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TRANSPORTS AMPHIBIOUS FORCE SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE

TRANSPORT DIVISION TEN

Captain REIFSNIDER USN,
Division Commander.

TASK FORCE 62

Rear Admiral R. K. TURNER.

U.S.S. ALHENA AKA-9

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

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U.S.S. ALHENA AKA-9

FEBRUARY 1943

ZONE TIME MINUS 11

WEATHER: Clear, generally warm.

FEBRUARY 1. Operating under instructions from Commander Service Force, South West Pacific Force, headquarters in the Grace Building, Sydney, Australia.

Ship in drydock at Mort's Dry Docks, Woolwich, New South Wales. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone service from the dock. Boat #1 and #2 in the water for use.

Repairs on the following jobs are in progress:

- (1) Installation of radio equipment.
- (2) Rewiring at a number of points throughout the ship.
- (3) Repairing after end of degaussing coils.
- (4) Renewing damaged portion of hull and #5 hold.
- (5) Moving the Dispensary.
- (6) Installing new store rooms in #2 upper 'tween deck.
- (7) Repairing the rudder.
- (8) Repairing the damaged fuel oil tanks.
- (9) Repairing shaft alley and shaft.

The above mentioned jobs are about 10 to 25 % complete.

Sending 3 signalman to Garden Island for duty daily.

Sending 2 radioman to the U.S.S. DOBBIN for duty daily. Sending Rifle Range Party to Long Bay Range daily for 2 weeks.

Sending three man shore patrol party daily. Making daily guardmail trips to U.S.S. DOBBIN moored in Woolloomooloo Bay.

Effective this date the U.S.S. ALHENA becomes AKA-9 (Auxiliary Cargo Attack Ship) Authority: Secretary of the Navy First Endorsement Op-38-APGB/Soll28-139 of November 26, 1942.

Effective this day the U.S.S. ALHENA becomes attached to Transports Amphibious Force, Division Ten, Captain REIFSNIDER USN, Division Commander; U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT - Flagship; which is attached to Amphibious Force South Pacific Force, under Task Force 62 with Rear Admiral R. K. TURNER in Command.

Ship's force continue with ship's work.

FEBRUARY 2. Drydocked as before. The following men left the ship to report to Commander Service Force, Southwest Pacific for temporary duty (instructions in radar operation and maintenance at Australian R.D.F. School, South Head) in compliance with verbal orders from Com-SerForSoWestPacFor: BATTY, R.D., CEM; BASSETT, J.D. RMLc; BEACH, W.R. EM3c; ATKINS, M. F2c; WRIGHT, W.A. S2c; DOOLEY, J.T. Slc; JONES, J.T., Flc; SMITH, L.E. Flc. Lieut. Commander T. H. MOYER will attend the same Radar School for several days instruction in radar operation; Lt. (jg) T.T. LINGHAM for six weeks course in maintenance.

Removal of rivets and damaged plating in progress.

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FEBRUARY 3. Drydocked as before. 1300 Holiday Routine. Yard workmen continue with cutting away damaged sections. Installation of wiring throughout the ship in progress. Installation of radio equipment 30 % completed. Working on installation of radar wiring. The ventilation ducts and piping have all been removed on the damaged portion of ship. Floor covering and cork insulation is being removed. Received keel section of 11 frames from Mort's dry dock.

FEBRUARY 4. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue cutting away. Installed the keel this day. Making preparations to remove the rudder. Received some hull plating and some frames for new section.

FEBRUARY 5. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue cutting away. Commenced plating hull, 2 plates were installed on the port side in frames 170 to 179. Removed the rudder and placed it on the dock. Welding and riveting in progress now. Installation of radio equipment continuing. Steering engine motors and pumps being installed.

FEBRUARY 6. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue riveting and welding on hull plates and frames. 1300 Holiday Routine.

FEBRUARY 7. Drydocked as before. Workmen continue welding and riveting on hull plates and frames. At present four frames are installed on after sections. Work progressing in a routine manner. Installation of radio equipment continues. Also wiring in crews compartment, installation of motor generators and steering equipment.
0800 Holiday Routine.

FEBRUARY 8. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue riveting and welding on hull plates and frames. Installed four additional frames on after section. Wiring, installation of radio equipment, installation of motor generators and steering equipment in progress.

FEBRUARY 9. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue riveting and welding on plates and frames aft. Installation of radio equipment is being done slowly. Yard workmen commenced using air hammers on the hull to remove rust on plating where necessary. Commenced using #1 boiler for auxiliary purposes and secured #2.

FEBRUARY 10. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue riveting and welding on plates and frames aft. Continue installation of radio equipment and wiring. Pressure chipping continued by yard workmen.
1300 Holiday Routine.

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FEBRUARY 11. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding on plates and frames aft. Yard workmen chipping and zinc chromating water line of ship. Installation of radio equipment continued.

FEBRUARY 12. Drydocked as before. 0800 U.S.S. PORTLAND underway from Cockatoo and standing out to sea. Yard workmen continue welding on plates and frames aft. Installation of radio equipment continued.

FEBRUARY 13. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding plates. Secured work this day at 1400. 1300 Holiday Routine.

FEBRUARY 14. Drydocked as before. Only welders worked this day. 0800 Holiday Routine.

FEBRUARY 15. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen commenced riveting and continued with welding. Chipping and painting of waterline in progress, also installation of radio equipment.

FEBRUARY 16. Drydocked as before. 1415 Ensign William E. Ward, C-V(S) USNR, reported aboard for duty in accordance with BuPers letter Pers-3/JEA of December 17, 1942. Commenced plating shaft alley. Yard workmen continue riveting and welding frames and plates. Commenced cutting away 3" gun platforms aft. Chipping and painting of waterline continued. Work in radio room continued.

FEBRUARY 17. Drydocked as before. 1300 Holiday Routine Yard workmen continue with welding and riveting during the day and only welding and cutting during the night. Chipping and painting of hull continued.

FEBRUARY 18. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting after sections. Painting of waterline continued. Commenced cutting watertight bulkheads in after crews compartments.

FEBRUARY 19. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue with riveting and welding after portion of damaged hull. Painting of waterline continued. Continue installation of radio equipment.
2245 Air Raid "Alert" sounded in Sydney. (an unidentified plane approached and, later, flew over the city. Supposed to be an enemy reconnaissance plane). 2246 Went to general quarters and darkened ship.

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FEBRUARY 20. Drydocked as before. 0021 Secured from General Quarters on "All Clear" signal from shore tower. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting plates. Commenced cutting damaged 3" platforms. Work continued on painting of hull and installation of radio equipment. Commenced transferring Sick Bay to new quarters below on the shelter deck, port side. Commenced cutting away bulkheads around crews sleeping compartment. 1300 Holiday Routine. 0900 Held semi-monthly pay day for the crew. Commenced today an additional shift of workers, welding and plating will be accomplished only, this process will continue daily.

FEBRUARY 21. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen removed both 3" gun platforms aft, to the drydock. 20 MM gun platforms were placed on the dock. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting plates. Hull plating 40 percent complete. Workmen work 12 hours daily. 0800 Holiday Routine.

FEBRUARY 22. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting plates and frames. Cutting away of damaged portion of upper main deck is in progress. Work continued on painting of hull. Installation of radio equipment in progress. Continue work on installation of equipment on new sick bay. Placed continuous armed patrol on the drydock caisson upon receipt of telephone warning of sabotage probably contemplated against this dry dock.

FEBRUARY 23. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting plates and frames. Cutting away of damaged main deck in progress. Work continued on painting of hull. Continue installation of radio equipment. Continue work on installation of equipment on new Sick Bay. Mounted 2 - .30 caliber machine guns on after platform for night patrol of the lock as an additional precautionary measure against sabotage.

FEBRUARY 24. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting plates and frames. Work progressing in a routine manner. Installation of Communication office in progress by the ship's force. New Sick Bay 70 percent complete. Removal of watertight bulkheads in after trunks completed. Continue installation of radio equipment.

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FEBRUARY 25. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting plates and frames. Workmen working in two shifts; day workers - weld, rivet, wire, and paint; night workers - weld and plate only. This routine commenced about 5 days ago and will continue daily. Installation of radio equipment in progress. Plating of deck over shaft alley and wing oil tanks, as far aft as the fantail is 90 percent completed.

FEBRUARY 26. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting on plates. Painting of waterline in progress. Installation of radio equipment progressing slowly. Continue with installation of new sick bay.

FEBRUARY 27. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding and riveting on plates. Painting of waterline in progress; installation of radio equipment. Continue with installation of new sick bay.
1300 Holiday Routine. Received 2 - 20 MM gun mounts with splinter protection for the forward 20 MM guns.

FEBRUARY 28. Drydocked as before. 0800 Holiday Routine. Welding and riveting continued throughout the day.

H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U. S. Navy,
Commanding.

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MARCH 1943

TRANSPORTS AMPHIBIOUS FORCE,

THIRD FLEET

TRANSPORT DIVISION TEN (10)

Captain REIFSNIDER USN,
Division Commander.

TASK UNIT 32.1.3

TASK FORCE 32

Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER

TASK FORCE Commander

U.S.S. ALHENA AKA-9

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U.S.S. ALHENA AKA-9

MARCH 1943

ZONE TIME MINUS 11

WEATHER: Clear, generally warm.

MARCH 1. Operating under **instructions** from Commander Service Force, South West Pacific Force, Headquarters in the Grace Building Sydney, Australia.

Attached to Transport Amphibious Force, South Pacific, Division Ten (10), Captain REIFSNIDER USN, Division Commander, with Flag on U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, which is attached to Task Force 62 with Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER in command, on the U.S.S. McCAWLEY.

Ship is drydocked at Mort's Drydocks, Woolwich, New South Wales. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone service from the dock. Boat #1, #2, and Motor Whale boat in the water for use. Sending 3 signalman to Garden Island for duty daily. Send 3 man shore patrol party daily. Making daily guard-mail trips to U.S.S. DOBBIN moored in Woolloomooloo Bay. Holding instructions classes in Piloting and Navigation for Coxswain's and Boatswain's Mates every Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Lieutenant Commander Earl S. CALDWELL USN, detached as Executive Officer this date in accordance with ComSoPac Conf. Despatch #250417 of February 1943.

Workmen continue welding and riveting plates on after section of ship. Commenced cutting away upper 'tween decks and frames.

Repairs being accomplished:

Engineering department; 22 repairs being accomplished on an average 40 percent complete.

Hull is roughly 60 percent complete.

Installation of High frequency TBK-5 Transmitter and motor generators in the Radio room is 20 to 30 % complete.

Wiring and degaussing.

Installation of equipment in New Sick Bay is 95 % complete.

Installation of 2 - 20 MM gun platforms, forward, by workmen from the U.S.S. DOBBIN is 90 percent complete.

MARCH 2. Drydocked as before. Completed installation of 20 MM gun platforms; guns installed by ship's force.

MARCH 3. Drydocked as before. Yard work continues.

MARCH 4. Drydocked as before. 1130 Quarters for muster - read to the crew "Articles for the Government of the Navy".

MARCH 5. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue work as before.

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MARCH 6. Drydocked as before.

MARCH 7. Drydocked as before. U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS underway and stood out to sea. 1215 LEIGHTON, R.W. Ensign, SC-V(G) USNR, reported aboard for duty as supply officer, relieving Lieut. F.O. MALTEY, SC-V(G) USNR, in accordance with BuPers letter 318-LEF-155784 of Dec. 31, 1942.

MARCH 8. Drydocked as before.

MARCH 9. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen commenced this day painting the bottom with Anti-Corrosive paint.

MARCH 10. Drydocked as before. U.S.S. HELENA stood in to moor at Cockatoo Island to undergo overhaul and minor repairs. New store-rooms in #2 hold 80 percent complete.

MARCH 11. Drydocked as before. Commenced removing stern braces, making preparations to undock ship.

MARCH 12. Drydocked as before. Ship's force making preparations for undocking ship.

MARCH 13. Drydocked as before. 0520 Commenced flooding dock. 0600 Ceased flooding dock. 0628 Ship reported tight and resumed flooding dock. 0639 Ship commenced to float; draft forward 15'3" aft 11'. 0750 Tug "Heroine" took stern line. 0753 Ship commenced moving out of dock. Shifting berth to dock, assisted by tugs "Theresa Ward", "Staristell", and "Heroine". 0810 Moored to dock, port side to, with 5 single and 4 double lines.

MARCH 14. Moored as before. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. 0730 Made all preparations for entering drydock. Draft forward 13'8" aft 11'4" 0745 Tug "Staristell", "Emu" and "Leveret" alongside. 0830 Cast off all lines and commenced entering drydock. 0850 Cast off lines from tugs and commenced warping ahead by winches. 0904 Stopped heaving round on all capstans - ship in proper position. 0925 Caisson in place. 0930 Commenced pumping water out of dock. 1130 Keel resting on blocks, ship land born.

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MARCH 15. Drydocked as before. U.S.S. DOBBIN welders and Electricians commenced installation of SC model (modified) Radar equipment in Radar Room on port side, forward, of Boat deck. The following officers have been notified of their promotions to Lieutenant USNR, in accordance with Alnav #37 dated March 1, 1943:

LYMAN, John Grant	(98267)
LINGH AM, Theodore Tower,	(90865)
NICKEL, Charles Wacker	(100991)
STOLLBERG, Bruce, P.B.	(101909)
KELLOM, Francis Alfred C.	(101170)

CLAY, Dennis Howe (#350-87-04) CSK USNR, was notified of his appointment to Pay Clerk SC-V(G) USNR, effective 15 November 1942, in accordance with BuPers. Circular Letter 6-43 of January 12, 1943.

Organization changed as of noon G.C.T. today, "ALHENA" now attached to Transport Division Ten (10), Task Unit 32.1.3 of Third Fleet (Task Force 32).

The following work in progress:

Structural work aft.
Rewiring throughout the ship where necessary
Installation of radio equipment.
Installation of radar equipment.
Commenced reboring for stern tubing for proper alignment.
Continue with installation of New storerooms in #2 hold.
Installation of motors in after steering station.
Completed wiring in new sick bay.

MARCH 16. Drydocked as before.

MARCH 17. Drydocked as before.

MARCH 18. Drydocked as before. 0730 U.S.S. HELENA standing down the harbor to berth alongside U.S.S. DOBBIN. 0830 U.S.S. SELFRIDGE standing into Cockatoo Dock for general overhaul. U.S.S. HENRY T. ALLEN, flying the flag of Commander Amphibious Force, Seventh Fleet, stood in and moored at pier #2 Walsh Bay.

MARCH 19. Drydocked as before.

MARCH 20. Drydocked as before.

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MARCH 1943

ZONE TIME MINUS 10

WEATHER: Clear, generally cool.

MARCH 21. Drydocked as before. 0820 Commenced sending Anti-Aircraft School party to the U.S.S. DOBBIN daily for instructions on recognition of enemy planes.

MARCH 22. Drydocked as before. Work stopped on installation of radar equipment waiting for parts from the United States. 1930 Commenced fueling ship from Barge on outer dock.

MARCH 23. Drydocked as before. Watertight bulkhead between #4 and #5 holds 40 percent complete. Yard painters commenced painting hull of ship along waterline. 0635 Completed fueling, received 1977 barrels.

MARCH 24. Drydocked as before. Hull plating 80 percent complete.

MARCH 25. Drydocked as before. 1415 U.S.S. SELFRIDGE left Cockatoo Drydock and stood down harbor to anchorage. U.S.S. DOBBIN standing into Cockatoo Drydock. 1615 MALBY, Frank O., Lieutenant SC-V(G) USNR, detached this date in accordance with BuPers orders - Pers-318-LMN of December 31, 1942. Yard workmen completed work in New Store-rooms in #2 upper 'Tween Deck.

MARCH 26. Drydocked as before. CLAY, Dennis Howe, Pay Clerk, SC-V(G) USNR, detached this date in accordance with BuPers. orders Pers-318-CWK of February 10, 1943. U.S.S. HELENA stood out to sea.

MARCH 27. Drydocked as before. U.S.S. DOBBIN left Cockatoo Drydock to berth at Woolloomooloo Bay as before.

MARCH 28. Drydocked as before. 0200 Set clocks back one hour to zone time minus 10 in accordance with dispatch William Fox #196.

MARCH 29. Drydocked as before. Commenced installing degaussing Compensating Equipment on the magnetic steering compass. Commenced removing damaged deck plates on main deck aft. Port side completely closed. Received rudder post; placed on the dock side awaiting installation.

MARCH 30. Drydocked as before.

MARCH 31. Drydocked as before. Completed installation of degaussing Compensating Equipment. Removal of main deck (damaged plating) 30 percent complete. Rudder post installed this day. Received rudder; placed on the dock side awaiting installation. Completed boring for stern tube this day.

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY. *4/2/43 5*

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APRIL 1943

TRANSPORTS AMPHIBIOUS FORCE,

THIRD FLEET

TRANSPORT DIVISION TEN (10)

Commodore REIFSNIDER USN,
Division Commander.

TASK UNIT 32.1.3

TASK FORCE 32

Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER

TASK FORCE Commander.

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U.S.S. ALHENA ANA-9

APRIL 1943

ZONE TIME MINUS 10

Weather: Clear, generally cool.

APRIL 1. Operating under instructions from Commander Service Force, Seventh Fleet, Headquarters in the Grace Building, Sydney, Australia.

Ship is drydocked at Mort's Drydock, Woolwich, New South Wales. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone services from the dock. Boats #1, #2, and motor whale boat in the water for use.

Attached to Transport Group Amphibious Force, Third Fleet, Division Ten, Task Unit 32.1.3; Commodore REIFSNIDER USN, Division Commander; which is attached to Task Force 32 with Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER in command.

Repairs being accomplished:

1. Engineering department, 20 repairs being accomplished on an average 60 percent complete.
2. Hull is roughly 75 percent complete.
3. Radio room is 80 percent complete.
4. Wiring and degaussing.
5. Installation of equipment in New Sick Bay is 98 percent complete.
6. Installation of radar equipment is 20 percent complete.
7. Boring of shaft tubing is 50 percent complete.
8. Completed installation of **rudder** post and rudder.

Sending 2 or 3 signalman to Garden Island for duty daily. Sending 3 man shore patrol party daily. Making daily guard-mail trips to U.S.S. DOBBIN moored in Woolloomooloo Bay. Holding Navigation classes for Boatswain's mates and Coxswain's twice weekly. Training radio personnel in use of TEX between the ship and mobile units. Workmen continue welding, riveting and plating on after section of ship.

APRIL 2. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue welding, riveting and plating. Continue work in radio room. U.S.S. NASHVILLE standing in to Cockatoo Island to undergo period overhaul.

APRIL 3. Drydocked as before. Work restricted to mostly welding due to continuous rain throughout the day. Continue with installation of radio equipment.

APRIL 4. Drydocked as before. Continue with removal of deck plates and frames on main deck aft. Completed installation of rudder. 0800 Holiday Routine.

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APRIL 5. Drydocked as before. Continue with welding, plating, and riveting as before. Port and starboard side of hull aft (damaged section) is completely plated, only main deck aft needs plating and finishing.

APRIL 6. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue as before. Painting all new plating.

APRIL 7. Drydocked as before. Removal of all damaged plating completed this day.

APRIL 8. Drydocked as before. Yard workmen continue with welding, plating and riveting as before.

Ship's force chipping and painting ship where necessary.
1230 U.S.S. NASHVILLE underway from Cockatoo Island and standing down the river.

APRIL 9. Drydocked as before. Continue welding, riveting and plating as before.

Ship's force commenced making preparations for undocking ship.

APRIL 10. Drydocked as before. 0613 Began flooding drydock. 0705 Ship cleared keel blocks, draft forward 13'6", aft 12'6". 0806 Tugs "Heroine" and Leverett" moored to stern. 0815 Cleared drydock assisted by tugs. 0835 Moored alongside dock starboard side to, with 5 manila lines doubled up and 3 wire cables.

APRIL 11. Moored starboard side to dock, at Port's Docks, Woolwich, New South Wales, with three steel cables and five manila lines. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving fresh water from pier. Yard workmen did not work this day. U.S.S. HENRY T. ALLEN, APA-15, stood into Drydock at Cockatoo Island.

APRIL 12. Moored as before. Yard workmen resumed work as before.

APRIL 13. Moored as before.

APRIL 14. Moored as before. Commenced plating main deck and installation of bulkhead in #5 upper 'tween deck. Received 4 shaft bearings(housings). Commenced installation of new firemans in accordance with BuShips plans. 1130 Received message from Garden Island that enemy submarine was within the vicinity. 1145 By order of the Commanding Officer manned 3"/50 guns forward.

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WEATHER: Clear, generally cool.

APRIL 15. Moored as before. 0800 Secured watch on 3"/50 guns. MOYER, Tilghman Huber, Lieutenant Commander, D-V(G) USNR, was promoted to the Rank of Commander in accordance with Bureau of Personnel AirMailgram #241334 of March 1943, effective August 15, 1942. 1415 Lighter "Hawk" came alongside with two sections of shaft and placed them on board. Commenced **placing** fireproof bulkhead storerooms in in #3 upper 'tween deck.

APRIL 16. Moored as before. Placed one additional wire cable forward to the dock and one 6" manila line aft as a precautionary measure, after receipt of signal from Garden Island that severe storm was heading this way.

APRIL 17. Moored as before. Storm did not develop; 60 Km wind 400 miles south.

APRIL 18. Moored as before.

APRIL 19. Moored as before. Completed installation of fire-proof bulkheads in storerooms in #3 upper 'tween deck.

APRIL 20. Moored as before. Main deck closed (not welded).

APRIL 21. Moored as before. Received this day three (3) sections of shaft; all shaft sections now on board, except spare tail shaft.

APRIL 22. Moored as before.

APRIL 23. Moored as before. Yard workmen ceased working today until Monday April 26, 1943, (Easter Holidays).

APRIL 24. Moored as before. 0810 Secured #1 boiler, lit off #2 boiler for auxiliary purposes. No yard workmen working.

APRIL 25. Moored as before. No yard workmen working.

APRIL 26. Moored as before. U.S.S. WHITNEY proceeded into Mort's Drydock, Woolwich, N.S.W. Yard workmen began work on hull as before. Spare Screw placed on dock for placement on board. Commenced installing shelving in storerooms in #3 upper 'tween deck.

APRIL 27. Moored as before.

APRIL 28. Moored as before.

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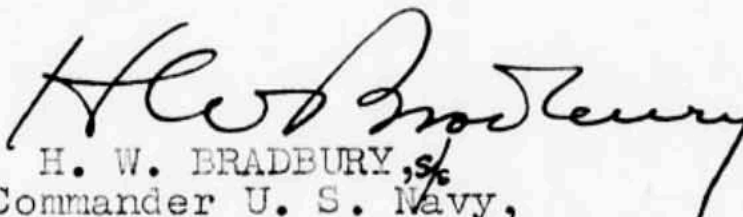
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WEATHER: Clear, generally cool.

APRIL 29. Moored as before. 1320 U.S.S. WHITNEY undocked and
proceeded down the harbor.

APRIL 30. Moored as before. Weather cloudy and raining through-
out the day. Completed installation of shelving in storerooms in
#3 upper 'tween deck.


H. W. BRADBURY, ^{sr}
Commander U. S. Navy,
Commanding.

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W A R D I A R Y

MAY 1943

TRANSPORTS AMPHIBIOUS FORCE,

THIRD FLEET

TRANSPORT DIVISION TEN (10)

Commodore L.F. REFSNIDER USN,
Division Commander.

TASK UNIT 32.1.3

TASK FORCE 32

Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER

TASK FORCE Commander.

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MAY 1943

ZONE TIME MINUS 10 011857

WEATHER: Clear - generally cool.

MAY 1. Operating under instructions from Commander Service Force, Seventh Fleet, headquarters in the grace building, Sydney, Australia.

Ship is moored starboard side to dock at Woolwich, New South Wales, with 5 wire cables and 6 manila lines doubled. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Receiving telephone services from the dock. Boat #1 and #2, and motor whale boat in the water for use. Sending 3 signalman to Garden Island for duty daily. Sending 3 man shore patrol party daily. Making daily guardmail trips to USS DOBBIN, moored in Woolloomooloo Bay. Holding navigation classes for boatswain's mates and coxswain's twice weekly.

Attached to Transports Amphibious Force, Third Fleet, Division Ten, Task Unit 32.1.3, with Commodore L.F. REIFSNIDER USN, Division Commander, which is attached to Task Force 32 with Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER in command.

Yard workmen continue work on hull and ship's alterations.

MAY 2. Moored as before.

MAY 3. Moored as before. No workmen worked this day - May Day.

MAY 4. Moored as before. Yard workmen commenced working as before.

MAY 5. Moored as before. Received on board one 3" gun platform for the after gun group. Commenced installation of watertight doors in forecastle tonnage openings. 0640 Two tugs along port side. 0720 Underway from dock to dry dock. 0739 Entering dry dock. 0743 Cast off tugs. In drydock secured by six manila lines. 0820 Caisson secured, pumping out drydock commenced. 0945 Keel rested on blocks, finished shoring up on port and starboard sides, mooring lines removed. Commenced painting black boot-topping area throughout the ship.

MAY 6. Drydocked as before. Commenced installation of Concrete Block Ballast in #2 and #4 holds. Resumed installation of Radar Equipment. Commenced boring shaft tubing. Commenced installation of two watertight doors in after end of #3 hold upper 'tween deck. 1735 Sounded Fire Quarters; fire discovered in shaft alley. 1750 Secured from fire quarters. Fire consisted of smothering rags ignited by the torch which is used to light welding apparatus - damage none.

MAY 7. Drydocked as before. Received on board one 3" gun platform for after gun group. U.S.S. RIGEL stood into Cockatoo Island dry dock. Dock painters spot painting with Anti-Corrosive paint #42-A.

MAY 8. Drydocked as before.

MAY 9. Drydocked as before.

MAY 10. Drydocked as before. Commenced repairs on scouppers throughout the ship. U.S.S. REGIL standing down the harbor away from Cockatoo Island.

MAY 11. Drydocked as before. Received Radar Aerial Screen and Receiver, Transmitter equipment on board for installation plus necessary pumps and piping.

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MAY 1943

ZONE TIME MINUS 10

WEATHER: Clear - generally cool.

MAY 12. Drydocked as before. After gun platforms for 20 MM guns received on the dockside. Completed boring of shaft tubing.

MAY 13. Drydocked as before. Commenced painting bottom with Anti-fouling paint.

MAY 14. Drydocked as before.

MAY 15. Drydocked as before.

MAY 16. Drydocked as before. USS HENRY T. ALLEN standing down the harbor from Cookatoo Island.

MAY 17. Drydocked as before.

MAY 18. Drydocked as before.

MAY 19. Drydocked as before. 1550 Commenced fueling ship. 2140 Secured from taking on fuel, received 43,386 gallons.

MAY 20. Drydocked as before. Commenced installation of screw. Commenced installation of diesel oil stowage.

MAY 21. Drydocked as before. Screw completely installed this day. Completed painting of hull with Anti-Corrosive paint. Commenced installation of steam smothering lines in all holds and lower 'tween decks.

MAY 22. Drydocked as before. 1435 Commenced flooding dock (not enough to float the ship). Placed 2 manila lines on the dock forward and 2 aft as springs. 1615 Lieut. (jg) Marion S. HAY, MC-V(G) USNR reported for duty in accordance with BuPers orders Pers-318-RB-20329 of April 12, 1943. Yard workmen ceased work until arrival of vessel at Balmain.

MAY 23. In partially flooded drydock undergoing repairs with 2 manila lines forward and two aft. 0537 Commenced flooding drydock. 0601 Ship afloat. 0645 Pilot Capt. R.S. MELIGAN came aboard; draft forward 15' aft 14'1". 0700 Removed Caisson. 0710 Three tugs standing by ("Lindfield", "Leverett" and "Newburch"). 0723 Underway standing out of drydock. 0730 Cleared the drydock. Three tugs alongside. Standing down the harbor toward Morts Docks. 0821 Moored at Sheer's Wharf, Morts Docks, Balmain; starboard side to, with 6 manila lines doubled and 4 wire lines. 0830 Discharged all tugs. 0845 Pilot Capt. R.S. MELIGAN left the ship.

Received and placed on board spare tail shaft. Placed spare screw in #4 lower hold. Shifted 4"/50 cal. gun and two (2) 3"/50 guns aft from #2 hold and installed them on platforms aft. Yard workmen resumed work as before.

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MAY 1943

ZONE TIME MINUS 10

WEATHER: Cloudy - generally cool, occasional rain.

MAY 24. Moored as before. Commenced removal of boat davits and winches on port side of boat deck. Received on board "Receivers" for Loud Speaker System for installation by ship's force. Ceased sending 3 men to Garden Island for signal duty.

MAY 25. Moored as before. Commenced installation of 4-.50 cal. guns on boat deck; two (2) on port side and two (2) on starboard. Received two hatch covers for #5 hatch, (placed on the dock).

MAY 26. Moored as before. Commenced installation of splinter shields on two 3"/50 gun platforms aft. Lieut. Harry L. BENSON (MC-V(G) USNR, detached this day in accordance with BuPers orders: Pers-318-MAC - 19493 of April 12, 1943. Secured #2 boiler and lit off #1 for auxiliary purposes.

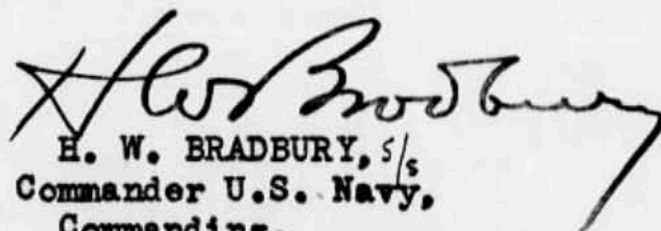
MAY 27. Moored as before. Ship's force commenced installation of Loud Speaker System for crew and Officers.

MAY 28. Moored as before. Commenced installation of foundation for gun platforms on boat deck, port and starboard side.

MAY 29. Moored as before. 1300 Holiday Routine.

MAY 30. Moored as before. 1300 Holiday Routine.

MAY 31. Moored as before. 1045 Commenced taking on fuel from #2 lighter. 1130 Commenced loading ammunition forward from dock. 1540 Secured loading ammunition. 1645 Secured taking on fuel oil from #2 barge. 1845 Oil Barge #4 came along port side. 1950 Commenced taking fuel from barge #4. Completed installation of Radar equipment.


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Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ATHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 1 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 2400

Operating under instructions from Commander Service Force, Seventh Fleet, headquarters in the Grace building, Sydney, Australia.

Ship is moored starboard side to dock at Sheer's Wharf, Mort's Docks, Balmain, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, with 6 manila lines doubled and 4 wire lines.

Attached to Transport Amphibious Force, Third Fleet, Division Ten, Task Unit 32.1.3, (Commodore L.F. REIFSNIDER, Division Commander) which is attached to Task Force 32, Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER in command.

Yard mechanics at work. Received two (2), 3-emplacement, 20 MM gun platforms for erection on the boat deck, one port and one starboard side.

0001 Secured from receiving fuel from #4 barge. 0030 Oil Barge #4 left from alongside. 0240 Oil Barge #2 came alongside port. 0340 Commenced taking on fuel from #2 oil barge. 1100 Barge #4 came alongside #2 barge and secured. 1230 Secured from taking on fuel from #4 barge. 1300 #4 barge left alongside the ship. 1330 Commenced fueling from #2 barge. 1945 Secured taking on fuel oil. Received a total of 491498 gallons. 2335 Oil Barge #4 cleared side of ship. draft forward 14'6" aft 18'6".

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

F. H. MOYER
F. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG USNR.

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Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

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Commander DVG

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday 2 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 2400

Moored as before, Sydney, Australia. Received 6 sets of permanent boat skids. Completed installation of Paravane Davits on main deck. Completed installation of Emergency Radio Room aft. Completed installation of after gun platforms and splinter protection shields. Completed repair of hull damage due to Enemy Action. Completed installation of shaft. Commenced installation of Franklin Life Buoys.

Weather: Clear - generally warm

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T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday 3

June

, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 2400

Moored as before, Sydney, Australia. 1100 Doubled up two after wire lines and added one manila aft. 1155 Commenced turning screw with jacking gear. 1300 Commenced testing engine room telegraph, Steering engine and main engines. Commenced dock trials, turned shaft over at various R.P.M. up to a maximum of 10 ahead and astern with main engine. 1500 Secured from testing steering and main engine.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally cool.

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E. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 4 June 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 2400

Moored as before, Sydney, Australia. Completed installation of life buoys. Completed installation of 20 MG gun platforms on boat deck - port and starboard sides. Completed installation of Diesel Oil Stowage. Completed installation of steam smothering lines, in lower 'tween decks and holds.

All work complete which was originally undertaken by Mort's Docks & Eng. Co., except a few minor electrical connections and boat skids.

Weather: Cloudy - generally cool.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 5 June 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 2400

Moored as before, Sydney, Australia. 0900 Oil barge came alongside. 1012 Commenced taking on diesel oil. draft forward 14'3" aft 19'2". 1113 Secured from taking on Diesel oil, received 16,896 Imperial gallons. Draft forward 14' aft 19'6". Completed installation of radio-loud speaker system by ship's force. 1200 Lighter cast off from alongside.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.

T. H. MOYER
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Sunday
(Day)

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(Date)

June
(Month)

, 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 2400

Moored as before, Sydney, Australia.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.

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Commander USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP USS ALHENA AKA-9

Monday 7 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Moored as before, Sydney, Australia.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800
Moored as before. 0515 Lit off #2 boiler. 0528 Started jacking over main engine. 0635 Commenced singling up mooring lines. 0718 Engine room made all preparations for getting underway. 0730 Tug "Heroine" came alongside. 0735 Pilot F.C. DREWETT came aboard. Observation group consisting of Lt-Comdr. THOMSETT RAN; Mr. Peter MacFARLANE; Mr. METCALF and 20 mechanics from Mort's Docks came aboard. Machinist PEER and Civilian Radar Technician from Service Force came aboard.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D.O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. 0840 Underway in tow by tugs "Heroine" and "Leverett" standard speed 12 knots, steaming at various courses and speeds conforming to channel, Pilot F.C. DREWETT conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 0951 Proceeding over degaussing range at various courses and speeds. 1039 Anchored in 7 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor to await the opening of the submarine net. 1139 Underway at various courses and speeds to east gate of submarine net. 1159 Passed thru submarine net.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600
Underway as before. 1200 Took departure and set course 151 degrees p.g.c. and true, speed increased to maximum, making 85 turns. 1230 Commenced test firing all guns. 1231 Changed course to 127 degrees true to conform with swept channel. 1300 Changed course to 311 degrees true and reduced speed to 16 knots. 1320 Changed course to 314 degrees true. 1340 Changed course to 331 degrees true. Completed test firing all guns - having expended: 1 round 4"; 4 rounds 3"; 40 rounds 20 MM and 80 rounds 50 cal. ammunition. 1341 Pilot F.C. DREWETT took the conn. Commenced making various courses and speeds to fetch entrance to harbor. 1414 Passed through submarine net. 1420 Commenced making runs over the degaussing range. Lt. O'NEIL RANR and Lt. GRAY USNR, from harbor degaussing station came aboard. 1511 Completed degaussing runs. 1540 Moored to #3 Naval Buoy off Elizabeth Bay, Sydney, Australia, with a doubled wire line. 1542 Secured main engine and #2 boiler.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. 1601 Pilot F.C. DREWETT left the ship. 1630 Observation group with men from Mort's Docks left the ship. Two degaussing Officers left the ship. Machinist PEER and Civilian Radar Technician from Service Force left the ship.

Geo. Edmundson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
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Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
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Commander DVG

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 8 June 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10 REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Moored as before to #3 Naval Buoy with 7 fathoms of doubled wire cable.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800
Moored as before.

G. J. Brookes
G. J. BROOKES
C. B. M. USNR.

0800 - 1200
Moored as before. 0815 Lt(jg) GRIFFIN of Service Force came aboard to compensate magnetic compass. 0845 Nineteen workmen from Mort's Docks came aboard. 0850 Tug "Warang" secured to stern of ship - purpose, to swing ship for compass compensation. 0910 Commenced swinging ship. Mr MacFARLANE came aboard ship. Two workmen from Garden Island (Australian Navy Employees) came aboard ship to check the staying of the Radar Mast. 1015 Mr. MacFARLANE and two workmen from Garden Island left the ship.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600
Moored as before. 1400 Magnetic compass compensation completed; tug "Warang" cast off. 1405 Lt(jg) GRIFFIN left the ship.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000
Moored as before. 1630 Nineteen workmen left the ship. Repairs complete and trials pronounced satisfactory.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400
Moored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lt(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
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Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

R.
U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

WEDNESDAY 9
(Day) (Date)

JUNE 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored to Admiralty Buoy #3, off Double Bay, Sydney, New South Wales, with 7 fathoms of wire cable, awaiting orders.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieutenant USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Led out 10 fathoms port anchor chain and secured to buoy. Completed receiving 27,000 gallons fuel oil. Now have 534,986 gallons on board. Draft forward 14'6" aft 19'7".

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieutenant USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before.

F.A.C. Mellon
F.A.C. MELLON,
Lieutenant USNR.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
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Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday 10 JUNE 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored to Admiralty Buoy #3 with 10 fathoms of anchor chain and 15 fathoms of doubled wire cable, awaiting orders.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieutenant USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored. All hands and Officers restricted to the ship.

G. J. Brookes
G. J. BROOKES,
Chief Boatswain's Mate USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored. Received orders from Commander Service Force, Seventh Fleet, to depart Sydney at 0700 June 11th and proceed to Noumea, New Caledonia, via point Fox (Lat. 27-45 S; Long. 159-00 E), speed of advance 14.5 knots, ETA at Amedee Light 1000 King 14 June.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieutenant USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored. Received three (3) prisoners from Receiving Station for transportation to Noumea.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored.

W. E. Ward
W. E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
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Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. Navy Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 11 JUNE, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored to Admiralty Buoy #3 with 10 fathoms of chain and 15 fathoms of wire rope doubled.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0430 Lit off #2 boiler. 0600 Unshackled anchor chain from buoy. Made all preparations for getting underway. 0612 Pilot F.E. LUCAS came aboard. Draft forward 14'6", aft. 19'6". 0630 Underway at various courses and speeds to east gate of submarine net, standard speed 12 knots. 0709 Passed thru submarine net. 0720 Stopped engines and Pilot F.E. LUCAS left the ship. 0732 Underway at standard speed of 12 knots, 58 R.P.M. 0740 Increased speed to 16 knots, 75 R.P.M, steadied on course 151 degrees true and p.g.c. 0748 Streamed taffrail log, reading 01. 0755 Changed course to 129 degrees true and p.g.c. Took departure on MacQuarrie Light bearing 278 degrees true and p.g.c., distant 1 mile.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieutenant USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before without escort, on course 129 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 12 knots; making 75 R.P.M; degaussing coils in operation. 0805 Changed standard speed to 16 knots; making 75 R.P.M. 0850 Cleared swept channel; changed course to 045 degrees true. 0900 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 0901 Sounded boat drill. 0915 Secured from Boat drill. 0918 Sounded fire drill. 0943 Secured from fire drill. 0953 Secured degaussing coils.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before, on base course 045 degrees true; zig-zagging according to plan, standard speed 16 knots, making 75 R.P.M's. 1315 Drill for all phone talkers. 1346 Secured from talker drill. 1426 Sighted land bearing 302.5 degrees true, approx. 35 miles.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN .

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true, at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 1730 Received instructions, from Commander Third Fleet, to rendezvous with a Destroyer escort at 1000 on 13 June at Lat. 25-56 S, Long. 161-30 E, and to proceed thence through Point Easy - Lat. 22-55 S, Long. 164-46 E and Point Dog - Lat. 22-55 S, Long. 166-11 E to Bulari Passage.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 16 knots averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 16 knots, zig-zagging according to plan.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 11 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain squalls, generally cool.

0800 33-50 South 151-18 East

1200 33-29 " 152-08 "

2000 32-00 " 153-53 "

Run to Noon 60 miles

Current: 015 degrees 1.0 knots.

Sea: Moderate sea.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander, DVG

U. S. Navy Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 12 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Underway without escort, from Sydney, Australia to Noumea, New Caledonia, on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 16 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan. 0010 Ceased zig-zagging at moonset and resumed base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c.

B. P. Stolleberg
B. P. STOLLEBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 045 degrees true; at 75 R.P.M., standard speed 16 knots. 0530 Sounded General Quarters; commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 0538 All stations manned and ready for general quarters. 0630 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness No.3.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., zig-zagging according to plan. Standard speed 16 knots, making 75 R.P.M. Main and A.A. batteries in readiness condition 3. 0900 Test fired 4"/50 cal. gun with one round. 1159 Increased speed to 80 R.P.M.'s and changed zig-zag plan.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard of 16 knots, averaging 80 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 1334 Ceased zig-zagging and steadied on course 145 degrees true and p.g.c. 1340 Reduced speed to 60 R.P.M. Steering various courses during conduct of target practices with .50 caliber, 20 MM and 3"/50 guns. Captain conning. 1340 Changed course to 160 degrees true and p.g.c. 1345 Changed course to 325 degrees true and p.g.c. 1400 Changed course to 045 degrees true and p.g.c. 1400 Increased speed to 75 R.P.M. Expended in target practice, the following ammunition: 50 cal. 900 rounds ball; 450 rounds tracer; 20 MM - 810 rounds explosive, 810 rounds tracer; 3"/50 - 27 rounds A.A., 6 rounds illuminating; 4"/50 cal - 1 round. 1409 Changed course to 050 degrees true and p.g.c. 1424 Changed course to 045 degrees p.g.c. 1430 Increased speed to 80 R.P.M. Secured from gunnery exercises. Resumed zig-zagging according to plan.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 16 knots, averaging 80 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 1612 Changed base course to 051 degrees true. 1619 Sighted 2 ships broad on starboard beam bearing 110 degrees true, distance 10 miles. 1700 Ship darkened.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 051 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 16 knots, averaging 79.9 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 1756 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 051 degrees true and p.g.c. 1806 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan. 1816 Fire broke out in incinerator crew called to fire quarters. Fire put under control. 1818 Secured from fire quarters.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander USNavy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. NAVY Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 12 JUNE, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 051 degrees and p.g.c, standard speed 16 knots, averaging 80 R.P.M, zig-zagging according to plan. 2013 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 051 degrees true and p.g.c. Rain squalls decreased visibility to 100 yards. 2025 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 2043 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 051 degrees p.g.c. 2106 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan. 2120 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 051 degrees true and p.g.c. 2143 Made Radar contact - ship - bearing 300 degrees true, distant 11,200 yards. 2144 Changed course to 060 degrees true and p.g.c. 2149 Changed course to 070 degrees true and p.g.c. 2149 Lost radar contact. 2155 Changed course to 060 degrees true and p.g.c. 2159 Resumed base course 051 degrees p.g.c. and true. 2302 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 2328 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 051 degrees true and p.g.c. 2336 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan.

B.P. Stollberg
E.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: occasional rain squall, generally cool.

Sea: Moderate sea.

Run Noon to Noon: 357 miles

Current: 075 degrees 0.9 knots.

0800 29-53 South 156-20 East

1200 29-06 " 157-03 "

2000 27-57 " 158-33 "

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 13 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Underway as before enroute from Base Acacia to Base White Poppy on base course 051 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 16 knots; making 80 R.P.M; zig-zagging according to plan. 0030 Ceased zig-zagging on moon set. 0230 Changed course to 030 degrees true upon receipt of Radar surface contact bearing 090 degrees distant 9000 yards. 0235 Changed course to 000 degrees true. 0237 Changed course to 340 degrees true. 0239 Changed course to 280 degrees true. 0243 Changed course to 051 degrees true; radar bearing drawing aft and range increasing.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 051 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 16 knots, making 80 R.P.M's. 0500 General Quarters. 0505 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 0600 Secured from general quarters and set readiness condition #3. 0704 Decreased speed to 70 R.P.M's and altered base course to 052 degrees and p.g.c. Commenced zig-zag to new plan.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 052 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots; averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0842 Made Radar contact on plane bearing 155 degrees true; distant 40 miles. 0854 Bearing of plane by radar changed to 115 degrees true and estimated distance decreased to 12 miles. Low visibility due to rain squalls prevented visual contact. Radar bearing and distance subsequently changed, bearing decreasing and distance increasing until loss of contact. 0911 Near prearranged rendezvous (for 1000) made radar contact on destroyer bearing 030 degrees true; distant 6000 yards, simultaneously with visual contact. 0912 Destroyer signaled identity, U.S.S. McCALL (DD-400) and reported for duty as escort. 0914 Ceased zig-zagging and came to new base course of 045 degrees true and p.g.c., heading for point EASY. Increased speed to 75 R.P.M's. 0915 Commenced zig-zagging according to new plan and increased speed to 80 R.P.M's.

J. G. Ryan
J. G. RYAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 16 knots, averaging 80 R.P.M's with U.S.S. McCALL as escort. Zig-zagging according to plan.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 16 knots, averaging 80 R.P.M's. Zig-zagging according to plan. 1620 Ship completely darkened.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 16 knots, averaging 80 R.P.M's. Zig-zagging according to plan.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 045 degrees true; standard speed 16 knots, making 80 R.P.M's; zig-zagging according to plan. 2053 Ceased zig-zagging. 2106 Commenced zig-zagging.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 13 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10

REMARKS

Weather: Morning & forenoon East-North-East, wind force 5-6,
Cloudy with occasional rain.

Sea: Rather rough.

Run from Noon to Noon: 332 miles.

0800 26-10 South 161-11 East

1200 25-36 " 161-52 "

2000 24-11 " 163-25 "

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. Navy Navigator.
M

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 14 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -10 & -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Underway out of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia for Noumea, accompanied by U.S.S. McCALL as escort, on course 045 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 16 knots, making 80 R.P.M.'s, zig-zagging according to plan. Ship in condition of readiness 3 and completely darkened. 0100 Ceased zig-zagging at moon set. 0300 At point EASY changed course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c., for point DOG.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 16 knots, averaging 80 R.P.M.'s. 0435 Went to general quarters in condition one (1) during danger period preceding daybreak. 0447 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 0535 Secured from general quarters and set condition three. 0736 Changed base course to 028 degrees true and p.g.c. without change of zig-zag plan. 0751 Passed through Point DOG.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 028 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 16 knots, making 80 R.P.M.'s. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0851 Sighted Amedee Island light bearing 031 degrees true distance about 15 miles. 0900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0912 Changed course to 020 degrees true finding strong southerly current. 0914 Changed course to 015 degrees true. 0915 Commenced making various courses and speeds approaching Bulari Passage. 0943 Pilot HINER came aboard and took over conn. 0946 Entered Bulari Passage. 1000 Passed Amedee Light on port beam, 600 yards, and proceeded up recommended channel on various courses and speeds with standard speed 12 knots. 1024 Stopped engines - Pilot HINER left ship - Captain took the conn. 1030 Proceeding to anchorage. 1149 Anchored in berth 19, Dumbea Bay, in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "I" 065 1/2 degrees; Beacon "P" 086 degrees; Beacon "R" 119 1/2 degrees; Beacon "Q" 111 degrees. 1157 secured #2 boiler and main engines, boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Maintaining condition of readiness III.

C.W. Nickell
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1230 Set all clocks to -11 Zone time. 1410 Commander W.P. HEPBURN and staff came aboard. 1515 Commander W.P. HEPBURN and staff left ship after making an informal inspection.

F.A.C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

C.W. Nickell
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Calm, clear and generally warm.

Sea: Smooth.

Run from Noon to Noon: 363 miles.

0800 22-53 South 166-11 East

1200 At anchor, Berth 19, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

F.H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 15 JUNE 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400 Anchored as before in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 Fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, in berth #19 on the following true bearings: Beacon I - 065½ degrees; Beacon P - 086 degrees; Beacon R - 119½ degrees and Beacon Q - 111 degrees.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. 1050 U.S.S. ALDEBARON standing out to sea. 1120 U.S.S. SIOUX standing in.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY, JR.
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. 1342 U.S.S. SELFRIDGE, U.S.S. GLAXTON, U.S.S. DYSON, U.S.S. SAN JUAN, U.S.S. CUMMINGS, U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA stood in and anchored.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieutenant. USNR.

1600 - 2000 Anchored as before. 1605 Lieut.(jg) Robert A. SMITH, D-V(S) USNR, reported aboard for temporary duty to instruct the personnel in aircraft recognition, ref. ComtransAmphForSoPac's serial FC-14/P16-4/00(598) of June 15, 1943. 1608 U.S.S. FULLER standing inside of submarine net. 1631 U.S.S. SAN JUAN underway and standing out of harbor. 1635 U.S.S. FANNING and submarine standing out of harbor. 1650 U.S.S. SAN JUAN standing inside of harbor.

William E. Ward
WILLIAM E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1015 The Commanding Officer called on the Commander Transport Group Amphibious Force, Third Fleet, Commodore Lawrence F. REIPSWIDER USN, reported, and received instructions to prepare the ship for military inspection and target practice.

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander U.S.N.R.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *F. H. Moyer*
F. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. Navy Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday 16 JUNE, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on berth 19 on the following true bearings: Beacon "I" 065½ degrees; Beacon "P" 086 degrees; Beacon "R" 119½ degrees; and Beacon "Q" 111 degrees. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes.

D.O. Shuey, Jr.
D.O. SHUEY, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0615 U.S.S. SAN DIEGO, U.S.S. SAN JUAN, U.S.S. FANNING, U.S.S. CLAXTON, U.S.S. STANLEY, U.S.S. DYSON, and U.S.S. EUNLAP underway and standing out to sea. 0640 U.S.S. SELFRIDGE, U.S.S. CUMINGS, U.S.S. SARATOGA, and H.M.S. VICTORIOUS underway and standing out to sea. 0730 U.S.S. MAURY and U.S.S. SONOMA underway and standing out to sea.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Held boat drill. 0816 U.S.S. JOHN PENN standing in to GreatRoad inside the net. 0817 Secured from boat drill. 0819 Fire drill. 0831 U.S.S. PC-477 standing in. 0832 Secured from fire drill. 0836 General Quarters. 0850 Secured from general quarters. 0905 U.S.S. ARGONNE standing out.

W. E. Ward
W. E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1446 U.S.S. APACHE stood in and anchored. 1550 Barge alongside to deliver six (6) 20 MM guns.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1604 U.S.S. TRYON stood in and anchored.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J.G. Leman
J. G. LEMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

U. S. N. Navigator *M*

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9Thursday 17 JUNE 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "I" 065½ degrees; Beacon "P" 086 degrees; Beacon "R" 119½ degrees; Beacon "Q" 111 degrees. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ship's present include: U.S.S. WHITNEY (SOPA), U.S.S. INDIANA, U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.S. PATERSON, U.S.S. FULLER, U.S.S. JOHN PENN, USS SCHLEY, U.S.S. SOLACE, USS TALLALAH, USS FOMALHAUT, USS ALGORAB, USS APACHE, USS DRACO, USS BRIDGE, USS BALLARD, USS PROMETHEUS.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0630 Manned 4 - 20 MM guns and 1 - 3" gun forward.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0825 Exercised crew at general drills, successively manning boat stations, fire stations, and battle stations. 0850 Secured from general drills and turned to on ship's work. 0915 Commenced jacking over main engines by steam. 0916 USS OCEANOGRAPHER stood in and anchored. 0935 U.S.S. CRAVEN stood in and anchored. 1110 South westerly rain squall blew up suddenly at force 5 causing ship to commence dragging anchor. 1125 Veered chain to 90 fathoms to water's edge to starboard anchor. Ship ceased dragging, having dragged a total of 500 yards eastward. Secured the engine room.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1230 Stationed all special sea detail, all preparations made for getting underway. 1246 Underway; shifting berth; proceeding on various courses and speeds. 1255 Anchored in berth 19 Dumbea Bay; Noumea, in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 087 degrees; Beacon "Q" 111 degrees; Beacon "I" 066½ degrees.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1825 Wind increased to force 5 with sudden south west squalls. 1849 Veered anchor chain to 90 fathoms. 1855 Wind decreased to force 3.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

R.
U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 18 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth 19, Dumbea Bay; Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water, with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor; to the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 087 degrees; Beacon "Q" 111 degrees; Beacon "I" 066 1/2 degrees. Ship's present include: U.S.S. WHITNEY (SOPA), USS INDIANA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS PATTERSON, USS FULLER, USS JOHN PENN, USS SCHLEY, USS SOLACE, USS TALLULAH, USS FOMALHAUT, USS ALGORAB, USS PASIG, USS ALCOA PENNANT, USS BRIDGE, USS PROMETHEUS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS BALLARD, USS SIOUX, U.S.S. APACHE, USS CRAVEN and USS PC-477.

K. G. McCarran
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Started holding general drills - boat drill, fire drill and general quarters. 0825 Secured from general drills. 1008 USS CRAVEN standing out. 1045 USS WARRINGTON standing in. 1110 USS PATTERSON running over the degaussing range. 1129 USS CASE standing out.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1540 USS McCALL standing in.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

R.
U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 19
(Day) (Date)

June 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth 19, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 087 degrees; Beacon "Q" 111 degrees; Beacon "I" 066½ degrees. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS INDIANA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS GWIN, USS WARRINGTON, USS BALLARD, USS FULLER, USS FOMALHAUT, USS ALGORAH, USS BRIDGE, USS PROMETHEUS, USS APACHE, USS TRYON, USS McCALL, USS JOHN PENN, USS SCHLEY, USS ASTERION, USS PASIG, USS LYONS, USS ALCOA PENNANT, USS COUCAL, USS JAMESTOWN, USS SIOUX, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS YP - 520, USS PC-477, USS YOG-41.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0720 USS STRATFORD stood in and anchored in outer harbor.

J. G. Pymon
J. G. PYMON,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0803 Commenced general drills, went to general quarters. 0812 Secured from general quarters. 0813 Held fire drill. 0814 Two streams of water over side. 0819 Secured from fire drill. 0824 Mustered crew at boat stations. 0830 Secured from boat stations and from general drills. 0845 USS PREBLE and USS GAMELE stood in and anchored. 0935 USS McCALL underway and standing out.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

R.
U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Sunday 20
(Day) (Date)

June 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in 11 fathoms of water, berth 19, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Ship's present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS INDIANA, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS GWIN, USS WARRINGTON, USS STRATFORD, USS TALBOT, USS PREBLE, USS GAMBLE, USS BALLARD, USS YP-520, USS PC-477, USS FULLER, USS FOMALHAUT, USS ALGORAB, USS BRIDGE, USS PROMETHEUS, USS APACHE, USS TRYON, USS JOHN PENN, USS SCHLEY, USS JAMESTOWN, USS SIOUX, USS TALMULAH, USS ASTERION, USS PASIG, USS ALCOA PENNANT, USS COUCAL, USS CASSIOPEIA.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0740 USS GRIDLEY standing in. 0745 (11:45) K.G. McCARREN in charge of 34 men in three boats left for .30 cal. boat gun practice.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1140 Boat gun party returned to ship, practice completed. In compliance with Commander South Pacific Serial 5261P of 18 June 1943, Commander Tilghman H. MOYER assumed the duties of Executive Officer.

J.G. Lynam
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1305 USS SARATOGA, HMS VICTORIOUS, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CUMMINGS, USS FANNING, USS STANLEY, USS CLAXTON, USS DRYSON, USS TALAMANCA and USS CRAVEN stood in.

R.G. McCarren
R. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1645 USS ALGORAB, USS JOHN PENN, USS FULLER, and USS TRYON, underway and standing out.

F.A.C. Kellow
F. A. C. KELLOW,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

WEATHER: Clear - generally warm.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander DVG

R.
U. S. N., Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 21 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored at Dumbea Bay, berth 19, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water using 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Ship's present include: U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA, USS INDIANA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS GEO. W. INGRAM, USS APACHE, USS SIOUX, USS WHITNEY, USS BALLARD, USS COUCAL, USS PROMETHEUS, USS SARATOGA, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CUMMINGS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS STRATFORD, USS SCHLEY, USS SOLACE, USS TALLULAH, USS PASIG, USS FANNING, USS STANLEY, USS DYSON, USS ASTERION, USS ALCOA PENNANT, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS BRIDGE, USS PREBLE, USS GAMBLE, USS GRIDLEY, USS BREESE, USS CRAVEN, USS PC-477, HMS VICTORIOUS and various yard craft.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0705 USS GRIDLEY underway and standing out. 0740 Lt(jg) K.G. McCARREN in charge of 34 men in their boats left the ship for .30 cal. boat gun practice.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLON,
Lieut USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Commenced holding general drills. 0820 Secured from general drills. 0957 USS DUNLAP and USS MAURY standing in. 1043 Boat gun party returned to ship, practice completed. Yesterday and today 68 men fired 5500 rounds of .30 cal. ammunition at, six foot pyramid anchored target, at ranges from 400 to 1000 yards.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

D.O. Shuey, Jr.
D.O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER
Commander USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday
(Day)

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(Date)

June
(Month)

1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in Dumbea Bay, berth 19, Noumea, New Caledonia, in eleven fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Ship's present include: USS SARATOGA, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS INDIANA, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS PROMETHEUS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS STRATFORD, USS CUSHINGS, USS BALLARD, USS COUCAL, USS CRAVEN, USS DUNLAP, USS FANNING, USS MAURY, USS TALBOT, USS SCHLEY, USS KILTY, USS STANLEY, USS CLAXTON, USS DYSON, USS CONVERSE, USS GEO. W. INGRAM, USS SIOUX, USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS SOLACE, USS TALLULAH, USS PASIG, USS ASTERION, USS ALCOA PENNANT, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS BRIDGE, USS BREESE, USS GAMBLE, USS PREBLE, USS LA SALLE, USS TALAMANCA, USS PC-477, HMS VICTORIOUS, and various small craft.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Held general drills. 0831 Secured from general drills.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1525 USS BREESE under way and going alongside SS SINCO.

F.A.C. Bellom
F.A.C. BELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

F.H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday 23
(Day) (Date)

June 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth 19, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Ship's present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS SARATOGA, HBS VICTORIOUS, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS INDIANA, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CUMMINGS, USS CRAVEN, USS FANNING, USS MAURY, USS STANLEY, USS CONVERSE, USS CLAXTON, USS BREESE, USS PREBLE, USS STRATFORD, USS TALBOT, USS LA SALLE, USS GAMBLE, USS BALLARD, USS CONCAL, USS PROMETHEUS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS SCHLEY, USS KILTY, USS SOLACE, USS TALLULAH, USS PASIC, USS ALCOA PENNANT, and various small craft and merchant ships.

F.A.C. Nellom
F.A.C. NELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Commenced holding general drills. 0834 Secured from general drills. 1115 USS LA SALLE and USS ALCOA PENNANT standing out.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1340 USS CIMARRON, USS LASSEN, USS NARRAGANSETT stood in and anchored.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (JG) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1605 USS ORTOLAN standing in. 1730 Received two LCV(P) landing craft, Hull No. C-20444, C-20108 containing Diesel Gray Engines - Buships Reg.No. 13801, 19554 installed respectively. Also two machine gun mounts per boat.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D.O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

F.H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 24 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth 19, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Ship's present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS SARATOGA, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS INDIANA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, HMS VICTORIOUS, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CUMMINGS, USS CRAVEN, USS FANNING, USS MAURY, USS STANLEY, USS CONVERSE, USS CLAXTON, USS DYSON, USS GEO. W. INGRAM, USS APACHE, USS NARRAGANSETT, USS BALLARD, USS COUCAL, USS PROMETHEUS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS GAMBLE, USS BREESE, USS PREBLE, USS PC-477, USS STRATFORD, USS TALBOT, USS SCHLEY, USS KILTY, USS SOLACE, USS TALLULAH, USS PASIG, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS SONOMA, USS CIMARRON, USS ORTOIAN, USS LASSEN, and various small and district craft. 0655 Lit off boiler.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0635 All tests and preparations made for getting underway. 0637 Pilot Vincent GAP ^{came aboard.} 0643 Underway, standard speed 12 knots, proceeding from anchorage on various courses and speed to Little Roads. 0728 Passed through submarine net at Little Entrance. 0730 Passed Point Donouel abeam to port, distant 300 yards. 0755 Let go port anchor in 15 fathoms of water; standing toward S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS; preparing to go alongside, starboard side to.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Underway, coming alongside S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS, (moored at North End of Grand Quay, Little Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia). 0845 Moored, starboard side to, S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS, with 7 manila lines and one wire cable. Secured main engines and #2 boiler. Doubled up all lines. 0900 Pilot Vincent Gap left the ship. Port anchor out with 30 fathoms of chain in the water. 0910 USS ROCHAMBEAU standing in.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before, alongside S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS. 1430 Commenced loading cargo from lighters alongside into #3 hold, draft forward 13'6" aft. 19'6".

J. G. Leman
J. G. LEMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo. 2223 Commenced loading general cargo into #4 hold.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

WEATHER: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally warm.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 25 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, starboard side to port side of S.S. CYRUS W. FIELD, with 7 doubled manila lines and one wire cable, at Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Port anchor out with 30 fathoms of chain at the water's edge. Continued loading cargo into #3 and #4 hold. Ships present include: USS SARATOGA (SOPA), USS INDIANA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CUMMINGS, USS CRAVEN, USS FANNING, USS MAURY, USS STANLEY, USS CONVERSE, USS CLAXTON, USS DYSON, USS GEO. W. INGRAM, USS APACHE, USS WHITNEY, USS NARRAGANSETT, USS BALLARD, USS COUCAL, USS PROMETHEUS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS GAMBLE, USS PREBLE, USS BREESE, USS PC-477, USS STRATFORD, USS TALBOT, USS SCHLEY, USS KILTY, USS SOLACE, USS TALLULAH, USS PASIG, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS SONOMA, USS CIMARRON, USS ORTOLAN, USS LASSEN, USS ROCHAMBEAU, and HMS VICTORIOUS.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Continuing loading from barges.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Continuing loading cargo.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Continuing loading cargo. 1216 USS McCALL standing out. 1350 USS DUNLAP standing out. 1540 USS ROCHAMBEAU shifted berth.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D.O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continuing loading cargo.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continuing loading cargo.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally warm.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T.H. MOYER,
Commander U.S.N.R. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 26

June

19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored as before starboard side to, port side of S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS, with 7 manila lines doubled up and one mooring cable, at Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia; 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor. Ships present include: USS SARATOGA (SOPA), USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS INDIANA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS CRAVEN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CURRIINGS, USS FANNING, USS MAURY, USS STANLEY, USS CONVERSE, USS ECHLEY, USS CLAXTON, USS DYSON, USS GEO. W. INGRAM, USS APACHE, USS WHITNEY, USS BALLARD, USS COUCAL, USS PROMETHEUS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS GAMBLE, USS BREESE, USS PREBLE, USS STRATFORD, USS TALBOT, USS KILTY, USS SOLACE, USS TALLULAH, USS PASTO, USS CAESIOPEIA, USS SONOMA, USS CIMARRON, USS LASSEN, USS ORTOLAN, USS PC-477 and HMS VICTORIOUS. Continuing loading cargo into #2, #3, and #4 holds. *kin*

K. S. McCarran
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Secured loading cargo. *AM* 0515 Started jacking over main engine. 0600 All preparations made for getting underway. Tug "Sotoyoms" came along port side. Pilot Lieut. R.P. OATES, U.S. ~~Navy~~ came aboard. 0615 Cast off all lines and got underway. 0650 Heaving round and up on the port anchor and proceeding toward Little Entrance. 0659 Passed Point Denouel abeam to starboard, distant 250 yards. 0700 Passed through submarine net at Little Entrance. 0702 Stopped engine, layed to. 0730 USS ROCHAMBEAU and USS MAURY standing out.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Laying to outside Little Roads Entrance. 0805 Proceeding on various courses and speeds to return to berth. Pilot LT. R.P. OATES conning. 0825 Passed through submarine net. 0853 Let go port anchor fifteen fathoms to water's edge and veering out chain as necessary. 0918 Passed lines to tug "Sotoyoms" on port quarter. 0923 Passed lines to YT 206 on port quarter. 0931 Commenced passing mooring lines to S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS. 0950 Secured with doubled lines and moored starboard side to port side of S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS. Thirty fathoms of chain out to the port anchor. 0954 Tugs "Sotoyoms" and YT 206 cast off. 1000 Secured #2 boiler and main engine. 1030 Pilot Lt. R.P. OATES left the ship.

William E. Ward
WILLIAM E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Commenced loading cargo into #2 hold.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. 1745 Completed loading cargo and secured #2 hold.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR. *U. S. N., Navigator.*

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 27 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Moored as before starboard side to S.S. CYRUS W. FIELDS with 7 doubled manila lines and one wire mooring cable, at Base White Poppy, using 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Ship's present include: USS SARATOGA (SOPA), USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS INDIANA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS SAN DIEGO, USS SAN JUAN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CUMMINGS, USS CRAVEN, USS DUNLAP, USS FANNING, USS STANLEY, USS CLAXTON, USS DYSON, USS APACHE, USS WHITNEY, USS BALLARD, USS COUCAL, USS PROMETHEUS, USS JAMESTOWN, USS GAMELE, USS BREESE, USS PREBLE, USS SHELDRAKE, USS SWALLOW, USS PC-477, USS STRATFORD, USS TALBOT, USS SCHLEY, USS KILTY, USS SOLACE, USS PASIG, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS SONOMA, USS CIMARRON, USS ALHENA, USS ORTOLAN, HMS VICTORIOUS and CHEVREUIL (Free French).
Draft forward 14' aft 20'
William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800
Moored as before. 0450 Jacked over main engine. 0500 Lit off #2 boiler. 0540 Singled up all lines. 0550 All tests and preparations made for getting underway. 0600 Pilot Lieut. (jg) R.P. STARR, came aboard. 0610 Tug "YMT-4" alongside port quarter. 0620 Let go all mooring lines and anchor up. 0620 Underway at various courses and speeds, standard speed 12 knots, proceeding to anchorage, Pilot conning. 0640 Tug "YMT-4" cast off. 0652 Passed through submarine net. 0710 USS SARATOGA, USS MASSACHUSETTS, USS NORTH CAROLINA, USS INDIANA, USS SAN JUAN, USS SAN DIEGO, USS CRAVEN, USS SELFRIDGE, USS CUMMINGS, USS DUNLAP, USS FANNING, USS STANLEY, USS CLAXTON, USS DYSON, USS CIMARRON and HMS VICTORIOUS standing out to sea.
C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200
Underway as before. 0817 Anchored in Great Roads, Base White Poppy, in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor in berth 55 on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 032 degrees, Beacon "J" 113 1/4 degrees, Beacon "O" 165 1/2 degrees. 0820 Secured main engine and #2 boiler. 0900 Pilot - Lieut. (jg) R.B. STARR left the ship. 1115 USS WARD standing in alongside of tanker. 1130 USS CASTOR standing in.
Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600
Anchored as before.
William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000
Anchored as before.
B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400
Anchored as before.
K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

WEATHER: Clear - generally warm.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Monday

28

June

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(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11REMARKS

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Anchored in berth 55, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS PROMETHEUS, USS STRATFORD, USS SWALLOW, USS SIOUX, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS BALLARD, USS SOLACE, USS NAJAPA, USS PASIG, USS ORTOLAN, USS LASSEN, USS BRIDGE, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS WARD, USS CASTOR.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D.O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0809 Commenced holding general drills. 0835 Secured from general drills. 0925 Wind increased to force 5 with intermittent rain squalls.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1255 USS FOOTE and USS AUSBORNE stood in and anchored. 1345 USS ATASIOSA stood in and anchored. 1534 USS CALAMARIES stood in and anchored.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1620 In accordance with orders of ComSopac's dispatch of June #230434, as elaborated in ComtransgroAmphibforsopac's dispatch of June #250433, Ensign Jack F. LITZ D-V(S) USNR, reported aboard for duty as loading and unloading officer.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

C.W. Nickel
C.W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: . Cloudy - wind with force 5, occasional rain squalls. At 1800 Wind commenced decreasing to force 2.

Approved:

H.W. Bradeury
H. W. BRADEURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T.H. MOYER,
Commander USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday

29

June

1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before at Great Road in berth 55 in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS PROMETHEUS, USS STRATFORD, USS SWALLOW, USS SIOUX, USS SHELDRAKE, USS BALLARD, USS SOLACE, USS RD-3, USS MAJABA, USS PASIG, USS LASSEN, USS BRIDGE, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS WARD, USS CASTOR, USS FOOTE, USS Charles AUSBORN, USS CALAMARIES and CHIVERBUIL, (Free French).

D.O. Shuey, Jr.
D.O. SHUEY, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0645 USS ADVENT standing alongside YOG-40 (tanker).

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1330 Commodore Lawrence F. REIFSNIDER USN, Commander Transport Group, and party, came aboard and commenced military inspection. 1340 Commenced making tests and preparations for getting underway. 1410 All tests and preparations for getting underway completed. 1414 Commenced holding general drills. 1435 USS BRIDGE underway and standing out. 1435 Commodore L.F. REIFSNIDER USN, left the ship. 1507 Secured from all general drills. 1507 Main engine and #2 boiler secured. 1520 Military inspection party left the ship.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

K.G. McCarren
K.G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

D.O. Shuey, Jr.
D.O. SHUEY, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday 30 June 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth 55, Great Road, Noumea, New Caledonia, with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor in 10 fathoms of water. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS PROMETHEUS, USS STRATFORD, USS SWALLOW, USS SIOUX, USS SHELDRAKE, USS SOLACE, USS PASIG, USS LASSEN, USS OCEANOGRAPHIC, USS YOG-40, USS MAJABA, USS WARD, USS CASTOR, USS FOOTE, USS CHARLES AUSBURN, USS DRYDOCK RD-3, USS ATASCOSA, USS CALAMARES, CHEVREUIL (FREE FRENCH).

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarran
K. G. MCCARRAN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1000 Jacked over main engines. 1020 Secured from jacking over main engines.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY JR.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON JR.,
Ensign, USNR.

WEATHER: Clear - generally warm.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 1 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Anchored in berth 55, Great Road, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Ship darkened. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY (SOPA), USS PROMETHEUS, USS STRATFORD, USS SOLACE, USS PASIG, USS LASSEN, USS SWALLOW, USS OCEANOGRAPHIC, USS SIOUX, USS MAJABA, USS WARD, USS CASTOR, USS FOOTE, USS CHARLES AUSBURN, USS ATASCOSA, USS CALAMARES, USS DASH, USS JOHN PENN, USS BATON, and also various yard and district craft.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800
Anchored as before. 0615 Lit off #2 boiler. 0700 Jacked over main engines by steam. 0730 Completed all tests and preparations for getting underway. 0740 Hoisted gangway and hove short. 0751 Got underway in accordance with dispatch orders June 300054 from ComTransGrp to proceed to Auckland, New Zealand, as part of Task Unit 32.5.7 with USS FOOTE and USS CHARLES AUSBURN. 0751 Standard speed 12 knots. Steering various courses and speeds proceeding out of Dumbea Bay, Captain Conning. Draft before leaving port, forward 15'3" aft 20'6".

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200
Steaming as before. 0823 Making various speeds and courses on Recommended Channel to Amedee Light. 0830 USS FOOTE, O.T.C. and USS CHARLES AUSBURN joined as escorts. 0937 Changed standard speed to 15 knots. 0933 Passed Amedee Light on starboard beam. 0939 Passed USS TITANIA abeam to port standing in. 0949 Passed through Bulari Passage; increased speed to standard. 0955 Changed base course to 240 degrees true, and p.g.c. 1000 USS ALHENA designated as guide by O.T.C. 1008 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19 on order from O.T.C. 1105 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order from O.T.C. 1110 Changed base course to 180 degrees true on order from O.T.C. 1125 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600
Steaming as before on base course 180 degrees true, zig-zagging according to plan 19, at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. 1504 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 180 degrees true. 1510 Changed course to new base course 113 degrees true and p.g.c. 1521 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800
Steaming as before on base course 113 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots; 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan 19.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1800 - 2000
Steaming as before on base course 113 degrees true and p.g.c., zig-zagging according to plan 19, standard speed 15 knots, making 72 R.P.M., with USS FOOTE and USS CHARLES AUSBURN as escorts, USS ALHENA guide.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

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Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

J. H. Moyer
J. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday 1
(Day) (Date)

July 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 113 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. Escorted by USS FOOTE (SOPA), and USS CHARLES AUSBURN (DD's maintaining position on either bow). Zig-zagging according to plan 19. Bridge radio manned. USS ALHENA formation guide.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

Run to Noon: 30.2 miles, from Bulari Passage.

POSITION:

0800 Dumbea Bay.

1200 22-50 South 166-10 East

2000 23-55 " 167-17 "

Current: 345 degrees 0.5 knots

Sea: Light swell from SE; rolling moderately.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday 2 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Underway as before enroute from base White Poppy to Base Yelp with USS FOOTB (SOPA) and USS CHARLES AUSBURNE as escort on base course 113 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, making 72 R.P.M.; zig-zagging according to plan 19.

K. G. McCarran
K. G. McCARRAN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0400 - 0500

Steaming as before on base course 113 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan 19. 0530 Went to general quarters for condition of readiness one hour prior to daybreak. 0625 Secured from general quarters and set condition three. 0700 Increased standard speed to 16 knots; steaming at standard speed, averaging 77 R.P.M., on signal from O.T.C. in USS FOOTB. 0710 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal from O.T.C. 0710 Changed base course to 116 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal from O.T.C. 0714 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19 on signal from O.T.C. and reduced standard speed to 15 knots; steaming at standard speed, averaging 72 R.P.M.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 116 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots, making 72 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan 19, with escort. 0815 Exercised crew at boat stations drill. 0900 Secured from boat station drill. 1124 Ceased zig-zagging and went to new base course 118 degrees true on order from O.T.C. 1128 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 29 on order from O.T.C. 1147 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order from O.T.C.

C. W. Nicksel
C. W. NICKSEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 118 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. 1200 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 29. 1238 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 118 degrees true and p.g.c. 1242 Changed course to 150 degrees true and p.g.c., new base course. 1248 Changed base course to 140 degrees true and p.g.c. 1254 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19. 1306 Sighted ship bearing 150 degrees true, distance 8 miles. 1308 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 140 degrees true and p.g.c. 1310 Changed base course to 130 degrees true and p.g.c. 1312 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19. 1344 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 130 degrees true and p.g.c. 1350 Received orders from ComTaskFor - Task Force Dissolved, proceed independently on duty assigned. 1350 Increased speed to 16 knots, 77 R.P.M., new standard speed. 1350 Sighted six ships - bearing 165 degrees true, distant 9 miles. 1402 Changed course to 162 degrees true and p.g.c., new base course. 1404 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Underway as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots; making 77 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan 19. 1600 Ceased zig-zagging according to plan 19; commenced using zig-zag clock. 1623 Increased speed to 80 R.P.M. 1750 Secured zig-zag clock; resumed base course. 1800 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19.

K. G. McCarran
K. G. McCARRAN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

J. H. Meyer
J. H. MEYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday 2

July

19⁴³

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

1800 - 2000

Underway as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., zig-zagging according to plan 19, at standard speed 16 knots, making 80 R.P.M. 1810 Reduced speed to 77 R.P.M.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 16 knots (77 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan 19. 2030 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., and reduced standard speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.).

F.A.C. Mellon
F.A.C. MELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

0800 24-57 South 170-12 East

1200 25-22 " 171-07 "

2000 26-52 " 172-00 "

RUN NOON TO NOON 317 miles

CURRENT: 060 degrees 0.6 knots.

SEA: Light swells - ship rolling moderately.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALPENA AK-9

Saturday 3 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, without escort, enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Auckland, New Zealand, on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, making 72 R.P.M. 0500 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19 and increased standard speed to 16 knots. 0520 Went to General Quarters. 0620 Secured from General Quarters and set condition Three.

C.W. Mickel
C. W. MICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 77 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan 19. 0922 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c. 0942 Sounded General Quarters for the purpose of gunnery exercises. 0948 Ceased streaming taffrail log, reading 626.5. 1004 Commenced starboard run on target; range when abeam 3500 yards. 1033 Commenced port run on target; range abeam 2600 yards. 1043 Commenced starboard run on target; range abeam 2600 yards. 1050 Secured from General Quarters; ammunition expended: 31 rounds 3"/50 and 10 rounds 4"/50. 1050 Resumed base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., streamed taffrail log. 1100 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 19.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots; making 77 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan. 1345 Test fired 4"/50 cal. gun - one round.

K.C. McCarran
K. C. McCARRAN,
Lieut. (JG) USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., zig-zagging according to plan 19, at standard speed of 16 knots, 77 R.P.M. 1759 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (JG) USN.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 77 R.P.M.

