere, Guadalcanal.

0900 Commenced discharging cargo.

1531 Received ComTransGroupThirdPhib dispatch 120431 directing Task Unit 32.4.2 proceed Tulagi upon completion of discharging, departing dawn 18th.

13 March

0720 Completed discharging cargo and troops of the 14th Defense Battalion.

1435 Underway in company with GEORGE CLYMER for Purvis Bay.

1631 Anchored in Purvis Bay. Received CTF 31 Operation Order 3-44, 3rd MarDiv Administration Plan 1-44, Addendum No. 1 to Administrative Plan 12-44 and Operation Plan 1-44.

14 March

0617 Underway for fuel dock.

0632 Moored to fuel dock.

0828 Shifted to anchorage in Purvis Bay.

0850 Underway for Tulagi Harbor.

1115 Anchored in Tulagi Harbor in company with Task Unit 32.4.2.

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15 March

Received CTF 31 dispatch 150331 cancelling Operation Order No. 3-44 and Operation Order 4-44.

17 March

Received ComTransGroupThirdPhib dispatch 160541 directing Task Unit 32.4.2 to remain in Purvis-Tulagi Area on six hours notice.

Received ComTransGroupThirdPhib dispatch 170154 directing ALHENA to report to CTU 32.4.2, LIBRA report to CTU 32.4.3.

21 March

Received ComTransGroupThirdPhib dispatch 211208 dissolving Task Unit 32.4.2.

Received ComSoPac dispatch 210545 directing ComTransDiv 10 in CLAY, FOMALHAUT, ALHENA, ComTransDiv 26 in CALLAWAY, SUMTER, and ALMAACK to depart Purvis for Pearl Harbor 24 March.

22 March

1815 FOMALHAUT reported for duty in ComTransDiv 10 (Captain Thornhill, USN) U.S.S. CLAY.

23 March

Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 230255 forming Task Unit 34.9.1 ComTransDiv 10 (Captain Thornhill, USN) in CLAY with FOMALHAUT, ALHENA, ComTransDiv 26 in CALLAWAY, SUMTER, ALMAACK, DRAYTON, MAHAN; ComMinRon 2 in HOPKINS, TREVER, ComDesRon 12 in BUCHANAN, WOODWORTH. Task Unit (less ComDesRon 12, BUCHANAN, WOODWORTH) departing prior dark 24th and proceeding to Pearl Harbor. ComDesRon 12 in BUCHANAN, WOODWORTH to rendezvous with Task Unit at 0200Z 28th Lat. 4-20S Long. 178-10E at which time HOPKINS and TREVER detached to proceed to Funafuti. Upon arrival of Task Unit in vicinity of Point Oboe Task Unit Comdr. to detach one AKA and one APA with DRAYTON, MAHAN to proceed to Canton to load troops and cargo thence departing Canton to Pearl Harbor. Task Unit dissolved upon arrival destination.

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24 March

- 0650 Received CTU 34.9.1 dispatch 231800 directing Task Unit 34.9.1 underway at 1230 24 March.
- 1000 Underway.
- 1030 Received CTU 34.9.1 Operation Order No. 1-44 directing Task Unit 34.9.1 underway 24 April and proceed to Pearl Harbor in accordance with ComThirdFleet (Admin) dispatch 230255, upon arrival of ComDesRon Twelve in BUCHANAN and WOODWORTH, ComMinRon Two in HOPKINS and TREVER detached and proceed to Funafuti. In vicinity of Point Oboe ComTransDiv 26 with CALLAWAY, ALMAACK, DRAYTON and MAHAN detached to proceed to Canton.
- 1230 Joined Task Unit 34.9.1 (less BUCHANAN and WOODWORTH) underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H. in accordance with ComThirdFleet (Admin) dispatch 230255.
- 2000 09-50S 161-26E

25 March

- 0800 08-55S 163-59.5E
- 1200 08-36S 164-53.5E
- 2000 08-04S 166-27E

26 March

- 0800 07-10S 169-06E
- 1200 06-44S 169-56E
- 1827 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 260407 modifying dispatch 230255 and directing Task Unit 34.9.1 proceed to Funafuti to arrive daylight 28 March. Upon arrival APA and AKA to load Standard Landing Craft Unit 24 in accordance with ComServPac dispatch 242123; ComDesRon 12 in BUCHANAN, WOODWORTH to remain at Funafuti. On arrival of Task Unit 34.9.1 at Funafuti ComMinRon 2 in HOPKINS, TREVER detached and ComDesRon 12 in BUCHANAN, WOODWORTH join Task Unit 34.9.1. When ready Task Unit 34.9.1 depart Funafuti proceed to Point Oboe then carry out the remainder of orders in dispatch 230255.

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2000 06-07S 171-16.5E

27 March

0100 Changed to Zone (-) 12 Time.

0800 06-53S 173-35E

1200 07-13.5S 174-27E

2000 07-49S 176-11E

28 March

0800 08-48S 178-56E

1106 Anchored at Funafuti in company with Task Unit 34.9.1.

2006 Commenced loading equipment of SLCU 24.

29-31 March

Continued loading SLCU 24 equipage.

Carter A. Printup

CARTER A. PRINTUP,
Commander, USN.,
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1 April

- 1434 Received ComThirdFleet dispatch 010005 directing Task Unit 34.9.1 (less FOMALHAUT, MAHAN) depart Funafuti when ready and proceed to Pearl Harbor. CALLAWAY, ALMAACK, DRAYTON, to stop at Canton enroute; FOMALHAUT when loaded to depart Funafuti with MAHAN and proceed to Pearl Harbor.
- 1656 Received CTU 34.9.1 dispatch 010465 directing Task Unit 34.9.1 underway at 0730 April 2.

2 April

- 0100 Completed loading personnel and cargo of Standard Landing Craft unit 24.
- 0700 underway with Task Unit 34.9.1 composed as follows: CLAY, (Captain Thornhill, USN, T.U. Comdr.), SUMTER, ALHENA, FOMALHAUT, CALLAWAY, ALMAACK, DRAYTON, MAHAN, BUCHANAN, WOODWORTH.
- 1200 08-07 S 179-42 E
- 2000 06-59 S 179-17 W

3 April

- 0100 Set clocks to Zone +(11) time and date April 2nd.
- 0800 05-10 S 177-39 W
- 1200 04-31 S 176-59 W
- 1900 ComtransDiv 26 in CALLAWAY, with ALMAACK, DRAYTON, and MAHAN detached in accordance with ComThirdFleet (Admin.) dispatch 230255.
- 2000 03-24 S 175-48 W

3 April

- 0800 01-30 S 173-57 W
- 1200 00-45 S 173-34 W
- 2000 00-45 N 172-31 W

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4 April

0800 02-57 N 170-50 W

1200 03-40 N 170-17 W

1415 Expended ammunition for target practice as follows:

5"/51	-	3 rounds
3"/50	-	17 rounds
40MM	-	22 rounds
20MM	-	529 rounds
.50 Cal.	-	105 rounds

2000 05-08 N 169-19 W

5 April

0800 07-13 N 167-56 W

1200 07-51 N 167-26 W

2000 08-59 N 166-26 W

6 April

0100 Set Zone + (10) Time.

0800 11-03 N 165-08 W

1200 11-54 N 164-30 W

2000 13-08 N 163-38 W

7 April

0800 14-54.5 N 162-21 W

1200 15-28 N 161-59 W

2000 16-23 N 160-59 W

8 April

0800 17-39 N 159-14 W

1200 18-07 N 158-42 W

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1800 Set Zone (+) 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ time.

2000 19-10.5 N 157-46 W

9 April

0700 Conducted anti-aircraft target practice in accordance with CinCPac dispatch 072305 expending the following ammunition:

5"/51	-	2 rounds
3"/50	-	97 rounds
40MM	-	248 rounds
20MM	-	2884 rounds
.50 Cal.	-	663 rounds

0800 20-32 N 157-57 W

1200 Moored outboard of DEGRASSE at Berth Baker Two Pearl Harbor.

10 April

0100 Completed unloading available cargo of Standard Landing Craft Unit 24.

11 April

1000 Shifted berth to Dry Dock #2, commenced limited availability period for repair of rudder. Received ComFifthPhib Transport Division Organization (temporary) and effective 15 April placing FOMALHAUT in TransDiv 7.

12-16 April

undergoing repairs to rudder.

17 April

1030 Shifted to berth Baker One alongside of LST 42. Repairs to rudder incomplete.

18 April

Received ComPhibspac Speedletters Serials 00412 and 00470 directing loading schedules of Assault TransDivs (Hawaiian Area.)

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19 April

0900 Shifted berth to Dry Dock #2 for additional availability required in connection with repairs to rudder.

28 April

1400 Shifted to Berth Baker 23.

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CARTER A. PRINTUP,
Commander, USN.,
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In accordance with ComFifthFib Secret Letter file C5A/A3, serial 00414, dated 3 April 1944, FOMALBAUT temporarily assigned to TransDiv-7 under Task Force 51 (Vice Adm. R.K. Turner, USN., ComFifthFib, U.S.S. ROCKY MOUNT, Flagship), with echelon of command as follows: CEF-51; CTC-51.1 (ComGroupOneFifthFib); and CTF-51.18.1 (CEB-7) next echelon in command.

1 MAY

0800 Shifted to Berth Dog Peter Three for Deperming and Degaussing.

1745 Shifted to Berth Charlie Five.

Received AdComFifthFib Mailgram 020125 directing FOMALBAUT depart Pearl about 0700 3 May enroute Diamond Head for RDF Calibration and conduct gunnery exercises in Charlie Nine Area morning of 4 May, the PCS 1452 escorting. Upon completion of exercises to return Pearl Harbor.

Received AdComFifthFib Mailgram 021909 directing three gunnery practices and instructions. Received ComFifthFib Secret Speedletter 00516 changing embarkation dates in Speedletter 00470.

3 MAY

0700 Underway in accordance with AdComFifthFib Mailgram 020125.

2000 20-42 N 157-52 W

4 MAY

0800 20-48 N 157-50 W

0900 Conducted anti-aircraft and surface target practices in accordance with AdComFifthFib Mailgram 020125 expending the following ammunition:

5"/51 Cal.	-	8 rounds
3"/50 Cal.	-	80 rounds
40mm	-	200 rounds
20mm	-	4700 rounds
50 Cal.	-	1000 rounds

1200 20-57 N 157-57 W

Moored to buoys and alongside HERCULES in Berth Gray 14, Pearl Harbor.

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5 MAY

Transferred remaining personnel of SLCU No. 24 in accordance with AdComFifthFib dispatch 040015.

12 MAY

Received CTF-51 Operation Plan No. A10-44 (Vice Adm. R.K. Turner, USN., CTF-51) making TransDiv-7 a unit of the Reserve Transport Group 51.1.2 (Capt. Richardson, USN., CTF-51.1.2) of the Joint Expeditionary Force Reserve TF-51.1 (Rear Adm. W.H.L. Gandy, USN., CTF-51.1).

13 MAY

1354 Underway from Pearl Harbor enroute Honolulu with TransDiv-7 composed of the CAVALIER, F. FRANKLIN BELL, WINDWOOD, WINGED ARROW, (Capt. Richardson, USN., CTF-7) in obedience to orders of ComFifthFib Secret Serial 00117.

1615 Moored port side to Pier #40 Honolulu.

2125 Commenced loading cargo of 105th R.C.I. in accordance with ComFifthFib Secret Serial 00117.

14 MAY

Received ComGroupOneFifthFib Training Operation Order No. 255-44 directing TG-51.1 to sortie from Pearl on 19 May and conduct training (amphibious) exercises; returning Pearl 24 May.

16 MAY

0125 Completed loading cargo of 105th R.C.I.

0713 Shifted berths to Sand Island Dock, Honolulu, T.H.

18 MAY

0900 Commenced embarking officers and troops of the 105th R.C.I.

1100 Completed embarkation of officers and troops of 105th R.C.I. Total number of officers 16, troops 242. Received ComFifthFib Secret Serial 00709 directing debarkation of troops on 25 May and reembarkation on 31 May.

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19 MAY

0735 Underway from Honolulu Harbor in accordance with ComGroup One Fifth Fleet Training Operation Order No. A255-44 as IG-51.1 Joint Expeditionary Force Reserve (Rear Adm. Blandy, USN., CTR).

0800 21-18 N 157-52.5 W

1200 20-40 N 157-45 W

2000 19-17 N 157-46 W

20 MAY

Operating in accordance with ComGroup One Training Order.