F.A.C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before. 2000 Changed course to 166 degrees true and p.g.c. Steaming at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 77 R.P.M.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.
SEA: Smooth.
RUN NOON TO NOON: 322 Miles
CURRENT: None.
0800 29-41 South 173-00 East
1200 30-23 " 173-15 "
2000 32-19 " 174-00 "

Approved:

H.C. Bradbury
H. C. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Noyer
T. H. NOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 4 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 and -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Auckland, New Zealand on base course 166 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots making 77 R.P.M. Ship in condition of readiness III.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 166 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 77 R.P.M. 0509 Sighted Cape Brett Light bearing 214 degrees true, distant 33 miles. 0520 Sounded General Quarters. 0528 Changed course to 222 degrees true and p.g.c. 0530 Radar contact - Land bearing 220, 27 miles. 0545 Sighted land dead ahead. 0620 Secured from General Quarters. 0622 Changed course to 225 degrees true and p.g.c. 0630 Cut in degaussing coils. 0710 Changed course to 155 degrees true and p.g.c., with Cape Brett Light bearing 270 degrees, distant 2.5 miles. 0719 Sighted Poor Knight Island bearing 134 degrees true, distant 22 miles.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 155 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots; making 77 R.P.M., degaussing coils in operation. Sighted Sugar Loaf Island bearing 133 degrees true, distant 12 miles. 0815 Steering by gyro. 0837 Passed Northern Point of Poor Knight Island abeam to port; distant 8 1/2 miles. 0845 Changed course to 150 degrees true and p.g.c. 0855 Passed Tutukaka Entrance abeam to starboard; distant 5.2 miles. 0856 Passed Sugar Loaf Island abeam to port; distant 4 miles. 0901 Changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 0929 Changed course to 177 degrees true and p.g.c. 0938 Changed course to 176 degrees true and p.g.c. 0950 USS PATTERSON and USS TYRON passed abeam to port - standing out. 0951 Passed Bream Head abeam to starboard, distant 2-2/3 miles. 1000 Passed Chicken Islands abeam to port; distant 3.3 miles. 1007 Changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 1018 Passed Hen Island abeam to port; distant 2 miles. 1026 Passed Sail Rock Island abeam to port; distant 2 miles; changed course to 140 degrees true and p.g.c. 1120 Changed course to 141 degrees true and p.g.c. 1135 Passed Rodney Point abeam to starboard; distance 3.2 miles; changed course to 155 degrees true and p.g.c. 1142 Passed Little Barrier Island abeam to port; distance 8.5 miles. 1148 Changed course to 158 degrees true and p.g.c.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 158 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, making 77 R.P.M. 1208 Changed course to 155 degrees true and p.g.c. 1217 Passed Flat Rock abeam to starboard, distance 2.6 miles. 1224 Changed course to 216 degrees true with Flat Rock Beacon bearing 270 degrees. 1225 Secured degaussing coils. 1251 Passed Kaitu Kala Island abeam to starboard distance 5 miles. 1302 Passed Black Buoy to port abeam, distant 1/2 mile; changed course to 179 degrees true. 1311 Passed Red Buoy to starboard abeam. 1316 Changed course to 195 degrees true. 1332 Passed Gull Point abeam to starboard, distance 4 miles. 1336 Changed course to 209 degrees true. 1339 Stopped engine to allow Pilot H. HUGON to come aboard. 1346 Commenced making various speeds and courses proceeding through swept channel, pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1416 Passed through submarine net; proceeding into Auckland Harbor. 1445 Let go port anchor, veering to 60 fathoms of chain. Anchored in Auckland Harbor, Auckland, New Zealand, in 6 1/2 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: West Breakwater Light 127 degrees; Tower Pier #2 190 degrees; Tower Pier #16 - 227 degrees. Draft forward 14'9" aft 20'3".

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR. U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Sunday
(Day)

4
(Date)

July
(Month)

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 and -12

REMARKS

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

F.A.C. Yellon
F.A.C. YELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

WEATHER: Clear - generally cool.

SEA: Smooth.

RUN NOON TO NOON 377 miles Run from Noon to Anchorage 34 miles

0800 35-24 South 174-30 East

1200 36-20 " " 174-55 "

2000 36-50 " " 174-47 " Anchored in Auckland Harbor.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Noyer
T. H. NOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Monday 5 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Auckland Harbor, Auckland, New Zealand in 6 1/2 fathoms of water using 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: West Breakwater Light 127 degrees; Tower Pier #2 - 190 degrees; Tower Pier #16 - 227 degrees. Ships present include: USS ARGONNE, USS KOBAMA, USS FULLER, USS ASTERION, USS TALAMANCA, USS BRIDGE.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0935 Lit off #1 boiler. 0950 Commenced making preparations for getting underway. 1031 The Commanding Officer called on Commanding Officer, N.O.B. Auckland, New Zealand.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

1200 USS BRIDGE underway, shifting berth. 1255 Tugs "TeAWHINA" and "William C. DALDY" came along starboard side. 1310 USS ORTHOLAN underway. 1311 Pilot D. BURGESS, came aboard. 1317 Underway to King's Outer Wharf at various courses and speeds. 1345 Moored port side to starboard side of King's Outer Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand using six doubled manila lines and one wire rope. Secured main engines and one boiler, boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. 1515 Draft: 14' forward 19'11" aft. Pilot D. BURGESS left the ship.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. 1815 Twenty-seven (27) stevedores reported aboard to work cargo. 1850 Commenced-unloading cargo from #3 and #4 holds.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before; civilian stevedores discharging cargo from #3 and #4 holds. 2145 Secured discharging cargo. 2300 Stevedores came aboard; commenced discharging cargo from #4 and #3 holds.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander U.S.N.R.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 6 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to Kings Outer Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, with six (6) manila lines - four doubled, two singled and 2 wire ropes - one doubled - one single. Discharging cargo from #4 and #3 holds. Ships present include: USS ARGONNE, USS KOPARA, USS FULLER, USS ASTERION, USS TALAMONA, USS BRIDGE, USS PC-477, USS ORTOLAN.

D.O. Shuck Jr.
D.O. SHUCK Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Discharging cargo from #3 and #4 holds. 0600 Commenced discharging cargo from #2 hold.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 0830 Draft forward 14'1" aft. 19'6". 0900 USS ROMER standing in. Marine working party came aboard to unload cargo. 0940 #3 hold empty. 0948 Commenced loading cargo into #1 hold. 1110 Commenced loading cargo into #3 hold.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1338 USS TITANIA stood in and moored. Commenced loading cargo into #5 hold.

F.A.C. Fellow
F.A.C. FELLOW,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continuing to work cargo at all hatches throughout night; using cargo lights on deck and in holds. 1830 Secured discharging cargo from #4 hold. 0645 Commenced loading cargo into #4 hold.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continue working cargo throughout the ship.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*

H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined: *F.H. Moyer*

F.H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday 7
(Day) (Date)

July 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to King's Outer Wharf, Auckland, N.Zealand with six (6) manila lines - 4 doubled and 2 singled and two wire ropes - one single and one doubled. Discharging cargo from #2 hold, loading cargo into #1, #3, #4 and #5 holds.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Continue loading cargo into #1, #3, #4, and #5 holds. Discharging cargo from #2. 0700 Completed unloading #2 hold. Commenced loading cargo into #2 hold.

F. A. Kellom
F. A. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds. 1145 Secured temporarily from loading cargo at all hatches, for dinner period of U.S.M.C. working parties ashore. Draft forward 14', aft 22', mean draft 18!

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1300 Commenced loading cargo at all hatches.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continue loading all holds. 1800 Secured loading all holds. 1845 Commenced loading #1 hold. 1910 Commenced loading #2 hold.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continue loading cargo into #1 and #2 hold. 2400 Draft forward 15'5" aft 22'.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally cool.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyers
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 8 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to starboard side of King's Outer Wharf, Auckland, N.Z., with six manila lines (four doubled and 2 singled) and two wire ropes (one doubled and one single). Working cargo in five holds.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0555 Secured working all holds. 0650 Commenced loading #2 hold. 0745 USS BRIDGE underway, shifting berth. 0745 Commenced loading #1 hold.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 1113 Oil barge came alongside to starboard. 1155 Commenced taking on fuel oil. Working cargo in all holds.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1430 Secured from taking on fuel oil, having received 84252 gals. draft forward 17'4" aft 22'9". 1550 Fuel lighter cast off from starboard side, in tow of tug.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Working cargo in all holds.

Geo. Edmundson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Loading into all holds. 2400 Draft forward 17'3" aft 23'5".

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally cool.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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Confidential Log and War Diary

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday
(Day)

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(Date)

July
(Month)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to King's Outer Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand with six manila lines (4 doubled and 2 singled) and two wire ropes (one single and one doubled). Loading cargo into all holds.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds. 0740 USS FULLER shifted berth.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 1150 Secured from loading cargo temporarily, for dinner period of USMC working party handling cargo on the dock. Draft forward 18' aft 24'.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1340 USS PINKNEY stood in. Commenced working cargo in all holds.

K. G. McCaren
K. G. McCAREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. 2300 Secured loading #1 and #5 holds. 2400 Draft forward 18'9" aft 24'3". Covered #1 and #5 holds.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

WEATHER: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally cool.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9Saturday 10
(Day) (Date)July , 19 43
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION -12REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to starboard side of King's Outer Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, using five doubled manila lines and two singled; two wire ropes - one doubled and one single. Loading cargo into #2, #3 and #4 holds. 0320 Secured from working #3 hold.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds. 0600 Secured loading in all holds. 0700 Commenced loading #2 and #4 holds.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds. Commenced loading into #3 hold.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Continued loading.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Loading into #2, #3 and #4 holds.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continued loading into holds #2, #3 and #4. Draft at 2400 forward 19'8" aft 25'4".

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

WEATHER: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally cool.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander USNavy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Sunday 11
(Day) (Date)July 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, port side to west side of King's Outer Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, with five doubled manila lines, two single manila lines, and two wire ropes. Loading cargo into #2, #3 and #4 hatches.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #2, #3 and #4 holds.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #2, #3 and #4 holds.
1525 Completed loading cargo into #3 hatch.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. 1740 Lieut.(jg) Robert A. SMITH, D-V(S) USNR, detached this day upon completion of temporary duty aboard, to report to Commanding Officer, Naval Operating Base, Auckland, New Zealand, for further assignment in accordance with Commander Transport Group South Pacific's serial 598 of June 15, 1943. 1800 Completed loading #4 hatch.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #2 hatch. Draft at 2400 forward 21'2" aft 25'6".

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally cool.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Monday

12

July

19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, port side to west side of King's Outer Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, with 5 manila lines doubled; two manila lines single and two wire ropes. Loading cargo in #2 hold, all other holds secured.

K.G. McCarren
K.G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Continued loading in #2 hold. 0655 USS FULLER underway to come alongside. 0735 USS FULLER alongside. 0755 USS FULLER secured to starboard side, with four manila lines doubled and one single.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D.O. SHUEY JR.
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 0810 USS BRIDGE standing out. Continued loading cargo into #2 hatch.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1335 USS MOUNT VERNON stood in and moored. 1337 Completed loading cargo in #2 hold.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. 1700 Draft forward 22' aft 25'9"

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally cool.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday 13

July 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, port side to west side of King's Outer Wharf, using five manila lines doubled, two manila lines single and two wire cables. USS FULLER starboard side, port side to, using four manila lines doubled and one single. Ships present include: USS ARGONNE, USS FULLER, USS ASTERION, USS TALAMANCA, USS ORTOLAN, USS ROAMER, USS TITANIA, USS PINKNEY and USS MOUNT VERNON.

Geo. Edmunsen Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0720 USS PINKNEY underway and standing out. 0730 Singled up all lines to USS FULLER. 0740 USS FULLER underway from alongside and standing out. 0755 Lit off #1 boiler.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 0808 USS TITANIA underway and standing out. 0948 Engine room ready to get underway, completed all preparations for getting underway. 1015 Stationed special sea detail. 1027 Pilot R.H. CARTER came on board. Tug "DALDY" made fast to stern line. 1039 Underway in accordance with ComtransgroSoPac's Secret Dispatch #100044 of July 1943, for Guadalcanal, as part of Task Unit 32.5.3 consisting of USS FULLER, USS ALHENA, USS TITANIA; Captain EATON S.O.P.A. and Commander Task Unit; pilot at conn, standard speed 12 knots (58 R.P.M.), making various speeds and courses to conform to leaving harbor. 1045 Let go of tug "Dalady". 1103 Passed through submarine net. 1105 Passed Bean Rock Light abeam to starboard, distant 1/2 mile. 1120 Stopped. Pilot R.H. CARTER left ship. 1122 Ahead standard speed; Captain at the conn. 1126 Passed Rangitoto Beacon abeam to starboard, distant 1/2 mile, set course at 029 degrees true and 011 p.s.c. 1130 Sighted USS FULLER and USS TITANIA on the Degaussing Range off Tiri Tiri Island. 1145 Changed course to 013 degrees true and p.g.c.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 013 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 12 knots, averaging 58 R.P.M. 1211 Changed course to 000 degrees true and p.g.c. 1215 Reduced to 2/3 standard speed. 1232 Increased standard speed to 15 knots, increased speed to 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. 1232 Changed course to 040 degrees true and p.g.c., and formed column astern of the USS FULLER; USS TITANIA astern of USS ALHENA. 1240 Changed speed to 2/3 ahead. 1242 Changed course to 036 degrees true and p.g.c. 1243 Increased speed to standard speed - 72 R.P.M. 1315 Passed Flat Rock abeam to port, distant 6000 yards. 1315 Exercised the crew at Boat Stations Drill. 1322 Changed course to 335 degrees true and p.g.c. 1325 Streamed taffrail log, reading 00.0 miles. 1335 Secured from Boat Stations Drill. 1407 Increased standard speed to 16 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. 1418 Changed course to 326 degrees true and p.g.c. 1438 Secured anchor detail and anchors for sea. 1440 Secured all crew showers. 1527 Passed Sail Rock abeam to starboard, distant 3000 yards. 1530 Changed course to 000 degrees true and p.g.c.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in column formation; second ship in column astern of USS FULLER O.T.C., USS TITANIA astern; on course 000 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots. 1654 Changed course to 335 degrees true and p.g.c. 1710 Degaussing coils in operation. 1711 Sugar Loaf Rock abeam to starboard, distant 4 1/2 miles. 1730 Poor Knight Island abeam to starboard, distant 7-3/4 miles 1745 Poor Knight Island bearing 100 degrees true; distant 8 1/2 miles.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before second ship in column; USS FULLER guide and O.T.C., USS TITANIA third ship in column. Standard speed 16 knots, making 76 R.P.M., on course 335 degrees true and p.g.c. 1815 Changed course to 348 degrees true and p.g.c.

Continued

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday 13
(Day) (Date)

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(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION - 12

REMARKS

1800 - 2000 Continued

1856 Passed Cape Brett Light abeam to port, distant 8.2 miles. 1920 Increased speed to 82 R.P.M. and changed course to 333 degrees true and p.g.c., to take cruising disposition in accordance with operation order #3-43. USS FULLER guide. 1935 In cruising disposition, USS FULLER guide, 1000 yards on starboard beam, decreased speed to 76 R.P.M. and changed course to 341 degrees true and p.g.c. Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #10.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M., in cruising disposition: USS FULLER guide, 1000 yards distant on line of bearing 090 relative to axis and base course; USS TITANIA, 900 yards on port quarter of guide. Zig-zagging according to plan #10.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally cool.
Wind: Averaging force 3 - West and West-south-west.
1200 36-39 South 174-51 East
2000 34-53 " 174-25 "
Draft: 22'01" forward 25'03" aft.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 14 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12 & -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Underway on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M., in cruising formation with USS FULLER, guide and O.T.C., 1000 yards on our starboard beam; and USS TITANIA; non-escorted. Zig-zagging according to plan #10. 0012 Secured degaussing coils. 0330 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order of O.T.C.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Underway as before, on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., steaming at standard speed of 16 knots (averaging 75.5 R.P.M.). 0625 Held general quarters, an hour before sunrise. 0630 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan on previously arranged signal. 0725 Secured from general quarters, set condition III watch. 0759 Changed standard speed to 15 knots, 72 R.P.M.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #10. 0830 Commenced test firing machine guns. 1000 Secured test firing machine guns.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before, in cruising formation with USS FULLER guide and O.T.C. and USS TITANIA, on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #10. 1500 Changed clocks back one hour to zone time minus eleven, by order of O.T.C.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., in cruising formation as before with USS FULLER and USS TITANIA and zig-zagging according to plan #10.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., in cruising formation as before. Zig-zagging as before according to plan #10.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

RUN NOON TO NOON: 344 miles
SEA CONDITION: Moderate sea; ship rolling easily up to 15 degrees.
Current: 170 degrees 0.6 knots.
Weather: clear - generally cool.
0800 32-00 South 173-12 East.
1200 31-20 " 172-50 "
2000 29-22 " 172-07 "

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding Officer

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday 15

July 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots (averaging 70.2 R.P.M.), in cruising formation with USS FULLER (O.T.C.) and USS TITANIA, zig-zagging according to plan #10.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #10. 0447 Made Radar contact - small object bearing 075 degrees, distant 4000 yards. 0520 General Quarters an hour before sunrise. 0520 Lost Radar contact. 0625 Secured from general quarters and set condition III. 0630 Changed zig-zag plan to #23. 0630 Secured Radar for repairs. 0700 Changed base course to 350 degrees true and p.g.c., continuing zig-zagging according to plan #23.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 350 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), USS FULLER O.T.C., in cruising formation, USS FULLER 1000 yards off starboard beam, USS TITANIA 900 yards off starboard quarter, zig-zagging according to plan #23. 0805 Radar back in operation. 0940 Ceased zig-zagging on course 045 degrees true, changed speed to 2/3 standard. 0941 Changed into column formation upon orders from O.T.C. 0943 Resumed standard speed. 0954 Held firing practice on 3"/50 cal. guns. 1034 Ceased firing; expended 25 rounds. 1042 Ceased zig-zagging and changed course to 330 degrees true, resuming cruising formation. 1056 Sighted three (3) destroyers on horizon, bearing 330 degrees. 1054 Changed standard speed to 13 knots (63 R.P.M.) on order from O.T.C. 1056 Changed base course to 342 degrees true and p.g.c., upon order from O.T.C. 1103 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #39. Changed standard speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). 1120 Destroyers USS BREESE, USS PREBLE, USS MONTGOMERY joined formation and took station.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 342 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #39, USS FULLER O.T.C. and guide in cruising disposition according to operation order. 1505 Sighted two cargo ships bearing 332 degrees true. 1515 Sighted one cargo ship bearing 270 degrees true. 1527 Three ships previously sighted identified as friendly.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 342 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #39. 1616 Adjusted mean course to 344 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C., in USS FULLER.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 344 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging to plan #39.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 344 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #39.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday 15
(Day) (Date)

July 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

RUN NOON TO NOON 345 miles

WEATHER: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally warm.

SEA CONDITION: Calm.

WIND: Gentle Breeze

0800	26-45 South	171-07 East
1200	25-52 "	170-55 "
2000	24-11 "	170-21 "

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
 H. W. BRADBURY,
 Commander U.S. Navy,
 Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
 T. H. MOYER,
 Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday
(Day)

16
(Date)

July
(Month)

19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400 Steaming on base course 344 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #39. USS FULLER O.T.C., on starboard beam and USS TITANIA on starboard quarter, escort composed of USS BREESE, USS MONTGOMERY and USS PREBLE.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on base course 344 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70.7 R.P.M., in cruising disposition with USS FULLER (O.T.C.), on starboard beam and USS TITANIA on starboard quarter, with escort composed of USS BREESE, USS MONTGOMERY, USS PREBLE. 0520 General quarters an hour before sunrise. 0623 Secured from general quarters and set condition of readiness III.

R.S. Welan
R. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on base course 344 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots (71 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #39, in cruising disposition in accordance with operation order #3-43. 0810 Changed base course to 339 degrees true and p.g.c. 0829 Increased standard speed to 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.).

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on base course 339 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 75 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before, O.T.C. and guide in USS FULLER, zig-zagging according to plan #39. 1208 Sighted Aneityum Island bearing 053 degrees true and distant 50 miles. 1411 Sighted Tanna Island bearing 032 degrees true and distant 48 miles.

J.G. Leman
J. G. LEMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800 Steaming as before on base course 339 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before with USS FULLER, O.T.C. and guide, zig-zagging according to plan #39.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000 Steaming as before on base course 339 degrees true and p.g.c., 323 p.s.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 74 R.P.M., in cruising disposition with USS FULLER as O.T.C. and guide, zig-zagging according to plan #39.

F.A.C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before on base course 339 degrees true and p.g.c, and 323 p.s.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. and zig-zagging according to plan #39. In cruising disposition with USS TITANIA and USS FULLER as O.T.C. and guide.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

RUN NOON TO NOON 323 miles

WEATHER: Cloudy - occasional rain - generally warm.

WIND: Fresh breeze.

SEA: Moderate sea.

0800	21-37 South	169-33 East
1200	20-46 "	169-06 "
2000	19-09 "	168-19 "

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T.H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 17
(Day) (Date)

July 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on base course 339 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.), in cruising formation USS FULLER O.T.C. on starboard beam 1000 yards and USS TITANIA on starboard quarter 900 yards. USS PREBLE, USS BREESE and USS MONTGOMERY as escort, zig-zagging according to plan #39, Radar in use, ship completely darkened. 0014 Radar contact bearing 030 degrees, distant 44 miles on Efate Island, New Hebrides. 0130 Wind increased to force 4.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 339 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15½ knots, making 74 R.P.M., in cruising disposition in accordance with operation order #3-43, zig-zagging according to plan #39. 0420 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0430 Changed course and axis to 299 degrees true and p.g.c., 291 p.s.c. Decreased speed to 62 R.P.M. 0440 Increased speed to 72 R.P.M. and commenced zig-zagging according to plan #39. 0445 Sighted two cruisers of Brooklyn class bearing 029 degrees true. 0512 Radar reported land contacts at 355 degrees true. 0520 General quarters an hour before sunrise. 0534 Rudder jammed, stopped engine. 0535 Shifted steering pumps from port to starboard and resumed standard speed on base course. 0542 Increased speed to 82 R.P.M. 0549 Shifted steering pump from starboard to port. 0625 Secured from general quarters. Changed course to 320 degrees true to take station. 0655 Resumed position in formation and reduced speed to 74 R.P.M., commenced zig-zagging according to plan #39. At daylight and until end of watch, several radar contacts reported all with identification.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 299 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 73 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #39. 1000 Changed base course to 313 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. in USS FULLER.

G. G. Lyman
G. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 313 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 73 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #39.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 313 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 74 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan. 1730 Darkened ship.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 313 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 75.2 R.P.M. 1950 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 313 degrees true and p.g.c.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 313 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 73.6 R.P.M., steaming in company with USS FULLER (O.T.C.) and USS TITANIA with escort composed of USS PREBLE, USS BREESE and USS MONTGOMERY. 2000 Changed base course to 349 degrees true and p.g.c. 2010 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #39.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

Sea: Moderate to smooth.

RUN NOON TO NOON 321 miles

Weather: Overcast, ceiling 2500 yards, occasional rain squalls.

0800: 16-53 South 1200: 16-27 South 2000: 15-14 South

166-51 East 166-10 East 164-52 East

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *F. H. Moyer*
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 18 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming in cruising disposition according to operation order #3-43, with Task Unit 32.5.3, O.T.C. and C.T.U. on USS FULLER guide, 1000 yards on starboard beam, and USS TITANIA, on base course 349 degrees true and p.g.c., 342 p.s.c., zig-zagging according to plan #39, at standard speed of 15 1/2 knots. Ship in readiness of condition III with S.C. Radar searching, with the following escorts: USS PREBLE (ComEscort), USS MONTGOMERY and USS BREESE. 0156 Sighted two ships bearing 320 degrees true, distance 10 miles, destroyer escort proceeded to identify. 0158 Radar reported surface contact 320 degrees true, distance 10 miles.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) U.S.N.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 349 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 1/2 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #39. 0520 Manned battle stations for condition of readiness one, during danger period preceding daybreak. 0620 Secured from general quarters and set condition III. 0730 Made various radar contacts on aircraft all identified as friendly by I.F.F., average distance 25 miles.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 349 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 1/2 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #39. 0906 Generator cut out automatically due to overload. Radar and gyro compass out of commission; steering by magnetic compass. 0908 Generator cut in - radar in commission. 0935 Commenced steering by gyro compass. 1006 Made 45 degree emergency turn to starboard. 1007 Made 45 degrees turn to starboard. 1011 Made 45 degree turn to port. 1014 Made 45 degree emergency turn to port, all on order of O.T.C. 1012 Manned all general quarter stations. 1018 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #39, on order of O.T.C. 1024 Secured from general quarters, set condition III.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 349 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 1/2 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M., in cruising formation, zig-zagging according to plan. 1245 Reduced standard speed to 15 knots, 72 R.P.M. 1356 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal of O.T.C. 1401 Changed fleet course and fleet axis on signal from O.T.C., to 296 degrees true and p.g.c. 1411 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan on signal of O.T.C.

F.A.C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 296 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #24.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising disposition with U.S.S. FULLER on starboard beam 1000 yards; U.S.S. TITANIA on starboard quarter 900 yards; on base course 296 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots; zig-zagging according to plan #24. 1834 Plane escort commenced air coverage.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition, on base course 296 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, zig-zagging according to plan. All guns manned with one man, lookout at each gun group. Radar making normal search with close search every 15 minutes. Ship completely darkened one Catalina plane patrolling as anti-submarine coverage.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) U.S.N.

RUN NOON TO NOON	330 miles	SEA;	Smooth.
Current	290 degrees	0800	12-29 South 164-16 East
Weather:	Clear, generally warm.	1200	11-33 " 164-08 "
		2000	10-32 " 162-59 "

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T.H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 19 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Steaming as before, enroute Auckland, New Zealand to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on base course 296 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #24, in cruising disposition. Guide and O.T.C. in USS FULLER, 1000 yards on starboard beam; USS TITANIA 900 yards on starboard quarter. Escort, comprising USS PREBLE (ComEscort), USS BREESE and USS MONTGOMERY conducting anti-submarine patrol in van. Anti-submarine air cover being provided by PBV from Guadalcanal. Alitu Island bearing 170 degrees distant 5 miles. 0140 Ceased zig-zagging and changed base course to 276 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. 0144 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan on signal.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800
Steaming as before on base course 276 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #24. 0403 Ceased zig-zagging on order of O.T.C. 0405 Changed base course to 311 degrees true. 0410 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan on order of O.T.C. 0521 Sighted Nuru Island bearing 301 degrees true distant 16 miles. 0530 Held dawn general quarters. 0630 Secured from general quarters and set condition III. 0703 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order of O.T.C. 0705 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #17.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200
Steaming as before on base course 311 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan. 0800 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal of O.T.C. 0818 Changed course to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal of O.T.C. 0830 Resumed zig-zagging on signal of O.T.C. 0846 Cut in degaussing coils. 0848 Passed Rua Sura Island abeam to port, distant 3 miles. 0900 Sighted Nugu Island bearing 303 degrees true, distant 18 miles. 0928 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal of O.T.C. 0935 On signal of O.T.C. formed column astern of USS FULLER (guide) distance 1000 yards on course 285 degrees true and p.g.c. 1000 Passed Itaiyu Point abeam to port, distant 2 1/2 miles, and entered Lengo Channel. 1029 Changed speed to 1/3 ahead. 1030 Proceeding independently to anchorage on signal of O.T.C., making various courses and speeds. 1047 USS FULLER anchored. 1050 Anchored off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor in berth #84 on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees; Beacon "J" 271 degrees. 1054 Secured degaussing. Secured condition III and set condition IV watches. 1115 #1 hold open. 1120 #4 & #5 holds open. 1140 First boat load into the beach.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600
Anchored as before. 1200 Draft forward 21'5", aft 24'8". 1350 Unloading cargo from all holds. 1540 USS PREBLE moored alongside to port. 1558 Draft forward 20'9", aft 24'6". Commenced fueling USS PREBLE.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800
Anchored as before. 1600 Made daily unloading report to ComTaskUnit 32.5.3 in USS FULLER: total hours available for unloading (four); total percentage of cargo unloaded 2 1/2 percent.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000
Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400
Anchored as before. 2108 Condition Red; stopped unloading, darkened ship completely. 2115 Secured from fueling USS PREBLE, delivered 63,000 gallons. 2210 Resumed unloading cargo; conditions green. 2359 Draft forward 18'6" aft 25'0".

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

RUN NOON TO NOON 293 miles Sea: Smooth. Weather: clear - generally warm.
0800 09-27 S; 160-48 East.
At Anchorage: 09-24 South - 160-13 East.

See Reverse Side

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T.H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday 20 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Anchored as before in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor, in berth #84, off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal, on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees; Beacon "J" 271 degrees. Working cargo from all hatches. 0310 Condition Red from Guadalcanal; stopped unloading; darkened ship.

0400 - 0800
Anchored as before. Condition Red - secured from unloading and ship darkened. 0555 Condition Green - ship lights on. 0610 Resumed unloading from all five holds.

0800 - 1200
Anchored as before. Unloading from all holds. 0900 USS PATERSON, USS CONWAY, USS PINKNEY, USS MONONGAHELA stood in and anchored. 1050 USS FULLER and USS PREBLE underway and standing out to sea.

1200 - 1600
Anchored as before. Unloading from all hatches into ship's boats.

1600 - 1800
Anchored as before. Unloading cargo at all holds. 1600 Draft forward 16'10" aft 24'6".

1800 - 2000
Anchored as before. 1835 Secured unloading cargo from #1 hold.

2000 - 2400
Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from all hatches except #1, into ship's boats. 2359 Draft forward 16'0" aft 23'9".

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

William E. Ward
WILLIAM E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

William E. Ward
WILLIAM E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

At 2400 July 20, 1943, Mean draft	20'00"
Displacement	10,650 Tons
Displacement at 2400 July 19th	11,720 "
Cargo discharged today:	1070 "
Actual working time:	21 Hours
Tons per hour unloaded today	50 Tons

	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Time</u>
Today	1070 Tons	21 hours
before	495 "	11 "
Total	1565 "	32 "

Percent Discharged: $\frac{1565}{3900} = 40\%$

Estimated time to complete $\frac{60}{40} \times 32 = 48$ working hours.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 21 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400 Anchored off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal in nine fathoms of water using 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor at berth #84 on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees; Beacon "J" 271 degrees. Discharging cargo from all holds. Ship's present include: USS McKEAN, USS WARD, USS WATERS, USS KILTY, USS CROSBY, USS RAIL, USS TITANIA, USS BREESE, USS MONTGOMERY, USS VERIO, USS PATTERSON, USS CONWAY, USS PINKNEY, USS MONONGOHELA, USS LST 599, and USS LCI 67, 68, 69, 21, 22, and 24.
William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from #2, #3, and #4 holds.
B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. Continuing to unload #2, #3, #4 and #5 holds.
J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds.
William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 1800 Anchored as before. 1605 H.M.A.S. LEANDER and USS LANG standing out. Unloading cargo from all holds.
B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000 Anchored as before. Unloading from all holds.
J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds. #300 Secured #1 hold from discharging cargo. 2359 Draft forward 18'6" aft 23'0"
William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

At 2400

Mean Draft	18'3"
Displacement	9610 tons
" at 2400 July 20	10650 "
Cargo discharged today	1040 "
Actual working time	24 hours
Tons per hour unloaded today	43½ tons

<u>Discharged</u>		<u>Time</u>
Today	1040 tons	24 hours
20th	1070 "	21 "
19th	495 "	11 "
Total	<u>2605</u> "	<u>56</u> "

Percent discharged $\frac{2605}{3900} = 67\%$

Estimated time to complete $\frac{33}{67} \times 56 = 28$ working hours

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 22 July, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400 Anchored off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal, in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor in berth #84 on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees, Beacon "J" 271 degrees. Boilers #1 and #2 in standby condition. Unloading cargo from holds #2, #3, #4 and #5. Ship's present include: USS TITANIA, USS MONTGOMERY, USS VERIO, USS PATTERSON, USS CONWAY, USS PINKNEY, USS STACK, USS MONONGOHELA, USS LST 599.
B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from all hatches except #1.
J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds. 115% Completed discharging cargo from #1 hold.
William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. Unloading from holds #2, #3, #4 and #5.
B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800 Anchored as before. Continuing to unload cargo from all hatches except #1.
J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds #2, #3, #4 and #5.
William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before. Completed unloading #2 hold. 2100 Draft forward 11'1" aft 22'6".
B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2400 July 22, 1943

Mean draft	16'8"
Displacement	8670 tons
" @ 2400 July 21st	9610 "
Cargo discharged today	940 "
Actual working time	24 hours.
Tons per hour unloaded today	39 tons

<u>Discharged</u>	<u>Time</u>
Today 940 tons	24 hours
21st 1040 "	24 "
20th 1070 "	21 "
19th 495 "	11 "
<u>3545 "</u>	<u>80 "</u>

Percent discharged $\frac{3545}{3900} = 91\%$

Estimated time to complete $\frac{9}{91} \times 80 = 8$ working hours

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

F.H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday 23

July 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal in berth #84, in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees, Beacon "J" 271 degrees. 19 ship's boats in the water for use in lightering cargo to beach. Discharging cargo from hatches #3, #4 and #5. Ship's present include: USS MONONGAHELA, USS TITANIA, USS MONTGOMERY, USS VIREO, USS PATTERSON, USS CONWAY, USS STACK and USS LST-599. 0050 Secured from discharging cargo from #4 hold. 0145 Secured from discharging cargo from #5 hold. 0300 Draft forward 11'1" aft 21'8".

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from #3 hold. 0510 Condition Red - darkened ship and secured from discharging cargo. 0533 Condition Green - ship lights on and resumed discharging cargo.

William E. Ward
WILLIAM E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0915 Completed unloading #3 hold. Draft forward 10'9" aft 21'8". 1050 All boats aboard.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1230 Set condition III watch, secured from condition IV. 1235 USS CLEVELAND, USS MONTPELIER, USS PHILIP, USS PRINGLE, USS WALLER, standing in.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. 1600 Made all tests and preparations for getting underway. 1609 Underway at various courses and speeds from Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal to Espirito Santo, New Hebrides, in compliance with ComtransgroSoPac's Secret dispatch # 210645 of July. Task Unit 32.4.17 composed of Capt. DELL in the USS MONONGAHELA (O.T.C.), USS TITANIA, USS ALHENA and USS BREESE, USS MONTGOMERY as escorts. 1650 Steadied on course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots, 72 R.P.M. and in column formation directly astern of USS MONONGAHELA (guide) and USS TITANIA third in column. 1650 Streamed taffrail log reading 000. 1725 Formed cruising disposition: USS MONONGAHELA 1000 yards on port beam and USS TITANIA 1000 astern. 1800 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising disposition with USS MONONGAHELA (O.T.C.) 1000 yards on port beam and USS TITANIA astern 900 yards, escort vessels: USS BREESE, and USS MONTGOMERY screening; base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, making 79 R.P.M. and zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1827 Ceased zig-zagging. 1830 Changed base course to 118 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1840 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11, making 75 R.P.M. 1910 Nura Island abeam to starboard, bearing 208 degrees true distant 4 miles.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 118 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition 1000 yards distant on starboard beam of USS MONONGAHELA (S.O.P.A.), with USS TITANIA 1000 yards astern. USS BREESE and USS MONTGOMERY conducting anti-submarine patrol in van of disposition. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 2300 Changed base course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c., on orders of O.T.C. as previously signaled continued zig-zag.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm.

Sea: Smooth.

2000 09-33 South

161-03 East.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

F.H. Moyer
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Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 24 July 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Underway on base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., 079 degrees p.s.c., standard speed 15 knots, making 75 R.P.M., in company with U.S.S. Monongahela, Task Unit Commander and O.T.C. First ship in left column and Titania second ship in second column, zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0050 ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0100 Change course to 118 degrees true and p.g.c., decreased speed to 65 R.P.M. 0119 Increased speed to 15 knots.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

0400-0800

Underway as before on base course 118 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0525 General Quarters. 0612 Engine room losing steam pressure; resumed base course and dropped out convoy. 0616 Engine room reports steam pressure normal. 0625 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III. 0640 Returned to position in convoy and resumed zig-zagging.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut, USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 118 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots averaging 75 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan. 0850 Streamed taffrail log reading 000. 0900 Changed base course to 139 degrees and p.g.c. on signal of O.T.C.

F.A.C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 139 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 79 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1400 Convoy and standard speed changed to 15½ knots, 74 R.P.M.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut, USNR.

1600-1800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition, U.S.S. Monongahela (O.T.C.) on port beam distance 1000 yards, and U.S.S. Titania on port quarter, on base course 139 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15½ knots averaging 79 R.P.M., Using zig-zagging plan #11.

R.G. McCarren
R. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1800-2000

Steaming as before on base course 139 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 79 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #11.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before. Base course 139 degrees true and p.g.c. standard speed 15½ knots making 80 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan 11.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

Weather: Clear, generally warm.
Wind: South-East and East-south-east, force 4
Sea: Moderate.
Run 1600 to Noon: 282 miles
0800 10-46 South 163-44 East
1200 11-21 " 164-27 "
2000 12-49 " 165-49 "

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Sunday 25
(Day) (Date)

July 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION 11

REMARKS

0000-0004

Steaming in cruising formation with U.S.S. Monongahela O.T.C. and guide and U.S.S. TITANIA escorted by U.S.S. BREESE and U.S.S. MONTGOMERY, on base course 139 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15½ knots averaging 80 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0004-0800

Steaming as before on base course 139 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 78 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0515 Held General Quarters. 0555 Ceased zig-zagging on signal of O.T.C. 0555 Passed Cape Quiros abeam to starboard, distance 25 miles. 0600 Changed base course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal of O.T.C. and commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 0618 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III. 0730 Set degaussing coils. 0750 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal of O.T.C.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15½ knots averaging 74 R.P.M. 0802 Changed base course to 205 degrees true and p.g.c. 0805 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan. 0837 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 205 degrees true and p.g.c. 0842 Reduced speed to 2/3 of standard and commenced steering various courses to obtain column formation with U.S.S. MONONGAHELA as guide and leading ship of column and U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. TITANIA as second and third ships, respectively. 0848 Increased speed to standard 15½ knots. 0849 Changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 0851 Changed course to 205 degrees true and p.g.c. 0853 Changed course to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. 0916 Commenced using various courses and speeds in conformity with Second Channel. Passing Tutuba Island abeam to starboard distance 500 yards. 0917 Taffrail Log secured reading 86.3 miles. 0941 Passing through submarine nets. 1004 Pilot C.T. Helm, Boatswain USN came aboard. 1029 Anchored at Espiritu Santo in berth 23, in 20 fathoms of water, using 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor to the following true bearings: Beacon "N" 225 degrees, Beacon "K" 113 degrees and Flag Staff 328 degrees. 1053 Pilot C.T. HELM, Boatswain USN left the ship. 1054 Degaussing equipment secured. 1115 Draft - Forward 13'3" aft 20'6".

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200-1600

Anchored as before, no further remarks.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut (jg) USNR.

1600-1800

Anchored as before, no remarks.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800-2000

Anchored as before.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign. USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm.
Current: 240 degrees 0.8 knots
Sea: Smooth
Wind: Light Breeze
Run Noon to Anchorage: 332 miles
0800 15-20 South 167-25 East
Anchorage: 15-33 South 167-08.5 East

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
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Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 26 July, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Anchored in berth #23 Second Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "H" 225 degrees, Beacon "K" 113 degrees, flag poles, 328 degrees. Ships present include: U.S.S. COLUMBIA, U.S.S. DENVER, U.S.S. HONOLULU, HMAS HOBART, HMNZS LEANDER, U.S.S. ST. LOUIS, U.S.S. DIXIE, U.S.S. FARENHOLT, U.S.S. FLETCHER, U.S.S. McCALLA, U.S.S. RADFORD, U.S.S. RALPH TALBOT, U.S.S. RENSHAW, U.S.S. NICHOLAS, U.S.S. PROMETHEUS, U.S.S. PURO, U.S.S. SUMNER, U.S.S. TRYON, U.S.S. MONONGAHELA, U.S.S. TOPPAHANNOCK, U.S.S. MILLICOMA, U.S.S. SAUGATUCK, U.S.S. COCHE, U.S.S. TITANIA, U.S.S. TANGIER, U.S.S. POCOHOKE, U.S.S. CHANDELEUR, U.S.S. MEDUSA, U.S.S. VESTAL, U.S.S. CHINCOTEAGUE, U.S.S. SCHLEY, U.S.S. ZANE, U.S.S. BALLARD, U.S.S. THORNTON, U.S.S. BREESE, U.S.S. MONTGOMERY, plus various tugs and yard craft.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0605 Lit off #2 boiler. 0635 All preparations made to get underway. 0645 Stationed special sea details. 0701 Underway at various courses and speeds in Second Channel, in accordance with ComtransgroSopac's Secret Dispatch # 192131, of July as modified by ComtransgroSopac's Secret Dispatch # 210645 of July, Commander Task Unit 32.4.17 in U.S.S. ALHENA. Unit consists of U.S.S. ALHENA, U.S.S. TITANIA, with U.S.S. BREESE and U.S.S. MONTGOMERY as escort. Standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), Captain Conning. 0733 Passed through submarine net. 0745 Changed course to 165 degrees true and p.g.c. in swept channel. 0750 Cut in De-gaussing.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800-1200

Standing out as before at Second Channel on course 165 degrees true and p.g.c. standard speed 15 knots. 0810 Passed Tutuba Island abeam to port distant 1000 yards. 0812 Changed course to 090 degrees and increased speed to standard. 0820 Passed U.S.S. TITANIA on port beam. 0828 Changed course to 187 degrees true and p.g.c., steaming in cruising disposition with U.S.S. ALHENA (O.T.C.) and guide U.S.S. TITANIA in column formation. Escort composed of U.S.S. BREESE and U.S.S. MONTGOMERY, took station. 0830 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 11. 0850 Ceased zig-zagging resumed base course. 0921 Changed course to 270 degrees true (269 p.g.c.); steaming through swept channel between Malo and Malekula Islands. 0955 Changed course to 223 degrees true (222 p.g.c.). 1000 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 16. 1008 Abandon ship drill. 1023 Secured from abandon ship drill. 1029 Ceased zig-zagging resumed base course. 1038 Changed course to 167 degrees true (166 p.g.c.). 1045 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 16.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 167 degrees true and 166 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan 16, in cruising disposition as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600-1800

Steaming as before on base course 167 degrees true and 166 p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan 16.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

1800-2000

Steaming as before on base course 167 degrees true and 166 p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots making 74 R.P.M. In cruising formation as before, zig-zagging according to plan 16. 1959 Made radar surface contact bearing 020 degrees true distant 25 miles. This area illuminated by star shells fired at regular intervals.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.
U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Monday 26
(Day) (Date)

July 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

2000-2400

Steaming as before on base course 167 degrees true and 166 degrees p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather:	Clear, generally warm.		
Wind:	Calm		
Sea:	Smooth		
Current:	140 degrees	0.6 knots	
Run from Anchorage to Noon:	67 miles		
1200	16-16 South	167-05 East	
2000	18-07 South	167-34 East	

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AXA-9

Tuesday 27
(Day) (Date)

July 1943
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11-

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming on base course 167 degrees true and 166 degrees p.g.c.; enroute from Espiritu Santo to Auckland, New Zealand at standard speed of 15 knots averaging 74 R.P.M. and zig-zagging according to plan. U.S.S. ALHENA O.T.C. with U.S.S. TITANIA astern and escorted by U.S.C. BREESE and U.S.S. MONTGOMERY. 0205 Commenced raining, visibility decreased to 1000 yards, wind at force 5. 0230 Ceased raining, visibility normal, wind at force 4.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on base course 167 degrees true and 166 degrees p.g.c.; at standard speed of 15 knots averaging 74 R.P.M. in cruising formation with U.S.S. TITANIA 900 yards astern with escort vessels U.S.S. BREESE and U.S.S. MONTGOMERY; zig-zagging according to plan 16. 0520 Sounded General Quarters. 0526 All stations reported manned and ready. 0620 Secured from General Quarters.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 167 degrees true and 166 p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan 16. 0956 Sighted Mare Island, right tangent bearing 234 degrees true, distant 16 miles. 1035 Changed base course to 180 degrees true and 179 p.g.c.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 180 degrees true and 179 degrees p.g.c. zig-zagging according to plan, standard speed 15 knots averaging 74 R.P.M. 1350 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1400 Changed course to 157 degrees true and 156 degrees p.g.c., and commenced zig-zagging according to plan 16. 1500 Sighted Walpole Island bearing 102 degrees true distance about 25 miles.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

1600-1800

Steaming as before on base course 157 degrees true and 156 degrees p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots averaging 74 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan and in cruising disposition as before.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800-2000

Steaming as before on base course 157 degrees true and 156 degrees p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 1850 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on previously arranged signal. 1900 Changed base course to 120 degrees true and 119 degrees p.g.c., and commenced zig-zagging according to previously arranged signal.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on base course 120 degrees true and 119 degrees p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 2100 In accordance with ComtransgroSopac's Secret Dispatch # 270104, of July, U.S.S. BREESE and U.S.S. MONTGOMERY detached from present assignment and ordered to report to Contask Unit 32.4.8 for duty. U.S.S. ALHENA O.T.C. and U.S.S. TITANIA proceeding independently to Auckland, New Zealand.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Continued over

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AFA-9

Wednesday 28
(Day) (Date)

July, 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming in cruising disposition on base course 120 degrees true and 119 p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. U.S.S. ALHENA, OTC and guide, and U.S.S. TITANIA in column formation, zig-zagging according to plan 16. 0050 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0100 Changed base course to 130 degrees true and 179 p.g.c., and commenced zig-zagging according to plan 16.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on base course 130 degrees true and 179 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before with U.S.S. TITANIA maintaining station 1000 yards astern. zig-zagging according to plan 16. 0520 Manned battle stations for condition one during danger period preceding day break. 0620 Secured from general quarters and set condition III.

J. G. Ryan
J. G. RYAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 130 degrees true and 180 degrees p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, making 74 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan 16. 0800 Changed base course to 177 degrees true and p.g.c.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 157 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan.

P. A. C. Mellon
P. A. C. MELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1600-2000

Steaming as before on base course 157 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 1712 Sighted ship bearing 077 degrees true at distance of 12 miles. 1715 Commenced steering 157 degrees true and 156 p.g.c.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2000-2400

Steaming as before on base course 157 degrees true and 156 p.g.c. Standard speed 15 knots averaging 74 R.P.M., with U.S.S. TITANIA in column formation, zig-zagging according to plan 16. 2015 Permission granted to blow tubes. 2026 Secured from blowing tubes.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

Weather:	Clear, generally cool, temperatures 69 to 65 degrees.	
Run Noon to Noon:	301 miles	
Sea:	Moderate swells, ship rolling easily.	
Wind:	South, light breeze	
Current:	015 degrees	0.7 knots
0800	25-34	South 170-13 East
1200	26-19	South 170-36 East
2000	27-58	South 171-26 East

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AYA-9 Thursday 29 July 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000-0400
Enroute Espiritu Santos, New Hebrides Islands, to Auckland, New Zealand. Steaming on base course 157 degrees true and 156 p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. In company with U.S.S. TITANIA, maintaining station 1000 yards astern of U.S.S. ALHENA, guide and OTC. Zig-zagging according to plan 16. Using -11 zone time. Maintaining radar watch for surface ships and aircraft.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400-0800
Steaming as before on base course 157 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, making 74 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan 16. 0520 General Quarters. 0620 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III.

C.W. Nichol
C. W. NICHOL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800-1200
Steaming as before on base course 157 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0850 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0900 Changed base course to 160 degrees true and p.g.c., and commenced zig-zagging on signal. 1110 Commenced practice firing of all 20 mm and 50 Cal. machine guns. 1120 Ship sighted bearing 271 degrees true, distance 12 miles on southerly course. 1136 Secured practice firing, ammunition expended: 4 rounds 3"/50 Cal. illuminating; 1800 rounds 20 mm, 6000 rounds 50 Caliber.

F.A.C. Bellon
F. A. C. BELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1200-1600
Steaming as before on base course 160 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan 11. 1335 Smoke sighted 3 points off Port bow, bearing 090 degrees true. 1400 Clocks set ahead 1 hour, zone time - 12. 1515 Ship sighted at 1120 identified as S.S. Mormacort.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600-2000
Steaming as before on base course 160 degrees true and 160 degrees p.g.c., standard speed 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan 11.

R.G. McCarron
R. G. McCARRON,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000-2400
Steaming as before on base course 160 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before with U.S.S. TITANIA 1000 yards astern. Zig-zagging according to plan 11.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Current: 005 degrees 0.4 knots.
Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperature 65 to 60 degrees.
Sea: Smooth
Run Noon to Noon: 318 miles
0800 30-15 South 172-37 East
1200 31-08 South 173-00 East
2000 32-42 South 173-46 East

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined: *J.H.M. Yeh*
J. H. M. YEH,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday 30
(Day) (Date)

July 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming without escort enroute Espiritu Santo, New, Hebrides to Auckland, New Zealand on base course 160 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots making 74 R.P.M. In company with U.S.S. TITANIA, 1000 yards astern of U.S.S. ALHENA guide and OTC. Zig-zagging according to plan 11. Maintaining radar watch.

CW Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400-0800

Steaming on base course 160 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0418 Sighted Cape Brett light bearing 188 degrees true, distant 32 miles. 0530 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0541 Changed base course to 223 degrees true and p.g.c. 0615 Held General Quarters. 0615 Cut in degaussing coils. 0633 Changed base course to 212 degrees true and p.g.c. at entrance to Swept Channel. 0700 Secured from General Quarters. 0708 Changed course to 155 degrees true and p.g.c., and continued in swept Channel, SCM 11.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 155 degrees true and 155 p.g.c., 145 p.s.c. at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M., steering by automatic gyro. 0830 Secured taffrail, log reading 85.2. 0825 Passed Poor Knights Island to Port Beam, distance 4.3 miles. 0848 Cut in hand steering on gyro compass. 0900 Changed course to 180 degrees p.g.c. 0910 Changed course to 175 degrees true p.g.c. 0940 Secured radar. 0950 Passed Braam Head abeam to starboard, distance 2.8 miles. 1016 Passed Tarang Island abeam to port, distance 2 miles. 1045 Changed course to 145 p.g.c. 1034 Passed Little Barrier Island abeam to port, distance 3.5 miles. 1036 Changed course to 154 degrees true p.g.c.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 154 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. U.S.S. ALHENA (OTC and guide) and U.S.S. TITANIA in column formation. 1217 Passed Flat Rock on Starboard beam at distance of 2 1/2 miles. 1222 Changed course to 215 degrees true and p.g.c. 1300 Passed Tiri Tiri light on port beam, changed course to 179 degrees true and p.g.c. Commenced steering through Whangaroa Pass. 1309 Changed course to 193 degrees true and p.g.c. 1332 Changed speed to 1/3, changed course to 209 degrees true. 1335 Pilot Kilsey came aboard. Proceeding at various speeds and courses to dock. 1353 HENZ BUSHES came alongside. 1358 Passed Rangitoto Beacon on port beam, distance one mile. 1410 Passed Rock Light abeam to port, distance 500 yards. 1412 Passed through submarine net at entrance of Auckland harbor. 1416 Stopped engines. 1430 Tugs "Te AWHIMA" and "WILLIAM C. DALBY" alongside to starboard. 1449 #1 and 2 lines on dock. 1450 Secured to Princes Wharf Auckland, New Zealand, port side with 1 wire rope doubled, 1 Manila line singled and 5 Manila lines doubled. 1500 Secured #2 boilers. 1510 Pilot Kilsey left ship. Draft forward 11'3" aft 20'9".

K. G. McCarran
K. G. MCCARRAN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1600-2000

Moored as before. 1605 Pursuant to orders of Chief of Bureau Navy Personnel. Serial Pers., 3101 AIA (228991) of May 13, 1943, Ensign Ervin A. De Smet D-V(G) USNR, reported on board for duty.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

2000-2400

Moored as before, no remarks.

Run Noon to Noon: 338 miles
Run to Berth: 34 miles
0800: 35-24 South 174-31 East 1200: 36-21 South 174-56 East
Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperature 46 to 55 degrees.
Sea: Smooth
Wind: Light Breeze
Current: 220 degrees 0.3 knots

CW Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

E. H. Noyer
E. H. NOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALPHA AFA-9

Saturday 31

July

19 43

(Day)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, port side to Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, using 5 doubled manila lines, one single manila line and one doubled and one single wire line. Loading cargo in #1, #2, #3 and #4 holds. #5 hold open. 0030 Commenced loading cargo into #5 hold.

George Edmondson
George EDMONSON,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Continue loading cargo. 1030 The Commanding Officer left ship to call on Commanding Officer, Naval Operating Base, Auckland, New Zealand. 1126 Commanding Officer returned.

F.A.C. McEllison
F.A.C. McELLISON,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D.O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo. 2359 Draft: forward 15' aft 19'11".

K.G. McCarron
K.G. McCARRON,
Lieut. (Jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperatures 45 to 49 degrees.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

F.H. Noyer
F.H. NOYER,
Commander, USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Sunday 1 AUGUST

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19 43

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, using five doubled manila lines, one single manila line, one doubled and one single wire rope. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Working cargo in all holds. 0359 Stopped loading cargo in all holds.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0450 Civilian stevedores came aboard and commenced loading cargo into all holds. 0650 Secured from loading all holds and stevedores left the ship.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Commenced working cargo in all holds.

D. O. Shue Jr.
D. O. SHUE Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds.

George Edmunson Jr.
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

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1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds.

F. R. C. Kellom
F. R. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds.

George Edmunson Jr.
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperatures from 48 to 55 degrees.

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Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Monday

2

AUGUST

19 43

(Day)

(Date)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, with 5 manila lines doubled, one single and 1 wire line doubled, 1 single. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Working cargo into all holds.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Stevedores temporarily secured from loading at all hatches due to rainy weather.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Commenced loading cargo into all holds. Draft forward 16'10" aft 20'9". 0940 Oil barge came along starboard side. 1006 Commenced fueling ship.

F. A. C. Kellon
F. A. C. KELLON,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds. 1425 Secured from taking on fuel oil, received 3771 barrels. 1525 USS TALAMANCA stood in. 1534 USS PINKNEY stood in and moored.

D. O. Shuey, Jr.
D. O. SHUEY, Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Loading cargo into all holds. 1630 Ensign D. R. MORRISON, D-V(G) USNR, reported aboard for duty in accordance with BuPers orders, serial # 225377 of June 4, 1943.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Loading cargo into all holds. 2350 Draft forward 19'5" aft 21'9".

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather:

Cloudy, occasional rain, cool, temperatures 54 to 60 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9Tuesday 3
(Day) (Date)August 1943
(Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION -12REMARKS

0000 - 0400 Moored port side to Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand, using five doubled manila lines, one single manila line, one doubled wire rope and one single wire rope. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS RADFORD, USS KOPARA, USS STRATFORD, U.S.S. TITANIA, USS COR CAROLI, USS BOREAS, USS TAURUS, USS TALAMANCA, USS PINKNEY and various district craft. Loading cargo into all holds. 0045 Secured from loading cargo in all holds. 0145 Resumed loading cargo into all holds.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800 Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds. 0703 Stevedores, (New Zealand soldiers), secured from loading. 0730 USS YP 239 standing out. Stevedores commenced loading cargo into all holds.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200 Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds. 0855 USS TALAMANCA moored port side to Prince's Wharf, forward.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo into all holds. 1210 Completed loading in #5 hatch and covered the hatch. 1245 Completed loading #3 hatch and covered the hatch.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo into #1, #2, and #4 hatches.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400 Moored as before. Loading cargo into #1 #2, and #4 hatches. 2359 Draft forward 20'9" aft 22'10".

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy, occasional rain, cool, temperatures 50 to 57 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 4 August, 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12 REMARKS

0000-0400

Moored port side to west side of Prince's Wharf, Auckland with six manila lines, five doubled, one single, and two wire ropes, one doubled, one single. Ships present include: U.S.S. RADFORD, U.S.S. KOPARA, U.S.S. STRATFORD, U.S.S. TITANIA, U.S.S. COR CAROLI, U.S.S. ERIDANUS, U.S.S. BORLAS, U.S.S. TAURUS, U.S.S. PINKNEY, U.S.S. TALAMANCO, U.S.S. YAG, 24 and 26 and U.S.S. YP, 239,514. Loading cargo into #4 hold. Draft forward 20'9" aft 22' 10".

D. O. Shuey Jr
D. O. SHUEY Jr.

0400-0800

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #2 and #4 hatches.

Ensign USNR

George Edmunson

George EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800-1200

Moored as before, continuing working cargo into #2 and 4 holds. 0830 Completed loading into #1 hatch, covered hatch.

CW Nickel

C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before.

K. G. McCarren

K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

1600-2000

Moored as before and loading cargo in #2 and #4 holds. 1633 Oil lighter came along starboard side. 1655 Commenced taking on fuel from oil lighter. 1755 Secured from taking on fuel - 683 barrels.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign USNR

2000-2400

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #4 hold

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy, occasional rain, cool, temperatures 50 to 60 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander USN
Commanding

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AA-9Thursday 5
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REMARKS

0000-0400

Moored port side to west side of Prince's Wharf, using five doubled and one single manila line and one double and one single wire ropes. Working cargo in #4 hold. Ships present include: HMNZS LEANDER, U.S.S. RADFORD, U.S.S. KOPARA, U.S.S. STRATFORD, U.S.S. TITANIA, U.S.S. COR CARCAROLI, U.S.S. ERIDANUS, U.S.S. BAREAS, U.S.S. TAURUS, U.S.S. PINKNEY, U.S.S. TALAMANCA, and various yard craft.

George Edmunson
George EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400-0800

Moored. Continued loading in #4 hold. Commenced loading cargo into #2 hatch.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D.O. SHUEY Jr.
Ensign USNR.

0800-1200

Moored. 0918 Brookes, G.J., Carpenter, CEC-V(s), USNR, was detached this date to report to Commander Southwest Pacific Force for assignment to duty in compliance with BuPers. Orders Pers.-318-LHH, Serial, 44397 of 5/28/43.

K.G. McCarren
K.G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1200-1600

Moored as before. 1200 Half-masted colors in memorial for battle casualties suffered by HMNZS LEANDER, by order of Senior Officer Present. 1215 Secured loading cargo into #4 hatch, covered the hatch. 1430 Secured from loading at #2 hatch, all loading completed, draft forward 21'5", aft. 24'3" 1435 Lit off #2 boiler. 1445 Completed all preparations for getting underway, preparatory to moving out to anchor in stream. 1500 Underway, Pilot Kelsey conning, Commanding Officer on the bridge, proceeding on various courses at various speed to anchorage in stream. 1518 Anchored in Auckland harbor off Prince's Wharf in 6 1/2 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: East break-water, 109 degrees; Standby Point Light, 357 degrees; Prince's Wharf 196 degrees. 1526 Secured main engines and #2 boiler; #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

C.W. Nickel
C.W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

George Edmunson
George EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR

Weather: Cloudy, occasional rain squalls, cool, temperatures 48 to 62 degrees.

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*

H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined: *F.H. Moyer*

F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 6 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -12

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Auckland Harbor, New Zealand, off Prince's Wharf in 6½ fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Standby Point Light, 357 degrees; Prince's Wharf 196 degrees; East Breakwater 109 degrees. Boiler #1 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS RADFORD, USS KOPARA, USS STRATFORD, USS TITANIA, USS COR CAROLI, USS ERIDANUS, USS BOREAS, USS TAURUS, USS ORTOLAN, USS PINKNEY, USS TALAMANCA, HMNZS LEANDER, and various district and yard craft.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0455 Lit off #2 boiler. 0500 Commenced preparations for getting underway at 0700, for rendezvous off Bulari Passage, in accordance with Commander Transport Group, Amphibious Force, South Pacific Force Secret Dispatch #030211 of August 1943. 0640 Auckland Harbor pilot KELSEY came aboard. 0645 Hoisted gangway and stationed special sea detail, having completed all tests and preparations for getting underway. Draft forward, 21'2" aft 24'4". 0700 Underway, proceeding on various courses at various speeds out of Auckland Harbor preceded by USS TITANIA; Pilot conning, Commanding Officer on the bridge. 0730 Passed Bean Rock Light abeam to port, distant ½ mile. 0745 Dropped pilot. 0758 Set standard speed at 15 knots; steaming at standard speed on course 020 degrees true and 019 p.g.c.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before at standard speed of 15 knots, 72 R.P.M., on course 020 degrees true and 019 p.g.c. 0802 Signaled USS TITANIA to take position astern and follow USS ALHENA's movements. 0815 Cut in degaussing coils. 0830 Changed course to 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c. 0838 Secured special sea detail, set condition of readiness III. 0848 USS RADFORD joined formation as escort. With Tiri Tiri Taranga Light abeam to starboard, distant 2 miles, changed course to 036 degrees true and 035 p.g.c. 0930 Changed course to 335 degrees true and 334 p.g.c. 0948 Commenced target practice on sleeve target. 1018 Changed course to 326 degrees true and 325 p.g.c. 1025 Secured from target practice, total ammunition expended: 675 rounds of .50 cal; 540 rounds of 20 MM; and 81 rounds of 3"/50 cal. 1026 Commenced radar sweep. 1140 Passed Sail Rock abeam to starboard, distant 1¾ miles. Changed course to 358 degrees true and 357 p.g.c.

B. Stollberg
B. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before with USS TITANIA 1000 yards astern and USS RADFORD as escort, on course 357 degrees p.g.c. and 358 true. Standard speed 15 knots, making 72 R.P.M. 1207 Passed Mara Tua Island abeam to starboard, distant 2-¾ miles. 1318 Changed course to 334 degrees true and 333 p.g.c. Sugar Loaf Rock bearing 042 degrees true, distant 3½ miles. 1330 Held boat drill. 1343 Passed Poor Knights Island abeam to starboard, distant 9½ miles. 1344 Secured from boat drill. 1526 Changed course to 029 degrees p.g.c. and 030 true; took departure with Cape Brett Light bearing 263 degrees true, distant 2.5 miles. Throughout this watch wind varied from force 7 to 9, from west.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 030 degrees true and 029 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, in cruising formation with USS TITANIA astern, USS RADFORD as escort. 1600 Changed base course to 329 degrees true and 328 p.g.c. Changed standard speed to 14 knots, 69 R.P.M. Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1610 Secured degaussing. Heavy swells making up from westward. Throughout this watch wind varied from force 7 to 8 from west.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 329 degrees true and 328 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 69 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #11. USS RADFORD conducting anti-submarine search in 'van', USS TITANIA maintaining station 1000 yards astern of USS ALHENA, guide and O.T.C. 2128 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course in effort to reduce violent rolling in beam sea from the west. Tightened all boat girdes and secured ramp boat in skids which came adrift on main deck on starboard side of #2 hatch. 2133 Reduced speed by 2 R.P.M. to 67 R.P.M. Throughout this watch wind was west force 7 to 8; heavy sea and swell from west.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 7 August 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12 REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Steaming on course 329 degrees true and 328 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots (averaging 67 R.P.M.). This ship is Guide and O.T.C. of Southern Division of Task Force 32.4.4., USS TITANIA astern, and escorted by USS RADFORD. Force 7 wind, and heavy confused seas; heavy swell from W.S.W. Ship rolling heavily intermittently. 0137 Two tank lighters on #3 hatch came adrift, #1 tank lighter remained in skids, #2 tank lighter stopped short on hatch coaming and starboard gunwale. Damage to be ascertained at dawn. 0138 Reduced speed (not standard) to 12 knots, 60 R.P.M., and changed course to 290 degrees p.g.c. and 291 true. 0150 Changed course to 295 degrees p.g.c. 0310 Changed course to 300 degrees p.g.c. 0311 All boats secured. 0312 Changed course to 285 degrees p.g.c. 0314 Changed course to 310 degrees p.g.c. 0315 Changed course to 315 degrees p.g.c. 0318 Changed course to 320 degrees p.g.c. 0345 Changed course to 335 degrees p.g.c. 0355 Changed course to 350 degrees p.g.c.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800
Steaming as before on course 350 degrees p.g.c., standard speed 14 knots, averaging 60 R.P.M. 0405 Ship commenced rolling heavily. Two tank lighters came adrift on #3 hatch, #1 tank lighter went over starboard side, carrying with it the ramp boat stowed inside, #2 tank lighter stopped short on port gunwale and hatch coaming. Starboard 5 ton boom at #3, aft. parted the guys; swung over the side and secured to starboard with line to bridge stanchion. Changed course 030 degrees p.g.c. 0600 Dawn general quarters. 0708 Changed course to 000 degrees true 359 p.g.c. Secured from general quarters and set condition III. Heavy swell from S.W., force 7 wind and sea from West.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200
Steaming as before, in cruising disposition with this ship guide and O.T.C. of Southern Division of Task Force 32.4.4., USS TITANIA 1000 yards astern and USS RADFORD as escort, on course 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, making 65 R.P.M. 1021 Changed course to 325 degrees true and 324 p.g.c. 1024 Changed course to 340 degrees true and 339 p.g.c., bringing the swell abaft the port beam. Ship rolls heavily and deeply on a more westerly course. Wind West force 6 to 7; rough sea on a heavy SW swell.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600
Steaming as before on base course 340 degrees true and 339 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, making 64 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before. 1205 Changed course to 335 degrees p.g.c. 1325 Changed course to 320 degrees p.g.c. 1330 Changed course to 315 degrees p.g.c. 1345 Changed course to 335 degrees p.g.c. Long swells on port quarter during this watch, causing ship to roll deeply and easily.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000
Steaming as before on course 335 degrees p.g.c., 336 true, at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 68 R.P.M. 1620 Changed course to 290 degrees p.g.c., 291 true to return to the prescribed route. 1630 Increased speed to 70 R.P.M. 1850 Set radar on short range surface search. 1950 Increased speed to 72 R.P.M.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400
Steaming as before on course 290 degrees p.g.c., and 291 true, at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. Ship rolling easily and intermittently; adjusting course to ease roll; wind west falling to force 5 to 6.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperatures from 56 to 64 degrees.
Current: 090 degrees 1.3 knots.
Run Noon to Noon 281 miles
0800 32-20 South 173-26 East
1200 31-28 " 173-29 "
2000 30-22 " 172-12 "

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T.H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 8 August, 19 43
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -12 and -11 REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming on course 291 degrees true and 290 degrees p.g.c.; standard speed 14 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. U.S.S. ALHENA acting as O.T.C. and guide, U.S.S. TITANIA 1000 yards astern, U.S.S. RADFORD as escort. 0200 Changed course to 329 degrees true and 328 degrees p.g.c. to follow prescribed route.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

0400-0800 Steaming as before on base course 329 degrees true and 328 p.g.c., standard speed 14 knots (68 R.P.M.), making 73 R.P.M. 0620 Dawn General Quarters. 0638 Changed speed to 74 R.P.M. 0658 Changed speed to 75 R.P.M. 0700 Changed clocks to -11 zone time; set clocks back one hour to 0600. 0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan 10. 0611 Changed speed to 77 R.P.M. 0617 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III. 0620 Radar on long range, aircraft. 0713 Changed speed to 78 R.P.M.

K.G. McCarran
K.G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

0800-1200 Steaming as before in formation on base course 329 degrees true and 328 p.g.c.; standard speed 14 knots, averaging 78 R.P.M. U.S.S. TITANIA astern and U.S.S. RADFORD as escort. Zig-zagging according to plan 10. 1125 Radar made contact with friendly plane bearing 270 degrees p.g.c. at distance of ten miles. 1145 U.S.S. RADFORD made radar contact with surface craft, bearing 228 degrees true, distance 16 miles.

C.W. Nickel
C.W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600 Steaming as before on base course 329 degrees true and 328 p.g.c. at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 78 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan 10. U.S.S. RADFORD conducting anti-submarine search in van. U.S.S. TITANIA maintaining station 1000 yards astern.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000 Steaming as before on base course 329 degrees true and 328 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 78 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400 Steaming as before on base course 329 degrees true and 328 p.g.c. Standard speed 14 knots (68 R.P.M.), making 78 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 2005 Changed speed to 77 R.P.M. 2010 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. Wind increased to force 6 N.N.W. Heavy rain squalls.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperatures from 58 to 69 degrees.

Sea: Moderate sea.

Wind: Moderate breeze.

Run Noon to Noon: 332 miles.

0800: 28-21 South 169-47 East

1200: 27-28 South 169-12 East

2000: 25-46 South 167-51 East

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T.H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 9 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000-0400

Cruising on base course 329 degrees true and 328 degrees p.g.c., standard speed of 15 knots averaging 77.8 R.P.M., in column formation with U.S.S. ALHENA O.T.C., U.S.S. TITANIA 1000 yards astern, U.S.S. RADFORD ahead as escort.

K.G. McCarren
K.G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

0400-0800

Cruising as before on base course 329 degrees true and 328 degrees p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, making 78 R.P.M. In formation as before. 0525 Dawn General Quarters. 0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #10. 0615 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III. 0635 Changed course to 340 degrees p.g.c. 0650 Ship sighted bearing 349 degrees true, distance 15 miles.

C.W. Nickel
C.W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before, zig-zagging on base course 341 degrees true and 340 p.g.c., averaging 78 R.P.M. Standard speed 15 knots, 75 R.P.M. Radar on short range surface search. U.S.S. RADFORD conducting anti-submarine search in van, U.S.S. TITANIA maintaining station 1000 yards astern of U.S.S. ALHENA, guide and O.T.C. 0801 Changed base course to 351 degrees true and 350 p.g.c. 0900 Sighted various U.S. Destroyers and transports ahead, in sortie from Bulari PASSAGE. 1010 Sighted AMEDEE LIGHT, bearing 035 degrees true and distance 12 miles. Changed base course to 330 degrees true and 329 p.g.c. 1018 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1024 Reduced standard speed to 14 knots, steaming at 70 R.P.M. 1025 Changed course to 290 degrees true and 291 p.g.c., and made various changes in speed to join formation comprising: U.S.S. JOHN PENN (guide and O.T.C.), U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY, and U.S.S. RIXEY, escorted by U.S.S. FOOTE and U.S.S. STANLEY. 1045 Set course at 305 degrees true and 304 p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C., and took assigned station 1000 yards astern of U.S.S. RIXEY. 1048 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #14, on signal from O.T.C. 1059 Increased standard speed to 15½ knots and steamed at standard speed on signal from O.T.C.; in cruising disposition of three columns: port column U.S.S. RIXEY and U.S.S. ALHENA; middle column U.S.S. JOHN PENN (guide and O.T.C.) and U.S.S. TITANIA; starboard column U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY. U.S.S. RADFORD, U.S.S. FOOTE, and U.S.S. STANLEY conducting anti submarine search in van. 1158 Reduced standard speed to 15 knots on signal from O.T.C.; steaming at average of 72 R.P.M.

J.G. Elyman
J.G. ELYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming in formation as before, at standard speed of 15 knots averaging 74 R.P.M., on base course 304 p.g.c. and 305 degrees true. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 1205 Ceased zig-zagging and remained on course 281 degrees p.g.c. and 282 degrees true to allow U.S.S. FOOTE to come alongside. 1235 U.S.S. FOOTE delivered official mail and cleared the port quarter. 1240 Commenced regaining formation. 1425 Regained position in formation and resumed zig-zagging.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 305 degrees true and 304 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 73 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #14. 1718 Two friendly ships sighted bearing 280 degrees true, distance 11 miles. 1725 Friendly ship sighted bearing 270 degrees true, distance 12 miles.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before in convoy formation, second ship in port column astern of U.S.S. RIXEY; U.S.S. JOHN PENN O.T.C. and guide, on base course 305 degrees true and 304 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots; making 73 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #14.

K.G. McCarren
K.G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday 10
(Day) (Date)

August 19 43
(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming on base course 304 degrees p.g.c. and 305 degrees true, at standard speed of 15 knots, making 74 R.P.M. In cruising formation, second ship in first column, astern of U.S.S. RIXEY, U.S.S. JOHN PENN O.T.C. and guide. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0000 Changed base course to 320 degrees true and 319 degrees p.g.c., on prearranged order.

C. W. Nickel
C.W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before on base course 320 degrees true and 319 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. In cruising disposition as before. 0530 Manned battle stations for danger period at dawn. 0630 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III. 0655 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal from O.T.C. in U.S.S. JOHN PENN. 0700 Changed course to 352 degrees true and 351 p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. 0711 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #14, on signal from O.T.C.

J. G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 352 degrees true and 351 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0800 U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY took over formation guide. Increased standard speed to 15.5 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. 0929 U.S.S. JOHN PENN resumed formation guide. 1000 Changed zig-zagging plan to #16, on signal of O.T.C. 1134 Changed base course to 000 degrees true and 359 degrees p.g.c., on signal of O.T.C.

F. A. C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 000 degrees true and 359 degrees p.g.c., standard speed 15½ knots. Zig-zagging according to plan #16 in cruising disposition #1. 1430 Two ships sighted bearing 325 degrees true. 1433 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1439 Changed course to 345 degrees true. 1444 Three more ships sighted bearing 325 degrees true. 1445 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #16. 1448 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1459 Changed course to 000 degrees true. 1500 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #16, base course 000 degrees true. 1507 Convoy joined by U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT and four DD, - U.S.S. WALLER, U.S.S. CONWAY, U.S.S. RENSHAW, and U.S.S. SAUFLEY. 1510 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. 1514 Changed base course to 025 degrees true. 1530 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #16. 1554 Reduced standard speed to 12 knots; steaming at standard. 1600 Changed base course to 022 degrees true, 021 p.g.c., and commenced zig-zagging according to plan #16.

B. P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000

Steaming as before in convoy formation, second ship in first column, U.S.S. JOHN PENN O.T.C. and guide, on base course 022 degrees true and 021 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 12 knots; zig-zagging according to plan #16. U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT joining convoy and taking position astern of U.S.S. JOHN PENN; Comdesron 23 relieved of escort duty by Comdesron 22. 1606 Increased standard speed to 15½ knots; steaming at standard.

K. G. McCarren
K.G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before on base course 022 degrees true and 021 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, making 74 R.P.M. In cruising formation as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #16.

C. W. Nickel
C.W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 80 degrees.
Wind: Fresh breeze reducing to gentle and light breeze from 0400 to 2400.
Sea: Moderate reducing to calm sea from 0800 to 2400.

Current: None

Run Noon to Noon: 325 miles.

0800: 19-25 South. 1200: 18-29 South. 2000: 16-47 South.

162-29 East. 162-20 East. 162-49 East.

Approved:

Examined:

H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP AL HENA AKA-9 Wednesday 11 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming as before in convoy formation of three columns, astern of U.S.S. RIXEY, (1000 yards distance). U.S.S. JOHN PENN O.T.C. and formation guide, U.S.S. RIXEY column guide. Four D.D. escorts. Taffrail Log streamed, reading 459.4 miles. Radar on short range search. Base course 022 degrees true, and 021 p.g.c., 014 p.s.c. Standard speed $15\frac{1}{2}$ knots, making 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. Using -11 zone time. Ships present include: U.S.S. JOHN PENN (O.T.C.), U.S.S. RIXEY, U.S.S. TITANIA, U.S.S. CRESCENT CITY, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT. Escorts; U.S.S. CONWAY, U.S.S. WALLER, U.S.S. SAUFLEY, and U.S.S. RENSHAW. 0018 Changed speed to 74 R.P.M. 0049 Emergency turn to port 45 degrees, by T.B.Y., to course 326 degrees p.g.c. 0052 Emergency turn to port, by T.B.Y., to course 281 p.g.c. 0054 Emergency turn to starboard, to course 326 degrees true by T.B.Y. 0057 Emergency turn to starboard 45 degrees by T.B.Y., to course 011 degrees p.g.c. 0057 Changed speed to 75 R.P.M. 0101 Resumed zig-zagging. 0158 Changed speed to 74 R.P.M.

0400-0800

Steaming as before on base course 022 degrees true and 021 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0515 Went to dawn General Quarters. 0624 Secured from General Quarters.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 022 degrees true and 021 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. 1000 Changed base course to 026 degrees true and 025 degrees p.g.c. 1035 U.S.S. PRINGLE joined escort. 1122 Ceased zig-zagging to permit U.S.S. FULLER to join formation. Resumed base course 026 degrees true and 025 degrees p.g.c. 1128 Changed course to 055 degrees true. 1135 Changed course to 035 degrees true. 1139 Changed course to 055 degrees true. 1141 Changed course to 025 degrees true. 1144 Changed course to 045 degrees true. 1147 U.S.S. FULLER joined formation. U.S.S. CONY joined escort. 1151 Changed course to 030 degrees true. 1157 Changed course to 000 degrees true, new base course, by order of O.T.C.

B.P. Stollberg
B.P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 000 degrees true and 359 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. Astern of U.S.S. RIXEY, 700 yards. U.S.S. JOHN PENN formation guide and O.T.C. U.S.S. RIXEY column guide. Escorts; U.S.S. CONWAY, U.S.S. WALLER, U.S.S. SAUFLEY, and U.S.S. RENSHAW. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. 1205 Reduced speed to $\frac{2}{3}$ standard speed, 51 R.P.M. 1218 Resumed standard speed of $15\frac{1}{2}$ knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. 1227 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #16. U.S.S. FULLER took station astern U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT. Escorts U.S.S. CONY took station. 1552 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. 1555 Changed base course to 345 degrees true and 344 degrees p.g.c.

K.G. McCarren
K.G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR

1600-2000

Steaming as before on base course 345 degrees true and 344 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of $15\frac{1}{2}$ knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. In cruising formation as before. 1608 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #16. 1650 Made 45 degrees emergency turn to starboard. 1653 Made 45 degrees emergency turn to starboard on order of O.T.C. 1655 Made 45 degrees turn to port. 1656 Made 45 degrees turn to port on order of O.T.C. 1700 Resumed zig-zagging. 1800 Dusk General Quarters. 1845 Secured from General Quarters.

C.W. Nickel
C.W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before on base course 345 degrees true and 344 p.g.c., at standard speed of $15\frac{1}{2}$ knots, averaging 74 R.P.M., in cruising disposition and zig-zagging according to plan #16. 2150 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 2200 Changed course to 325 degrees true and 324 degrees p.g.c, by wheeling. 2213 Changed base course to 305 degrees true and 304 degrees p.g.c, by wheeling. Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #16.