0800 20-40 N 156-30 W

1200 20-40 N 156-30 W

2000 20-52.5 N 156-42.5 W

2036 Anchored in Berth C-14, Lahania Bay, Maui Island.

21 MAY

0318 Underway, operating in accordance with ComGroup One Training Order.

0800 20-40 N 156-30 W

1200 20-40 N 156-30 W

1955 Anchored Berth E-2 Hualaea Bay, Maui Island.

22 MAY

1602 Underway, operating in accordance with ComGroup One Training Order.

2000 20-39 N 156-43.5 W

23 MAY

0800 20-37.5 N 156-43 W

Operating in accordance with ComGroup One Training Order.

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1200 20-34.5 N 156-42 W

1445 Underway for Pearl in accordance ComGroup One Training Order.

2000 20-05 N 157-04 W

24 MAY

0745 Conducted anti-aircraft practice in accordance with ComGroup One Training Schedule, expending the following ammunition:

30/50 Cal.	-	39 rounds
40MM	-	55 rounds
20MM	-	1090 rounds
50 Cal.	-	187 rounds

0800 20-45.5 N 157-47 W

1200 21-16 N 157-56 W

1400 Moored in Section 6, Pearl Harbor.

25 MAY

0700 Officers and troops of the 105th R.C.T. were debarked in accordance with ComFifthFlot Secret Speedletter Serial 00709.

30 MAY

Received CTD-7 Speedletter Secret Serial 00021 modifying ComFifthFlot Secret Serial 00709.

31 MAY

1620 Reembarked 16 officers and 244 men of the 105th R.C.T. in accordance with CTD-7 Speedletter Secret Serial 00021, dated 29 May 1946.

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1 JUNE

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0748 Underway for Kwajalein, Marshall Islands from Pearl Harbor, T.H., in accordance with CTG-51.1 and ComGroupONE OpOrd No. A258-44, dated 24 May 1944. Steaming in company with TG-51.18, less SEDERSTROM and FLEMING plus CANFIELD and DIONNE. Rear Adm. W.H.P. Blandy, USN., CTG-51.18 in FREEMONT. FOMALHAUT fourth in starboard column of cruising formation Six Sugar with U.S.S. FREEMONT fleet guide and U.S.S. CAVALIER (CTU-51.18.1) starboard column guide.

Positions:

0800 Pearl Harbor
1200 20 - 40 N
158 - 15 W
2000 19 - 44 N
159 - 28.5 W

2 JUNE

Air coverage as practicable was requested for this convoy from Johnston Island by ComHawSeaFron desp. 021657 of June 1944.

1400 Set ship's clocks back one-half hour to conform to Zone plus 10 time.

Positions:

0800 18 - 45 N
161 - 58 W
1200 18 - 27 N
162 - 48 W
2000 17 - 54 N
164 - 36 W

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3 JUNE

1412 Commenced exercising at gunnery practice and expended the following ammunition:

5"/51 - 2 rounds common
5"/51 - 2 powder charges
3"/50 - 4 rounds common
40MM - 6 rounds AA
20MM - 56 rounds

1500 Set ship's clocks back one hour to conform to Zone plus 11 time.

Positions:

0800 16 - 58 N
167 - 07 W

1200 16 - 33 N
167 - 53 W

2000 15 - 50 N
169 - 48 W

4 JUNE

1325 Commenced practice firing of AA batteries; expended the following ammunition:

3"/50 - 4 rounds
40MM - 12 rounds
20MM - 121 rounds

1500 Set ship's clocks back one hour to conform to Zone plus 12 time.

Positions:

0800 15 - 12.7 N
172 - 31.3 W

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1200 14 - 58 N
173 - 24 W

2000 14 - 27.5 N
175 - 19.5 W

5 JUNE

1500 Set ship's clocks back one hour to conform to Zone minus 11 time.

1700 Crossed International Date Line.

Positions:

0800 13 - 43 N
177 - 53 W

1200 13 - 26 N
178 - 42 W

2000 12 - 49 N
179 - 17 W

Changed dates to conform to east longitude dates.

7 JUNE

Positions:

0800 12 - 16 N
176 - 53 E

1200 12 - 03.5 N
176 - 04 E

2000 11 - 43 N
174 - 28 E

8 JUNE

Have conducted daily tactical exercises and general drills since departure from Pearl Harbor.

1307 Test fired all .30 and .50 calibre machine guns and expended the following ammunition:

.50 Cal. - 200 rounds

.30 Cal. - 700 rounds

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Positions:

0800 11 - 00 N
171 - 55 E
1200 10 - 51 W
172 - 02 E
2000 10 - 34 N
169 - 22 E

9 JUNE

1200 Standing in to Kwajalein, Marshall Islands.

1328 Anchored in berth V-5, Kwajalein Harbor.

Positions:

0800 08 - 43 N
168 - 00 E

11 JUNE

1602 Underway for Saipan, Marianas Islands in accordance with CTU-51.1 mailgram 100626Z of June 1944, in company with TG-51.18, less SEDERSTROM and FLEMMING plus CANFIELD and DIONNE. FOMALHAUT fourth in starboard column of cruising formation Six Sugar with U.S.S. FREEMONT (CTG-51.18) fleet guide and U.S.S. CAVALIER (CTU-51.18.1) starboard column guide. While standing out of the harbor and forming up all ships this task group were at general quarters.

1917 SAUFLEY (DD465) in screening station #5 reported underwater sound contact and made an attack; results not known by this command. Made various emergency turns.

Positions:

2000 9 - 01.5 N
166 - 57 E

12 JUNE

Positions:

0800 10 - 14 N
164 - 59 E
1200 10 - 39 N
164 - 16 E

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2000 11 - 34 N
162 - 53 E

13 JUNE

Positions:

0800 12 - 22 N
160 - 31 E

1200 12 - 34 N
159 - 42 E

2000 12 - 59 N
158 - 03.5 E

14 JUNE

Positions:

0800 13 - 27 N
155 - 17 E

1200 13 - 35 N
154 - 28 E

2000 13 - 15 N
152 - 46 E

15 JUNE

Positions:

0800 14 - 20.5 N
150 - 12 E

1200 14 - 29 N
149 - 25 E

2000 14 - 59 N
147 - 46 E

16 JUNE

Cruising on various courses west and north of Saipan, pending further orders. Saw many Japanese survivors in the water, and heard several reports of others over the TBS. Some were picked up by escort vessels, including one Japanese girl about 9 years old.

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- 1300 In accordance with CTG-51.1 desp. 160232Z of June, TG-51.18 set course for transport area THREE to land on Charan Kanoa beaches today. Artillery specified as being especially important.
- 1703 Anchored in transport area THREE. Set Condition ONE ABLE and proceeded to unload. Shortly before sunset TG-51.18 less HEARLD OF THE MORNING, AURIGA, FOMALHAUT and two DES retired for the night.

Positions:

0800 15 - 50 N
145 - 25 E

1200 15 - 40 N
145 - 44 E

17 JUNE

- The unloading operations progressed very slowly due to the insufficient number of boats available and the delay in unloading at the beach. There was no enemy activity that directly affected the unloading procedure.
- 0337 Received TBS report that LST was being attacked by a submarine; bearing 120, distance 4 or 5 miles from berth Baker 50. At 0425 got underway and hove to in the vicinity of anchorage. Anchored again at 0529.
- 1530 Six boats from BELL, six from HEYWOOD, and eighteen from CAVALIER were detailed to report to FOMALHAUT in order to expedite the unloading.
- 1751 Ship 18% unloaded. After having received several reports of "Bogies" in the vicinity, went to general quarters in preparation to repel air attack.
- 1754 Underway in accordance with flag hoist signal from CTG-51.18.
- 1800 Received "Flash Red" from CTF-52. Began to execute various emergency turns as ordered by CTG-51.18 over the TBS. Observed AA fire from several ships astern and received TBS report that one LST was on fire.
- 1937 Received "Flash White" and secured from general quarters.

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18 JUNE

Steaming on various courses north and east of Saipan.

Positions:

0800 16 - 08 N
148 - 01 E

1200 16 - 04.4 N
148 - 28.5 E

2000 16 - 02.5 N
147 - 18 E

19 JUNE

1225 In accordance with orders received by TBS from CTU-51.18, left formation and joined TG-51.19 at 1330. FOMALHAUT third in column one, enroute to LST area.

Positions:

0800 15 - 28 N
146 - 53 E

1200 15 - 49 N
147 - 31 E

2000 15 - 46 N
146 - 31 E

20 JUNE

0643 Anchored in berth B52, LST area off west coast of Saipan, and commenced discharging cargo. Again the lack of boats greatly impaired the unloading.

1600 Ship 40% unloaded.

1850 Secured from Condition ONE ABLE and set Condition II.

2350 Destroyer and two LCT's opened fire on enemy barges off Garapan, bearing about north, distance approximately 2 miles.

2400 Ship 56% unloaded.

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21 JUNE

- 0800 Ship 63% unloaded.
- 1600 Ship 69% unloaded. Received one marine officer and six marine enlisted men on board for treatment of wounds received in battle on Saipan.
- 1630 LCT 994 came alongside for cargo, which greatly increased the rate of unloading.
- 2400 Ship 81% unloaded.

22 JUNE

- 0110 Received TBS report of enemy aircraft in the vicinity and went to general quarters.
- 0115 Received "Flash Red" from CTF-52. Hove short and made preparations to get underway.
- 0145 Observed three bomb splashes bearing about north, approximately 1500 yards. U.S.S. NEVILLE (bearing 358 T) reported having been straddled by bombs.
- 0218 Received "Flash White" from CTF-52. Secured from general quarters.
- 0231 Received "Flash Red" from CTF-52 and went to general quarters. Observed AA fire from shore batteries.
- 0800 Ship 85% unloaded.
- 1300 Received one marine officer, one marine enlisted man and one Navy hospital corpsman on board for treatment of wounds received in battle ashore.
- 1600 Ship 93% unloaded.
- 1927 Received "Flash Red" from CTF-52 and went to general quarters.
- 1950 Intercepted report over the TBS that the MARYLAND had been torpedoed.
- 2310 Observed several shell bursts on starboard side bearing from about 045 to 115, distance from approximately 75 to 1000 yards. These could be heard before the report of burst which might indicate that they passed over the ship from the direction of Tanapag Harbor.

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There was considerable exchange of fire from our own shore batteries near Charon Kanoa on Saipan and the enemy shore batteries on Tinian. The U.S.S. THUBAN, bearing about 095 and in the vicinity of the shell bursts, reported that she was under fire from enemy guns on Tinian.

- 2353 On order from CTF-52 began laying smoke screen in accordance with smoke plan. Expended 109 smoke floats (M-4) and 2 smoke pots (M-3).
- 2400 Ship 97% unloaded.

23 JUNE

- 0447 Intercepted TBS report that torpedo from low flying plane passed under the U.S.S. LIVINGSTON.
- 0648 Completed discharging of cargo.
- 0900 All boats from this ship were detailed to assist the U.S.S. HERCULES in unloading including two boats assigned to Saipan Boat Pool.
- 0958 The first of eight LCI's came alongside for provisions and water.
- 1815 All boats, except the two transferred to Saipan Boat Pool, returned to the ship.
- 1829 In accordance with CTF-51 desp. 230532 of June 1944, got underway for Eniwetok as part of TG-51.18.16. Using USF-10A cruising formation Six Sugar as follows: right hand column - U.S.S. CLAY (ComTransDiv-10) fleet guide, MIDDLETON, NEVILLE; left hand column - LASALLE, column guide, FOMALHAUT, VINCENNES (CTU-51.18.16); escorted by four DD's and two APD's.

Positions:

2000 15 - 20 N
145 - 44.5 E

24 JUNE

Positions:

0800 14 - 55 N
148 - 24 E

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1200 14 - 43 N
149 - 08 E

2000 14 - 23 N
150 - 42.4 E

25 JUNE

Positions:

0800 13 - 55 N
153 - 13 E

1200 13 - 43.5 N
153 - 48 E

2000 13 - 25 N
155 - 25 E

26 JUNE

Positions:

0800 12 - 52 N
157 - 57.5 E

1200 12 - 44 N
158 - 47.5 E

2000 12 - 52 N
160 - 23.5 E

27 JUNE

1237 Anchored in berth 256, Eniwetok Harbor.

1636 Underway to shift anchorages to berth 226.

1702 Anchored in berth 226, Eniwetok Harbor.

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0800 11 - 26 N
162 - 20 E

1200 11 - 26 N
162 - 24 E

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1 JULY

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Anchored in Berth 226, Eniwetok Harbor, Marshall Islands. Using East Longitude date and minus 11 time zone.