T.H. Moyer
T.H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

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H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday

12

August

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(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming on base course 304 degrees p.g.c. and 305 true, at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 75 R.P.M., in three columns, line abreast, being second ship in port column, USS JOHN PENN formation guide and O.T.C., USS RIXEY column guide; also in formation; USS CRESCENT CITY, USS TITANIA, USS HUNTER LIGGETT, USS FULLER, escorted and screened by USS WALLER, USS CONWAY, USS SAUFLEY, USS RENSHAW, USS PRINGLE and USS CONY. Zig-zagging according to plan #16.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 305 degrees true and 304 p.g.c. Standard speed 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #16. 0515 Went to dawn general quarters. 0550 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 304 degrees p.g.c. 0600 Reduced standard speed to 13½ knots (64 R.P.M.) on order from O.T.C., changed base course to 276 degrees true and 275 p.g.c. 0610 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8, increased standard speed to 15½ knots (74 R.P.M.). 0630 Secured from general quarters and set condition III. 0635 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 275 degrees p.g.c. 0641 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0750 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 275 degrees p.g.c. 0750 Changed base course to 302 degrees true and 301 p.g.c., by order of O.T.C.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in convoy formation, second ship in port column, astern of USS RIXEY; USS JOHN PENN O.T.C. and guide; escorted by ComDesRon 22, on base course 302 degrees true and 301 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots; zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0945 Sighted Maramasike Island bearing 050 degrees, distant 14 miles. 1108 Sighted Guadalcanal Island bearing 233 degrees true, distant 15 miles. 1129 Ceased zig-zagging on signal. 1140 Changed course to 315 degrees true and 314 p.g.c. on signal and commenced zig-zagging.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on course 314 degrees p.g.c. and 315 true. Standard speed 15½ knots (74 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1220 Changed course to 310 degrees true and 309 p.g.c. 1224 Secured taffrail log, reading 084. 1227 Changed course to 305 degrees true and 304 p.g.c. 1231 Passed Nura Island abeam to port, distant 28½ miles. 1237 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 305 degrees true and 304 p.g.c. 1245 Changed course to 285 degrees true and 284 p.g.c. 1246 Changed speed to 63 R.P.M. 1255 Changed speed to 74 R.P.M. 1256 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1330 Passed Rua Sura Islands on port beam, distance 7 miles. 1400 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed course 285 degrees true and 284 p.g.c. Changed course to 275 degrees true and 274 p.g.c. 1407 USS RIXEY left formation to proceed independently to destination. 1410 Changed speed to 67 R.P.M. 1415 Changed speed to 12 knots (58 R.P.M.), making 59 R.P.M. Commenced forming into column astern of USS HUNTER LIGGETT in accordance with cruising disposition #1. 1421 Changed speed to 15½ knots (74 R.P.M.). 1422 Changed course to 275 degrees true and 274 p.g.c. 1425 Changed course to 270 degrees true. 1435 Stationed special sea detail. 1453 Signal from O.T.C. to proceed independently. Proceeded at various speeds and course to anchorage. 1518 Anchored in Berth #84 off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees; Beacon "L" 089 degrees and Beacon "J" 268 3/4 degrees. Stopped engines. 1525 Commenced unloading boats into the water. 1535 First loaded boat left ship for beach. 1600 Draft forward 19'6" aft 25'0".

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 to 1800

Anchored as before. Working cargo from all hatches into ship's boats for lightering ashore.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all hatches.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

William E. Ward
WILLIAM E. WARD,
Ensign USNR.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
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Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 13 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400 Anchored as before, off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal, in berth 84 in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees; Beacon "L" 089 degrees; Beacon "J" 268-3/4 degrees. Both boilers steaming, engine room in standby condition of readiness. Discharging cargo from all hatches into ship's boats for lightering ashore.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds. 0600 Draft forward 17'6" aft. 23'9".

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from all holds. 1015 USS JOHN PENN underway to shift berth in-shore. 1110 USS ALGORAB and USS PATUXENT underway and standing out. 1140 Draft forward 16'5" aft 23'11".

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. Working cargo from all hatches.

1600 - 1800 Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds. 1700 Draft forward 15'4" aft. 23'8".

1800 - 2000 Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from all holds.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from all hatches. 2030 Received message setting Condition Red (enemy planes overhead) at Guadalcanal. Darkened ship and temporarily secured from working cargo. 2130 Went to general quarters upon anti-aircraft firing by ships and shore batteries in vicinity west of Lunga Point indicating bombing raid. 2230 Secured from general quarters and resumed discharge of cargo on receipt of message setting Condition Green (all clear) at Guadalcanal.

Cargo Data:

Actual unloading time this day	21 1/2 hours
Cargo unloaded this day	1410 tons
Rate per hour, total	65 tons
Percent unloaded, total	59 %

Weather: Clear, hot weather, bright moonlight, temperatures from 74 to 90 degrees.
Sea: Smooth.
Wind: Calm.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *F. H. Moyer*
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 14 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Anchored at berth #84 off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal in 12 fathoms of water using 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 145 degrees; Beacon "L" 089 degrees; Beacon "J" 268-3/4 degrees. Ship semi-darkened. All boats in the water. Discharging cargo from all holds. 0300 USS FULLER, USS HUNTER LIGGETT, USS CRESCENT CITY underway to shift berth.

0400 - 0800
Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from all holds. 0600 Draft forward 13'9" aft. 23'.
William E. WARD, Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200
Anchored as before. Continuing to unload cargo from all holds.
D. O. SHUEY Jr., Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600
Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all holds. 1557 #5 hold secured from discharging cargo.
J. G. LYMAN, Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800
Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from #1, 2, 3, and 4 holds. 1605 USS HUNTER LIGGETT and USS FULLER standing out with USS DUNLAP, USS WILSON, and USS STACK. 1610 Completed discharging cargo from #1 hold. 1650 Draft forward 11'9" aft. 22'6". 1745 Commenced jacking over main engines. 1750 All preparations made for getting underway. 1755 Heaved around to 45 fathoms of anchor chain. Stopped work on cargo; sent boats to the beach.
William E. WARD, Ensign, USNR.

1800 - 2000
1915 Heaved anchor around and up. 1919 Underway on various courses at various speeds to clear present anchorage and move further eastward along the coast as a precaution against a night air attack. 1930 Set Condition II. 1931 Received message indicating Condition RED at Guadalcanal. 1941 Manned all battle stations. Assumed O.T.C., with USS TITANIA 1000 yards astern; set course 090 degrees p.g.c., and speed at 19 R.P.M.
D. O. SHUEY Jr., Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400
Steaming as before on course 091 degrees true and 090 p.g.c., standard speed 15 knots, steaming at 1/3 speed (19 R.P.M.). 2014 Secured from General Quarters and set Condition II. 2015 Changed course to 086 degrees true and 085 p.g.c. 2100 Changed course to 091 degrees true and 090 p.g.c. 2200 Changed course to 271 degrees true and 270 p.g.c. Intermittent Anti-Aircraft fire in vicinity of Guadalcanal and Florida Island thru out the watch.
J. G. LYMAN, Lieut. USNR.

A. C. KINDER, Chief QuarterMaster USN.

Weather: Clear, generally hot, bright moonlight, temperatures from 74 to 86 degrees.
Wind: Calm.
Sea: Smooth.

Cargo Data:

Actual unloading time this day	18 hours
Cargo discharged this day	1060 tons
Rate per hour this day	59 tons

Total unloading time	48 hours
Total cargo discharged	2990 tons
Rate per hour since commence	62 tons
Percent unloaded, total	90 percent

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 15 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before on course 270 degrees p.g.c., at dead slow speed of 14 R.P.M., two miles off Berande Point, Guadalcanal; we are O.T.C., followed at 1000 yards by USS TITANIA, intending to remain underway until day-light; all shore stations are in "Condition Red"; we are in condition II with the off duty section sleeping on stations. 0103 Changed course to 110 degrees by turn. 0154 "Condition Green" at Guadalcanal. 0211 Turn to starboard. 0216 Backed. 0221 Ahead at 20 R.P.M. coming to course 280 degrees p.g.c. 0302 Set course 270 degrees p.g.c., USS TITANIA guide.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, on course 270 degrees p.g.c., at 20 R.P.M., off Berande Point, Guadalcanal in company with USS TITANIA. 0440 Reduced speed to 18 R.P.M. 0455 Changed course to 090 degrees p.g.c., by turn to port. 0615 Ordered USS TITANIA to proceed independently to her berth. 0616 Set Condition IV and commenced making various courses and speeds to fetch the anchorage. 0645 Anchored in Berth 84, off Gavaya Creek, in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 264 degrees; Beacon "K" 146 degrees; Beacon "L" 090 degrees. All boats except three(3) returned to the ship from the beach; those three stranded at high tide. 0700 Commenced discharging cargo from holds #2, #3 and #4.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds #2, #3 and #4. 0845 USS BUCHANAN standing in. 0900 USS TAURUS standing in. 0929 USS RIO GRANDE standing in.

William E. Ward
William E. WARD,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds. 1201 Completed unloading cargo from #3 hold. 1300 Completed unloading cargo from #2 hold. 1340 USS CRESCENT CITY and USS JENKINS standing out. 1341 Hoisted #2 and #5 boats aboard #5 hatch. 1535 Hoisted #12 and #14 boats aboard #1 hatch. 1540 USS MONONGAHELA and USS BUCHANAN standing out.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Unloading cargo from #4 hold. 1730 Completed hoisting all ship's boats aboard, except #1, #6, #15, #16 and #17. 1745 Completed preparations for getting underway to clear present anchorage as precaution against possible night air attack. Stationed special sea detail.

J. G. Dymon
J. G. DYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1809 Underway at 1/3 speed, standard speed 15 knots, on various courses. 1812 USS TITANIA underway. 1817 Changed speed to 38 R.P.M. 1831 Steadied on course 090 degrees p.g.c. 1915 Changed course to 140 degrees p.g.c., with Nugu Island bearing 009 degrees true, changed speed to 1/3 standard. 1919 Backing full. 1920 Anchored off Tasimboko Bay in 15 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "N" 210 degrees; Beacon "L" 251 degrees; Taiva Point 103 degrees. 1930 Set Condition II. Engine room in Guadalcanal standby condition. #4 hatch open.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. No remarks.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally hot, bright moonlight, temperatures from 76 to 87 degrees.
Sea: Smooth.
Wind: Calm.

Cargo Data: Actual unloading time this day 11 hours: Total unloading time 59 hrs.
Cargo discharged this day 266 tons: " cargo discharged 3256 tons.
Rate per hour this day 25 tons: Rate per hour since

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H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

commence 55 tons
Percent unloaded, total 98 %

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 16 August, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000 - 0400
Anchored as before off Tasimboko Bay, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 15 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor; condition of readiness II set throughout the ship; engine room standing by to get underway. Zone -11 time maintained. All hatches except #4 secured for sea; 12 boats aboard, 5 boats in the water. Ship's present include: USS TITANIA, USS BUCHANAN, USS TAURUS, USS RIO GRANDE. Radar in operation.

K. G. McCarrren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800
Anchored as before. 0456 Underway on various westerly courses and speeds to berth #84; captain conning. 0629 Anchored off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal, in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. USS TITANIA anchored 1000 yards to eastward. True anchor bearings: Beacon "L" 090 degrees; Beacon "J" 266 degrees; Beacon "K" 140½ degrees. 0650 Set condition IV and commenced unloading from #4 hold.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

0800 - 1200
Anchored as before off Gavaya Creek, Guadalcanal, in 12 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Unloading cargo from #4 hold. 0850 USS PINKNEY and USS PREBLE standing in. 0900 Engine room telegraph out of commission. 1135 Draft forward 11' aft. 22'. 1150 Completed unloading cargo from #4 hold.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600
Anchored as before. 1415 Hoisted #6 landing boat aboard, leaving four boats, #1, #15, #16 and #17, in the water. Draft forward 11'6" aft. 21'6". 1415 USS CRAVEN stood in and reported to Commanding Officer ALHENA, ComTaskUnit 32.4.17 for duty as escort in accordance with despatch orders from ComTransGroup, ThirdPhibFor. 1545 Hoisted #15, #16 and #17 landing boats aboard, leaving #1 boat in the water as duty running boat.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000
Anchored as before. 1645 USS STERETT stood in and reported to ComTaskUnit 32.4.17 for duty as escort. 1650 Secured from condition IV and set condition III watches. 1700 All boats hoisted aboard. 1710 Stationed all special sea detail. 1716 All preparations made for getting underway. 1728 Underway in accordance with general instructions from ComNavSols, standard speed 15 knots, making various speeds and courses to fetch anchorage off Taivu Point, captain conning. 1729 USS SAUFLEY, USS RAWLEY, USS RENSHAW underway and standing out. 1734 USS TITANIA underway to shift anchorage. 1819 Anchored off Tasimboko Bay in 14 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Taivu Point 096 degrees; Beacon "L"-260½ degrees; West Tangent Nugu Island 008 degrees. 1830 Secured special sea detail and set condition III watches. 1853 USS STERETT moored to port side. 1854 Set condition II watches. 1900 Commenced fueling USS STERETT. 1909 Secured fueling USS STERETT. 1912 USS STERETT cleared side. 1942 Made all preparations for getting underway. Condition Red at Guadalcanal. 1948 Underway for Noumea, New Caledonia, in accordance with ComTransGroThirdPhibFor secret dispatch #052419 of August as modified by his dispatch #110540 of August. Accompanied by USS TITANIA and escorted by USS STERETT and USS CRAVEN. Standard speed 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.), steaming at 2/3 speed, on course 070 degrees p.g.c. and 071 true.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400
Steaming as before on course 071 degrees true and 070 p.g.c., standard speed 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.), steaming at 2/3 speed, in cruising formation with USS TITANIA 1000 yards astern and USS STERETT and USS CRAVEN as escorts. Proceeding through Lengo Channel. 2005 Changed base course to 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c. 2006 Increased speed to standard. 2020 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 2050 Set Condition III. 2150 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c. 2200 Changed base course to 122 degrees true and 121 p.g.c. 2205 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally hot, temperatures from 76 to 90 degrees.
Sea: Smooth. Wind: Calm.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander U.S. Navy Reserve,
U. S. N. Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 17 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming as before in column formation; U.S.S. ALHENA O.T.C. and guide; U.S.S. TITANIA 1000 yards astern, with escorts U.S.S. CRAVEN and U.S.S. STERETT, on base course 122 degrees true and 121 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots making 77 R.P.M.; zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0205 Ceased zig-zagging. 0215 Changed course to 090 degrees true; 089 degrees p.g.c. 0220 Commenced zig-zagging. 0335 Passed Ulawa Island abeam to port; distance 5 miles. 0350 Ceased zig-zagging.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before on base course 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c. Standard speed 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.). 0400 Changed course to 117 degrees true and 116 p.g.c. 0405 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0520 General Quarters. 0621 Secured from General Quarters. 0750 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 117 degrees true and 116 p.g.c.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before in formation on base course 117 degrees true and 116 degrees p.g.c.; standard speed 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. 0800 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #16.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 117 degrees true and 116 degrees p.g.c. at standard speed 15½ knots averaging 76 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan 16. 1250 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1300 Changed base course to 154 degrees true and 153 degrees p.g.c. Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #16.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000

Steaming as before on base course 154 degrees true and 153 degrees p.g.c.; standard speed 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M.; zig-zagging according to plan.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before on base course 154 degrees true and 153 degrees p.g.c., standard speed 15½ knots (76 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #16.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

Weather: Clear, generally hot, temperatures from 77 to 85 degrees.

SEA: Smooth

Wind: Calm

Run Anchorage to Noon:	228 miles.
0800:	10-21 South 162-56 East
1200:	10-47 South 163-50 East
2000:	12-23 South 164-37 East

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.NAVY,
Commanding

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T. H. Moyer
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Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 18 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Steaming on base course 153 degrees p.g.c. and 154 degrees true, at standard speed of 15½ knots, making 76 R.P.M. We are O.T.C. followed astern at 1000 yards by U.S.S. TITANIA, U.S.S. CRAVEN and U.S.S. STERETT as escorts. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. Ship completely darkened.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

0400-0800

Steaming as before, in cruising disposition, on base course 154 degrees true and 153 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. 0515 Manned battle stations for danger period at dawn. 0615 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200

Steaming as before on base course 154 degrees true and 153 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. 0822 Sighted CAPE CUMBERLAND bearing 075 degrees p.g.c., distance 50 miles. 0900 Changed course to 148 degrees true and 147 degrees p.g.c.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Steaming as before on base course 148 degrees true and 147 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan. U.S.S. ALHENA O.T.C. and guide, U.S.S. TITANIA 1000 yards astern, U.S.S. CRAVEN and U.S.S. STERETT as escorts.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000

Steaming as before in formation with U.S.S. ALHENA as guide and O.T.C. U.S.S. TITANIA astern 1000 yards and U.S.S. CRAVEN and U.S.S. STERETT as escorts. On base course 148 degrees true and 147 degrees p.g.c., standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16.

K. G. McCaren
K. G. McCAREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

2000-2400

Steaming as before on base course 148 degrees true and 147 degrees p.g.c., standard speed of 15½ knots, making 76 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #16. 2150 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 2200 Changed base course to 166 degrees true and 165 degrees p.g.c. 2205 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #16.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 74 to 81 degrees.
Sea: Smooth
Wind: Calm
Current: 310 degrees 0.5 knots
Run Noon to Noon: 325 miles
0800: 14-49 South 165-44 East
1200: 15-37 South 166-13 East
2000: 17-10 South 167-14 East

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 19 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming on base course 166 degrees true and 165 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M., in route Guadalcanal to Noumea, New Caledonia. U.S.S. TITANIA maintaining station on U.S.S. ALHENA (guide and O.T.C.), 1000 yards astern; U.S.S. STERETT and U.S.S. CRAVEN escorting destroyers, conducting anti-submarine search in van. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. Using -11 zone time. 0330 In accordance with previous despatch instructions from Comtransgroup Third Phibfor, U.S.S. TITANIA and U.S.S. STERETT left the formation and proceeded independently toward Vila Harbor, Efate, New Hebrides Islands.

0400-0800 Steaming as before on base course 166 degrees true and 165 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. 0505 Went to General Quarters. 0607 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III watch.

0800-1200 Steaming as before on base course 166 degrees true and 165 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan.

1200-1600 Steaming as before on base course 166 degrees true and 165 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. U.S.S. CRAVEN as escort. 1236 Changed course to 185 degrees true and 184 degrees p.g.c. 1330 Sighted Mare Island bearing 215 degrees p.g.c., distance 28 miles. 1432 Changed from electric steering to telemotor steering. 1439 Passed Cape Roussin on starboard beam, distance 20 miles. 1454 Passed Cape Coster on starboard beam, distance 10 miles. 1555 Passed Cape Boyer on starboard beam, distance 11 miles.

1600-2000 Steaming as before on base course 185 degrees true and 184 p.g.c., standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. U.S.S. CRAVEN as escort. Sighted two ships bearing 234 degrees p.g.c. 1630 Passed same two ships to starboard, identified as U.S.S. RIXEY and U.S.S. FARENHOLT. 1743 Changed from telemotor to electric steering.

2000-2400 Steaming on base course 185 degrees true and 184 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 77 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. 2150 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 2200 Changed base course to 250 degrees true and 249 degrees p.g.c., and resumed zig-zagging. 2245 Commenced using zig-zag plan #24, and increased speed to 78 R.P.M.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 70 to 75 degrees.
Wind: Calm
Sea: Smooth
Current: 200 degrees 0.6 knots
Run Noon to Noon: 33 miles
0800: 19-49 South 168-05 East
1200: 20-44 South 168-19 East
2000: 22-38 South 168-13 East

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 20 August 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000-0400 Steaming on base course 250 degrees true and 249 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 78 R.P.M., in route from Guadalcanal to Noumea, New Caledonia. Zig-zagging according to plan #24. Using -11 zone time. U.S.S. CRAVEN (D D 392) conducting anti-submarine search in van as escort. 0200 Changed base course to 270 degrees true and 269 p.g.c.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

0400-0800 Steaming as before on base course 270 degrees true and 269 p.g.c., standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 78 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan. 0450 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0500 Changed course to 355 degrees true and 354 degrees p.g.c. 0500 Resumed zig-zagging. 0515 Dawn General Quarters. 0558 Sighted land bearing 010 degrees true, distance 43 miles. 0605 Secured from General Quarters. 0733 Sighted two ships bearing 014 degrees true, distance 10 miles.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200 Steaming as before with U.S.S. CRAVEN as escort, on base course 355 degrees true and 354 degrees p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 78 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #24. 0800 Changed base course to 004 degrees true and 003 degrees p.g.c. 0809 Sighted AMEDEE light bearing 016 degrees true, distance 21 miles. 0851 Ceased zig-zagging, remained on course to 330 degrees true and 329 degrees p.g.c. 0913 Changed course to 047 degrees true and 046 degrees p.g.c. 0914 Stationed special sea detail. 0917 Making various speeds and courses, standing toward BULARI PASS. 0931 Entered Northern Passage of BULARI Passage; proceeding around AMEDEE light at various courses and at two third speed, to conform to swept channel; captain conning. 0952 Changed course to 354 degrees true and 353 degrees p.g.c.; ahead standard. 1012 Changed course to 002 degrees true and 001 degrees p.g.c. 1013 Ahead two thirds. 1032 Changed course to 321 degrees true and 320 degrees p.g.c. 1041 Changed course to 335 degrees true and 334 degrees p.g.c., standing toward Little Entrance. 1101 Changed course to 076 degrees true and 075 degrees p.g.c., making various speeds. 1109 Passed through Little Entrance submarine net. 1110 Changed course to 017 degrees true and 016 degrees p.g.c. 1125 Proceeding to Northern End of Grand Quay, berth No. 3, at various courses and speeds. 1131 Let go port anchor to 30 fathoms. 1148 Moored starboard side to North end of Pier No. 3, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with 40 fathoms of chain to the port anchor using six manila lines doubled up, and one wire rope. 1152 Secured main engines, and No. 1 boiler; No. 2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg)USNR

1200-1600 Moored as before. 1210 Draft forward 10'5", aft. 21'10". 1245 Draft of men from U.S. ARMY came aboard to work cargo. 1500 #1,2,3,4, and #5 holds open and ready to receive cargo. 1500 Commenced loading cargo into #1,2,3, 4, and #5 holds.

George Edmundson Jr.
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign USNR

1600-2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo in holds #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400 Moored as before; loading all holds. 2055 Secured loading. 2140 Commenced loading.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg)USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 80 degrees.
Sea: Smooth
Wind: Calm
Current: 220 degrees 0.8 knots.
Run Noon to Berth: 319 miles.
0800: 22_49 South 166-20 East

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.NAVY,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 21 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000-0400
Moored starboard side to North end of Pier #3, GRAND QUAY, NOUMEA, with 40 fathoms of chain to port anchor using 5 doubled and one single manila line and one double and one single wire rope. Working cargo in all holds. 15 ramp boats and one surf boat in water. Ships present include: U.S.S. ALHENA, U.S.S. ALGORAB, U.S.S. MERCURY, U.S.S. FULLER, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, U.S.S. SHELLDRAKE, U.S.S. CONSTANT, U.S.S. MAJABA, U.S.S. AURIGA, U.S.S. SOLACE, U.S.S. ADVENT, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. APACHE, U.S.S. ORTOLAN, U.S.S. BOREAS, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. BUCHANAN, U.S.S. GRISWOLD, U.S.S. RADFORD, U.S.S. YAG 25, U.S.S. YP 414, U.S.S. YP 206, U.S.S. APC Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48, 101, 103, U.S.S. SC Nos., 654, 724, 728, 729, 788, U.S.S. LST Nos. 334, 390, 446, 447, 448, 449, and HMZS TUI. Draft 11'9" forward, 21'9" aft. 0100 Secured temporarily work in #2, 3, 4, and #5 holds.

George Edmunson Jr.
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign USNR

0400-0800
Moored as before. Loading cargo into #1 hold. 0700 Draft forward 12'6", aft 21'.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200
Moored as before, Army stevedores continued loading into #1 hatch, and resumed loading into #2, 3, 4, and #5.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR

1200-1600
Moored as before, loading into all hatches. 1208 Naval Oil Barge came alongside to port. 1233 Commenced taking on fuel oil. 1420 U.S.S. REED standing in. 1440 Secured from fueling, received 3200 barrels. 1515 U.S.S. DASH standing in. 1545 Naval Oil Barge left portside.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign USNR

1600-2000
Moored as before. Loading cargo through all hatches, stevedoring being done by U.S. ARMY working parties under supervision of U.S. ARMY Transportation Service. 1800 Draft forward 17'3", aft. 20'.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400
Moored as before, loading cargo into all hatches. 2330 Completed loading #5 hold.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 64 to 73 degrees.

Cargo loaded from commencing at 1500 yesterday to 1800 today. 1140 tons.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander US NAVY,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 22 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to Berth #3, GRANDE QUAY, NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, with two wires and six manila lines. Forty fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Eighteen boats in the water. Loading into hatches #1,2,3 and #4. Ships present include: U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, U.S.S. FULLER, U.S.S. WHITNEY, U.S.S. ALGORAB, U.S.S. SOLACE, U.S.S. ADVENT, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. ORTOLAN, U.S.S. CONSTANT, U.S.S. MAJABA, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. BUCHANAN, U.S.S. GRISWOLD, HMNZS TUI, also various yard craft and merchant ships.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

0400-0800 Moored as before. 0700 Draft forward 17'0", aft. 21'3". Loading cargo into #3 and #4 holds.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY JR.,
Ensign USNR

0800-1200 Moored as before. U.S. Army working parties loading cargo through #1,2,3, and #4 hatches, under supervision of U.S. Army Transportation Service.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600 Moored as before. 1205 Draft forward 18', aft. 21'2". 1530 Draft forward 18'6", aft. 21'.

B. P. Stolleberg
B. P. STOLLEBERG,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000 Moored as before. 1800 Draft forward 18'0", aft. 21'.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR

2000-2400 Moored as before. Working cargo in #1,2,3, and #4 holds.

George Edmundson Jr.
George EDMUNSON JR.,
Ensign USNR

Cargo loaded between 1800 yesterday and 1800 today: 1065 tons
Cargo loaded previous to 1800 yesterday: 1140 tons
Total: 2205 "

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 65 to 82 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 23 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400 Moored starboard side to North end of Pier #3, GRANDE QUAY, with 40 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, one single and one doubled wire rope, one single and five doubled manila lines. Loading cargo into holds #1,2,3, and 4. Ships present include: U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. RADFORD, U.S.S. BUCHANAN, U.S.S. STACK, U.S.S. GRISWOLD, U.S.S. SOLACE, U.S.S. OCEANOGRAPHER, U.S.S. FULLER, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, U.S.S. SHELLDRAKE, U.S.S. SKYLARK, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. MAJABA, U.S.S. MERCURY, U.S.S. APACHE, U.S.S. DARING, U.S.S. ORTOLAN, U.S.S. S C 654, U.S.S. LST 390, U.S.S. APC's 40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,101,102,103. 0100 Secured loading all holds. 0330 Commenced loading into #2 and #4 holds.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

0400-0800 Moored as before, loading into #2 and #4 holds. 0500 Ceased loading #2 and #4 holds. 0600 Draft forward 19'9"; aft. 21'3".

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR

0800-1200 Moored as before. Working cargo into #1,2,3, and #4 holds. 1125 Ceased working cargo in #1 hold, #1 hatch closed.

George Edmunson, jr.
George EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR

1200-1600 Moored as before. Draft forward, 19' 9"; aft. 21'6". 1310 Secured from loading at #3 hatch. 1445 Floating crane came alongside to port for use in making repairs to radar masthead installation.

J. G. Dymman
J. G. DYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000 Moored as before, working holds #2 and #4. 1720 Crane stood off from ship. 1940 Completed loading #2 hold.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400 Moored as before, loading #4 hold. 2140 Completed loading #4 hold. 2150 Draft forward, 19'10"; aft. 22'.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 64 to 69 degrees.

Total cargo loaded from commencing at 1500 August 20th to completing today:
2483 tons

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. NAVY,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, *SLC*
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 24 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Moored starboard side to north end of Pier #3, GRANDE QUAY, with one single and one double wire rope and one single and five doubled manila lines; forty fathoms of chain to the port anchor. U. S. Ships present include: U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. STACK, U.S.S. GRISWOLD, U.S.S. WHITNEY, U.S.S. SKYLARK, U.S.S. SOLACE, U.S.S. FULLER, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. APACHE, U.S.S. ORTOLAN, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT, U.S.S. SHELLDRAKE, U.S.S. DARING, U.S.S. TALMANCA, U.S.S. ATASOSA, U.S.S. PROMETHEUS, U.S.S. McCALLA, U.S.S. PINKNEY, U.S.S. APC 40,41,42,43,44,45, 46,47,48,101,103 and LST 390. Draft forward 19'10"; aft, 22'.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign USNR

0400-0800

Moored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200

Moored as before. 0929 Commenced singling up on all lines. 0930 All tests made in preparation for getting underway. 0945 Stationed all special sea details. 0946 Commenced jacking over main engines by steam. 0951 Pilot Lieutenant HIRTH reported aboard. 1010 Anchors aweigh. 1019 Underway at various courses and speeds from dock and proceeding towards Channel thru Little Bay Entrance. Pilot Lieutenant HIRTH conning; standard speed 12 knots, averaging 58 R.P.M. 1043 Passed thru Little Entrance Submarine net. 1112 Anchored at Great Roads, berth #44 in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "F" - 038 degrees, Beacon "I" - 105 degrees, Beacon "P" - 162 degrees. 1115 Secured main engines and #2 boiler. 1125 Pilot Lieutenant HIRTH left the ship.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Moored as before.

K. G. McCarran
K. G. McCARRAN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR

1600-2000

Moored as before. 1515 U.S.S. BUCHANAN, U.S.S. LARDNER, U.S.S. FULLER, U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGETT standing out.

George Edmunson Jr.
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign USNR

2000-2400

Moored as before.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 64 to 75 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday 25

August

19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Anchored as before at Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #44 in nine fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor to the following true bearings: Beacon "F" 038 degrees; Beacon "I" 105 1/2 degrees; Beacon "P" 162 degrees. Ships present include: U.S.S. WHITNEY, U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. STACK, U.S.S. GRISWOLD, U.S.S. SKYLARK, U.S.S. SOLACE, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. APACHE, U.S.S. SHELLDRAKE, U.S.S. DARING, U.S.S. TALAMANCA, U.S.S. ATASCOSA, U.S.S. PROMETHEUS, U.S.S. McCALLA, U.S.S. PINKNEY, U.S.S. ANTHONY, and U.S.S. BENNETT.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR

0400-0800

Anchored as before.

George Edmundson Jr.
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign USNR

0800-1200

Anchored as before.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000

Anchored as before. 1559 U.S.S. TRYON stood in and anchored.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 63 to 76 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 26 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000-0400

Anchored at Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #44 in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "F" 038 degrees; Beacon "I" 105½ degrees; Beacon "P" 162 degrees. Ships present include: U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. STACK, U.S.S. GRISWOLD, U.S.S. WHITNEY, U.S.S. TALAMANCA, U.S.S. PROMETHEUS, U.S.S. SHELLDRAKE, U.S.S. SOLACE, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. ORTOLAN, U.S.S. PINKNEY, U.S.S. TRYON, U.S.S. ATASCOSA, U.S.S. DASH, U.S.S. MERCURY, and various smaller patrol craft.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

0400-0800

Anchored as before. 0645 U.S.S. ORTOLAN standing out. 0705 U.S.S. ANTHONY and U.S.S. BENNETT underway and standing out.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200

Anchored as before. 0830 U.S.S. SKYLARK underway and standing out. 0950 U.S.S. RELIEF stood in and anchored.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

George Edmunson Jr.
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign USNR

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR

Weather:

Cloudy - occasional rain, generally warm, temperatures from 64 to 70 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

T. H. Moyer
U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 27 August, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 **REMARKS**

0000-0400 Anchored at Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia at berth #44 in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "F" 038 degrees, Beacon "I" 105 1/2 degrees, Beacon "P" 162 degrees. Ships present include: U.S.S. CRAVEN, U.S.S. STACK, U.S.S. GRISWOLD, U.S.S. WHITNEY, U.S.S. TALAMANCA, U.S.S. PROMETHEUS, U.S.S. SHELLDRAKE, U.S.S. SOLACE, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. ORTOLAN, U.S.S. RELIEF, U.S.S. TRYON, U.S.S. DARING, U.S.S. ATASCOSA, U.S.S. DASH, U.S.S. MERCURY, and district craft: U.S.S. YO 164, U.S.S. YO 24, U.S.S. SC 654, U.S.S. APC 40,41,42, 43,44,45,46,47,48,101,102, and 103

George Edmundson Jr
George EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign USNR

0400-0800 Anchored as before.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR

0800-1200 Anchored as before.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR

1200-1600 Anchored as before. 1215 U.S.S. STACK underway and standing out.

F.A.C. Kellom
F.A.C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR

1600-2000 Anchored as before. 1630 U.S.S. WARTING standing in. 1701 U.S.S. HENDERSON standing in.

D.O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign USNR

2000-2400 Anchored as before.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 66 to 74 degrees.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 28

August 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored at Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in berth 44 in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "F" 038 degrees; Beacon "I" 105½ degrees; Beacon "P" 162 degrees. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY, USS TALAMANCA, USS PROMETHEUS, USS SKYLARK, U.S.S. SHELLDRAKE, USS SOLACE, USS STARLING, USS RELIEF, USS TRYON, USS DARING, USS MERCURY, USS CRAVEN, USS GRISWOLD, USS WARTING, USS HENDERSON and various district craft.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

F. A. C. Kellom
F. A. C. KELLOM,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before.

D. O. Shuey Jr.
D. O. SHUEY Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1415 USS CASE stood in and anchored.

B. P. Stolleberg
B. P. STOLLEBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmundson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 74 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Sunday 29 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored at Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in berth #44 in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "F" 038 degrees; Beacon "I" 105½ degrees; Beacon "P" 162 degrees. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY, USS TALAMANCA, USS PROMETHEUS, USS SKYLARK, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS SOLACE, USS STARLING, USS RELIEF, USS TRYON, USS DARING, USS ATASCOAS, USS DASH, USS MERCURY and various district craft.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1155 USS AMERICAN LEGION standing in. 1158 USS PHILIPS standing in.

Geo. Edmundson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1515 USS PINKNEY and USS CASE standing out.

J. F. Lieb
J. F. LIEB,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1705 USS SOLACE underway and standing out.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 70 to 76 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 30 August 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
0000 - 0400	Anchored at Great Roads in berth #44, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 9 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "F" 038 degrees; Beacon "I" 105½ degrees; Beacon "P" 162 degrees. Ships present include: USS WHITNEY, USS CRAVEN, USS GRISWOLD, USS WARRINGTON, USS PHILIPS, USS TALAMANCA, USS PROMETHEUS, USS SKYLARK, USS SHELDRAKE, USS RELIEF, USS TRYON, USS DARING, USS DASH, USS APACHE, USS STARLING, USS HENDERSON, USS AMERICAN LEGION and various district craft. <i>J.F. Litz</i> J. F. LITZ, Lieut.(jg) USNR.
0400 - 0800	Anchored as before. 0630 USS LaSALLE standing in. 0725 USS CAMANGA and USS LEVY standing in. <i>C.W. Nickel</i> C. W. NICKEL, Lieut. USNR.
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before. 1038 Lit off #2 boiler. <i>J.G. Lyman</i> J. G. LYMAN, Lieut. USNR.
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before. 1300 Draft forward 20' aft. 22'4". 1400 USS APACHE underway and standing out. 1500 Jacked over main engine with steam; in preparation for getting underway. 1515 Heaved short to 30 fathoms at waters' edge. 1520 USS McCALL, USS CRAVEN, and USS FANNING underway and standing out through submarine net gate. 1530 All tests and preparations made for getting underway. 1541 USS AMERICAN LEGION, O.T.C., underway and standing out through submarine net. 1556 Anchor aweigh; underway for Guadalcanal, in accordance with ComTaskUnit 32.4.5 secret orders, serial 0086 of August 1943, making various courses and variations of standard speed of 15 knots, standing toward channel, captain conning. <i>K.G. McCarran</i> K. G. McCARRAN, Lieut.(jg) USNR.
1600 - 1800	Underway at various courses and speeds through channel, ships in column formation in following order: USS AMERICAN LEGION (OTC) SS SEA BASS, USS ALHENA, SS WELTEVREDEN(Du). 1718 Changed standard speed (by order of O.T.C.) to 14 knots. 1736 Passed Amedee Light abeam to starboard, distant 1000 yards. 1744 Passed thru Northern Passage of Bulari Passage. 1752 Streamed taffrail log reading 000. 1753 Secured anchors for sea, secured special sea detail and set condition III. 1755 Took departure on Amedee Light bearing 045 degrees true, distant 4 miles and steadied on course 204 degrees true, 203 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots. 1757 Changed course to 179 degrees true and 178 p.g.c. <i>B.P. Stollberg</i> B. P. STOLLBERG, Lieut. USNR.
1800 - 2000	Steaming as before on base course 179 degrees true and 178 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots. 1812 Formed Cruising Disposition I, USS ALHENA guide of port column followed by SS WELTEVREDEN (Du); USS AMERICAN LEGION guide of starboard column (and formation guide) followed by SS SEA BASS. 1813 Changed base course to 180 degrees true and 179 p.g.c. <i>C.W. Nickel</i> C. W. NICKEL, Lieut. USNR.
2000 - 2400	Steaming as before on base course 180 degrees true and 179 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 67 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. 2100 Reduced speed to 12 knots preparatory to executing wheeling movement previously signaled by O.T.C. in USS AMERICAN LEGION. 2110 Changed course to 152 degrees true in accordance with previous signal. 2120 Changed course to 127 degrees true in accordance with previous signal. Increased speed to 14 knots, at 67 R.P.M. <i>J.G. Lyman</i> J. G. LYMAN, Lieut. USNR.
Weather:	Cloudy - occasional rain, temperatures from 69 to 74 degrees.
Wind:	Calm.
Sea:	Smooth.
2000	23-02 South 166-23 East
Current:	325 degrees 1.2 knots. (after 2000)

Approved: *H.W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding

Examined: *T.H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.
U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 31 August 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before in Cruising Disposition I; first ship in first column abeam to port of USS AMERICAN LEGION (O.T.C.), Desron 21 escorts; on course 128 degrees true and 127 p.g.c., standard speed 14 knots. 0020 Changed speed to 12 knots. 0030 Changed course to 096 degrees true and 095 p.g.c. on previously arranged signal. 0040 Changed course to 066 degrees true and 065 p.g.c., on previously arranged signal. 0045 Surface contact bearing 040 degrees true, 039 p.g.c., range 13,000 yards. 0055 Contact identified as friendly by escorts.

K.S. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 066 degrees true and 065 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 65 R.P.M. 0500 Dawn general quarters. 0555 Changed course to 025 degrees true and 024 p.g.c., on signal. 0600 Secured from general quarters. 0607 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0650 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 025 degrees true and 024 p.g.c. 0700 Changed base course to 036 degrees true and 035 p.g.c. 0705 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0710 Sighted 2 friendly ships, bearing 355 degrees true, distant 10 miles.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 036 degrees true and 035 p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0842 Convoy speed increased to 14½ knots. 0918 Sighted Walpole Island bearing 100 degrees true, distant 25 miles.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 036 degrees true and 035 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 14½ knots, averaging 67 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1319 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. Changed base course to 341 degrees true and 340 p.g.c. Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1404 Commenced tactical maneuvers according to signals from O.T.C. in USS AMERICAN LEGION. Changed course as signaled to 271 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1407 Changed course to 341 degrees true, as signaled, all ships turning together. 1412 Changed course to 351 degrees true, as signaled, by wheeling. 1421 Changed course to 331 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1429 Changed course to 016 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1435 Changed course to 351 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1510 Changed course to 331 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1516 Changed course to 321 degrees true, by wheeling. 1524 Changed course to 341 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1535 Changed course to 021 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1538 Changed course to 046 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1540 Changed course to 341 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1542 Changed course to 291 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1545 Changed course to 316 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1547 Changed course to 016 degrees true, all ships turning together. 1550 Changed course to 341 degrees true, all ships turning together.

J.G. Liman
J. G. LIMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition I; first ship in first column; abeam to port of USS AMERICAN LEGION, O.T.C., on course 341 degrees true, 340 p.g.c., convoy speed 14½ knots. 1600 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal.

K.S. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on course 341 degrees true, 340 p.g.c., in cruising disposition I, first ship in first column, abeam to port of USS AMERICAN LEGION, O.T.C., at convoy speed of 14½ knots (67 R.P.M.). 1820 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 341 degrees true and 340 p.g.c.

B.P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

Over

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

F.H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 1 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, enroute from Noumea, New Caledonia, to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on course 341 degrees true and 340 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 14 knots, averaging 68 R.P.M. In cruising formation with USS AMERICAN LEGION (O.T.C. and guide) as first ship in starboard column, USS ALHENA first ship in port column, and SS SEA BASS and SS WELTEVREDEN (Du) 600 yards astern in starboard and port columns respectively. USS FANNING, USS CRAVEN, and USS McCALL conducting Anti-submarine patrol in van.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and 340 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 14 knots, 68 R.P.M., on station on port beam of USS AMERICAN LEGION, C.T.U. 0500 Dawn general quarters. 0510 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #26 on signal. 0600 Secured from general quarters. 0605 Ceased zig-zagging on signal and resumed base course. 0625 Commenced zig-zag on plan #26 on signal. 0740 Changed convoy speed to 13 knots (63 R.P.M.) on signal.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 341 degrees true and 340 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 13 knots, according to zig-zag plan #26. 0940 Four ships sighted bearing 135 degrees true, heading 345 degrees true. 0954 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0957 Changed base course to 330 degrees true and 329 p.g.c. 1004 Changed course to 030 degrees true, by turn, on signal from O.T.C. 1007 Changed course by turn to 060 degrees true on signal. 1010 Turned on signal to course 010 degrees true. 1014 Turned on signal to course 300 degrees true. 1017 Turned on signal to course 240 degrees true. 1022 Turned on signal to course 270 degrees true. 1025 Turned on signal to course 000 degrees true. 1028 Turned on signal to course 060 degrees true. 1034 Turned on signal to course 340 degrees true. 1039 Turned on signal to course 280 degrees true. 1041 Turned on signal to course 230 degrees true. 1045 Turned on signal to course 300 degrees true. 1050 Turned on signal to course 350 degrees true. 1054 Turned on signal to course 050 degrees true. 1057 Turned on signal to course 320 degrees true. 1100 Turned on signal to course 270 degrees true. 1105 Turned on signal to course 240 degrees true. 1117 Turned on signal to course 330 degrees true. 1126 Turned on signal to course 280 degrees true. 1129 Turned on signal to course 330 degrees true, 329 p.g.c., new base course. 1130 USS HUNTER LIGGETT assumed position as guide of #3 column, with USS FULLER in column astern, USS DUNLAP and USS LANDSDOWNE taking position in starboard section of anti-submarine screen. 1138 Increased convoy speed to 15 knots. 1145 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 330 degrees true and 329 p.g.c., convoy speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), making 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8, in cruising formation, USS AMERICAN LEGION (C.T.U.) 1225 Malekula Island bearing 040 degrees true, distant 30 miles. 1428 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 330 degrees true. 1430 Changed base course by wheeling to 315 degrees true. 1444 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 315 degrees true and 314 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #8, in cruising formation, USS AMERICAN LEGION O.T.C. and guide. 1707 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 315 degrees true and 314 p.g.c. 1709 Changed base course by wheeling to 333 degrees true and 332 p.g.c. 1721 Increased convoy speed to 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.). 1725 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8, position #2.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 333 degrees true and 332 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15½ knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #8, in cruising disposition #2, USS AMERICAN LEGION O.T.C. and guide.

Over.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday 2 September 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before enroute from Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, on base course 333 degrees true and 332 p.g.c., at convoy speed 15½ knots, making 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #8. In cruising disposition II, first ship in port column followed by SS WELTEVREDEN (Du); USS AMERICAN LEGION (C.T.U. and formation guide), at head of center column followed by SS SEA BASS; USS HUNTER LIGGETT guide of starboard column followed by USS FULLER.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 333 degrees true and 332 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15½ knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0505 Sounded general alarm for manning of all battle stations during danger period prior to dawn. 0605 Secured from general quarters and set condition III. 0700 USS FULLER sounded six short blasts on the whistle, indicating track of torpedo sighted approaching from starboard. 0702 USS AMERICAN LEGION (O.T.C.) hoisted numeral 2 pennant signifying track of torpedo sighted approaching from port. 0705 Ceased zig-zagging and executed emergency turn of 45 degrees to starboard on signal from O.T.C. in USS AMERICAN LEGION, coming to course 018 degrees true, all ships turning together. 0714 Changed course to 048 degrees true on signal, all ships turning together. 0717 Changed course to 348 degrees true on signal, all ships turning together. 0726 Changed course to 333 degrees true on signal, all ships turning together. 0727 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 333 degrees true and 332 p.g.c., at convoy speed 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.), in formation with USS AMERICAN LEGION (C.T.U.). 0801 Increased convoy speed to 16 knots (77 R.P.M.).

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 333 degrees true and 332 p.g.c., at convoy speed 16 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M., in cruising disposition II, with USS AMERICAN LEGION as guide and O.T.C., zig-zagging according to plan #8.

B. P. Stolleberg
B. P. STOLLEBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 333 degrees true and 332 p.g.c. at convoy speed 16 knots, averaging 74 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1724 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1728 Changed base course by wheeling to 308 degrees true and 307 p.g.c. 1732 Commenced forming into cruising disposition III. 1747 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1755 Formed into cruising disposition III, this ship third ship in port column, astern of SS SEA BASS with USS AMERICAN LEGION column guide; USS HUNTER LIGGETT column guide of starboard column followed by USS FULLER and SS WELTEVREDEN (Du). 1758 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. Increased speed to 16 knots.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 308 degrees true and 307 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 16 knots, zig-zagging according to plan #8. In formation as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 308 degrees true and 307 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 16 knots, zig-zagging according to plan, on station 600 yards astern of SS SEA BASS, in cruising disposition as before with USS AMERICAN LEGION C.T.U. 2115 Land contact bearing 280 degrees true, distant 63 miles. 2359 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course in accordance with previous signal.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

Over.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moxer
T. H. MOXER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 3 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming on course 308 degrees true and 307 p.g.c., convoy speed 16 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M., in cruising disposition #3, USS AMERICAN LEGION, O.T.C. and formation guide. 0053 Changed course to 276 degrees true and 275 p.g.c., by wheeling, on prearranged signal. 0137 Changed course to 290 degrees true and 289 p.g.c., by wheeling, on signal. 0225 Changed course to 280 degrees true and 279 p.g.c., by wheeling, on signal.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 280 degrees true and 279 p.g.c., convoy speed 16 knots (77 R.P.M.), making 74 R.P.M. In cruising formation III, USS AMERICAN LEGION C.T.U. 0445 Changed course to 285 degrees true and 284 p.g.c., by wheeling. 0515 Dawn general quarters. 0523 Changed course to 310 degrees true, 309 p.g.c., by wheeling, on signal. 0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0615 Secured from general quarters. 0627 Sighted Nura Island, bearing 322 degrees p.g.c., distant 14.5 miles. 0730 Passed Nura Island abeam to starboard, distant 3 miles. 0745 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0750 Energized degaussing coils.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on course 310 degrees true and 309 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 16 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. 0821 Changed course to 285 degrees true on signal from O.T.C. in USS AMERICAN LEGION, by wheeling. 0857 Changed course to 270 degrees true on signal, by wheeling. 0923 Stationed special sea detail. 0925 Secured Radar Search. 0945 On signal from O.T.C. to proceed independently to anchor in berth as previously assigned, left formation and proceeded at various speeds on various courses to anchor in berth #66. 1007 Anchored off Tagoma Point, Guadalcanal, in 16 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "B" 238 degrees; Beacon "A" 149 degrees; Beacon "J" 115 1/2 degrees. 1010 Lowered boats and commenced discharging cargo. Draft forward 18'9" aft 22'. 1145 USS FANNING came alongside to port for fueling, and in doing so stove a hole approximately six inches square in shell plating of USS ALHENA abreast of #2 upper 'tween deck on the port side between frame 56 and frame 57.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1200 Commenced pumping fuel to the USS FANNING. 1210 Commenced discharging cargo from #2 hatch. 1245 Commenced discharging stores from #4 hatch. 1458 Secured from fueling USS FANNING, transferred 46,234 gallons. Draft forward 17'3", aft 22'3". 1515 USS FANNING underway from alongside. 1516 Secured discharging stores from #4 hatch.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continuing to unload cargo from #2 and #5 holds, consigned to Koli Point. 1800 Temporarily secured discharging cargo from #5 hold.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2001 Secured discharging cargo consigned for Koli point, from #2 hatch. 2005 Commenced discharging cargo from #3 hatch, consigned for Koli Point. 2035 Secured discharging cargo from #3 hatch. All cargo for Koli now discharged. All boats except #1 and #1 tank lighter, sent to the beach, and anchored, to remain under the supervision of Lieut. B.P. STOLLBERG. 2100 Draft forward 16'9", aft 22'.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

Cargo discharged this date: 250 tons.

Weather: Occasional rain squalls in the morning, generally clear throughout the day, temperatures from 82 to 90 degrees.

Wind: Light breeze from Northeast until noon, shifting to East-South-East in the afternoon.

Sea: Smooth. Run Noon to Anchorage: 302 miles.

0800 09-29 South 160-40 East.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S.Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 4 September 1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth #66, off Tagoma Point, Guadalcanal, in 16 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "A" 149 degrees; Beacon "B" 238 degrees; Beacon "J" 115½ degrees. Boilers #1 and #2 in use. Ship under readiness condition "IA".

A.C. Kinder
A.C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before ship darkened. 0520 Manned all battle stations for condition of readiness I during danger period at dawn. 0545 Completed all tests and preparations for getting underway to shift berth. 0550 Underway, using various speeds and steering various courses, proceeding to anchorage off Lunga Point. Captain conning. 0610 Secured from general quarters and set condition IV. 0645 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in 21 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "E" 252 degrees; Beacon "D" 173 degrees; Beacon "C" 129½ degrees. 0720 Commenced discharging cargo from #2 and #4 holds.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Commenced discharging cargo from #5 hold. 0835 Commenced discharging cargo from #3 hold. 0855 Commenced discharging cargo from #1 hold. 0900 A 33 hand army working party came aboard. 1155 Army working party of 33 men left the ship. 1159 Draft forward 17', aft 22'.

D.T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Continuing discharge of cargo into ramp boats and tank lighters for transfer to the beach.

A.C. Kinder
A.C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds. 1615 Draft forward 16'3" aft. 21'9".

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds except #5.

D.T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo. 2030 Draft forward 15', aft 22'. Throughout the day stevedoring done by U.S. Army working parties.

A.C. Kinder
A.C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

Weather: Occasion rain squalls during the early hours of the day followed by generally clear day. Temperatures from 77 to 90 degrees.

Cargo Data:

	<u>This day</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cargo discharged	780 tons	1030 tons
Hours worked	16 hours	24 hours
Tons per hour	49 tons	43 tons
Percent discharged	31½	41½

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H.W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9Sunday 5 September, 19 43
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0000 - 0400

Anchored as before off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 21 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, in berth #28, on the following true bearings: Beacon "E" 252 degrees; Beacon "D" 173 degrees; Beacon "C" 129½ degrees. Both boilers steaming, engine room in standby condition, ready to get underway. All boats in the water for lightering cargo to the beach. Discharging cargo from #1, #2, #3, and #4 holds. Stevedoring being done by U.S. Marine working parties.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before, discharging cargo from all holds except #5. 0645 Relief working party of 50 men came aboard ship. 0645 Draft forward 14'3" aft. 22'3". 0700 Resumed discharging cargo from #5 hold.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Draft forward 13'10" aft 23'8". Continuing discharge of cargo throughout watch.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 holds. 1200 Draft forward 13'6" aft 22'7". 1315 Completed discharging cargo from #5 hold.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Draft forward 12'6" aft 22'6". Continuing discharge of cargo from #1, #2, #3 and #4 holds.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Draft forward 12'6" aft. 22'6". Continuing discharge of cargo.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #1, #2, #3, and #4 holds. 2150 Completed discharging cargo from #2 hold. 2330 Draft forward 12' aft 22'.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Occasional rain squalls during early hours of the day, generally clear throughout the rest of the day - temperatures from 76 to 88 degrees.

Cargo Data	This day	Total
Cargo discharged	980 Tons	2010 Tons
Hours worked	24	48
Tons per hour	41	44
percent discharged	39½	81

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Monday 6 September 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before off Lunga Point, in berth #28, in 21 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "E" 252 degrees; Beacon "D" 173 degrees; Beacon "C" 129½ degrees. Continuing to discharge cargo from #1, #3 and #4 holds. Engine room in standby condition. 0005 U.S. Marines relief working party of 35 men came aboard.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #1, #3 and #4 holds. 0500 Draft forward 11'6", aft. 21'9".

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #1, #3 and #4 holds. 1140 Inspected magazines - conditions normal.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from holds #1, #3 and #4. 1330 Completed discharging cargo from #4 hold. 1410 Completed discharging cargo from #3 hold. 1530 Completed discharging cargo from #1 hold. 1531 U.S. Marine working parties left the ship. Commenced taking boats aboard. 1559 Draft forward 10' aft. 21'9".

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. 1639 All boats aboard. 1745 All preparations made for getting underway. 1800 Underway, for Noumea, New Caledonia, in accordance with ComTaskUnit 32.5.18 visual messages #060245 and #060645 of September 6, 1943, at various courses and variations of standard speed of 15 knots, captain conning. U.S.S. FANNING O.T.C.

A. G. McCarren
A. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1800 - 2000

Underway as before at various courses and speeds to assume column formation and proceeding thru channel. 1803 Steadied on course 061 degrees true, 060 p.g.c. 1805 Cut in degaussing system. 1820 Secured both anchors for sea, secured special sea detail and set condition of readiness III. Changed course to 080 degrees true and 079 p.g.c. 1820 Streamed taffrail log, reading 000. 1838 Changed course to 093 degrees p.g.c., 094 true. 1840 Increased speed to 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. 1908 Set base course, on signal, to 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c. 1910 SS WELTEVRELEN (Du) assumed position 600 yards astern of USS ALHENA and USS CONY took station as escort on port bow, USS FANNING on station, as escort, on stbd. bow, and C.T.U. 1950 Changed convoy speed to 16.5 knots on signal from C.T.U.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLEBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c., convoy speed 16.5 knots, 79 R.P.M., degaussing coils in operation. 2037 Reduced convoy speed to 16 knots, 76 R.P.M., on signal from C.T.U. 2110 Changed course to 124 degrees true and 123 p.g.c., on signal. 2120 Secured degaussing coils. Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal from C.T.U. Kura Island bearing 214 degrees, distant 10 miles.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally hot, temperatures from 76 to 90 degrees.

Sea: Smooth Wind: Calm.

2000 09-12 South 160-20 East.

Cargo Data:	This day	Total
Cargo Discharged	470 tons	2480 tons
Hours worked	15½ hours	63½ hours
Tons per hour	30	39
Percent Discharged	19	100

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, enroute from Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands to Noumea, New Caledonia, on base course 124 degrees true and 123 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. In formation, with SS WELTEVREDEN (Du) maintaining station astern, distant 600 yards; USS FANNING (O.T.C.) and USS CONY conducting anti-submarine search in van, maintaining station broad on the starboard and port bows, respectively. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0010 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. 0020 Changed course to 096 degrees true and 095 p.g.c., in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. 0030 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8 in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. 0100 Ceased zig-zagging in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. 0205 Passed Ulawa Island abeam to port, distant 2 miles. 0210 Changed course to 118 degrees true and 117 p.g.c., in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. 0220 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8 in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, in column formation, on base course 118 degrees true and 117 p.g.c., at convoy speed 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M., USS FANNING C.T.U. 0510 Dawn general quarters. 0610 Sunrise, secured from general quarters. 0737 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 118 degrees true and 117 p.g.c. 0745 S.S. WELTEVREDEN (Du) took station 1000 yards on port beam on order from O.T.C.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 118 degrees true and 117 p.g.c., at convoy speed 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. 0830 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0948 Test fired all 20 MM and .50 cal. guns. 0910 Secured from test firing 20 MM and .50 cal guns, expended 70 rounds of 20 MM ammunition; 70 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. 1137 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 118 degrees true and 117 p.g.c. 1149 Changed base course to 152 degrees true and 151 p.g.c., by wheeling on signal. 1150 Radar contact unidentified plane bearing 340 degrees true, distance 15 miles, reported to O.T.C. 1152 Defined by O.T.C. as friendly. 1159 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before, in convoy formation, on base course 152 degrees true and 151 p.g.c., at convoy speed 16 knots, making 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1200 Radar contact unidentified plane bearing 340 degrees true, distant 24 miles. 1219 Three bombs fell 300 yards off port beam; plane came into sight, identified as probable Kawasaki type 97, Army medium bomber "Julia". Opened fire on plane bearing 060 degrees true, range 10,000 feet. 1220 General quarters. 1222 Ceased firing on plane bearing 350 degrees true, range 10,000 yards; at 10 miles lost contact. Ammunition expended: 16 rounds 3"/50 caliber ammunition. 1226 Changed course to 187 degrees true on signal. 1234 Changed course to 247 degrees true on signal. 1242 Changed course to 157 degrees true on signal. 1246 Changed course to 187 degrees true on signal. 1251 Changed course to 157 degrees true on signal. 1256 Changed course to 127 degrees true on signal. 1300 Changed course to 187 degrees true on signal. 1304 Changed course to 157 degrees true on signal. 1306 Changed course to 127 degrees true on signal. 1309 Changed course to 187 degrees true on signal. 1313 Resumed base course, all course changes on order of O.T.C. 1320 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1320 Secured from general quarters and set condition II. 1356 Five ships sighted bearing 172 degrees p.g.c., distant 14 miles, identified as friendly. 1410 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 1434 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8 on order of O.T.C. 1518 Secured from condition II and set condition III.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 152 degrees true and 151 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. In cruising formation as before, S.S. WELTEVREDEN (Du) maintaining station 1000 yards on the port beam.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Over.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 8 September 43
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0000 - 0400

Steaming in cruising formation in company with SS WELTEVREIDEN (Du) on port beam. USS FANNING (C.T.U.) and USS CONY as escorts. Base course 152 degrees true and 151 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0210 Radar contact land bearing 125 degrees, distance 69 miles.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 152 degrees true, 151 p.g.c. Convoy speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. SS WELTEVREIDEN (Du) maintaining station 1000 yards on the port beam. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0500 Manned battle stations for danger period at daybreak. 0530 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. in USS FANNING. 0549 Changed course to 170 degrees true and 169 p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. 0600 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal. 0600 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III. 0622 Ceased zig-zagging. 0626 Changed course to 150 degrees true, 149 p.g.c. 0637 Resumed zig-zagging on signal.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before with SS WELTEVREIDEN (Du) on port beam; USS FANNING (C.T.U.) and USS CONY escorts; on base course 150 degrees true, 149 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 16 knots; making 76 R.P.M.; zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0930 Ceased zig-zagging on signal. 0934 Changed course to 110 degrees true; 109 p.g.c. on signal. 0936 Changed course to 065 degrees true; 064 degrees p.g.c., by emergency turn on signal. 0938 Changed course to 020 degrees true; 019 p.g.c., by emergency turn on signal. 0939 General Quarters; USS FANNING making search and attack on contact. 0941 Changed course to 335 degrees true, 334 p.g.c. on signal; USS CONY maintaining convoy on signal from USS FANNING. 0946 Changed course to 020 degrees true; 019 p.g.c., by turn on signal. 0953 Changed course to 110 degrees true; 109 p.g.c., by turn on signal. 1000 Changed course to 150 degrees true; 149 p.g.c., by turn on signal. 1013 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal. 1035 Secured from General Quarters set condition of readiness III. 1040 Ceased zig-zagging according to plan. 1042 Shifted from starboard to port steering pump. 1043 Changed course to 110 degrees true; 109 p.g.c. on signal. 1054 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1100 USS FANNING (C.T.U.) took charge of convoy relieving USS CONY of duty. 1105 USS CONY and SS WELTEVREIDEN (Du) detached from convoy by C.T.U. 1108 Changed course to 200 degrees true and 199 p.g.c., by turn on signal. 1116 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #14 on signal. 1155 Malekula Island abeam to port, distance 10 miles.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 200 degrees true and 199 p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots averaging 76 R.P.M. 1245 Changed base course on signal, to 161 degrees true and 160 p.g.c., continuing zig-zagging on plan #14, altered in order to conform to new base course

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 161 degrees true and 160 p.g.c. at standard speed 16 knots, 76 R. P.M. Escorted by USS FANNING (C.T.U.). Zig-zagging according to plan #14.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 161 degrees true, 160 p.g.c. standard speed 16 knots, 76 R.P.M. USS FANNING (C.T.U.) escort. Zig-zagging according to plan #14.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USN.
Commanding

Examined: *T. H. Nolan*
T. H. NOLAN
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 9 September 1943
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0000 - 0400 Steaming on base course 161 degrees true and 160 p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Under escort USS FANNING and zig-zagging according to plan #14.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800 Steaming as before on base course 161 degrees true and 160 p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, making 76 R.P.M., escorted by USS FANNING, zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0445 Dawn general quarters. 0550 Secured from general quarters and set condition III. 0555 Sighted ship bearing 075 degrees, distance 15 1/2 miles.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200 Steaming as before on base course 161 degrees true and 160 p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before with USS FANNING (C.T.U.), conducting anti-submarine search in van. 1030 Shifted steering from gyro to telemotor for test purposes.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before with Comdesron 6 in USS FANNING as escort and C.T.U., on base course 161 degrees true and 160 p.g.c., at standard speed of 16 knots; making 76 R.P.M.; zig-zagging according to plan #14. 1418 Changed course to 208 degrees true and 207 p.g.c.; changed standard speed to 15 knots by signal.

K. G. McCarran
K. G. MCCARRAN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 1800 Steaming as before on base course 208 degrees true and 207 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #14. 1735 Shifted steering from telemotor to gyro.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000 Steaming as before in company with USS FANNING as escort on base course 208 degrees true and 207 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots. Making 72 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #14.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400 Steaming as before in company with USS FANNING as escort on base course 208 degrees true and 207 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 2145 Changed base course to 227 degrees true and 226 p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. in USS FANNING.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Over.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USN.
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER
Commander USNR.

D. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP

ALHENA AKA-9

Friday

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REMARKS

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Steaming as before with ComDesron 6 in USS PANNING (C.T.U.) as escort on base course 227 degrees true and 226 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0010 Changed course to 270 degrees true and 269 p.g.c., by previous order. 0225 Changed course to 305 degrees true and 304 p.g.c., by previous order.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 305 degrees true and 304 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0440 Radar contact land bearing 020 degrees true, distant 64 miles. 0450 Changed base course to 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c., continued zig-zagging according to plan #14, altered to conform new base course. 0455 Dawn general quarters. 0547 Increased speed (standard) to 16 1/2 knots averaging 79 R.P.M., by order of C.T.U., in USS PANNING. 0555 Secured from general quarters. 0607 Sighted land bearing 000 degrees true, distant 33 miles. 0633 Changed course to 050 degrees true and 049 p.g.c. Continued zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0655 Sighted Amedee light bearing 048 degrees true, distant 12 1/2 miles. 0717 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 050 degrees true and 049 p.g.c. 0720 Changed base course to 021 degrees true and 020 p.g.c. 0723 Decreased standard speed to 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. 0725 Hauled in taffrail log, reading 65.2. 0726 Changed course to 016 degrees true and 015 p.g.c. 0735 Changed course to 050 degrees true and 049 p.g.c. 0735 Degaussing cut in. 0740 Stationed special sea detail and made both anchors ready for letting go. 0740 Passed through Northern passage, Bulari passage. 0748 Rounding Amedee Island light at various courses and speeds. 0759 Passed Amedee Island light abeam to port, distance 1,200 yards.

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLEBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before at various courses and speeds conforming to channel, at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. 0900 Secured Radar and degaussing coils. 0920 Anchored in berth #43, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon P- 150 degrees; Beacon I- 088 degrees; Beacon H- 069 degrees. 0921 Secured special sea detail, secured main engines and #2 boiler. 0930 Lowered two ramp boats and #1 surf boat. 0945 Draft fwd. 12'9" aft 20'6".

B. P. Stollberg
B. P. STOLLEBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1527 USS CRAVEN and USS CASE underway.

C. W. Hinkel
C. W. HINKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1610 USS AMERICAN LEGION underway and standing out.

J. B. Seymour
J. B. SEYMOUR,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USN.
Commanding.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 11 September 1943
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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

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Anchored in Dumbea Bay, at berth 43, in 10 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 150 degrees; Beacon "I" 088 degrees; Beacon "H" 069 degrees. Ships present include: USS FANNING, USS PHILIPS, USS CARLSON, USS PROMETHEUS, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS FULLER, USS PREBLE, USS LaSALLE, USS CARDINAL, USS PINKNEY, USS CONSTANT, USS TITANIA, USS TRACY, USS MERCURY, USS CHANDLER, USS ARDID, USS ALWENT, USS STEROPPE, USS CONFLICT, USS SERPENS, USS ADRIT and USS RELIEF.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign, USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0500 Lit off #2 boiler. 0550 Made all tests and preparations for getting underway. 0624 Pilot Lieut (jg) R.B. STARR USN, came aboard. 0639 Underway at various courses and speeds, standing into inner harbor, standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), pilot Lieut. (jg) R.B. STARR conning, captain and navigator on the bridge. 0730 Passed through submarine nets at Little Entrance. 0746 Let go starboard anchor to 15 fathoms of chain, maneuvering to come alongside of Grand Quay.

J. F. LITZ
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Maneuvering to come alongside dock, pilot conning and captain on the bridge. 0843 Moored port side to, #2 berth, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia, using 4 doubled manila hawsers and 1 wire rope. 0848 Secured #2 boiler; #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. 0855 Draft forward 10', aft. 21'9". Commenced lowering all boats from #2, #4 and #5 hatches into the water. 0910 Pilot Lieut. (jg) R.B. STARR, USN, left the ship. 0925 U.S. Navy Oil Barge came alongside to starboard and moored. 1012 Commenced taking on fuel. 1030 Commenced loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds, stevedoring by U.S. Army Transport Service.

J. G. LYNAN
J. G. LYNAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1250 Secured from taking on fuel, received 3609 barrels and oil barge left from alongside. 1300 Draft forward 13'3" aft. 20'6". Worked cargo into #2 and #4 holds throughout this watch.

B. P. STOLLBERG
B. P. STOLLBERG,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Working cargo into #2 and #4 holds. 1720 Two Tank Lighters and three ramp boats lowered into the water from #3 hatch. 1800 Draft forward 13'3" aft. 20'6". 1830 U.S. Navy Oil Barge came along starboard side and moored. 1845 Commenced taking on fuel. 1940 Secured from taking on fuel, received 687 barrels.

Geo. Edmanson Jr.
Geo. EDMANSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds. 2000 U.S. Navy Oil Barge left from alongside.

E. A. DeLiet
E. A. DeLIET,
Ensign, USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm, temperatures from 63 to 71 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 12 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to, #2 pier, Grand-Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with six manila lines doubled, two wire ropes, starboard anchor out with 15 fathoms of chain. Loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds, stevedoring by U.S. Army Transportation Service. Ship's present includes: USS FANNING, USS PHILIPS, USS CARLSON, USS PROMETHEUS, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS FULLER, USS LaSALLE, USS PINKNEY, USS TITANIA, USS MERCURY, USS ARDID, USS STEROP, USS SERPENS, USS RELIEF, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS MAJABA, USS TAGANAK, USS ADROIT, USS CONFLICT, USS ADVENT, USS CHANDLER, USS TRACEY, USS CONSTANT and USS APc 101. 0100 Secured from loading cargo.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0633 USS FANNING standing out.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Commenced working cargo into #1, #2, #4 and #5 holds. 0848 USS PRINGLE standing in. 0910 USS TRYON standing in. 1145 Secured loading cargo into #2 hold.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Continued working cargo into #1, #4 and #5 holds. 1345 USS TALAMANCA standing in and moored. 1545 Commenced loading cargo into #2 hold. 1555 USS O'BANNON standing out.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #1, #2, #4 and #5 holds.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #1, #2, #4 and #5 holds. Draft forward 15'8", aft. 21".

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 64 to 74 degrees.

Cargo Data: 2359 Draft fwd. 15'8", aft. 21'0".

Total cargo loaded since docking (at 0900 11 Sept.) 950 tons.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USNavy
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER
Commander USNR.

E. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 13 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to #2 pier, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with six doubled manila lines and two wire ropes, 15 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. All boats in the water. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS PROMETHEUS, USS LASALLE, USS PINNEY, USS TRYON, USS TITANIA, USS MERCURY, USS AREDID, USS STEROPPE, USS SERPENS, USS RELIEF, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS PREBLE, USS CARDINAL, USS CONSTANT, USS TRACEY, USS CHANDLER, USS ADVENT, USS CONFLICT, USS ADROIT, USS PAGANAK, USS MAJABA and USS TALAMANCA. 0005 Secured working #2 hold. 0100 Secured loading holds #1, #3, #4 and #5.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 0800 Commenced loading cargo into #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 holds.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Loading cargo into all holds.

Geo. Edmanson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Loading cargo into all holds.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds. Draft fwd. 17'6", aft. 21'6".

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Cloudy - occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 64 to 75 degrees.

Cargo Data: Cargo loaded this day 700 tons.
Total loaded since commencing 1650 tons.

Approved: *H. W. Beadbury*
H. W. BEADBURY
Commander USNavy
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Noyer*
T. H. NOYER
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday 14 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to #2 pier, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with six doubled manila lines and two wire ropes, 15 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. All boats in the water. All holds being loaded. Ship present include: USS FULLER, USS PROMETHEUS, USS LASALLE, USS PINKNEY, USS TRYON, USS TITANIA, USS MERCURY, USS AREDID, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS MAJABA, USS TALAMANCA, USS ADROIT, USS DASH, USS CAR CAROLI, USS SWALLOW and USS STANLEY. 0100 Secured loading all holds.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0600 USS CAR CAROLI standing out.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Commenced loading cargo into all holds. Draft fwd. 17'10", aft. 21'6". USS CETUS standing in to dock. USS FULLER and USS TALAMANCA standing out. 0820 USS RIDEY standing in. 0900 USS TRACEY standing in. 0945 USS PINKNEY underway and standing out.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Loading cargo into all holds. 1530 USS WHARTON and USS WILEMAN standing in.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Loading cargo into all hatches. 1830 #2 hold secured.

J. F. Lita
J. F. LITA,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Loading cargo at #1, #3, #4 and #5 hatches. 2330 Completed loading cargo into #5 hold. Draft fwd. 19'7", aft. 22'3".

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 80 degrees.

Cargo Data: Cargo loaded this day 730 tons.
Total loaded since commencing 2380 tons.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USNavy
Commanding.

Examined:

E. H. Moyer
E. H. MOYER
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 15 September 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11 **REMARKS**

0000 - 0400 Moored port side to #2 pier, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Using 6 lines doubled and 2 wire ropes, 15 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Working cargo into #1, #2, #3 and #4 holds. All boats in the water. Ships present include: USS PHILIPS, USS O'BANNON, USS PRINGLE, USS CARLSON, USS STANLEY, USS PROMETHEUS, USS LASALLE, USS RIDGEY, USS TRYON, USS TITANIA, USS MERCURY, USS ARDID, USS HELLER, USS WAFANA, USS CAR CAROLI, USS ADVENT, USS CONFLICT, USS DASH, USS SWALLOW, USS MOBILUSS, USS TAGANAK, APc 101 and various small craft. 0100 Secured from working cargo into all holds. 0200 Commenced working cargo into #3 and #4 holds.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800 Moored as before. Loading Cargo into holds #3 and #4.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200 Moored as before. Loading cargo into #3 and #4 holds. 0834 USS PHILIPS standing out.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600 Moored as before. Loading cargo into #3 and #4 holds. 1440 USS TRACEY standing in. 1525 USS PHILIPS standing in. 1550 Completed loading boats #4, #5, #6 and #7 on #5 hatch. 1600 USS SHELLERANE standing in.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000 Moored as before. Loading cargo into #3 and #4 holds. 1700 Draft fwd. 19'9", aft. 23'4".

R. G. McArron
R. G. McARRON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400 Moored as before. Continued working cargo into #3 and #4 holds. Draft forward 19'9", aft. 23'7".

Geo. Edmanson
Geo. EDMANSON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Generally Warm, temperatures averaging from 63 to 70 degrees.

Cargo Data: Cargo loaded this day. 570 tons.
Total loaded since commencing. 2950 tons.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USNavy
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER
Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALBENA AKA-9 Thursday 16 September 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to pier #2, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia. Using 6 manilla lines doubled and 2 single wire ropes, with 15 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor. Ships present include: USS PRINGLEY, USS CARLSON, USS STANLEY, USS BENNETT, USS WILKINSON, USS TRACY, USS ADVENT, USS DASH, USS SWALLOW, USS PROMETHEUS, USS WHARTON, USS LaSALLE, USS TITANIA, USS MERCURY, USS ARDID, USS STEROPHE, USS COR CAROLI, USS CETUS, USS TRYON, USS RIDGE, USS RELIEF, USS CAMANGA, USS TAGANAN, USS MAJADA, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS PHILIPS, Apc 101 and various small craft. 0045 Secured loading cargo into #3 hatch. Working cargo into #4 hatch through out this watch.

G. G. Dawson
 G. G. DAWSON,
 Lieut(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #4 hatch.

R. G. McCarran
 R. G. McCARRAN,
 Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #4 hold. 0800 Commenced loading cargo into #3 hatch. 0900 Commenced loading cargo into #2 hold. Draft fwd. 19'6", aft. 24'. 1020 Commenced jacking over main engine with jacking gear. 1050 Secured from jacking over main engine.

E. A. DeSmet
 E. A. DeSMET,
 Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Working cargo into #2, #3 and #4 holds. 1250 SS BYERS underway and standing out. 1345 USS SELFRIDGE, USS RALPH TALBOT and USS FULLER standing in. 1415 USS PATTERSON standing in. 1430 USS PHILIPS standing out.

F. Litz
 F. LITZ,
 Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Continued working cargo into #2, #3 and #4 hatches. 1713 Completed loading cargo into #2 hatch.

D. R. Morrison
 D. R. MORRISON,
 Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Loading cargo into hatches #3 and #4. 2330 Draft fwd. 20'3", aft. 25'0".

C. W. Nickel
 C. W. NICKEL,
 Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Generally Warm, temperatures from 63 to 79 degrees.

Cargo Data: Cargo loaded this day. 555 tons.
 Total loaded since commencing. 3505 tons.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
 H. W. BRADBURY
 Commander USNavy
 Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
 T. H. MOYER
 Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday
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1943

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, port side to, pier #2, Grand Quay, Noumea, New Caledonia, with 6 manila lines double and 2 wire ropes. Starboard anchor out, with a scope 15 fathoms of chain. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. 16 landing boats in the water. Hatches being open for loading of cargo. Ships present include: USS TERRY, USS PRINGLE, USS STANLEY, USS BENNETT, USS PATTERSON, USS SELFRIDGE, USS RIXEY, USS RALPH TABOT, USS WADSWORTH, USS CARLSON, USS FULLER, USS PROMETHEUS, USS WHARTON, USS LaSALLE, USS TITANIA, USS MERCURY, USS STEROPPE, USS CETUS, USS TRYON, USS RELIEF, USS MAJABA, USS COR COROLI, USS TRACY, USS TAGANAK, ARD2 and various patrol craft. Continuing to load cargo at #3 and #4 hatches.

J. G. Lyman
G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0435 Completed loading cargo and covered #3 hatch. 0630 USS COR COROLI and USS BENNETT standing out.

C. A. McWilliam
C. A. McWILLIAM,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Draft fwd. 20'1", aft. 25'5". 0815 USS TERRY and USS CARLSON standing out. Commenced loading boats aboard.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. 1245 Lit off #1 boiler. 1445 USS RALPH TABOT, USS SELFRIDGE and USS WADSWORTH underway; standing out of harbor. 1451 USS PATTERSON underway; standing out of harbor. 1500 Draft fwd. 20'6", aft. 25'6". 1501 All boats hoisted aboard, station special sea detail. 1502 Pilot Lt., J. W. HIRST, came aboard. 1505 Singled up all lines. 1515 All tests and preparations made for getting underway. 1525 Anchor aweigh. 1526 Cast off all lines except stern line. 1529 Cast off stern line; underway, for Guadalcanal, in accordance with Commander Task Unit 32.4.3 visual message # 170204 of 17 September 1943; on various courses and variations of standard speed of 15 knots. Pilot Lt. J. W. HIRST, conning; Captain on the bridge; standing toward Little Entrance. 1544 Energized degaussing coils. 1548 Passed through submarine net at Little Entrance. 1549 Standing off Little Entrance, on 152 degrees true heading; engines stopped. 1559 Ahead 1/3 speed.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming at 1/3 standard speed (15 knots, 72 R.P.M.) on course 155 p.g.c., 166 degrees true. 1612 Pilot Lt. J. W. HIRST, left the ship, Captain conning. 1613 Ahead 2/3 speed. 1620 Increased speed to 15 knots, fell in astern of USS LaSALLE in column formation as follows: USS FULLER, guide and (C.T.U.), USS LaSALLE, USS ALHENA, SS BRASTAGI (Du). 1624 Changed course to 177 degrees true and 176 p.g.c. 1700 Passed Thisbe Shoal, Mark "T" Buoy, abeam to port, distance 1100 yards. 1705 Steaming at various courses rounding Amedee Light. 1716 Passed Amedee Light abeam to starboard, distance 1800 yards. 1719 Steadied on course 228 degrees true and 227 p.g.c. 1724 Passed through Northern Passage of Bulari Passage. 1725 Secured special sea detail, set condition #3. 1730 Streamed Taffrail Log reading 000. 1745 Convoy course 302 degrees true and 301 p.g.c. 1755 Secured degaussing coils. 1758 Changed course to 307 degrees true and 306 p.g.c. 1805 Changed speed to 2/3 of standard speed on signal. 1830 Formed cruising formation with USS FULLER (C.T.U.) and USS LaSALLE astern in middle column, USS ALHENA and SS BRASTAGI (Du) in starboard column, USS TITANIA and SS MOORDHAM (Du) in port column. Escorts: USS SELFRIDGE (ComEscort), USS RALPH TABOT, USS PATTERSON, USS WADSWORTH and USS TRACY. 1841 Increased speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). 1900 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #39 on signal.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USN
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER
Commander USNR.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

LOG OF THE UNITED STATES SHIP

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U. S. Navy, Commanding.