6 JULY

Received Visual Despatch 060644 CTG-51.1 relieved by CTG-52.4 as SOPA Amphibious Forces. Also received Visual Despatch 062350 assigning FOMALHAUT to TD-26 for visual and relay purposes.

10 JULY

Transferred two LCVP's and one LCM to the U.S.S. THUBAN with boat crews in accordance with CTF-53 despatch 070338 of July 1944. Also transferred excess provisions, spare parts for boats, medical stores, radio equipment and spare parts to ships designated by CTG-52.4.

12 JULY

0740 Underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H. from Eniwetok in accordance with CTG-52.4 speedletter FB7-20/A4-3, serial SL20-44. Steaming in company with CTG-52.4 in the following formation: Starboard column: LEONARD WOOD (CTG-52.4 and CTD-20), fleet guide, PIERCE, O'HARA, LASALLE; port column: CALLAWAY (CTD-26), column guide, LEON, SUMTER, FOMALHAUT and MORMACPORT; screened by DENT, CORBESIER, KYNE and BUTLER.

Positions:

0800	11-26 N
	162-08 E
1200	11-21 N
	163-05 E
2000	11-11.5 N
	164-42.5 E

13-12 JULY

0800 Changed dates to conform to West Longitude date and set ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to plus 12 time zone.

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Positions:

0800 10-45 N
167-16 E

1200 10-53.8 N
167-50 E

2000 11-28 N
169-20 E

13 JULY

Positions:

0800 12-16 N
171-40 E

1200 12-26 N
172-19.5 E

2000 12-52 N
173-54 E

14 JULY

0907 Commenced practice firing of AA Batteries, exercise 13 Baker (USF10A), and expended the following ammunition:

3"/50 Cal.	-	27 rounds
40MM	-	82 rounds
20MM	-	1748 rounds
.50 Cal.	-	211 rounds

2400 Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to plus 11 time zone.

Positions:

0800 13-29 N
176-19 E

1200 13-45 N
177-06 E

2000 14-08.5 N
178-34 E

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15 JULY

Positions:

0800 14-47.5 N
179-18.5 W

1200 14-03 N
178-36 W

2000 15-30.5 N
177-06 W

16 JULY

Positions:

0800 16-19 N
174-46 W

1200 16-33 N
174-04 W

2000 17-03 N
172-34 W

17 JULY

2400 Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to plus 10 time zone.

Positions:

0800 17-41 N
170-18 W

1200 17-40.5 N
169-37 W

2000 18-14 N
168-09 W

18 JULY

0900 Commenced practice firing of AA Batteries, exercise 13 Baker (USF10A), and expended the following ammunition:

3"/50 Cal.	-	17 rounds
40MM	-	46 rounds
20MM	-	921 rounds
.50 Cal.	-	80 rounds

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Positions:

0800 18-49 N
165-59 W

1200 19-00 N
165-21 W

2000 19-20 N
163-57 W

19 JULY

2400 Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to plus 9½ time zone.

Positions:

0800 19-45 N
161-42 W

1200 19-53.7 N
161-00 W

2000 20-08 N
159-36 W

20 JULY

1128 Moored starboard side U.S.S. ORVETTA in Berth X-6, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

Positions:

0800 Standing in to Pearl Harbor, T.H.

21 JULY

1612 Underway from Pearl Harbor, T.H. for New York, N.Y., via Panama Canal for Navy Yard overhaul in accordance with AdComPhibsPac Movement Order No. 19-44, Serial 00297, dated 20 July 1944 and AdComPhibsPac despatch 212101 of July 1944. Steaming independently as Task Unit 55.1.11. Transferred six LCVP's and one LCM to Waipio Amphibious Operating Base, Pearl Harbor, T.H., prior to departure. The crews for these boats, including twenty-nine enlisted men and four boat officers, were transferred to the U.S.S. SUMTER.

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2400 Set ship's clocks ahead one half hour to conform to plus 9 time zone.

Positions:

2000 21-17.5 N
157-20.5 W

22 JULY

Positions:

0800 21-13 N
154-50.5 W

1200 20-11 N
153-57 W

2000 20-58 N
152-06 W

23 JULY

Positions:

0800 20-43.5 N
149-36 W

1200 20-39.5 N
148-47.5 W

2000 20-30 N
147-03 W

24 JULY

2400 Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to plus 8 time zone.

Positions:

0800 20-20.5 N
144-15 W

1200 20-10 N
143-21 W

2000 19-55 N
141-29 W

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25 JULY

Positions:

0800 19-44.5 N
138-47 W

1200 19-38 N
137-48 W

2000 19-23.5 N
135-50 W

26 JULY

2400 Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to plus 7 time zone.

Positions:

0800 18-54 N
132-52 W

1200 18-45 N
131-53.5 W

2000 18-25 N
129-58 W

27 JULY

Positions:

0800 17-59 N
127-18 W

1200 17-44 N
126-19 W

2000 17-22 N
124-22 W

28 JULY

Positions:

0800 16-45 N
121-23 W

1200 16-37.3 N
120-23 W

2000 16-08 N
118-23 W

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29 JULY

2400 Set ship's clocks ahead one hour to conform to plus 6 zone time.

Positions:

0800 15-27.5 N
115-25 W

1200 15-13 N
114-26 W

2000 14-43 N
112-25.5 W

30 JULY

Positions:

0800 14-00.3 N
109-40.9 W

1200 13-42.5 N
108-47 W

2000 13-09.5 N
107-00 W

31 JULY

Positions:

0800 12-27 N
104-20 W

1200 12-10 N
103-24.5 W

2000 11-35 N
101-27.5 W

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1 AUGUST

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Positions:

0800 10-55 N; 99-06 W
1200 10-37 N; 98-10 W
2000 10-03 N; 96-20.4 W

2 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 09-09 N; 93-55 W
1200 08-45.5 N; 92-43 W
2000 08-11 N; 90-51 W

3 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 07-27.8 N; 88-11 W
1200 07-09.4 N; 87-16 W
2000 06-51 N; 85-13 W

4 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 06-50 N; 82-23.5 W
1200 06-44.5 N; 81-37 W
2000 06-50 N; 80-02 W

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5 AUGUST

- 0956 Anchored in Balboa Inner Harbor. The weather was cloudy throughout the trip from Pearl Harbor to Panama. No storms or unusual rough seas were encountered. After waiting less than an hour got underway for passage through the canal.
- 2001 Reported to CNO and CINCLANT in accordance with CTG-55.1 Movement Order No. 19-44.
- 2050 Moored starboard side to Pier #9, Cristobal, C.Z. Received 140 Navy enlisted passengers for further transfer to the United States.

Positions:

- 0800 Standing in to Balboa Inner Harbor.
- 1200 Panama Canal.
- 2000 Panama Canal.

6 AUGUST

- 1529 Underway from Panama Canal Zone for New York, N.Y., via Norfolk, Va. in accordance with ComPaSeaFron despatch 06230 of August 1944.

Position:

- 2000 10-04 N; 79-39 W

7 AUGUST

Positions:

- 0800 11-46 N; 78-08 W
- 1200 12-26 N; 77-47 W
- 2000 13-38 N; 76-49.5 W

8 AUGUST

Positions:

- 0800 15-38 N; 75-28 W
- 1200 16-38 N; 75-17 W
- 2000 18-14 N; 74-55 W

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9 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 20-18 N; 73-37.5 W
1200 21-06.5 N; 73-53 W
2000 22-37.5 N; 73-12 W

10 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 25-05 N; 72-31.5 W
1200 25-49.5 N; 72-25 W
2000 27-30.5 N; 72-01.5 W

11 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 30-01 N; 72-07 W
1200 30-51.5 N; 72-02 W
2000 32-29 N; 71-51 W

12 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 35-05 N; 71-34 W
1200 35-49 N; 71-41 W
2000 36-47 N; 72-46 W

13 AUGUST

Positions:

0800 Standing in to Hampton Roads, Virginia.

14 AUGUST

0840 Pursuant to Comdt., NNY Ord. 197, file LL/P16, dated 9 August 1944, B.A. Wilson (Representative of the Nordberg Mfg. Co) and two civilian Marine Engineers reported on board for temporary duty in connection with trial runs during passage to New York.

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0953 Underway from Norfolk, Virginia to New York, N.Y.

Positions:

1200 Standing out of Hampton Roads.

2000 37-43.8 N; 74-05 W

15 AUGUST

1025 Anchored in Gravesend Bay, N.Y.

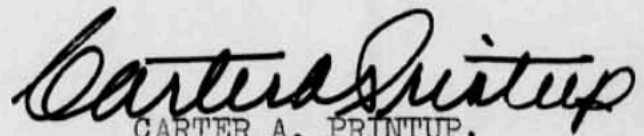
1617 Underway proceeding to Brooklyn Navy Yard.

1730 Moored in Berth D-5, Brooklyn Navy Yard.

16-31 AUGUST

Undergoing general navy yard overhaul.

On 24 August 1944 received copy of CNO ltr Op-23-S-jk, Serial 259123 dated 15 August 1944, reclassifying the U.S.S. FOMALHAUT from AKA-5 to AK-22.



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1-30 SEPTEMBER

In accordance with CTF-55.1 Movement Order No. 19-44, reported to CNO and CINCLANT on 5 August 1944. Next echelon in command is CINCLANT (Admiral R. E. Ingersoll, U.S. Navy), Commander Task Force TWENTY-ONE.

Undergoing general navy yard overhaul in New York Navy Yard.

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1-17 OCTOBER

In accordance with CTG-55.1 Movement Order No. 19-44, reported to CNO and CINCLANT on 5 August 1944. Next echelon in command is CINCLANT (Admiral R. E. Ingersoll, U. S. Navy), Commander Task Force TWENTY-ONE.

Undergoing general navy yard overhaul in New York Navy Yard.

18 OCTOBER

0800 Commenced various tests in accordance with Manager, NYNYK Testing and Operating Schedule dated 17 October 1944.

20 OCTOBER

0554 Underway for machinery trials in Long Island Sound.

1820 Moored berth #20, New York Navy Yard.

Positions:

0800 40-51.9 N: 73-45.5 W

1200 41-00 N: 73-22.5 W

24 OCTOBER

0805 Underway for Fort Lafayette area to load ammunition.

0915 Anchored in Naval Anchorage, Fort Lafayette, and proceeded to load ammunition.

25 OCTOBER

0657 Underway to conduct testing operations in the vicinity of Jones Beach, Long Island, N.Y.

Positions:

0800 40-24 N: 73-50 W

1200 40-17 N: 73-29 W

2000 40-28 N: 73-12 W

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26 OCTOBER

Positions:

0800	40-33.5	N:	73-26.7	W
1200	40-33.0	N:	73-27.4	W
2000	40-33.2	N:	73-28.0	W

27 OCTOBER

1600 Anchored in Naval Anchorage, Gravesend Bay, New York.

Positions:

0800	40-33	N:	73-26.5	W
1200	40-22	N:	73-29	W

28 OCTOBER

1659 Underway to conduct final tests in the vicinity of Jones Beach, Long Island, N.Y.

Positions:

2000	40-26	N:	73-26.8	W
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29 OCTOBER

Positions:

0800	40-30.8	N:	73-28.0	W
1200	40-26.5	N:	73-29.0	W
2000	40-20	N:	73-03	W

30 OCTOBER

Moored portside to foot of Drydock No. 3, Navy Yard New York.

Positions:

0800	40-20.3	N:	73-27.2	W
1200	40-13.2	N:	73-38.0	W

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31 OCTOBER

Removing testing equipment and completing Navy Yard
Overhaul.

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CARTER A. PRINTUP,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
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1 NOVEMBER

In accordance with CTG-55.1 Movement Order No. 19-44, reported to CNO and CINCLANT on 5 August 1944. Next echelon in command is CINCLANT (Admiral R. E. Ingersoll, U. S. Navy), Commander Task Force TWENTY-ONE.

Removing testing equipment in accordance with Manager, NYNYK Testing and Operating Schedule dated 17 October 1944.

2 NOVEMBER

1059 Underway enroute Brooklyn, N.Y., to Rockland, Maine, in accordance with Cinclant Confidential Mailgram 022149 of 2 October 1944.

Positions:

1200	40-40 N;	74-03 W
2000	40-11 N;	72-15 W

3 NOVEMBER

Positions:

0800	40-22 N;	69-07 W
1200	41-21 N;	69-06 W
2000	43-16 N;	68-21 W

4 NOVEMBER

0808 Anchored in the vicinity of Rockland Harbor due to heavy fog.

1452 Underway to conduct propeller tests on the measured mile.

2135 Propeller tests completed. Set course for Norfolk, Va., in accordance with Cominch despatch 211902 of 21 October 1944 and Cinclant despatch 232157 of 23 October 1944.