Hour	"ALL SHIP" AVERAGE REVERSE TURNS	BY REVR.		BY LOG		Course (P. C.) Gyro Magnetic (Magnetic Indication)	WIND		BAROMETER		TEMPERATURE				WINDS BY SIGNALS	CLOUDS			SEA	
		Natural Miles	Tenths	Natural Miles	Tenths		Direction	Force	Pressure in Inches	Barometer At. Temp.	Air, Dry Bulb	Air, Wet Bulb	Water at Surface	Forecast		Motion From—	Amount	Visibility	Condition	Force From—
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	

A.M.
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2 2000 - 2400
3 Steaming as before on base course 302 degrees true and 301 p.s.c., at
4 standard and convoy speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 P.P.M. in cruising disposition
5 as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #39.
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10 Weather: Clear, generally warm temperatures from 66 to 79 degrees.
11 Sea: Smooth
12 Wind: Light breeze - South - East.
2000 22-16 South 165-58 East.

J. J. Symon
Lieut. JGR.

W. W. W.
210 tons

Gyro Data: Cargo loaded this day 210 tons
Total loaded since commencing 3715 tons

DRILLS AND EXERCISES

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SUBMERGED RUN DATA—SUBMARINES

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Time to submerge _____					
Greatest depth _____					

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 18 September 19⁴³

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400 Steaming in cruising formation on base course 302 degrees true, 301 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15 knots averaging 71 R.P.M. USS ALHENA first ship in third column followed by SS BRASTAGI (Du); USS FULLER guide and (O.T.C.) first ship in second column followed by USS LaSALLE; USS TITANIA first ship in first column followed by SS NOORDAM (Du). USS SELFRIDGE (ComEscort), USS RALPH TABOT, USS PATTERSON, USS WADSWORTH and USS TRACY as escorts. Zig-zagging according to plan #39.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800 Steaming in cruising formation as before, on base course 302 degrees true and 301 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15 knots averaging 71 R.P.M.; zig-zagging according to plan #39. 0500 Dawn general quarters. 0555 Secured from general quarters. 0605 Ceased zig-zagging, on signal. 0610 Changed base course to 326 degrees true, 325 p.g.c., by wheeling on signal. 0619 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #39, on signal.

R. S. McCarran
R. S. MCCARRAN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200 Steaming on base course 326 degrees true, 325 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15 knots averaging 71 R.P.M. In cruising formation with USS FULLER (C.T.U.), USS LaSALLE eastern middle column; USS ALHENA and SS BRASTAGI (Du), in starboard column; USS TITANIA and SS NOORDAM (Du), in port column, with USS SELFRIDGE (ComEscort), USS RALPH TABOT, USS PATTERSON, USS WADSWORTH and USS TRACY as escorts. 0900 Changed convoy speed to 15.25 knots (73 R.P.M.) 0931 Ceased zig-zagging and commenced various emergency turns on signal for practice purposes. 0949 Resumed base course 325 degrees true, 324 p.g.c. 0952 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #39.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

1200 - 1600 Steaming as before on base course 325 degrees true, 324 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 73 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #39. 1255 Radar contact friendly plane bearing 063 degrees, distant 17 miles. 1337 Radar contact friendly plane bearing 235 degrees, distant 63 miles. 1420 Ceased zig-zagging on position III, 45 degree emergency turn to starboard to course 351 degrees true and 350 p.g.c., on signal. 1429 Resumed base course 325 degrees true, 324 p.g.c., on signal. 1434 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #39, on signal.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. MCWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 1800 Steaming as before on base course 325 degrees true, 324 p.g.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #39, at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 73.9 R.P.M. In cruising formation as before. 1750 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 325 degrees true, 324 p.g.c., in accordance with previous signal received from (O.T.C.) in USS FULLER. 1759 Turned by wheeling to course 000 degrees true, 359 p.g.c., in accordance with previous signal from (O.T.C.)

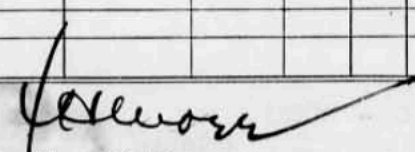
J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000 Steaming as before on base course 000 degrees true, 359 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 73 R.P.M. In cruising formation

Approved: *H. W. Bradbery*
H. W. BRADBERRY,
Commander USN.
Commanding.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N., Navigator.

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P.M.	13	Weather:		Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 70 to 83 degrees.																																							
	14	Sea:		Smooth increasing to a moderate sea in the afternoon from the north.																																							
	15	Wind:		Light breeze in the morning increasing to a gentle breeze in the																																							
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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

SUNDAY 19

SEPTEMBER, 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

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ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming in cruising disposition, on base course 041 degrees true and 040 p.g.c., as before, at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 73 R.P.M., in company with USS FULLER, guide and C.T.U., followed by USS LASALLE in the middle column, USS TITANIA followed by SS NOORDHAM (Du) in the port column, USS ALHENA followed by SS BRASTAGI in the starboard column, escorts consist of USS SELFRIDGE (COM ESCORT), USS RALPH TALBOT, USS PATTERSON, USS WADSWORTH, and USS TRACY. 0000 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #39 on signal.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 041 degrees true and 040 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 73 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #39. 0500 Dawn general quarters. 0600 Secured from general quarters. 0616 Altered base course to 044 degrees true and 043 p.g.c., on signal from C.T.U. in USS FULLER.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in cruising disposition, on base course 044 degrees true and 043 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #39.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 044 degrees true and 043 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, (73 R.P.M.), in cruising disposition as before with USS FULLER as guide and C.T.U., zig-zagging according to plan #39.

J.P. Litz
J. P. LITZ,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before, in cruising disposition, on base course 044 degrees true and 043 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, making 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #39. 1650 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 1700 Changed base course to 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c., by wheeling, on signal. 1710 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #39 on signal.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before, on base course 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c., in cruising disposition, at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #39.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, making 72 R.P.M. to maintain position, zig-zagging according to plan #39, O.T.C. and guide of formation in USS FULLER.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

Weather:

Clear-generally warm, temperatures from 72 to 84 degrees.

Wind:

Gentle breeze decreasing to a light breeze in the afternoon from the North and North-east.

Sea:

Smooth.

Run Noon to Noon:

322 miles

0800

16-23 South 163-31 East

1200

15-44 " 164-09 "

2000

14-15 " 164-59 "

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

U. S. N. Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ZONE DESCRIPTION -11

REMARKS

0000 - 0400

Steaming on base course 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c., enroute from Houmea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., in cruising disposition of three columns of two, port column; USS TITANIA, SS NOORDHAM (Du); center column: USS FULLER, guide and C.T.U., followed by USS LASALLE; starboard column: USS ALHENA, SS BRASTAGI (Du). Escorts, USS SELFRIDGE (ComEscort), PATTERSON, RALPH TALBOT, WALSWORTH, and TRACY, conducting anti-submarine search in van; zig-zagging according to plan #39.

J. G. Lyman
LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, in cruising disposition, on base course 000 degrees true and 359 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15 1/2 knots, making 72 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #39. 0420 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on pre-arranged signal from O.T.C. 0430 Changed base course to 320 degrees true and 319 p.g.c. on signal. 0440 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #39 on signal. 0450 Dawn general quarters. 0553 Secured from general quarters, set condition III modified. 0558 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0606 Changed base course to 324 degrees true and 323 p.g.c., on signal. 0610 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #31.

C. W. Michel
C. W. MICHEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before, in cruising disposition, on base course 324 degrees true and 323 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 73 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #31. 1050 Went to general quarters on report of unidentified aircraft overhead, reported by ComEscort. 1107 Ceased zig-zagging on position VII of plan #31, on course 274 degrees p.g.c., made 45 degrees emergency turn to port, to course 229 degrees p.g.c. on signal. 1110 Made 45 degree emergency turn to starboard, to course 274 degrees p.g.c. on signal. 1116 Made 45 degree emergency turn to starboard, to course 319 degrees p.g.c. on signal. 1124 Resumed base course 324 degrees true and 323 p.g.c., on signal. 1125 Secured from general quarters and set condition III. 1130 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #31, on signal.

J. F. Lutz
J. F. LUTZ,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before, in cruising formation, on base course 324 degrees true and 323 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #31. 1255 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course, on signal. 1305 Changed base course to 296 degrees true and 295 p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. 1315 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #31 on signal.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON JR.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before, in cruising formation, on base course 296 degrees true and 295 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 73 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #31. 1646 Radar contact land bearing 275 degrees true, distant 52 miles. 1749 Sighted Santa Catalina Island bearing 275 degrees true and distant 30 miles.

K. G. McCarter
K. G. MCCARTER,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before, in cruising disposition, on base course 296 degrees true and 295 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.25 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #31. 1813 Sighted Santa Ana Island bearing 230 degrees true, distant 30 miles. 1915 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 1920 Changed base course to 304 degrees true and 303 p.g.c., by wheeling, on signal. 1930 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal.

M. A. Penleton
M. A. PENLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 304 degrees true and 303 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15 1/2 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., in cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 2230 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C., in USS FULLER and resumed base course. 2240 Changed course to 273 degrees true, 272 p.g.c., by wheeling, on signal from O.T.C. 2310 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal from O.T.C. Over north side Lark Shoals east sounding 22 fathoms.

Approved:

H. W. Bralbury
H. W. BRALBURY,
Commander U.S. Navy,
Commanding.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander U.S.N.R.

U. S. N. Navigator.

LOG OF THE UNITED STATES SHIP _____

(Name)

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AT
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ZONE DESCRIPTION _____

U. S. Navy, Commanding.

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A.M.	Weather: Clear - generally hot, temperatures from 80 to 88 degrees.																		
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2	Sea: Smooth.																		
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12	T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.																		

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

TUESDAY

21

SEPTEMBER, 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	2 miles north of Koli		
Long.	point, Guadalcanal, S.I.		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming enroute from Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on base course 273 degrees true and 272 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15½ knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. This ship first ship in starboard column followed by SS BRASTAGI, (Du); USS FULLER guide and C.T.U., followed by USS LaSALLE in the center column; USS TITANIA followed by SS NOORDHAM (Du) in the port column. Escorts: USS SELFRIDGE (Comescort), USS PATTERSON, USS RALPH TALBOT, USS WADSWORTH, and USS TRACY conducting anti-submarine search in van, zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0050 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0100 Changed base course to 312 degrees true and 311 p.g.c., reduced convoy speed to 14 knots, 67 R.P.M., on signal from O.T.C. 0110 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal. 0354 Condition "Red" reported at Guadalcanal.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 312 degrees true and 311 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 14 knots, averaging 67 R.P.M. In cruising formation as before, zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0443 Condition "Green" reported at Guadalcanal. 0500 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0505 Dawn general quarters. 0510 Changed base course to 270 degrees true and 269 p.g.c. on signal from C.T.U. 0520 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8, on signal. 0605 Secured from general quarters; set condition of readiness III. 0617 Ceased zig-zagging and reduced convoy speed to 12 knots on signal. 0640 Formed cruising disposition II, USS FULLER, guide and C.T.U., followed by USS LaSALLE and USS TITANIA in the port column; USS ALHENA followed by SS BRASTAGI (Du) and SS NOORDHAM (Du) in the starboard column, on signal from O.T.C. 0747 Stationed special sea detail. 0759 Proceeding independently to anchorage on signal from O.T.C.

K. G. McCarron
K. G. McCARRON,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before, proceeding independently to anchorage, steering various courses and at standard speed of 12 knots. 0813 Reduced speed to 1/3 ahead. 0902 Stopped engines, ship carrying headway. 0910 Commenced lowering boats into the water. 0921 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, in berth #22, on the following true bearings: Beacon "D" 136½ degrees; Beacon "E" 202½ degrees; Beacon "F" 266½ degrees. 1030 Completed lowering all boats. Draft forward 19'3" aft. 25'6". 1039 Commenced discharging cargo from all holds. Stevedoring by working parties of U.S. Marines and New Zealand Army.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all hatches. 1201 Draft forward 19'5" aft 25'0". 1400 Veered to 60 fathoms of chain.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from all hatches into ship's boats for lightering to the beach. 1755 Draft forward 19'0" aft 25'0".

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all hatches. Stevedoring by working parties comprising 50 U.S. Marines and 50 men of the New Zealand Army. 1955 Stopped working #5 hatch.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Draft forward 18' aft 24'. Discharging cargo from all hatches, except #5. 2310 Commenced discharging cargo from #5 hold. 2320 Hove in chain to 45 fathoms.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

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Approved:

H. W. Bradeury
H. W. BRADEURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

Weather: Clear - generally warm - temperatures from 78 to 88 degrees.
Wind: From Light breeze to gentle breeze in the afternoon from North-east and East.
Sea: Smooth increasing to moderate sea in the afternoon from North-east and east.

Cargo Data:

Tons discharged this day	700 tons
Hours worked	13 hours
Tons per hour	54 tons
Percent unloaded	19 percent

January

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 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, Solomon Islands, in berth #22, on the following true bearings: Beacon "D" 136½ degrees; Beacon "E" 202½ degrees; Beacon "F" 260½ degrees, in 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Boilers #1 and #2 steaming. Ship in readiness condition "1A". Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds. Ships present include: USS FULLER (SOPA), USS GRISWOLD, USS WARRINGTON, USS PATTERSON, USS SELFRIDGE, USS RALPH TALBOT, USS WALSWORTH, USS TRACY, USS TITANIA, USS LASALLE, USS CRATER, USS LST 390, USS LCT 482, USS SC 531, USS SC 541, USS APC 25, USS P 100, USS S 1 333 and HMAS BREEZE.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds to ship's boats and shore-based pontoon barges for lightering ashore. 0600 Draft forward 16'9" aft 26'6".

J. G. Ryan
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds. 0801 Draft forward 16' aft 26'6". 1000 USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS LEVY USS ALCHIBA, USS MERCURY, USS SAMPSON, USS BENNETT, USS PHILIPS and USS MC CALLA standing in. 1150 Draft forward 15' aft 25'.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1300 USS RIBBY and USS TERRY underway and stood out. 1301 Veered anchor chain out to 60 fathoms. 1310 USS FULLER underway and shifting berth. Discharged cargo from all holds throughout this watch.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds. 1630 Draft forward 14'6" aft 25'3".

J. G. Ryan
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds. 1855 Draft 14'6" aft 25'.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all holds. 2359 Draft forward 12'11" aft 24'4".

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

Weather: Clear - generally warm, followed by occasional rain squalls in the afternoon, temperatures from 78 to 90 degrees.
Wind: Light breeze from the east.
Sea: Smooth with occasional squalls up to force 4.

Cargo Data:

	This Day	Previous	Total
Tons unloaded	1600 tons	700 tons	2300 tons
Hours worked	24 hrs.	12 hrs.	37 hrs.
Average tons per hour	67 tons	54 tons	62 tons
Percent completed	43 percent	19 percent	62 percent

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored 1/2 mile off Lunga point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands,		
Long.	in berth #22, in 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to starboard anchor.		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 15 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, in berth #22, on the following true bearings: Beacon "D" 136 1/2 degrees; Beacon "E" 202 1/2 degrees; Beacon "F" 266 1/2 degrees. Ships present include: USS TITANIA, USS LaSALLE, USS TRACY, USS WADSWORTH, USS RALPH TALBOT, USS SELFRIDGE, USS PATTERSON, USS GRISWOLD, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESENT CITY, USS ALHENA, USS MERCURY, USS LEVY, USS SAMPSON, USS BENNETT, USS PHILIPS, USS McALLA, USS LST 390, 448, USS SC-531, 641, and USS APC 25. Discharging cargo from all holds. 0230 Completed discharge of cargo from #2 hold.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo from #1, #3, #4 and #5 holds. 0700 Completed discharging cargo from #5 hold. 0710 Draft forward 12'3" aft 23'9". 0745 USS GEORGE CLYMER and USS SAMPSON underway and standing out.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo from #1, #3 and #4 holds. 1050 Completed discharge of cargo from #1 hold. 1155 Draft forward 11'3" aft 24'.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #3 and #4 holds.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #3 and #4 holds. 1655 Draft forward 11' aft 23'6". 1715 Completed discharge of cargo from #3 hold.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign, USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continuing discharge of cargo from #4 hold. 1950 Veered anchor chain out to 60 fathoms.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #4 hold. 2350 Draft forward 11' aft 22'9".

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear - generally hot, temperatures from 78 to 90 degrees.
Sea: Smooth.
Wind: Light breeze from South-east in the morning changing to East-north-east and North-east in the afternoon.

Cargo Data:

	Today	Previous	Total
Tons unloaded	1050	2300	3350
Hours worked	24	37	61
Average tons per hour	52	62	56
Percent completed	29	62	91

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Friday 24 September, 19 43

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before, off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in 15 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Beacon "D" 136½ degrees, Beacon "E" 202½ degrees, Beacon "F" 266½ degrees. Ships present include: USS CRESCENT CITY, USS MERCURY, USS ALCHIBA, USS PATTERSON, USS SELFRIDGE, USS BUCHANAN, USS TERRY, USS WADSWORTH, USS WARRINGTON, USS GRISWOLD (DE), USS LEVY (DE), USS BENNETT, USS PHILIPS, USS McCALL, USS STRINGHAM, USS DENT, USS WATERS, USS TALBOT, USS McKEAN, USS PATUXENT, and various small craft. Discharging cargo from #4 hold.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0600 Draft fwd. 11'6", aft. 22'0". Continuing discharge of cargo from #4 hold.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #4 hold. 1158 Draft fwd. 12'0", aft. 21'0".

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #4 hold. 1237 Hoisted #17 ramp boat at #5 hatch. 1317 All working parties left the ship. Completed discharging cargo from #4 hold. 1325 Hoisted #14 ramp boat aboard #5 hatch. 1342 USS APC 50 standing in. 1355 USS TAGANACK, USS LST 866, 477; YP 514 516 and 518 standing in. 1543 Stationed special sea detail. Permission granted to jack over main engine. 1545 Engineering department ready to get underway. All preparations made to get underway. 1545 Draft fwd. 11'0", aft. 20'6". Hoisted #9 and #10 ramp boats aboard #4 hatch. 1555 Left one surf boat and one ramp boat with crews at Lunga Boat Pool to be picked up on return.

Geo. Edmuns
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. 1608 Underway for Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomons, in accordance with Commander Task Unit 32.6 message serial 240307 of September 1943; on various courses at variations of standard speed of 15 knots in company with USS LaSALLE, USS TITANIA and SS Robert LUCAS; USS WOODWORTH and USS SAMPSON escorts. 1615 Changed course to 030 degrees true, 029 p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots. 1709 Changed course to 035 degrees true, 034 p.g.c. 1725 Changed course to 045 degrees true and 044 p.g.c. 1730 Ahead 2/3; approaching submarine nets; entrance to Purvis Bay. 1744 Passed outer submarine net abeam; on course 123 degrees true and 122 p.g.c. 1747 Passed inner submarine net abeam; course 123 degrees true, 122 p.g.c. 1750 Proceeding on various courses and variations of standard speed of 15 knots; standing toward anchorage, Berth #8, Purvis Bay.

R. G. McCarran
R. G. McCARRAN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1800 - 2000

Standing in toward anchorage. 1817 Anchored in Berth #8, Purvis Bay Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 22 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "I" 014 degrees, Beacon "G" 254 degrees, Beacon "K" 042 degrees. 1820 Secured main engine and #1 boiler; #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Secured all special sea detail, set condition of readiness IV.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USNavy

Examined: *J. G. Lyman*
J. G. LYMAN
Lieut. USNR.
T. H. Moyer
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Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

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.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON
Ensign USNR.

UNITED STATES DEPT. OF THE NAVY

Weather: Clear - generally hot, temperatures from 78 to 88 degrees.
Sea: Smooth.
Wind: Calm.

Cargo Data:

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tons unloaded	365	3350	3715
Hours worked	13½	61	74½
Average tons per hour	27	56	50
Percent completed	9	91	100

Always

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 25 SEPTEMBER, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Purvis Bay,		09-26 South
Long.	Florida Island, Solomon Islands		160-57 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Anchored in berth #8, Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands, in 22 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "G" 254 degrees; Beacon "I" 014 degrees; Beacon "K" 042 degrees. Boiler #2 in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS ARGONNE (SOPA), USS CRATER, USS SOUTHERLAND, USS HARVEY, USS LEVY, USS LaSALLE, USS TITANIA, USS FOOTE, USS FARENHOLT, USS SAMPSON, USS WOODWORTH, USS EST 448, 449 and various small craft. Ship in condition of readiness "1A"

A. C. Ringer
A. C. RINGER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0833 Permission granted to jack over main engine. 0925 USS FARENHOLT standing out. 0950 Secured from jacking over main engine. 1040 Lit off #1 boiler. 1100 Permission granted to jack over main engine by steam. 1103 Station all special sea detail. 1106 Hoisted #1 surf boat and #17 ramp boat aboard. Heaved in anchor chain to 30 fathoms. 1108 All departments reported ready for getting underway. 1140 Underway, for Noumea, New Caledonia, in accordance with Commander Transport Group, 3rd Fleet, secret dispatch #242014 of September 1943, on various speeds and course proceeding out of channel, Captain conning, standard speed 15 knots, averaging 24 R.P.M. 1155 Secured anchor for sea.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before, at various courses and speeds, standard speed 15 knots. 1214 Passed through submarine nets at Purvis Bay Entrance on course 302 degrees true 301 p.g.c. Changed speed to 2/3 standard. 1219 Changed course to 266 degrees true 265 p.g.c. Steaming in column formation with USS ALHENA as leading ship in convoy followed by USS LaSALLE and USS TITANIA. Escorts: USS LANDSDOWNE (O.T.C.) and USS WADSWORTH. 1224 Reduced speed to 1/3 standard. Changed course to 251 degrees true and 250 p.g.c. Secured special sea detail, set condition III. 1230 Increased speed to 2/3 standard. 1245 Changed standard speed to 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.), increased speed to standard on signal. 1255 Changed course to 190 degrees true and 189 p.g.c. on signal. 1300 Condition "Red" reported at Tulagi. Sounded general quarters. 1308 Changed course, by turn to 220 degrees p.g.c. 1309 Changed course, by turn to 250 degrees p.g.c. 1313 Changed course, by turn to 190 degrees p.g.c. 1318 Condition "Green" reported at Tulagi. 1319 Secured from general quarters, set condition III. Changed course to 220 degrees true and 219 p.g.c. 1325 Changed course to 135 degrees true 134 p.g.c. 1344 Changed course to 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c. 1345 USS TITANIA left column. 1353 Changed speed to 2/3 standard. 1356 Changed course to 188 degrees true and 187 p.g.c. 1358 Changed course to 270 degrees true and 269 p.g.c. 1410 Changed speed to 1/3 standard. 1415 Increased speed to 2/3 standard. 1434 Changed course to 180 degrees true and 179 p.g.c. 1436 Changed speed to 1/3 standard. 1439 Proceeding to anchorage at various courses and speeds. All changes in speed and courses were made on signal from O.T.C. 1447 Anchored in berth #19 off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in 25 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "B" 093 degrees; Beacon "C" 134 1/2 degrees; Beacon "D" 175 1/2 degrees, escorts conducting anti-submarine search.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 1800

Underway on signal from O.T.C., standing down Lengo Channel, on various courses and variation of standard speed of 15 knots, in column formation as leading ship with USS TITANIA and USS LaSALLE astern; USS LANDSDOWNE (O.T.C.) and USS WADSWORTH as escorts. 1610 Increased standard speed to 15 1/2 knots, set course at 080 degrees true on signal. 1645 Changed course to 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c. on signal. 1743 Convoy joined by USS FARENHOLT (C.T.U.) and USS PATUXENT. 1746 USS ALHENA designated as guide. 1753 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

1600 - 1800 (Cont'd)

In cruising formation; USS ALHENA followed by USS TITANIA in starboard column; USS PATIENT followed by USS LaSALLE in port column. Escorts: USS FARENHOLT (C.T.U.) USS WALSWORTH and USS LANSDOWNE conducting anti-submarine search in van.

C. G. McCann
C. G. McCANN,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before, in cruising formation, on base course 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15.5 knots (making 74 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 090 degrees true and 089 p.g.c. on signal. 1910 Changed base course to 125 degrees true and 124 p.g.c. on signal. 1920 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal.

M. A. Paddleton
M. A. PADDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 125 degrees true and 125 p.g.c., at convoy speed of 15 1/2 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 2240 Ceased zig-zagging preparatory to changing course in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. 2310 Changed course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. 2320 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal.

J. G. Leman
J. G. LEMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Generally clear, temperatures from 75 to 89 degrees.
Wind: Calm increasing to a moderate breeze from South-East in the afternoon.
Sea: Smooth, in the afternoon sea increased to moderate.

T. H. Moxer
T. H. MOXER,
Commander USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 26 September, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10-45 South	11-21 South	13-09 South
Long.	163-34 East	164-15 East	165-03 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Noussa, New Caledonia, on base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, making 75 R.P.M. USS ALHENA guide and lead ship in the starboard column followed by USS TITANIA; USS PATUENT first ship in port column followed by USS LaSALLE. Escorted by USS FARENHOLT (C. T. U.), USS LANDSHOWER and USS WALSWORTH. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0010 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0016 Changed base course to 100 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0046 Changed base course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0056 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0110 Ceased zig-zagging according to plan on prearranged signal. 0120 Changed base course to 120 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0130 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, on base course 120 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #11. USS FARENHOLT (C.T.U.), USS ALHENA is fleet guide. 0440 Dawn General Quarters. 0555 Secured from General Quarters, set condition #3 (modified).

R. G. McCarran
R. G. MCCARRAN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming on base course 120 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1055 Changed base course to 153 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1100 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming in cruising formation as before on base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #11.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c. (147 p.s.c.) Making standard speed of 15.5 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11, in cruising disposition as before.

M. A. Penelton
M. A. PENELTON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #11.

J. G. Leman
J. G. LEMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15½ knots, making 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY
Commander USN.

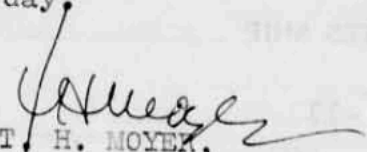
Examined:

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.
T. H. ...
T. H. ...
Commander USNR.

Commanding Officer.

Navigator.

Weather: Generally clear with occasional rain squalls throughout the day.
Wind: From Gentle to a Moderate Breeze from the East.
Sea: Moderate sea throughout the entire day.
Run Noon to Noon 286 miles.


T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 27 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15-46 South	16-28 South	18-15 South
Long.	166-22 East	166-51 East	167-37 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition; first ship in second column (fleet guide) with USS TITANIA astern; USS PATUXENT abeam to port; followed by USS LaSALLE; Escorts: USS FARENHOLT (C.T.U.), USS WADSWORTH and USS LANDSDOWNE on base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c.; at standard speed of 15½ knots. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0325 Radar contact Cape Cumberland, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides Islands, abeam to port, distant 47 miles.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming in cruising disposition as before, on base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c., zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0440 Dawn General Quarters. 0540 Secured from General Quarters.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLTON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

0800 - 1200

Steaming in cruising disposition as before, on base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0810 USS LaSALLE and USS FARENHOLT left convoy; USS PATUXENT assumed command as (C.T.U.). USS ALHENA remained as fleet guide. 0820 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 153 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0823 Changed base course to 145 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0835 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #16 on signal. 0840 USS LANDSDOWNE commenced firing practice. 0843 USS LANDSDOWNE secured from firing practice. 1040 Commenced target practice. All portside batteries firing. 1045 Secured from target practice; ammunition expended: 2360 - .50 caliber, 1116 - 20MM, 34 rounds of "3/50.

J. D. Litz
J. D. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #16. 1450 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1500 Changed base course to 162 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1505 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #16 on signal.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. Zig-zagging according to plan #16.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming in cruising formation as before, on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, making 75 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #16.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming in cruising disposition as before, fleet guide and first ship on port column, followed by USS TITANIA; USS PATUXENT (C.T.U.) abeam to port 1000 yards; USS LANDSDOWNE (ComEscort) and USS WADSWORTH escorts; on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots; zig-zagging according to plan #16.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Generally clear, with occasional rain squalls throughout the day, temperatures from 73 to 83 degrees.

Wind: Moderate breeze from southeast. Current: 270 degrees 0.7 knots.

Sea: Moderate from Southeast. Run noon to noon: 344 miles.

Approved:

E. W. Brabury
E. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER, Commander 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 ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 28 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20-39 South	21-29 South	22-56 South
Long.	168-22 East	168-43 East	168-09 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming in convoy on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15.5 knots averaging 75 R.P.M. In cruising disposition with the USS PATUXENT (C.T.U.), USS TITANIA and escorts USS LANDSDOWNE (ComEscort) and the USS WADSWORTH. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. Convoy guide is USS ALHENA, steaming in the direction of Noumea, New Caledonia.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15.5 knots averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #16. In cruising disposition as before. 0435 Dawn General Quarters. 0530 Secured from General Quarters. 0653 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0700 Changed base course to 152 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0707 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal from C.T.U. in USS PATUXENT.

J. G. Leman
J. G. LEMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 152 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.). In cruising disposition as before, zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0800 Changed fleet guide to USS PATUXENT on order of C.T.U.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 152 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #11. USS PATUXENT (C.T.U.) fleet guide. USS LANDSDOWNE (ComEscort). 1335 Radar contact unidentified aircraft at 190 degrees distant 15 miles. 1350 Lost contact on unidentified aircraft at 090 degrees distant 45 miles. 1419 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 1425 Changed base course to 216 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1440 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal. 1506 Ceased zig-zagging at position VI and changed base course to 267 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1519 Changed base course to 217 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1532 Changed base course to 220 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 1534 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming in cruising disposition as before, on base course 220 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots making 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1610 Sighted Walpole Island bearing 157 degrees distant 21 miles. 1655 This ship designated as fleet guide, on signal from C.T.U.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising disposition as fleet guide and first ship in Stbd column; USS TITANIA astern, USS PATUXENT abeam to port (C.T.U.); USS LANDSDOWNE (ComEscort) and USS WADSWORTH escorts; on base course 220 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, making 74 R.P.M; zig-zagging according to plan #11.

K. G. McCarrren
K. G. McCARRREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition as guide and first ship in starboard column followed by USS TITANIA, USS PATUXENT (C.T.U.) abeam to port, escorts: USS LANDSDOWNE and USS WADSWORTH; on base course 220 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.5 knots averaging 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 2130 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 2140

(Con't Over)

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

Changed base course to 247 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 2150 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal. 2151 Surface contact distant 17,600 yards bearing 215 degrees. 2156 Identified contact as friendly. 2200 Emergency turn to course 217 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. Friendly contact crossed ahead of formation. 2213 Turn to course 247 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 2215 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal. 2230 Surface contact bearing 160 degrees true 15,000 yards identified as friendly.

M. A. Pendelton
M. A. PENDELTON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperatures from 68 to 75 degrees.
Wind: Moderate breeze from East and East-south-east in the afternoon.
Sea: Moderate sea until 2100 reducing to calm from South-east.
Run Noon to Noon: 322 miles.
Current: 328 degrees

1.0 knot.
T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

PART III
CONFIDENTIALUNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 29 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	22-32 South	Anchored in Berth #41, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New	
Long.	166-22 East	Caledonia.	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before, in convoy, enroute from Purvis Bay, Florida Island, Solomon Islands to Noumea, New Caledonia, on base course 247 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15.4 knots (74 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #11. In cruising disposition with USS PATUXENT (O.T.C.), USS TITANIA and escorted by USS LANDSDOWNE (ComEscort) and USS WADSWORTH. Convoy guide in USS ALHENA. 0155 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0205 Changed course to 306 degrees true and p.g.c., in accordance with previous signal, from O.T.C. in USS PATUXENT. 0215 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before, in convoy formation, on base course 306 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots (making 74 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0440 Dawn General Quarters. 0515 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0525 Changed base course to 000 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0535 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal. 0540 Secured from General Quarters set Condition III. 0624 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0626 Changed base course to 030 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal. 0632 Resumed zig-zagging on signal. 0750 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0755 Changed base course to 050 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming in cruising formation as before, on base course 050 degrees true and p.g.c. Convoy speed of 15.5 knots, making 74 R.P.M. Resumed zig-zagging on signal. 0820 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 0825 Proceeding independantly at various courses and speed to take position astern of USS PATUXENT, on signal from O.T.C. 0833 Proceeding at various courses and speeds towards Northern Passage of Bulari Passage and to round Amedee Light. 0920 Secured Radar. 0923 Set degaussing coils. 0924 Passed Amedee Light abeam to port distant 1000 yards. 0933 Passed Thisbee Shoal Buoy abeam to starboard distant ½ mile. 0936 Passed Wreck abeam to port distant 1500 yards. 1020 Proceeding at various courses and speeds to anchorage. 1030 Stopped engines. 1033 Anchored in Berth #41, Dumbear Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor, on the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 143.5; Beacon "P" 110; Beacon "O" 098.5; Beacon "C" 035.5; Beacon "J" 094.5. 1035 Secured main engine and #1 boiler. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. 1100 Draft fwd. 11'3", aft 21'0". 1130 Veered anchor chain to 60 fathoms.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1258 USS STANLEY standing in. 1345 USS SERPINS standing out.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 70 to 80 degrees.
Sea: Smooth
Wind: Calm
Run Noon to Anchorage 165 miles.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 30 September, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored at Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #41.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Anchored at Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #41 in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor to the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 143.5; Beacon "P" 110; Beacon "J" 094.5. Ships present include: USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS GEORGE CLYDEN, USS RIXEY, USS RELIEF, USS CUMMINGS, USS BALCH, USS STACK, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIP, USS ANTHONY, USS BUCHANAN, USS WADSWORTH, USS FLETCHER, USS CETUS, USS TITANIA, USS DELPHINUS, USS CASTOR, USS PATUXENT, USS BREEZE, USS DARING, USS ORTALAN, USS VIREO, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER and various small craft. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

0400 - 0800	Anchored as before.	<i>E. A. Desmet</i> E. A. DESMET, Ensign USNR.
0800 - 1200	Anchored as before.	<i>D. T. Richardson</i> D. T. RICHARDSON, Ensign USNR.
1200 - 1600	Anchored as before.	<i>Geo. Edmunson</i> Geo. EDMUNSON, Ensign USNR.
1600 - 2000	Anchored as before.	USS TRACY, USS SAMPSON and USS ALCHIBA standing in. <i>C. W. Nickel</i> C. W. NICKEL, Lieut. USNR.
2000 - 2400	Anchored as before.	<i>D. R. Morrison</i> D. R. MORRISON, Ensign USNR.
		<i>J. F. Lizzo</i> J. F. LIZZO Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 79 degrees.
 Sea: Smooth
 Wind: Calm

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
 H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
 T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 1 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored at Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #41.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Anchored at Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #41 in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 143.5; Beacon "P" 110; Beacon "J" 094.5. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS RIXEY, USS RELIEF, USS CUMMINGS, USS BALCH, USS STACK, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS TRACY, USS SAMPSON, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS LUCHANAN, USS WADSWORTH, USS CETUS, USS TITANIA, USS DELPHINUS, USS CASTOR, USS PATUXENT, USS BREEZE, USS DARING, USS ORTALAN, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER and various small craft. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. 0210 Painter parted and allowed four boats, secured astern, to get adrift. 0215 Three boats recovered and secured. 0325 Fourth boat recovered and secured.

C. A. Williams
C. A. WILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before. 0620 USS RIXEY standing in.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. 0845 USS SAMPSON standing out. 1000 USS PATUXENT standing out. 1130 USS CARINA standing in.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. 1340 USS BALCH standing out.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000 Anchored as before.

E. A. De Smet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 66 to 79 degrees.
Sea: Calm
Wind: Fresh breeze reducing to light breeze at 0400, for the remainder of the day.

58730

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 2 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored at Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #41.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before, in berth #41 at Dumbea bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 143.5; Beacon "P" 110; Beacon "J" 094.5. Ships present include: USS CRESCENT CITY, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS RIXEY, USS RELIEF, USS CUMMINGS, USS STACK, USS LANSDOWNE, USS TRACY, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS BUCHANAN, USS WADSWORTH, USS CETUS, USS TITANIA, USS DELPHINUS, USS CASTOR, USS BREESE, USS DARING, USS ORTOLAN, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER and various small craft. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0635 USS CARINA standing out. 0745 Lowered #12 boat into the water for ship use.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0820 #1 boat lowered into the water. 0925 Commenced jacking over main engines with jacking gear. 0935 #15 and #16 boat lowered into the water.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1528 USS CASSIOPEIA and USS SOUTHWARD standing in.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DeSMET,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. 1650 Received ammunition from Naval Ammunition Depot, Noumea, New Caledonia: 40 rounds 3"50 caliber cartridge A.P.; 12 rounds 3"50 caliber illuminant; 100 rounds .45 caliber Line-throwing cartridge; 1800 rounds (10 boxes) 20 MM. H.E.T; 1800 rounds (10 boxes) 20 MM. H.E; 4500 rounds (3 boxes) .30 caliber A.P; 9000 rounds (6 boxes) .30 caliber tracer; 6 cartridge 3"50 caliber dummy drill.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. #12, 15 and 16 boats hoisted aboard.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2310 Hoisted #1 boat aboard #5 hatch.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 63 to 75 degrees.
Sea: Calm
Wind: Light breeze.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNav
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 3 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth #41, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth #41, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 143.5; Beacon "P" 110; Beacon "J" 094.5. All boats aboard. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS CRESCENT CITY, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS FULLER, USS RIXEY, USS ALCHIBA, USS CETUS, USS TITANIA, USS DELPHINUS, USS CASTOR, USS BREESE, USS SKYLARK, USS DASH, USS DARING, USS ORTOLAN, USS VIRIO, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS TRACY, USS CRATER, USS CUMMINGS, USS STACK, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS BUCHANAN, USS WADSWORTH, USS STANLEY, USS SOUTHARD, USS CASSIOPEIA and various craft.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0730 Lowered #16 boat into the water. 0745 Lowered #1 boat into the water.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0836 Lowered #15 boat into the water. USS RELIEF standing out. 0927 Lt. BRUNT came aboard to work on radar equipment. 1132 USS SOUTHARD standing out.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1205 Lowered #18 boat into the water. 1550 Lt. BRUNT left the ship.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1850 Hoisted all boats aboard.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 63 to 76 degrees.
Sea: Calm
Wind: Light breeze.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 4 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.	Anchored in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia, in berth #41.		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in berth #41 in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 142.5; Beacon "P" 110; Beacon "J" 094.5. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CUMMINGS, USS STACK, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS BUCHANAN, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS SKYLARK, USS CRATER, USS PHILIPS, USS DARING, USS CROUTER, USS ORTOLAN, USS ANTHONY, USS CONWAY, USS ALCHIBA, USS BALLARD, USS PROMETHEUS, USS DELPHINUS, USS TITANIA, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS CARINA, USS CETUS, USS BREESE, USS KOPARA, USS DESPITE, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS DASH and various small craft.

D. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0700 Lowered six ramp boats into the water for ships use.

Geo. Edmunson Jr.
Geo. EDMUNSON Jr.,
Ensign, USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1015 USS AMERICAN LEGION standing in.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1206 USS STEELE standing in. 1227 USS CASTOR standing out. 1310 USS WILSON standing in. 1315 Hoisted #16 boat aboard. 1325 USS DIXIE and USS MOUNT VERNON standing in. 1430 USS SEID standing in.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1845 Hoisted all boats aboard.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign, USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 64 to 74 degrees.
Wind: Light breeze from South East shifting to East-north-east in the late afternoon.
Sea: Smooth.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*

H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN

Commanding Officer.

Examined: *F. H. Moyer*

F. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday 5

October

, 19 43

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position 0800

1200

2000

Lat.

Long.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia in berth #41 in 11 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 143.5 degrees; Beacon "P" 110 degrees; Beacon "J" 094.5 degrees. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS MOUNT VERNON, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS CUMMINGS, USS STACK, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS SHELDRAKE, USS BUCHANAN, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS CROUTER, USS WILSON, USS CONWAY, USS ALCHIBA, USS TITANIA, USS CRATER, USS KOPARA, USS CETUS, USS DELPHINUS, USS BREESE, USS TRACY, USS BALLARD, USS STEELE, USS LIXIE, USS SOUTHARD, ARD#2 and various small craft.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0620 USS PARKS, USS CROUTER and USS KOPARA standing out. 0640 #1 and #16 boats lowered into the water. 0730 USS SKYLARK underway.

D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1105 USS RENSHAW standing in. 1130 USS SOUTHARD underway. 1158 USS TITANIA underway shifting berth.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1205 Commenced making all tests and preparations to get underway. 1223 USS TRYON standing into inner harbor. 1336 USS AMERICAN LEGION standing into inner harbor. 1340 Stationed all special sea detail. 1356 Heaved short. 1408 Underway on various courses and at variations of standard speed of 15 knots, standing into inner harbor. 1435 Passed through submarine nets at Great Roads Entrance. 1501 Anchored in berth #2-A in Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees; Beacon "M" 143 degrees; 1515 Secured main engine, #1 boiler and all special sea detail. #2 Boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1612 USS WILSON standing out. 1955 All boats hoisted aboard.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Cloudy, occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 66 to 72 degrees.
Wind: Light breeze from East.
Sea: Smooth.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*

H. W. BRADBURY, Commander US Navy.

Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*

T. H. MOYER, Commander 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 ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday

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October

, 1943

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth A-2 in Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth A-2 in Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees; Beacon "M" 143 degrees; #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CETUS, USS TITANIA, USS DELPHINIUS, USS BREESE, USS SKYLARK, USS DASH, USS DARING, USS ORTOLAN, USS VIREO, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS TRACY, USS ALCHIEA, USS CRATER, USS HYDROGRAPHER, USS BALLARD, USS MOUNT VERNON, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS DIXIE, USS CUMMINGS, USS STACK, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS BUCHANAN, USS WADSWORTH, USS STANLEY, USS CROUTER, USS SEID, USS CONWAY, USS STEELE, USS RENSRAW and various small craft.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0715 USS IRA JEFFERY (DE) standing out. 0720 Lowered two ramp boats and #1 surf boat into the water.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Held Quarters for Muster - no absentees. 0830 #15 boat lowered into the water. 0940 Started jacking over main engine with jacking gear. 1030 Secured from jacking over main engine.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1227 #7 boat lowered into the water. 1323 Secured fresh water system. 1325 USS TALAMANCA standing in. 1345 Fresh water system turned on. 1440 USS VELOCITY standing in. 1455 Hoisted #16 boat aboard at #5 hatch. 1530 Hoisted #13 boat aboard.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1655 Hoisted aboard boats #1 and #7. 1750 Hoisted #17 boat aboard. All boats aboard.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Cloudy, occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 64 to 68 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 7 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before, in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "I" 334 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees; Beacon "M" 143.5 degrees. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All Boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS MOUNT VERNON, USS DIXIE, USS CUMMINGS, USS TRACY, USS STACK, USS HUDSON, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS BUCHANAN, USS WADSWORTH, USS CETUS, USS TITANIA, USS DELPHINUS, USS RENSHAW, USS CONWAY, USS SEID, USS BREESE, USS SKYLARK, USS DASH, USS VIREO, USS PROMETHEUS, USS HYDROGRAPHER, USS BALLARD, USS STEELE, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS VELOCITY, USS TALAMANCA and various small craft.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0610 USS TRYON and USS DELPHINUS underway and standing out. 0640 Lowered boats #1, #7 and #12 into the water. 0750 Lowered #15 boat into the water.

J. F. Litz,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

C. W. Nickel,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0825 Secured fire main pressure system. 0830 Lowered boat #9 into the water. 0910 Lowered #10 boat into the water. 0925 Turn on fire main pressure system. 0940 Hoisted aboard boat #12 for repairs. 1003 Permission granted to jack over main engine. 1015 Secured from jacking over main engine. 1030 USS CONWAY standing out.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1440 USS DIXIE, USS BUCHANAN, USS LEVY, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS TITANIA standing out.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1742 USS TALAMANCA standing out. All boats aboard.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Cloudy, occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 64 to 74 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 8 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Anchored as before in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "I" 334 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees; Beacon "M" 143.5 degrees. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS CUMMINGS, USS STACK, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS CETUS, USS BREESE, USS SKYLARK, USS DASH, USS DARING, USS ORTOLAN, USS VIREO, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS TRACY, USS ALCHIBA, USS HYDROGRAPHER, USS BALLARD, USS SEID, USS MOUNT VERNON, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS STEELE, USS SHELDRAKE, USS RENSHAW, USS PINKNEY and various small craft.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DeSMET,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. 1132 Commenced diving operations for inspection of leak in hull, Lieut. Commander C. J. DYER diving. 1200 Ceased diving operations. 0831 Lowered #10 and #11 boat into the water.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before. 1320 Resumed diving operations to plug overboard discharge in boiler blow and to permit repairs on the line. 1340 Secured from diving operations. 1330 Lowered #1 and #12 boats into the water.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000 Anchored as before. 1710 Oil barge alongside to starboard. 1800 Commenced taking on fuel. Draft fwd. 11'9", aft. 20'9".

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before. 2005 Hoisted #1 boat aboard. All boats aboard. 2110 Secured from receiving fuel oil, received 2822 barrels.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut.(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 67 to 74 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 9 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "N" 334 degrees; Beacon "M" 143.5 degrees. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Oil barge moored along starboard side. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS STACK, USS LANDSDOWNE, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS CETUS, USS BREESE, USS SKYLARK, USS DASH, USS DARING, USS ORTOLAN, USS VIREO, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS TRACY, USS ALCHIBA, USS CARINA, USS HYDROGRAPHER, USS PINKNEY, USS BALLARD, USS SEID, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS STEELE, USS SHELDRAKE, USS RENSHAW and various small craft.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Oil barge moored alongside. 0620 USS PINKNEY underway and standing out. 0625 Oil barge cast off from starboard side. 0635 Lowered boats #1, #7 and #11 into the water. 0745 Lowered boat #10 into the water.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0900 USS LANDSDOWNE standing out. 0955 USS FOMALHAUT standing in.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1405 USS LANDSDOWNE standing

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1640 USS SWALLOW standing in. 1800 All boats aboard.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 66 to 75 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 10 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "I" 334 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees; Beacon "M" 143.5 degrees. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS CUMMINGS, USS STACK, USS HUDSON, USS STEVENS, USS PHILIPS, USS ANTHONY, USS CETUS, USS BREESE, USS SKYLARK, USS DASH, USS DARING, USS ORTOLAN, USS PROMETHEUS, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS TRACY, USS ALCHIBA, USS FOMALHAUT, USS CARINA, USS HYDROGRAPHER, USS BALLARD, USS SEID, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS SHELLRAKE, USS RENSHAW, USS VELOCITY, USS ADVENT, USS RIXEY, USS SWALLOW, USS LANDSDOWNE and various small craft.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0545 USS LANDSDOWNE standing out. 0610 USS DORSEY standing in. 0625 USS AMERICAN LEGION standing out. 0645 Lowered 3 ramp boats into the water for running purposes.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0945 Commenced jacking over main engine with jacking gear. 1010 Secured from jacking over main engine. 1120 Diesel Oil barge came along starboard side.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DeSMET,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Draft fwd. 13'0", aft. 21'0". 1215 Commenced taking of Diesel oil. 1300 Secured from taking on diesel oil, amount received 11,424 gallons. 1510 USS AMERICAN LEGION standing in to Great Roads.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1657 USS AMERICAN LEGION underway and standing out. 1750 Hoisted #11 boat aboard. 1810 Hoisted #12 boat aboard.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2015 Hoisted #10 boat aboard. 2115 Hoisted #1 boat aboard. All boats aboard.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather. Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 67 to 75 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 11 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "I" 334 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees; Beacon "M" 143.5 degrees. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All Boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS PROMETHEUS, USS POMALHAUT, USS ALCHIBA, USS CASSIPPEIA, USS CRATER, USS RIXEY, USS ARIDED, USS CAMANGA, USS SUAMICO, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS VIREO, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS ADVENT, USS STEELE, USS DORSEY, USS BREESE, CAP DES PALMS (FRENCH) and various small craft.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0630 Lowered #1, #10 and #12 boats into the water.

Ensign USNR.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0812 Commenced jacking over main engine. 0830 Secured from jacking over main engine. 0840 USS LARDNER and USS STACK standing in. 0845 Lowered #14 and #17 boats into the water.

Lieut(jg) USNR.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1845 All boats aboard.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

Ensign USNR.

E. A. Desmet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 69 to 80 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy,
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR,
Navigator

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 12 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 143.5 degrees; Beacon "I" 334 degrees; Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees. #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Ships present include: USS FULLER, USS FOMALHAUT, USS ALCHIBA, USS CASSIOPEA, USS CRATER, USS RIDEY, USS ARIDED, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS VIREO, USS SHELLDRAKE, USS ADVENT, USS STEELE, USS LARDNER, USS STACK, USS DORSEY, USS BREESE, CAP DES PALMES (FRENCH) and various small craft.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0617 USS DORSEY underway standing out. 0625 Lowered boat #1 into the water. 0645 Lowered boats #11, #12 and #17 into the water. 0715 Lowered boat #15 into the water.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0910 USS MONONGAHELA standing in. USS BREESE standing out. 1030 Draft fwd. 13'0", aft. 21'0". Commenced loading cargo into #4 hold from pontoon lighters. 1045 USS VELOCITY standing in. 1125 USS CETUS standing in.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1325 USS STACK standing out. USS LARDNER standing out. 1422 USS FULLER standing out.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1700 Hoisted #12, #15 and #17 boats aboard #3 hatch. 1915 Secured loading cargo into #4 hold. Draft fwd. 13'0", aft. 22'0". 1930 Hoisted boat #11 aboard #4 hatch. 1935 Hoisted boat #1 aboard #5 hatch.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. All boats aboard.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 78 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 13 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 078 degrees; Beacon "I" 334 degrees; Beacon "N" 199 degrees; Beacon "M" 143.5 degrees; #2 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. All boats aboard. Ships present include: USS PROMETHEUS, USS FOMALHAUT, USS ALCHIBA, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS CRATER, USS ARIDED, USS CONANGA, USS ADVENT, USS CETUS, USS VELOCITY, USS MONONGAHELA, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS VIBRO, USS SHELLDRAKE, CAP DES PALMES (FRENCH) and various small craft.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0630 Lowered boats #1, #11, #12, #15 and #17 into the water.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0810 USS PROMETHEUS standing out. 0920 Lowered boats #9, #10, #13 and #16 into the water. 0915 Permission granted to jack over main engine. 0934 Secured from jacking over main engine. 1000 Draft fwd. 12'8", aft. 21'6". 1015 Barge with cargo secured alongside #3 hold. 1032 USS SKYLARK underway and standing out. 1035 Secured loading cargo into #3 hold, barge cast off. 1110 USS PROMETHEUS standing in.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1200 Lit off #1 boiler. 1224 USS STEELE underway and standing out of submarine net. Draft fwd. 12'9", aft. 21'9". Hoisted two boats aboard. 1230 Commenced making necessary preparations for getting underway and tested annunciators and steering gear. 1330 USS SKYLARK underway and standing out. 1343 Stationed all special sea detail. 1345 Pilot Lt. MOORES, USNR., came aboard. 1356 USS STEELE standing in. 1400 Underway on various courses and speeds, standard speed 15 knots, proceeding to Nickel Dock #6. 1448 Moored port side to Nickel Dock #6, Noumea, New Caledonia, with 5 manila lines doubled up and 1 wire rope. 1505 Secured main engine, #2 boiler and special sea detail. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. 1610 Pilot Lt. MOORES, USNR., left ship. 1810 Captain H. E. THORNHILL, USN., Lt. H. Z. MILLER, USN., Lt(jg), B. R. EGGEMAN and Ensign J. M. BURNETT, USNR., Comtransport Div. TEN and part of staff came aboard and took quarters aboard and assumed command of Task Unit 32.4.5.

E. A. Desmet
E. A. DESMET,

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. 2115 Commenced working cargo into #1 hold. 2130 Commenced working cargo into #4 hold.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 70 to 80 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 14 October , 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Moored port side to Nickel Dock #6, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Moored port side to Nickel Dock #6, Noumea, New Caledonia with 5 manila lines doubled up and 1 wire rope. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Loading cargo into #3 and #4 holds. 0130 Draft fwd. 13'0", aft. 20'0". Ships present include: USS PROMETHEUS, USS ALCHIBA, USS MAJABA, USS LIBRA, USS CETUS, USS CAMMANGA, USS VIREO, USS STEELE, USS SWALLOW, USS VELOCITY and various small craft.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before.

L. S. Shuler
L. S. SHULER,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. 11 boats in the water. 1100 Commenced loading cargo into #1 and #2 holds. Loading cargo into #3 and #4 holds. 1105 USS ADHARA standing in. 1115 USS STEELE standing out.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #1, #2, #3 and #4 holds. 1545 Secured loading cargo into #1 hold.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. 1715 Singled up all lines and shifted berth approximately 40 feet forward. 1735 Secured all lines and doubling. 1820 Hoisted aboard #10 boat.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. MCWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. Working cargo into #2, #3 and #4 holds. 2200 Secured working cargo into all holds. 2300 Commenced working cargo into #2, #3 and #4 holds.

J. P. Litz
J. P. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 69 to 81 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 15 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Moored port side to Nickel Dock #6, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Moored as before, port side to Nickel Dock #6, Noumea, New Caledonia with 4 doubled and 6 singled manila lines and 1 wire rope. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Loading cargo at #2, #3 and #4 hatches, stevedoring by shore-based naval personnel. Ships present include: USS PROMETHEUS, USS ALCHIBA, USS CETUS, USS CAMANGA, USS VIREO, USS SWALLOW, USS VELOCITY, USS MAJABA, USS LIBRA and USS ADHARA, as well as miscellaneous district craft. 0200 Secured from loading cargo for the night. Twelve ship's landing craft and one shore-based pontoon barge made fast alongside to starboard for the night.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0650 USS LIBRA underway and standing out. 0700 Draft fwd. 15'3", aft. 21'3". Resumed loading of cargo into holds #2, #4 and #5.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #2, #4 and #5 holds. 0800 USS GRISWOLD standing in. 0835 USS CROUTER standing in. 0915 Jacked over main engine with jacking gear. 1159 Secured from loading cargo at #2, #4 and #5 holds.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #2, #3, #4 and #5 holds. 1210 Completed loading #5 hold. 1530 Completed loading #3 hatch.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds. 1720 Draft fwd. 15'3", aft. 22'3". USS JEFFREY standing in.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Moored as before. 2200 Secured working cargo. 2230 Resumed loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds. 2345 Completed loading #2 hatch.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 63 to 86 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Eradbury
H. W. ERADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. H. Moler
E. H. MOLER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 16 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 #6, Noumea, New Caledonia, with 4 manila lines doubled, 6 single manila lines and 1 wire rope. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Loading cargo into #4 hold. Ships present include: USS PROMETHEUS, USS ALCHIBA, USS LIBRA, USS CASSIOPIA, USS CETUS, USS ADHARA, USS SAMPSON, USS GRISWOLD, USS CAMANGA, USS MAJABA, USS VELOCITY, USS ADROIT, USS VIBEO, USS JEFFERY and various small craft. 0110 All hatches secured. All working parties off the ship.

E. A. Desmet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Moored as before. 0515 Lit off #2 boiler. Commenced preparations for getting underway. 0535 Draft fwd. 15'7", aft. 22'2", stationed special sea detail. 0548 Completed all test and preparations for getting underway. 0600 Underway at various courses and speed, standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.); Captain BRADBURY and Navigator on the bridge, Pilot Lt. MOORES USNR., conning. 0643 Anchored at Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in berth A-5, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "O" 254.45 degrees; Beacon "I" 327.15 degrees; Beacon "J" 115.30 degrees. Secured main engine, #2 boiler and special sea detail; #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0810 Pilot Lt. MOORS, USNR., left ship. 0930 USS OCEANOGRAPHER standing in. 1000 USS SHELLDRAKE, USS STRATFORD and USS DORSEY standing in.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1530 Hoisted aboard #13 and #16 boats.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1800 Hoisted all boats aboard except #1 and one new LCM(3). 1900 Shore-based pontoon barge came alongside with consignment of cargo. Lowered boats #15 and #17 preparatory to loading cargo at #2 hatch.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2010 Commenced loading cargo into #2 hatch. 2140 Temporarily secured loading pending further orders. 2215 Secured loading cargo into #2 hatch. Boats #1, #15, #17 and 1 tank lighter tied astern.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 70 to 82 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNAVY
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 17 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth A-5, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in berth A-5, in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "O" 254.30 degrees; Beacon "I" 327.15 degrees; Beacon "J" 115.45 degrees. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. One tank lighter and 3 ramp boats in water for ship's use. Ships present include: USS LIBRA, USS PROMETHEUS, USS ALCHIBA, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS CETUS, USS ADHARA, USS SOUTHWARD, USS SAMPSON, USS GRISWOLD, USS CROUTER, USS VELOCITY, USS ADROIT, USS VIREO, USS STEELE, USS SKYLARK, USS CAMANCA, USS MAJARA, USS JEFFERY, USS OCEANOGRAPHER, USS SHELDRAKE, USS SWALLOW, USS STRATFORD and various small craft. Barge secured port side #2 hold. 0230 Barge secured alongside barge at #2 hold.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0550 USS OCEANOGRAPHER standing out. 0650 USS MONTEPELIER standing in. 0650 USS FARENHOLT standing in. 0750 USS PINKNEY standing in.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. MCWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. USS GUEST standing in. Commenced loading cargo into #2 hold. 0835 Permission granted to jack over main engine. 0900 USS DORSEY standing out. Secured from jacking over main engine. 0905 Draft fwd. 15'8", aft. 22'3", with 7 boats and one tank lighter aboard. 1 Officer and 35 men working party from A.T.S. came aboard. 0925 USS WADSWORTH standing in.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Loading cargo into #2 and #4 holds. 1350 Secured working cargo into #4 hold. 1455 Secured working cargo into #2 hold.

D. T. Richardson
D. T. RICHARDSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Commenced working #4 hold. 1715 Secured from working #4 hold, working party left ship. 1845 Working party came aboard to work cargo into #4 hold.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DeSMET,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before; loading cargo into #4 hold.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. McCARREN,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 80 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 18 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in, berth A-5, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400
Anchored in berth A-5, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "O" 254.30 degrees; Beacon "I" 327.15 degrees; Beacon "J" 115.45 degrees. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. One tank lighter, two ramp boats and one surf boat secured astern for running purposes. Loading cargo in #4 hold. Ships present include: USS PROMETHEUS, USS ALCHIBA, USS LIBRA, USS CASSIOPEIA, USS CETUS, USS ADHARA, USS SOUTHARD, USS SAMPSON, USS GRISWOLD, USS CROUTER, USS VELOCITY, USS ADROIT, USS STEELE, USS VIREO, USS SKYLARK, USS JEFFRY, USS CAMANCA, USS MAJABA, USS STRATFORD, USS PINKNEY, USS LARK, USS GUEST, USS OCEANOGRAPHER and various small craft. 0230 Secured temporarily from working cargo in #4 hold. Working party left ship.

Geo. Edmunson

Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800
Anchored as before. Four boats in water. 0540 USS GUEST standing out. 0530 Draft fwd. 15'9", aft. 22'9".

E. A. DeSmet

E. A. DeSMET,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200
Anchored as before. 0821 Tank lighter lowered into water. 0840 USS RIXEY standing in. 0900 Tested general alarm. 0930 #13 LCW transferred to Boat Pool. 1155 Starboard anchor veered to 60 fathoms and port anchor underfoot.

G. G. Dawson

G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600
Anchored as before. 1327 USS VELOCITY standing out. 1328 USS BREESE standing in. USS SHAW standing in. 1355 Hoisted boats #2 and #11 aboard #2 hatch. 1426 Hoisted one tank lighter aboard #3 hatch.

J. F. Litz

J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000
Anchored as before. 1700 Commenced loading cargo at #4 hold. 1735 USS SHAW standing out. 1750 Hoisted boat #7 aboard.

C. W. Nickel

C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400
Anchored as before. 2045 Loading cargo at #4 hold. 2150 Secured from loading cargo at #4 hold. 2250 Hoisted #9 ramp boat aboard.

C. A. McWilliams

C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 68 to 80 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNAVY
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			23-00 South
Long.			166-17 East.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in berth A-5, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia, in 7 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor and the port anchor underfoot, on the following true bearings: Beacon "I" 327.15 degrees; Beacon "O" 254.30 degrees; Beacon "J" 115.45 degrees. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS CASSIOPEIA, USS CROUTER, USS PINKNEY, USS MURZIM, USS SWALLOW, USS GRISWOLD, USS JEFFERY, USS STRATFORD, USS BREESE, USS CETUS, USS ADROIT, USS STEELE, USS SKYLARK, USS MAJABA, USS LIBRA, USS PROMETHEUS, USS ALCHIBA, USS SAMPSON, USS SOUTHARD, USS SICARD, USS LARK, USS OCEANOGRAPHER and various small craft. Ship darkened; two running boats #1 and #16 in the water.

J. G. Leman
J. G. LEMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0540 USS BALCH underway and standing out. 0725 USS MILLICOMIA standing out. 0735 Draft fwd. 15'3", aft. 22'0". 0740 USS HOVEY standing out. Commenced jacking over main engine.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0850 Hoisted port anchor. 0900 Turned main engine over with steam. 0910 Stationed special sea detail. 0920 Hoisted starboard and port gangways. 0925 Heaving round on starboard anchor. 0930 Up anchor. 0937 underway at various courses and speeds from anchorage toward submarine net. Standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.) steaming at 1/3 standard speed 5 knots. Captain conning. 0943 Passed through submarine net. 0950 Proceeding at various courses and speeds to the Degaussing Range, making preparations to make runs through range. 0955 Laying to off degaussing range. 1120 Lt(jg) NUZZO, USNR., Degaussing Officer came aboard. 1125 Changed speed to 1/3 standard; making preparations for running on degaussing range. 1158 Made first run through degaussing range on heading 011 p.g.c.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Underway at various courses and speeds, proceeding through degaussing range. 1314 Second run through degaussing range on course 191 p.g.c. 1336 Third run through degaussing range course 011 p.g.c. 1404 Fourth run through degaussing range on course 191 p.g.c. 1426 Fifth run through degaussing range on course 011 p.g.c. 1503 Sixth run through degaussing range on course 011 p.g.c, test completed. 1530 Anchored in 11 fathoms of water with 13 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "Q" 107 degrees; Beacon "I" 049 1/2 degrees; Beacon "P" 062 degrees; Beacon "R" 120 degrees. 1545 Lt(jg) NUZZO, USNR., Degaussing Officer left ship. 1557 Underway proceeding to swept channel at various courses and speeds; enroute to Guadalcanal from Noumea, New Caledonia; Noumea section Task Unit 32.4.5; USS ALHENA (Flagship), USS LIBRA, USS ALCHIBA; escorts, USS DORSEY, USS GAMBLE, USS SICARD, in accordance with Third Fleet Movement Order 1-43. Captain and Navigator on bridge, Captain conning. Captain THORNHILL (ComtranDiv TEN) on bridge; standard speed 15 knots, steaming at 2/3 standard speed. 1557 Hoisted all boats aboard.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before in column formation at standard speed of 15 knots on course 142 degrees true with USS ALCHIBA astern. 1605 Ahead 2/3 standard speed. 1631 Changed course to 176 degrees true, with Isle Marie Beacon bearing 250 degrees true. 1705 Ahead standard speed. 1713 Changed course to 110 degrees true. 1715 USS LIBRA joined column astern of USS ALCHIBA. 1716 Ahead 2/3 standard speed. 1717 Rounding Amedee Light at 1200 yards distance. 1726 Stood on 256 degrees true. 1730 Changed course to 230 degrees true, passing thru Bulaei Passage. 1735 Ahead 2/3 standard speed, maneuvering into cruising disposition. 1755 Ahead standard

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN
Commanding Officer.

(Com't Over)
Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

speed. 1756 In cruising disposition as guide of port column followed by USS ALCHIBA, USS LIBRA 1000 yards on starboard beam, with USS DORSEY, USS GAMBLE, USS SICARD escorts conducting Anti-Submarine screen in van. 1825 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12 on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c.

R. Shulman
R. G. McCARREN
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. In cruising disposition as before. 2050 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course, in accordance with instructions in Operation Order, preparatory to changing base course and reduced speed to 13 knots, making 62 R.P.M. 2100 Changed course to 135 degrees true and p.g.c., in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C., ComtaskUnit 32.4.5 in USS ALHENA. 2110 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12 and resumed standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M., in accordance with previous instructions of O.T.C. as set forth in Operation Order. 2345 Made radar contact on friendly ship or ships bearing 095 degrees true, distant 12000 yards. 2350 USS SICARD reported radar contact on two friendly ships bearing 105 degrees true dead ahead on present leg of zig-zagging and distant 4000 yards. 2350 Executed emergency turn of 45 degrees to starboard on signal from O.T.C. in USS ALHENA coming to course 150 degrees true and p.g.c. 2355 Executed emergency turn to starboard of 45 degrees on signal from O.T.C. coming to course 195 degrees true and p.g.c. 2400 Two friendly ships, USS RIXEY and escorting destroyer passed close aboard to port, apparently steering course 270 degrees true.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, temperatures 71 to 88 degrees.
Wind: Moderate breeze.
Sea: Slight sea to calm.

Lyman

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday

20

October

1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	23-23 South	22-36 South	20-49 South
Long.	168-21 East	168-37 East	168-47 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, on base course 135 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots, making 72 R.P.M. This ship is guide and C.T.U., first ship in port column followed by USS ALCHIBA, distant 600 yards astern, USS LIBRA stationed in starboard column distant 1000 yards, abeam. Escorted by USS GAMBLE (Comescort), USS SICARD and USS DORSEY. 0005 Changed course on signal to 105 degrees true and p.g.c. 0018 Changed base course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. 0034 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots; zig-zagging according to plan #12. 0410 Dawn General Quarters. 0515 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness #3. 0538 Ceased zig-zagging. 0539 Ahead 2/3 speed. Changed course to 050 degrees true and p.g.c. 0552 Changed course to 022 degrees true and p.g.c. 0554 Ahead standard speed. 0600 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #8.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 022 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0900 Ceased zig-zagging. 0909 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0914 Changed standard speed to 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.). 0930 Held Boat Drill. 0943 Secured from Boat Drill. 1116 Sighted Walpole Island bearing 064 degrees true distance 30 miles.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 022 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.); zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1240 Secured Radar temporarily for repairs. 1310 Radar resumed sweeps.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before on base course 022 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. In cruising disposition as before. 1620 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal from O.T.C. in USS ALHENA. 1630 Changed base course to 342 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal and reduced speed to 13 knots to maintain formation. 1640 Increased speed to 15½ knots (75 R.P.M.), on signal. 1645 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #11 on signal. 1738 Increased speed by one R.P.M., making 76 R.P.M. 1840 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 342 degrees true and p.g.c. in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. in USS ALHENA.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in convoy formation on base course 342 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots making 76 R.P.M.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 71 to 76 degrees.
Wind: Moderate to fresh breeze up to noon - Moderate breeze remainder of day from East-north-east.
Sea: Moderate from East-north-east.
Current: 240 degrees 1.0 to 1.2 knots.
Run anchorage to Noon 251 miles.

Approved:

Examined:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander 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.

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 21 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	18-03 South	17-09 South	15-28 South
Long.	167-45 East	167-20 East	166-20 East.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands; Captain THORNHILL ComtransDiv TEN in USS ALHENA; on base course 342 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. In cruising disposition with USS ALCHIBA astern 600 yards and USS LIBRA abeam to starboard 1000 yards; this ship guide; escorts USS DORSEY (Comescort), USS GAMBLE, and USS SICARD. 0000 Commenced zig-zagging in accordance with plan #11.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in convoy formation on base course 342 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0415 Manned battle stations for danger period at daybreak. 0515 Secured from General Quarters and set Condition III. 0604 Changed base course to 352 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. in USS ALHENA, without cessation of zig-zagging. 0737 Sighted friendly destroyer on horizon astern, bearing 162 degrees true and distant approximately 10 miles.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in convoy formation on base course 352 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0917 USS RENSHAW joined convoy and took position. 0920 Sighted two ships USS TITANIA bearing 349 degrees true; other ship bearing 345 degrees true. Another ship sighted bearing 352 degrees true. 0929 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 352 degrees true. 0933 Changed base course to 330 degrees true and p.g.c., on signal from O.T.C. in USS ALHENA. 0935 Changed speed to 13 knots averaging 63 R.P.M. 0940 Resumed standard speed of 15½ knots, (76 R.P.M.). 0955 USS TITANIA, USS CONY and USS WALLER joined convoy and took positions. 1000 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1010 USS SICARD and USS GAMBLE left convoy. USS TITANIA took position astern of USS LIBRA. 1143 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c. 1156 USS DORSEY coming alongside USS TITANIA.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 -1600

Steaming as before in convoy formation on base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots (76 R.P.M.). 1206 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #11.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots making 76 R.P.M. 0730 Sighted four ships bearing 260 degrees true, distant 18 miles.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots (76 R.P.M.); zig-zagging according to plan #11.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 71 to 87 degrees.
Wind: Moderate breeze reducing to a light breeze in the afternoon from North - east to North.
Sea: Moderate reducing to calm in afternoon from North-east to East.

Run: Noon to Noon 347 miles Current 246 degrees 0.4 knots.

Approved:

Examined:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 22 October 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	12-57 South	12-02 South	10-42 South
Long.	164-51 East	164-16 East	162-55 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before enroute from Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal Solomon Islands, on base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. Comtaskunit 32.4.5 (ComtransDiv TEN) in USS ALHENA, guide and O.T.C. of convoy; USS ALCHIBA 600 yards astern, USS LIBRA 1000 yards on the starboard beam followed by USS TITANIA in column; USS WALLER (Comescort), USS CONY, USS RENSHAW and USS DORSEY, escorting destroyers, conducting anti-submarine search in van.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots, making 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0428 Held dawn General Quarters. 0530 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15½ knots (76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 0956 Unidentified aircraft bearing 170 degrees true showing no recognition signal, distance 4 miles. Sounded General Quarters. 0957 Aircraft identified as friendly. 1015 Secured from General Quarters and set condition III.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 330 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15½ knots (76 R.P.M.) in cruising formation. Zig-zagging according to plan #11. 1235 Sighted 4 ships ½ point on port bow bearing 334 degrees true, distance approximately 17 miles on opposite course. 1247 Changed to standard speed of 15 knots (72 R.P.M.), steaming at standard speed. 1401 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 1407 Changed base course to 311 degrees true and p.g.c. 1408 Changed speed to 13 knots (63 R.P.M.). 1412 Changed speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). 1416 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8.

J.F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 311 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1758 Changed standard speed to 14 knots (68 R.P.M.); steaming at standard speed. 1848 Radar contact San Cristobal Island bearing 283 degrees true, distance 63 miles.

K.G. McCaren
K. G. McCAREN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 311 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 68 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. In cruising disposition as before.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, generally clear, temperatures from 79 to 88 degrees.
Wind: Light breeze
Sea: Calm
Run Noon to Noon 352 miles.
Current: 210 degrees .5 miles.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T.H. Moyr
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Saturday 23 October 1943

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09-23 South	Anchored off Tetera Beach,	
Long.	160-43 East	in Berth 88, Guadalcanal.	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming enroute Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal on base course 311 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, making 68 R.P.M., in cruising formation with this ship O.T.C. and guide followed by USS ALCHIBA in the port column, USS LIBRA followed by USS TITANIA in the starboard column. Escorts: USS WALLER (Com-Escort), USS RENSHAW, USS CONY and USS DORSEY. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0010 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0020 Changed base course to 280 degrees true and p.g.c. 0030 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0125 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0130 Changed base course to 270 degrees true and p.g.c., resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0330 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0340 Changed base course to 311 degrees true and p.g.c. 0350 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 311 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots; zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0447 Dawn general quarters. 0547 Secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness III. 0550 Sighted Nura Island bearing 297 degrees true, distant 18 miles. 0635 Sighted Rua Sura Island bearing 281 degrees, distant 21 miles. 0740 Ceased zig-zagging; resumed base course. 0745 Changed course to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. 0746 Reduced speed to 2/3. 0752 Increased speed to standard.

K. G. McCareen
K. G. McCAREEN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 270 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots (68 R.P.M.), in cruising formation as before, zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0825 Secured from condition III and set condition IV. 0922 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1010 Station special sea detail. 1015 Proceeding independently to assigned anchorage, berth #88, at various courses and speeds. 1046 Stopped engine. 1058 Anchored off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal, in berth #88, in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 191½ degrees; Beacon "J" 272½ degrees; Beacon "L" 088½ degrees. 1100 Commenced unloading boats into the water. 1140 All boats in the water. 1150 Draft forward 14'2" aft 23'4".

J. F. LITE
J. F. LITE,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1201 Commenced unloading cargo from #1, #2, #4 and #5 holds into ships boats and pontoon barges from the beach. 1220 One hundred and five hand Marine working party came aboard. 1240 Commenced unloading cargo from #3 hold. 1450 USS LARDNER, USS WILSON, USS GRAYSON, USS STACK, USS LANDSDOWNE standing out. 1500 Draft forward 13'7" aft 23'1". 1559 Transferred cargo mail to USS TITANIA.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign, USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. 1630 Completed unloading cargo from #5 hold. 1730 Completed unloading cargo from #1 hold. Continued unloading cargo from holds #2, #3 and #4 throughout this watch.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds to ship's boats and shore-based pontoon barges for lightering ashore. 1800 Draft forward 13'1" aft 23'2".

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds. 2100 Draft forward 13' aft 23'1".

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

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Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

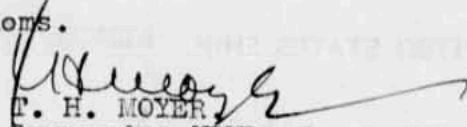
Weather: Clear generally hot with occasional rain squall, temperatures from 76 to 90 degrees.

Sea: Smooth.

Wind: Calm.

Run Noon to Anchorage: 308 miles.

0112 Passed over Lark Shoal, least depth of 8 fathoms.


F. H. MOYER
Commander USNR.

Cargo discharge at 2400: .

Tons: 720

Hours: 12

Rate per ton 60

Percent 64

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 24 October 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description 11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored off Tetera Beach, Guadalcanal, in berth 88 in 16 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain on port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 272½ degrees; Beacon "K" 191½ degrees; Beacon "L" 088½ degrees. Ships present include: USS TITANIA, USS LIBRA, USS WALLER, USS DORSEY, USS CONWAY, USS RENSHAW, USS ADVENT, USS ALCHIBA, L.C.T. 21, 23, 24 and 70. Draft fwd. 12'2", aft. 22'10". Continuing unloading cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds. 0300 Draft fwd. 11'9", aft. 22'9".

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster, USN.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds. 0425 Completed discharging cargo from #3 hold. 0515 Completed discharging cargo from #2 hold. 0600 Draft fwd. 11'1", aft. 22'0".

J. G. Luman
J. G. LUMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0900 Hoisted #4 and #7 ramp boats aboard on #5 hatch. Draft fwd. 11'1", aft. 23'0". 0925 Hoisted ramp boats #10, #16, #14, #3, #6, #15, #17, #18 and #8 aboard; Hoisted #2 tank lighter aboard. 1015 USS HOVEY and USS LONG standing in. 1105 Completed discharging cargo. 1125 Hoisted #5, #9, #11 ramp boats and #1 tank lighter aboard. 1145 USS BALCH standing in.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1200 Draft fwd. 11'6", aft. 22'11". 1230 Made all preparations for getting underway. 1309 Hove short. 1312 Underway at various courses and speeds; Captain conning. Set standard speed 15 knots. 1317 Steaming on course 290 degrees true and Gyro. 1407 Captain H.E. THORNHILL, USN., Lt. H.Z. MILLER, USN., Lt(jg). B.R. EGGEMAN, D-V(G), USNR. and Ensign J.M. BURNETT, D-V(G), USNR., detached in accordance with ComtransGrThirdAmphFor secret despatch 211 912 of October 1943. 1455 Lt. Commander FULTON, USNR. (pilot) came aboard. 1508 Anchored off Doma Cove, Guadalcanal in 48 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain on port anchor on the following true bearings: Savo Peak 354½ degrees; Visale Peak 300½ degrees; Tassaferanga Point 140½ degrees. 1555 Commenced discharging cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster, USN.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Discharging cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds. 1615 Pilot Lieut. Comdr. FULTON, USNR., left the ship. 1800 Draft fwd. 11'9", aft. 22'6".