Positions:

0800	44-07 N;	69-03 W
2000	44-05 N;	69-01 W

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5 NOVEMBER

Positions:

0800	42-43 N;	68-32 W
1200	41-48 N;	68-52 W
2000	40-10 N;	68-52 W

6 NOVEMBER

Positions:

0800	38-18 N;	70-50 W
1200	37-38 N;	71-16 W
2000	39-17.2 N;	73-11.5 W

7 NOVEMBER TO 24 NOVEMBER

1305 Moored portside to dry dock #8, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia, for work in connection with fitting out to transport cargo of ammunition in accordance with Cominch despatch 211902 of 21 October 1944 and Comservlant despatch 012109 of 1 November 1944.

Positions:

0800	36-54 N;	75-13 W
1200	36-58 N;	76-20 W

8 NOVEMBER

1009 Commander Roger V. Mullany, D-V(G), U.S.N.R., relieved Commander Carter Alston Printup, U.S.N., as Commanding Officer U.S.S. Fomalhaut in accordance with BuPers despatches 262019 and 261704 of October 1944.

24 NOVEMBER

0840 Underway for N.O.B. Norfolk, Virginia to load cargo of ammunition.

1035 Moored starboard side to Pier #3, in berth #31 at N.O.B. Norfolk, Virginia.

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25-30 NOVEMBER

Commenced loading cargo of ammunition at 0820, 25
November 1944. Loading continued without incident.

R. V. Mullany
R. V. MULLANY
Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve,
COMMANDING.

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U.S.S. FOMALHAUT

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1-6 DECEMBER

In accordance with CTG 55.1 Movement Order No. 19-44, reported to CNO and CINCLANT on 5 August 1944. Next echelon in command is CINCLANT (Admiral R. E. Ingersoll, U.S. Navy), Commander Task Force TWENTY-ONE.

Loading cargo of ammunition at Pier #3, NOB, Norfolk, Virginia.

7 DECEMBER

0350 Completed loading cargo of ammunition.

0716 Underway from NOB, Norfolk, Virginia for Canal Zone as Task Unit 29.6.5 (Captain R. V. Mullany in FOMALHAUT), in accordance with Comservlant despatch 042123 of December, 1944. The MUNRO and DUFILHO, with ComCortDiv 77 (Commander H. G. White, USNR) in the MUNRO, escorting.

Positions:

0800	37-00	N	76-16	W
1200	36-52.5	N	75-38	W
2000	36-47	N	74-20.2	W

8 DECEMBER

Sea rough. Wind 34 Knots. No damage to ship or cargo.

Positions:

0800	34-18	N	73-03	W
1200	34-01	N	72-32	W
2000	32-43.5	N	72-58	W

9 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	30-46	N	73-58	W
1200	30-08.8	N	74-04.6	W
2000	28-03.5	N	74-04.8	W

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10 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	25-12.4 N	74-19	W
1200	24-16 N	74-07	W
2000	22-26.2 N	74-40	W

11 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	20-01 N	74-02.2	W
1200	19-09.5 N	74-36	W
2000	17-25 N	75-35	W

12 DECEMBER

0901 Conducted Anti-Aircraft practice using 3"/50 caliber bursts as targets and expended the following ammunition:

6 rounds 5"/38 caliber

9 rounds 3"/50 caliber

20 rounds 40 millimeter

540 rounds 20 millimeter

83 rounds 50 caliber

1600 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus five zone time.

Positions:

0800	15-00 N	76-45.5	W
1200	14-00 N	77-21.8	W
2000	12-03 N	78-28.1	W

13 DECEMBER

0946 Moored port side to pier #10 Cristobal, Canal Zone, to service in accordance with ComPaSeaFron despatch 111441 of December 1944.

Reported to CincPac by despatch in accordance with Comservlant despatch 042123 of December 1944.

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13 DECEMBER

1500 Received Port Director, Balboa, Canal Zone despatch 132010 directing this vessel to proceed Eniwetok for onward instruction to Ulithi and to report to Comservron 10 (Commodore W. R. Carter, U.S.N.) upon arrival.

Position:

0800 09-38 N 79-55 W

14 DECEMBER

0605 Underway from Cristobal, Canal Zone to transit the Canal.

1300 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus six zone time.

1410 Took departure from Balboa, Canal Zone, proceeding Eniwetok in accordance with Port Director, Balboa, Canal Zone despatch 132010.

Positions:

0800 In Panama Canal

1200 In Panama Canal

2000 07-29.1 N 79-30 W

15 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800 06-56 N 82-23 W

1200 06-34 N 83-18 W

2000 06-04 N 85-14 W

16 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800 06-27.8 N 87-58.2 W

1200 06-37 N 88-55 W

2000 06-48 N 90-51 W

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17 DECEMBER

2200 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus seven zone time.

Positions:

0800	07-03	N	93-53	W
1200	07-07	N	94-54	W
2000	07-15	N	96-42	W

18 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	07-46	N	99-53	W
1200	07-57.2	N	100-51	W
2000	08-15	N	102-50	W

19 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	08-42.8	N	105-59	W
1200	08-50	N	106-56	W
2000	08-54	N	108-55	W

20 DECEMBER

1000 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus eight zone time.

Positions:

0800	09-08	N	111-57	W
1200	09-10	N	113-11.5	W
2000	09-19.5	N	115-07	W

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21 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	09-47	N	117-59	W
1200	09-54	N	118-56	W
2000	09-58	N	120-54	W

22 DECEMBER

2230 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus nine zone time.

Positions:

0800	10-06	N	123-06	W
1200	10-14	N	124-55	W
2000	10-21.5	N	126-51.5	W

23 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	10-34	N	130-05	W
1200	10-35	N	131-02.8	W
2000	10-39.8	N	133-08.9	W

24 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	10-41.5	N	136-06	W
1200	10-43	N	137-12	W
2000	10-41	N	139-08.2	W

25 DECEMBER

1000 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus ten zone time.

Positions:

0800	10-52	N	142-05	W
1200	10-55	N	143-21	W
2000	10-54	N	145-25	W

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26 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	10-53	N	148-21.5	W
1200	10-50	N	149-23	W
2000	10-50	N	151-23	W

27 DECEMBER

2200 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus eleven zone time.

Positions:

0800	10-48	N	154-13	W
1200	10-49	N	155-09	W
2000	10-40	N	156-52	W

28 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	10-21	N	159-57	W
1200	10-16	N	160-57	W
2000	10-12	N	162-42	W

29 DECEMBER

Positions:

0800	10-12	N	165-13	W
1200	10-11	N	166-32	W
2000	10-00	N	168-23	W

30 DECEMBER

1300 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to plus twelve zone time.

Positions:

0800	09-35	N	171-20	W
1200	09-40	N	172-06	W
2000	09-31	N	174-15	W

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31 DECEMBER

- 2110 Crossed 180° Meridian, minus twelve zone time.
2400 Advanced date to 2 January 1945 to conform to East Longitude time.

Positions:

0800	09-24	N	117-03	W
1200	09-18	N	177-56	W
2000	08-55	N	179-43	W

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2 JANUARY

At 2400 on 31 December 1944, advanced date to 2 January 1945 to conform to East Longitude time. Using minus twelve zone time.

Reported to CincPac by despatch, 13 December 1944, in accordance with ComServLant despatch 042123 of December 1944.

Proceeding in accordance with Port Director, Balboa, Canal Zone despatch 132010, directing this vessel to proceed to Eniwetok for onward instruction to Ulithi and to report to ComServRon Ten (Commodore W. R. Carter, U.S.N.) upon arrival.

Positions:

0800	08-36	N	177-36	E
1200	08-30	N	176-44	E
2000	08-18	N	174-56	E

3 JANUARY

0500 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to minus eleven zone time.

Positions:

0800	08-10	N	171-57	E
1200	08-00.5	N	171-09	E
2000	08-28.5	N	169-22	E

4 JANUARY

Positions:

0800	09-03	N	166-47	E
1200	09-28	N	166-01.5	E
2000	10-15	N	164-19	E

5 JANUARY

0700 Arrived Eniwetok Lagoon, Marshall Islands.

0822 Anchored in berth Nan #6, Eniwetok Lagoon.

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1500 Advanced clocks one (1) hour to conform to minus twelve zone time.

Positions:

0800 11-22 N 162-21 E

1200 Eniwetok Lagoon

2000 Eniwetok Lagoon

6 JANUARY

1135 Underway from Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Ulithi, Caroline Islands in accordance with Port Director Eniwetok Movement Order, ENIWETOK-ULITHI 32-44, in company with the USS ESCALANTE, SS FORT MOULTRIE, PENDLETON, FORT CUMBERLAND, LUNDY LANE, MISSION SANTA CRUZ, YAMHILL, and the LITTLE BIG HORN. Convoy Commodore in the USS FOMALHAUT (Captain R. V. Mullany, USNR.).

Convoy escorted by Task Unit 16.14.1, DE's BURDEN HASTINGS, LE HARDY and the FAIR. CTU in the FAIR (Lt. Comdr. Wm. B. Biggerstaff, USNR.).

1800 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to minus eleven zone time.

Positions:

0800 Anchored in Eniwetok Lagoon

1200 11-12 N 162-20 E

2000 11-27 N 160-50 E

7 JANUARY

1800 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to minus ten zone time.

Positions:

0800 12-02 N 157-54 E

1200 12-13 N 156-56 E

2000 12-34.4 N 154-43.6 E

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8 JANUARY

Positions:

0800	13-02	N	151-48	E
1200	13-61.2	N	150-48	E
2000	12-49	N	148-58	E

9 JANUARY

Positions:

0800	11-35	N	146-16	E
1200	11-14.5	N	145-22	E
2000	10-30	N	143-30	E

10 JANUARY

1225 Anchored in berth 146, Ulithi Lagoon, Caroline Islands.

1500 Reported to ComServRon Ten (Commodore W. R. Carter, U.S.N.) in accordance with Port Director Canal Zone despatch 132010.

Positions:

0800	09-59	N	140-38	E
1200	Anchored in Ulithi Lagoon.			
2000	Anchored in Ulithi Lagoon.			

12 JANUARY

0712 Observed an explosion in the vicinity of the USS MAZAMA anchored in Berth 501, bearing 230° (true), distance 7,000 yards from this vessel.

0713 Received "Flash Red" from ComServRon Ten and went to General Quarters. Made preparations for getting underway.

0725 The USS MAZAMA reported sighting a submarine in the vicinity of berth 160, bearing 291° true, distance 6,000 yards from the FOMALHAUT. The reported sighting was investigated but the results are not known.

0925 Secured from General Quarters. Set Battle Condition III. Maintained Material Condition Zebra.

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- 0928 The (DE) LE HARDY made an attack with depth charges 1,500 yards off the starboard quarter of this vessel on bearing 188° true. Went to General Quarters.
- 0940 Secured from General Quarters. Set Battle Condition III. Maintained Material Condition Zebra.
- 0945 Wind increased to 28 knots and visibility was reduced to 500 yards. Squally weather.
- 1025 Sighted feather and wake of periscope bearing 210° true, distance 1,000 yards, on course approximately 145° true. Reported sighting immediately to ComServRon Ten, SOPA. Went to General Quarters.
- 1108 The DE GEORGE investigating the reported sighting of submarine made an attack with depth charges. Results apparently negative and the DE GEORGE resumed her assigned screening station after a thorough search in the area.
- 1228 Intercepted report that LCI No. 600 had been damaged by an explosion from an unknown source.
- 1302 Intercepted report that LCI #600 had sunk and that survivors had been picked up by the destroyers DEWEY and WOODWORTH.
- 1421 Upon orders from ComServRon Ten secured from General Quarters. Set Battle Condition III. Maintained Material Condition Zebra. Various anti-submarine attacks were made with depth charges in the Lagoon throughout the day. The results are not known by this command.

14 JANUARY

Commenced discharging fresh water to various small ships, having advised ComServRon Ten that this vessel had 50,000 gallons fresh water available for issue.

16 JANUARY

- 1558 Commenced discharging cargo of ammunition as directed by ComServRon Ten.

18 JANUARY

- 1302 Received "Flash Red". Unidentified aircraft in vicinity. Went to General Quarters.
- 1314 Secured from General Quarters. Set Battle Condition III.