J. G. Luman
J. G. LUMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continued discharging cargo from #2, #3 and #4 holds. 1950 Completed discharging cargo from #3 hold.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Continuing discharge of cargo from #2 and #4 holds. 2100 Draft fwd. 11'3", aft. 22'6".

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster, USN.

Weather: Cloudy, with occasionally rain squalls, temperatures from 76 to 87 degrees.

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Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*

H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*

T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

Cargo discharge Data:

	Tetere Beach Cargo			Dona Cove Cargo
	Today	Previous	Total	
Tons:	405	720	1125	150
Hours:	11	12	23	8
Rate	37	60	49	18
Percent:	36	64	100	55

F. H. Moyer
 F. H. MOYER,
 Commander USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 25 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in Doma Cove, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, in 48 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following true bearings: Savo Island 354½ degrees; Visale Peak 300½ degrees; Tassafaronga Point 140½ degrees. Ship darkened. Engine room in standby condition, ready for getting underway. Discharging cargo from #2 and #4 holds. USS ALCHIBA and USS LIBRA present in Doma Cove. 0300 Draft fwd. 11'1", aft. 22'3". 0345 Completed discharging cargo from #2 hold.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Continued unloading cargo from #4 hold. Draft fwd. 11'3", aft 22'0".

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0900 Draft fwd. 11'0", aft. 21'6". 0955 Made all preparations for getting underway; stationed sea detail. 1050 Completed unloading cargo from #4 hold. 1051 Hove short. 1055 Underway at various courses and speeds; Captain conning. Set standard speed 15 knots. 1057 Steadied on course 135 degrees true and Gyro.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before, standing in to anchorage on course 135 degrees true and p.g.c., at various speeds. 1206 Anchored off Kukuambona River, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, in 43 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 297 degrees; Beacon "K" 310 degrees; Beacon "H" 100 degrees. 1207 Secured degaussing coils and set engine room in standby condition, ready for getting underway. Secured special sea detail and set condition IV, preparatory to loading cargo. 1315 Pursuant to orders of the Commanding General, Third Marine Division, Major Henry APPLINGTON, USMC., reported aboard for temporary duty in connection with forthcoming amphibious operations. 1330 Commenced loading cargo lightered out from the beach in ship's landing craft.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Continued loading cargo in #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 holds.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1800 Draft fwd. 11'6", aft. 21'9". Loading cargo into #3 hold. 1730 Secured from working cargo at #1, #2, #4, #5 holds.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before, continued to work cargo at #3 hold. 2125 Secured from working cargo at #3 hold.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Cloudy, with occasionally rain squalls, temperatures from 74 to 86 degrees.

Cargo data:	Today	Previous	Total
Tons:	125	150	275
Hours:	10	8	18
Rate:	12	18	15
Percent:	45	55	100

Approved:

Examined:

W. W. Bradbury
W. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN
Commanding Officer.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR, Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Tuesday
(Day)26
(Date)October, 19 43
(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored off Kokumbona River, Guadalcanal, Solomons Islands in 43 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain on port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 297 degrees; Beacon "K" 310 degrees; Beacon "H" 100 degrees. Engine room in standby condition, ready for getting underway. Ships present include: USS ALCHIBA, USS TITANIA, USS LIBRA, USS CONWAY, USS EATON and USS SIOUX.

A.C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0430 Tested main engine by steam and conducted steering and engine room telegraph tests on bridge preparatory to getting underway. 0440 Draft fwd. 11'11", aft. 21'9". 0445 Dispatched all ship's landing boats, except #1 and #15 on board, to Tetera anchorage under their own power. Stationed special sea detail. 0458 Underway at various speeds on various courses, proceeding to shift anchorage to Berth #94, Tetera, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. Captain conning. 0653 Anchored in assigned berth, #94, in 17 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor, on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 267 degrees; Beacon "K" 233 degrees; Beacon "B" 272½ degrees. 0655 Secured special sea detail; engine room in standby condition, ready for getting underway. 0755 Commenced loading cargo lightered out from the beach in ship's landing craft. Draft fwd. 11'11", aft. 21'9".

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Continued loading cargo into all holds. 0915 Hoisted #10 ramp boat aboard at #5 hatch. 1135 Lowered #10 ramp boat into the water. 1158 Draft fwd. 12'3", aft. 22'0".

A.J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1435 Received from Lunga Boat Pool 2 LCV Boats engine #C-7542, #C-1218 for ship's use. Authority USS ALHENA despatch 242240 of October 1943. Continuing to load cargo.

A.C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Continuing to load cargo at #1 hold from Ship's Boats.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continued loading cargo at #1 hold. 1800 Draft fwd. 13'0", aft. 21'9". 1805 Hoisted aboard 2 ramp boats; hoisted aboard #6 ramp boat aboard. 1855 Completed loading cargo at #1 hold.

A.J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

A.C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

Weather: Cloudy, temperatures from 77 to 86 degrees.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 27 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before, at Tetera anchorage, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, in Berth #94 in 17 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 267 degrees; Beacon "K" 233 degrees; Beacon "E" 272½ degrees. Ship darkened, engine room in standby condition ready for getting underway. USS TITANIA, USS LIBRA and USS ALCHIBA (Comtrandiv 10) present in adjoining berths.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0505 USS LIBRA underway; changed berth. 0730 Made all preparations for getting underway. 0735 Turned over main engine with steam. 0740 Stationed special sea detail.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Underway at various courses and speeds, shifting berths; set standard speed 15 knots; Captain conning. 0832 Anchored off Tetera, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, in Berth 77, in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 267 degrees; Beacon "K" 233 degrees; Beacon "L" 95 degrees. 0940 USS TITANIA shifted berth. 1000 USS BUCHANAN and USS CHANDELIER standing in. 1130 USS SOUTHARD standing in.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. 1605 Set Condition IV (Drill). 1645 Secured from Condition IV. 1720 USS BALCH standing out.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1830 USS LIBRA shifted berths.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, temperatures 69 to 88 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyers
T. H. MOYERS, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Thursday

28

October

, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored off Tetere, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in Berth #77 in 20 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 233 degrees; Beacon "B" 272½ degrees; Beacon "J" 267 degrees. Engine room in standby condition. Ships present include: USS ALCHIBA, USS TITANIA, USS LIBRA, USS WALLER, USS DORSEY, USS LARDMER, USS CONWAY, USS ADVENT, USS THATCHER, USS STACK, USS GRAYSON, USS WILSON, USS HOVEY, USS BALCH, USS PARKS, USS PICKNEY, USS BUCHANAN, USS CHANDELEUR, USS SOUTHARD, USS COLUMBIA and USS STANLEY.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,

Chief Quartermaster USN.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0615 Commenced lowering boats on signal from O.T.C. in USS ALCHIBA (Comtransdiv TEN and C.T.D. Charlie) for landing maneuvers. 0650 All boats waterborne; draft fwd. 14'8, aft. 20'8. 0657 Despatched first wave of boats to beach on signal from O.T.C., discharging cargo from all holds and landing embarked personnel on beach head established.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,

Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo from all hatches into ship's landing craft for lightering ashore in training operation. 0803 Completed unloading from #5 hatch. 0935 Completed unloading from #4 hatch. 1020 Completed unloading from #2 hatch. 1025 Completed unloading from #1 hatch. 1100 Disembarked last of personnel to be sent ashore. 1135 Completed unloading from #3 hatch and sent last boat ashore.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,

Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1517 Veered anchor cable 90 fathoms.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,

Chief Quartermaster, USN.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. 1715 Marines commenced returning to ship from beach.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,

Ensign, USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. Reembarking personnel landed during training exercises. 1815 Completed reembarkation of personnel previously sent ashore. All boats hoisted aboard except three tank lighters, LCM (3) Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,

Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS

Ensign, USNR.

Weather:

Cloudy, with occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 77 to 87 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander, USNR.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 29 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth #77 off Tetera, Guadalcanal.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth #77 off Tetera, Guadalcanal, in 20 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 267 degrees; Beacon "K" 233 degrees; Beacon "B" 272½ degrees. Engine room in standby condition. Ships present include: USS ALCHIBA, USS TITANIA, USS LIBRA, USS WALLER, USS DORSEY, USS LARDNER, USS HOVEY, USS BALCH, USS PARKS, USS PINKNEY, USS BUCHANAN, USS CHANDELEUR, USS SOUTHLAND, USS COLUMBIA, and USS STANLEY.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0600 Commenced lowering boats preparatory to reloading cargo landed during previous day's Amphibious Exercises. 0615 Sent first tank lighter (LCM) ashore with beach party. 0630 Sent first ramp boats (LCVP) to the beach for cargo to be lightered out to ship. 0730 Commenced loading cargo at all hatches from ship's boats.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0810 USS NASHVILLE and USS MONTPELIER standing in. 0930 USS LEVY and USS PATAPSCO standing out. Continuing to load cargo at #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 hatches.

A. C. Kinder
A. C. KINDER,
Chief Quartermaster USN.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1200 Draft fwd. 13'6", aft. 21'6". Completed loading cargo into #4 hatch. 1235 Completed loading cargo into #3 hatch. 1315 Hoisted aboard #3 and #6 ramp boats. 1330 USS WHITNEY, USS ATASCOSA, USS STEELE, USS SEID, USS McCONNEL and USS ASTERHAUS standing in.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 1800

Anchored as before. Continuing to load cargo at #1, #2 and #5 hatches from ship's boats. 1730 Completed reloading last of cargo from the beach, and commenced hoisting boats.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1845 Hoisted #12 boat aboard. 1940 Hoisted tank lighter #1 and #3 aboard.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 75 to 92 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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Saturday 30 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		09-36 South	10-26 South
Long.		160-47 East	160-42 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored at Tetera Guadalcanal in berth #77 in 20 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "K" 230 degrees; Beacon "J" 267 degrees; Beacon "B" 272½ degrees. Engine room in standby condition. Ships present include: USS DARING, USS COMFLICT, USS ALCHIBA, USS LIBRA. All boats aboard except #15 and #2 LCM tied astern.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0715 Draft fwd. 14'6", aft. 21'3". 0716 All boats hoisted aboard. 0717 USS HOPKINS, USS HOVEY, USS DORSEY, and USS SOUTHARD standing in.

E. A. DeSMET
E. A. DeSMET,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0812 USS BREESE and USS HOPKINS underway and standing out. 0825 Permission granted to turn over main engine by steam. 0840 Stationed special sea detail. 0845 Anchor at short stay (30 fathoms). 0901 Underway at various courses and speeds conforming with channel. 0902 USS ALCHIBA, USS LIBRA and USS TITANIA underway. 0925 Formed cruising disposition Section #1 USS LIBRA, USS ALHENA; Section #2 USS ALCHIBA (C.T.U.) and USS TITANIA; course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., standard speed 15 knots (74 R.P.M.). 0952 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1049 Ceased zig-zagging and changed base course to 147 degrees true and p.g.c. 1104 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8 Position X. 1115 Changed standard speed to 14 knots (68 R.P.M.). 1140 Ceased zig-zagging (Position XV) resumed base course 147 degrees true and p.g.c. 1143 Changed base course to 131 degrees true and p.g.c. 1152 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8 Position XVII.

J. F. LITZ
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 131 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 14 knots (68 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1210 changed base course to 111 degrees true and p.g.c.; ceased zig-zagging. 1220 Resumed zig-zagging and base course 131 degrees true. 1335 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 131 degrees true and p.g.c. 1340 Changed base course to 170 degrees true and p.g.c., steaming at 2/3 standard speed. 1344 Resumed standard speed. 1350 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1525 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course 178 degrees true and p.g.c. 1530 Changed base course to 154 degrees true and p.g.c. 1540 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising disposition with Transport Div. Charlie of T.U. 32.5.1; second ship in starboard column; on base course 154 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots; Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1655 Sighted Transport Div. Baker of T.U. 32.5.1 bearing 173 degrees true and p.g.c., distance 12 miles. 1700 Ceased zig-zagging on signal. 1705 Changed base course to 200 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1706 Ahead 2/3 speed on signal. 1710 ahead standard speed on signal. 1717 Changed base course to 250 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal; ahead 2/3 speed on signal. 1721 Changed base course to 295 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1725 Ahead standard speed on signal. 1727 Changed speed to 10 knots on signal. 1817 Changed standard speed to 14½ knots on signal; steaming at standard speed. 1820 Transport Div. Baker and escorts joined formation; C.T.U. 32.5.1 in USS HUNTER LIGGETT (Guide). 1825 Ahead 2/3 speed on signal. 1833 Ahead standard speed on signal. 1855 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12 on signal. 1910 Changed base course to 294 degrees true

(Con't Over)

Approved:

Examined:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

and p.g.c. on signal.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 294 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14½ knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. In cruising disposition as before, USS ALHENA on station #32. Comtrans Third Flhb (C.T.U. 31.5.1 and O.T.C.) in USS HUNTER LIGGETT, on station #21 as guide.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, cloudy, temperatures from 76 to 88 degrees.

Run: Anchorage to Noon 40 miles.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
COMMANDER USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 31 October, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09-14 South	08-56 South	07-58 South
Long.	158-13 East	157-24 East	156-02

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming enroute Guadalcanal to Bougainville on base course 294 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 14½ knots, making 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. In formation with USS CRESCENT CITY and USS FULLER in first section. USS HUNTER LIGGETT (Guide and O.T.C.) and USS AMERICAN LEIGON in second section. USS LIBRA and USS ALHENA in third section. USS ALCHIBA and USS TITANIA in fourth section. Escorts include: USS DORSEY, USS HOVEY, USS LONG, USS SOUTHARD, USS HOPKINS, USS CONWAY, USS FULLON, USS HUTCHINS and USS GUEST. 0009 Changed base course to 289 degrees true and p.g.c. on order of O.T.C.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 289 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots (70 R.P.M.); Zig-zagging according to plan #12; second ship in third section, USS HUNTER LIGGETT (Guide and O.T.C.). 0454 General Quarters 0542 Ceased zig-zagging resumed base course 289 degrees true and p.g.c. 0549 Ahead 1/3 speed on signal. 0555 Section #3 changed course to 248 degrees true and p.g.c.; ahead 2/3 speed on signal. 0555 Secured from General Quarters; set modified Condition of readiness #3. 0600 Took station astern of USS LIBRA fourth ship in second section. 0708 Ship sighted bearing 282 degrees true and p.g.c. distance 16 miles. 0712 Ahead 2/3 speed on signal. 0740 Transdiv ABLE and DesDiv 89 of T.U. 32.5.1 joined formation; TransDiv ABLE stationed section #2; this section now section #3; Task Unit Commander in USS GEORGE CLYMER; Transgroup Commander in USS HUNTER LIGGETT; USS PRESIDENT JACKSON took guide.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 289 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots (70 R.P.M.). 0805 C. T. U. designated as O.T.C. 0812 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12. 0825 Sighted land bearing 310 degrees true distance 45 miles. 1010 Turn right 80 degrees to course 009 degrees true; ceased zig-zagging. 1011 Emergency turn left 80 degrees to course 289 degrees true. 1018 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12. 1024 Emergency turn left 50 degrees to course 319 degrees true. 1028 Emergency turn left 30 degrees to course 289 degrees true. 1032 Changed base course to 295 degrees true and p.g.c. 1036 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12. 1140 Turn 70 degrees to course 215 degrees true. 1143 Turn 70 degrees to course 285 degrees true. 1145 Turn 30 degrees to course 315 degrees. 1147 Turn 50 degrees to course 005 degrees true. 1150 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan with base course 295 degrees true and p.g.c.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before in convoy, on base course 295 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14½ knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. In cruising disposition as before. 1229 Changed base course to 290 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal from O.T.C. in USS HUNTER LIGGETT. 1303 Changed standard speed to 14 knots on signal from O.T.C., steaming at standard speed. 1334 Adjusted base course to 288 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal from O.T.C. 1347 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 288 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal from O.T.C. 1402 Executed turn to port of 80 degrees on signal from O.T.C. coming to course 208 degrees true and p.g.c. 1440 Executed turn to starboard on signal from O.T.C., coming to course 288 degrees true and p.g.c. 1416 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12 on signal from O.T.C.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 288 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 68 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to

Approved:

(Con't Over)
Examined:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

plan #12. In cruising disposition as before. 1647 Changed standard speed to 14½ knots on signal from O.T.C. in USS HUNTER LIGGETT, steaming at standard speed. 1750 Ceased zig-zagging preparatory to changing base course as signaled.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 288 degrees true and 281 p.g.c. at standard speed 14½ knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. 1800 Changed base course on signal of O.T.C. to 340 degrees true and 339½ p.g.c. 1810 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12. 1900 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order of O.T.C.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 340 degrees true and 339½ p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots. 2000 Changed base course to 312 degrees true and 311½ p.g.c. on order of O.T.C. 2003 Increased standard speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.) on order of O.T.C. 2145 Sighted tracer fire bearing 326 degrees true distant 15 miles. 2233 Executed turn to 202 degrees true. 2243 Flares from enemy aircraft off starboard beam. Went to General Quarters. Turned to course 222 degrees true on signal. 2250 Made emergency turn to 252 degrees true. 2252 Made emergency turn to 282 degrees true. 2255 Condition Red at Villa Lavella, flares ahead. 2300 Made emergency turn to 312 degrees true. Changed standard speed to 15½ knots. 2308 Radar reported enemy planes on various bearings and distances around the convoy. 2315 Changed standard speed to 15 knots. (Layer of clouds at about two thousand feet probably hundred enemy aircraft in seeing the formation. No bomb drops observed.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, generally clear, temperatures from 78 to 88 degrees.
Sea: Calm.
Wind: Moderate.
Noon to Noon run: 215 miles.

Lyman

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Monday

1 November 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming as before in cruising disposition fourth ship in section three, SOPES (C.T.F. 31) in USS GEORGE CLYMER; O.T.C. (C.T.U. 31.5.1) in USS HUNTER LIGGETT; on course 312 degrees true and p.g.c. Ship in Condition of readiness 1; General Quarters. 0130 Secured from General Quarters; set Condition of readiness 3. 0312 Changed base course to 000 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in convoy in cruising formation on base course 000 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 72 R.P.M. 0432 Changed standard speed to 12 knots, steaming at standard speed and averaging 58 R.P.M. 0432 Changed course to 045 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal from O.T.C. (C.T.U. 31.5.1) in USS HUNTER LIGGETT. 0443 Reduced speed to 2/3 on signal from section leader (Commander Transport Division Charlie) in USS ALCHIBA preparatory to forming in approach disposition as signaled by O.T.C. in USS HUNTER LIGGETT. 0448 Reduced speed to 6 knots, averaging 29 R.P.M., on signal from O.T.C. 0452 Set degaussing coils for approach course of 045 degrees true. 0500 Manned all battle stations for condition of readiness 1. 0512 Increased speed to standard speed averaging 58 R.P.M., on signal from O.T.C. All transports in column for approach to Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on course 045 degrees true. Minesweepers sweeping channel in van, destroyers screening ahead and on flanks, salvage tugs bringing up the rear of formation. All ships using speed cones, signaling various adjustments of speed necessary to maintain station in column formation led by USS HUNTER LIGGETT (C.T.U. 31.5.1 and O.T.C.) with the remaining transports in the following order: USS CRESCENT CITY, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS FULLER, USS ALCHIBA, USS TITANIA, USS LIBRA and USS ALHENA. 0515 Formed column open order on signal from O.T.C. 0630 Transports taking assigned stations in transport area about 1500 yards offshore in the Cape Torokina area, lying to preparatory to lowering landing boats for first and successive assault waves. 0640 Set special condition 1 for landing operations. 0714 Dropped anchor underfoot in assigned position, with 20 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor in 18 fathoms of water. Precise anchorage bearings unobtainable due to inaccurate charting of Bougainville coast. 0715 Lowered boats and commenced debarking personnel and discharging cargo. 0716 First assault wave of landing craft landed on assigned beaches, after shelling of area by units of destroyer screen assigned to fire support group, and bombing of designated coastal target areas by supporting aircraft. 0728 Underway in company with all transports and designated units of screen on signal from O.T.C. to stand by to repel enemy air attack anticipated on the basis of radar reports of approaching enemy aircraft. Standing out of Empress Augusta Bay generally on base course 210 degrees true at standard speed of 15 knots, executing radical turns on emergency flag and voice (TBS.) signals from O.T.C. (C.T.U. 31.5.1) in USS HUNTER LIGGETT. All ships' landing craft lying offshore in transport area, dispersing for anti-aircraft protection and standing by to await return of transports upon cessation of air attack.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in company with other transports and escorting units of Task Group 31.5, standing out of Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, generally on course 210 degrees true at standard speed of 15 knots; executing radical turns on signal from O.T.C. in USS HUNTER LIGGETT in order to defend ships against approaching enemy planes. 0805 Undetermined number of enemy planes overhead; opened fire, with all guns bearing on port side, on Japanese medium and dive bombers attacking various ships in disposition. USS ALHENA'S firing ineffective; four planes observed by this ship to be shot

(Con't Over)

Approved:

Examined:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Commanding Officer.

Navigator.

down by destroyers in screen and possibly by American interceptors maintaining an umbrella of fighter cover overhead. No ships of Task Group 31.5 hit by bombs during this attack. 0900 Radar screen clear of bogies; transports and screening destroyers returning to debarkation area on signal from O.T.C., generally steering course 030 degrees true toward Puruata Island and Cape Torokina. 0945 Anchored in assigned debarkation station off Puruata Island in Empress Augusta Bay, in 19 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Landing craft returning to ship for resumption of unloading. 0948 Dispatched loaded boats to assigned beach near Cape Torokina, boats using navigable channel between Puruata and Torokina Islands.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. Unloading from all hatches into ship's boats and two LCM (3) from USS TITANIA assigned by C.T.U. 31.5.1. 1300 Underway on signal from O.T.C., standing out in company with other transports and destroyers of task group preparatory to repelling air attack by approaching enemy planes picked up by radar. Executing radical turns on signal, steaming at standard speed, as a defense measure against enemy air attack. 1354 Approximately 80 enemy planes reported in vicinity, majority not visible to surface ships because of extreme altitude. About half a dozen Japanese aircraft seen to strafe U.S. Marines' beach-head, with some bombs dropped on their positions and near USS AMERICAN LEGION which was unable to join remainder of task group in offshore maneuvering because of grounding on shoal in transport area. 1415 Radar screen clear of bogies, enemy planes having been reported by primary fighter director in USS CONWAY to have been intercepted by American fighter cover; task group standing in to transport area on signal from O.T.C., on various courses approximating 030 degrees true and at various speeds. 1455 Anchored in 16 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Ship's boats coming alongside for resumption of unloading cargo and debarkation of personnel.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1605 #2 hold completed unloading. 1640 Completed unloading #4 hold. Commenced hoisting boats aboard. 1703 #1 hold completed unloading. 1720 #5 hold completed unloading. 1743 #3 hold completed unloading. 1818 All boats aboard. 1818 Underway at various courses and speeds to conform with channel departing Empress Augusta Bay at standard speed 15 knots. 1827 Set condition III. 1851 Joined formation with ships in following order: Section 1, starboard column USS HUNTER LIGGETT (O.T.C.), USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS CRESCENT CITY and USS ALCHIBA. Section 2, center column USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS FULLER and USS LIBRA. Section 3, port column USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS ALHENA and USS TITANIA. Escorted by USS FULLAM, USS HUDSON, USS BENNETT, USS GUEST, USS BRAINE, USS DORSEY, USS SOUTHARD, USS CONWAY, USS HOVEY and USS HOPKINS. 1904 Commenced zig-zagging according to *Cornell* plan #12 on base course 220 degrees true and p.g.c.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. U. NR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition third ship in third section: C. T. U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER; O.T.C. in USS HUNTER LIGGETT; on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c.; at standard speed of 15 knots; zig-zagging according to plan #38. 2030 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 2031 Changed course on signal to 240 degrees true and p.g.c. 2041 Changed course on signal to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 2046 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #38. 2128 Ceased zig-zagging; ahead 2/3 speed. 2138 Ahead Standard speed; changed course to 132 degrees true and p.g.c. 2300 Section one left formation and detailed by C.T.U. to carry out previous orders; USS PRESIDENT JACKSON designated as O.T.C. 2310 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12. 2359 Changed standard speed to 14.5 knots, steaming at standard speed.

K.G. McCarran
K. G. McCARRAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, temperatures from 83 to 89 degrees.
Wind: Calm.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Noon to Noon 314 miles.

Cargo Data:

Total unloaded			284 hoists, 515 tons.
At	1100	17%	
	1200	36%	
	1300	57%	
	1600	82%	
	1700	100%	

Actual net working time 5 Hours.

Lyman

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 2 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before in convoy, en route from Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands to Purvis Bay, Florida Island, British Solomon Islands, on base course 132 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. Maintaining station #23 in cruising formation of two columns of four ships each: Section one comprising USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (O.T.C.), USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS FULLER and USS LIBRA; Section two comprising USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS ALHENA and USS TITANIA, in that order. USS CONWAY, USS LONG, USS DORSEY, USS HOVEY, USS HOPKINS and USS SOUTHARD conducting anti-submarine search in van of disposition.

0400 - 0800

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.
Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 132 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14½ knots, averaging 68 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. 0500 Dawn General Quarters. 0605 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition III. 0650 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0700 Changed base course to 117 degrees true and p.g.c. 0710 Resumed zig-zagging on order of O.T.C.

0800 - 1200

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.
Steaming as before on base course 117 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots (70 R.P.M.) steaming at standard speed; zig-zagging according to plan #12. 1130 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course (Position III). 1132 Changed speed to 2/3. 1137 Changed speed to standard. 1140 Changed base course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. 1150 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12 (Position V).

1200 - 1600

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.
Steaming as before on base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots (70 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #12. 1308 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c. 1310 Changed base course to 100 degrees true and p.g.c. 1315 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12. 1520 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 100 degrees true and p.g.c. 1525 Changed speed to 12½ knots (62 R.P.M.). 1528 Changed base course to 087 degrees true and p.g.c. 1530 Resumed standard speed of 14½ knots (70 R.P.M.). 1532 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #12.

1600 - 2000

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.
Steaming as before in cruising disposition; third ship in second section; C.T.U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER; O.T.C. in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON; on base course 087 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. 1601 Passed Satukai Island abeam to port, distance 7¼ miles. 1614 Passed Nibulo Island bearing 101 degrees true, distance 22 miles. 1655 Sighted Russell Islands bearing 105 degrees true, distance 43 miles. 1822 General Quarters. 1827 Passed Buraka Island abeam to starboard, distance 11 miles. 1924 Secured from General Quarters, set Condition of readiness #3. 1950 Ceased zig-zagging on signal. 1955 Changed base course to 080 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal.

2000 - 2400

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.
Steaming as before in convoy, on base course 080 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 67 R.P.M. In cruising disposition as before. 2040 Changed course to 125 degrees true and p.g.c. by wheeling, on signal from O.T.C. in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. 2309 Changed course to 115 degrees true and p.g.c. by wheeling, on signal from O.T.C. 2345 Reduced speed to 1/3

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

(Con't Over)
Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

speed on signal from section leader, preparatory to executing signal from O.T.C. to form in column astern of guide.

J.G. Lyman
J.G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, generally clear, temperatures from 75 to 84 degrees.
Wind: Moderate breeze.
Sea: Moderate sea.
Run :

Lyman

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 3 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming in single column formation on base course 110 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14 knots, making 68 R.P.M. In company with USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (Guide and O.T.C.), leader of column followed by USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS FULLER, USS LIBRA, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS ALHENA and USS TITANIA. Escorted by: USS CONWAY, USS LONG, USS DORSEY, USS HOVEY, USS HOPKINS, USS SOUTHARD and USS WADSWORTH. Making various courses and speeds down Lengo Channel from Lunga Point to Koli Point. 0127 Lying to off Koli Point. 0236 Underway in company from Koli Point ~~to Purvis Bay~~ on various courses and speeds, with base course 095 degrees true and p.g.c. 0342 Changed base course to 060 degrees true and p.g.c.

*C. W. Nickel*C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in column formation; seventh ship in column; USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (O.T.C.); USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U.); on course 060 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14 knots. 0437 Changed course to 150 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0450 General Quarters. 0452 Changed course to 240 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0513 Changed course to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0555 Secured from General Quarters set Condition of readiness #3. 0642 Changed course to 000 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0653 Took station, column open order on signal. 0656 Ahead 2/3 speed. 1/3 speed ahead. 0743 Ahead 2/3. 0744 Proceeding independently on signal to anchorage Berth #31, Gavutu Harbor on various courses and variations of standard speed of 14 knots.

K. G. McGarren
K. G. MCGARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on various courses and speeds to Gavutu Harbor, Captain conning. 0909 Anchored in Berth #31 at Gavutu Harbor in 20 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "R" 121 degrees; Beacon "P" 055 degrees; Front Range Light 278 degrees; 0925 Put out starboard anchor to 20 fathoms. 1105 USS PRESIDENT ADAMS underway.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1558 USS LIBRA underway and standing in to Purvis Bay.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1645 Hoisted all boats aboard.

J. G. Nyman
J. G. NYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2318 Up and secured starboard anchor.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 79 to 84 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 4 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Berth #31, Gavutu Harbor.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Anchored as before in Gavutu Harbor in Berth #31 in 20 fathoms of water 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "R" 121 degrees; Beacon "P" 055 degrees; Front Range Light 278 degrees. Ships present include: USS COOS BAY, #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0530 USS ALCHIBA, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS BENNETT, USS HUDSON, USS STANLEY, USS PRINGLE, USS LIBRA and USS HUNTER LIGGET standing in. 0700 USS APACHE standing in. 0705 Put 2 ramp boats into the water for running purposes.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0810 USS DYSON standing in. 0906 Commenced jacking over main engine; USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS ALCHIBA and USS CRESCENT CITY standing in Gavutu Bay. 0920 USS BRAINE and USS GUEST standing in. 0935 Secured jacking over main engine. 1135 USS APACHE, USS PRINGLE and USS BENNETT standing out.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1630 Hoisted boat #14 aboard. 1647 USS SPENCE standing in Tulagi Harbor. 1730 Hoisted boats #6 and #8 aboard. 1815 USS CONVERSE, USS DYSON and USS AUSBORN standing out. 1825 USS SPENCE standing out. 1830 USS MONTELIAR, USS CLEVELAND, USS DENVER and USS COLUMBIA standing out.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 76 to 83 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 5 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Berth #31, Gavutu Harbor.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Anchored at Gavutu Bay in Berth #31 in 20 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "R" 121 degrees; Beacon "P" 055 degrees; Front Range Light 270 degrees. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS BENNETT, USS FULLAM, USS HUDSON, USS PRINGLE, USS DORSEY, USS SOUTHARD, USS HOVEY, USS HOPKINS, USS ALCHIBA, USS LIBRA, USS TITANIA, USS HUNTER LIGGETT, USS AMERICAN LEGION and USS CRESCENT CITY. 0030 Made preparations to get underway.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,

Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0600 USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS FULLER, USS TITANIA, USS LIBRA, USS HOVEY, USS HOPKINS, USS SOUTHARD, USS DORSEY, USS ANTHONY, USS WADSWORTH, USS TERRY, USS BENNETT and USS FULLAM standing out. 0605 USS HUNTER LIGGETT standing in Purvis Bay. 0700 Lowered #6 and #8 ramp boats into the water. 0728 USS FULLAM, USS WADSWORTH standing in Purvis Bay.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,

Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0846 Underway at 1/3 speed (standard speed 15 knots) to shift anchorage further off reef. 0853 Anchored in 13 fathoms of water in same berth, with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor, on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 052 degrees; Beacon "R" 129 degrees; Beacon "X" 178½ degrees. 0910 Secured anchor and set engine room in standby condition, ready for getting underway on 15 minutes' notice.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,

Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1208 USS CRESCENT CITY standing out of Tulagi. 1240 USS ORTOLAN, USS PINKNEY and USS CRESCENT CITY standing into Purvis Bay. 1420 USS BOBOLINK standing in.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,

Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1800 All boats hoisted aboard.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,

Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 80 to 89 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNAVY

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 6 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Gavutu Bay in Berth #31.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Gavutu Bay in Berth #31 in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 052 degrees; Beacon "R" 129 degrees; Beacon "X" 178½ degrees. Engine room in standby condition. Ships present include: USS ALCHIEA and USS COOS BAY. 0125 Condition Yellow on Guadalcanal. 0220 Condition Green on Guadalcanal.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

J. F. LITZ
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Boats #3, #7 and #14 put into the water. 0930 CruDiv. 13 with USS HARRISON, USS JOHN RODGERS, USS MCKEE and USS MURRAY standing into Purvis Bay. 0950 USS HYPERION standing into Gavutu Bay. 1022 USS PINKNEY standing out.

J. G. LYMAN
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

C. W. NICKEL
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1615 USS DORSEY standing out of Purvis Bay. 1730 USS MCKEE and USS MURRAY standing in to Purvis Bay. 1740 USS JOHN RODGERS standing in to Purvis Bay. 1800 Hoisted ramp boat #3 aboard #3 hatch. 1830 Hoisted ramp boats #7 and #14 aboard #5 hatch.

K. G. McCARREN
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J. F. LITZ
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm temperatures from 79 to 87 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 7 November 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Berth #31, Gavutu Harbor, Florida Island.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Anchored as before in berth #31, Gavutu Harbor Florida Island, British Solomon Islands, in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 052 degrees; Beacon "R" 129 degrees; Beacon "X" 178½ degrees. Both boilers lit off, engine room standing by in readiness to get under way on 15 minutes' notice. Ship darkened. All boats aboard. Ships present in Gavutu Harbor include: USS COOS BAY and USS HYPERION.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1050 General Quarters. 1051 Making preparations for getting underway. 1120 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness 3.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1500 USS BOBOLINK standing out. 1515 USS DRUM standing out.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1750 All boats aboard.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 76 to 88 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Monday

8

November, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Gavutu Harbor, Solomon Islands.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in Berth #31, Gavutu Harbor, British Solomon Islands in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 052 degrees; Beacon "R" 129 degrees; Beacon "X" 178½ degrees. Both boilers in use; engine room in stand by condition. Ships present include: USS ALCHIBA, USS HYPERION, USS COOS BAY, USS CONY, USS BOBOLINK and various small craft.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0745 Task Force #39 standing in Purvis Bay.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0830 USS AUSBURNE, USS CLAXTON, USS HUDSON, USS STANLEY, USS CONVERSE, USS SPENSE, USS DYSON, USS SAMPSON, USS WALLER and USS PATUXENT standing in. 0900 Tested General Alarm. 0930 USS WARD standing out.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1304 Held fire drill. 1312 Secured main pumps and tested auxiliary fire pumps. 1317 Secured from fire drill. 1340 USS BALCH underway. 1350 USS CONY standing out.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1730 Made preparations for getting underway to anchor further off coral reef, because of danger resulting from sudden rain squalls. 1740 Veered to 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor and dropped starboard anchor under foot to check ship's dragging anchor, ship having dragged approximately 100 yards on a course of 335 degrees true. 1750 Underway to shift anchorage. 1805 Anchored in same berth (#31) in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, starboard anchor under foot to 15 fathoms of chain to prevent ship's yawing.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2300 Hoisted aboard #5 ramp boat.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.
C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm temperatures from 79 to 90 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyr
T. H. MOYR, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 9 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Gavutu Harbor, Solomon Islands.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in Gavutu Harbor, Solomon Islands in Berth #31 in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor and 15 fathoms to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "P" 052 degrees; Beacon "R" 129 degrees; Beacon "X" 178.5 degrees; both boilers lit and engine room in stand by condition; ships present include: USS COOS BAY and USS HYPERION.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0630 USS WALLER, USS PRINGLE, USS PHILIPS, USS EATON and USS BLACH standing out.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0810 Lowered boats #5, #9 and #15 into the water. 0831 USS PATUXENT and USS SAMPSON standing out Purvis Bay. 0835 Hoisted starboard anchor. 0856 USS PATUXENT and USS SAMPSON standing in Tulagi. 0911 Stationed Special Sea Detail. 0912 Permission granted to jack over main engine by steam. 0925 Pilot Lt(jg) FARNHAM USNR. came aboard. 0930 Heaved around on port anchor chain; underway at various courses and speeds from anchorage to channel, standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). Captain on bridge; Pilot conning. 1029 Passed through submarine nets at Purvis Bay. 1044 Dropped port anchor in Purvis Bay Berth #1 in 29 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain on the following true bearings: Beacon "D" 147 degrees; Beacon "E" 076 degrees; Beacon "C" 348 degrees. 1100 Heaving round and up on anchor. 1105 Underway proceeding to Oil Dock. 1124 #1 line on dolphin. Moored starboard side to dolphin at fueling station using 6 manila lines. 1130 Secured special sea detail, engine room in stand by condition. 1155 Draft fwd. 10'7", aft. 21'9".

J. F. Lutz
J. F. LUTZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Moored as before to dolphins at Purvis Bay fueling station. 1230 Commenced taking on fuel through hose from storage tanks on shore. 1535 Completed topping off fuel tanks, having received 3120 barrels of oil.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Moored as before. Making preparations for getting underway. 1605 All lines cast off. 1608 Underway from fueling station on various courses and speeds with standard speed 15 knots; proceeding to anchorage in Gavutu Harbor. 1623 Passed through submarine nets at entrance to Purvis Bay. 1641 Stopped engine. 1701 Anchored in berth #24, Gavutu Harbor, British Solomon Islands in 27 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "T" 120½ degrees; Beacon "S" 043½ degrees; Beacon "A" 131 degrees. Engine room in stand by condition. 1728 Starboard anchor lowered underfoot. 1730 Boat #5 hoisted aboard. 1859 Boat #3 hoisted aboard.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. 2015 Hoisted starboard anchor; ready for letting go. 2220 Task force 39 standing out of Purvis Bay, British Solomon Islands.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, warm, temperatures from 79 to 86 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNavy
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9

Wednesday 10 November, 19 43

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Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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(WAR DIARY)

Anchored in Gavutu Harbor, Berth #24, in 27 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "T" 120½ degrees; Beacon "S" 043½ degrees; Beacon "A" 131 degrees. Both boilers in use. Ships present at Gavutu Harbor include: USS HYPERION.

*Geo. Edmunson*Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0513 Permission granted to jack over main engine by steam. 0514 ~~starboard~~ starboard steering engine. 0530 All departments ready to get underway. 0532 Hoisted port gangway. 0545 Heaved around on anchor. 0552 Underway at 1/3 speed, standard speed 15 knots (75 R.P.M.) Captain conning. 0559 USS HUNTER LIGGETT, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS AMERICAN LEGION underway. 0615 USS GEORGE CLYMER and USS ALCHIEA underway. 0615 Laying to stopped engines.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

0800 - 1200

Lying to, as before, off Tulagi Harbor, awaiting signal from O.T.C. (Comtrans 3rd. Phib.) in USS GEORGE CLYMER to proceed, in company with other ships of Task Unit 31.5.5, to Guadalcanal for loading. Various ships of transport group effecting exchange of landing craft while lying to. 0815 Set standard speed at 12 knots on signal from O.T.C. 0823 Went ahead at 1/3 speed to form in disposition as signaled by O.T.C. 0825 Increased speed to 2/3. 0826 Increased speed to standard, joining other ships of Task Unit 31.5.5 in formation as signaled by O.T.C. Section 1, USS GEORGE CLYMER (O.T.C.), USS CRESCENT CITY and USS HUNTER LIGGETT in column in that order; Section 2, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS ALCHIEA and USS ALHENA in column in that order. Interval between columns 1000 yards, distance between ships in column 600 yards. 0849 Steaming at standard speed on course 210 degrees true and p.g.c. Averaging 58 R.P.M. 0850 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #38 on signal from O.T.C. 0928 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. 0930 Proceeding independently, on signal from O.T.C. to anchor in assigned berth #26, off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands. Steering various courses at various speeds, standing in toward anchorage. 1005 Anchored in berth #26 in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "D" 153½ degrees; Beacon "E" 234 degrees; beacon "F" 269 degrees. 1010 Commenced lowering boats. 1018 Set condition 4 for loading operations; engine room ready to get underway. 1030 All boats waterborne; draft fwd. 12'9", aft. 20'10".

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1330 Commenced loading cargo at #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 holds.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. Continuing to load cargo at all hatches from ship's boats, as lightered out from beach at Lunga Point. 1615 Draft fwd. 13'3", aft. 20'0". 1758 Completed loading cargo at #1 hatch. 1840 Completed loading cargo at #2 hatch.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. Continued to load cargo into #3, #4 and #5 hatches. 2240 Completed loading cargo in #5 hold. 2320 Completed loading cargo in #4 hatch.

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures 79 to 86 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander

Navigator.

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Zone description _____

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

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(WAR DIARY)

Anchored in berth #26 at Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in 22 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "D" 153½ degrees; Beacon "E" 234 degrees; Beacon "F" 269 degrees. Ships present include: USS ALCHIBA, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS CASSIOPEA, USS BARON, USS VELOCITY and USS ACREE. Loading cargo at #3 hold. Draft fwd. 14'2", aft. 20' 10". 0045 Secured loading cargo at #3 hold; commenced loading cargo at #4 hold. 0225 Condition yellow at Guadalcanal. 0227 Completed loading cargo at all holds. 0248 Condition green at Guadalcanal.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. Ship darkened. Engine room in standby condition, ship ready to get underway immediately in event of emergency. All boats in the water, made fast alongside.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0805 Commenced loading troops. 0930 Secured from loading troops. 1100 All boats aboard except #4. 1156 Draft fwd. 14'3", aft. 19'11". All boats aboard. All tests and preparations made for getting underway.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1203 Underway, speed 1/3 standard speed (12 knots); Captain conning. 1208 Increased speed to 2/3 standard speed. 1217 Ahead at standard speed, proceeding to Tetere, course 085 degrees true and p.g.c. 1245 Changed speed to 1/3. 1258 Proceeding to anchorage at various courses and speeds. 1309 Anchored off Tetere in berth #69 in 18 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 245 degrees; Beacon "B" 271 degrees; Beacon "K" 144.75 degrees.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1930 Stationed all special sea detail. All departments ready to get underway.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

2000 - 2400

Laying to, preparing to take place in formation, anchor aweigh. 2002 Anchor up and clear. 2012 Commenced making various courses and speeds to join formation with standard speed 12 knots, base course 270 degrees true and p.g.c. 2058 Secured special sea detail, set steaming watches. 2101 Took position in formation. First section consists of USS GEORGE CLYMER (guide and O.T.C.), USS CRESCENT CITY, USS ALCHIBA. Second section: USS AMERICAN LEGION (column guide), USS HUNTER LIGGETT and USS ALHENA. Escorted by USS GUEST, USS ANTHONY, USS WADSWORTH, USS BENNETT, USS BRAINE and USS TERRY. 2105 Changed base course to 296 degrees true and p.g.c. on order of O.T.C. Steaming at 2/3 speed. 2135 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #14. 2318 Ceased zig-zagging on order of O.T.C. 2320 Changed base course to 288 degrees true and p.g.c. 2332 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, generally cloudy, temperatures from 79 to 89 degrees.

Run: Anchorage to 2400 51 Miles.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander 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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Friday

12 November, 1943

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	09-06 South	08-56 South	08-13 South
Long.	158-18 East	157-28 East	156-02 East.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before in convoy, en route from Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands to Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on base course 288 degrees true and p.g.c. $\frac{2}{3}$ of standard speed of 12 knots, averaging 39 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. In cruising formation, with USS GEORGE CLYMER (ComTrans 3rd Phib O.T.C.), USS CRESCENT CITY and USS ALCHIBA in starboard column in that order and USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS HUNTER LIGGETT and USS ALHENA in port column in that order. Interval between columns 2000 yards, distance between ships in column 600 yards. Escorts: USS GUEST, USS ANTHONY, USS WADSWORTH, USS BENNETT, USS BRAINE and USS TERRY conducting anti-submarine search in van and on flanks of disposition. 0004 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. 0017 Reduced speed to $\frac{1}{3}$ on signal. 0022 changed course to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0030 Increased speed to standard. 0036 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #14 on signal. 0145 Changed course to 246 degrees true and p.g.c. by wheeling on signal, interrupting zig-zagging and adjusting speeds in accordance with doctrine. 0340 Increased standard speed to $14\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 246 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14.5 knots, (70 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0400 Changed base course to 282 degrees true and p.g.c, zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0454 Dawn General Quarters. 0554 Secured from General Quarters.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 282 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M.). 0800 Ceased zig-zagging according to plan #14 and commenced zig-zagging according to plan #18. 0812 Sections formed in column open order. 0945 Ceased zig-zagging. 0953 Changed course to 292 degrees true and p.g.c. 1000 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #18. 1143 Emergency turn 60 degrees to the right coming to course 357 degrees true and p.g.c. Ceased zig-zagging. 1151 Resumed base course 292 degrees true and p.g.c.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming on base course 292 degrees true and 288 p.s.c. Standard speed 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M.). USS GEORGE CLYMER formation guide. 1208 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #18. 1215 Ceased zig-zagging and changed course to 222 degrees true and 218 p.s.c. 1235 Changed course to 287 degrees true and 283 p.s.c. 1236 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #18. 1325 Changed speed to 13.5 knots (66 R.P.M.). 1430 Sighted two surface craft bearing 318.5 degrees true and 328.5 degrees true. Sighted 6 more ships on same bearing. 1435 Ships sighted identified as friendly.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 292 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of $13\frac{1}{2}$ knots, averaging 66 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #18. In cruising disposition as before. 1705 Increased standard speed to 14 knots on signal from O.T.C. in USS GEORGE CLYMER. 1709 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. 1717 Changed course to 313 degrees true and p.g.c. 1726 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #18 on signal from O.T.C. 1738 Increased standard speed to $14\frac{1}{2}$ knots on signal from O.T.C. averaging 70 R.P.M. 1910 Changed base course to 310 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Braibury
H. W. BRAIBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

(Con't Over)

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising disposition as before third ship in second section C.T.U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER; on base course 310 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14½ knots; zig-zagging according to plan #14 PAC-10. 2100 Two identified surface craft bearing 210 degrees true, distance 7500 yards. 2255 General Quarters. 2312 Secured from General Quarters set condition of readiness #3. 2210 Changed standard speed to 15 knots.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, generally clear, temperatures from 81 to 87.
Wind: Light breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Midnight to midnight 262 Miles.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 13 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			06-55 South
Long.			154-54 East.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming on course 310 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M.), in cruising formation in company with USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U. and Guide) USS CRESCENT CITY and USS ALCHIBA in section 1; USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS HUNTER LEGGETT and USS ALHENA section 2. Escorts: USS GUEST, USS ANTHONY, USS WADSWORTH, USS BENNETT, USS BRAINE, USS TERRY and USS SIOUX (Tug). Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0029 Emergency turn 40 degrees to port, course 280 degrees true. 0035 Turn 30 degrees to starboard, course 310 degrees true. 0037 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0058 Changed base course to 315 degrees and p.g.c. 0154 General Quarters. Emergency turn 90 degrees to starboard course 045 degrees. 0200 Emergency turn 90 degrees to port, course 315 degrees true. 0210 Emergency turn 90 degrees to port, course 225 degrees. 0215 Emergency turn 90 degrees to starboard, course 315 degrees. 0225 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0230 Secured from General Quarters, set condition #3. 0235 Changed base course to 313 degrees true and p.g.c. 0350 General Quarters.

Geo. Edmunson

Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 313 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14.5 knots. Ship at General Quarters to repel enemy air attack. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 0410 Ceased zig-zagging. 0420 Changed base course to 000 degrees true. 0435 Resumed zig-zagging. 0454 Ceased zig-zagging; changed course to 090 degrees true. 0458 Changed course to 000 degrees true. 0500 Resumed zig-zagging. 0520 Made 90 degree emergency turn to port. Changed course to 000 degrees true. 0540 Changed course to 037 degrees true. 0552 Changed course to 052 degrees true. 0556 Set up degaussing coils. 0607 Formed into single column formation for approach into Empress Augusta Bay. Making various courses and speeds on approach. 0650 Set condition I modified. 0717 Changed standard speed to 12 knots.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before, in approach disposition, on various courses at various speeds, standing in toward Cape Torokina. 0829 Anchored in assigned position in Empress Augusta Bay, off Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, in 17 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, on the following true bearings: Cape Torokina 044 degrees; left tangent to Puruata Island 352½ degrees; tangent to Laruma River headland 315½ degrees. 0845 Commenced lowering boats for lightening troops and cargo to the beach. Draft fwd. 13'9", aft. 20'6". 1030 Completed discharging cargo from #1 hatch. 1130 Underway, standing out from anchorage into Empress Augusta Bay for maneuvering to repel air attack, upon radar warning, of approaching enemy planes. O.T.C. in USS GEORGE CLYMER maneuvering transport group.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

1200 Returned to anchorage on signal from O.T.C. and resumed unloading into ship's landing craft. 1217 Completed unloading from #2 hatch. 1310 Completed unloading from #3 hatch. 1320 Completed unloading from #5 hatch. 1420 Completed unloading from #4 hatch and debarked last of troops. Commenced hoisting boats aboard, including two LCM (3) assigned by C.T.U. for evacuation to a rear base for repair. 1440 Draft fwd. 14'0", aft. 21'11" (with 8 LCV aboard) 1548 Completed hoisting all boats aboard.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.
(Con't Over)

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1611 Underway at various courses and speeds, conforming with swept channel. Standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). Captain on bridge. 1636 Set condition #3, modified condition #2. 1645 Changed standard speed to 12 knots (67 R.P.M.), steaming at standard speed. 1655 Steering at various courses to get in formation. 1720 Changed standard speed to 15 knots, (72 R.P.M.) steaming at standard speed. 1725 Steadied on course 217 degrees true in single column formation. 1745 Sighted object near horizon, bearing 293 degrees appeared to be banage balloon. 1821 Formed cruising disposition; Section 1, USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U. & Guide), USS CRESCENT CITY, USS ALCHIBA. Section 2, USS HUNTER LIGGETT, USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS ALHENA. Destroyers screening in their respective sectors. 1840 Changed speed to 2/3 ahead. 1843 Changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 1842 Secured degaussing coil. 1850 Changed speed to standard speed 15 knots. Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #15. 1905 Ceased zig-zagging resumed base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 1910 Changed speed to 2/3 ahead. Changed base course to 133 degrees true and p.g.c. 1919 Changed speed to 15 knots. 1929 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #15.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 133 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, averaging 69 R.P.M. In cruising formation, zig-zagging according to plan #15. 2145 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order of O.T.C. 2146 Changed base course to 140 degrees true and p.g.c. on order of O.T.C. 2202 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #15 on order of O.T.C. 2323 Changed base course to 136 degrees true and p.g.c. on order of O.T.C. Passed Treasury Island on port beam bearing 051 degrees true, distant 8 miles.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm,
Wind: Calm.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Midnight to anchorage 96 miles.
Anchorage to midnight 101 miles.

Cargo Data:

Total unloaded 529 Hoists, 510 Tons.

Commenced	0945	
At	1000	36%
	1100	67%
	1200	80%
	1300	90%
	1420	100%

Actual net working time 5 Hours

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 14 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	08-33 South	08-57 South	08-53 South
Long.	156-52 East	157-38 East	159-22 East.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before in convoy formation, en route from Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, to Tulagi Island, British Solomon Islands, on base course 136 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #15 in PAC-10. In cruising disposition with USS GEORGE CLYMER (ComTrans 3rd Phib OTC), USS CRESCENT CITY and USS ALCHIEA in column in that order and composing section I, and USS AMERICAN LEGION, USS HUNTER LIGGETT and USS ALHENA in column in that order and composing section II. Interval between columns 2000 yards distance between ships in column 600 yards. Escorts: USS WADSWORTH, USS GUEST, USS BENNETT, USS ANTHONY, USS TERRY and USS BRAINE, conducting anti-submarine search in van. 0355 Changed base course to 133 degrees true and p.g.c.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition third ship in second section; C.T.U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER; on base course 133 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots; zig-zagging according to plan #15 PAC-10. 0508 Dawn General Quarters. 0535 Ceased zig-zagging. 0538 Ahead 2/3 speed on signal. 0545 Changed course to 112 degrees true and p.g.c. 0555 Commenced zig-zagging. 0608 Secured from General Quarters; set condition of readiness #3.

R. G. McCarren
R. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 112 degrees true and p.g.c., at 15 knots (70 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #15 PAC-10. 0810 Changed over from starboard to port steering engine. 0850 Sighted ship bearing 116 degrees true distance 11 miles. 0903 Sighted ship bearing 258 degrees true distance 14 miles. 0910 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0916 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14 (PAC-10). 1123 Ceased zig-zagging (Position VIII) and resumed base course. 1142 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14 (PAC-10), Position IX.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 112 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 1312 Changed course to 066 degrees true and p.g.c. Changed speed to 2/3. 1319 Changed speed to standard speed 15 knots. 1523 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14. 1518 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course 066 degrees true and p.g.c. 1527 Changed course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. 1531 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming in cruising formation as before on base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 15 knots, making 68 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #14. 1834 Ceased zig-zagging and turned 30 degrees to port. 1845 Made 30 degrees turn to starboard. 1850 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #14 on order of O.T.C. 1920 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1930 Changed base course to 105 degrees true and p.g.c. on order of O.T.C. 1940 Resumed zig-zagging.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 105 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #14 in PAC-10. In cruising disposition as before. 2140 Ceased zig-zagging

(Con't Over)
Examined:

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNAVY

Commanding Officer.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

and resumed base course preparatory to changing base course in accordance with signal from O.T.C. in USS GEORGE CLYMER. 2150 Changed course to 125 degrees true and p.g.c. 2250 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #14. 2250 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. and reduced speed to 2/3. 2305 Changed course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal and increased speed to standard. 2324 Commenced making various adjustments of course and speed for approach to designated anchorage outside Tulagi harbor. 2358 Anchored off Florida Island, British Solomon Islands., near Tulagi Island, in 40 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor, on prescribed bearings of 080 degrees true on USS GEORGE CLYMER's anchorage and 059 degrees true on USS AMERICAN LEGION anchorage. Preparing to shift anchorage upon correction of true bearings on charted landmarks on Gavutu and Bungana Islands.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 78 to 84 degrees.
Sea: Calm.
Wind: Gentle breeze.
Run: Midnight to anchorage 313 Miles.

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 15 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before off Florida Island in 40 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor; ship present include: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS ALCHIBA, USS AMERICAN LEGION and USS HUNTER LIGGETT. 0008 Underway shifting berth on various courses and variations of speed (standard) of 15 knots. 0021 Anchored off Florida Island 1000 yards distance from USS HUNTER LIGGETT in 40 fathoms of water with 90 fathoms to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Left Tangent Bungara 129 degrees; White Rock 089½ degrees; Southern Signal Tower 009 degrees.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0615 USS RENSHAW, USS CONWAY, USS WALLER, USS SEGAUMNEY, USS WARRINGTON, USS PRINGLE, USS WALTERS, USS McKEANS, USS STRINGHAM, USS TALBOT, USS CROSBY, USS SENT, USS KELTY standing out of Purvis Bay. 0630 USS RIXEY standing out Tulagi Harbor, USS FULLER standing out.

J. F. LITZ
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0830 USS FULLER and USS AMERICAN LEGION underway. 0850 USS ALCHIBA underway. 0925 USS HUNTER LIGGETT underway. 0948 Made all preparations to get underway. 0957 Underway at various courses and speeds, proceeding to berth #26, Gavutu Harbor, standard speed 12 knots. 1049 Anchored in berth #26 Gavutu Harbor in 24 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 310 degrees; Front Light 275 degrees; Signal Tower 237 degrees. Engine room in stand by condition. 3 boats in water for ship's use.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1210 Secured TBS for repairs.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1745 All Ship's boats (#1, #5 and #6) aboard. Ship darkened.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm temperatures from 81 to 90 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 16 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor in 24 fathoms of water to 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 310 degrees; Front Light 275½ degrees; Signal Tower 251 degrees. #1 and #2 boilers in use; engine room in stand by condition. Ships present include: USS HUNTER LIGGETT, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS COOS BAY and USS HYPERION.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800 Anchored as before. 0540 USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, and USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS FULLER, USS TITANIA, USS HOVEY, USS SICARD, USS DORSEY and USS OCTANS standing out. 0645 #6 boat lowered into the water.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200 Anchored as before. 0805 Lowered #5 boat into the water. 0842 USS MOBILE standing out Purvis Bay. 1015 Lowered #1 boat into the water. 1130 USS HUNTER LIGGETT standing out. #1 boat hoisted aboard #5 hatch.

J. F. EITZ
J. F. EITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600 Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000 Anchored as before. 1720 Hoisted ship's boats. Ship darkened.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400 Anchored as before.

Weather: Warm, cloudy, temperatures from 76 to 90 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 17 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor, British Solomon Islands in 24 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 310 degrees; Front Light 275½ degrees; Signal Tower 251 degrees. Both boilers in use, engine room in stand-by condition. Ship's present include: USS COOS BAY, USS HYPERION and various small craft.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0803 Lowered #5 and #6 boats in the water. 0942 USS SC #743 standing out. 0955 USS FAIRINGTON standing in Purvis Bay. 1112 USS VIREO standing in.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1845 All boats hoisted aboard.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, cloudy, temperatures from 81 to 88 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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CONFIDENTIALUNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 18 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400 Anchored as before in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor, Florida Island, British Solomon Islands, in 24 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 310 degrees; Front Light 275.5 degrees; Signal Tower 251 degrees. Engine room in stand-by condition, ready for getting underway. Ship darkened; all boats aboard. Ships present in Gavutu Harbor include: USS COOS BAY and USS HYPERION.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0815 Tested steering engine. 1050 USS CASSIOPEIA standing in Purvis Bay. 1145 USS TALBOT standing in Tulagi. 1158 USS HERITAGE standing in Tulagi.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut. (jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1705 USS TALBOT standing in Purvis Bay.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, sky mainly cloudy, temperatures from 79 to 90 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradeury
H. W. BRADEURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 19 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Gavutu Harbor, in berth #26.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored as before in Gavutu Harbor, British Solomon Islands, in berth #26 in 24 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 310 degrees; Front Light 275.5 degrees; Signal Tower 251 degrees. Engine room in stand-by condition for getting underway. Ships present include: USS COOS BAY and USS HYPERION.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0815 Tested steering engine. 0848 USS EATON standing into Purvis Bay. 1118 USS STANLY standing out Purvis Bay. USS BUCHANAN standing out Tulagi.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1215 USS SAUFLEY standing into Purvis Bay. 1255 USS CONWAY standing into Tulagi. 1310 USS STANSBURY and USS HOGAN standing into Purvis Bay. 1325 USS WALLER and USS SIGOURNEY standing into Purvis Bay. 1415 USS JENKINS standing into Purvis Bay. 1510 USS MONTGOMERY standing into Purvis Bay.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before. 1700 Hoisted all boats. 1800 Lowered #6 boat for officer messenger trip to USS GEORGE CLYMER upon receipt of message from ComTrans 3rd Phib. Ship darkened. One boat #6, in the water, to be made fast astern for the night.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, generally clear with occasional rain squalls, temperatures from 80 to 91 degrees.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander 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 ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 20 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor in 24 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 310 degrees; Front Light 275½ degrees; Signal Tower 251 degrees. Engine room in stand-by condition. Ships present include: USS COOS BAY and USS HYPERION. One boat in water for running purposes.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0611 USS GEORGE CLYMER standing out of Tulagi. 0734 USS KOPARA standing out of Tulagi.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0800 Turned on TBS. Ramp boats #5 and #6 in water. 0815 Tested steering engine. 0840 USS PETO and USS RATON standing into Tulagi Harbor. 1000 Held pay day for crew. 1020 USS CACHE standing into Purvis Bay. 1035 USS WARRINGTON standing into Purvis Bay.

J. P. Litz
J. P. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before. All boats in water.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Warm, cloudy, temperatures from 78 to 90 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 21 November 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			09 - 27 South
Long.			160 - 59 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth #26, Gavutu Harbor, British Solomon Islands, in 24 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "M" 310 degrees; Front Range Light 275.5 degrees; Signal Tower 251 degrees. Engine room in stand-by condition. Ships present include: USS COOS BAY and USS HYPERION.

C. W. Nickol
C. W. NICKOL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0830 USS FULLER standing into Tulagi Harbor. 0833 USS CRESCENT CITY standing out of Purvis Bay. 0930 Tested steering engine. 0932 Hoisted 4 ramp boats aboard #3 hatch. 1015 USS PRESIDENT JACKSON standing out and underway. USS FULLER standing out Tulagi Harbor. Hoisted 2 ramp boats aboard #5 hatch.

J. F. Litz
J. F. LITZ,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1330 Commenced making tests and preparations for getting underway. 1340 Stationed special sea detail. 1355 Underway from anchorage proceeding on various courses and at variations of standard speed of 12 knots to rendezvous outside Tulagi Entrance with Task Unit 32.4.1 in accordance with secret dispatch 200015 of November. 1430 Lying to in Gavutu Harbor. 1457 Ahead 1/3 speed. 1457 Ahead 2/3 speed formed cruising disposition #2; third ship in second section; C.T.U. 32.4.1 in USS GEORGE CLYMER, first ship in first section. 1458 Changed standard speed to 15 knots; steaming at standard. 1505 Steadied on course 189 degrees true and p.g.c. 1534 Ahead 1/3 speed. 1538 Ahead 2/3 speed, changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1539 Set condition of readiness #3. 1548 Ahead standard speed on signal. 1559 Ahead 2/3 speed, changed course to 135 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 2000

Steaming as before. Standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.) steaming at 2/3 standard speed. Base course 135 degrees true and p.g.c. 1607 Changed speed to standard speed 15 knots. 1610 Changed standard speed to 13 knots (63 R.P.M.). 1619 Changed speed to 2/3 standard speed. 1620 Changed base course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. Changed speed to standard speed. 1635 Streamed taffrail log. 1652 Set Radar Watch. 1711 Changed standard speed to 15 knots, (70 R.P.M.). 1713 Changed course to 070 degrees true and p.g.c. by 20 degrees turn to left. 1722 Changed course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. by 20 degrees turn to right. 1725 Commenced to form formation #1. Changed speed to 2/3 standard speed. 1740 Completed formation #1; column #1 USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES in that order; column #2 USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U.), USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER in order. column #3 USS LIBRA, USS TITANIA, USS ALHENA in order. USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U.) designated as formation guide. Escorts: USS ANTHONY (ComDes), USS GUEST, USS PHILLIPS, USS PRINGLE, USS DORSEY, USS SOUTHARD, USS HOVEY and USS TREVER. Enroute to Noumea, New Caledonia by order of C.T.U. 31 dispatch 180534, Task Unit 32.4.1. 1800 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8. Changed standard speed to 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M.) 1915 Ceased zig-zagging, changed base course to 128 degrees true and p.g.c. 1925 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.
(Con't Over)

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

2000 - 2400

Steaming in cruising formation as before on base course 128 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M.), zig-zagging according to plan #8. 2224 Ceased zig-zagging, resumed base course. 2235 Changed course to 098 degrees true and p.g.c. 2300 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8. 2322 Changed standard speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.)

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, cloudy, temperatures from 77 to 93 degrees.
Sea: Calm
Wind: Light breeze
Run: Anchorage to 2000 63 Miles.

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 22 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	10-51 South	11-27 South	13-03 South
Long.	163-15 East	163-57 East	164-51 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 098 degrees true and p.g.c., en route from Gavutu Harbor, Florida Island, British Solomon Islands to Noumea, New Caledonia, at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. In cruising disposition of three columns of three transports each, interval 1000 yards and distance 600 yards: Section 1 comprising USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS and USS PRESIDENT HAYES in that order; Section 2 USS GEORGE CLYMER (ComTransDiv 8 O.T.C.), guide, USS CRESCENT CITY and USS FULLER in that order; Section 3 USS LIBRA, USS TITANIA and USS ALHENA in that order. Formation screened by USS ANTHONY, USS PHILIP, USS GUEST, USS PRINGLE, USS SOUTHARD, USS DORSEY, USS HOVEY and USS TREVOR. Disposition zig-zagging according to plan #8 from zig-zag diagrams 1940. 1240 Ceased zig-zagging, on signal from O.T.C., and resumed base course. 0115 Changed course to 127 degrees true and p.g.c. by wheeling, on signal from O.T.C. 0122 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8 on signal from O.T.C.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising formation #1 as prescribed by Operation Order #23-43. Standard speed 15 knots making 70 R.P.M., on base course 127 degrees true and p.g.c. 119 p.s.c., zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0437 Dawn General Quarters. 0541 Secured from General Quarters set condition #3.

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 127 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1110 Tested magazine sprinkler system. 1152 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 127 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1154 Changed base course to 151 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal.

K.G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 15 knots making 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8.

Geo. Edmundson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, making 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 1735 Sighted 4 AK's and 3 Destroyers bearing 190 degrees true, distant 12 miles.

C.W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in convoy on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8.

J.G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising formation #1 on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c., 142 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #8 at standard speed 15 knots (70 R.P.M.).

M.A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

Approved:

H.W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN

Commanding Officer.

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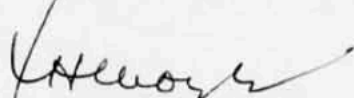
Examined:

T.H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander 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.

Weather: Warm, occasionally rain squalls, temperatures from 79 to 85 degrees.
Wind: Light breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: 2000 to Noon 214 Miles.


F. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP Alhena AKA-9 Tuesday 23 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	15-09 South	16-01 South	17-45 South
Long.	166-09 East	166-55 East	167-23 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming as before in cruising disposition #3; third ship in third section; C.T.U. 32.4.1 in USS GEORGE CLYMER; first ship in second section; Com-escort in USS ANTHONY; on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8, zig-zag diagrams for 1940; PAC-10 governing. 0315 Radar contact Cape Cumberland, Esperitu Santo, New Heberides Islands bearing 121 degrees true, distance 63 miles.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0417 Dawn General Quarters. 0517 Secured from General Quarters set condition #3. 0629 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 0630 Changed course to 130 degrees true and p.g.c. 0644 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #8. 0650 Land sighted bearing 087 degrees, distance approximately 35 miles.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 130 degrees true and p.g.c. making 15 knots, 72 R.P.M., zig-zagging according to plan #8, zig-zag diagrams for 1940; USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U.) 1020 USS ALCHIBA and USS PHILIP sighted bearing 090 degrees true, distance 10 miles. 1115 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course of 130 degrees true and p.g.c. 1124 Changed base course to 165 degrees true and p.g.c. 1128 USS ALCHIBA and USS PHILIP took positions in formation. 1135 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before in cruising disposition with other ships of Task Unit 32.4.1, on base course 165 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12 from zig-zag diagrams 1940.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in formation #1 on base course 165 degrees true and p.g.c., 155 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #12 at standard speed (70 R.P.M.). 1800 Darkened ship.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising disposition #3, third ship in section 3, on base course 165 degrees true and p.g.c. 155 p.s.c. at standard speed of 15 knots (72 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #12. C.T.U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 165 degrees true and p.g.c., 155 p.s.c. Standard speed 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

Weather: Cloudy, temperatures from 78 to 87 degrees.

Sea: Calm.

Wind: Light breeze.

Run: Noon to Noon 323 Miles.

Approved:

Examined:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Commanding Officer.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Wednesday 24 November, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	20-31.0 South	21-24 South	23-04 South
Long.	168-09.0 East	168-24 East	168-01 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming en route Guadalcanal to Noumea, New Caledonia on base course 165 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, making 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12. In cruising formation with USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS and USS PRESIDENT HAYES in section I; Section II USS GEORGE CLYMER (Guide and O.T.C.), USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER; Section III USS LIBRA, USS TITANIA, USS ALHENA and USS ALCHIBA. Escorted by USS ANTHONY (ComEscort), USS PRINGLE, USS GUEST, USS SOUTHARD, USS DORSEY, USS PHILIP, USS HOVEY and USS TREVOR.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition with other ships of Task Unit 32.4.1, on base course 165 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, averaging 71 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #12 from zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in cruising formation #1, on base course 165 degrees true and p.g.c., 155 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #12, at standard speed of 15 knots (71 R.P.M.). 0829 Changed base course to 170 degrees true and p.g.c., 158 p.s.c. 1005 Changed zig-zag plan to #38. 1150 Sighted Mare Island bearing 254 degrees true, distance 15 miles.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before in cruising disposition #1, on base course 170 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots (71 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan. 1205 Changed base course to 190 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1249 Changed standard speed to 14 knots (68 R.P.M.) on signal.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in cruising formation #1, on base course 190 degrees true and p.g.c., 179 p.s.c. Standard speed 14 knots (68 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #38.

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming in cruising formation as before on base course 190 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14 knots, making 67 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #38.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising formation #1, on base course 190 degrees true and p.g.c., 179 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #38, at standard speed 14 knots (67 R.P.M.). 2001 Ceased zig-zagging. 2005 Changed base course to 220 degrees true and p.g.c., 209 p.s.c. 2015 Changed base course to 247 degrees true and p.g.c., 136 p.s.c. 2025 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #38.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

Weather: Warm, cloudy, temperatures from 73 to 81 degrees.
Sea: Calm.
Wind: Light breeze. Run: Noon to Noon 333 Miles.

Approved:

Examined:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Thursday 25 November , 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming as before in convoy, en route from Gavutu Harbor, Florida Island, British Solomon Islands to Noumea New Caledonia, on base course 247 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 14 knots, averaging 67 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #38 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. In cruising disposition as before with other ships of Task Unit 32.4.1: Column I comprising USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES; Column II comprising USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U., O.T.C. and guide), USS CRESCENT CITY and USS FULLER; Column III comprising USS LIBRA, USS TITANIA and USS ALHENA, USS ALCHIBA, all in that order. 0155 Ceased zig-zagging. 0200 Changed course by wheeling to 280 degrees true and p.g.c. in accordance with previous signal from O.T.C. 0210 Changed course by wheeling to 306 degrees true and p.g.c. 0220 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition #1, third ship in section 3; C.T.U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER first ship in section 2; on base course 306 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14 knots; zig-zagging according to plan #12 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940, PAC-10 governing. 0500 Ceased zig-zagging on signal. 0515 Changed course to 335 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0526 Changed course to 000 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0535 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #12 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940 on signal. 0600 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #38 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940 on signal. 0700 Ceased zig-zagging on signal. 0707 Changed course to 025 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0714 Changed course to 045 degrees true and p.g.c. by turn signal. 0717 Secured Radar. 0719 Changed course to 005 degrees true and p.g.c. by turn signal. 0727 Changed course to 025 degrees true and p.g.c. by turn signal. 0732 Changed course to 055 degrees true and p.g.c. by turn signal. 0737 Changed course to 015 degrees true and p.g.c. by turn signal. 0742 Changed course to 025 degrees true and p.g.c. by turn signal. 0744 Commenced forming cruising disposition #3 on signal; ahead 2/3 speed on signal. 0746 Changed speed to 5 knots on signal. 0755 Changed speed to 10 knots on signal.

K. G. McCaren
K. G. McCAREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before forming cruising disposition #3, on base course 025 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 15 knots (72 R.P.M.) making 2/3 standard speed (10 knots). 0806 Changed course to 045 degrees true and p.g.c. by 20 degrees turn to right. 0800 Changed speed to standard speed. 0810 Changed course to 125 degrees true and p.g.c. by 20 degrees turn to left. Completed forming cruising disposition #3, USS GEORGE CLYMER guide and C.T.U. 0815 Stationed special sea detail. 0850 Distance between ships changed to 800 yards. 0851 Changed speed to 2/3 ahead. 0851 Changed course to 050 degrees true and p.g.c. 0855 Changed speed to standard speed 15 knots. 0858 Changed speed (standard) to 12 knots (58 R.P.M.). 0900 Changed speed to 2/3 ahead. 0905 Changed speed to 1/3 ahead. 0909 Changed speed to 2/3 ahead. 0910 Changed speed to standard speed (12 knots). 0918 Entering Northern Passage of Bulari. 0919 Proceeding at various courses and speeds around Amedee Light. 0939 Set up degaussing coils. 0939 Passed Amedee Light abeam to port, distant 1700 yards. 0950 Proceeding at various courses and speeds through swept channel to anchorage at Berth A-2, Noumea, New Caledonia. 0950 Secured gun watch. 1018 Proceeding independently. 1109 Proceeding through degaussing range to check degaussing settings. 1112 Passed through degaussing range. 1125 Secured degaussing gear. 1133 Passed through submarine net at Great Roads. 1148 Anchored at Great Roads berth A-2, Noumea, New Caledonia in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 083 degrees; Beacon "L" 135½ degrees; Beacon "N" 203½ degrees. 1158 Secured special sea detail.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

and main engine, #2 boiler. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes.

1200 - 1600

Geo. Edmunson
Geo. EDMUNSON,
Ensign USNR.

Anchored as before. 1335 Draft fwd. 11'0", aft. 21'6". USS DORSEY standing in. 1440 USS PRINGLE standing in, 1522 USS LIPAN and USS DASH standing in.

1600 - 2000

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

Anchored as before. 1700 Fire discovered smoldering in tarpoulin on #3 hatch. Fire quickly smothered after having burned small hole in one end. 1725 Hoisted #5, #6, #11, #16 and #18 ramp boats aboard. 1740 USS TEVOR and USS SOUTHARD standing in.

2000 - 2400

A. J. Langdon
A. J. LANGDON,
Ensign USNR.

Anchored as before. 2208 Hoisted #14 boat aboard. Ship darkened. One boat, #1, in the water for the night, made fast astern.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, temperatures from 72 to 82 degrees.
Sea: Calm.
Wind: Slight breeze.
Run: 2000 to anchorage 284 Miles.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Friday 26 November 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	Anchored in Berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea New Caledonia.		
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 083 degrees; Beacon "L" 135.5 degrees; Beacon "N" 203.5. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS FULLER, USS LIBRA, USS TITANIA, USS ALCHIBA, USS HOVEY, USS DORSEY, USS SOUTHARD, USS TREVOR, USS ANTHONY, USS PRINGLE, USS PHILIP, USS ACREE, USS CAR COR CAROLI, USS TALAMANCA, USS CRATER, USS RAIL, USS LIPAN, USS PROMETHEUS, USS BEBAS and USS DASH. #1 boat in water.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0505 USS PRINGLE standing out. 5 ramp boats lowered into water.

D. R. Morrison
D. R. MORRISON,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 1015 USS KILTY standing out. 1020 USS CROSBY standing out. 1110 USS HOLBROOK standing in.

C. A. McWilliams
C. A. McWILLIAMS,
Ensign USNR.

1200 - 1600

Anchored as before. 1400 USS TALBOT and USS BEBAS standing out. USS STEELE standing in. 1450 USS BENT standing in.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

1600 - 2000

Anchored as before.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DeSMET,
Ensign USNR.

2000 - 2400

Anchored as before.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperature from 72 to 80 degrees.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Saturday 27 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		22-50 South	24-23 South
Long.		166-24 East	167-13 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Anchored in berth A-2, Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following true bearings: Beacon "J" 083 degrees; Beacon "L" 135½ degrees; Beacon "N" 203½ degrees. #1 boiler in use for auxiliary purposes. Ships present include: USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS ALCHIBA, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS LIBRA, USS TITANIA, USS HOVEY, USS DORSEY, USS ANTHONY, USS PRINGLE, USS PHILIP, USS SOUTHARD, USS TREVOR, USS TALAMANCA, USS CRATER, USS PROMETHEUS and USS COR CAROLI.

G. G. Dawson
G. G. DAWSON,
Lieut(jg) USNR.

0400 - 0800

Anchored as before. 0410 Lit off #2 boiler. 0510 Cut in #2 boiler. 0600 Draft fwd. 11'0", Aft. 22'0". 0630 All boats aboard. 0715 USS ANTHONY, USS DORSEY, USS STRINGHAM and USS TREVOR underway. 0700 Permission granted to turn over main engine by steam. 0730 USS HOVEY underway. 0740 All tests and preparations made for getting underway. 0747 USS GEORGE CLYMER and USS FULLER underway.

E. A. DeSmet
E. A. DESMET,
Ensign USNR.

0800 - 1200

Anchored as before. 0809 USS PRESIDENT JACKSON underway. 0820 USS TITANIA underway. 0832 Underway in accordance with ComTransGroup 3rd Phib secret dispatch #220520 dated 27 November 1943, on various courses and variations of standard speed 15 knots conforming to channel proceeding out of Great Roads; Captain conning. 0843 Passed thru anti-submarine net. 0900 Took station astern of USS TITANIA as last ship of cruising disposition #3. 0909 Changed standard speed to 12 knots (58 R.P.M.) on signal, making standard speed. 1015 Changed standard speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.) on signal, making standard speed. 1017 Passed Amedee Light Abeam to starboard, distance 1800 yards. 1022 Passed Tabu Reef Light abeam to starboard, distance 1500 yards. 1025 Passed through Northern Passage of Bulari Passage. Secured special sea detail, set condition of Readiness #3. 1050 Took station in following cruising disposition #1, on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c., 167 p.s.c: Section I USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES; Section II USS LIBRA (Formation Guide), USS TITANIA, USS ALHENA; Section III C.T.U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER. Escorted by: ComEscort in USS ANTHONY, USS DORSEY, USS SOUTHARD, USS HOVEY and USS TREVOR. Changed course to 160 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1056 Changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1102 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #17 on signal.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, making 74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17. 1302 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1305 Changed base course to 151 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1315 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17. 1402 Reduced standard speed to 14.5, averaging 70 R.P.M.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed of 14½ knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

Commanding Officer.

(Con't Over)
Examined:

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

1800-2000

Steaming as before on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c., 143 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940, at standard speed 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M. 1941 Ordered radar to surface search.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut. (jg) USN.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before at standard speed of 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M.). In cruising disposition I; third ship in second column with C.T.U. in USS GEORGE CLYMER the lead ship in third section; formation guide USS LIBRA lead ship in second section; on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #17.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Warm, sky mainly cloudy, temperatures from 72 to 78 degrees.
Wind: Light breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Anchorage to 1200 43 miles.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Sunday 28 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -11

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	27-01 South	27-55 South.	29-39 south
Long.	168-36 East	169-01 East	168 -33 East.

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming en route Noumea, New Caledonia to Wellington, New Zealand on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 14.5 knots, averaging 70 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. In cruising formation with following ships: Section I USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES; Section II USS LIBRA (Formation guide), USS TITANIA, USS ALHENA; Section III USS GEORGE CLYMER (C.T.U.), USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER. Escorted by: USS ANTHONY (ComEscort), USS HOVEY, USS TREVOR, USS DORSEY and USS STRINGHAM.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming as before on base course 151 degrees true and p.g.c., at standard speed 14.5 knots, averaging 69 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. 0440 Escort Aircraft Carrier sighted bearing 119 degrees true distant 8 miles (Identified as USS ALTAMAH). 0500 Ceased zig-zagging on signal from O.T.C. in USS GEORGE CLYMER. 0518 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17, position #2. 0530 Ceased zig-zagging at position #4. 0537 Changed base course to 162 degrees true, and p.g.c. 0540 USS GEORGE CLYMER, USS CRESCENT CITY, USS FULLER, USS LIBRA and escort composed of USS ANTHONY (ComEscort), USS HOVEY, USS TREVOR, USS DORSEY, USS STRINGHAM left the formation in accordance with Operation Order. Formation guide and C.T.U. in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. Column guide USS TITANIA. 0600 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17, position 0.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., 148 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 at standard speed 14.5 knots (70 R.P.M.). 0800 Increased standard speed to 15 knots (73 R.P.M.). 1000 Increased standard speed to 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.). 1005 Radar contact of unidentified aircraft bearing 335 degrees true, distance 28 miles. 1008 Radar contact of aircraft identified as friendly.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 162 degrees true and p.g.c., 148 p.s.c. at standard speed of 15.5 knots (74 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. USS PRESIDENT JACKSON formation guide and O.T.C.; USS TITANIA column guide. 1201 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. 1205 Changed base course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c., 166 p.s.c. 1210 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. MCCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15.5 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. 1702 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on signal. 1704 Changed base course to 220 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1713 Resumed zig-zagging to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940, on signal.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 220 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15.5 knots averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.
(Con't Over)

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*

H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Commanding Officer.

Navigator.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 220 degrees true and p.g.c., 206 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940 at standard speed 15.5 knots (75 R.P.M.). 2001 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course and reduced speed to 2/3 speed (Standard). 2005 Changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c., 166 p.s.c. 2011 Ahead standard speed. 2015 Commenced zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. 2245 Surface radar contact bearing 065 degrees true, distance 8 miles. 2300 Lost surface contact bearing 055 degrees true, distance 8 1/2 miles.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut.(jg) USN.

Weather: Clear, generally warm, temperatures from 72 to 78 degrees.
Sea: Calm.
Wind: Light breeze.
Run: Noon to Noon 336 Miles.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
Commander USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Monday 29 November 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	32-13 South	33-03 South	34-46 South
Long.	168-44 East	169-10 East	169-40 East

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

0000 - 0400

(WAR DIARY)

Steaming en route to Wellington, New Zealand, on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15.5 knots (74 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. In cruising formation with the following ships: Section I USS PRESIDENT HAYES; Section II USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (C. T. U.) and USS PRESIDENT ADAMS; Section III USS TITANIA and USS ALHENA. 0000 Commenced using -12 zone time.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0400 - 0800

Steaming in cruising formation on base course 180 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15.5 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. 0434 Dawn General Quarters. 0534 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness #3. 0543 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order of O.T.C. 0546 Changed base course to 152 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0555 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17 on signal.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in cruising disposition on base course 152 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15.5 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before on base course 152 degrees true and p.g.c., 136 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 at standard speed of 15.5 (76 R.P.M.).

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before on base course 152 degrees true and p.g.c. standard speed 15.5 knots averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17. C.T.U. in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON. 1600 Tested siren and whistle. 1700 Ceased zig-zagging 1705 Changed base course to 200 degrees true and p.g.c. 1716 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 200 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15.5 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before on base course 200 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 15.5 (75 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (O.T.C.). 2000 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. Changed speed to 2/3. 2005 Changed base course to 170 degrees true and p.g.c., 154 p.s.c. 2008 Changed speed to Standard (15.5 knots). 2015 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. 2100 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course. Changed speed to 2/3. 2105 Changed base course to 145 degrees true and p.g.c., 128 p.s.c. 2108 Changed speed to standard speed (15.5 knots, 75 R.P.M.). 2115 Resumed zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

(Con't Over)

Approved:

H. W. Bradbury
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USNAVY

Commanding Officer.

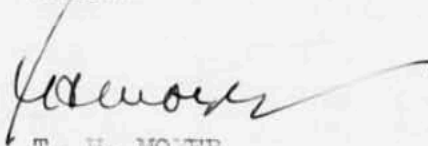
Examined:

F. H. Moyer
F. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.

Navigator.

Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperatures from 66 to 78 degrees.
Sea: Calm.
Wind: Light breeze.
Run: Noon to Noon

319 Miles.



T. H. MOLER

PART III
CONFIDENTIAL

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UNITED STATES SHIP ALHENA AKA-9 Tuesday 30 November, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description -12

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	37-15 South	36-02 South	
Long.	171-29 East	172-08 East	

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000 - 0400

Steaming in cruising formation on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c., 128 p.s.c. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 at standard speed 15.5 knots (76 R.P.M.). ComTransDiv 2 in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON O.T.C. and C.T.U. 32.4.3. Section I USS PRESIDENT HAYES; Section II USS PRESIDENT JACKSON and USS PRESIDENT ADAMS; Section III USS TITANIA and USS ALHENA. Ship completely darkend. Maintaining continuous radar surface search.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

0400 - 0800

Steaming in formation as before on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c., 128 p.s.c. Standard speed 15.5 knots, averaging 75 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. 0410 General Quarters. 0510 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness #3.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

0800 - 1200

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15.5 knots, averaging 76 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940.

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

1200 - 1600

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15.5 knots (74 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #17 from Zig-zag Diagrams 1940. 1315 Changed standard speed to 15 knots (72 R.P.M.).

J. G. Lyman
J. G. LYMAN,
Lieut. USNR.

1600 - 1800

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots (73 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #17. 1624 Sighted Mount Egmont bearing 112 degrees true distance approximately 70 miles. 1735 Mount Egmont broad on port bow.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
Lieut(jg) USN.

1800 - 2000

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots (73 R.P.M.). Zig-zagging according to plan #17.

K. G. McCarren
K. G. McCARREN,
Lieut. USNR.

2000 - 2400

Steaming as before in cruising formation on base course 145 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed 15 knots, making 73 R.P.M. Zig-zagging according to plan #17. 2007 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course on order of O.T.C. 2015 USS PRESIDENT HAYES formed into column astern of USS PRESIDENT ADAMS. 2017 Resumed zig-zagging on signal. 2215 Sighted Stephen Island bearing 178 degrees true, distant 39 miles. ^{Light}

C. W. Nickel
C. W. NICKEL,
Lieut. USNR.

Weather: Clear, generally cool, temperatures from 62 to 70 degrees.

Sea: Calm.

Wind: Light breeze.

Run: Noon to Noon 335 Miles.

Approved: *H. W. Bradbury*
H. W. BRADBURY, Commander USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *T. H. Moyer*
T. H. MOYER, Commander USNR.
Navigator.

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C.T.U. 32.4.3 Secret Operation Order #13-43
#14-43

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ZONE TIME MINUS 12

December 1. Enroute from Noumea, New Caledonia from which port we departed on 27 November in accordance with ComTransGroup ThirdPhib (Rear Admiral R.K. TURNER) secret despatch #220520 dated 27 November 1943 in company with ships of T.U. 32.4.3. Task Unit Commander is Captain A.B. ANDERSON. Ships in unit include; USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, USS TITANIA and USS ALHENA. 0635 Proceeding into Port Nicholson, Wellington, New Zealand. 0845 Moored to Clyde Quay Wharf.

Dec. 2 to Dec. 6

Moored as before. Sending one officer and eight petty officers ashore daily for temporary shore patrol duty. Liberty for half the crew daily.

Dec. 7

Moored as before. Left Clyde Quay Wharf at 0717 to proceed into floating drydock at 0800 to clean bottom. Commenced scraping and chipping paint from bottom.

Dec. 8

Shored up in drydock as before and continuing work on the hull.

Dec. 9

Completed work on hull. Paint applied was two coats of anti-corrosive formula #14, one coat anti-fouling, formula #15 PH, and one coat black boot topping formula #3, 1300 Ship water-borne and proceeding to mooring at Aoeta Quay, Wellington, New Zealand. Moored at 1340.

Dec. 10

Moored as before. Underway at 0715 to moor at Clyde Quay Wharf. 0756 Moored to Clyde Quay Wharf.

Dec. 11 to Dec. 14

Moored as before. Liberty and recreation for half the crew. Sending one officer and eight petty officers ashore daily for temporary shore patrol duty.

Dec. 15

Moored as before. 1437 Underway in company with ships of T.U. 32.4.3 and heading out of Port Nicholson, Wellington, enroute to Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands, in accordance with ComTransGroupThirdPhib movement order #2-43 of Nov. 1943. Cruising formation of three column includes the following ships. Section 1, USS PRESIDENT HAYES, Section 2, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (CTU, Captain A.B. ANDERSON) followed by USS PRESIDENT ADAMS. Section 3, USS TITANIA and USS ALHENA.

Run: Anchorage to 2000 - 71 miles.

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Dec. 16 Steaming as before in cruising disposition of 3 sections. Zig zagging day and night and conducting dawn general quarters daily.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	39-39 178-08	39-04 178-28	37-22 179-15

Run: 2000 to noon 195 miles.

Dec. 17 Steaming as before. 1345 Conducted tactical maneuvering exercises with all watch officers on bridge for one hour.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	34-39 179-10	33-36 179-01	31-57 178-50

Run: Noon to noon 336 miles.

Dec. 18 Steaming as before. All ships of formation conducted firing drill from 1250 to 1400 and this vessel expended the following ammunition; 1800 rounds of .50 cal. 2040 rounds of 20 MM and 34 rounds of 3"/50 cal.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	29-09 178-37	28-10 178-29	26-33 177-48

Run: Noon to noon 328 miles.

Dec. 19 Steaming as before. 0650 USS HOPKINS, USS GAMBLE, USS TRACY and USS SICARD joined formation and took position as anti-submarine screen.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	23-48 178-00	22-56 177-57	20-58 177-55

Run: Noon to noon 330 miles.

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Dec. 20 Steaming as before. 0315 USS ALHENA (OTC), USS TITANIA, USS TRACY and USS SICARD detached from formation to proceed to Vunda and Lautoka to anchorage in accordance with movement plan. Other ships of Task Unit proceeded to Suva. 1217 USS TITANIA moored at Vunda Point. This vessel proceeded alone to moor at Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands to load troops and cargo. Embarked 12 Army Officers and 257 Army enlisted from 247th Field Artillery Battalion for transportation to Bougainville in accordance with ComTransGroup movement order of November 1943. Loaded 408 tons of cargo consisting of combat equipment and ammunitions.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	18-17	Moored to Colonial Sugar Refining Pier, Lautoka, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands.	
	177-11		

Run: Noon to noon 324 miles.

Dec. 21 Moored as before. 0630 Ship underway to anchor off Vio Island.

Dec. 22 Anchored as before. 1121 Underway to join column formation of task unit enroute to Guadalcanal. 1630 Joined by other ships of T.U. 32.4.3. Took cruising formation of three sections; Section 1, USS ALHENA and USS TITANIA. Section 2, CTU Captain A.B. ANDERSON in USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (Fleet Guide) and USS PRESIDENT ADAMS; Section 3, USS PRESIDENT HAYES. Escorted by USS SICARD, USS GAMBLE, USS HOPKINS and USS TRACY. Zig zagging day and night and conducting dawn general quarters daily.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
		At anchor.	17-59 176-10

Run: Anchorage to noon 9 miles.

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Dec. 23 Steaming in cruising formation as before at standard interval and distance. 0835 Took interval of 1500 yards and distance of 1000 yards preparatory to conducting firing drill for all ships of formation. 0905 Went to General Quarters for target practice. 0944 Secured from General Quarters. Resumed standard interval and distance. Ammunition expended during firing exercises; 2040 rounds of 20 MM 1626 rounds of 50 cal. and 30 rounds of 3" 50 cal. 2000 Changed to Zone Time -11.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	16-36	16-17	15-31
	173-32	172-31	170-31

Run: Noon to noon 342 miles.

Dec. 24 Steaming in cruising formation as before. Passed between Espiritu Santo and the Banks Islands.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	14-17	14-28	14-33
	167-28	166-50	165-30

Run: Noon to noon 349 miles.

Dec. 25 Steaming in cruising formation as before. 2000 Passed east of San Cristobal Island between Ulawa Island and Lark Shoal into Indispensable Strait.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	12-26	11-48	10-23
	163-28	163-06	162-22

Run: Noon to noon 297 miles.

Dec. 26 Steaming in cruising formation as before. 0505 Formed in single column passing through Lengo Channel. 0642 Anchored of Koli Point, Guadalcanal. 2310 Transferred 2 ramp boats to Lunga Boat Pool and received three in return. Transferred 10 men who had more than 18 months overseas duty for eventual transfer to continental U.S. in line with the rotation of duty policy. Underway in column formation enroute to Cape Torokina, Bougainville in accordance with ComTransGroup secret operation order #14-43.

Run: Noon to anchorage 268 miles.

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Dec. 27 Steaming as before. 0123 Assumed cruising formation of 2 columns. Section 1, USS PRESIDENT JACKSON, USS PRESIDENT ADAMS and USS PRESIDENT HAYES. Section 2, USS ALHENA and USS TITANIA. Escorted by USS WADSWORTH, USS TERRY, USS BRAINE, USS PHILIP and USS EATON. Zig zagging day and night. 0750 Tug USS MINOMINEE joined formation astern of Section 1. Passed north of Russell Islands and south of New Georgia group this day.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	09-14	08-56	08-07
	158-15	157-29	157-00

Run: Anchorage to noon 169 miles.

Dec. 28 Steaming as before. 0431 Maneuvering to take position as fourth ship in column formation entering Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. 0628 Secured from Dawn General Quarters and set special condition of readiness #4. 0712 Anchored off Cape Torokina. Discharged 408 tons of combat equipment and ammunition taken on at Lautoka and disembarked 12 officers and 257 enlisted troops of the 247 th. Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army in our own and shore based landing craft. 1324 Underway and proceeding in column formation out of Empress Augusta Bay. 1325 Secured from special condition #4. 1445 Formed column open order. 1706 Formed cruising disposition of two columns at standard interval and distance. 2210 USS MINOMINEE escorted by USS BRAINE detached from formation.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Anchored	07-24	
		155-17	

Run: Noon to anchorage 249 miles.

Dec. 29 Steaming in cruising formation as before enroute to Guadalcanal. Through mid day passed north of Russell Islands and south of the New Georgia group. 1502 Formed single column formation enroute to anchorage. 1515 Passed between Savo Island and Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal. 1531 Formed column open order. 1730 Anchored off Tetera, Guadalcanal.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	08-55	08-51	Anchored.
	157-57	159-01	

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Dec. 30 Anchored as before in standby condition and made a number of personnel transfers. 1754 Underway in single column formation. 1845 Formed cruising disposition of two columns enroute to Viti Levu, Fiji Islands in accordance with ComTransGroupThirdPhib movement order #2-43 of November 1943. Escorted by USS SICARD, USS GAMBLE, USS TRACY and USS HOPKINS. Zig zagging day and night and conducting dawn general quarters daily.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
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	Anchored.		09-22.5 164-40
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Run: Anchorage to midnight 86 miles.

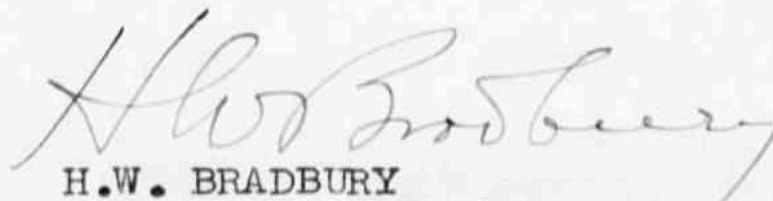
Dec. 31

Steaming in cruising formation as before.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
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	10-43 163-10	11-22 163-50	11-59 165-34
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Run: Midnight to midnight. 354 miles.


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January 1. Steaming in formation of task unit 32.4.3 enroute from Guadalcanal (from which port we departed December 30th, 1943) to Viti Levu, Fiji Islands in accordance with ComTask Unit secret operation order #14-43 Annex (B) serial #292349 of December 1943, for the purpose of taking on troops and cargo. C.T.U. is Captain A.B. ANDERSON in U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, formation guide and lead ship of first section followed by U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS and U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES. This ship is guide of section II followed by U.S.S. TITANIA. Escorts screening in van are U.S.S. GAMBLE (Comescort), U.S.S. SICARD, U.S.S. TRACY and U.S.S. HOPKINS. Zig-zagging day and night and holding predawn General Quarters daily. 0620 Passed Vatganai Island abeam to starboard.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	12-59	13-17	14-10
	168-07	169-00	170-38

RUN: Midnight to Midnight 328 Miles

January 2.

ZONE TIME MINUS 11

Steaming in formation as before. 0000 Set clocks to time zone -12.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	15-47	16-20	17-05
	172-36	173-20	174-38

RUN: Midnight to Midnight 286 Miles.

January 3.

Steaming in formation as before. 0545 Sighted Viti Levu, Fiji Islands. 0732 Changed formation to single column, this ship astern of U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES as fourth ship. 0819 Following lead ship, U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, toward Navula Reef Passage. 0912 Passed thru Navula Reef Passage and proceeded toward anchorage in Nandi Bay Area. 1037 Anchored in berth #54 off Vunda, Viti Levu. 1040 Lowered all boats preparatory to taking on cargo. 1345 Commenced taking on cargo and troops.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	17-51	A-N-C-H-O-R-E-D	
	177-03		

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January 4. Anchored as before and taking on cargo from barges tied alongside. 0853 U.S.S. ATASCOSA moored alongside for fueling this ship. Held morning recreation party for 112 men and afternoon recreation party for 129 men. 1000 Lieutenant Commander C. J. DYER, Cargo Officer, attended a meeting with other Officers of this Unit on the beach to discuss cargo loading. 1215 Secured from taking on 160,000 gallons of fuel oil. 1325 U.S.S. ATASCOSA cast off and proceeded to U.S.S. TITANIA to fuel that ship. 1515 Secured from embarking troops in accordance with ComTransGroupThirdPhib movement order #2-43 of November 29, 1943. Total troops on board: 8 Officers and 210 enlisted men from the 24th Field Artillery Battalion, Amercal Division, U.S. Army.

January 5. Anchored as before. Held liberty for one fourth of the crew in the afternoon.

January 6. Anchored as before. 1310 Conducted abandon ship drill with troops. 1420 Hoisted all boats aboard preparatory to getting underway, in accordance with C.T.G. 3rdPhib movement order #2-43 and C.T.U. Op Order #1-44. 1457 Anchor-aweigh. Underway in column formation of T.U. 32.4.3 with ships in the following order: Captain A. B. ANDERSON, C.T.U., in U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (formation guide) U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, U.S.S. ALHENA, U.S.S. TITANIA. Escorted by U.S.S. GAMBLE (Comescort) U.S.S. SICARD, U.S.S. TRACY, and U.S.S. HOPKINS. Following movements of guide. 1525 Passed thru Navula Reef Passage. 1639 Formed cruising disposition of two sections on signal, Section I: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, and U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES. Section II: U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. TITANIA. 1655 Commenced zig-zagging.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	A-N-C-H-O-R-E-D		17-40 176-24

Run: Anchorage to Midnight 123 Miles.

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January 7. Steaming in formation as before enroute to Guadalcanal, zig-zagging day and night and conducting dawn General Quarters daily. 2000 Changed clocks to zone discription -11.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	16-40	16-23	15-41
	173-40	172-47	170-52

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 336 Miles.

January 8. Steaming in formation as before. 0857 Passed North Point, Aurora Island abeam to port. 1241 Formed single column formation: Section II falling in astern of section I to conduct gunnery firing drill on aircraft towed targets. 1350 Held Anti-aircraft target practice. 1518 Secured from General Quarters and target practice. Ammunition expended: 220 rounds 20 MM, 6,750 rounds .50 Caliber, 1000 rounds .30 Caliber. 1518 Formed three section disposition as follows: Section I: U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, Section II: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (formation guide) and U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, Section III: U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. TITANIA. 1548 Passed Cape Quiros abeam to port. 1732 Passed Cape Cumberland, Espirito Santo, New Hebrides Islands abeam to port.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	14-46	15-06	14-02
	168-22	167-39	166-25

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 324 Miles.

January 9. Steaming in formation as before. 0530 Sighted S.S. LURLINE and escort travelling on opposite and parallel course. 1042 Sighted a 5 ship formation consisting of U.S.S. ERIDANUS towing a tanker, an L.C.I. and a Y.P. escorted by 2 SC's which we subsequently passed abeam to starboard.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	11-57	11-19	10-10
	164-18	163-40	162-22

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 324 Miles.

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January 10. Steaming in formation as before. 0555 Formed in single column to pass through Indispensible Strait in following order: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (Guide), U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. TITANIA. 0648 Column standing into Lengo Channel. 0715 Proceeding independently to anchorage. 0747 Anchored in berth #53 off Koli Point, Guadalcanal, with engine room in stand by condition, and ready to get underway in case of an emergency. 0900 All boats lowered into water preparatory to taking on additional cargo of high test gasoline. 1400 Commanding Officer attended meeting of task unit Commanding Officers aboard the U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON to discuss discharge of cargo. Secured from taking on cargo of 1152 barrels of high test gasoline. 2200 All boats hoisted aboard and tests made preparatory to getting underway.

Run: Midnight to Anchorage: 98 Miles.

January 11. Anchored as before. 0003 Underway in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.3 Op Order #2-44. Secret mailgram #100113 January and maneuvering to take station as fourth ship in column open order formation of task unit astern of U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES. 0155 Passed between Savo Island and Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal. 0214 Formed cruising disposition of two sections as follows: Section I: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (C.T.U. Captain A. B. ANDERSON) formation guide, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES; Section II: U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. TITANIA. Escorts include U.S.S. LEVY (Comescort Div. 90) and U.S.S. HUDSON, U.S.S. PRINGLE, U.S.S. SAUFLEY and U.S.S. HALFORD. 0228 Commenced zig-zagging. 0520 Conducted pre-dawn General Quarters. 0614 Passed Buraku Island abeam to starboard. 1104 Passed Tetipari Island abeam to starboard. 1900 Conducted post sunset General Quarters. 2340 Passed Treasury Islands abeam to starboard.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	09-16	08-56	08-09
	158-25	157-31	150-00

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 323 Miles.

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January 12. Steaming in cruising formation as before, enroute to Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. 0417 Formed single column formation to approach anchorage. 0630 Secured from dawn General Quarters and set special condition of readiness #4. 0720 Anchored in berth #4 off Cape Torokina, Bougainville with engine room in standby condition ready to get underway in case of an emergency. Commenced putting all boats in the water preparatory to unloading cargo. 0811 Unloading cargo into ships boats and shore based L.C.T. 1200 Due to rough surf, #1 boat (Captains Gig), being used as repair boat, broached to and reported abandoned on the beach. 1203 Two Officers and 26 enlisted U.S. Navy reported aboard for transportation to Lunga Boat Repair Unit in accordance with ComTransGroupThirdPhib confidential mailgram #070207 of January 1, 1944. 1232 Completed discharging cargo, all hatches secured for sea. Total cargo discharged this day: 458 tons consisting of ammunition, vehicles and high test gasoline. Troops debarked, 8 Officers and 209 enlisted from 247th Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army. 1455 All boats aboard. 1505 Embarked 13 Officers and 213 enlisted from 1st Battalion, Twelfth Marine Division, by authority C.T.U. 32.4.3 Op Order #2-44. 1640 Underway on signal from C.T.U. in column open order proceeding from anchorage out of Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, enroute to Guadalcanal. This ship fourth in column. 1900 Formed cruising disposition of two sections as follows: C.T.U. Captain A. B. ANDERSON in U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (guide) followed by U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS and U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES. Section II: U.S.S. ALHENA followed by U.S.S. TITANIA. Escorts screening in van under U.S.S. LEVY (Comescort). 1905 Conducted post sunset General Quarters and secured from special condition of readiness #4. 1937 Commenced zig-zagging. 1945 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness #3. 2117 Commenced evasive maneuvers due to condition red at Treasury Island 20 miles on our port side. 2145 Sounded General Quarters on sighting anti-aircraft fire from Treasury Island. Numerous radar contacts with enemy planes at various distances and bearings, closest 4 miles. Escort fired at Bogey crossing ahead of formation. 2229 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness #3. 2243 Ceased emergency evasion maneuvers and resumed zig-zagging.

POSITIONS 0800 1200 2000

Anchored off Cape Torokina, Bougainville. 06-57

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 208 Miles. 154-52

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January 13. Steaming as before. 0026 Condition red reported at Treasury Islands. Heavy anti-aircraft fire observed. Frequent radar contact on enemy planes all at a safe distance from the ship. Through the morning, formation passed Rendova, Tetipari, Vanguna and Gatukai Islands abeam to port. During afternoon, passed Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal, and Savo Island to anchor at 1900 off Teterere, Guadalcanal.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	08-51 157-20	08-54 158-22	Anchored.

Run: Midnight to Anchorage: 306 Miles.

January 14. Anchored as before. During forenoon watch debarked: 13 Officers and 213 enlisted Marines of the Twelfth Marine Division to Teterere in accordance with C.T.U. Op Order #2-44. Also two (2) Officers and 26 enlisted Naval Personnel passengers to Lunga Repair Unit in accordance with ComTransGroup ThirdPhib #1-44 of 6 January and in line with the rehabilitation leave policy of the BuPers now in effect. 13 men from ship's company were transferred to ComNavBase, Lunga, FFT to continental United States. 1154 Underway from anchorage to Tulagi Harbor to anchor at 1329 off Gavutu Island. From 2000 to 2400 heavy rain squall came up and ship dragged 200 yards. Veered to 90 fathoms of chain to starboard anchor.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	Anchored off Teterere.	Under- way.	Anchored off Gavutu Island.

Run: Anchorage to Anchorage: 17 Miles.

January 15. Anchored as before. 1045 Two Officers and 27 men of Standard Landing Craft Unit #18, reported aboard for temporary duty and training for amphibious operations. Ships present include: U.S.S. TITANIA and U.S.S. CHANDELEUR.

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January 16. Anchored as before. Ships present include: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. PINKNEY and U.S.S. CHESTNUT. 0519 Underway to join other ships of T.U. 32.4.3 enroute to Noumea, New Caledonia in accordance with C.T.U. Op Order #3-44 of 15 January 1944. 0630 In single column formation as follows: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (C.T.U. and Guide), U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. ALCHIBA and U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. HOPKINS. After passing thru Lengo Channel, ships assumed cruising formation as follows: Section I: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, and U.S.S. ALCHIBA. Section II: U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. CHANDELEUR. Proceeded south of San Cristobal Islands.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	09-22	10-03	11-35
	160-23	161-04	162-13

Run: Anchorage to Midnight: 271 Miles.

January 17. Steaming as before and holding dawn General Quarters daily. Weather heavy all day with strong WNW winds and heavy swells. Visibility very poor dropping to 500 yards in squalls. 2350 U.S.S. CHANDELEUR and U.S.S. HOPKINS detached from formation to proceed to Efate.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	14-03	15-00	16-37
	164-09	164-46	166-10

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 378 Miles.

January 18. Steaming as before in new cruising disposition of two sections: Section I: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON and U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, Section II: U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALCHIBA. Weather very heavy this day causing rolling in following sea. Slowed speed and ceased zig-zagging in favor of occasional ships right and left movements on signal. During forenoon watch rolling reached 30 degrees at times causing ramp boats to shift and damage. Sea rough with swells from NW. Wind up to 40 knots at times from NW.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	19-16	19-56	20-49
	167-45	168-10	168-54

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 265 Miles.

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January 19. Steaming as before at slow speeds and zig-zagging. 0530 Changed cruising formation as follows: Section I: U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS and U.S.S. ALCHIBA, Section II: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (C.T.U. and Guide) followed by U.S.S. ALHENA. 1150 Passed Walpole Island abeam to starboard at a distance of five miles. 1900 U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS dropped back with engineering casualty and U.S.S. ALCHIBA assumed position as guide of section I. Weather continued foul with rough sea and high winds.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	22-08	22-40	23-28
	169-29	168-58	167-36

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 246 Miles.

January 20. Steaming as before. 0620 Special sea details stationed preparatory to entering port. Followed movements of column guide rounding Amedee Light at 0630 to anchor in Dumbea Bay at 0759. Ships present include: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. ALCHIBA, U.S.S. CATBIRD, U.S.S. STARLING, U.S.S. ORIZABA, U.S.S. SICARD, U.S.S. GAMBLE, U.S.S. COR CAROLI, U.S.S. ARIDED, U.S.S. PROMETHEUS, U.S.S. OZARK, U.S.S. TERRY, U.S.S. TRACY, U.S.S. HAMMANN. 1315 U.S.S. ROCHAMBEAU standing in to anchor. 1625 U.S.S. ARIDED stood in.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
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Anchored in berth #54-in Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia.

Run: Midnight to Anchorage: 93 Miles.

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January 21. Anchored as before. 0840 U.S.S. PINKNEY standing in. 1000 One Officer and 67 enlisted Army, Navy and Marine Corps embarked for transportation to Auckland, New Zealand, in accordance with C.T.U. visual order #1427. U.S.S. RIXEY standing in. Tests and preparations made for getting underway. 1530 Underway enroute to Auckland, New Zealand, in accordance with ComTransGroupThirdPhib Op Order #4-44. Passed over degaussing range and formed column of T.U. 32.4.3 in following order: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, U.S.S. ALCHIBA and U.S.S. ALHENA. 1724 Passed Amedee Light and formed cruising disposition of three sections: Section I: U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, Section II: U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, Section III: U.S.S. ALCHIBA and U.S.S. ALHENA.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
		Anchored in berth #54, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.	23-03 166-20

Run: Anchorage to Midnight: 98 Miles.

January 22. Steaming as before and zig-zagging day and night, holding dawn General Quarters daily. 0555 Task Unit split as previously directed, this section with O.T.C. and Guide in U.S.S. ALCHIBA (and U.S.S. TRACY as escort) headed for Auckland, New Zealand. Other ships of T.U. 32.4.3 proceeding to Wellington, New Zealand. 0602 Took station, 90 degrees relative to the left of the U.S.S. ALCHIBA.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	25-24 167-30	26-08 168-00	27-28 169-03

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 302 Miles.

January 23. Steaming as before.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	29-41 170-36	30-22 171-06	31-57 172-14

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 323 Miles.

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January 24. Steaming as before. 0730 U.S.S. ALCHIBA had engine breakdown for one half hour. This ship circled to wait within sight of land. 1130 Changed to column formation; this vessel astern of U.S.S. ALCHIBA, to enter swept channel, running along coast of North Island. 1905 Passed Rangitoto Island abeam to port. 2030 With the aid of tugs "Wm. C. DOLDY" and "TEAWHANA" this vessel moored to Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. 2045 Two section liberty for crew.

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	34-29	35-19	Moored.
	173-58	174-28	

Run: Midnight to Mooring: 269 Miles.

January 25. Moored as before. Set clocks to zone description -12. Workmen installing new booms. Liberty for $\frac{1}{2}$ crew daily. One Officer and three Petty Officers on temporary shore patrol duty each day. In small groups, ships company is attending a short course in free gunnery on the wharf.

January 26 to 31. Moored as before.

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February 1-4. Moored port side to Prince's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand. Workmen installing new booms. Liberty for half of crew daily; one Officer and three (3) Petty Officers on temporary shore patrol duty each day. In small groups, ships company is attending a short course in free gunnery on the wharf.

February 5. Moored as before. 1515 Commenced embarking troops. Flying Officer J. H. AITKEN, RNZAF, in charge of 56 enlisted New Zealand Air Force Personnel, reported aboard for transportation.

February 6. Moored as before. 0530 Commenced preparations for getting underway in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.3, Op Order #1-44 of 10 January 1944. 0623 Underway for Espiritu Santo, on various courses, in company with U.S.S. ALCHIBA (C.T.U. and Guide) Standard speed of 15 knots, passing up the east coast and taking departure from Cape Brett at 1800. Exercised gunnery drills for all guns in the morning. In the afternoon fired. Gunnery practice on sleeve target, with firing by all starboard guns; ammunition expended: 20 MM - 1860 rounds; .50 Caliber - 2700 rounds; 3".50 Caliber - 57 rounds. 1837 Took position 1000 yards abeam to port of U.S.S. ALCHIBA and commenced zig-zagging according to plan #8, Zig-zag diagrams for 1940.

RUN: Anchorage to Midnight: 196 Miles.

February 7. Steaming in formation with U.S.S. ALCHIBA (C.T.U. and Guide), enroute from Auckland, New Zealand (from which port we departed 6 February 1944) to Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, for the purpose of disembarking troops and cargo. Zig-zagging day and night. Holding gunnery drills daily.

RUN: Midnight to Midnight: 359 Miles.

<u>POSITION:</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	32-08	31-16	29-10
	173-25	173-04	172-09

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February 8. Steaming in cruising formation as before. 1130
Joined by escorts, U.S.S. SAMPSON and U.S.S. NEUENDORF. Zig-
zagging day and night. Weather is fair with light wind. Holding
gunnery drills daily.

RUN:	Midnight to Midnight:	350 Miles.	
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	26-28	25-32	23-40
	170-53	170-32	169-55

February 9. Steaming in formation as before. Holding pre-
dawn General Quarters and gunnery drills daily. Weather cloudy
with a gentle breeze. Zig-zagging day and night. 2100 Sighted
Efate Island, New Hebrides, bearing 056 degrees true, distance
approximately 22 miles.

RUN:	Midnight to Midnight:	357 Miles.	
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	20-52	19-57	18-02
	168-52	168-28	167-56

February 10. Steaming in formation as before. Holding pre-dawn
General Quarters and gunnery drills daily. Zig-zagging day and
night according to plan #11 (z). 0210 Passed South Western tip
of Malikula Island, New Hebrides, abeam to starboard, distance
15 miles. 0634 Passed thru Bougainville Strait swept channel.
0903 Entering Segond Channel entrance, at various courses and
speeds. Tutuba Island abeam to starboard, distance 650 yards.
1009 Anchored in berth #10, Segond Channel, Espiritu Santo, New
Hebrides, in 25 fathoms of water. 1110 Commenced disembarking
troops, one Officer and 56 enlisted men of RNZAF. Weather cloudy.

RUN:	Midnight to Anchorage:	105 Miles.	
<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	15-48	Anchored in berth #10,	
	167-19	Segond Channel, Espiritu	
		Santo, New Hebrides.	

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February 11. Anchored off "Alhena Beach", Second Channel, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. Various ships and units of South Pacific Force and Allied Merchantmen present. 0910 Proceeded to pier #5, and moored starboard side to. 1115 Commenced discharging cargo from holds, using New Zealand troops and U.S. Army troops as stevedore working party. Weather cloudy, with a light breeze.

February 12. Moored as before and discharging cargo. 0958 Completed discharging cargo, cast off all lines and proceeded to moor to buoy #10. Weather cloudy and wind calm.

February 13. Moored as before. 0910 Embarked one Officer and 35 enlisted men of the 307th Bombardment Squadron, Group (H), 372nd Bombardment Squadron (H) and 371st Bombardment Squadron, Group (N), for transportation. 1152 Underway, in accordance with Op Order #1-44, in company with U.S.S. CHANDELEUR, O.T.C. and Fleet Guide and U.S.S. ALCHIBA. U.S.S. CROUTER and U.S.S. HOPKINS as escorts and stood up the east coast of Espiritu Santo. Zig-zagging according to plan #12 (z). 1610 Held Abandon Ship Drill. Weather cloudy and light breeze.

RUN: Mooring to Midnight: 137½ Miles.

POSITION 0800 1200 2000

Moored to buoy #10, 14-23
Second Channel, Espiritu 166-45
Santo, New Hebrides.

February 14. Steaming as before, zig-zagging day and night and holding dawn General Quarters daily. 1552 Sighted 12 ships bearing 000 degrees true, distance approximately 13 miles. 1652 Sighted Santa Ana Island, Solomon Islands, bearing 279 degrees true, distance 36 miles. 2217 Passed Aliti Island, abeam to port, on course 275 degrees, distance 2½ miles. Weather cloudy, with light breeze.

RUN: Midnight to Midnight: 346 Miles.

POSITION 0800 1200 2000

12-23 11-41 10-23
164-32 163-50 162-25

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February 15. Steaming as before, zig-zagging; held predawn General Quarters. 0351 Lookout aft., reported torpedo wake on port quarter. Rounded Nura Island to port and proceeded into Lengo Channel. 0720 Anchored in assigned berth #30 off Ilu River, Guadalcanal, in 18 fathoms of water, with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor, and commenced disembarking troops. 1201 Underway for Purvis Bay, Solomon Islands, in company with the U.S.S. ALCHIBA (C.T.U. and Fleet Guide). 1326 Passed Bungona Island Light House, abeam to starboard, distance $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles. 1428 Anchored in berth #9, Purvis Bay, Solomon Islands, in 20 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor.

RUN: Midnight to Guadalcanal Anchorage: 107 Miles.
Anchorage at Guadalcanal to Purvis Bay. 21 Miles.

February 16-18. Anchored as before. Carried on ships upkeep and drills at anchor. Ships force installing steam winches at #4 hold, and two (2) 40 MM Guns on after platform.

February 19. Anchored as before. 0700 Three Officers and 48 enlisted personnel left the ship to attend all day session at Anti-aircraft school. Recreation party for a quarter of the crew in the afternoon. Weather fair, light air.

February 20. Anchored as before. Half day recreation parties for two sections. Weather fair with a light breeze.

February 21. Anchored as before. Upkeep and drills at anchor. Transferred four (4) (LCV'S) to Amphibious Force Boat Pool, Tulagi, and received in exchange four (4) LCV(P). Weather cloudy with light breeze.

February 22. Anchored as before. Eleven ramp boats to Hutchison Creek for beach landing exercises, in conjunction with other ships of division two. 1208 Boat landing party returned to the ship. 1425 Beachmaster in charge of 45 Caliber Firing Party to range for practice. Weather cloudy, light breeze.

February 24. Anchored as before. 0905 Dispatched 12 boats for two hours of landing exercises. Weather fair with light breeze.

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February 25. Anchored as before. 0642 Underway in company with TransDivTwo, T.U. 32.4.3, U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (C.T.U. and Guide). 0929 Cleared Lengo Channel and proceeding independently to operating area in Indispensable Strait, in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.3 Training Order #2-44 of 25th February 1944. 1115 Test and proof fired two new 40 MM guns. Ammunition expended: 16 rounds. 1210 Commenced Tactical Maneuvering Exercises for Officers, using various courses and speeds. 1526 Secured from exercises and proceeded with remainder of the unit to anchorage, off Tambunimane, Guadalcanal, in 31 fathoms of water, with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. Weather fair with light breeze.

February 26. Anchored as before. 0707 Underway on signal and formed cruising disposition; column of 5 ships, this ship, third ship in column. Guide and C.T.U. in U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON. Proceeded with U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS to Rua Sura Island, to observe practice in transferring troops from landing craft to amphibious tractors. 1127 Underway to join remainder of T. U. 32.4.3, at Lat. 09 deg. 20 Min. S; Long. 160 deg. 42 Min. E. 1247 Conducted scheduled gunnery exercises on floating target, following movements of guide. Four runs were made on target; ships of column firing in succession, ranges of 3,000 to 1200 yards. Ammunition expended: 4".50 Caliber - 5 rounds; 3".50 Caliber - 20 rounds; 40 MM - 32 rounds; .50 Caliber - 1,215 rounds; 20 MM - 780 rounds. 1452 Commenced maneuvering on signal from (C.T.U. and Guide), using Special Tactical Instructions, Serial 0116. 1635 Proceeding independently to same anchorage as yesterday.

February 27. Anchored as before. 0730 Underway in company with rest of T.U. 32.4.3, and proceeded independently to carry out scheduled exercises, in accordance with Training Order. 1300 Formed with rest of Unit at rendezvous. Practiced laying smoke screen. 1330 to 1450 Fired scheduled Anti-aircraft target practice, on towed sleeve target. Ammunition expended: 3".50 Caliber - 26 rounds; 40 MM - 80 rounds; 20 MM - 3,840 rounds; .50 Caliber - 3,510 rounds. Engaged in fleet tactical maneuvers. 1645 Proceeding independently to same anchorage off Tambunimane, Guadalcanal. Weather cloudy, light air.

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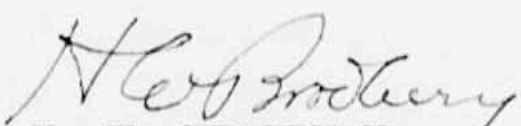
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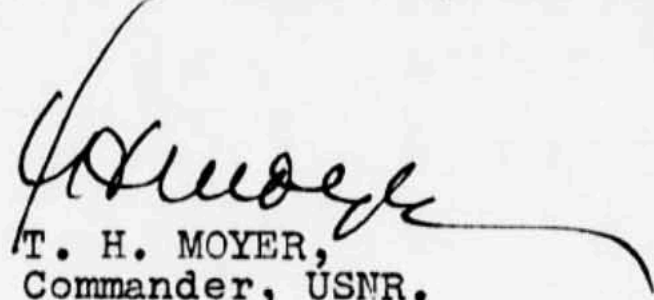
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February 28. Anchored as before. 0652 Underway with rest of T.U. 32.4.3. 0803 Proceeded with U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS to area, south of Rua Sura Island, lay to and dispatched two boats with observation party to witness landing craft exercises. 1025 Observation party returned to the ship, and ship underway enroute to rendezvous with rest of T.U. 1230 Formed cruising disposition and exercised in Tactical Maneuvers and making smoke. 1302 Commenced scheduled target practice on towed sleeve target. 1444 Secured from target practice; ammunition expended: 3".50 Caliber - 17 rounds; 40 MM - 112 rounds; 20 MM - 3,240 rounds; .50 Caliber - 3,370 rounds. 1606 Formed cruising disposition; took station 1000 yards on port beam of U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (C.T.U. and Guide), this ship, first ship in third section. Conducted tactical exercises, using communication. 1740 Secured from tactical maneuvers and proceeded to same anchorage as yesterday, off Tambunimane, Guadalcanal, in 32 fathoms of water. Weather fair with light breeze.

February 29. Anchored as before. 0752 Underway with the Unit, and commenced Tactical Maneuvers, according to Tactical Instructions, Serial 0116. 1140 Formed approach disposition for landing exercises, this ship, first ship in first section, 1000 yards on starboard beam of U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (C.T.U. and Guide). Made approach to beach, east of Taivu Point. 1400 Stopped in "Transport Area", about five miles off. 1407 Commenced lowering all boats. 1424 All boats (18) in the water and making landings in three waves as scheduled. 1540 Anchored off Tambunimane, Guadalcanal, in 18 fathoms of water and hoisted boats aboard. 1555 Layed smoke screen for five minutes, upon signal from C.T.U. Weather cloudy with rain squalls, light air.


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ZONE TIME MINUS 11

March 1. Anchored off east of Laivu Point, Tambunimane, Guadalcanal, in company with T.U. 32.4.3, which consists of U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. ALCHIBA and U.S.S. ALHENA. Screening are U.S.S. COOLBAUGH (Comescort), U.S.S. HOPKINS, U.S.S. LOESER and U.S.S. LONG. At 0525 Commenced landing exercises in accordance with C.T.U. Training Order No. 2-44. 0645 Secured from Landing Exercises and commenced making preparations for getting underway. 0717 Underway through Lengo Channel, in company with T.U. 32.4.3 for Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands. 0815 Held 20 MM and .50 Caliber Gun Drills. 1232 Anchored in berth #9, Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands. Carried on ships routine. Weather cloudy with light breeze.

March 2. Anchored as before, in company with T.U. 32.4.3. 0619 Underway with remainder of unit. 0745 Stopped; laying to off Tagoma Point, Guadalcanal, awaiting completion of loading of U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS and U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES. 1050 Underway in company with U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, U.S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON (C.T.U. and Guide) and U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS and U.S.S. ALCHIBA. Unit zigzagging and holding dusk and dawn General Quarters daily. Weather cloudy with light air.

Run: Anchorage to Midnight: 185 Miles.

March 3. Steaming in cruising formation as before, zigzagging continuously and holding dusk and dawn General Quarters daily. During morning held various drills and exercises. Weather overcast with gentle breeze. Condition of sea: heavy swells.

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 355 Miles.

Position	0800	1200	2000
	13-14	14-16	16-05
	163-25	163-27	162-42

March 4. Steaming in cruising formation as before, enroute from Guadalcanal to Noumea, New Caledonia. Zigzagging continuously and holding dusk and dawn General Quarters daily. Weather: Cloudy with moderate breeze.

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 345 Miles.

Position	0800	1200	2000
	18-44	19-31	20-54
	161-44	162-25	163-42

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March 5. Steaming in cruising formation as before, in company with T.U. 32.4.3, zigzagging continuously and holding dusk and dawn General Quarters daily. 0717 Sighted Amedee Light bearing 093½ degrees, distance approximately 15 miles. 0737 Formed column cruising disposition through Bulari Passage and up the channel to assigned berth #23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia. 1011 Anchored in assigned berth. 1301 Commander Malcolm D. SYLVESTER relieved Commander Howard W. BRADBURY as commanding officer.

Weather: Clear with light breeze.

Run: Midnight to Anchorage: 138 Miles.

Position	0800	1200	2000
	22-30 166-23	Anchored in berth #23, Dumbea Bay, Noumea, New Caledonia.	

March 6-11 Anchored in Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia, in 11 fathoms of water; provisioning ship with necessary supplies. Holding recreation parties daily for section of crew so entitled. Detached two Officers and twenty-nine men for temporary duty ashore at Anti-Aircraft Gunnery School. 10 March 1944, Captain A. B. ANDERSON, Division Commander Transport Div. #2, with four staff officers, came aboard for Gas Defense Inspection. 11 March 1944, changed berth to new assigned berth #A2, in Great Roads. Anchored in seven fathoms of water. Continued provisioning ship and carrying out ships routine. Two Officers and twenty-nine men completed temporary duty ashore at Anti-Aircraft School.

March 12. Anchored as before in Great Roads, berth #A2; holding recreation party daily for section so entitled. Carried on ships routines.

Weather: Cloudy with light air.

March 13. Anchored as before. Carried on ships routine. 0945 Commenced loading cargo in #1, 3 and 5 holds.

Weather: Blue sky with light air.

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March 14. Anchored as before. Carried on ships routine. 0225 Secured from loading cargo. 1157 Underway from berth in Great Roads channel, in accordance with C.T.U. 32.4.3., Secret Air-Mailgram 110525 of March 1944, with remainder of T.U. 32.4.3, U.S.S. PRESIDENT HAYES, U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, U.S.S. ALCHIBA. Passed through Bulari Passage; assumed base course 303 degrees true and at 1502 commenced zigzagging. Standard speed of 15½ knots.

Weather: Blue clear sky, light air.

Sea: Calm.

Position	0800	1200	2000
	Anchored at Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.	Up anchor in Great Roads, Noumea, New Caledonia.	21-54 165-11

Run: Anchorage to Midnight: 170 Miles.

March 15. Steaming as before, enroute from Noumea, New Caledonia to Guadalcanal, zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 0010 Changed base course to 322 degrees true. 1330 Changed base course to 000 degrees true and p.g.c., same cruising disposition. 1630 Changed base course to 015 degrees true. Continuing same cruising disposition as before.

Weather: Sky cloudy, light air.

Sea: Calm.

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 362 Miles.

Position	0800	1200	2000
	19-51 163-02	19-01 162-14	17-08 162-16

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March 16. Steaming as before, zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn and dusk General Quarters daily. 1600 Changed base course to 000 degrees true.

Weather: Sky cloudy, light air.

Sea: Calm

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 346 Miles.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	14-11	13-15	11-26
	163-06	163-16	163-32

March 17. Steaming as before. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn and dusk General Quarters daily. 0505 Sighted Aliti Island bearing 240 degrees true, distance approximately 12 miles. 0545 Changed base course to 276 degrees true. 0750 Changed base course to 309 degrees true. 1109 Ceased zigzagging and changed base course to 280 degrees true and p.g.c. 1407 Proceeding independently, and at 1526 anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, in 37 fathoms of water. 1801 Commenced discharging cargo from holds

Weather: Sky cloudy, with passing showers, light breeze.

Sea: Calm

Run: Midnight to Anchorage: 182 Miles.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	09-57	09-26	Anchored in berth #9,
	161-46	160-68	off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal.

March 18. Anchored as before. 0100 Completed unloading cargo. 0817 Underway. 0920-1030 Obtaining ship's tactical data. 1151 Anchored off Florida Island, in 34 fathoms of water, Three new men reported aboard for duty.

Weather: Sky cloudy, light air.

Sea: Calm.

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March 19. Anchored as before. Carried on ships routine. Holding recreation party daily for section so entitled. 1600 One new man reported aboard for duty.

March 20. Anchored as before. Carried on ships routine. Seven Officers and forty-three men witnessed Rocket Gun Demonstration on the U.S.S. SUMTER. 1345 Received aboard 81,000 gallons of fuel oil. Held recreation party for entitled section of crew.

Weather: Sky cloudy, light air.

Sea: Calm

March 21. Anchored as before. Carried on ships routine. 0800 One officer and twenty-three men completed temporary duty on board this ship and were transferred with records and pay accounts to Officer in charge, Landing Craft Unit #18, 1300 Held recreation party for entitled section of crew.

Weather: Cloudy, light air.

March 22. Anchored as before. Carried on ships routine. Held recreation party for entitled section of crew. Received orders to report for duty to ComTransDivTen.

Weather: Sky cloudy, light breeze.

Sea: Slightly choppy.

March 23. Anchored as before, carried on ships routine.

Weather: Cloudy, gentle breeze.

March 24. Anchored as before. Received this date from Amphibious Boat Pool, Tulagi, four (4) LCVP'S in exchange for four (4) LCV'S. 1224 Underway with remainder of T.U. 34.9.1., in accordance with ComTransDiv Operation Order #1-44, U.S.S. CALLOWAY, U.S.S. SUMTER, U.S.S. CLAY (C.T.U. and Guide), U.S.S. FOMALHAUT and U.S.S. ALMAACK. 1513 Commenced zigzagging.

Weather: Cloudy with light air.

Sea: Calm.

Run: Anchorage to Midnight: 152 Miles.

Position 0800

Underway off Malaita Island.

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MARCH 1944

TIME ZONE MINUS 11

March 25. Steaming as before enroute from Guadalcanal, B.S.I., to Pearl Harbor, T.H., zigzagging during daylight hours, and holding dawn General Quarters daily. Held tactical maneuvers under direction of O.T.C.

Weather: Cloudy, light air.

Sea: Calm.

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 315 Miles.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	08-53 164-01	08-36 164-49	08-04 166-26

March 26. Steaming in cruising disposition as before, enroute from Guadalcanal, B.S.I., to Pearl Harbor, T.H., with remainder of T.U. 34.9.1. Zigzagging during daylight hours and holding dawn General Quarters daily.

Weather: Cloudy, with rain and light air.

Sea: Calm.

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 310 Miles.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	07-10 169-02	06-44 169-53	06-09 171-19

TIME ZONE MINUS 12

March 27. Steaming as before enroute from Guadalcanal, B.S.I., to Pearl Harbor, T.H., having been diverted to Funafuti pursuant to ComThirdFleet's 260407 dated 26 March 1944. Zigzagging during daylight hours. Holding dawn General Quarters daily. Base course 109 degrees true. Standard speed of 14 knots.

Weather: Cloudy with light breeze.

Sea: Calm

Run: Midnight to Midnight: 315 Miles.

<u>Position</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>2000</u>
	06-52 173-37	07-14 174-25	07-52 176-10

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March 28. Steaming as before enroute Guadalcanal to Funafuti. 0747 Sighted Funafara Island bearing 064 degrees true, distance 14 miles. Entered thru Te Buabua Passage, and at 1126 anchored in Fongafale anchorage, off Funafuti Island in 17 fathoms of water.

Weather: Blue sky with light air.
 Sea: Calm.
 Run: Midnight to Anchorage: 132 Miles.

Position 0800

08-38
 178-55

TIME ZONE MINUS 10

March 29. Anchored as before. 0754 Underway and anchored in newly assigned berth off Fualiseke Island in 17 fathoms of water. 1830 Commenced loading LCVP'S, received from Standard Landing Craft Unit #24, into holds #2,3,4, and 5.

Weather: Blue sky with light breeze.
 Sea: Calm.

TIME ZONE MINUS 12

March 30. Anchored as before. Continued loading boats from Standard Landing Craft Unit #24. 0835 Secured from loading boats in holds #2,3,4, and 5, with a total of 22 boats stowed in holds. Held recreation party for entitled section of crew and carried on ships routine.

Weather: Blue sky with light breeze.
 Sea: Calm.

March 31. Anchored as before. Carried on ships routine. Held morning and afternoon recreation parties for entitled sections of crew. 1610 Commenced loading boats from Standard Landing Craft Unit #24. 2300 Completed loading boats from Standard Landing Craft Unit #24, with a total of 31 boats stowed in #2,3,4, and 5 holds and one on deck.

Weather: Blue sky with light breeze.
 Sea: Calm.

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APRIL 1944

USS ALHENA AKA 9

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M. D. SILVESTER,
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,
Commanding.

T. H. Moyer
T. H. MOYER,
COMMANDER, USNR.,
Navigator.

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-12 Zone Time

- (1) Anchored off Faulifeke Island, Ellice Islands in 17 fathoms of water with 100 fathoms of chain.

Weather: Cloudy sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

-12 Zone Time

- (2) Anchored as before. 0702 Underway from Faulifeke, Ellice Islands in company with T.U. 34.9.1 in accordance with ComThird-Fleet Secret Despatch #010005 of April and C.T.U. Secret Despatch 012012 of April, enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H. This ship second ship in third section. U.S.S. CLAY (C.T.U. and guide) first ship in second section. T.U. zigzagging continuously. Escort screening in the van. Crossed the International Date Line.

Weather: Cloudy sky, light breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Anchorage to mid - 200 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
08-08 07-01
179-40 E. 179-18 W.

Plus 12 Zone Time

- (2) Steaming as before on base course 046 degrees true. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 0900 Changed base course to 051 degrees true.

Weather: Cloudy sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Mid to mid - 304 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
05-10 04-35 03-22
177-39 W. 177-04 175-47

Plus 12 Zone Time

- (3) Steaming as before on base course 051 degrees true, at standard speed of 15 knots. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 0400 Changed base course to 036 degrees true. 1330 Changed base course to 041 degrees true. 1400 Changed standard speed to 15.5 knots (75 RPM).

Weather: Blue sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Mid to mid - 324 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
01-30 S. 00-45 S. 00-44 N.
173-58 W. 173-26 W. 172-26 W.

Plus 11 Zone Time

- (4) Steaming as before. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 0900 Held Fire Drill. 1300 Held Target Practice for all anti-aircraft guns. 1305 Changed base course to 038 degrees true. 2000 Reduced standard speed to 15 knots.

Weather: Cloudy sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Mid to mid - 321 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
02-56 N. 03-41 05-10
170-44 W. 170-17 169-17

Plus 11 Zone Time.

- (5) Steaming as before. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 0705 Reduced standard speed to 14.5 knots. 1325 Changed base course to 041 degrees true.

Weather: Overcast, cloudy sky, fresh breeze.
Sea: Moderate.
Run: Mid to mid - 295 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
07-13 07-52 09-12
167-40 167-28 166-31

Plus 10 Zone Time

- (6) Steaming as before. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 1806 Changed standard speed to 13 knots.

Weather: Cloudy sky, strong breeze.
Sea: Moderate.
Run: Mid to mid - 285 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
11-03 11-44 13-08
165-06 164-36 163-40

Plus 10 Zone Time

- (7) Steaming as before. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 0942 Changed base course to 055 degrees true.

Weather: Cloudy sky, fresh breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Mid to mid - 251 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
14-58 15-31 16-23
162-19 161-54 160-54

Plus 10 and Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (8) Steaming as before. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 1732 Changed base course to 005 degrees true. 2930 Reduced speed to 12.6 knots.

Weather: Blue sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Mid to mid - 252 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
17-38 18-09 19-06
159-14 158-46 157-57

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (9) Steaming as before. Zigzagging continuously and holding pre-dawn General Quarters daily. 0635 Sighted Barbus Point light bearing 355 degrees true, distance 5½ miles. 0640 Changed base course to 185 degrees true. 0653 Went to General Quarters, proceeding at various courses to firing area. 0726 Commenced target practice. 0843 Changed base course to 028 degrees true. 1149 Entering swept channel at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H. 1152 Proceeding at various courses and speeds conforming to channel to berth X-17. 1437 Moored to buoy in berth X-17 Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H.

Weather: Cloudy sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Mid to mooring - 88 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
Off Oahu Island, Moored to buoys X-17,
T. H. Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H.

Plus 9½ Zone Time.

- (10) Moored as before. Taking on provisions, water and fuel. 2032 Exercised at Fire Drill.

Weather: Cloudy sky, light breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (11) Moored as before. 0724 Underway to new assigned berth W-4. 0853 Moored in assigned berth W-4. 1645 Received aboard various size ammunition from U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, West Loch, Pearl Harbor.

Weather: Sky cloudy.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(12) Moored as before. 0925 Commenced loading cargo.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(13) Moored as before. 0530 Secured loading cargo. 1105 One officer in charge of 28 enlisted personnel of the 16th Naval Construction Battalion reported aboard for transportation. 1745 Underway in accordance with C.T.U. 55.1.12 and ComHawSeaFron Secret Despatch #140115 training order #1-44. 1818 Passed through anti-submarine nets. Steadied on course 153 degrees true. 1915 Changed course to 090 degrees true, commenced zigzagging. 2115 Changed course to 043 degrees true. Escort YMS 292 screening in the van.

Weather: Cloudy sky, light air.

Sea: Calm.

Position: 0800 1200 2000
Moored berth W-4 Off Oahu, T.H.
Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

Plus 9½ Zone Time.

(14) Steaming enroute, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H. to Kahului, Maui, T.H. Zigzagging continuously. Escort screening in the van. 0622 Sighted Makalele Point Light bearing 215 degree, distance 8½ miles. 0753 Passed through entrance to Kahului Harbor. 0818 Moored starboard side to Pier #2, Kahului, Maui, T. H. 0940 One officer and 28 enlisted personnel of 16th Naval Construction Battalion left ship in accordance with orders. 1140 One officer in charge of 70 enlisted personnel of 23rd Marines, 4th marine division reported aboard for transportation. Loading, cargo in holds 2, 3, and 5. 1650 Secured loading cargo.

Weather: Cloudy sky, light breeze.

Sea: Calm.

Position: 0800 1200 2000
Off entrance to
Kahului Harbor,
Maui, T. H.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(15) Moored as before. 0910 Underway from Pier #2, Kahului, Maui, T. H. 0920 Passed through entrance to Kahului Harbor, YMS 292 screening. Steadied on course 005 degrees true. Commenced zigzagging. 1001 Changed base course to 260 degrees true. 1201 Changed base course to 154 degrees true. 1320

Proceeding at various courses and speeds to anchorage. 1513
Anchored in assigned anchorage, Maalaea Bay, Maui, T. H. in
40 fathoms of water with 120 fathoms of chain.

Weather: Blue Sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.
Run: 52 miles between moorings.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (16) Anchored as before. Carried on scheduled training
exercises.

Weather: Cloudy sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Moderate.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (17) Anchored as before in company with ships of T.U.
55.1.12. Provisioned YMS 302 and YMS 323. Carried on ships
routine.

Weather: Blue sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (18) Anchored as before. Carried out scheduled training
exercises in accordance with C.T.U. 55.1.12 Secret Training
Order 1-44, dated April 15, 1944. Sixteen (16) enlisted
personnel reported aboard this date for duty. One Marine
Division were transported to the beach. 2345 Underway as
fifth ship in column as previously ordered. Standard speed
9 knots.

Weather: Cloudy sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time.

- (19) Steaming as before enroute Maalaea Bay to Kahului, Maui,
T. H., fifth ship in column formation. Standard speed 9 knots.
0123 Changed base course to 345 degrees true. 0324 Changed base
course to 095 degrees true. 0440 Changed base course to 095
degrees true. 0617 Changed standard speed to 12 knots and course
to 150 degrees true. Passed through entrance to Kahului, Harbor.
1115 Moored starboard side to Pier #2, Kahului, Maui, T.H. 1445
Transferred eight enlisted personnel. Commenced loading cargo and
taking on fresh water. 1605 Secured from taking on fresh water.

Weather: Blue sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Mid to mooring - 59 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
Off entrance to
Kahului Harbor, Maui, T.H.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (20) Moored as before, continued loading cargo. 1000 One officer in charge of 1st Platoon, Fourth Service and Supply Company, USMC reported aboard for transportation. Fueled YMS'S 323, 29, 292, and 385. Thirty-one enlisted men reported aboard with accounts for duty.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (21) Moored as before. Transferred fourteen enlisted personnel with records and accounts to new construction. 0759 Underway, proceeding independently to target area for gunnery practice, steadied on course 235 degrees true, and commenced zigzagging. Proceeding to Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. 1602 Anchored at Maalaea Bay, Maui, T.H. in forty fathoms of water with 130 fathoms of chain.

Weather: Blue sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: 0800 to 1600 - 52 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
Off Maui, T.H.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (22) Anchored as before in company with T.U. 55.1.12. Carried out scheduled training exercises.

Weather: Blue sky, strong breeze.
Sea: Moderate.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (23) Anchored as before. Carried out scheduled training exercises and signal drills.

Weather: Blue sky, fresh breeze.
Sea: Moderate.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (24) Anchored as before. Carried on scheduled training exercises. Transferred two enlisted personnel.

Weather: Blue sky, fresh breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(25) Anchored as before. Provisioned YMS 302.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(26) Anchored as before. 0313 Underway to carry out scheduled training exercises. 0520 Stopped, laying to off Maui Island, T. H. Steaming at various courses and speeds to maintain position. 1142 Anchored in assigned berth in Maalaea Bay, Maui T.H. 1710 Disembarked Marine troops. 2047 Underway, second ship in second section. U.S.S. LEON, (C.T.U. and guide) first ship in first section on base course 263 degrees true. 2225 Changed base course to 240 degrees true.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(27) Steaming as before in company with T.U. 55.1.12 enroute Maui Island to Pearl Harbor, T.H. Zigzagging continuously. 1045 Passed #2 channel buoy abeam to starboard. 1115 Moored in berth X-19 in Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. starboard side to U.S.S. ALMAACK.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Maui Island to Pearl Harbor - 98 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
Off Molokai Moored in berth X-19, Pearl
Island, T.H. Harbor, Oahu, T.H.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(28) Moored as before. Transferred two enlisted personnel with accounts for duty with Flag Allowance, Commander Transport Division 28.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(29) Moored as before. Carried on ships routine.

Weather: Cloudy sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(30) Moored as before. 1447 Underway for Hilo, Hawaii with Task Unit 55.1.18 in accordance with C.T.U. Secret Operation Order 2-44 of 29 April 1944. 1550 Passed #1 entrance buoy abeam to starboard, distance 1000 yards. 1600 Commenced zigzagging.

Weather:	Blue sky, light air.	
Sea:	Calm.	
Run:	Anchorage to 2000 - 52 miles.	
Position:	0800 1200 2000	Off Oahu, T.H.
	Moored in berth X-19	
	Pearl Harbor, T. H.	

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MAY 1944

USS ALHENA AKA 9

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COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,
Commanding.

M. A. Pendleton
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LIEUTENANT (jg), USN,
Navigator.

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WAR DIARY FOR MAY 1944

Plus $9\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (1) Enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H. to Hilo, Hawaii, T. H. in company with T.U. 55.1.18 in accordance with C.T.U. Secret Operation Order #2-44 dated 29 April 1944. Zigzagging continuously. 1105 Moored starboard side to pier #2, Hilo, Hawaii, T. H. with six manila lines doubled and two wire ropes. 1345 Five officers and ten enlisted personnel of the U.S.M.C. reported aboard for transportation. 1445 Commenced loading holds.

Weather: Blue sky, detached clouds, light air.
Sea: Calm.
Position: 0800
Off Maui Island, T. H.

Plus $9\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (2) Moored as before. Loading cargo in holds 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. 1222 One officer and nine enlisted personnel of Weapons, 2nd Marines, U.S.M.C. reported aboard for transportation. 1343 Secured loading #1 hold. 1920 Secured loading #3 hold.

Weather: Blue sky, detached clouds, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus $9\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (3) Moored as before. Loading cargo in holds 2, 4 and 5. Took on fresh water from dock.

Weather: Blue sky, detached clouds, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus $9\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (4) Moored as before. Loading cargo in holds 2, 4 and 5. Took on fresh water from dock. 0515 Secured loading #5 hold. 0715 Due to accidental release of topping lift of the ten ton boom at #5 hold, the boom fell on after starboard 3"/50 caliber gun. Damage in general involved the sight, elevating mechanisms, gun barrel and slide.

Weather: Blue sky, detached clouds, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (5) Moored as before. Loading cargo in holds 2 and 4. 0215 Secured loading #2 hold. 0642 Secured loading #4 hold. 0708 Underway at various courses and speeds proceeding to anchorage. 0749 Anchored in Hilo Bay, Hawaii, T. H. in berth #5. 1745 Underway in accordance with ComFifthPhib Secret Despatch 050150 of May, in company with A.T.S. KILOWEA. U.S.S. ALHENA (C.T.U. and guide.). Escort screening in the van. 1850 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #11, Messigs governing.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (6) Steaming as before enroute Hilo, Hawaii, T. H. to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H. Zigzagging continuously. 0615 U.S.S. P.C. 1078 reported for duty as screening escort and took assigned station. 1005 Commenced test firing 30 caliber and 50 caliber machine guns. 1228 Passed Koko Head abeam to starboard, distance 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. 1323 Ceased zigzagging. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to Pearl Harbor entrance. 1420 Maneuvering outside channel entrance awaiting permission to enter. 1535 Pilot came aboard. 1540 Proceeding up North channel at various courses and speeds to berth X-15. 1652 Moored port side to LSD WHITEMARSH in berth X-15, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H.

Weather: Blue sky, fresh breeze.
Sea: Calm.
Run: Hilo, T.H. to Pearl Harbor - 210 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
Off Molokai Off Oahu, Moored in berth
Island, T.H. Island, T.H. X-15 Pearl Harbor,
Oahu, T. H.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (7) Moored as before. Taking on fuel and fresh water.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (8) Moored as before. 0610 Cast off all lines. Tugs #142 and #146 alongside to starboard. 0623 Underway at various courses and speeds. Pilot coming. 0720 Moored port side to U.S.S. JAMES O'HARA (PA-90) in berth B-21 (repair base) Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H. Transferred four enlisted personnel. Received aboard various types and amounts of ammunition from N.A.D. by authority ComFifthPhibForPac Order #294. Held liberty for entitled sections of crew.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (9) Moored as before. Received one (1) 3"/50 caliber gun, #3973, replacement for damaged 3"/50 caliber starboard side of fantail. Held liberty for entitled section of crew. Six enlisted personnel reported aboard this date for duty.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (10) Moored as before. Carried on ships routine. 1951 Pilot came aboard and yard tug #146 came alongside to starboard. 2015 Underway at various courses and speeds proceeding up North channel to berth X-17, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T. H. 2350 Pilot left ship.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (11) Moored as before. Carried on ships routine. Liberty party daily for sections so entitled. 1936 U.S.S. ANTIGUA underway from berth. 1950 U.S.S. MIDDLETON standing into berth X-17. 2000 U.S.S. MIDDLETON moored alongside to port. Nine enlisted personnel reported aboard for duty with records and pay accounts.

Weather: Blue sky, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (12) Moored as before. Carried on ships regular routine. Granted liberty to sections so entitled. Received 60,000 gallons of water from YW 93. One officer in charge of five enlisted personnel reported aboard for temporary duty. Transferred two enlisted personnel. One enlisted personnel reported aboard for duty with records and pay accounts.

Weather: Blue sky, light breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (13) Moored as before. Carried on ships regular routine. Received aboard one LCC registry #C-25485 with equipment and crew. Transferred four enlisted personnel with records, gear and pay accounts. Transferred one 50 foot LCM, hull #C-11992. Transferred two LCVP's hull numbers C-31549 and C-23858.

Weather: Blue sky, fresh breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (14) Moored as before. Carried on ships regular routine. 0615 Pilot came aboard. 0641 Underway at various courses and speeds conforming to channel. Pilot conning. 0710 Pilot left ship. 0713 Passed through entrance nets and steadied on course 154 degrees true and p.g.c., steaming at various speeds awaiting rest of T.G. 52.16. 0959 Formed in cruising disposition of T.G. 52.16. U.S.S. ALHENA fourth ship in second section. 1803 Anchored in assigned berth G-9 Walihui, Maui, T. H. on various true bearings. Fire and security watches reporting hourly.

Weather: Blue sky, fresh breeze.
Sea: Moderate.
Run: Anchorage to Lahaina Roads, Maui, T. H. - 79 miles.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (15) Anchored as before. 0907 Underway at various courses and speeds in company with the U.S.S. ALCYONE, by order of C.T.D. 10 to search for damaged and drifting LCT's. 1945 Mission completed. Anchored off Lahaina, Maui, T. H. in assigned berth G-9 on various true bearings.

Weather: Blue sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

- (16) Anchored as before. Ship completely darkened and in condition of readiness #3. 0626 Underway at various courses and speeds for training area in company with ships of T.D. 10. 0732 Took assigned station in transport area, for training exercises. Commenced scheduled training exercises. 1635 Formed cruising disposition of T.D. 10 and proceeded at various courses and speeds to anchorage. 1740 Anchored in assigned berth G-9, Lahaina Roads, Maui, T. H. on various true bearings. Maintained strict fire and security watch.

Weather: Blue sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (17) Anchored as before. 0530 Underway at various courses and speeds for training area in company with ships of T.D. 10. 0700 Laying to in transport area #1, Maalaea Bay. Commenced scheduled training exercises. Anchored in transport area #3 in Maalaea Bay, Maui, T. H. 1825 Anchored in assigned berth G-8 in Maalaea Bay, Maui, T. H. on various true bearings.

Weather: Blue sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (18) Anchored as before. 1050 Received aboard two explosive demolition boats (drones) with their crews. 1742 Underway at various courses and speeds in company with U.S.S. NEVILLE, U.S.S. MIDDLETON, U.S.S. FELAND, U.S.S. MONROVIA, U.S.S. FUNSTON, U.S.S. WARHAWK, U.S.S. CAMBRIA, (O.T.C), U.S.S. ALCYONE, U.S.S. LINDENWALD, U.S.S. BOLIVAR, U.S.S. SHERIDAN, U.S.S. COMET, U.S.S. DOYEN, U.S.S. ELECTRA and U.S.S. OAK HILL. Zigzagging according to plan #8 (1940). Fire and security watch reporting hourly.

Weather: Blue sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Moderate.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (19) Steaming as before, in company with ships of T.G. 52.16 proceeding to transport area #1. 0614 Laying to in assigned station in transport area #1. 0640 Commenced scheduled training exercises on signal from O.T.C. 1250 Ceased training exercises. 1545 Underway to form cruising disposition of T.G. 52.16, enroute Maalaea Bay, Maui, T. H. to Honolulu, Oahu, T. H. at various courses and speeds. Zigzagging according to plan #8, USF 10A.

Weather: Cloudy, moderate breeze.
Sea: Slight sea.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (20) Steaming as before enroute Maalaea Bay, Maui, T. H. to Honolulu, Oahu, T. H. in company with ships of T.G. 52.16 Steaming at various courses and speeds. Zigzagging according to plan #6, USF 10A. 1146 Pilot came aboard. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to assigned berth 5-A, Honolulu Harbor, Oahu, T. H. Two tugs in attendance. 1228 Moored port side to pier 5-A, Honolulu, Oahu, T. H. with seven manila lines doubled.

Weather: Blue sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Moderate.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(21-29)

Moored port side to pier 5-A, Naval Docks, Honolulu, Oahu, T. H. with seven manila lines doubled. Receiving aboard fuel, water and provisions. Granting liberty daily to entitled sections of crew. Transferred various enlisted personnel and various enlisted personnel reported aboard for duty. Maintained strict fire and security watch.

Weather: Blue sky, detached clouds, light air.
Sea: Calm.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(30)

Moored as before. 1030 Pilot came aboard. 1140 Underway at various courses and speeds conforming to channel, in accordance with Secret Despatch #290112 dated 28 May 1944 from ComTransDiv 10. 1205 Pilot left ship. Steaming at slow speeds awaiting rest of T.G. 52.16. 1625 Joined rest of T.G. 52.16. Formed cruising disposition 3AL. Fleet guide U.S.S. MONROVIA, first ship in second section. O.T.C. in U.S.S. CAMBRIA, 1000 yards ahead of U.S.S. MONROVIA. This ship fourth ship in first section. U.S.S. CLAY (C.T.C. 10) column guide. 1712 Steadied on base course 167 degrees true and p.g.c. and commenced zigzagging according to plan #6, USF 10A. 1927 Ceased zigzagging. 1941 Changed fleet course and axis to 212 degrees true and p.g.c. 1955 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6, USF 10A. 2225 Ceased zigzagging. 2238 Changed fleet course and axis to 245 degrees true and p.g.c. 2300 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6, USF 10A.

Weather: Blue sky, moderate breeze.
Sea: Moderate.
Run: Anchorage to mid - 111 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
20-19 N.
137-49 W.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

(31)

Steaming as before in company with ships of T.G. 52.16 in cruising disposition 3AL on base course 245 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots, fleet speed 13 knots. Zigzagging continuously and holding dawn General Quarters daily. 1345 Held anti-aircraft gunnery practice.

Weather: Cloudy sky, gentle breeze.
Sea: Moderate.
Run: Mid to mid - 294 miles.
Position: 0800 1200 2000
19-05 18-44 18-08
157-58 160-37 162-17

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER,
U. S. NAVY,
Commanding.

M. A. Pendleton
M. A. PENDLETON,
LIEUTENANT,
U. S. NAVY,
Navigator.

WAR DIARY FOR JUNE 1944

(1-8)

Plus 9-10-11-and Minus 12 Zone Time

Steaming enroute Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. to Eniwetok, Marshall Islands on various courses and speeds in accordance with Fifth Amphibious Movement Order A-108-44. Ships of T.U. in cruising order 3AL (CTU 52.16 Secret Attack Order A-10-44 governing) disposed as follows: Section I - U.S.S. CLAY, section guide and CTD 10, U.S.S. MIDDLETON, U.S.S. NEVILLE, U.S.S. FELAND, U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. HERCULES. Section II - U.S.S. MONROVIA, OTC, U.S.S. CAMBRIA, fleet guide and center, U.S.S. FUNSTON, U.S.S. WARHAWK, U.S.S. ALCYONE, U.S.S. JUPITER and U.S.S. LINDENWALD. Section III - U.S.S. BOLIVAR, U.S.S. SHERIDAN, U.S.S. COMET, U.S.S. DOYEN, U.S.S. ELECTRA, and U.S.S. OAK HILL. Escorted by U.S.S. HALSEY POWELL, U.S.S. PONKETT, U.S.S. CONY, U.S.S. CHAMPION, U.S.S. MONSSEN, U.S.S. PHILIP, U.S.S. HEED, U.S.S. HERALD and U.S.S. KALININ BAY. Zigzagging continuously and holding various drills and exercises daily.

Minus 11 Zone Time

(9)

Steaming in formation as before. 0450 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course on signal. 0454 Executed turn signal to course 331 degrees true and p.g.c. to avoid group of LST's sighted bearing 213 degrees true, distance 8 miles. 0525 Executed turn signal to course 301 degrees true and p.g.c. 0536 Changed fleet course and axis to 291 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0540 Executed turn signal to course 261 degrees true and p.g.c. 0542 Land sighted bearing 278 degrees true, distance 10 miles. 0549 Executed turn signal to course 281 degrees true and p.g.c. 0554 Assumed column formation of TransDiv 10 on signal. 0607 Changed speed to 10 knots (48 RPM) on signal. 0645 Proceeding at various courses and variations of standard speed to enter channel into lagoon of Eniwetok Atoll. 0655 Stationed special sea detail. Captain conning, Navigator on bridge. 0757 Entered channel and proceeded independently to assigned anchorage. 0815 Proceeding at various courses and speeds to go alongside YO 185 in accordance with orders from C.T.U. 1005 Alongside YO 185. 1010 Number one line led to YO 185. 1120 Stopped engines. 1132 Passed all lines to YO 185. 1143 Moored alongside YO 185 using six manila lines. Sustained following damage while mooring alongside YO 185; Frames #91 to #100 bent. Outside plates bent and punctured between frames #91 and #100. 1150 Held General Quarters. 1205 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness #2. 1210 Commenced taking on fresh water from YO 185. Draft forward 18' 06", aft 25' 06".