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21-31 JANUARY

Continued intermittent discharge of ammunition cargo as directed by ComServRon Ten. The prevailing moderate to strong wind and rough sea created unfavorable unloading conditions particularly with small craft.

25 JANUARY


- 0650 Underway to shift berths.
0750 Anchored in Berth #528 Ulithi Lagoon.

28 JANUARY

- 0739 Underway to moor alongside the USS SALT LAKE CITY to discharge and to receive ammunition.
1852 Having completed loading and unloading of ammunition got underway to return to Berth #528.
1927 Anchored in Berth 47 due to darkness and to the resultant danger from shoal areas.

29 JANUARY

- 0708 Underway to return to Berth #528.
0742 Anchored in Berth 528, Ulithi Lagoon.


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Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve,
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1-2 FEBRUARY

In accordance with Port Director Canal Zone despatch 132010 reported to Commander Service Squadron Ten (Commodore W. R. Carter, USN) on 10 January 1945. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet, (Vice Admiral V.L. Calhoun, USN).

Using minus ten zone time.

Anchored in Berth #528 Ulithi Lagoon, Caroline Islands. Discharging ammunition cargo as directed by Commander Service Squadron Ten.

3 FEBRUARY

- 1220 Underway to go alongside USS WRANGELL to load ammunition in accordance with Commander Service Squadron Ten despatch 030102. This vessel was designated by Commander Service Squadron Ten to make available reserve ammunition for assault shipping at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 February 1945, in accordance with Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet Top Secret despatch 210225 of January 1945.
- 1313 Moored portside to the WRANGELL in Berth #3, Ulithi Lagoon.
- 1444 Commenced loading and discharging ammunition.

4-13 FEBRUARY

- 1220 Completed loading and discharging ammunition cargo from the WRANGELL.
- 1223 Underway to return to Berth #528.
- 1355 Anchored in Berth #528, Ulithi Lagoon, Caroline Islands. Continued loading and discharging ammunition cargo in accordance with instructions of Commander Service Squadron Ten.

14 FEBRUARY

- 1500 Received verbal instructions from the Port Director, Ulithi, assigning this vessel temporarily to Transport Division 51, a unit of Transport Squadron 17, (Commodore T.B. Brittain, USN). This Squadron scheduled to sail for Leyte, Philippine Islands, 15 February 1945.
- 2020 Advised Commander Service Squadron Ten that this vessel had not received the full amount of ammunition required to be available in Leyte, Philippine Islands, by 20 February 1945.

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2311 Received a TBS message from Commander Service Squadron Ten cancelling this vessel's scheduled sailing with Transport Division 51.

15 FEBRUARY

1311 Continued loading ammunition in accordance with directions of Commander Service Squadron Ten.

2035 Completed loading of ammunition cargo required to be available in Leyte by 20 February 1945.

2230 Received Port Director, Ulithi, despatch 150616 including this vessel in Task Unit 50.9.6.

16 FEBRUARY

1555 Underway from Ulithi, Caroline Islands, to Leyte, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Port Director, Ulithi, Secret Letter A4-3 of 16 February 1945.

Steaming in company with the DIXIE, MARKAB, HECTOR and PROMETHEUS in column formation. Escorted by the BAILEY and BANCROFT. Commander Task Unit in the DIXIE (Captain G. H. Lyttle, USN).

1717 Conducted anti-aircraft firing practice. The performance of the 5"/38 caliber and 3"/50 caliber batteries using Mark 51 Director Control proved highly satisfactory. Expended the following ammunition:

21 rounds 5"38 projectiles AA Common
21 rounds 5"38 Ctgs SPDN 3979
21 rounds 3"50 Cal. AA SPDN 3504
34 rounds 3"50 Cal. AA SPDN 3598
75 rounds 40MM HET SPDN 6686
200 rounds 20MM HEI SPDN 4420
100 rounds 20MM HET SPDN 5521.

1744 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to minus nine zone time.

1750 Formed cruising disposition as follows:

Column One - DIXIE and MARKAB
Column Two - FOMALHAUT
Column Three - HECTOR and PROMETHEUS.

Positions:

2000 10-14 N 139-16 E

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17 FEBRUARY

Positions:

0800	10-28	N	136-30	E
1200	10-27	N	135-37	E
2000	10-31	N	134-00.5	E

18 FEBRUARY

Positions:

0800	10-33.5	N	131-08	E
1200	10-36.5	N	130-19	E
2000	10-36.5	N	128-33.5	E

19 FEBRUARY

1345 Task Unit 50.9.6 dissolved. Proceeded independently to anchorage.

1538 Anchored in Berth 101, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Positions:

0800	10-30	N	126-32	E
1200	10-57	N	125-19	E
2000	Anchored in Berth 101.			

20-22 FEBRUARY

0614 Underway to shift berths.

0714 Anchored in Berth 116.

1819 Commenced discharging cargo of ammunition to ships of Task Force 51 in accordance with instructions of Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative, Leyte.

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23-24 FEBRUARY

2135 Commenced discharging ammunition to ships of Amphibious Groups 7 and 12 in accordance with Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative, Leyte, secret despatch 22052 of February 1945. Ships coming alongside were instructed in above despatch to have adequate working parties ready and to expedite loading by landing ammunition on their decks for subsequent stowage.

Unloading proceeded expeditiously and with the exception of LST's all ammunition was stowed in cargo hatches of ships receiving ammunition.

2400 Set Condition II to permit continuous unloading operation.

25-26 FEBRUARY

2122 Received Flash Red from SOPA and went to General Quarters.

2247 Received Flash White. Secured from General Quarters. Set Condition II and resumed unloading.

27 FEBRUARY

1943 Completed discharge of ammunition to ships of Amphibious Groups 7 and 12.

28 FEBRUARY

1058 Underway to rendezvous in vicinity of station vessel at entrance San Pedro Bay in accordance with Commander Philippine Sea Frontier voice transmission 270710 of 27 February 1945.

1210 Received Commander Philippine Sea Frontier Movement Order 35-45 from the COOLBAUGH, forming Task Unit 75.2.3 as follows: the FOMALHAUT and BEDFORD VICTORY escorted by the COOLBAUGH, DARBY, BLACKWOOD, HARMON and GREENWOOD. Commander Task Unit and Commander Escort Division 36 in the COOLBAUGH (Commander DeKay, USNR).

Proceeding in single column and in accordance with Commander Philippine Sea Frontier Movement Order 35-45, from Leyte, Philippine Islands to Ulithi, Caroline Islands.

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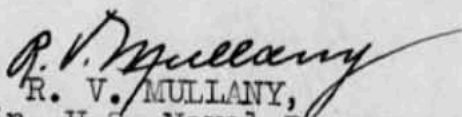
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Received Commander Philippine Sea Frontier voice transmission 280445 of February 1945, modifying Movement Order 35-45 and designating Captain R. V. Mullany, USNR., in the FOMALHAUT, as Commander Task Unit to replace Commander Escort Division 36.

Positions:

0800	Berth 116	San Pedro Bay, Leyte, P.I.		
1200	11-04	N	125-13	E
2000	10-27.5	N	126-27	E


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Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve,
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U.S.S. FOMALHAUT

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1 MARCH

In accordance with Port Director Canal Zone despatch 132010 reported to Commander Service Squadron Ten (Commodore W. R. Carter, USN) on 10 January 1945. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet, (Vice Admiral V. L. Calhoun, USN).

Steaming in Task Unit 75.2.23 in single column as follows: FOMALHAUT and BEDFORD VICTORY escorted by the COOLBAUGH, BLACKWOOD, HARMON, GREENWOOD, DARBY. C.T.U. in the FOMALHAUT (Captain R. V. Mullany, USNR). ComCortDiv 36 in the COOLBAUGH (Commander R. D. DeKay, USNR). Enroute from Leyte, Philippine Islands to Ulithi, Caroline Islands. Using nine zone time.

Positions:

0800	10 - 21	N	128 - 20	E
1200	10 - 15	N	129 - 00	E
2000	10 - 12	N	130 - 14	E

2 MARCH

Distance made good averaged about 9.5 knots due to the adverse sea, wind and current. Making RPM's for 14 knots.

Positions:

0800	10 - 17	N	131 - 58	E
1200	10 - 25	N	132 - 44	E
2000	10 - 22	N	134 - 01	E

3 MARCH

Sighted approximately 20 net buoys adrift. Latitude 10-13 N, Longitude 137-48 E. The DARBY fired at them and reported them as non-combustible.

Positions:

0800	10 - 23	N	136 - 03	E
1200	10 - 19	N	136 - 52	E
2000	10 - 07	N	138 - 18	E

4-6 MARCH

0610 Standing into Ulithi Lagoon.

0709 Anchored in Berth #531, Ulithi Lagoon, Caroline Islands.

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7 MARCH

- 0649 Underway to go alongside U.S.S. MISSOURI to discharge and receive ammunition.
- 0750 Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. MISSOURI.
- 0832 Commenced discharging ammunition.
- 1928 Completed receiving ammunition from U.S.S. MISSOURI.
- 1948 Underway to shift berths.
- 2003 Anchored in Berth #44 Ulithi Lagoon.

8-9 MARCH

- 0734 Discharging ammunition as directed by ComServRon 10. Underway to shift berths.
- 0821 Anchored in Berth #531, Ulithi Lagoon.
- Discharging ammunition cargo as directed by ComServRon 10.

10 MARCH

- 0658 Underway to go alongside the U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA in accordance with ComServRon 10 visual message 091211 of March 1945.
- 0747 Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA.
- 0834 Commenced discharging ammunition cargo.
- 1054 Discharging of ammunition completed. Underway to return to Berth #531.
- 1137 Anchored in Berth #531, Ulithi Lagoon.

11 MARCH

- 2012 Received "Flash Red" from ComServRon Ten and went to General Quarters.
- 2013 Observed explosion on stern of U.S.S. RANDOLPH bearing 090° true, distance 4 miles, in Berth #27.
- 2014 Observed an explosion bearing 062° distance approximately 4 miles on the island of Sorlen, Ulithi Lagoon.
- 2055 Received "Flash White" and secured from General Quarters. Set Condition III and maintained Condition Zebra.

12-15 MARCH

Loading and discharging ammunition cargo as directed by ComServRon Ten.

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12 MARCH

- 1318 Received "Flash Red" and went to General Quarters.
1347 Received "Flash White". Secured from General Quarters.
Set Battle Condition III.

13 MARCH

- 0813 Received "Flash Red" and went to General Quarters.
0823 Received "Flash White". Secured from General Quarters.
Set Battle Condition III.
1019 Received ComServRon Ten Secret Despatch 101019 of March
1945 advising ComServRon Ten Leyte that FOMALHAUT would
sail to Leyte and be retained there until further orders.

14 MARCH

- 0729 Underway to go alongside the BUCYRUS VICTORY in Berth #528.
0742 Moored portside to BUCYRUS VICTORY.
1621 Loading completed. Underway from alongside BUCYRUS VICTORY.
1633 Anchored in Berth #524 awaiting sailing instructions.
1806 Underway to return to Berth #531.
1835 Anchored in Berth #531, Ulithi Lagoon.

16 MARCH

- 0930 Underway for Berth #123, Ulithi Lagoon.
1023 Anchored in Berth #123.
1652 Underway from Ulithi, Caroline Islands for Leyte, Philippine
Islands, in accordance Port Director Ulithi Secret Routing
Instructions: Ulithi-Leyte #13 of 15 March, 1945. Steam-
ing in Convoy escorted by DE WISEMAN. O.T.C. in FOMALHAUT
(Captain R. V. Mullany, USNR).
1730 Retarded ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to minus
nine zone time.

Positions:

2000 10 - 44 N 139 - 15 E

17 MARCH

Positions:

0800 10 - 28 N 136 - 37 E

1200 10 - 28.3 N 135 - 34.5 E

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2000 10 - 30 N 133 - 44.5 E

18 MARCH

Positions:

0800 10 - 33.5 N 131 - 01 E

1200 10 - 33.5 N 130 - 13 E

2000 10 - 31 N 128 - 29 E

19 MARCH

1200 Anchored in Berth #125, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

1606 Commenced discharging cargo as directed by ComServRon Ten Representative, Leyte.

Positions:

0800 10 - 35 N 125 - 53 E

1200 Anchored in Berth #125

2000 Anchored in Berth #125

20-31 MARCH

Discharging ammunition cargo as directed by ComServRon Ten Representative, Leyte.