1220 Secured special sea detail. 1400 Stationed special sea detail. 1405 Commenced singling up all lines. 1415 Secured from taking on fresh water, amount 35,000 gallons. 1424 All lines cleared from YO 185. 1430 Proceeding at various courses and speeds to Berth #151 to fuel, Captain conning, Navigator on bridge. 1534 Anchored in Berth #199 in 22 fathoms of water with 75 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Tower Eniwetok - 191 degrees. Tower Iquriss 114 degrees. Beacon "C" - 087 degrees. 1549 Heaving round and up on port anchor to short stay. 1555 Anchor at short stay. 1557 Underway at various courses and speeds proceeding to fueling station alongside of tanker, Captain conning and Navigator on bridge. 1705 Line #1 passed to tanker. 1720 Moored starboard side to U.S.S. NESHANIC in Berth #151, using six manila lines doubled and one wire rope. 1802 Commenced fueling ship. 1945 All departments secure. 2020 Secured from taking on 108,000 gallons of fuel oil. Draft forward 20' 03", aft 25' 00". 2100 Stationed special sea detail. 2135 Singled up all lines. 2140 Cast off lines to U.S.S. NESHANIC. Underway on various courses and at variations of standard speed of 12 knots (58 RPM), proceeding to anchorage. Captain conning, Navigator on bridge. 2200 Anchored in unassigned berth in 19 fathoms of water with 100 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. 2210 Secured special sea detail.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (10) Anchored as before. 0520 Stationed special sea detail. 0540 Underway at various courses and speeds proceeding to assigned Berth 2-21, Captain and Navigator on bridge. 0647 Anchored in assigned Berth 2-21 in 30 fathoms of water with 100 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: High Beacon - 113.5 degrees. Float Beacon - 106.5 degrees. Float Beacon A - 244.5 degrees. Carried out ship's routine.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (11) Anchored as before. 0852 Underway at various courses and speeds in conformance with Attack Order A-10-44, enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Saipan, Marianas Islands. Formed with remainder of Transport Division 10. 1007 Passed Beacon D abeam to port, distance 800 yards. 1012 Passed through harbor entrance Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. 1018 Secured special sea detail, set condition of readiness #3 sea watch. 1020 Formed cruising disposition 3AL with rest of Task Group 52.16 at a standard speed of 12 knots (58 RPM). Formation as follows: Section I - U.S.S. CLAY, U.S.S. NEVILLE, U.S.S. MIDDLETON, U.S.S. FELAND, U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. HERCULES. Section II - U.S.S. MONROVIA, U.S.S. FUNSTON, U.S.S.

WARHAWK, U.S.S. ALCYONE, U.S.S. JUPITER and U.S.S. LINDENWALD.
Section III - U.S.S. BOLIVAR, U.S.S. SHERIDAN, U.S.S. COMET,
U.S.S. DOYEN, U.S.S. ELECTRA and U.S.S. OAK HILL. Escorts
screening, O.T.C. in U.S.S. CAMBRIA, 1000 yards ahead of U.S.S.
MONROVIA, acting fleet guide. 1149 Commenced zigzagging according
to plan #6, USF 10A.

Minus 11 Zone Time

(12) Steaming as before.

Minus 11 Zone Time

(13) Steaming enroute from Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Saipan,
Marianas Islands in accordance with Attack Order A-10-44 in
cruising disposition 3AL. 1237 U.S.S. GOLDSBOROUGH alongside.
1240 Commenced pumping and transferring provisions and ammunition
to U.S.S. GOLDSBOROUGH. 1337 Secured fueling U.S.S. GOLDSBOROUGH,
amount 24,000 gallons. 1418 U.S.S. MONSSEN alongside starboard
quarter and delivered mail aboard. 1440 U.S.S. SHAW alongside
starboard side to receive fuel. 1525 Commenced pumping fuel.
1630 Secured from fueling U.S.S. SHAW.

Minus 10 Zone Time

(14) Steaming enroute Eniwetok, Marshall Islands to Saipan,
Marianas Islands in company with ships of T.G. 52.16 in accordance
with Attack Order A-10-44. Ships in cruising disposition 3AL;
this ship fifth ship in First Section - U.S.S. CLAY (CTD 10),
column guide and fleet guide in U.S.S. MONROVIA. OTC in U.S.S.
CAMBRIA. Steaming on base course 285 degrees true and p.g.c.
at standard speed of 14.5 knots, fleet speed 12.5 knots. 2230
Executed emergency 45 degree turn to starboard to course 337
degrees true and p.g.c. 2310 Executed emergency 45 degree turn
to port and resumed base course 292 degrees true and p.g.c.
2320 Executed emergency 40 degree turn to port to course 252
degrees true and p.g.c. 2325 Executed emergency 40 degree turn
to starboard and resumed base course 292 degrees true and p.g.c.
2340 Changed base course and fleet axis to 277 degrees true and
p.g.c. 2350 Executed emergency turn to port to course 247 degrees
true and p.g.c. Maintaining strict fire and security watch.

Minus 10 Zone Time

(15) Steaming as before in cruising disposition 3AL of Task
Group 52.9. 0403 Changed speed to 08 knots, (39 RPM). 0447
Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 0512 Changed base
course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. 0513 Secured from General
Quarters and set condition of readiness 1A. 0528. Changed base
course on signal to 140 degrees true and p.g.c. Proceeding at
various courses and speeds to Transport Area #7. 0615 Energized

degaussing coils. 0633 Stopped, laying to in Transport Area #7, Saipan Island, Marianas Islands. 0637 Commenced lowering all boats into water. Steaming at various courses and speeds to maintain position in transport area #7. 0847 Commenced hoisting boats. 0910 Secured from hoisting boats, all aboard. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to Transport Area #1 in company with ships of T.G. 52.9.1 upon completion of diversionary attack. O.T.C. in U.S.S. CLAY. 1039 Stopped and laying to off Saipan Island in Transport Area #1. 1100 Commenced lowering all boats. 1130 All boats waterborne. 1145 Made daily inspection of magazines and weekly inspection of magazine sprinkler system, conditions normal. 1835 Went to General Quarters. 1844 Underway at various courses and speeds with rest of ships T.G. 52.3. U.S.S. CLAY column guide. O.T.C. in U.S.S. MONROVIA. 1910 Changed fleet course and axis to 272 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed set at 12.5 knots. 1915 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness 1E. Ship completely darkened. Fire and security watches reporting hourly. 2350 Changed speed to 09 knots (43 RPM). 2355 Changed speed to 12.5 knots (60 RPM).

Minus 10 Zone Time

(16)

Steaming as before in company with ships of TransGroup ABLE (T.D. 10,18,428) on base course 272 degrees true and p.g.c. Standard speed 12.5 knots (60 RPM). 0016 Changed base course to 227 degrees true and p.g.c. 0055 Changed base course to 131 degrees true and p.g.c. 0110 Changed base course to 086 degrees true and p.g.c. 0247 Went to General Quarters (enemy contact). 0325 Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness 1E. 0330 Changed standard speed to 14.5 knots. 0440 Changed speed to 12 knots (58 RPM). 0515 Set condition of readiness 1A. 0525 Emergency turn to 135 degrees true. 0530 Changed course by turn signal to 075 degrees true and p.g.c. 0637 Changed base course to 095 degrees true and p.g.c. 0640 Changed base course to 100 degrees true and p.g.c. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to maintain position in Transport Area #1. 1015 Anchored in Transport Area #1 off Saipan, Marianas Islands in 37 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 086 degrees. Agengan Point - 140 degrees. Morpi Point - 066 degrees. 1126 Underway at various courses and speeds to shift anchorage due to poor holding ground of present anchorage. 1145 Made daily inspection of magazines, conditions normal. 1208 Anchored off Saipan, Marianas Islands in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 087 degrees. Agengan Point - 141 degrees. Morpi Point - 066 degrees.

1225 Commenced unloading cargo (trucks, ammunition and water).
1430 Secured from unloading cargo. 1520 Underway for new anchorage. 1600 Anchored in Transport Area #1 off Saipan Island, Marianas Islands in 17 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 079 degrees. Agengan Point - 146 degrees. Susuke Point - 126 degrees. 1815 Heaved round and up. Proceeding at various courses and speeds to take assigned station in TransGroup ABLE. 1855 Took assigned station in formation. This ship fifth ship in first section, U.S.S. CLAY column guide. U.S.S. MONROVIA fleet guide, O.T.C. Standard speed 15 knots, fleet speed 14 knots (68 RPM). 1900 Steadied on base course 017 degrees true. 1921 Changed fleet speed to 13.5 knots (66 RPM). 1937 Changed base course on signal to 047 degrees true and p.g.c. 2015 Changed course to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 2040 Changed course to 135 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 2203 Changed course to 180 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal.

Minus 10 Zone Time.

(17)

Steaming as before in cruising disposition 3AL on base course 212 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 13.5 knots, fleet speed 13.5 knots. U.S.S. MONROVIA fleet guide and O.T.C. 0010 Changed fleet course and axis to 225 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0125 Changed fleet course and axis to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. 0200 Changed fleet course and axis to the right to 304 degrees true and p.g.c. 0306 Changed fleet course and axis to the right to 348 degrees true and p.g.c. 0404 Changed fleet course and axis to 037 degrees true and p.g.c. 0430 Went to dawn General Quarters. 0515 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness 1A. 0558 Changed fleet course and axis to 082 degrees true and p.g.c. 0609 Proceeding at various courses and speeds to Transport Area #3. 0651 Anchored in Transport Area #3 off Saipan, Marianas Islands in 18 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 072 degrees. Agengan Point - 136 degrees. Susuke Point - 112 degrees. 0730 Making all tests and preparations to take the U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM alongside to receive ammunition. 0734 Received first line from U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM. 0755 U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM moored alongside to starboard with two wire ropes and four manila lines. 0756 Commenced transferring six inch shells to U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM. 0810 Veered chain to 52 fathoms. 1053 Completed transfer of ammunition to the U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM and the receiving of empties. 1105 U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM cast off. 1700 Anchor aweigh.

Underway at various courses and speeds in company with ships of TransGroup ABLE. U.S.S. CLAY column guide. O.T.C. and fleet guide in U.S.S. MONROVIA. This ship fifth ship in section one. Standard speed 13.5 knots (66 RPM). 1759 Went to General Quarters (enemy contact). 1813 Changed fleet course and axis to 000 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1838 Changed fleet course and axis to 048 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 1935 Changed speed to 10.5 knots. 1936 Changed speed to 13.5 knots. 1942 Changed fleet course and axis to 065 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness 1E. Maintained strict fire watch.

Minus 10 Zone Time

(18)

Steaming as before on base course 065 degrees true and p.g.c. in cruising disposition 3AL at standard speed of 13.5 knots (65 RPM). This ship fifth ship in first section. U.S.S. CLAY column guide. O.T.C. and fleet guide in U.S.S. MONROVIA. 0040 Changed fleet course and axis to 090 degrees true and p.g.c. on signal. 0430 Went to dawn General Quarters. 0456 Commenced zigzagging in accordance with plan #6, USF 10A. 0520 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness #3. 0624 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 090 degrees true and p.g.c. 0632 Changed fleet course and axis to 043 degrees true and p.g.c. 0655 Changed speed to 08 knots (29 RPM). 0657 U.S.S. NEVILLE assumed column guide. 0710 Changed speed to 10 knots (48 RPM). 0723 Changed speed to 05 knots (24 RPM), and changed fleet course and axis to 110 degrees true and p.g.c. 0725 U.S.S. FUNSTON assumed fleet guide. 0735 Changed speed to 08 knots (39 RPM). U.S.S. CLAY, U.S.S. MIDDLETON and U.S.S. MONROVIA left formation to fuel. 0755 Changed speed to 11 knots (53 RPM). 0920 U.S.S. CLAY rejoined formation as first ship in first section. 0945 U.S.S. CLAY left formation to refuel. 1345 Changed speed to 05 knots. 1425 Changed fleet course and axis to 285 degrees true and p.g.c. 1425 Changed speed to 08 knots. 1535 Changed speed to 09 knots. 1559 Changed speed to 10 knots. 1613 Changed speed to 14.5 knots fleet speed. 1622 Changed standard speed to 15 knots. 1720 Changed base course left to 260 degrees true and p.g.c. Proceeding independently to Saipan Island, Marianas Islands in accordance with order of ComTransGroup ABLE. One DMS (U.S.S. CHANDLER) screening in the van. 1735 Commenced zigzagging according to plan #6, USF 10A. 1747 Changed base course to 267 degrees true and p.g.c. 1809 Changed speed to full ahead, 17.5 knots (81 RPM). 1848 Went to General Quarters. 1930 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness 1E.

Minus 10 Zone Time

(19)

Steaming as before on base course 270 degrees true and p.g.c. at standard speed of 15 knots (72 RPM) proceeding independently to Saipan Island, Marianas Islands in accordance with orders of Commander Task Group ABLE. Escort U.S.S. CHANDLER screening in the van. 0018 Changed base course to 230 degrees true and p.g.c. 0040 Changed speed to 12 knots (58 RPM). 0115 Changed base course to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. 0138 Executed emergency turn to 230 degrees true and p.g.c. to avoid a formation on the starboard bow. 0159 Changed base course to 250 degrees true and p.g.c. 0210 Slowed to 2/3 ahead, 10 knots. 0215 Resumed full speed, 17 knots. 0220 Changed course right to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. 0228 Changed course to 320 degrees true and p.g.c. 0244 Changed course to 230 degrees true and p.g.c. 0340 Changed course right to 270 degrees true and p.g.c. 0430 Went to General Quarters. 0453 Changed course to 190 degrees true and p.g.c. 0508 Changed course to 135 degrees true and p.g.c. Changed speed to 15 knots (72 RPM). 0515 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness 1A. 0535 Attacked by surprise by a low flying enemy plane (Junker S88). Plane came in on starboard quarter at an approximate altitude of 85 feet and released one torpedo which did not make contact. 1-40MM, 3-20MM and 3-50 caliber guns opened fire, no definite hits were scored. Ammunition expended: 10 rounds - 40MM; 120 rounds - 20MM; 150 rounds - 50 caliber. Plane turned to the left and flew away from ship at approximately 180 degrees relative. 0545 Changed speed to 12 knots. 0610 Proceeding to anchorage at various courses and speeds. 0620 Anchored off Saipan Island, Marianas Islands in 13 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 028 degrees; Stack - 088 degrees; Agengan Point - 161 degrees. 0700 Commenced discharging cargo from all holds. 0818 Heaved in chain to 30 fathoms. 1105 While coming alongside, LCT 1001 collided with the starboard counter at frame #177 approximately four feet above the painted waterline, and punctured a hole in the plates approximately four inches in diameter. Temporary repairs were effected. 1255 While coming alongside to port, LCT 1001 collided with the port bow at frame #37 at the painted waterline. Its ramp corner punctured a jagged hole approximately six inches by 12 inches and damaged the reach rod to #1 hold drainage valve and rendered it inoperative. Temporary repairs were effected. 1615 Completed discharging cargo from #1 hold.

Minus 10 Zone Time

(20)

Anchored off Saipan Island, Marianas Islands as before, in 18 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 028 degrees; Stack - 088 degrees; Agengan Point - 161 degrees.

Engine room in standby condition. Discharging cargo from holds #2, #3, #4 and #5. 0818 Completed discharging cargo from #3 hold. 0915 YMS 291 moored alongside to port to take on provisions and fresh water. 0940 LCT 1060 secured from taking on fresh water, amount 1,300 gallons. 0950 YMS 291 commenced taking on fresh water. 1020 YMS 291 secured from taking on fresh water, amount 500 gallons. 1100 YMS 291 cast off. 1528 By authority C.T.G. 52.2 received aboard this date from the U.S.S. WINGED ARROW, three injured, female Japanese prisoners of war. Placed in Sick Bay under care of the Medical Officer. 1545 Captain E. W. SYLVESTER, USN 55950 reported aboard this date for temporary additional duty in accordance with BuPers T-64853, orders Personnel 3176-SS-2 dated 24 May 1944.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (21) Anchored off Saipan Island, Marianas Islands in 18 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 028 degrees; Stack - 088 degrees; Agengan Point - 161 degrees. Various ships and small craft of the U. S. Pacific Fleet present. Discharging cargo from holds #2, #4 and #5.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (22) Anchored off Saipan Island, Marianas Islands in berth B-63 in 18 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on the following true bearings: Mutiho Point - 028 degrees; Stack - 088 degrees; Agengan Point - 161 degrees. Ship in condition of readiness 1A. Discharging cargo from holds #2, #4 and #5. 0115 Went to General Quarters (enemy air contacts). 0215 Secured from General Quarters and set condition of readiness 1A. 1000 Secured from discharging cargo from #5 hold. 1054 In accordance with orders from C.T.G. 52.2 transferred three wounded female Japanese prisoners of war to hospital ashore. 1130 Secured from discharging cargo from #5 hold. 1305 Disembarked all U.S. Marine officer and enlisted personnel. 1405 The following named enlisted personnel of the U.S.S. SHERIDAN reported aboard with two LCVP's #11 and #17 of the U.S.S. SHERIDAN for transportation to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. in accordance with verbal order of C.T.G. 52.3. 1630 Made all tests and preparations for getting underway. Draft prior to getting underway, 11' 06" forward, 22' 00" aft. Secured from discharging cargo from #2 hold. 1835 Commenced heaving round and up. 1840 Underway and forming up in accordance with orders of C.T.G. tl.18.18 at various courses and variations of standard speed of 12 knots (58 RPM). 1920 Slowed to 05 knots, best speed possible due to engineering casualty. 1942 Secured

from General Quarters and set condition of readiness #3. Maintaining strict security patrols. 1944 Engineering casualty repaired. 1955 Sounded General Quarters. 2005 Changed speed to 45 RPM. 2006 Changed course to 350 degrees true and p.g.c. 2025 Changed course to 025 degrees true and p.g.c. 2040 Resumed standard speed 14 knots (68 RPM). 2110 Secured from General Quarters and set regular sea watch, condition #3. 2157 Changed course to 103 degrees true and p.g.c. and joined remainder of T.U. 51.18.18 as sixth ship in section 3. U.S.S. MONROVIA O.T.C. and fleet guide. 2330 Changed course by simultaneous turn to 123 degrees true and p.g.c. 2345 Changed course by simultaneous turn to 103 degrees true and p.g.c.

Minus 10-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11-12 and Plus 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

(23-30)

Steaming enroute Saipan Island, Marianas Islands to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. at various courses and speeds in company with ships of T. U. 51.18.18. Ships disposed as follows: Section I - U.S.S. ELLIOT (section guide), U.S.S. BELLATRIX. Section II - U.S.S. MONROVIA (O.T.C. and fleet guide), U.S.S. FUNSTON, U.S.S. FELAND, U.S.S. ALCYONE, and U.S.S. LINDENWALD. Section III - U.S.S. BOLIVAR, U.S.S. SHERIDAN, U.S.S. DOYEN, U.S.S. OAK HILL, U.S.S. WHITEMARSH, and U.S.S. ALHENA. Commander escort in U.S.S. ROBINSON. Task Unit zigzagging continuously and holding predawn General Quarters daily.

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Plus 10½ and Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (1-2) Steaming enroute Saipan, Marianas Islands to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. in company with T.U. 51.18.18. U.S.S. MONROVIA O.T.C. and fleet guide. U.S.S. ALHENA third ship in first section, U.S.S. FUNSTON, section guide. Zigzagging continuously and holding predawn General Quarters daily.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (3) Steaming as before. 0930 Stationed special sea detail. 1011 Proceeding up North Channel to Berth X-6, Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1130 Moored Port side to U.S.S. ALCYONE in berth X-6, Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. using six manila lines doubled and two wire ropes to forward and after buoys.

Plus 9½ Zone Time

- (4) Moored as before. 1340 Transferred eighteen enlisted personnel to various ships and units. 1402 Underway at various courses and speeds conforming to channel enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to San Francisco, California in accordance with AdComAmphForPac Secret Movement Order #14-44 dated 3 July 1944, Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1443 Formed T.U. 55.1.19, U.S.S. ALHENA C.T.U., U.S.S. TALBOT and U.S.S. BROOKS conducting anti-submarine screen in the van.

Plus 9½-9-8½-8-7½ and 7 Zone Time

- (5-10) Steaming enroute Pearl Harbor, Oahu, T.H. to San Francisco, California, U.S.A. in accordance with AdComAmph-ForPac Secret Movement Order #14-44 dated 3 July 1944 in company with ships of T.U. 55.1.19. U.S.S. ALHENA, CTU and fleet guide. Task Unit zigzagging continuously and holding dawn General Quarters and various drills daily.

Plus 7 Zone Time

- (11) Steaming as before. 0703 Passed Farallon Island abeam to port, distance 2.5 miles. 0824 Stationed special sea detail, proceeding to anchorage at various courses and speeds, Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 0908 Passed Mile Rock abeam to starboard, distance 2,000 yards. 1005 Anchored in San Francisco Bay on various bearings. 1345 Underway at various courses and speeds proceeding to Moore's Drydock, Oakland, California, Pilot conning. 1422 Reversed

course, proceeding to Mare Island Navy Yard, California. 1710
Moored starboard side to Mare Island Ammunition Depot. 1720
Commenced discharging ammunition. 1920 Secured discharging
ammunition. 1940 Underway at various courses and speeds enroute
to Moore's Drydock, Oakland, California, Pilot conning, Captain
and Navigator on the bridge. 2230 Moored port side to East
Side Fifth Street Pier, Moore's Drydock, Oakland, California
with six manila lines.

Plus 7 Zone Time

(12-31)

Moored port side to East Side, Fifth Street Pier,
Moore's Drydock, Oakland, California using six wire ropes
doubled. Ship undergoing extensive repairs and alterations.
Granting leave and daily liberty to personnel so entitled.

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

Serial 062

W A R D I A R Y

AUGUST 1944

U S S A L H E N A A K A 9

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Navigator.

WAR DIARY FOR AUGUST 1944

Plus 7 Zone Time

(1-31)

Moored port side to East Side Fifth Street Pier, Moore's Drydock, Oakland, California using six wire ropes doubled. Undergoing extensive repairs and alterations throughout the ship. Granting leave and daily liberty to personnel so entitled.

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

Serial 063

W A R D I A R Y

SEPTEMBER 1944

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Navigator.

WAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1944

Plus 7 Zone Time

(1-30)

Moored port side to East Side Fifth Street Pier, Moore's Drydock, Oakland, California using six wire ropes doubled. Undergoing extensive repairs and alterations throughout ship. Granting leave and daily liberty to personnel so entitled.

Reg. No. 1344
R. S. No. _____

CONFIDENTIAL

Serial 057

WAR DIARY

OCTOBER 1944

U S S A L H E N A A K A 9

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NAVIGATOR.

WAR DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1944

Plus 7 Zone Time

- (1) Moored port side to Pier #5, Moore's Drydock, Oakland, California. Receiving electricity and telephone service from the dock. 0830 Made all tests and preparations for getting underway. 0926 Underway and proceeding down Oakland Estuary to degaussing range, Treasure Island, California on various courses and variations of standard speed, 12 knots. 1014 Commenced running degaussing range. 1055 Completed run and secured coils, proceeding to Pier #31, San Francisco, California for deperming. 1145 Moored port side to Pier #31. 1812 Underway and proceeding to N.S.D., Oakland, California. 1910 Moored port side to Pier D, N.S.D., Oakland, California. Receiving telephone service from the dock. Maintaining a strict fire watch on the dock.

Plus 7 Zone Time

- (2-3) Moored port side to Pier D, N.S.D., Oakland, California using six manila lines doubled and two wire ropes. Receiving telephone service from the dock. Provisioning ship and receiving aboard various amounts and types of ammunition. Maintaining strict fire watch on the dock.

Plus 7 Zone Time

- (4) Moored as before. 0651 Underway at various courses and speeds, N.S.D. pilot C. G. CARLSON, conning, Captain, Navigator and Harbor pilot on bridge. 0715 Commenced swinging ship to compensate compasses. 1015 Secured swinging ship and compensating compasses. Proceeding to Harbor entrance and to sea to conduct full power trials and gunnery trials. 1430 Passed through entrance and steadied on course 313 degrees true. Heavy fog, has reduced visibility to approximately 500 yards. Steaming at 1/3 speed (4 knots). 2005 Changed course to 300 degrees true. 2058 Changed speed to 2/3 ahead (8 knots). 2120 Changed speed to standard (12 knots). 2127 Changed standard speed to 15 knots. 2130 Changed speed to full speed ahead and commenced conducting full power trials. 2230 Changed course to 125 degrees true.

Plus 7 Zone Time

- (5) Steaming as before and conducting full power trials. 0104 Changed standard speed to 12 knots and secured from full power trials. Proceeding on various courses and at variations of standard speed to San Francisco Harbor Entrance.

0725 Passed through Harbor Entrance, proceeding to Hunter's Point, California. 0953 Moored starboard side to in berth #2, Hunter's Point, California. 1003 Commenced calibrating Radar. 1130 Secured from Radar calibration. 1209 Underway on various courses and variations of standard speed (12 knots), proceeding to San Rafael degaussing range. 1345 Commenced running San Rafael degaussing range. 1440 Secured from degaussing runs, proceeding to Pier #90 San Francisco, California. 1609 Moored port side to Pier #90, San Francisco, California. 2000 Commenced loading cargo into holds.

Plus 7 Zone Time

(6-10) Moored port side to Pier #90, San Francisco, California. Receiving telephone service from the dock. Maintaining strict fire and security watch. Loading general cargo into holds.

Plus 7 Zone Time

(11) Moored as before. 1030 Underway on various courses and variations of standard speed (12 knots) to anchorage B-14. 1135 Anchored in berth B-14, San Francisco Bay, California with 45 fathoms of chain to the port anchor on various true bearings.

Plus 7 Zone Time

(12) Anchored as before. Carried on ships regular routine.

Plus 7 Zone Time

(13) Anchored as before. 1000 Underway on various courses and variations of standard speed (12 knots). Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on bridge. 1058 Passed through entrance nets. 1218 Changed standard speed to 15 knots. 1337 Set course 227 degrees true and p.g.c., 208 degrees p.stg.c.

Plus 7-8-9-9½-10-10½-11-and Minus 11½-12 Zone Time

(14-29) Steaming enroute San Francisco, California to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands in accordance with ComWestSeaFron Movement Order 319-C&R of 11 October 1944 at various courses and speeds. Maintaining condition of readiness #2 and zigzagging continuously. Holding dawn General Quarters, gunnery practice and various other drills daily.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (30) Steaming as before. 0857 Stationed all special sea detail. Proceeding into Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands. 0927 Passed through entrance nets, pilot conning proceeding to anchorage. 1020 Anchored in berth W-39, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands in 13 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor on various true bearings.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (31) Anchored as before. Holding recreation parties for enlisted sections of crew daily. Maintaining condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk. Carrying out ships daily routine.

Reg. No. 1919
R. S. No. _____

CONFIDENTIAL

Serial 081

WAR DIARY

NOVEMBER 1944

U S S A L H E N A A K A 9

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NAVIGATOR.

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WAR DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1944

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (1-3) Anchored in Seeadler Harbor off Manus Island, Admiralty Islands in berth W-39 in 13 fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor. Carrying on ships regular routine. Hold recreation daily for section of crew so entitled. Various ships and units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet present.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (4) Anchored as before. 1200 Made all tests and preparations for getting underway. 1302 Underway at various courses and variations of standard speed, 12 knots, to shift berth. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. 1507 Anchored in berth C-21, Seeadler Harbor, off Manus Island, Admiralty Islands in 20 fathoms of water with sixty fathoms of chain out to the starboard anchor, on various true bearings. Carried on ships regular routine.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (5-9) Anchored as before. Carried on ships regular routine. Holding daily recreation for sections of crew so entitled.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (10) Anchored as before. 0850 Explosion, U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD. 0853 Sounded General Quarters. 0904 Forecastle reports all clear and ammunition seems to be in good order. 0905 HALL, Peter (n), 849-31-13, S2c, V-6, USNR reported dead. 0907 Stack reports no damage, emergency generator in working order. 0912 Live 5" shells reported in following places were thrown overboard: 1, after Navigation Gear Locker; 1, forward Combat Gear Locker; 1, Uptake in Fireroom; 1, Forecastle; and 3, Boat Deck amidships. 0915 Medical Officer from U.S.S. TALBOT reported aboard. 0918 Sounding #1 and #2 holds, normal, #3 hold, 3" of water, #4 hold and #5 hold normal. 0920 All live ammunition thrown overboard. 0921 All below deck compartments clear of personnel. 0921 The following named Medical Officers and Pharmacists Mates came aboard to aid in the emergency: WEISE, Delmar L., PhM3c; GRIMES, Bert B., PhM2c; Lieutenant (jg) S. MELLELLA; Lieutenant KENDRICK; TEDRICH, PhM1c; Lieutenant R. S. McKEAN; WOLFSEN, CPhM; FOSTER, E. E., PhM2c; Lieutenant J. H. MAY; Lieutenant AYERS; Lieutenant SHULTE. 0921 First Lieutenant and Boatswain making all decks inspection. 0923 Steering engine room reported in working order.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (10) 0925 LESTER, "L" "C", 841-58-31, S2c, V-6, USNR, reported dead from head wound. 0938 Engine room spinning main engines. 0942 Taking test suction in #3 hold. 0950 All divisions mustered on station, all accounted for. 0957 Tried suction in #3 hold, no results. 1001 Five wire and ten canvas stretchers sent to U.S.S. ARGONNE. 1010 The following men were sent to hospital, Navy 3205:
- RUSINOSKI, Chester (n), 400-97-06, Cox, V-1, USNR, Cranial fracture.
- BOING, Joseph August Jr., 400-81-52, BM2c, O-1, USNR, Possible compound fracture of skull.
- JACKSON, Floyd "J" Jr., 861-24-46, S2c, V-6, USNR, Fracture, simple, left leg.
- HASTINGS, Lee Francis, 840-97-31, S2c, V-6, USNR, Possible shrapnel right leg.
- AYALA, George Hernandez, 876-44-62, S2c, V-6, USNR, Compound fracture left tibia and fibula.
- MEDINA, Martin (n), 886-05-37, S2c, V-6, USNR, Not diagnosed.
- VAUGHN, Robert Dale, 316-78-04, Cox, USN, Laceration right arm, possible fracture.
- DOHMS, Lester Albert, 874-82-11, Cox, USN, Lacerations, left tibia.
- MALINOWSKI, John "C", 908-74-91, S2c, V-6, USNR, Foreign body, eyes.
- MARSH, Dan Wilmot, 553-94-89, S2c, V-6, USNR, Possible shrapnel right side.
- MARTIN, Robert Charles, 614-09-53, BM2c, USNR, Lacerations of head.
- METZGER, Jack David, 949-51-96, S2c, V-6, USNR, Shrapnel right shoulder.
- PELLICIARI, Raymond (n), 908-77-45, S2c, V-6, USNR, Foot injury, laceration of back.
- ROUGERS, Jack (n), 939-43-04, S2c, V-6, USNR, Not diagnosed.
- KNIGHT, William George, 724-73-38, S2c, V-6, USNR, Multiple lacerations, head.
- CONNOLLY, Charles Parnell, 727-15-99, S2c, V-6, USNR, Possible puncture left chest, and laceration left arm.
- BRUCHEZ, Jay Robert, 618-09-18, S1c, O-1, USNR, Laceration of head.
- FELTON, William Young, 404-85-58, M1c, O-1, USNR, Possible fracture of spine.
- HOWARD, David Newton, 400-39-67, SF1c, O-1, USNR, Lacerated upper lip, broken tooth.
- BUCK, Erville Clarence, 883-72-13, F1c, V-6, USNR, Not diagnosed.
- SWIFT, Walter Alfred, 212-63-79, MoMM3c, USN, Depressed fracture of skull.
- CONNORS, Richard Michael, 924-13-49, F1c, V-6, USNR, Lacerations of head.
- BARRON, Allan Joseph, 300-63-94, SC2c, USN, Not diagnosed.

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- (10) JOHNSON, James Howard, 928-80-83, S2c, V-6, USNR, Fractured clavicle.
SCHUSTER, Frederick John, 638-24-19, SM2c, V-6, USNR, Fracture right forearm, shock, penetrating wounds of neck.
LOWERY, Robert Anderson, 400-96-83, SMLc, O-1, USNR, Lacerations of both feet.
McCARREN, Kenneth George, 103071, Lt. Comdr., D-V(G), USNR, Fracture left leg, penetrating wound left buttock.
COULTER, William Harrison, 399855, Ensign, D-V(S), USNR, Leg injury, compound fracture.
HAY, Marion Smith, 193136, Lieut., MC-V(G), USNR, Compound fracture left ankle.

1015 Damage control parties making inspections throughout ship.
1111 Commenced making preparations for getting underway. 1130 Stationed all special sea details. 1135 Commenced heaving short. 1136 Anchor at short stay. 1138 Standard speed designated at 08 knots (39 RPM). 1140 All Department Heads reported following material damage as a result of U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD explosion:

FORECASTLE DECK: Shrapnel hole approximately 6" long at frame #4 portside. Damage to deck plating only. Shrapnel hole approximately 12" long at frame #10 portside. Damage to deck plating and probably damage to frame member. 5" shell hole through steel hatch cover on #1 hold. Impeller housing to blower #1 hold collapsed. Possible damage to impeller and shaft. Hand rail on ladder from main deck to forecastle deck torn off. One section of guard rail on after end of forecastle deck torn off. Numerous dents in deck plating caused by shrapnel.

MAIN DECK: Vent cowling on intake blower to troop living compartment bent. No rupture apparent. Port yard-arm on forward quadruped mast carried away. Topmast on forward quadruped mast knocked out of line. Watertight door at frame #93 warped out of shape. Starboard side. 5" shell hole approximately 18" X 10" in poop-deck at frame #182 on starboard side. Door to Damage Control Locker, starboard side poop-deck warped. Door to crow's nest, after quadruped mast, smashed. Numerous dents in deck plating caused by shrapnel.

GUN PLATFORM, MAIN DECK: Heavy shrapnel hit on 5"/38 gun platform. Several reinforcing stringers broken, welded seams broken, causing apparent sagging of entire platform to port. Shrapnel hole approximately 4" long near port 40MM gun. Numerous dents in gun platform plating caused by shrapnel.

NOTE: It is considered that the 5"/38 gun platform has been so damaged to make it unsafe to fire 5"/38 gun.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (10) CABIN DECK: Shell plating, cabin deck level at frame #96 starboard side, pierced by large piece of shrapnel resulting in a hole approximately 4' in diameter. Two structural bulkheads carried away, severely damaging hull structure from frame #95 to frame #100, and completely demolished two officer's staterooms. Athwartship bulkhead at frame #107 buckled to such an extent that the door to the stateroom will not close and joiners have been torn loose. Overhead insulation in wardroom and staterooms carried away. Overhead appears to have settled in places.
- BOAT DECK: Shrapnel hit on centerline, after section of boat deck, piercing deck, buckled one transverse member, and carrying away wiring trunk. All wooden guard rails damaged. Some sections carried away completely. Superficial damage to wooden deck by shrapnel hits. Light lock door, starboard side, buckled. Light lock screen, starboard side, buckled. Hand rail on ladder leading to Navigating bridge bent. Overhead insulation in athwartship passageway carried away. Also in radio repair shop.
- NAVIGATION BRIDGE: One stanchion supporting signal bridge, starboard side after end, carried away. Shrapnel hole in starboard side of deck. Wooden deck. Numerous windows broken in pilot house.
- FIDLEY DECK: Starboard gun tub pierced by shrapnel. Hole approximately 14" long.
- SIGNAL BRIDGE: Port after sky-lookout tub pierced by two 5" shells. Shrapnel hole in deck, starboard side, approximately 12" X 6". Shrapnel hit in starboard 20MM gun tub. Warped deck, starboard side, injured structural members. Yardarm on radar mast moved 6" to port. Radar mast reinforcements broken. Hand rail starboard side after end flying bridge broken and bent. Shield on forward flying bridge, starboard side, bent.
- STACK: One 5" shell hole in top of stack. Approximately 8" in diameter. Guard rail carried away.
- MACHINERY: Winch #5, double drum winch, gear housing collapsed. Winch #10 smashed and damaged beyond repair. Smoke generator, fantail, with tank perforated.
- RIGGING: #2 hold: Inboard guy block on vangs on 30 ton boom shattered. Two fairlead blocks on 30 ton boom shattered. Outboard block on topping lift on 10 ton boom smashed. Topping lift on 30 ton boom cut. #3 hold: Topping lift on 10 ton boom is completely cut. Whip on 30 ton boom is completely cut. 10 ton boom sprung approximately fifteen feet from goose-neck. #4 hold: Outboard block on topping lift on 10 ton boom has cheeks bent. Topping lift on ten ton boom cut. #5 hold: Inboard vang on 30 ton boom broken and wire cut.
- LANDING CRAFT: LCM #1, Shrapnel hole 12 inches square in well deck to false bottom, serviceable, being used for running boat. #2, small holes in deck. Magnetic compass broken. #3, Small holes in deck. Serviceable. #4, Fuel lines out caused by shrapnel piercing engine room. #5, Port side blown away, 5

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (10) towed and beached at boat pool, Manus Island. #6 Five holes in deck, one hole in well deck, serviceable. #7, Starboard gun mount damaged. Small holes in deck. Magnetic compass and Magnesyn compass damaged. #8, Minor damages, serviceable. LCVP #9, Minor shrapnel holes, serviceable. #10, Hole through bottom. Engine damaged. #11 Minor shrapnel holes. #12 Needs new after deck. Steering post bent. Ramp cable cut. Forward coaming crushed, starboard side. #13, 5" shell passed through deck and hull. Engine damaged. Not serviceable. #14, Minor casualties. #15, Sunk (cut in half). #16 Sunk. #17, Holes in deck and sides. Serviceable. #18, Needs new after deck. Holes in well deck. Broken steering wheel.

RADIO: All transmitting and receiving antennae, including 6, 30 inch 8-12 strain insulators destroyed. Will be able to salvage most wire, will require approximately 200 feet transmitting antennae wire. TBS antennae mast and counter poise assembly damaged beyond repair of ship's force. TDE transmitter sustained internal damages probably due to concussion, exact extent and nature not yet determined.

RADAR: SA-2-1, Coaxial line bent and broken in two places. Reflector screen slightly bent. One dipole of array bent and broken. Frame of reflector screen has one hole in it. BK, steering wheel antennae broken. SG-1, dents in parabolic reflector. Low sensitivity. 1212 Underway to ship anchorage at various courses and variations of standard speed of 8 knots. Captain conning, navigator on the bridge. 1241 Anchored in berth 101, Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, on various true bearings in 17 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain to the port anchor. 1252 Veered chain to 90 fathoms. Carried on ships regular routine.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (11-15) Anchored as before. Holding recreation daily for sections of crew so entitled. Repairing damage suffered in explosion of U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD. Carried on ships regular routine.
- (16) Anchored as before. 1320 Underway at various courses and variations of standard speed of 8 knots. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1413 Anchored in berth #255, Seeadler Harbor off Sabukales Point, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands in 9 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain out to the port anchor on various true bearings. Continued repair of damages sustained in explosion of U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD, and carried on ships regular routine.
- (17-19) Anchored as before. Continued repairs of damage sustained in the explosion of U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD. Recreation daily for sections of crew so entitled. Carried on ships regular routine.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (20) Anchored as before. 0700 Made all tests and preparations for getting underway. 0748 Underway at various courses and variations of standard speed of 8 knots, Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge proceeding to dock. 0858 Moored starboard side to Ship Repair Dock, Lombrum Point, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands. Continued repair of damage. Held recreation for section of crew so entitled. Carried on ships regular routine.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (21) Moored as before. Continued repair of damage. Held recreation for entitled section of crew. Carried on ships regular routine.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (22) Moored as before 0910 Made all tests and preparations for getting underway. 1025 YTL251 alongside to port. 1033 Underway at various courses and variations of standard speed of 8 knots. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge, proceeding to berth #207. 1225 Anchored in berth #207, Seeadler Harbor, off Manus Island, Admiralty Islands in 11 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor. Carried on ships regular routine.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (23) Anchored as before. 0500 Made all tests & preparations for getting underway. 0614 Underway and proceeding at various courses and variations of standard speed of 8 knots to Naval Supply Depot, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 0715 Moored starboard side to Murzim Dock, Naval Supply Depot, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands using six manila lines doubled up, one single manila line and two wire ropes. 0815 Commenced unloading cargo. 1130 Held recreation for entitled section of crew. Continued repair of damage sustained in explosion.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (24-30) Moored as before. Starboard side to Murzim Dock, Naval Supply Depot, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands using six manila lines doubled, two singles and two wire ropes. Unloading general cargo. Holding recreation for entitled section of crew. Carrying out ships regular routine. Continued repair of damage sustained in explosion.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Serial 01

WAR DIARY

DECEMBER 1944

U S S A L H E N A A K A 9

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WAR DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1944

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (1) Moored starboard side to Murzim Dock #2, Naval Supply Depot, Manus Island, Admiralty Islands. Continuing to discharge cargo. Ships present include various units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, HMA Navy, and Allied Merchantmen. Condition of readiness #3 gun watches are maintained at dawn and dusk. 1132 Underway to Lombrum Point, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1324 Anchored in berth #254 off Sabukaba Point, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands. 1425 Underway to dock. 1515 Moored starboard side to Lombrum Point Ship Repair Dock, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands. 1805 Resumed unloading cargo. Ship's company and Lombrum Repair Unit continued repair of damage sustained in U.S.S. MOUNT HOOD explosion.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (2-5) Moored as before. Continuing to discharge cargo. Holding daily recreation parties and maintaining condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk. Ship's company and shore repair unit repairing ship. Major repairs completed.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (6) Moored as before. Completed discharging cargo. 0530 Underway to go alongside oiler in berth #9. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 0711 Moored starboard side to U.S.S. LEOPARD (IX-122). 1215 Fueling completed. 1410 Underway enroute to berth #255, Papitalai Harbor, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands, pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1500 Anchored in berth #255, Papitalai Harbor, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands. Maintaining condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (7-9) Anchored as before. Maintaining modified darken ship, and condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk. Holding daily recreation parties, weather permitting.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (10) Anchored as before. Maintaining modified darken ship and condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk. 1251 Underway, shifting ship ahead 200 yards, Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. 1254 Anchored in berth #255, Papitalai Harbor, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (10) 2042 Sounded general quarters on order of the Senior Officer Present Afloat. 2104 Secured from general quarters. Enemy planes had been reported in the vicinity.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (11-15) Anchored as before. Maintaining modified darken ship and condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk. Holding daily recreation parties, when possible.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (16) Anchored as before. Maintaining modified darken ship and condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk. Held recreation party. 2145 Commenced loading cargo consigned to U.S.S. APPALACHIAN, and equipment of U. S. Army.

- (17) Minus 9 Zone Time

Anchored in berth #255, Papitalai Harbor, Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands. Continuing to load cargo. 0200 In accordance with reference CG IIIAc AMG, serial 250019, 2 October, First Lieut. Allan J. PANSAR, U. S. Army, embarked this date in charge of one officer and twenty enlisted men of the Third Amphibious Corps. 1045 Eleven naval officers and fifty-nine naval enlisted personnel reported aboard for transportation to Navy #145. 1152 Comdr. Leonard KIRBY, D-V(S), 11199, USNR, reported aboard for transportation in compliance with 5th endorsement of COTCPAC orders P16-4/00/(60) serial P-130-93, 18 November 1944. 1332 Underway for Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands on authority of CNB Manus movement order no. 301-44 of 17 December 1944. Pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the Bridge. 1418 Took departure with beacon "B", Seeadler Harbor, bearing 125.5 degrees T, distance 1300 yards. 1441 Held general quarters. 1446 All stations manned and ready. 1500 Abandon ship drill. 1600 Secured from all emergency drills. Steaming at various courses and speeds, and maintaining condition of readiness #3.

Minus 10 and 11 Zone Time

- (18-19) Steaming enroute from Manus Island, Admiralty Islands to Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands at various courses and speeds. Zigzagging continuously, and maintaining condition of readiness #3. Holding dawn and dusk general quarters, and exercising at gunnery drills daily. Passing through Solomon Sea.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (20) Steaming as before enroute Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Island, maintaining condition of readiness #3. 0640

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (20) Passed Buraku Island abeam to port, distance 26 miles. 0826 Sighted Savo Island, bearing 071 degrees, distance 41 miles. 0852 Passed Russell Island abeam to port, distance 10 miles. 1100 Ceased zigzagging. Steaming on various courses and speeds toward anchorage, Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. 1230 Anchored in berth #24, off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands. 1240 Heaved up anchor. 1245 Anchored in berth #24, off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands. 1411 Anchor aweigh, underway to berth #17. 1417 Anchored in berth #17. 1500 Commenced discharging cargo. 1706 Anchor aweigh, underway to berth #13, having learned that berth #17 was afoul. 1748 Anchored in berth #13. 1832 Secured main engines, continued to discharge cargo. Maintaining condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dusk.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (21) Anchored as before. Set condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn. 0630 Comdr. Leonard KIRBY, D-V(S), USNR, left ship. 1000 Boat left ship for U.S.S. APPALACHIAN with cargo consigned to that ship. 1100 Secured discharging cargo, all passengers left the ship. 1607 Underway for Finschafen, New Guinea in accordance with CTU 11.5.6 dispatch 210408 December. Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. Set condition of readiness #3 and commenced zigzagging. Steaming at various courses and speeds through Solomon Sea.

Minus 11 Zone Time and Minus 10

- (22-23) Steaming enroute from Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands, to Finschafen, New Guinea on various courses and speeds, zigzagging continuously. Maintaining condition of readiness #3. Holding dawn and dusk general quarters, and exercising at gunnery drills.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (24) Steaming enroute from Guadalcanal Island, British Solomon Islands to Finschafen, New Guinea on various courses and speeds, zigzagging continuously. Maintaining condition of readiness #3. 0555 Lying to off Finschafen, New Guinea awaiting instructions. 0837 Pilot aboard. Underway to harbor. 0910 Moored port side to dock #10 Langemak Bay, New Guinea. 1855 Commenced loading equipment of 510th Antiaircraft Battalion. Set condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dusk. Maintaining modified darken ship.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (25-26) Moored as before. Continuing to load cargo. Maintaining

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (25-26) modified darken ship, and condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn and dusk. Holding daily recreation parties.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (27) Moored as before. Set condition of readiness #3 gun watches at dawn. Continuing to load cargo. 0800 Secured all hatches. 1330 Troops of the 510th Antiaircraft Battalion commenced embarking with their gear. All troop officers aboard. 1455 All troops aboard. 1555 All lines in. 1557 Maneuvering away from dock, pilot conning, Captain and Navigator on the bridge. 1630 Underway at various courses and speeds, enroute from Langemak Bay, New Guinea to Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea in accordance with CTF 78 dispatch 250036 December. Pilot debarked. 1730 Commenced zigzagging and set condition of readiness #3. Steaming at various courses and speeds. Held dusk general quarters. Passed several ships during the night.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (28) Steaming as before enroute from Langemak Bay, New Guinea to Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea, zigzagging continuously. Maintaining condition of readiness #3. Held dawn and dusk general quarters and exercised at gunnery drills. Passing and overtaking numerous ships. Exercised troops and crew at abandon ship stations.

Minus 10 and 9 Zone Time

- (29) Steaming as before enroute to Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea on various courses and speeds, and zigzagging continuously. Maintaining condition of readiness #3. Held dawn general quarters. 0812 Steaming on various courses and speeds toward anchorage, Captain conning, Navigator on the bridge. 1047 Anchored in berth N-5, Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea, awaiting further routing instructions as per CTF 78 dispatch 250036 December. 1740 Ordinary Seaman from U. S. tanker, S. S. WILLIAMSBURG, was brought aboard for treatment resulting from falling boom.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (30) Anchored as before. Humboldt Bay, Hollandia, New Guinea awaiting orders. Ordinary Seaman from S. S. WILLIAMSBURG, sent to base hospital. 1230 Anchor aweigh, underway, having received further routing in accordance with CTF 78 dispatch 250036 December to assume formation with LST FLOTILLA 3. 1415 Steaming in formation in Task Unit 77.9.12 (LST FLOTILLA 3) enroute to San Pedro Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (30) Set condition of readiness #3. Exercised at gunnery drills, plane towing sleeve furnishing target. 1505 Ceased gunnery drills. Exercised at emergency maneuvers. Secured from all drills and resumed unit course and speed.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (31) Steaming as before in formation on course 309 degrees T., enroute San Pedro Gulf, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands. Maintaining condition of readiness #3, and holding dawn general quarters.

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Minus 9 Zone Time

- (1) Steaming in formation enroute from Hollandia, New Guinea, to San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, in accordance with CTF 78 dispatch 250036, December 1944, on course 309 degrees true, at standard speed of nine (9) knots. We are in company with LST Task Unit 77.9.12, (Comdr. Arthur AGETON, USN, Commander LST Flotilla THREE), OTC and Fleet Guide in LST 483, in cruising disposition C-1 from LST Cruising Instructions. Merchant ship convoy of twenty-nine (29) ships is astern of formation. Embarked for transportation is the 510th Antiaircraft Battalion, U. S. Army, with their equipment, which embarked December 27, 1944, at Finschafen, (Langemak Bay), New Guinea. Ship in condition of readiness #3 and holding dawn general quarters. Conducting various emergency drills and training exercises. 1750 Changed course to 317 degrees true.

Positions: 0800	01 - 25.0 N
	137 - 31.0 E
1200	01 - 42.0 N
	137 - 10.0 E
2000	02 - 24.0 N
	136 - 21.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (2) Task Unit 77.9.16 and 77.9.17 joined with this unit.

Positions: 0800	03 - 26.0 N
	135 - 27.0 E
1200	03 - 43.0 N
	135 - 07.0 E
2000	04 - 33.0 N
	134 - 21.0 E

- (3) Task Unit 77.9.18, with escort, joined this formation. Sighted convoy bearing 258 degrees true, distance ten (10) miles.

Positions: 0800	05 - 55.0 N
	133 - 21.0 E
1200	06 - 10.0 N
	132 - 44.0 E
2000	06 - 45.0 N
	131 - 37.0 E

- (4) Received appendicitis case, MASON, Kimmie T., Ordinary Seaman, Z553580, from merchant ship in convoy astern; successfully operated on by ship's doctor.

Minus 9 Zone Time

Positions: 0800	07 - 35.0 N
	130 - 09.0 E
1200	08 - 00.0 N
	129 - 58.0 E
2000	08 - 17.0 N
	129 - 19.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (5) Sighted unidentified Navy Task Group of about fifty (50) ships, bearing 044 degrees true, distance fifteen (15) miles.

Positions: 0800	08 - 39.0 N
	128 - 26.0 E
1200	08 - 55.0 N
	128 - 23.0 E
2000	09 - 15.0 N
	127 - 42.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (6) 0730 Sighted land bearing 220 degrees true, distance forty-three (43) miles. Many friendly aircraft sighted. 1630 Detached from Task Unit 77.9.12. 2350 Anchored in twenty-nine (29) fathoms of water off Marquitdaquit Island, Philippine Islands.

Positions: 0800	09 - 46.0 N
	126 - 37.0 E
1200	10 - 03.5 N
	126 - 10.6 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (7-8) 0030 Flash red received on harbor circuit. Held general quarters. 0043 Flash white, secured from general quarters. 0720 Underway up San Pedro Bay. 0906 Anchored in assigned berth. 1315 Underway shifting anchorage. 1401 Anchored in berth #73.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (9) 0730 Underway to Tarraguna, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands, in accordance with CTF 75 dispatch 080500Z of January 1945. Transferred appendicitis patient to S. S. WILLIAM L. SUBLETTE. 1012 Anchored off Tarraguna.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (10) 0807 Underway to Guiuan, Samar Island, Philippine Islands, with PC-1128 as escort. Cruising in gulf off Samar, due to report of approaching typhoon. Subsequent report indicated no danger from typhoon in this area. Proceeded to anchorage off Guiuan, Samar Island, Philippine Islands. 1508 Anchored in Guiuan anchorage.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (11-14) Troops debarked. Discharging 510th Antiaircraft Battalion equipment. Secured discharging cargo on the 14th.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (15-16) Underway to San Pedro Bay, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands, on authority CTF 75. We were diverted to Taytay Point, Leyte Island, Philippine Islands, to join Transport Division THIRTY-THREE, our assigned division. 1835 Anchored in berth #44.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (17) About 2011 we observed three red flares in the northwest and received a flash red via voice radio. Sounded general quarters. Intermittent antiaircraft fire was observed to northwest. Received orders to make smoke. 2115 Ceased making smoke and secured from general quarters.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (18) 0600 Received flash red and sounded general quarters. We were ordered to make smoke. 0712 Ceased making smoke and secured from general quarters.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (19) 1405 Underway to assume station in Task Group 78.9, (Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN, Commander Transport Squadron ELEVEN), enroute from Leyte Island, Philippine Islands to Ulithi Island, Caroline Islands, in accordance with CTG Movement Order 1-45, dated 18 January 1945. CTC and Fleet Guide in U.S.S. FREMONT. 2125 Sounded general quarters on signal from CTG 78.9. 2144 Secured from general quarters. No reason given for alert.

Positions: 2000 10 - 24.0 N
126 - 11.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (20) Positions: 0800 09 - 10.0 N
128 - 20.0 E
1200 09 - 02.0 N
129 - 04.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(20) Positions: 2000 08 - 59.0 N
130 - 34.0 E

Minus 9 and 9½ Zone Time

(21) 1500 Advanced clocks to minus 9½ Zone Time

Positions: 0800 09 - 10.0 N
132 - 59.0 E
1200 09 - 08.0 N
133 - 41.0 E
2000 09 - 00.0 N
135 - 11.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

(22) 0000 Advanced clocks to minus 10 Zone Time.

Positions: 0800 08 - 53.0 N
136 - 58.0 E
1200 08 - 55.0 N
137 - 34.0 E
2000 08 - 56.0 N
138 - 46.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

(23) 0948 Sighted land bearing 348 degrees true, distance sixteen (16) miles. 0955 Maneuvering to enter Ulithi Harbor. 1525 Anchored in berth #235.

Positions: 0800 09 - 13.0 N
139 - 44.0 E

(24-31) Minus 10 Zone Time

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : Operational Chain of Command.

Subject: Action Report - Operation IWO JIMA, 27 February to
5 March 1945.

Reference: (a) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 1CL-45.
(b) ComTransDiv-33 despatch 060202 of March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Subject report.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded in accordance with references
(a) and (b).

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PART I. Omitted in accordance with paragraph 5 (c) of reference (a).

PART II. Omitted in accordance with paragraph 5 (c) of reference (a).

PART III. This vessel in company with Task Unit 51.1.4 anchored off the Eastern beaches Iwo Jima at 0920, 27 February, and commenced unloading operations. These operations were substantially hampered throughout the entire period by the northeasterly swell, which caused damage to this vessel and craft loading alongside, in addition to creating a shortage of lighterage by limiting operations at the beach.

Only one percent of total cargo was unloaded prior to 1813, at which time night retirement was made with transport vessels of various units as designated by the Commander Joint Expeditionary Force. Retirement was continued without incident and return to anchorage was made at 0817, 28 February, at which time unloading was recommenced. Unloading operations were interrupted by an air raid warning at 0130, 1 March, during which smoke was made for a period of one-half hour. Unloading was secured and night retirement commenced at 1730 in company with units of the Joint Expeditionary Force Reserve. During both night retirements boats were left behind. After an uneventful night the ship was anchored at 0809, 2 March, and unloading again commenced. During the afternoon LSM 260 was brought alongside with considerable difficulty, but before unloading could be started it was recalled by Commander Task Group 51.1. LSM 145 secured alongside just before operations were suspended at 2122 by an air raid warning during which smoke was made for fifteen minutes. The LSM stayed alongside during this interval, and unloading operations were resumed immediately upon securing from battle stations.

At 0938, 3 March, anchor was weighed and course set for anchorage off the western beaches of Iwo Jima where the vessel anchored at 1036 and resumed unloading under appreciably better sea conditions. Twenty-three percent of total cargo had been unloaded up to this time. A beach party consisting of one officer and ten men was sent ashore to augment the small force at the newly established beach. Unloading continued until 1020 of 4 March, at which time all equipment of forces landed or to be landed had been sent ashore. During the remainder of the day the ship's platoon was disembarked, a staff communication organization was taken aboard from two units of the Fire Support Group, and eleven casualties were received from the beach. Boats were dispatched to unload vessels carrying Garrison Group Zero. At 2340 reloading of certain THIRD MARINES equipment was commenced, which was completed at 0334, 5 March. The remainder of this day was spent in regaining control of boats dispatched the previous night, recovering beach party, and exchanging operative boats for the inoperative boats of LSD-2.

Departure from the area was made at 1748 in company with Transport Division THIRTY-THREE less USS HERCULES (AK-41), plus USS WHITESIDE (AKA-90).

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PART IV. Ordnance.

No ordnance equipment was used except in making smoke. (See VI D 3).

PART V. Damage.

No battle damage was incurred.

PART VI. Special comments and information.

C. Amphibious Action.

1. Troops and cargo.

(a) Third Regimental Combat Team, 10 officers, 225 enlisted.

(b) Embarkation: Guam.

Disembarkation: Iwo Jima (8 officers, 199 enlisted);
Guam (2 officers, 26 enlisted).

(c) Cargo consisted of vehicles, petroleum, rations, clothing, water and ammunition. 1265 tons of cargo was loaded on the ship. This was considered a small load and loaded in such a manner that the total working time to unload the ship was ten hours. Ration "B" was given a low priority; therefore, to utilize all the ship's space and leave space for troops in the cargo space, a false deck consisting of two layers of 1" x 12" boards was built in the lower hold of number three hatch over "B" rations to support heavy vehicles. The "B" rations and ammunition were all palletized.

(d) Loaded: Guam, 9-10 February.

Discharged: Iwo Jima, 27 Feb - 5 March (742 tons).

2. Landing Craft.

(a) 10 LCVP's, 8 LCM's; 1 LCP(L).

(b) Launching and loading of boats were made difficult, especially at night, by motion of the ship in the swell.

(c) Control of landing craft was exercised by Commander Transport Squadron-11 and Commander Transport Division-33, and in some cases by Commander Attack Force. This multiplicity of control, combined with uncertainty as to future plans, resulted in occasional conflict in boat employment.

4. Landing of troops and cargo.

(b) Beach organization operated effectively, but a lack of appropriate beach markers and signs was noted.

5. Casualties.

(a) No special preparations were made for casualties beyond routine readiness.

(b) Eleven casualties were brought alongside in DUKWs. They were hoisted in Stokes stretchers on approved casualty pallets and carried to Sick Bay. The pallet, which is satisfactory for casualty handling in regular landing craft, was most unwieldy when used in conjunction with DUKWs. Slings to fit Stokes stretchers are being made for future use.

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D. 1. Combat Information Center.

a.(2)(a) Air targets were tracked satisfactorily at ranges from 70 to 45 miles.

(b) The SA equipment occasionally picked up targets at seventy miles which could be tracked in satisfactorily except between the ranges of 45 to 35 miles. Low altitude planes were seldom picked up on the SG-1 radar, and did not in any instance remain on the scope long enough for accurate tracking.

(c) The SG-1 equipment was used for navigational purposes on Iwo Jima and Minami Iwo Jima with satisfactory results.

(f) When the surface search radar was used for station keeping, sea return combined with heavy interference from other sets on the same frequency in the near vicinity made targets under 1000 yards practically unreadable. Attempts were made to correct this condition by retuning the duplexer and local oscillator and cutting down gain close to a minimum; very little success was obtained.

(g) Target composition reading was accurate.

a.(4) Reception on IFF equipment was exceptional, and signals were at all times readable.

a.(5) Very few false echoes were picked up, due primarily to cool weather and the absence of electrical storms.

a.(6) Internal communications were satisfactory with the exception of minor difficulty with the JX telephone circuit. External communications were satisfactory, but the noise level in CIC was too high. This will be reduced by fitting headphones to the air warning and fighter director circuit.

2. Communications were good with the exception of occasional interference on voice circuits.

3. No camouflage or deception was used or detected. Smoke was laid by Besler generators and smoke pots and floats during night air raid alerts. Results could not be considered effective, due to prevailing wind of about 13 knots, which left masts and superstructures of ships visible.

4. Navigational aids installed on the Island were consistently blanked off by anchored ships.

6. Provisions were issued to three landing craft and one AKA. Coffee and sandwiches were available in the galley almost continuously while in unloading area for the benefit of boat crews for whom it was otherwise impossible to provide.

7. (a) Patients were treated by one operating team in the main operating room, and were hoisted aboard on a salmon board, at starboard side of #4 hold.

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- (b) Only accepted methods of treatment were employed. Fractures were immobilized in plaster casts or splints early. All extensive soft tissue wounds were splinted. Penicillin was administered to selected cases. The majority of injuries involved the extremities and were of the gunshot or shrapnel variety. Wounds in general were not of a very severe nature, although three cases as designated below by asterisk were severely injured.
- (c) All very extensive wounds received skin sensitivity tests for gas gangrene vaccine and if negative, patients were given vaccine promptly. All casualties received routinely 1/2 cc tetanus toxoid immediately. Two pints of whole blood were used on selected casualties in addition to plasma and glucose and saline.
- (d) No deaths occurred among casualties received.
- (e) All patients are to be transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, upon arrival.

(f) The below table classifies the injuries treated:

SHRAPNEL WOUNDS 3	FRACTURES SIMPLE 0	FRACTURES COMPOUND 1*	EYE INJURIES 0	GUNSHOT WOUNDS 4
SURGICAL ABDOMENS 1*	CHEST INJURIES 0	AMPUTATIONS ARMS 0	GAS GANGRENE, LEG 0	AMPUTATIONS FINGERS 0
BURNS 2nd & 3rd 0	LEGS AMPUTATIONS 1*	BLAST CONCUSSION 1		

- (g) All Marine casualties from the beach (11 total) were received on 3-4-45 within a period of 1/2 hour with resultant overloading of facilities and consequent delay in rendering medical care in some cases.

PART VIII. Lessons learned, conclusions, and recommendations.

1. Of the 10 LCVP's carried by this vessel, use was made of 2 as smoke boats, and, for one night only, 2 more as smoke boats for a garrison group. At all other times during the 6 days that this vessel was in the area these boats were kept manned in order to prevent their loss due to weather conditions. The necessity for these precautions is indicated by the fact that in spite of them one boat was lost while this vessel was on night retirement. Besides the loss of over 3000 man hours and one boat, 3 LCVP's now on board are so weakened as to be unfit for future combat service. In order to reduce this loss in future it is recommended that all but 2 LCVP's be removed from AKA's and that 2 LCPR's be added to their allowance to be used for utility and salvage.

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2. This vessel participated in this operation with a shortage in complement of 22 men or 7 percent of allowance, having tried unsuccessfully to obtain replacements at three points in the forward area. This shortage, together with the employment of men in LCVP's, imposed an undesirable strain on the crew. It is recommended that all transport vessels be furnished personnel to at least 100 percent of complement prior to embarking troops and equipment for an amphibious operation.
 3. It is recommended that aids to navigation be installed on sufficiently high ground to enable them to be seen above the crowded shipping of the transport area.
 4. It is recommended that an effective base for small craft be established in the unloading area so that boat crews may obtain food and some shelter during periods when parent vessels are absent or when under control of agencies other than parent vessels.
 5. It is recommended that all transport type vessels be supplied an allowance of mattresses, blankets and field clothing for issue to casualties whether designated as casualty vessels or not. This gear should be issued at forward bases and staging points.
 6. Officers commanding LSM's report that it is frequently impracticable to work end hatches of conventional transport type vessels, especially in a swell, because of the damage sustained when caught under the flare or overhang. This was borne out by the experience of this vessel, which suffered minor damage from that source; in one instance the commanding officer of an LSM was entirely unwilling to work #1 hatch.
- It is recommended that LCT's be reserved for end hatches in all but favorable weather.

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Minus 10 Zone Time

- (1) Anchored off eastern side of Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, in company with Transport Squadron ELEVEN, and various other ships and units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet. We are in Task Unit 51.1.4, Task Group 51.1 (Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN), Expeditionary Force Reserve. Operating in accordance with Commander Task Force 51 operation plan A25-44, and Commander FIFTH Fleet operation plan 13-44. Ship is in condition of readiness 1A. Cargo is being discharged as it is called for and as boats are available. Beach conditions, wind, and surf prohibit use of LCVP's, and lighterage is provided by LCM's or larger landing craft. Some personnel of the Third Marine Division are still embarked. At 0130, we went to general quarters on order of Commander Task Force 51, and at 0238 received a flash red; commenced making smoke on order. At 0310, secured from general quarters, set condition of readiness 1E. 0358 Ceased making smoke on order from Commander Task Force 51. At 0405, commenced making smoke on order and ceased at 0423. Secured condition of readiness 1E, and set condition of readiness 1A; resumed discharging cargo. At 1650, secured working cargo and made all preparations for night retirement. 1730 Underway in company with Task Unit 51.1.3 (OTC in PRESIDENT JACKSON). Steaming at various courses and speeds. Zigzagging during moonlight hours.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (2) Underway on night retirement off Iwo Jima, in accordance with operation plan. 0809 Anchored off eastern side of Iwo Jima. Commenced discharging cargo.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (3) Shifted anchorage to western side of island, arriving at new anchorage at 1036. Continued discharging cargo.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (4) Disembarked 28th Replacement Draft, Third Marine Division. Embarked staff of Rear Admiral ROGERS for transportation to Guam, on orders of Commander Amphibious Group ELEVEN. Received twelve (12) Marine casualties aboard.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (5) Commenced reloading vehicles returned from the beach. 0305 Secured loading cargo. 1525 Underway to join Transport Division THIRTY-THREE off eastern side of island. 1825 Steaming in formation with Task Unit 51.29.9 (Captain S. M. HAIGHT, USN, Commander Transport Division THIRTY-THREE), enroute to Guam, Marianas Islands, in accordance with Commander Transport

Minus 10 Zone Time

(5) Division dispatch 051055 March 1945.

Position: 2000 24 - 21.0 N
141 - 11.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

(6-7) Steaming enroute to Guam, Marianas Islands. Maintaining condition of readiness #3.

Positions: 0800 21 - 56.0 N
141 - 47.0 E
1200 21 - 15.0 N
142 - 03.0 E
2000 19 - 48.0 N
142 - 18.0 E

0800 17 - 37.0 N
143 - 16.0 E
1200 16 - 57.0 N
143 - 33.0 E
2000 15 - 35.0 N
144 - 08.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

(8) Steaming enroute to Guam, Marianas Islands. 1000 Moored in Apra Harbor, Guam. Debarked all passengers and casualties. 2105 Commenced discharging cargo.

Position: 0800 13 - 26.0 N
144 - 29.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

(9) Completed discharging cargo. 1800 Underway in company with Transport Division THIRTY-THREE plus U.S.S. WHITESIDES and U.S.S. GEORGE E. BADGER, enroute to Tulagi, Solomon Islands, in accordance with Port Director, Guam letter PDG #466.

Position: 2000 13 - 16.0 N
144 - 12.0 E

Minus 10 and 11 Zone Time

(10-14) Enroute Tulagi, Solomon Islands. At 1400, on the 12th changed zone time to minus 11.

Positions: 0800 11 - 27.0 N
143 - 20.0 E
1200 10 - 42.0 N
143 - 18.0 E
2000 09 - 12.0 N
143 - 13.0 E

Minus 10 and 11 Zone Time

(10-14) Positions: 0800 06 - 45.0 N
 143 - 10.0 E
 1200 06 - 00.0 N
 143 - 10.0 E
 2000 04 - 31.0 N
 143 - 30.0 E

0800 02 - 48.0 N
 145 - 29.0 E
 1200 02 - 16.0 N
 145 - 47.0 E
 2000 01 - 26.0 N
 146 - 57.0 E

0800 00 - 02.0 S
 149 - 11.0 E
 1200 00 - 10.0 S
 149 - 17.0 E
 2000 01 - 05.0 S
 150 - 50.0 E

0800 02 - 20.0 S
 152 - 51.0 E
 1200 02 - 36.0 S
 153 - 30.0 E
 2000 03 - 42.0 S
 154 - 54.0 E

Minus 11 Zone Time

(15) Steaming as before enroute Tulagi, Solomon Islands. 1711 Escort, U.S.S. GEORGE E. BADGER, had underwater sound contact. Executed series of emergency turns. 1720 Escort lost contact and formation resumed course.

Positions: 0800 05 - 26.0 S
 156 - 50.0 E
 1200 05 - 56.0 S
 157 - 32.0 E
 2000 06 - 59.0 S
 158 - 53.0 E

Minus 11 Zone Time

(16) Steaming enroute Tulagi, Solomon Islands. At 0722, commenced gunnery drill, firing at towed sleeve. 0822 Secured from gunnery drill. 1319 Anchored in Tulagi Harbor, Solomon Islands, in berth #8.

Positions: 0800 08 - 36.0 S
 160 - 06.0 E
 1200 09 - 12.0 S
 160 - 07.0 E

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Minus 11 Zone Time

- (17) Anchored as before. 1330 Underway to Lunga Point, Guadalcanal. 1501 Anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (18) Anchored as before. 0610 Underway in company with Transport Division THIRTY-THREE less U.S.S. O'HARA (Captain S. M. HAIGHT, USN), enroute Noumea, New Caledonia, in accordance with Port Director, Guam letter PDG #466 and Commander Task Unit dispatch 161458 March 1945. 0920 Commenced gunnery drill and tactical maneuvers. 1136 Secured from all exercises.

Positions;	0800	09 - 13.0 S
		160 - 13.0 E
	1200	09 - 57.0 S
		161 - 06.0 E
	2000	11 - 40.0 S
		161 - 28.0 E

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (19) Steaming enroute Noumea, New Caledonia. 1425 Commenced surface gunnery drill. 1502 Secured from gunnery drill.

Positions:	0800	14 - 29.0 S
		161 - 47.0 E
	1200	15 - 11.0 S
		161 - 47.0 E
	2000	16 - 54.0 S
		161 - 49.0 E

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (20) Secured condition of readiness #3, and instituted modified condition of readiness #3 watches, with dawn and dusk alerts, on order of Commander Transport Division THIRTY-THREE.

Positions:	0800	19 - 32.0 S
		162 - 27.0 E
	1200	19 - 56.0 S
		162 - 26.0 E
	2000	21 - 01.0 S
		163 - 51.0 E

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (21) 1115 Anchored in Dumbea Bay, berth #44, Noumea, New Caledonia.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (22) Anchored as before. 1100 Underway to berth A-10, Great Road anchorage. 1150 Anchored in berth A-10. 5

Minus 11 Zone Time

(23-26) Anchored as before, making necessary repairs and filling logistic needs.

Minus 11 Zone Time

(27) Underway to dock #10, Nickel Works. 1630 Moored starboard side to dock #10.

Minus 11 Zone Time

(28) Moored as before.

Minus 11 Zone Time

(29-31) Moored as before. Loading U. S. Army cargo.

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W A R D I A R Y

APRIL 1945

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WAR DIARY FOR APRIL 1945

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (1-12) At Noumea, New Caledonia, in company with Transport Squadron ELEVEN, (Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, Commander Transport Squadron ELEVEN), loading equipment of 81st Infantry Division.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (13-15) Held maneuvers off Uarai Bay, New Caledonia, with elements of 81st Division embarked. On the 13th, sortied Noumea, New Caledonia, in company with Transport Division THIRTY-THREE, (Captain S. M. HAIGHT, Commander Transport Division THIRTY-THREE); held anti-aircraft gunnery exercises, firing at towed sleeve. Conducted landing exercise in afternoon, and retired during the night. On the 14th, returned to transport area off Uarai Bay, New Caledonia, and conducted landing exercises, completing operations in late afternoon, and retired for the night. On the 15th, intended to hold scheduled gunnery drills which were postponed due to poor visibility. Anchored in Dumbea Bay, New Caledonia, in early afternoon. Ammunition expended during maneuvers: 5"/38 - 19 rounds; 40MM - 498 rounds; 20MM - 2399 rounds.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (16-30) At Noumea, in company with Transport Squadron ELEVEN. Continued loading equipment of 81st Division.

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WAR DIARY

MAY 1945

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125194

WAR DIARY FOR MAY 1945

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (1-2) At Noumea, New Caledonia, in company with Transport Squadron ELEVEN, (Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN, Commander Transport Squadron ELEVEN), loading equipment of the 81st Division, United States Army. Completed loading on May 1st.

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (3-4) Sortied Noumea on 3 May. Underway to Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, and, thence to Leyte, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Commander Task Group 11.11 Movement Order #4-45, in company with Task Group 11.11 (Commodore D. W. LOOMIS, USN, Commander Transport Squadron ELEVEN). Various units of the 81st Division are embarked totalling 119 men and 11 officers.

Positions:	1200	22 - 25.0 S
		165 - 43.0 E
	2000	21 - 33.0 S
		164 - 09.0 E
	0800	19 - 36.0 S
		162 - 06.0 E
	1200	19 - 06.0 S
		161 - 13.0 E
	2000	17 - 50.0 S
		159 - 59.0 E

Minus 11 Zone Time

- (5) Held tactical maneuvers.

Positions:	0800	15 - 26.0 S
		158 - 32.0 E
	1200	14 - 38.0 S
		158 - 18.0 E
	2000	12 - 50.0 S
		157 - 30.0 E

Minus 11 and 10½ Zone Time

- (6) Underway as before. Held burst anti-aircraft practice. Expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 13 rounds; 40MM - 776 rounds; 20MM - 2280 rounds. Retarded clocks one-half hour to minus 10½ zone time at 1900.

Positions:	0800	10 - 27.0 S
		156 - 16.0 E
	1200	09 - 36.0 S
		156 - 06.0 E
	2000	08 - 22.0 S
		154 - 47.0 E

Minus 10½ Zone Time

(7-9) Underway as before. At 1900, 8 May, retarded clocks one-half hour to minus 10 zone time. Arrived Manus Island on 9 May and anchored in assigned berth, in Seeadler Harbor.

Positions:	0800	07 - 51.0 S
		152 - 16.0 E
	1200	07 - 30.0 S
		151 - 30.0 E
	2000	07 - 03.0 S
		149 - 20.0 E
	0800	05 - 51.0 S
		147 - 41.0 E
	1200	05 - 11.0 S
		147 - 27.0 E
	2000	03 - 45.0 S
		147 - 18.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

(10) Sortied Seeadler Harbor, Manus Island, enroute to Leyte, Philippine Islands, in company with Task Group 11.11.

Position:	2000	00 - 59.0 S
		146 - 44.0 E

Minus 10, 9½, 9 Zone Time

(11-15) Underway enroute Leyte. At 1900, 14 May, retarded clocks one-half hour to minus 9½ zone time. At 1900, 15 May, retarded clocks one-half hour to minus 9 zone time.

Positions:	0800	00 - 28.0 N
		145 - 14.0 E
	1200	01 - 02.0 N
		144 - 35.0 E
	2000	01 - 55.0 N
		143 - 24.0 E
	0800	03 - 14.0 N
		141 - 31.0 E
	1200	03 - 46.0 N
		141 - 02.0 E
	2000	04 - 39.0 N
		139 - 55.0 E
	0800	05 - 57.0 N
		137 - 52.0 E
	1200	06 - 27.0 N
		137 - 08.0 E
	2000	07 - 17.0 N
		135 - 48.0 E

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Minus 9 Zone Time

(11-15) Positions: 0800 09 - 06.0 N
134 - 40.0 E
1200 09 - 35.0 N
133 - 50.0 E
2000 09 - 50.0 N
132 - 09.0 E

0800 10 - 17.0 N
129 - 38.0 E
1200 10 - 24.0 N
128 - 47.0 E
2000 10 - 27.0 N
127 - 25.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(16) Arrived Leyte Gulf, Leyte, and anchored about 20 miles south of Tolosa.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(17-22) Commenced discharging cargo on 17 May. Completed discharging cargo on 22 May.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(23-27) All Army personnel left the ship 23 May. Shifted to berth #41, San Pedro Bay and reported to Commander SEVENTH Fleet in accordance with Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas Advanced Headquarters dispatch 160555 May. Undergoing minor repairs and awaiting orders.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(28) Sortied San Pedro Bay, enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, in accordance with Commander Task Group 76.6 dispatch 270140 May.

Position: 2000 09 - 55.0 N
127 - 28.0 E

Minus 9 and 9½ Zone Time

(29) Held burst anti-aircraft practice. Expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 8 rounds; 40MM - 342 rounds; 20MM - 2100 rounds. 0200 Advanced clocks one-half hour to minus 9½ zone time.

Positions: 0800 08 - 35.0 N
129 - 54.0 E
1200 08 - 10.0 N
130 - 35.0 E
2000 07 - 17.0 N
132 - 21.0 E

Minus 9½ and 10 Zone Time

(30) Held burst anti-aircraft practice. Expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 7 rounds; 40MM - 168 rounds; 20MM - 1170 rounds. 0200 Advanced clocks one-half hour to minus 10 zone time.

Positions:	0800	05 - 56.0 N
		134 - 57.0 E
	1200	05 - 28.0 N
		135 - 44.0 E
	2000	04 - 28.0 N
		137 - 31.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

(31) Held burst anti-aircraft practice. Expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 6 rounds; 40MM - 420 rounds; 20MM - 1110 rounds.

Positions:	0800	03 - 07.0 N
		139 - 51.0 E
	1200	02 - 48.0 N
		140 - 52.0 E
	2000	01 - 50.0 N
		142 - 25.0 E

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Serial 4033

WAR DIARY

JUNE 1945

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U. S. NAVAL RESERVE,
NAVIGATOR.

129993

WAR DIARY FOR JUNE 1945

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (1) Enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands and thence to Hollandia, New Guinea, in accordance with Commander Task Group 76.6 dispatch 270140 of May 1945. Steaming alone. Exercised at gunnery drill and expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 5 rounds; 40MM - 176 rounds; 20MM - 610 rounds.

Positions:	0800	00 - 26.0 N
		144 - 20.0 E
	1200	00 - 19.5 N
		144 - 47.5 E
	2000	00 - 56.0 S
		146 - 09.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (2) Arrived Manus and anchored in Seeadler Harbor. At 1200, sortied Seeadler Harbor enroute Hollandia, New Guinea, in accordance with Commander Task Group 76.6 dispatch 270140 May 1945 and routing furnished by Operations Office (Manus) Movement Order 1218-45 dated 1 June 1945.

Positions:	2000	01 - 53.0 S
		145 - 03.0 E

Minus 10 and 9 Zone Time

- (3) Arrived Hollandia. Retarded clocks one hour to minus 9 zone time. Commenced loading equipment of 51st General Hospital Unit, and 1998th Quartermaster Truck Company, both of United States Army.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (4-8) Completed loading on the 6th. On the 7th embarked the following personnel: fourteen (14) officers and seventy-nine (79) men of 51st General Hospital Unit and two (2) officers and thirty-nine (39) men of the 1998th Quartermaster Truck Company.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (9-10) Sortied Hollandia on the 9th, enroute Manila, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Commander Task Group 76.6 dispatch 270140 May 1945. Steaming in company with Convoy "Tare 3" with Commodore in U.S.S. ST. CROIX (APA-231), (Captain E. P. SPEIGHT, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ST. CROIX).

Positions:	0800	02 - 30.0 S
		140 - 47.0 E
	1200	01 - 55.0 S
		140 - 45.0 E
	2000	01 - 08.0 S
		139 - 41.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

Positions:	0800	00 - 03.0 S
		137 - 51.0 E
	1200	00 - 21.0 N
		137 - 06.0 E
	2000	01 - 12.0 N
		135 - 50.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (11) Changed formation for gunnery exercises and upon completion of exercises, resumed previous formation. Expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 3 rounds; 40MM - 116 rounds; 20MM - 290 rounds.

Positions:	0800	02 - 31.0 N
		134 - 08.0 E
	1200	02 - 49.0 N
		133 - 41.0 E
	2000	03 - 32.0 N
		132 - 26.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (12-16) Enroute Manila.

Positions:	0800	04 - 40.0 N
		131 - 09.0 E
	1200	04 - 57.0 N
		131 - 04.0 E
	2000	05 - 43.5 N
		130 - 25.0 E
	0800	07 - 08.0 N
		129 - 13.0 E
	1200	08 - 35.0 N
		128 - 45.0 E
	2000	08 - 17.0 N
		128 - 28.0 E
	0800	09 - 44.0 N
		127 - 01.0 E
	1200	10 - 05.0 N
		126 - 24.0 E
	2000	10 - 33.0 N
		125 - 26.0 E
	0800	09 - 13.0 N
		124 - 08.0 E
	1200	08 - 59.0 N
		123 - 30.0 E
	2000	09 - 20.0 N
		122 - 25.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(12-16) Positions: 0800 11 - 06.0 N
121 - 29.0 E
1200 11 - 43.5 N
121 - 10.0 E
2000 12 - 55.0 N
120 - 24.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(17-19) Arrived Manila on the 17th. Flash red. No developments.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(20) Commenced discharging cargo. Flash red. No developments.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(21-23) Completed discharging on the 23rd.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(24-25) Sortied Manila on the 24th enroute Leyte and thence Oro Bay, New Guinea, in accordance with Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force secret dispatch 191328 of June 1945 and Port Director (Manila) secret serial 00399 dated 23 June 1945.

Positions: 2000 13 - 35.0 N
120 - 44.0 E
0800 12 - 40.0 N
123 - 44.0 E
1200 12 - 47.0 N
124 - 27.5 E
2000 11 - 53.0 N
125 - 44.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(26) Arrived Leyte and anchored in San Pedro Bay.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(27) Sortied San Pedro Bay enroute Oro Bay in accordance with Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force secret dispatch 191328 of June 1945 and Port Director (Leyte) secret serial 491 dated 27 June 1945.

Positions: 2000 10 - 31.0 N
125 - 57.0 E

Minus 9 and $9\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

(28-30)

Enroute Oro Bay, New Guinea. At 0200 on the 30th advanced clocks one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour to minus $9\frac{1}{2}$ zone time. On the 30th held gunnery exercises and expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 - 4 rounds; 40MM - 236 rounds; 20MM - 885 rounds.

Positions:	0800	08 - 47.0 N
		128 - 12.0 E
	1200	08 - 04.0 N
		128 - 57.0 E
	2000	06 - 58.0 N
		130 - 33.0 E
	0800	05 - 38.0 N
		133 - 12.0 E
	1200	04 - 54.0 N
		133 - 49.0 E
	2000	03 - 26.0 N
		135 - 07.0 E
	0800	01 - 22.0 N
		136 - 59.0 E
	1200	00 - 48.0 N
		137 - 54.0 E
	2000	00 - 57.0 S
		139 - 14.0 E

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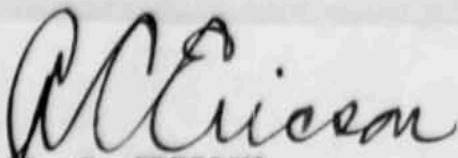
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Serial 035

WAR DIARY

JULY 1945

U S S A L H E N A A K A - 9


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U. S. NAVAL RESERVE,
NAVIGATOR.

136058

WAR DIARY FOR JULY 1945

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (1-2) Steaming alone enroute from Leyte, Philippine Islands, to Oro Bay, New Guinea, in accordance with Port Director's, Navy 3964, secret serial 491 dated 27 June 1945.

POSITIONS:	0800	02 - 18.0 S
		141 - 20.5 E
	1200	02 - 33.5 S
		142 - 07.0 E
	2000	02 - 54.0 S
		143 - 59.0 E
	0800	04 - 42.0 S
		145 - 40.0 E
	1200	05 - 17.0 S
		146 - 20.0 E
	2000	05 - 55.0 S
		147 - 36.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (3) Arrived Oro Bay. Commenced loading U. S. Army cargo.

POSITIONS:	0800	07 - 50.0 S
		148 - 11.0 E
	1200	08 - 41.0 S
		148 - 37.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (4-7) Loading cargo. Completed loading on the 7th.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (8) Underway enroute from Oro Bay, New Guinea, to Hollandia, New Guinea, in accordance with Port Director's, Oro Bay, secret letter of 7 July 1945. U. S. Army personnel, totaling twelve (12) officers and one hundred and nineteen (119) men, is embarked.

POSITIONS:	2000	07 - 06.0 S
		148 - 12.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (9) Enroute Hollandia, New Guinea.

POSITIONS:	0800	04 - 58.0 S
		146 - 03.0 E
	1200	04 - 11.0 S
		145 - 27.0 E
	2000	02 - 48.5 S
		144 - 01.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (10) Arrived Hollandia. Anchored in stream. Retarded clocks to minus 9 zone time at 1000.

POSITIONS: 0800 02 - 31.0 S
140 - 52.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (11) At Hollandia, Underway enroute Manila, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Port Director's, Hollandia, letter of 10 July 1945.

POSITIONS: 1200 01 - 45.5 S
140 - 31.0 E
2000 00 - 16.0 S
139 - 06.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (12-15) Enroute Manila.

POSITIONS: 0800 02 - 01.0 N
136 - 54.0 E
1200 02 - 37.5 N
136 - 18.0 E
2000 03 - 55.0 N
134 - 57.0 E

0800 06 - 11.0 N
132 - 59.0 E
1200 06 - 45.0 N
132 - 09.0 E
2000 07 - 20.0 N
130 - 48.0 E

0800 08 - 49.0 N
128 - 25.0 E
1200 09 - 21.0 N
127 - 36.0 E
2000 10 - 44.0 N
126 - 17.0 E

0800 12 - 55.0 N
125 - 36.0 E
1200 12 - 36.0 N
125 - 51.0 E
2000 13 - 03.0 N
122 - 09.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(16) Arrived Manila.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(17-24) At Manila.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(25-29) Commenced discharging cargo on the 25th. Completed discharging on the 29th. Underway enroute Guiuan, Samar Island, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Port Director's, Manila, secret serial 0037789.

POSITIONS; 2000 13 - 33.0 N
120 - 50.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(30) Enroute Guiuan.

POSITIONS: 0800 12 - 45.0 N
123 - 36.0 E
1200 12 - 41.5 N
124 - 18.0 E
2000 12 - 03.0 N
125 - 39.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(31) Arrived Guiuan.

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W A R D I A R Y

AUGUST 1945

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140876

WAR DIARY FOR AUGUST 1945

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (1) At Guisan, Samar, Philippine Islands, for purposes of logistics. 0628 Underway, alone, enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands, in accordance with Commander Task Force 76 dispatch 210451 of July 1945.

POSITIONS:	0800	10 - 43.0 N
		125 - 34.0 E
	1200	10 - 20.0 N
		126 - 30.0 E
	2000	09 - 24.0 N
		128 - 22.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (2) Enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands. 0200 Advanced clocks one-half hour to minus 9½ zone time.

POSITIONS:	0800	07 - 53.0 N
		130 - 56.0 E
	1200	07 - 35.0 N
		131 - 51.0 E
	2000	06 - 30.0 N
		133 - 41.0 E

Minus 9½ Zone Time

- (3) Enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands. 0200 Advanced clocks one-half hour to minus 10 zone time.

POSITIONS:	0800	05 - 03.0 N
		136 - 10.0 E
	1200	04 - 34.0 N
		137 - 08.0 E
	2000	03 - 30.0 N
		139 - 07.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (4) Enroute Manus Island, Admiralty Islands.

POSITIONS:	0800	01 - 59.0 N
		142 - 05.0 E
	1200	01 - 29.0 N
		143 - 00.0 E
	2000	00 - 06.0 N
		143 - 27.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (5) Arrived Manus Island and anchored in assigned berth. Loaded boats for further transfer.

POSITIONS: 0800 01 - 40.0 S
147 - 06.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (6) At Manus Island. 1158 Underway, alone, enroute Finschaven, New Guinea, in accordance with Commander Task Force 76 dispatch 210451 of July 1945.

POSITIONS: 2000 03 - 42.0 S
147 - 09.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (7) Enroute Finschaven, New Guinea. Arrived Finschaven and commenced loading U.S. Army cargo.

POSITIONS: 0800 06 - 16.0 S
147 - 54.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (8-10) At Finschaven, New Guinea, loading cargo. On the 10th, 14 officers and 123 enlisted men (U.S. Army) were embarked.

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (11) At Finschaven loading cargo. Completed loading cargo. Underway, alone, enroute Hollandia, New Guinea, in accordance with Commander Task Force 76 dispatch 210451 of July 1945.

POSITIONS: 0800 06 - 23.0 S
147 - 56.0 E
1200 05 - 36.0 S
147 - 09.0 E
2000 04 - 09.0 S
145 - 28.0 E

Minus 10 Zone Time

- (12) Enroute Hollandia. Arrived Hollandia and anchored in assigned berth. 1600 Retarded clocks one hour to minus 9 zone time.

POSITIONS: 0800 02 - 29.0 S
142 - 39.0 E
1200 02 - 25.0 S
141 - 33.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(13) At Hollandia. Underway, alone, enroute Manila, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Commander Task Force 76 dispatch 210451 of July 1945.

POSITIONS:	1200	01 - 39.0 S
		140 - 28.0 E
	2000	00 - 09.0 S
		138 - 57.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(14-17) Enroute Manila. On the 16th, sighted Suluan Island, Philippine Islands.

POSITIONS:	0800	02 - 04.0 N
		136 - 44.0 E
	1200	02 - 52.0 N
		136 - 04.0 E
	2000	04 - 26.0 N
		134 - 53.0 E
	0800	06 - 16.0 N
		132 - 47.0 E
	1200	06 - 46.0 N
		131 - 59.0 E
	2000	07 - 45.0 N
		130 - 24.0 E
	0800	09 - 19.0 N
		128 - 03.0 E
	1200	09 - 48.0 N
		127 - 11.0 E
	2000	11 - 11.0 N
		126 - 05.0 E
	0800	12 - 53.0 N
		124 - 20.0 E
	1200	12 - 41.0 N
		123 - 47.0 E
	2000	13 - 04.0 N
		122 - 08.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(18) Enroute Manila. Arrived Manila, and anchored in assigned berth.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(19-21) Anchored as before.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (22) Anchored as before. Shifted to dock. Commenced discharging cargo.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (23-25) Moored as before discharging cargo.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (26) Completed discharging cargo. Underway enroute Subic Bay in accordance with Commander THIRD Amphibious Force secret dispatch 230640 dated 24 August 1945. 1639 Anchored in berth #134, Subic Bay.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (27) Anchored as before. 0725 Moored starboard side to the U.S.S. DOBBIN (AD-3) for repairs.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (28-31) Alongside the U.S.S. DOBBIN (AD-3).

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W A R D I A R Y

SEPTEMBER 1945

U S S A L H E N A A K A - 9



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LIEUTENANT,
U.S. NAVAL RESERVE,
NAVIGATOR.

145828

WAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (1) Moored, in Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, starboard side to U. S. S. Dobbin (AD-3), undergoing repairs, prior to joining Transport Squadron 24 in Manila. (Commodore E. T. Short, USN, USS DADE: (APA-99), Flagship.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (2) Anchored in Subic Bay.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (3) Underway enroute Manila to join Transport Squadron 24. Arrived in Manila in the afternoon.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (4-6) Loading equipment of the United States Eighth Army. Completed loading on the 6th. Various Army personnel are embarked.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (7) Underway enroute Manila to Yokohama, Japan, in accordance with Commander Transport Squadron 24 operation order #A2-45. Task Group is 33.4. Held gunnery exercises after sortie. Ammunition expended: 476 rounds of 40mm, and 1900 rounds of 20mm.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (8) Enroute Yokohama, Japan.

POSITIONS:	0800	17 - 47.0 N
		119 - 52.0 E
	1200	18 - 46.0 N
		120 - 24.0 E
	2000	19 - 55.0 N
		121 - 38.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (9) Enroute Yokohama, Japan.

POSITIONS:	0800	21 - 17.0 N
		123 - 59.0 E
	1200	21 - 56.0 N
		124 - 43.0 E
	2000	23 - 12.0 N
		126 - 09.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(10)

Enroute Yokohama, Japan.

POSITIONS:	0800	24 - 54.0 N
		128 - 15.0 E
	1200	25 - 27.0 N
		129 - 00.0 E
	2000	25 - 32.0 N
		130 - 57.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(11)

Enroute Yokohama, Japan.

POSITIONS:	0800	27 - 21.0 N
		132 - 53.0 E
	1200	28 - 01.0 N
		133 - 33.0 E
	2000	29 - 20.0 N
		134 - 52.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(12)

Enroute Yokohama, Japan. Anchored in Tokyo Bay, off Yokohama, on the afternoon of the 12th.

POSITIONS:	0800	31 - 32.0 N
		136 - 59.0 E
	1200	31 - 55.0 N
		137 - 35.0 E
	2000	33 - 16.0 N
		139 - 05.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(13)

Anchored as before.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(14-16)

Anchored as before. At 0643 on the 14th sortied Tokyo Bay enroute Shiogama, Japan as part of Task Unit 32.6.5 (Captain E. E. Berthold, USN, commanding Officer of the U. S. S. SAN SABA (APA232). Anchored off Shiogama, on the 15th and commenced discharging cargo.

POSITIONS:	1200	34 - 46.5 N
		140 - 03.0 E
	2000	36 - 06.5 N
		141 - 27.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (17) Anchored as before discharging cargo. On the evening of the 17th sortied Ishinomaki Wan to avoid typhoon, in accordance with Commander Task Force 32 dispatch 170812 of September. Sortie interrupted by breakdown of SAN SABA. Anchored pending repair of SAN SABA.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (18) Resumed sortie about 0400 on the 18th. Throughout the 18th and 19th the unit steamed at various courses and speeds in order to avoid the typhoon. Due to conflicting reports on the path of the typhoon, original intention of proceeding to Mutsu Wan was abandoned, and the unit proceeded in a southerly direction. Subsequent information, and shipboard observations, justified this change inasmuch as the storm center passed to northward of the unit.

POSITIONS:	0800	38 - 11.0 N
		141 - 50.0 E
	1200	38 - 37.0 N
		142 - 08.0 E
	2000	38 - 03.0 N
		142 - 10.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (19) At 1100 on the 19th, anchored off Shiogama, and resumed discharge of cargo.

POSITIONS:	0800	38 - 11.0 N
		141 - 39.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (20) Anchored as before, discharging cargo. Completed discharging cargo on the evening of the 20th.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (21) At 1156 on the 21st, Task Unit less U.S.S. GANDY (DE-764) sortied, underway for Leyte, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Commander Task Force 31 dispatch 201522 of September

POSITIONS:	2000	37 - 19.0 N
		141 - 51.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(22-27)

Enroute Leyte, Philippine Islands. On the 26th expended 40 rounds of 40mm while attempting to sink floating object. On the 27 held gunnery exercises. Expended the following ammunition: 5"/38 7 rounds, 40mm 268 rounds, 20mm 1800 rounds.

POSITIONS:	0800	25 - 02.0 N
		140 - 52.0 E
	1200	34 - 24.0 N
		140 - 31.0 E
	2000	33 - 28.0 N
		139 - 15.0 E
	0800	32 - 21.0 N
		136 - 59.0 E
	1200	31 - 57.0 N
		136 - 18.0 E
	2000	30 - 56.0 N
		135 - 18.0 E
	0800	29 - 14.0 N
		133 - 28.0 E
	1200	28 - 44.0 N
		132 - 36.0 E
	2000	27 - 40.0 N
		130 - 42.0 E
	0800	25 - 54.0 N
		128 - 17.0 E
	1200	25 - 00.0 N
		128 - 01.0 E
	2000	23 - 06.0 N
		127 - 19.0 E
	0800	20 - 03.0 N
		127 - 05.0 E
	1200	19 - 19.0 N
		126 - 53.0 E
	2000	17 - 29.0 N
		126 - 39.0 E
	0800	14 - 34.0 N
		126 - 19.0 E
	1200	13 - 44.0 N
		126 - 11.0 E
	2000	12 - 01.0 N
		126 - 02.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (28) Enroute Leyte, Philippine Islands. Arrived in San Pedro Bay on the morning of the 28th. Task Unit 32.6.5 dissolved.

POSITIONS: 0800 10 - 58.0 N
125 - 18.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (29) Underway on the morning of the 29th for Legaspi, Luzon, in accordance with Commander Third Amphibous Rear dispatch 260037 of September.

POSITIONS: 2000 10 - 41.0 N
126 - 01.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (30) Arrived Legaspi on the morning of the 30th, and reported to Commander Transport Squadron 19 (Commodore J. R. MAHER, USN, U.S.S. MENDOCINO, APA 100, Flagship).

POSITIONS: 0800 13 - 02.0 N
124 - 33.0 E

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COMMANDING.

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U.S. NAVAL RESERVE,
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Minus 9 Zone Time

- (1-3) Anchored in Alby Gulf off Legaspi, Luzon, Philippine Islands, in company with Transport Squadron 19 (Commodore J. E. MAHER, USN, flagship, U.S.S. MENDOCINO (APA 100), loading equipment of 158 R.C.T. United States Army.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (4) 0700 Underway enroute Yokohama, Japan in accordance with Commander Transport Squadron 19 Movement Order A7-45 with various units of the United States Army embarked.

POSITIONS	0800	123 - 53.0 E
		13 - 11.0 N
	1200	13 - 19.0 N
		124 - 48.0 E
	2000	14 - 12.0 N
		126 - 31.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (5-12) Underway as before enroute Yokohama. Due to typhoon the squadron was obliged to reverse course several times, thereby delaying our arrival at Yokohama.

POSITIONS	0800	15 - 39.0 N
		128 - 55.0 E
	1200	16 - 28.0 N
		128 - 18.0 E
	2000	18 - 06.0 N
		130 - 11.0 E
	0800	20 - 31.0 N
		131 - 28.0 E
	1200	21 - 08.0 N
		131 - 46.0 E
	2000	20 - 15.0 N
		131 - 11.0 E
	0800	17 - 39.0 N
		129 - 49.0 E
	1200	17 - 00.0 N
		129 - 29.0 E
	2000	17 - 20.0 N
		129 - 43.0 E
	0800	19 - 44.0 N
		131 - 02.0 E
	1200	20 - 20.0 N
		131 - 28.0 E
	2000	21 - 59.0 N
		132 - 21.0 E

0800	24 - 30.0 N
	133 - 35.0 E
1200	25 - 17.0 N
	133 - 35.0 E
2000	26 - 13.0 N
	134 - 35.0 E

0800	27 - 56.0 N
	135 - 15.0 E
1200	27 - 45.0 N
	135 - 10.0 E
2000	26 - 55.0 N
	135 - 10.0 E

0800	25 - 42.0 N
	135 - 14.0 E
1200	26 - 50.0 N
	135 - 38.0 E
2000	28 - 23.0 N
	136 - 25.0 E

0800	31 - 04.0 N
	137 - 39.0 E
1200	31 - 50.0 N
	138 - 09.0 E
2000	33 - 16.0 N
	139 - 13.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (13) On the morning of the 13th the squadron arrived off Yokohama and anchored about 1120. Later in the day, the ALHENA went into the docks and commenced discharging cargo.

POSITIONS	0800	35 - 05.0 N
		139 - 45.5 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (14 - 17) Continued discharging cargo.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (18 - 19) Completed discharging cargo and anchored in the stream.

Minus 9 Zone Time

- (20) Underway enroute Manila, Luzon, Philippine Islands, in accordance with Commander Third Amphibious dispatch 180732 of October 1945, in company with U.S.S. MULIPHEN (AKA 61). Task Unit designation: 32.6.24 (Commander W. W. WILLIAMSON, USNR, Commanding Officer U.S.S. MULIPHEN).

POSITIONS	1200	34 - 44.0 N
		139 - 14.0 E
	2000	33 - 22.0 N
		137 - 38.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(21-24) Underway enroute Manila.

POSITIONS	0800	31 - 18.0 N
		135 - 01.0 E
	1200	30 - 47.0 N
		134 - 42.0 E
	2000	29 - 27.0 N
		132 - 40.0 E

	0800	27 - 30.0 N
		130 - 02.0 E
	1200	26 - 57.0 N
		129 - 22.0 E
	2000	25 - 21.0 N
		128 - 02.0 E

	0800	23 - 04.0 N
		125 - 47.0 E
	1200	22 - 24.0 N
		124 - 57.0 E
	2000	21 - 09.0 N
		123 - 14.0 E

	0800	19 - 45.0 N
		120 - 37.0 E
	1200	18 - 56.0 N
		120 - 09.0 E
	2000	17 - 07.0 N
		119 - 27.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(25) Task unit arrived Manila on the afternoon of the 25th.

POSITIONS	0800	14 - 29.0 N
		120 - 03.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(26-31) Commenced loading equipment of the United States Army on the 29th and completed on the 31st.

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Minus 9 Zone Time

(1-4) At Manila, awaiting sailing orders.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(5) Underway enroute Yokohama, Japan, as part of Task Unit 33.2.25 (Captain W. P. HEPBURN, USN, Commander Transport Division 107, U.S.S. CAMPBELL, APD 47) in accordance with Commander Amphibious Group Nine Movement Order A928-45 of 4 November 1945. Various units of the U.S. Army are embarked.

POSITIONS	1200	14 - 30.0 N
		120 - 05.0 E
	2000	16 - 13.0 N
		119 - 35.0 E

(6-10) Minus 9 Zone Time

Enroute Yokohama, Arrived Yokohama on the 10th.

POSITIONS	0800	18 - 59.0 N
		120 - 29.0 E
	1200	19 - 38.0 N
		120 - 59.0 E
	2000	20 - 25.0 N
		122 - 38.0 E
	0800	22 - 27.0 N
		124 - 47.0 E
	1200	23 - 41.0 N
		125 - 08.0 E
	2000	24 - 31.0 N
		126 - 39.0 E
	0800	26 - 34.0 N
		128 - 50.0 E
	1200	27 - 12.0 N
		129 - 47.0 E
	2000	28 - 35.0 N
		131 - 42.0 E
	0800	30 - 30.0 N
		134 - 09.0 E
	1200	31 - 11.0 N
		135 - 04.0 E
	2000	32 - 31.0 N
	0800	35 - 00.0 N
		139 - 26.0 E

Minus 9 Zone Time

(11-19) At Yokohama. Commenced discharging cargo on the 11th, and completed on the 13th.

Minus 9 Zone Time

(19) Underway alone enroute Seattle, Washington, in accordance with Commander Western Sea Frontier despatch 151822 of November. Passengers embarked consist of 18 officers and 133 enlisted men of the U. S. Naval Service.

POSITIONS	1200	34 - 53.0
		140 - 09.0
	2000	36 - 01.0
		142 - 10.0

Minus 9 Zone Time

(20-30) Enroute Seattle. Arrived Seattle on the 30th.

POSITIONS	0800	37 - 41.0 N
		140 - 09.0 E
	1200	38 - 10.0 N
		146 - 00.0 E
	2000	39 - 20.0 N
		148 - 02.0 E
	Minus 10 Zone Time	
	0800	40 - 58.0 N
		151 - 07.0 E
	1200	41 - 27.0 N
		152 - 27.0 E
	2000	42 - 29.0 N
		154 - 39.0 E

Minus 11 Zone Time

	0800	44 - 02.0 N
		158 - 25.0 E
	1200	44 - 36.0 N
		159 - 40.0 E
	2000	45 - 20.0 N
		162 - 21.0 E
	0800	46 - 24.0 N
		166 - 19.0 E
	1200	46 - 46.0 N
		167 - 41.0 E
	2000	47 - 40.0 N
		170 - 57.0 E

POSITIONS

Plus $11\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

0800 49 - 41.0 N
 175 - 26.0 W
 1200 49 - 48.0 N
 173 - 49.0 W
 2000 50 - 02.0 N
 170 - 45.0 W

Plus 11 Zone Time

0800 49 - 48.0 N
 166 - 07.0 W
 1200 49 - 41.0 N
 164 - 47.0 W
 2000 49 - 55.0 N
 161 - 25.0 W

Plus $10\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

0800 49 - 27.0 N
 157 - 10.0 W
 1200 49 - 12.0 N
 155 - 47.0 W
 2000 48 - 12.0 N
 153 - 09.0 W

Plus 10 Zone Time

0800 47 - 10.0 N
 149 - 29.0 W
 1200 47 - 11.0 N
 147 - 52.0 W
 2000 47 - 43.0 N
 144 - 38.0 W

Plus $9\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

0800 48 - 12.0 N
 139 - 54.0 W
 1200 48 - 15.0 N
 138 - 28.0 W
 2000 48 - 23.0 N
 135 - 24.0 W

Plus $8\frac{1}{2}$ Zone Time

POSITIONS

0800	48 - 45.0 N
	130 - 36.0 W
1200	48 - 44.0 N
	129 - 08.0 W
2000	48 - 39.0 N
	126 - 27.0 W

In accordance with Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, letter FF1/A12-1, serial 9425, dated 18 September 1945, the last War Diary of this vessel is submitted herewith.

Enclosure (A)

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REVISED FORM FOR REPORTING A.A. ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

Location of ship (area) Saipan, Marianas Islands U.S.S. ALHENA, AKA 9

TIME -10 (0535) DATE 19 June 1944

N-O-T-E-S

- (a) Repel Attack First - then collect data for this report.
- (b) Do not (Gun Deck" this report. If data cannot be estimated with reasonable accuracy, enter dash in space for which no data is available.
- (c) These sheets are to be filled out immediately after action is completed with data available from ship's log, memory, and consultation with ship's officers. Information is essential in order that the effectiveness of our equipment can be determined. Where data are of doubtful accuracy, fill in with general terms.
- (d) Forward under separate cover to Readiness Division, Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.

1. Surprise attack (yes or no) Yes Day or night Day (Dawn)

2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye) Naked eye

3. Range plane was picked up (50, 30, 10, less than 5 miles) 1300 yds.

4. Total number of planes observed one Type Janice (Junkers 88) Ju88

5. Number of planes attacking own ship one Type Janice (Junkers 88) Ju88

6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship one

(a) Of those attacking own ship one Type Janice (Junkers 88) Ju88

(b) Others _____ Type _____

7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet 240 knots - 80 feet

8. Number of guns firing - by caliber 1-40mm 3-20mm 3-50 cal.

9. Ammunition expended - by caliber 10 rds (40mm) 120 rds (20mm) 150 (50 cal.)

10. Percent service allowance expended 1%

11. Method of control Local Method of spotting Local

Method of ranging Local Method of firing Automatic

12. Approximate time-tracking to first shot 5 seconds

13. Approximate time of first hits not definitely observed, contradictory

14. Approximate time first shot to last shot 4 seconds reports

15. Approximate angle open fire 0 to 3° depending upon location of gun.

16. Approximate position angle cease fire 00 to 300 depending upon location of

17. Approximate bearing first shot 240 degrees gun.

18. Approximate bearing last shot 300 degrees

19. Approximate range first shot 550 yds. Altitude of Plane 80 ft.

20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached 75 yds. Altitude 85 ft.

21. Approximate range last shot 150 yds. Altitude of Plane 85 ft.

22. Approximate altitude of bomb release _____ Size of bomb _____

23. Approximate range torpedo release 1000 yds. Size torpedo _____

24. Number hits on ship by bombs _____ by torpedoes none Was ship strafed? _____

Size gun _____

25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship none

26. Planes shot down:

SURE
(By own SURE PROB- DAM-
ship alone)(Assist) ABLE AGED

- (a) Those attacking own ship _____
- (b) Other aircraft _____

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(An aircraft is considered destroyed "Sure" when, as result of own ship's fire: 1. It is seen to crash. 2. It is seen to disintegrate in the air or be enveloped in flames. 3. It is seen to descend on friendly territory and be captured. 4. Pilot and entire crew are seen to bail out.)

(A "Sure-Assist" may be claimed when plane is destroyed as result of own ship's and assisting fire by friendly planes, shore batteries, or other ships.)

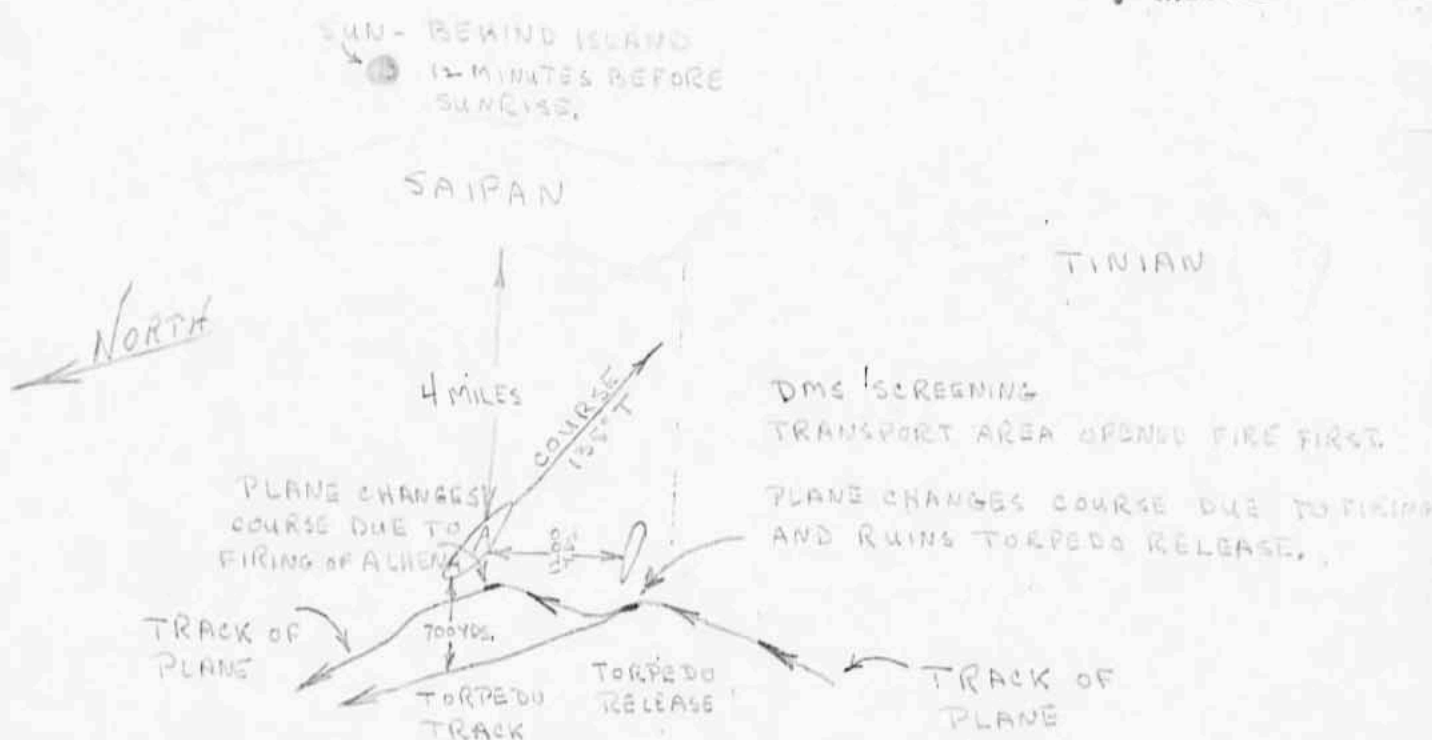
(An aircraft is considered probably destroyed when, as result of own ship's fire: It is so damaged as to have less than an even chance of reaching its own territory safely.)

(An aircraft is considered damaged when, as result of own ship's fire: It is so damaged as to require repair before beginning another mission, but has better than an even chance of reaching its own territory safely. Claims shall be based on careful interrogation by proper authority, and every effort shall be made to eliminate duplication of claims.)

27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for each "Sure" _____
 28. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) Excellent
 29. What failures in material occurred in this action? none
 30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
 (b) Show relative position of sun.
 (c) Indicate own maneuvers.

Note. - Add descriptive text on additional sheet if required to clarify report.

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③ MANEUVER OF SHIP NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE TORPEDO TRACK CLEARLY SEEN AND OBVIOUSLY WELL ASTERN.

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3 - JUL 1944

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : Chain of Operational Command - Operation SAIPAN.

Subject: Action Report.

Reference: (a) CTU 51.18.18 (Captain H.B. KNOWLES, USN, ComTrans Div EIGHTEEN) despatch 230245 of June 1944.
(b) Pacific Fleet Confidential Letter 2CL-44.

Enclosure: ✓(A) Period from 18 June to 22 June 1944 (with Track Chart). -p.2
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✓(D) Comments and Recommendations on Ship-to-Shore Movement. -p.7
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✓(G) Personnel Performance. -p.10
✓(H) A.A. Action Report. -M-sec 9. 78698

1. The immediate superior of the Commanding Officer in the chain of operational command during Operation SAIPAN was Commander Task Unit 52.3.1 (Captain G.D. Morrison, U.S.N., ComTransDiv TEN). The next senior in the chain of operational command was Commander Task Group 52.3 (Captain H.B. Knowles, U.S.N., ComTransDiv EIGHTEEN). In order to expedite delivery of this report, and in accordance with reference (a), it is being forwarded direct to Captain Knowles with copy to Captain Morrison.

2. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosures (A) to (H) inclusive are forwarded herewith.

M. D. Sylvester
M. D. SYLVESTER.

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Copy to:

Capt. G.D. Morrison, USN,
ComTransDiv-TEN.

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U. S. S. ALHENA

PERIOD FROM 18 JUNE to 22 JUNE 1944:

1. At 1720, 18 June 1944, while steaming with TransGroup ABLE, (Captain H.B. Knowles, USN, ComTransDiv EIGHTEEN), ALHENA, (AKA-9) Commander M.D. Sylvester, USN), was detached and ordered, with CHANDLER (DMS-9) as escort (CTG-52.2 despatch 172352 and CTF-52 despatch TBS 1656/18) to proceed to Transport Area, SAIPAN, to arrive 0600, 19 June, and commence discharging urgently needed cargo.

2. The Commanding Officer advised ComTransGroup ABLE that unless otherwise directed he intended to proceed via direct route (ALHENA despatch 181705) and was granted authority to do so (CTG-52.3 despatch 181711); but was directed to keep clear of north end of SAIPAN where our forces were operating.

3. Course was set to pass approximately 20 miles north of MARPI POINT. Owing to the number of task groups operating in the vicinity along this course, and to the fact that ALHENA was not equipped with surface radar, except SQ type which was effective only for five miles, it was necessary to change course frequently to keep clear of other groups. CHANDLER obtained and furnished very helpful information from her surface radar. ALHENA's SC radar, on short range scale, was used to fix ship's position from SAIPAN ISLAND. At 0215, 19 June, passed MARPI POINT bearing 180°(T), distant seven miles, and proceeded to Transport Area, arriving 0600, 19 June.

4. While proceeding on course 135°(T), distance approximately eight miles from anchorage, ALHENA was unsuccessfully attacked with torpedo by a low flying twin-engine medium bomber, JU-88 type, Japanese plane from 220°(T), (see enclosure (H)). ALHENA and screening vessel to starboard opened fire and diverted plane from favorable torpedo release heading. The change of plane's heading, enforced by gunfire immediately prior to release of torpedo, combined with the relatively high speed of ALHENA (17 knots), caused the torpedo to pass astern.

5. Upon arrival in Transport Area ALHENA was ordered to anchor in Berth BAKER-63, which was accomplished at 0620. Unloading was commenced immediately, discharging cargo from holds Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 at maximum speed. Cargo unloading was continued as rapidly as boats were available and was completed at 1600, 22 June 1944. At 1840, 22 June, got underway on orders of Commander Task Unit 51.18.18 (Captain H.B. Knowles, USN, ComTransDiv EIGHTEEN)(CTF-52 despatch 210330).

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PERIOD FROM 18 JUNE to 22 JUNE 1944 (Continued):

COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION:

1. In order to accomplish the assigned mission it was necessary that ALHENA proceed at maximum speed at night, crossing the tracks of at least four task groups whose positions were not definitely known to ALHENA, without the aid of adequate surface radar. Since such a situation readily may arise again for an AKA, it is recommended that this ship be supplied with SG or similar type radar as soon as practicable.

2. Upon approaching the Transport Area at 0600, 19 June, drifting LCVPs and LCMs fouled the approach and the anchorage assigned ALHENA. It was necessary to slow the ship and awaken crews of drifting landing craft by use of the ship's whistle. More expeditious passage could be made by large ships near and within Transport Areas were landing craft required to remain in assigned areas when not actively occupied.

3. With respect to the installation of SG radar, this work has been requested on ship's work list for the forthcoming navy yard availability.

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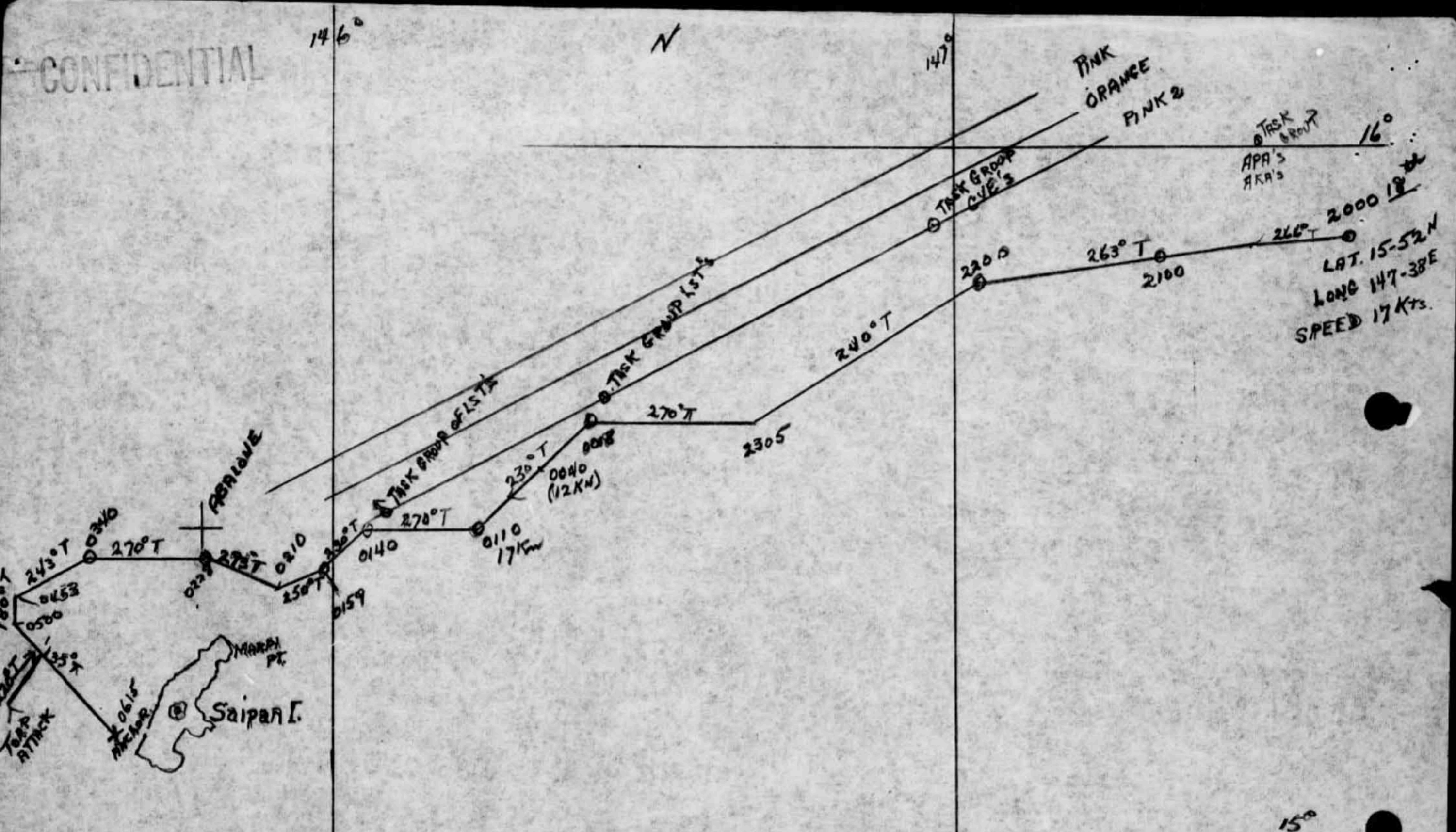
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TASK GROUP
APA'S
AKA'S

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2000 18
LAT. 15-52N
LONG 147-38E
SPEED 17 KTS.



Track Chart U.S.S. Alhena
18th to 19th June 1944.

ENCLOSURE (A) to
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SCALE 10 mi = 25/32 in

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COMMENTS ON LOADING AND UNLOADING:

LOADING (1 MAY to 5 MAY 1944):

1. The salmon boards used for stowage of cargo on the dock at HILO were weak, with a resultant endangering of personnel.
2. Cargo was not properly spotted for priority loading.
3. Priority numbers were not properly marked on vehicles. Keys were missing from several vehicles.

UNLOADING (16 JUNE to 22 JUNE 1944):

1. Tractors and bulldozers which had been assigned low priority were among the first items called for, thereby necessitating additional handling of cargo with resultant increase in overall discharge time.

HANDLING OF CARGO:

1. Handling of cargo during the unloading period proceeded as rapidly as boats were available.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Palletizing of 150 m.m. and 155 m.m. projectiles would speed unloading of these items.

2. To obtain the best results in loading boats, the combined weight of pallets and load should not exceed 2500 lbs. Moreover, with drafts of this weight the boats may be loaded to suit the conditions on the beach, i.e., tidal and surf conditions. A load of this weight is not too heavy to be easily handled in stowing aboard ship.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT:CARGO - UNLOADING ASHORE:

1. It was noticed that when boats stood in to the unloading area those having net loads were given preference; those without nets were directed to lie-to and wait for individual handling. It seems reasonable that nets could be used in many cases to affect quicker transfer of cargo from boats to beach where crane facilities are available, or when tractors are provided to drag the net load up on the beach.

BOAT CONTROL:

1. Unloading time appeared to be unnecessarily prolonged because there was no designated place for boats to anchor or moor to await orders, and thereby to be readily available. Boats without "parent ships" present seemed to be the principal offenders.

2. Drifting LCVPs and LCMs constituted a menace to navigation for large ships required to move within the Transport Area. At night, should enemy small craft have attacked within or attempted to pass through the Transport Area, our own landing craft would have been endangered by gunfire from large ships. It is considered that landing craft should be required to remain in designated areas except when actively occupied.

PERFORMANCE OF MATERIAL:

1. The performance of deck gear was satisfactory. No loss of time due to faulty gear was experienced.
2. Performance of boats was, in general, satisfactory.
3. Port after cleats on LCVP (C-11852) and starboard after cleat on LCVP (C-31512) were pulled out. Port forward cleat was bent and partially pulled out. To prevent this casualty, bow and stern lines with as "flat" leads as practicable should be used.

MEDICAL REPORT:

1. The Medical Plan for AKA's was to provide auxiliary medical stores and to care for certain casualties in the event that APA's were capacity loaded or were not in a readily accessible position to receive patients.
2. Probably due to misdirection two casualties were received by this ship. One was an ambulatory case while the other, with severe wounds, was in profound shock. These were both given the necessary supportive care and then later transferred to APA's for further treatment and disposition.
3. Three Japanese female stretcher casualties were received on 20 June 1944, from the U.S.S. WINGED ARROW (AP-170) which was preparing to get underway. These patients were given post-operative treatment and then transferred on 22 June 1944, to the custody of Major H.B. Burman, U.S. Army Medical Corps, at the Charan Kanoa Hospital, Saipan.
4. Available stocks of auxiliary medical supplies were transferred to the beach in accordance with the demand.
5. There were no casualties or injuries sustained by ship's personnel during the operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. In view of the need for whole blood for the hemorrhagic type of casualty, attention is invited to a previous suggestion by the Senior Medical Officer on U.S.S. MONROVIA (APA-31), that a pooled blood bank or exchange system should be established by ships of transport groups prior to an assault. This ship, with limited casualty and treatment capacity, could readily avail itself of the opportunity to supply blood to other ships. A recently Kahned volunteer donor list, prepared from members of the ship's company could be established immediately prior to the commencement of an operation for later collection as might be required.

PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE:

1. The performance of all officers and men was highly satisfactory within the limits of their training and experience. No special credit or discredit attached to any particular person.

2. Due to the fact that within 6 weeks of the start of the Operation SAIPAN, 20 percent of the seaman and engineering branches of the crew were transferred from the ship, and 20 percent of the officers were detached within 3 weeks of the operation, the thorough rehearsals for this specific operation were not fully capitalized; and additional training work devolved on officers and petty officers to break-in the new officers and men during the passage to the objective. The majority of the replacement personnel had never served in a seagoing ship before.

3. It is recommended that wholesale transfers of personnel from a single ship immediately prior to an assault operation for which they have been specifically trained and rehearsed be avoided and that the transfers be effected subsequent to the assault.

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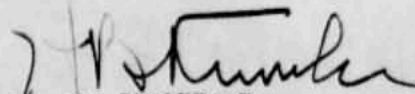
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ltr. AKA 9/A12, serial 032
dated 3 July 1944.

From: Commander Transport Division EIGHTEEN.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Amphibious Forces, PACIFIC.
(2) Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas.
Subject: Action Report.

1. Forwarded.
2. This report is Enclosure (Q) to ComTransDiv 18 report, file FB7-18/APA31/A16-3, serial 0072, dated 1 July 1944.


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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to
USS ALHENA Conf. Ltr.
AKA 9/A12, serial 032
dated 3 July 1944.

From: Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander FIFTH Fleet.
(2) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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THIRD ENDORSEMENT to ✓
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ltr. AKA 9/A12, serial
032 dated 3 July 1944.

From: Commander FIFTH Fleet.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas.

Subject: Action Report.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Chief of the Bureau of Ships.
Subject: War Damage.

Reference: (a) BuShips Conf. Ltr. C-FS/L11-1(374), C-EN28/A2-13 of 4/17/42.
Enclosure: (A) CO ALHENA report to CinCpac, Conf. Ser. 09-A9/P2-4 of 10/7/42.
(B) Photographs of Damage. *missing*

1. At 2354 Love on September 29, 1942, in Latitude 10-50S, Longitude 161-17E, this vessel was hit by a torpedo from an unseen vessel. The ALHENA (EX ROBIN KETTERING) was designed by the firm of George Sharp, and built by the Sparrows Point Plant of Bethlehem Ship Building Corporation. She was taken over new by the Maritime Commission in June, 1941. The following data are submitted in compliance with reference (a), and in conformance with the outline given therein:

A. GENERAL

1. Torpedoed at 2354 Love on September 29, 1942.
 2. Latitude 10-50S, Longitude 161-17 E.
 3. Over 2000 fathoms.
 4. Wind and sea force three, direction E.S.E., last quarter moon, three hours high bearing about 090°. Sky overcast, visibility fair to port, poor to starboard due to haze setting in and approaching rain squall.
 5. Draft:
 - Before: Forward 13 feet. Aft. 20 feet.
 - After : Forward 6 feet. Aft. 29 feet.
 6. No list resulted.
 7. Course 100° speed 15 knots, ship zig-zagging and had made a 45° turn to port nine minutes prior to explosion. No wake nor enemy seen- no avoiding maneuvers.
 8. See Enclosure (A).
 9. As result of explosion, ship no longer maneuverable. For some two hours afterwards all hands were busy fighting fire and shoring bulkheads. In case of an attack remaining guns could have been manned and sufficient ammunition remained to serve them. Guns in commission:
 - Two forward 3" 50 Cal. covering arc of 150° on either bow. (50% of this battery);
 - Six 20 MM guns giving all around coverage (75% of battery);
 - Four 50 Cal. guns giving all around coverage (100% of battery);
 - Four inch fifty would have been used in case of necessity though mount was sprung and sights out of line.
- Fighting efficiency against surface craft cut 90%; against aircraft 60%.

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B. DIRECT HITS BY PROJECTILES OR BOMBS:

NONE.

C. UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS:

1. Presumed to be submarine torpedo (21"). No torpedo wake was heard by escort nor was echo pick up on hull. Explosion estimated to be about eight feet below surface. No parts yet recovered.

2. Explosion centered at frame 168.

3. No peculiarities noticed.

4. Single explosion.

5. Heavy muffled explosion.

6. Flash out port side and through hatch nearly mast head high. Some 150 empty drums which had contained aviation gas were in #5 hold.

7. Smoke from fire soon blanketed stern and upper 'tween decks (Grey; due to cork, clothing, linoleum and bulkhead paint).

8. There is little machinery in immediate vicinity of explosion. The steering engine (Lidgerwood, Electro-hydraulic, Serial #8046), is some thirty feet from the explosion center. Porcelain insulation back of steering engine pump motor starting-panels shattered. There is no other shock damage apparent here, though pumps have not yet been run. Rudder operates freely using emergency tiller ropes on the after capstans. Two arc shields were broken on after capstan power panel some fifty feet from the explosion. After gimble bearing adjacent to roll damper assembly (Gyro) inner race jarred out of position and bearing assembly dislodged. (Gyro located amidships on boat deck). The breakage of small copper jumpers connecting fuse clips with switches in Navy Standard Switch Boxes caused the majority of failures in general lighting circuits adjacent to number five hold. No breakers tripped nor was any machinery in engine room damaged.

The after guns are mounted on three circular platforms joined by two straight sections to form a Y shaped area. The four inch platform is over the fantail and the two three inch 50 caliber platforms are directly over the explosion area. Two 20 MM guns are mounted on the straight arms of the Y, as are the ready boxes. The bulging of the main deck forced the three inch pedestals up and warped the straight platform connecting them to the four inch platform. One of the five ton hatch covers was thrown high enough to fall on the port gun platform. The ten ton boom also fell here putting a slight bend in it.

Damage to guns:

A. Four inch 50 caliber gun.

1. Carriage sprung giving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch clearance between the slide and carriage (shock effect).

B. Three inch fifty caliber gun (port)

1. Carriage sprung.

2. Elevating and training gears stripped.

3. Shafts probably bent.

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4. Counter weight smashed.

5. Complete sight yoke assembly smashed, including
(a) elevating and azimuth gear; (b) sight bar head; (c) sword arm;
(d) elevating and azimuth gear yoke; (e) and both the azimuth and
elevating drums.

6. Pointer and trainers seats and brackets smashed.
(Above damage all directly due to fragments, booms etc.,).

C. Three inch fifty caliber gun (starboard)

1. Counter weight bent (Shock effect).

D. Four 3" ready boxes smashed (blast effect).

E. 20 MM gun #8 Port

1. Cradle cracked and sprung.

2. Cradle locking pin and spring broken (shock).

20 MM gun #7 Starboard

1. Cradle locking pin and spring broken off (shock)

Magazines:

11 smashed and blown over the side (Blast)

2-20 MM ready boxes smashed (Blast).

9. None noted.

10. Portable water and fuel tanks adjacent to torpedoed area:-

Water: After Peak - Frame #176 17474 Gallons - Full. Apparently
undamaged.

Fuel Oil: #6 Port and Starboard Deep tanks surrounding shaft
alley both 95% full - Port 42134 Gallons - Starboard
33347 Gallons.

Situated between frames #148 and #164. Tanks ruptured.

#5 Port and Starboard deep tanks surrounding shaft alley

situated between frames #142 and #143. Both 95% full-

Port 23653 Gallons. Starboard 21321 Gallons.

Soundings do not indicate that either of these two
tanks are fractured.

11. Starboard side:

Hole about 25' x 20', frames 164 to 176 carried away
from tank tops to second deck. Plating at edges of hole bent in
and curled through 180° in some spots. Side plating above hole
dished in and slightly buckled.

Port Side:

Hole about 15' x 20'. Frames 164 to 172 carried away
from tank tops to second deck. Plating bent out. Eight foot
long crack leading forward from hole.

12. Slight dishing on starboard side above hole. Total area
3' x 15'. There is a deep "V" shaped depression on the starboard side
running from the tank top to the keel. The plating is cracked and laid open
vertically from the base of this at the tank top to its apex at the keel.
The starboard side of the shaft alley is carried away over a distance of 20'
from the stern tube.

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13. Second deck above explosion area ripped open and raised five feet from two feet inside starboard shell plating to about ten feet from port side. In addition deck is riddled with holes up to three feet in size. All beams sheared and sprung upwards.

Main deck directly above this area bulged and raised about two feet. Plating pierced by numerous fragments. Holes up to three feet in length.

Bulkhead trunking in number five hatch bulged and pierced by holes up to four feet in length.

GSK and small store bins and shelving (metal) immediately above explosion completely demolished.

A non-watertight 'thwartship bulkhead at the after end of the upper 'tween deck space formed, with the after collision bulkhead just abaft it, a tonnage hatch. This non-watertight bulkhead was bulged and pierced, as was the deck of the tonnage hatch. In the tonnage hatch were paymasters stocks of paint, turpentine, etc., Fire started just forward of this but luckily did not penetrate the ruptured bulkhead to ignite the volatiles. A three inch magazine was just abaft the collision bulkhead.

Strangely enough the collision bulkhead, though not heavily constructed, and within ten feet of explosion, did not buckle. It was slightly torn at the level of the second deck where the fore and aft beams pulled loose when forced up.

The frames in number five hold just forward of the hole were distorted. Heavy hatch beams at the second deck level (H section, 24" x 7" of #25 plate) were pierced and bent, some up to 90°.

Degaussing cables cut and metal sheathing destroyed. Second deck (#15 plate) pierced by hundreds of fragments.

Main deck (20# and 15# plate) pierced in many places by fragments from one inch to three feet in size.

10# partition bulkhead trunking in number five hatch pierced by large fragments up to three feet in size.

Major gas blast seems to have traveled ahead (to port) and up. Lifting of hatch covers vented forward part of hold and damage forward consists of a number four lower 'tween deck bulkhead pulled away from overhead and a hole in lower portion port side.

Heaviest bulging of trunking in number five is to port some sixty feet from explosion. Greatest damage to deck about ten feet in from side. Distortion and destruction at point of impact, just inside it and above it extreme. The starboard side of shaft alley at its after end is formed by the hull. The torpedo hit about at the top of this and the shaft alley is open from the after bulkhead to twenty feet forward. The after pedestal is gone and the caps broken on the next three. The tail shaft coupling bolts are sheared. This latter damage was undoubtedly done when the engines were run for six hours in working off a lee shore.

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14. One piece of metal pierced and distorted a light main deck scantling, the 20# main deck, a 15# double plate supporting the three inch platform and a 10# web flange (vertical) bracing the platform. In addition, if it came from the torpedo or lower hold, it pierced the 15# second deck plate. Angle of impact on main deck about 35° from normal. Distance from explosion center to hole in main estimated as forty feet. Ventilation piping in crews space port side second deck pierced.

15. Watertight door in escape trunk leading to shaft alley blown open (opens away from trunk and blast). Door at about lower 'tween deck level. Door slightly sprung and later closed and re-dogged. Two doors leading through trunk bulkhead surrounding number five hatch were blown open, badly distorted and the frames warped. No evidence of dogs carrying away. (Doors open away from explosion).

16. Number five hold and shaft alley flooded immediately. Number five to a depth of 12 feet.

17. Water rising and falling in the shaft alley escape trunk as the ship pitched would open the watertight magazine door in the trunk and flood into the four inch magazine. Water was also splashed in from number five by wave action washing in through openings in the upper part of the collision bulkhead just below the second deck. This water was trapped in the magazine by the watertight door closing when the water in the trunk fell. As the magazine filled, it gradually flooded into the steering engine room and thence into the lucky bag (compartment similar to four inch magazine on port side) through non-watertight doors. This could not be controlled as bilge lines were ruptured and submersible pumps were in use in number four hold. The three compartments (four inch magazine, lucky bag and steering engine room) and the trunked companionway leading to the fantail were flooded to within three feet of the overhead. This is about three feet above the present water line. The watertight door between the magazine and the escape trunk acted as a check valve. When the seas went down the water level lowered by draining back slowly through the non-watertight and watertight doors of the magazine and thence into the escape trunk. Eventually the compartments were pumped dry using submersible pumps after the magazine watertight door was dogged and shored.

18. Number four hold flooded slowly through three foot tear in number four - five hold bulkhead at lower 'tween deck level. Head here about four feet augmented to nine by wave action. Hold also taking water by wave action splashing over top of #4-5 bulkhead where it had pulled away from overhead. Bulkhead shored and lower hole plugged. With sea running, water continued to splash over top. Regular bilge pumps could not be used as valves were in shaft alley. Water easily controlled by two submersible pumps working about fifteen minutes every hour at first and less frequently after plugging of hole. Rate per hour about 200 Gallons.

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19. Fire broke out almost immediately in small stores and port crews compartment aft. Clothing, bedding, linoleum, cork slab and bulkhead paint burning. Difficult to control because of lack of access. Wrecked bunks and bins etc, kept men from seat of fire. Fire under control in two hours, out in three and a half hours. No fuel oil, gas nor bulk paint caught. Fire confined to small area 8' x 20' x 40', but in a corner completely filled with wreckage and with access from one side only.

20. Damage control as practiced on a major combatant ship does not apply to a merchantmen. Flooded hold extends from side to side giving no list. The only counter flooding possible was the fore peak and lower number one hold. Latter was not attempted as dangerous. Forepeak was nearly full as ship was light and needed ballast forward. Pumping by regular lines impossible because valves were located in shaft alley. Alteration request S-48-24 of 4 March 1942, for extensions to these was disapproved by Bureau of Ships letter of 11 June 1942.

Special shoring material is carried both forward and aft. This was promptly used to secure the weakened #4-5 hold 'tween deck bulkhead. When this was safe, shoring of the after bulkhead in lower number four was started. Boat beams, boat strongbacks and hatch beams were used as major supporting members and stiffeners and regular shoring material trussed from these to the bulkhead.

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To : The Commander In Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
Via : The Commander Amphibious Force, South Pacific.
The Commander South Pacific.

Subject: U.S.S. ALHENA - torpedoing of.

Reference: (a) Articles 840 & 874 U.S. Navy Regulations.
(b) CTF 62 despatch 230205 of September 1942.
(c) CO ALHENA despatch 291624 of September 1942.
(d) ComSoPac Despatch 291814 of September 1942.

Enclosure: (A) ALHENA Medical Officers' Report.

1. At 2354 Love, on September 29, 1942, ALHENA was struck on the starboard side aft at frame 170 by a torpedo from an unseen vessel. The ship's position at this time was Latitude 10-50S, Longitude 161-17E. The ship was zig-zagging at fifteen knots, on base course 125° true, steering 100°. MONSSEN was patrolling 1500 yards ahead. Weather had been overcast since sunset and visibility was decreasing, despite a last quarter moon, due to approaching rain squalls which arrived at midnight. Wind and sea were from E.S.E, force three.

2. At 1145, this vessel, being completely unloaded, departed Cactus for Button in accordance with reference (b). Aboard were forty-four wounded and eight prisoners, for further transfer south. Four hundred empty drums which had contained diesel oil or gasoline were loaded in number four and five holds. Air se rach of INDISPENSIBLE STRAIT and the area to the southward had been requested of ComGen Cactus, but two air raids had interfered with this and the report was not received till 1600. This gave negative results in the strait with no mention of the area to the southward.

3. Zig-zagging at 15 knots was started on clearing LENGO CHANNEL and continued till dark. Courses were laid well clear of MALAPA ISLAND. The western end of SAN CRISTOBAL ISLAND was passed in the dark; distant 19 miles on course 130°. At 2200 course was changed to 125° and zig-zagging again started. The moon rose at 2210; five days after the full. A turn from 145° to 100° had been made at 2345. The torpedo struck nine minutes later without being seen, nor had MONSSEN picked up any sound on her listening gear. The shot came from down moon where the visibility was very poor. Neither before nor after the explosion did the ODD or any of the ten lookouts see anything. The escort vessel circled to starboard to attack but found nothing.

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4. Fire was started on the port side in the crews quarters, GSK storeroom, and small stores compartment. Investigation showed a large hole in the port side of number five hold with the plates blown outboard, the hatch covers blown off, and the water level at the forward end about six feet below the second deck. Fire parties immediately attacked the fire while the compartments on either side of number five hold were inspected, and ammunition was removed from the magazines adjacent to the fire. Beside the damage to number five hold, the after collision bulkhead was ruptured, flooding the after four inch magazine, lucky bag and steering engine room. The main deck over the explosion area was forced up about two feet. The lower 'tween bulkhead between four and five holds was broken away from the overhead on the starboard side and punctured on the port side near the deck. Water was entering number four through both openings. These holes were plugged and shoring of the bulkhead started, while submersible pumps kept the water down. It was impossible to use the regular bilge pumps since the suction valves were located in the flooded shaft alley. The forward shaft alley door is habitually closed at sea and held well. Fortunately the shaft alley was not ruptured where it passed through number four lower hold and the after bulkhead here was intact. Fearing that the after bulkhead in lower four 'tween decks might carry away under the pounding of the sea, the majority of the wounded were transferred to MONSSEN by boat. The fire was brought under control at 0200 and was out at 2325.

5. When the steps taken for the safety of the ship permitted a more detailed inspection, a large hole under the overhang of the starboard quarter was discovered. Here the plates were blown in, definitely indicating a torpedo hit. Power and light wires aft of number four hold were gone. Auxiliary lines were lead to the after capstans and emergency steering rigged by 0600. Jacking the engines over ahead and astern showed them to be free, but slightly stiff. Turning by steam showed a binding somewhere along the shaft, particularly when going astern.

6. Search of the damaged compartments and muster of the crew revealed the personnel casualties listed in enclosure (A). The dead were buried at sea in Latitude 11-06S and Longitude 161-05E at 1300 on the 30th day of September with fitting ceremonies.

7. The ship lay with her stern to the seas and as the swell rolled into the damaged hold, the after bulkhead of hold number four was heavily pounded. The set was to the northwest with a drift of nearly two knots. At 0600, on the thirtieth the ship was 30 miles to windward of RENNEL ISLAND. Wind and sea being too strong for the destroyer to tow, it was decided to try holding the bow into the wind with the engine. At 0706, went ahead at four knots and set course 160.

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The strain on the bulkhead eased considerably. A rubbing noise was heard in the shaft alley but steam pressures settled down to normal and speed was gradually worked up to eight knots. At 1330, on the 30th of September, the engines raced and indications were that the coupling bolts in the shaft alley flange had sheared. The engines were secured and this ship again drifted to leeward. At 1800, the bulkhead being well shoved, a sea anchor was put over to check the drift.

8. Wind and sea went down at midnight. At daylight on the first of October, RENNEL ISLAND, bore 210°, distant 25 miles with the sea flat and wind calm. Since the Navajo could not be expected till evening of the second, it was decided to tow when additional air or surface patrol arrived. Preparations were made and at 1000 when two SBD planes arrived, MONSSEN started towing on course 115 making turns for eight knots. This was continued until the arrival of the Navajo, and PC 476, at 1630, on the second of October, when the tow line was shifted to the tug. MEREDITH reported for duty at 1530 on the first of October, and took up patrol duties. On the 30th, 1st, and 2nd, air coverage was furnished during daylight by two scout planes from Cactus and a PBV from Button.

9. Pending diving operations or dry docking, the following damage is visible:

Frames 164 to 176 starboard and 164 to 170 port, carried away, together with shell plating from tank tops to second deck.

Number five hold is open to the sea on both sides, the holes being approximately 25' x 15', and 15' x 15'.

The main fore and aft stringer (beam) on the port side of number five hatch ruptured.

The second deck aft of number five hatch torn to pieces and raised about three feet, all beams sheared.

The main deck from number five hatch to the fantail bulged two feet amidships and pierced by numerous holes up to two feet in size.

The starboard rail and bulwarks slightly bent and the side plating below dished in.

The two after 3" and 20 mm gun platforms broken loose and twisted.

The ten ton topping lift carried away and the boom resting on the gun platform.

The port 20 mm and 3" damaged by the fallen boom and hatch cover.

The after collision bulkhead torn where the second deck beams were lifted.

The shaft alley flooded and undoubtedly ruptured.

The shaft sprung and coupling bolts probably sheared.

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The bulkhead surrounding number five hatch upper 'tween deck bulged and pierced by holes up to three feet in size. One five ton hatch cover resting on the 3" gun platform, one on the main deck port side, and two in the bottom of the hold. Five out of seven heavy steel hatch beams unaccounted for.

Four inch gun mount apparently sprung. Bunks and lockers in after end of crew spaces port and starboard, wrecked.

Numerous holes in ventilating piping aft. Wiring aft carried away. Three inch ready boxes aft wrecked and ammunition detonated or ruined.

Bulkhead between number four and five holds pierced and pulled clear of the overhead in the lower 'tween deck spaces (Shored and Plugged).

313 rounds of 3" and 246 rounds of 4" ammunition which had been exposed to the heat and shock of the blast were jettisoned as dangerous.

336 rounds of servicable 3" and 0 rounds of serviceable 4" remain aboard.

10. The reaction of the crew was excellent. All hands turned to immediately, working below decks in danger of being trapped should number four hold flood.

The following officers and men deserve particular praise: Commander, H. W. BRADBURY, USN, Executive Officer, for his excellent judgement, sound advise and unflagging vigor in organizing and directing the work.

Lieut-Comdr, C. J. DYER, USNR, First Lieutenant, for his fearless and intelligent supervision of the C&R gang.

Lieut-Comdr, W. C. LAURITZEN, USNR, Engineer Officer, for his cool and efficient work under hazardous conditions.

KENLON, Gerald William, PhMlc, USN, is espically deserving of extra commendation for his distinguished devotion to duty, extraordinary courage and the utter disregard for his own safety. Immediately following the explosion he went down into the crew's compartment on the starboard side, where forty-one wounded marine passengers had been sleeping and quickly organized them, with the assistance of GRIMES, Charles Robert, PhM2c, USN, for evacuation to the main deck. KENLON reassured the ten psychoneurotic patients and prevented panic among them. One of these, who was too frightened to walk, he carried on his back up to the ladder on the main deck. He then hurried down into the crew's compartment on the port side where fire had broken out following the explosion and found two men who were seriously wounded. In the blinding and choking smoke he correctly diagnosed their injuries and applied the correct first aid measures. He carried first one and then the other on his back to the sick bay before returning to the compartment to search for other survivors.

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Both of these patients weighed twenty to thirty pounds more than KENLON, who weighs less than 120 pounds.

KERGAN, James Harvey, SC1c, USN, showed courage and initiative above average. He not only took a leading part in combating the fire but also, as ship's cook in charge of the galley, organized his men and provided hot food in a very short time after the torpedoing. While the ship was thought to be in danger of sinking at any time, he showed no reluctance in going below decks into the ship's refrigerators to break out and prepare food.

BAKER, Cecil Franklin, CM1c, USNR, showed leadership and courage of a high degree in the shoring work carried on in number four hold under hazardous conditions.

BIGLAND, Harry, BM1c, USN; QUELETTE, Aime Paul, QM2c, O-1, USNR; LEAKE, John Gordon, QM2c, USN, showed courage and resourcefulness in rigging the emergency steering gear, working in oily water which reached to within a foot and a half of the overhead in a compartment on the second platform while the danger of sinking was still imminent.

DOOLEY, John Harold, GM1c, O-1, USNR, inspected the after magazines immediately after the explosion. He saw the 4" magazines in a dangerous condition. The bulkhead was split and some of the 4" ammunition broken open with its powder exposed. Fire was dangerously close to the compartment. He flooded the magazine and after the immediate danger of explosion was averted, reported the condition to the bridge, the gunnery officer and the second division officer while he stood by. When the ammunition party was organized, he supervised the handling of the ammunition and remained in the magazine until it was completely empty. He also supervised the ammunition party that cleared the 3" magazine aft.

These men were the leaders. Others too numerous to mention worked cheerfully and willingly under hazardous conditions to keep the ship afloat and prevent further damage. The commanding officer has nothing but praise for the entire ship's company, both officers and men.

Commander R.N. SMOOT, USN, Commanding USS MONSSEN, deserves credit for the seamanlike way he handled his ship in taking in tow and towing a 7500 ton disabled vessel.

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U.S.S. ALHENA, AKA-9

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June 15, 1941

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September 15, 1945

PREFACE

In this history of the U. S. S. ALHENA it should be borne in mind that, for the most part, she operated with other ships and units of the U. S. Navy. However, for purposes of clarity and better presentation references to other ships have been kept to a minimum.

The service of the ALHENA is roughly divided into four periods: Atlantic service, Pacific service prior to being torpedoed, Pacific service subsequent to being repaired and prior to returning to the United States, and Pacific service since leaving the United States. The following narrative is a general survey of her activities, and detail has been largely ignored.

On June 15, 1941 the steamship ROBIN KETTERING, originally intended for service with the Robin Line, was commissioned as the U. S. S. ALHENA, AK26, with Commander C. B. Hunt, USN, as commanding officer. The commissioning took place in Hoboken, New Jersey. Following the commissioning, several weeks were required to make the necessary conversions to fit her for naval use. However, due to the exigencies of the times the conversion was incomplete when the ALHENA began its first trip.

The first year of service of the ALHENA was spent, for the most part, in North Atlantic waters. After several trips along the eastern seaboard of the United States, she loaded troops and equipment and set sail for Reykjavik, Iceland. Following her initial overseas trip she made trips to Argentia, Newfoundland, Belfast, Ireland, and Clyde Bank, Scotland, as well as several more trips along the United States coast. Further conversion was effected during the periods spent in United States ports.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked the ALHENA was in Norfolk, Virginia. Her first wartime trip was to Argentia.

On the 9th of April, 1942, the ALHENA left New York, enroute Panama, C. Z., passed through the canal on the 19th, and set sail for Tongatabu, Tonga Islands, in the South Pacific. Embarked were various Army and Navy personnel, on board for transportation. The passage was quiet, and having discharged its cargo in Tongatabu, the ALHENA returned to the United States, arriving in San Diego on the 5th of June. There she underwent further conversion, and embarked units and cargo of the United States Marine Corps.

After a month of uncertainty as to sailing date, and having rushed to completion the installation of additional armament, she departed San Diego on the 1st of July, destination unknown. On the 14th, Tongatabu was announced as the first port of call. After having spent several days there, the ALHENA left that port and proceeded to the Fiji Islands to participate in landing exercises, prior to the attack against Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands. Landing exercises completed, the attack force proceeded toward the objective on the 29th.

The ALHENA arrived off Guadalcanal on the 7th of August, and the preliminary operations were effected. In the afternoon the force was attacked twice by hostile planes. On the afternoon of the 8th there were further attacks, and also on the 9th. Although many ships of the force suffered severe damage, and several were sunk, the ALHENA came through unscathed, and had three Jap planes to her credit. On the night of the 9th she departed for Espiritu Santo, in the New Hebrides, and arrived there on the morning of the 19th. Having completed loading she departed on the 20th and returned to Tulagi, making the latter part of the trip, escorted by one destroyer.

There she unloaded sorely needed supplies, the first to be brought in, and evacuated prisoners and wounded. She returned to Espiritu Santo on the 24th without mishap. From then until the 24th of September, she was engaged in short runs between Espiritu Santo and Efate.

On the 24th of September she sortied from Espiritu Santo enroute Guadalcanal, and arrived there on the 26th. While there, there were several enemy air attacks and, for safety, she retired each night. On the 29th she completed unloading and set sail for Espiritu Santo. At 2354 she was torpedoed by an "unseen vessel." The torpedo hit in the vicinity of #5 hold, and caused extensive damage in the after part of the ship. Fire broke out, but was brought under control in a short time. She was unable to make any headway, and drifted throughout the night and the next day. During this time ship's force made what repairs they could, the main one being the shoring of the bulkhead in #4 hold. An attempt was made to get way on with the engine, but without success. Casualties: 1 missing, 4 killed, and 20 wounded. The destroyer Monssen stood by and rendered assistance, and on the 1st of October took the ALHENA in tow pending the arrival of the U. S. S. Navajo. Late in the afternoon of the second the Navajo arrived and took her in tow. The ALHENA arrived in Espiritu Santo on the 7th of October. Further repairs were made, and on the 16th the Navajo again took her in tow, and they arrived in Noumea on the 20th.

On the 8th of November, having effected further repairs, the tug Sonoma took the ALHENA in tow, and departed Noumea enroute Sydney, Australia, arriving in the latter port on the 20th of November.

The ALHENA remained in Sydney until the following June, undergoing repairs, during which time she became the AKA 9, and also underwent a change of command. Captain Hunt was detached, and Commander Bradbury, USN, the executive officer, assumed command.

Seven months after her torpedoing, the ALHENA departed Sydney enroute Noumea, where she arrived on the 14th. Thus began another epoch in the life of the ALHENA.

In the ensuing months she was engaged in runs between Noumea and Guadalcanal for the most part, with occasional trips to Espiritu Santo, Fiji Islands and New Zealand. She also participated in the first operations against Bougainville Island, during which she was under attack several times. Happily she incurred no damage in these operations. In March of 1944, Commander Bradbury was relieved by Commander Malcolm D. Sylvester, USN.

She departed from Guadalcanal on the 24th of March for Pearl Harbor, arriving on the 9th of April, having been diverted to Funafuti, Ellice Islands, on the way.

Throughout April and May she was engaged in maneuvers and loading operations in the Hawaiian area, in preparation for the forthcoming operation against Saipan. With units of the Second Marine Division embarked, she departed Honolulu May 30th enroute Saipan via Eniwetok, and arrived off the objective on the 15th of June. She underwent two air attacks without mishap, and having completed her mission, departed for Pearl Harbor on the 23rd, where she arrived on the 4th of July.

The next day she departed and set sail for the United States for extensive alterations and overhaul. She arrived on the 11th of July for a three months' stay after two years overseas. During this time there was an almost complete turnover in personnel, and Lt. Commander R. C. Ericson, USN succeeded Commander Sylvester as commanding officer.

Alterations and overhaul having been completed, she departed on the 13th of October 1944 for Manus Island in the Southwest Pacific, arriving November 1st. While waiting to discharge her cargo, she was involved in the explosion of the ammunition ship Mount Hood, and suffered extensive above decks damage, and moderate personnel casualties. (Three killed, and seventy wounded, about twenty-five seriously). This delayed any further operations for about six weeks until repairs had been effected.

The new year, 1945, saw the ALHENA participating in the liberation of the Philippines, operating alone. Then she proceeded to Ulithi, Caroline Islands, in company with her assigned unit. Thence to Guam, where elements of the Third Marine Division were embarked, for the impending operations against Iwo Jima.

Her part in the Iwo Jima operations being completed, she left for Noumea, stopping at Guam and Guadalcanal on the way. Nearly two months were spent there in company with her squadron in area reserve for the Okinawa operation before she again got underway, this time for Leyte, Philippine Islands. Then began a period of shuttling between New Guinea and Manila. This lasted for several months, and she was enroute Manila from Finschhaven when the Japanese capitulated.

The ALHENA was then employed in the initial occupations of Japan, and anchored in Tokyo Bay on the 13th of September, 1945.

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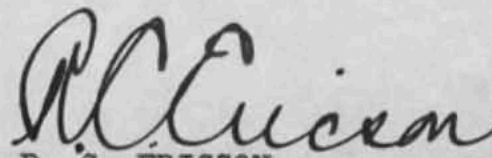
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and wreckage still were falling about the ship. He refused treatment for himself until all the wounded had been cared for; he was the last of the injured to be taken from the ship. With professional skill and courageous action, he unquestionably was responsible for saving numerous lives. His outstanding service and conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.

Award: Legion of Merit.

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