22 MARCH

0949 The SS BLUEFIELD VICTORY moored alongside.

1045 Commenced receiving ammunition from and discharging to the SS BLUEFIELD VICTORY.

1840 Loading and unloading of ammunition completed and SS BLUEFIELD VICTORY departed from alongside.

23 MARCH

0731 Underway to go alongside the SS DURHAM VICTORY in accordance with instructions from ComServRon Ten Representative, Leyte.

0813 Moored portside to SS DURHAM VICTORY in Berth #115, San Pedro Bay, Leyte.

0927 Commenced loading ammunition cargo from SS DURHAM VICTORY.

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26 MARCH

- 0017 Completed loading ammunition cargo from SS DURHAM VICTORY.
- 0806 Underway to return to Berth #125, Leyte.
- 0830 Anchored in Berth #125, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

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U.S.S. FOMALHAUT (AK22)

From: 1 April, 1945.

To: 30 April, 1945.

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1 April 1945

In accordance with Port Director Canal Zone despatch 132010 reported to Commander Service Squadron Ten (Commodore W. R. Carter, USN), on 10 January, 1945. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, (Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, USN).

Anchored in Berth 125, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Discharging cargo as directed by ComServRon Ten Representative, Leyte.

Using minus nine zone time.

4 April

Underway at 1410 in accordance with verbal orders of ComServRon Ten Representative, Leyte, to go alongside the S.S. BLUEFIELD VICTORY, anchored nearby in Berth 138. At 1412 moored starboard side to and commenced loading operations at 1612. Commander Service Squadron Ten despatch 020531 of April directs that this vessel be loaded maximum amount issue load of bombardment ammunition.

5 April

Loading completed. Underway at 0817 to return to Berth 125, anchoring at 0902. On verbal orders of ComServRon Ten Representative, Leyte, and in further compliance with above despatch, underway to go alongside S.S. CAPE MARTIN, anchored nearby in Berth 116. Moored starboard side to the S.S. CAPE MARTIN at 1352 and commenced loading operations at 1507.

7 April

Underway to return to Berth 125 at 1121, after having received maximum issue load of bombardment ammunition and anchored at 1157.

16 April

At 1006 underway to swing ship in Leyte Gulf. Upon completion, returned to Berth 125, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, and anchored at 1410.

Positions:	0800	Berth 125	
	1200	125-10 (E)	10-57 (N)
	2000	Berth 125	

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22 April

Underway at 0554 for vicinity of Sangi Point, Samar Island, Philippine Group, where Anti-aircraft Practice with towed sleeve target was conducted between 1303 and 1450. The following ammunition was expended:

47 rounds	5"/38 Caliber
117 rounds	3"/50 Caliber
186 rounds	40MM
2775 rounds	20MM

Having completed Gunnery exercise, returned to Berth 125, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, anchoring at 2018.

Positions:	0800	125-20 (E)	10-58 (N)
	1200	125-55 (E)	10-42 (N)
	2000	125-13 (E)	10-04 (N)

26 April

At 2317 a fire was indicated in the Troop's magazine in Number 1 Hold by the Thermostatic Control Panel Alarm. Upon investigation Number 1 Hold was found flooded with ten feet of water. General Quarters was sounded and within five minutes suction was taken in Number 1 Hold by bilge pump, auxiliary fire pump, and three 200 (GPM) submersible pumps. The hold was pumped free of water within one hour and a half. An investigation revealed that a British (left-handed) valve was accidentally left open at the completion of a Night Fire Drill held earlier in the evening at 2155, permitting water to flow by gravity into Number 1 Hold through the sea suction and Number 1 Hold suction lines. Fuzes stowed in the Troop's magazine and eight-inch projectiles stowed in the hold were submerged as a result of the flooding.

27 April

All fuzes (packed in boxes) were removed from Number 1 Hold for inspection and drying. The fuzes were found to be undamaged as they are in sealed cans.

28 April

All eight-inch projectiles were removed from Number 1 Hold for cleaning, oiling and inspection. They were found to be undamaged. All dunnage was removed for drying.

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29-30 April

Fuzes and eight-inch projectiles were restowed in Number 1 Hold.

This vessel is again ready to issue and is awaiting operational instruction from Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative, Leyte.

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To: 31 May, 1945.

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1 May 1945

Attached to Commander Service Squadron Ten (Commodore W. R. Carter, USN), having reported on 10 January, 1945, in accordance with Port Director Canal Zone despatch 132010. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, (Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, USN).

Anchored in Berth 125, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Discharging cargo as directed by Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative, Leyte.

Using minus nine zone time.

2-4 May

Loaded 5"/25 caliber ammunition from the U.S.S. AMADOR and SS BLUEFIELD VICTORY and discharged eight-inch projectiles to the SS BLUEFIELD VICTORY in accordance with verbal orders Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative, Leyte.

7 May

Underway at 1504 escorted by the DE CLOUES to rendezvous with CTG 50.8 in accordance with CTF 51 Secret Despatch 011121 and Commander Amphibious Group 13 Secret Despatch 060330 of May, 1945. CTU in the FOMALHAUT (Captain R. V. Mullany, USNR).

Positions: 2000 10-39.5 N 125-59 E

8 May

Conducted test firing of 40 rounds of 5"/38 caliber AAC projectiles with Mark 46-0 auxiliary detonators from this vessel's cargo in accordance Commander Service Squadron Ten despatch 020541 of May, 1945. The ammunition tested satisfactorily.

Positions: 0800 12-30 N 126-48 E
 1200 13-16 N 127-00 E
 2000 14-30 N 127-27.5E

9 May

Positions: 0800 16-09.2 N 128-08.5 E
 1200 16-46 N 128-26 E
 2000 18-03 N 128-53 E

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10 May

Positions:	0800	20-10	N	129-26	E
	1200	20-51	N	129-36	E
	2000	22-12.5	N	130-03	E

11 May

Joined up with Task Group 50.8 reporting to the Commander Task Group (D. B. Beary, USN, Commander Service Squadron Six, U.S.S. DETROIT, Flagship), at 0600, in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group 13 Secret Despatch 060330 of May, 1945.

At 0700 took station 13 in the formation composed of the U.S.S. DETROIT, Flagship, two Escort Carriers, four Auxiliary Tugs, sixteen Auxiliary Vessels in the train and nineteen Destroyers and Destroyer Escorts in the screen. Steaming on various courses in vicinity of the rendezvous in cruising disposition 8-S-1 with ships of the train disposed in five columns in a line of bearing numbered 1 to 5 from left to right. Formation axis 000° (true).

Positions:	0800	23-56	N	131-04	E
	1200	23-55	N	131-48	E
	2000	22-51	N	131-55	E

12 May

Positions:	0800	23-45	N	130-12	E
	1200	24-13	N	130-10	E
	2000	23-23	N	131-09	E

13 May

Received CTG 50.8 Secret Despatch 122218 of May, 1945, forming Task Unit 50.18.81 consisting of the FOMALHAUT and HOUSATONIC with escorts DEWEY and WELLES. CTU in the FOMALHAUT (Captain R. V. Mullany, USNR). ComDesDiv Ten in the DEWEY (Commander Milton George Johnson, USN). Upon detachment from CTG 50.8 at 0935, Task Unit 50.18-81 formed up and proceeded enroute to Hagushi Beach, Okinawa Gunto, in accordance with CTG 50.8 Secret Despatch 122218 of May, 1945.

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13 May (continued)

Positions:	0800	23 - 38 N	129 - 54 E
	1200	23 - 54 N	129 - 47 E
	2000	24 - 55 N	128 - 56 E

14 May

Observed star shells over Okinawa Area during early morning. Arrived Hagushi Beach without incident at 0832 and reported to CTF 51 (Vice Admiral R. J. Turner, Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S.S. ELDORADO, Flagship). At 0923 proceeded to Kerama Retto area and reported to CTG 51.15 (Rear Admiral I. N. Kilant, Commander Amphibious Group Seven, U.S.S. MOUNT MCKINLEY, Flagship), at 1110, in accordance with CTF 51 Secret Despatch 131335 and 140006 of May, 1945.

Anchored in Berth King 19, Kerama Retto, Okinawa Gunto, at 1255. Commenced discharging ammunition cargo at 1340, servicing the NEW ORLEANS and the PRESTON prior dark.

Received "Flash Red" and went to General Quarters at 1902. Enemy planes in the vicinity. Commenced making smoke at 1907. At 2000 received "Flash White" and secured from General Quarters.

Positions:	0800	26 - 20 N	127 - 32 E
	1200	26 - 06 N	127 - 20 E
	2000	Anchored in Berth K-19, Kerama Retto, Okinawa Gunto.	

15-16 May

Discharging ammunition cargo as directed by Commander Amphibious Group Seven. Enemy planes were reported in the vicinity and on orders from SOPA this vessel went to General Quarters and made smoke at the following times:

May	General Quarters	Made Smoke	Secured from General Quarters	Stop Smoke
15	1932	1931	2021	2016
16	0302	0301	0441	0440
	1958	1958	2055	2053
	2143	2143	2218	2217
	2247	2243	2355	2354

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15-16 May (continued)

At 2250 observed flares and occasional gun fire in the direction of 002° (true), distance approximately 7 miles.

17-27 May

Reported to CTU 59.9.5 (Captain F. A. Rhoads, USN, Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative Baker, U. S. S. HAMUL, Flagship), at 0000 on 17 May, in accordance with CTG 51.15 despatch 160907 of May, 1945.

Discharging ammunition cargo as directed by Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative Baker.

Enemy planes were reported in the vicinity and this vessel went to General Quarters and Made Smoke upon receipt of "Flash Red" and "Make Smoke" from SOPA, at the following times:

May	General Quarters	Made Smoke	Secured from General Quarters	Stop Smoke
17-18	1939	1935	0015	2335
18	0425 1915	0425 1905 2202	0505 2052	0504 2048 2251
19	0247 0340	0247 0340	0330 0434	0330 0434
20	1836	1918	2050	2050
21	1013 1844	1915	1020 2000	2000
22	0958 1942	1942	1009 2055	2055
23	0109 1345	0039 2050	0135 1400	0135 2051
24	 1920	0017 0213 1920		0110 0227
25	 0855 1102		0435 0950 1123	0435
27	0810		0840	

20 May

At 1850 on 20 May, observed anti-aircraft fire from destroyer pickets bearing 278° true, distance approximately six miles. At about 1900, two enemy planes were observed to fall into the water as a result of this anti-aircraft fire.

27 May

Completed discharging ammunition cargo at 1027. Underway at 1054 to rendezvous with Convoy OKS#5, reporting to CTU 51.29.18 at 1202 in accordance with CTG 51.15 despatch 261231 of May, 1945.

At 1350 the convoy composed of six naval auxiliaries and twelve merchant vessels (Captain F. C. Huntoon, USNR, Convoy Commodore, U.S.S. CASTOR, Flagship), formed a cruising disposition of five columns in a line of bearing, this vessel taking station 44. Convoy enroute from Okinawa Gunto to Saipan, Marianas Islands, escorted by Task Unit 51.29.18 composed of one destroyer, three high-speed transports and one minesweeper. (Commander J. R. Cain, Jr., USNR, Escort Commander, Commander Transport Division 100, in the APD 92).

Positions:	1200	26 - 03	N	127	- 27	E
	2000	25 - 08	N	128	- 25	E

28 May

At 0200 advanced ship's clocks one (1) hour to conform to minus ten zone time.

Positions:	0800	24 - 09	N	130	- 22	E
	1200	24 - 00	N	130	- 17	E
	2000	23 - 20	N	131	- 35	E

29 May

Positions:	0800	22 - 31	N	133	- 20	E
	1200	22 - 21	N	133	- 58	E
	2000	21 - 54	N	135	- 07	E

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30 May

Positions:	0800	21 - 04	N	136 - 43	E
	1200	20 - 38	N	137 - 05	E
	2000	19 - 48	N	138 - 04	E

31 May

Positions:	0800	18 - 52	N	139 - 32	E
	1200	18 - 31	N	139 - 57	E
	2000	17 - 55	N	140 - 48	E

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From: 1 June, 1945

To: 30 June, 1945.

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1 June 1945

Attached to Service Squadron Ten (Commodore W. R. Carter, USN., Commander Service Squadron Ten, U.S.S. OCELOT, Flagship), having reported on 10 January, 1945, in accordance with Port Director Canal Zone despatch 132016. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, (Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, USN).

Steaming in Convoy OKS #5 in accordance CTG 51.15 despatch 261231 of May, 1945. Convoy composed of six naval auxiliaries and twelve merchant vessels (Captain F.C. Huntoon, USNR., Convoy Commodore, U.S.S. CASTOR, Flagship), disposed in five columns in line of bearing, this vessel in station 44. Convoy enroute from Okinawa Gunto to Saipan, Marianas Islands, escorted by Task Unit 51.29.18 composed of one destroyer, three high speed transports and one minesweep (Commander J. R. Cain, Jr., USNR., Escort Commander, Commander Transport Division 100, in the APD 92).

Using minus ten zone time.

Positions:	0800	16-56 N	142-14	E
	1200	16-46 N	142-41	E
	2000	16-12 N	143-45	E

2 June

At 0850 convoy dissolved, proceeded independently, anchoring outside anti-submarine net in Berth M-37, Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Marianas Islands.

0955 reported to ComServRon Ten Representative, Saipan. Underway at 1935, steaming singly from Saipan, Marianas Islands to Leyte, Philippine Islands, in accordance routing instructions, Port Director, Saipan.

Positions:	0800	15-10 N	145-20	E
	1200	Anchored Berth M-37, Saipan Harbor.		
	2000	15-08 N	145-32	E

3 June

At 1600 retarded ship's clocks to conform to minus nine zone time.

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3 June continued

Simulated a surprise sighting of enemy submarine with Condition III 3" gun crew opening fire at 1620. Expended two rounds 3"/50 cal. ammunition. The practice indicated a need for training Condition III crews in opening fire at local control.

Conducted anti-aircraft practice at 1708 using target balloons. The accuracy of fire was good; two balloons were shot down. The following ammunition was expended:

5"/38 cal.	6 rounds
3"/50 cal.	10 rounds
40MM	42 rounds
20MM	596 rounds
50 cal.	370 rounds

Positions:	0800	13-41 N	143-21	E
	1200	13-13 N	142-45	E
	2000	12-17 N	141-05	E

4 June

At 0930 and 1443 anti-aircraft practice was conducted, using target balloons, for Condition III gun crews. The firing was generally good. The following ammunition was expended:

5"/38 cal.	21 rounds
3"/50 cal.	68 rounds
40MM	284 rounds
20MM	933 rounds
50 cal.	350 rounds

Positions:	0800	11-02 N	138-51.5	E
	1200	10-45 N	138-11	E
	2000	10-28 N	136-41	E

5 June

Conducted surface firing with 3" and 5" batteries at 1325, using a pyramid target. The following ammunition was expended:

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5 June continued

5"/38 cal.	25 rounds				
3"/50 cal.	42 rounds				
Positions:	0800	10-36	N	134-00	E
	1200	10-36	N	133-10	E
	2000	10-33	N	131-36	E

6 June

Positions:	0800	10-32	N	129-09	E
	1200	10-32	N	128-32	E
	2000	10-29	N	127-16	E

7 June

Anchored at 0956 in Berth 160, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, and reported for duty to ComServRon Ten.

8 June

Underway at 0623 to go alongside U.S.S. BUCYRUS VICTORY in accordance with ComServRon Ten visual despatch 070842.

Moored starboard side to and commenced loading and unloading operations at 1000.

9 June

At 0703, having completed loading and discharge of ammunition, got underway and anchored East of Berth 120 at 0738.

9-16 June

Loading and discharging ammunition cargo to and from various naval auxiliaries and merchant vessels in accordance verbal instruction of ComServRon Ten.

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16-30 June

Servicing Destroyers of Pacific Fleet as directed by
ComServRon Ten.

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U.S.S. FOMALHAUT (AK-22)

From: 1 July 1945

To: 31 July 1945.

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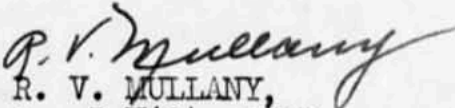
1-31 July 1945

Attached to Service Division 101 (Captain E. E. Duvall, USNR, Commander Service Division 101), a division of Service Squadron Ten (Captain W. R. Carter, USN, Commander Service Squadron Ten, U.S.S. OCELOT, Flagship), in accordance with Commander Service Squadron Ten visual despatch 301014 of June 1945. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet, (Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, USN.).

Anchored east of Berth 121, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Using minus nine zone time.

Received ammunition from various naval auxiliaries and merchant vessels and serviced units of the Pacific Fleet as directed by Commander Service Division 101.


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Captain, D-V(G), USNR.,
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1 September 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for Month of August, 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf ltr 1CL-45.

1-31 August 1945

Attached to Service Division 101 (Commodore E. E. Duvall, USNR, Commander, Service Division 101), a division of Service Squadron TEN (Rear Admiral A. E. Smith, USN, Commander, Service Squadron TEN, U.S.S. OCELOT, Flagship), in accordance with Commander Service Squadron TEN visual despatch 301014 of June, 1945. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet (Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, USN).

Anchored east of Berth 121, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Using minus nine zone time.

Discharged and received ammunition from various naval auxiliaries and merchant vessels and serviced units of the Pacific Fleet as directed by Commander Service Division 101. Completed loading capacity load of bombardment ammunition on 25 August 1945.

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Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.
1 October 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf ltr 1CL-45.

1-2 September 1945.

Attached to Service Division 101 (Commodore E. E. Duvall, USNR, Commander, Service Division 101), a division of Service Squadron TEN (Rear Admiral A. E. Smith, USN, Commander, Service Squadron TEN, U.S.S. OCELOT, Flagship), in accordance with Commander Service Squadron TEN visual despatch 301014 of June, 1945. The next echelon in command is Commander Service Force, Pacific Fleet (Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, USN).

Anchored east of Berth 121, San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Using minus nine zone time.

3 September 1945.

At 0000 ITEM Commander Service Squadron TEN assumed operational control in accordance with Commander Service Squadron TEN visual despatch 030344 of September 1945.

19 September 1945.

Underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa, in company with the U.S.S. RAINIER (AE-5) as T.U. 93.4.58 and escorted by ComCortDiv. 63 in the U.S.S. RICHARD S. BULL (DE-402) in accordance with Commander Service Squadron TEN despatch 080831 of September, 1945 and Port Director Navy #3964 Routing Instructions IOK #32. C.T.U. is ComCortDiv. 63 (Commander J. V. Bewick, USN). O.T.C. in the FOMALHAUT (Captain R. V. Mullany, USNR).

Positions: 0800 East of Berth 121, Leyte, P.I.
1200 East of Berth 121, Leyte, P.I.
2000 10-34.8 N 125-28.2 E

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1 October 1945

Subject: War Diary for Month of September, 1945.

20 September 1945.

At 1354 conducted anti-aircraft practice using balloon targets. Expended the following ammunition:

5"/38 A.A.C. - 24 rounds	40MM - 244 rounds
3"/50 A.A. -105 rounds	20MM -1603 rounds

Positions: 0800	11-52	N	126-28	E
	1200	12-31	N	126-27
	2000	14-02	N	126-42

21 September 1945.

At 1932 conducted night anti-aircraft practice using improvised flare suspended from balloon. The practice was excellent, five out of six targets were shot down. The following ammunition was expended:

5"/38 A.A.C. - 18 rounds	3"/50 ILL. - 4 rounds
5"/38 ILL. - 2 rounds	40MM - 217 rounds
3"/50 A.A. - 35 rounds	20MM -1058 rounds

Positions: 0800	16-24	N	126-57.5	E
	1200	17-16	N	127-04
	2000	18-59	N	127-19

22 September 1945.

Positions: 0800	21-14	N	127-27	E
	1200	22-05	N	127-31
	2000	23-40.5	N	127-47

23 September 1945.

Arrived off entrance to Buckner Bay at 0915 and convoy was dissolved.

Proceeded independently to anchorage in Berth Baker 53, Buckner Bay, Nansei Shoto, at 1256. Reported to Commander Service Squadron TEN at 1500.

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1 October 1945

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Positions: 0800 25-58 N 128-14 E
1200 In Buckner Bay
2000 Anchored Berth Baker 53, Buckner
Bay, Okinawa.

24-30 September 1945.

Anchored in Berth Baker 53, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. At 1445 28 September 1945 received SOPA's 280518 TBS message directing this vessel to remain in harbor on execution of SOPA Buckner Bay Typhoon Plan 2-45 of September 1945.

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San Francisco, Calif.
1 November 1945

From: Commanding Officer
To : Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary for Month of October, 1945.
Reference: (a) PacFlt Conf ltr 1CL-45.

1-5 October 1945.

Attached to Commander Service Squadron TEN (Rear Admiral A. E. Smith, USN, U.S.S. HOLLAND, Flagship), in accordance with Commander Service Squadron TEN despatch 030344 of September, 1945. The next eschelon in command is Commander Service Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet (Vice Admiral W. W. Smith, USN).

Anchored in Berth Baker 53, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

Using minus nine zone time.

Awaiting instructions from higher authority as to disposition of ammunition cargo.

6 October 1945.

Having received warning of an approaching typhoon, the ship was secured in all respects for heavy weather.

7 October 1945.

At 1335, C.T.F. 52 ordered typhoon plan 2-45 executed. This vessel was ordered to remain at anchor by Commander Service Division 104.

8 October 1945.

Sea becoming rough with well defined long swells from S.S.E. Wind increasing to 36 knots by 2400. At 1730, dropped anchor underfoot. At 2140, set steaming watch.

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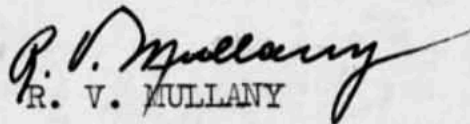
Subject: -- War Diary for Month of October, 1945 -----

9 October 1945.

At 0800, wind increasing and barometer dropping steadily. Sea becoming rough. Visibility becoming poor. Grey haze enveloping the area of Buckner Bay. At 1201 began using main engines to relieve strain on anchor chains. At 1400, rain and sea water filling the atmosphere. Visibility reduced to two hundred (200) yards. Wind increasing to 80 knots in gusts. Evidence of dragging from radar plot at about 1500. Visibility zero. Sea confused. Anemometer blew off after recording 108 knots at 1508. At 1540, barometer steady at 28.10 and storm apparently passing in near vicinity. Barometer rising at 1545. At 2130, stopped using main engines. Wind and sea decreasing.

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At 1412 on 19 October 1945, underway to return to berth having dragged approximately 1500 yards, anchoring at 1445 in Berth Baker 53.


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Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Calif.
4 October 1945.



Commanding Officer.
The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Factual History of U.S.S. FOMALHAUT (AK-22).

Reference: (a) ALPAC 202-45.

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) the following information is submitted:

FACTUAL HISTORY OF USS FOMALHAUT (AK-22)

- 2 March 1942 Commissioned at Pennsylvania Shipyards Inc., Beaumont, Texas; Commander John D. Alvis, USN, Commanding. Operating under Chief of Naval Operations, Naval Transportation Service.
- 10 April 1942 Underway as unit of Task Force 38 (CTU 38: Admiral Sharp in U.S.S. TEXAS) enroute from Norfolk, Virginia to Cristobal, Canal Zone.
- 19 April 1942 Completed transit of Canal, enroute Balboa, Canal Zone to Tutuila, Samoa in convoy with escort.
- 3 June 1942 Underway, departing Samoa to carry out various cargo carrying operations under despatch instructions from ComTransDivsPacFor.
- 21 June 1942 Reported to ComTransDiv 8 for duty with Amphibious Force, South Pacific.
- 2-21 July 1942 Standing by at Wellington, New Zealand, with other U.S. and British units for training.
- 22 July 1942 Underway, enroute to Fiji as unit of Task Force 62 for rehearsal landings per ComTransDivsSoPacFor orders.
- 31 July 1942 Underway, in formation with convoy and escort for initial assault landing on Japanese held Guadalcanal and Tulagi-Gavatu Islands in accordance ComPhibForSoPac order.
- 7 August 1942 Arrived off Guadalcanal Island and commenced landing operations under attack by enemy aircraft.

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8-9 August 1942 Continued unloading under enemy air attacks. Anchorage within view of firing between U.S. warships and those of the enemy in First Battle of Savo.

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9 August 1942 to 29 Dec., 1942 Active in New Caledonia and Solomon Island areas, completing seven trips into Guadalcanal, carrying cargo and troops in support of the capture and defense of that Island. These operations incurred frequent air and submarine attacks.

15 August 1942 Commander Henry C. Flanagan, USN, relieved Commander John D. Alvis, USN, as Commanding Officer.

30 December 1942 Underway for Wellington, New Zealand for repair and overhaul.

7 February 1943 Designation changed from AK-22 to AKA-5, carrying 8 LCVP's, 2 LCP's and 2 LCM's and boat crews for 12 boats.

8 February 1943
to

4 December 1943 Carrying varied cargo and troops in support of the consolidation of the Southern Solomons. During this period 33 separate and major trips were made, visiting the ports of Espiritu Santo and Noumea, New Caledonia; Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand; Suva, Nandi and Lautoka Fiji Islands, to obtain supplies and men transported to the Guadalcanal area.

15 March 1943 Became a unit of the Transport Group (Amphibious Force) of the Third Fleet in accordance with COMINCH despatch assigning new Fleet and Task Force designations.

19 July 1943 Commander Paul L. F. Weaver, USN, relieved Captain H. C. Flanagan, USN, as Commanding Officer.

20 October 1943 Placed under temporary operational control ComServRon, Third Fleet, in accordance ComTransGrp Movement Order.

4 December 1943 Reverted to operational control of ComTransGrp, Third Fleet, pursuant to ComTransGroup despatch.

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- 7 January 1944 Underway as unit of Task Force 32 for Cape Torokina area, Bougainville Island, British Solomons, in accordance ComTransGrp 3rd PhibFor Movement Order.
- 9 January 1944 Arrived Cape Torokina; embarked troops and equipment.
- 12 January 1944 to **SO10 16 41**
- 21 March 1944 Underwent period of intensive amphibious training in addition to carrying cargo to the Solomons area.
- 6 March 1944 Commander Carter A. Printup, USN, relieved Commander Paul L. F. Weaver, USN, as Commanding Officer.
- 24 March 1944 Underway as unit of Task Force 34 for Pearl Harbor, T.H., via Funa Futi in accordance ComThirdFleet despatch.
- 9 April 1944 Arrived Pearl Harbor, T.H.
- 10 April 1944 Temporarily assigned to TransDiv 7 under Task Force 51 in accordance with ComFifthPhib Secret letter.
- 3 May 1944 to
31 May 1944 Carried out training operations in accordance ComGroupOne Fifth Phib Training Operation orders.
- 1 June 1944 Underway in company with TG 51.18 for operation in support of assault landing on Japanese held Saipan, Marianas Islands, as per ComGroup One OP Order. Routed via Kwajalein, Marshall Islands.
- 16 June 1944 Arrived in transport area off Charan Kanoa Beach, Saipan.
- 16-23 June 1944 Carried out unloading operations under attack by enemy aircraft, submarine and shore based artillery.
- 23 June 1944 Underway for Eniwetok as part of TU 51.18.16 in accordance with CTF 51 despatch.
- 12 July 1944 Underway for Pearl Harbor, T.H., in company with TG 52.4 in accordance with CTG 52.4 speedletter.

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- 21 July 1944 Underway from Pearl Harbor, T.H., for New York, N.Y. via Panama Canal, in accordance with AdComPhibsPac Movement Order.
- 5 August 1944 Reported to Chief of Naval Operations and Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet.
- 15 August 1944 Arrived Navy Yard New York, Brooklyn, N.Y.
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- 16 August 1944 to
17 October 1944 Underwent general Navy yard overhaul.
- 24 August 1944 Reclassified from AKA-5 to AK-22 in accordance Chief of Naval Operations letter.
- 25-29 Oct 1944 Underway to conduct testing operations.
- 2 November 1944 Underway to Rockland, Maine to conduct propeller and speed tests.
- 4 November 1944 Underway for Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia for overhaul and fitting as an ammunition ship for rearming at sea operations.
- 8 November 1944 Commander Roger V. Mullany, D-V(G), USNR, relieved Commander Carter A. Printup, USN, as Commanding Officer.
- 24 November 1944 Completed Navy yard overhaul. Underway for Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, to load ammunition.
- 7 December 1944 Underway from N.O.B., Norfolk to Cristobal, Canal Zone as T.U. 29.6.5 in accordance Com-ServLant dispatch. C.T.U. 29.6.5 in FOMALHAUT.
- 13 December 1944 Arrived Cristobal, Canal Zone and reported by dispatch to CINCPAC.
- 14 December 1944 Underway to transit Canal.
- 14 December 1944 Departed Balboa, Canal Zone, for Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, in accordance Port Director Balboa, Canal Zone, dispatch.
- 5 January 1945 Arrived Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

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- 6 January 1945 Underway from Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, to Ulithi, Caroline Islands, in convoy in accordance Port Director Eniwetok Movement Order. O.T.C. and Convoy Commander is Commanding Officer, FOMALHAUT.
- 10 January 1945 Arrived Ulithi, Caroline Islands, and reported to Commander Service Division Ten.
- 10 January 1945 to **SO10 16 41**
- 15 February 1945 Employed in servicing ammunition to various ships of the Third and Fifth Fleets, and loading ammunition from various Naval and merchant ships.
- 15 February 1945 Underway from Ulithi, Caroline Islands, to Leyte, Philippine Islands, in T.U. 50.9.6 in accordance Port Director Ulithi Secret letter.
- 19 February 1945 Arrived San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, and reported to Commander Service Squadron Ten, Representative "A".
- 20 February to
- 27 February 1945 Employed in offloading units of ammunition to various ships of Amphibious Forces for future operations.
- 28 February 1945 Underway Leyte, Philippine Islands, to Ulithi, Caroline Islands, in accordance ComPhilSeaFron Movement Order. C.T.U. 75.2.23 in FOMALHAUT.
- 4 March 1945 Arrived Ulithi, Caroline Islands.
- 5 March to
- 16 March 1945 Employed servicing ammunition to various ships of the Pacific Fleet and loading ammunition from various Naval and merchant ammunition ships.
- 16 March 1945 Underway Ulithi, Caroline Islands, to Leyte, Philippine Islands, in accordance Port Director Ulithi Secret routing instructions. Escorted by U.S.S. WISEMAN (DE-667). O.T.C. in FOMALHAUT.
- 19 March 1945 Arrived San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

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19 March to
6 May 1945 Servicing ammunition to various ships of the Seventh Fleet and loading ammunition from various Naval and merchant ammunition ships.

7 May 1945 Underway Leyte, Philippine Islands, to rendezvous with T.G. 50.8 in accordance CTF 51 Secret despatch and ComPhibGroup 13 Secret despatch. Escorted by U.S.S. CLOUES (DE-265).

11 May 1945 Joined T.G. 50.8 and reported to Commander Service Squadron Six for duty.

13 May 1945 Detached from T.G. 50.8 with orders to proceed Hagushi Beach, Okinawa in T.U. 50.18.81 in accordance T.G. 50.8 Secret despatch. C.T.U. 50.18.81 in FOMALHAUT. Escorted by ComDesDiv 10 in U.S.S. DEWEY (DD-349), accompanied by U.S.S. WELLES (DD-628).

14 May 1945 Arrived Hagushi Beach, Okinawa and reported to CTF 51. Accordance CTF 51 Secret despatch proceeded to Kerama Retto, Okinawa Gunto.

14 May 1945 Arrived Kerama Retto, Okinawa Gunto and reported to CTG 51.15. **SO10 16 41**

17 May 1945 In accordance with orders of CTG 51.15 reported to C.T.U. 59.9.5, Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative "Baker".

14 May to
27 May 1945 Employed in servicing ammunition to various ships of the Fifth Fleet participating in the offensive bombardment of Okinawa. During this period enemy planes in vicinity frequently, particularly at dusk and dawn, necessitating to remain at General Quarters for long periods.

27 May 1945 Underway for Saipan, Marianas Islands, in Convoy C.T.U. 51.29.18 in accordance CTG 51.15 dispatch.

2 June 1945 Arrived Saipan, Marianas Islands, and reported to Commander Service Squadron Ten Representative, Saipan.

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- 2 June 1945 Underway independently for Leyte, Philippine Islands in accordance with Port Director Saipan routing instructions.
- 7 June 1945 Arrived San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands and reported arrival to Commander Service Squadron Ten.
- 30 June 1945 In accordance with ComServRon Ten visual dispatch, attached to Commander Service Division 101, a division of Service Squadron Ten.
- 3 September 1945 According to Commander Service Squadron Ten visual dispatch, under operational control of Commander Service Squadron Ten.
- 7 June to
25 August 1945 Ship employed in discharging ammunition to Naval and merchant ammunition ships, servicing ammunition to various ships of the Pacific Fleet and loading ammunition from various Naval and merchant ships.
- 19 September 1945 Underway Leyte, Philippine Islands to Buckner Bay, Okinawa in T.U. 93.4.58 in accordance with Commander Service Squadron Ten dispatch and Port Director, Leyte, Philippine Islands routing instructions. Escorted by ComCortDiv 63 in U.S.S. RICHARD S. BULL (DE-402) (C.T.U. 93.4.58). O.T.C. in FOMALHAUT.
- 23 September 1945 Arrived Buckner Bay, Okinawa and reported to Commander Service Squadron Ten and Commander Service Division 104.

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Philadelphia Group 16th Fleet
U.S. Naval Base,
Philadelphia, Pa.
13 March 1946.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: Supplement Factual History of
U.S.S. FOMALHAUT (AK-22).
Reference: (a) ALLANT 70-45.

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following supplement to USS FOMALHAUT (AK-22) Factual History is hereby submitted:

- 2 October 1945 Receiving various storm warnings of an approaching typhoon.
- 7 October 1945 Typhoon Plan X-Ray Ordered executed by CTF 52 for all ships Buckner Bay. USS FOMALHAUT (AK-22) ordered to remain in Buckner Bay and ride out typhoon at anchor. (ComServRONTEN dispatch 070542).
- 8 October 1945 During the day observed usual positive indications of an approaching typhoon. Frequent rain squalls, winds up to 40 knots. Made all preparations to ride out typhoon. Set condition II, Material Condition Zebra.
- 9 October 1945 From 0100 to 1000 experienced gusts of wind up to 60 knots accompanied by heavy rain squalls. 1000 to 1200 using main engines up to speeds of 5 knots to ease strain on anchor cables. 1200 to 1400 experienced wind velocity up to 100 knots with continuous heavy rain and high seas. Vessel rolling up to 25 degrees. Barometer falling .01 per minute. At 1540 barometer reading 28.15. Believe center of storm passed 5 to 8 miles east of Buckner Bay. Estimated wind velocities in gusts up to 145 knots. Height of seas from 15 to 25 feet. Used main engines with speed up to 10 knots to ease strain on anchor cables. At 1600 Barometer commenced rising, wind velocities up to 110 knots, continued heavy rain, confused seas and sweels.

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- 1700 to 2000 Wind moderating and shifting to Northward. Upon wind backing up observed anchor dragging but clear of other ships at anchor. At 2132 ceased using engines. Weather continually moderating. Vessel rode out typhoon with no apparent damage to hull or machinery. Vessel shipped heavy sprays and at times heavy seas.
- 29 November 1945 Commenced discharging ammunition for NAD, Okinawa.
- 7 December 1945 Completed discharging. Discharged 2000 long tons of bombardment ammunition. Received on board 107 enlisted and one officer passenger. At 0716 departed Buckner Bay for Norfolk, Va., via Pearl and Canal Zone in accordance with ComServRon TEN 020737.
- 20 December 1945 Arrived Pearl Harbor.
- 21 December 1945 Transferred 33 enlisted passengers for West Coast. Received one officer passenger. Departed Pearl Harbor in accordance CincPac dispatch 210220.
- 7 January 1946 Arrived Balboa, C.Z. and reported to Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for duty in accordance with U.S.S. FOMALHAUT 080142 of January.
- 8 January 1946 Received 120 merchant marine cadets as sightseeing passengers through canal. Transited canal and arrived Cristobal, C.Z.
- 9 January 1946 Departed Cristobal for Norfolk, Va., in accordance with CincLants 212016 December.
- 15 January 1946 Arrived and moored Naval Base, Norfolk, Va., to disembark enlisted and officer passengers.
- 16 January 1946 Underway for Yorktown, Va., anchorage to await discharging berth at NAD, Earle, N.J. Anchored off Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown, Va.
- 9 February 1946 Departed Yorktown, Va., for Earle, N.J.

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- 10 February 1946 Arrived and moored at NAD Ammunition Piers, Leonardo, N.J. to discharge remaining ammunition cargo.
- 21 February 1946 Completed discharging 2700 long tons bombardment ammunition.
- 22 February 1946 Departed Leonardo, N.J., for Philadelphia Naval Base in accordance with Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet's speedletter 1848 of 17 February 1946.
- 23 February 1946 Arrived Philadelphia Naval Base and reported by dispatch (USS FOMALHAUT 231300) to Commander 16th Fleet and Commander Philadelphia Group 16th Fleet for inactivation. Vessel moored in Reserve Fleet Basin.

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