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April 9, 1942.

- (a) New York Section of Task Force 38, consisting of: four (4) AP's, four (4) AK's, two (2) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), and six (6) DD's.
- (b) Operation Order No. 1-42 of COMTASKFOR 38, New York Section.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 At anchor Gravesend Bay.
1200 At anchor Gravesend Bay.
2000 40° 11' N, 73° 40' W.
- (e) 1600 First ship of the convoy passed thru the gate in the anti-submarine boom with remainder of ships of the New York Section following in column, with the exception of the M/V Manoeran and the U.S.S. HUNTER LIGGET.
1918 Changed convoy formation from line of ships in column to formation 1A of Operation Order No. 1-42.
2000 M/V Manoeran joined formation.

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April 10, 1942.

- (a) New York Section of Task Force 38, consisting of:
four(4) AP's, four (4) AK's, two (2) Merchant
Vessels (Dutch), and six (6) DD's.
- (b) Operation Order No. 1-42 of COMTASKFOR 38, New
York Section.
- (c) None.
- (d)
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| 0800 | 38° 45' N | Course and speed made good:
1900 April 9 to 0600 April 10.
120° at 10.8 knots; |
| | 71° 32' W | |
| 1200 | 37° 59' N | 0600 April 10 to 1200 April 10.
176° at 12.5 knots. |
| | 71° 27' W | |
| 2000 | 36° 47' N | |
| | 71° 16' W | |
- (e) At dawn the two Dutch Merchant Vessels and the
U.S.S. HUNTER LIGETT were found to be missing
from the convey. Early afternoon the U.S.S.
HUNTER LIGETT and the M/V Manoran rejoined the
formation. At sunset the M/V Noordam rejoined
the formation.

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April 11, 1942.

- (a) New York Section of Task Force 38, consisting of: four (4) AP's, four (4) AK's, two (2) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), and six (6) DD's.
- (b) Operation Order No. 1-42 of COMTASKFOR 38, New York Section.
- (c) None.
- (d)
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|------|-----------|--|
| 0800 | 34° 52' N | Course and speed made good.
172°, 9.6 knots. 1200 April
10 to 1200 April 11. |
| | 70° 54' W | |
| 1200 | 34° 12' N | |
| | 70° 50' W | |
| 2000 | 32° 42' N | |
| | 70° 34' W | |
- (e) 0808 Made rendezvous with Norfolk Section of Task Force 38. Convoy now consists of eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, three (3) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL, and ten (10) DD's. COMTASKFOR 38 in BB. Operating in accordance with Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.

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April 12, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38, consisting of: eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, three (3) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL and ten (10) DD's.
- (b) Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	30° 36' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 11 to 1200 April 12: 170° at 11.8 knots.
	70° 00' W	
1200	29° 39' N	
	69° 48' W	
2000	28° 11' N	
	69° 27' W	
- (e) 1125 M/V Sommelsdyk joined vonvoy.

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April 13, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38, consisting of: eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL, and ten (10) DD's.
- (b) Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
- (c) None.
- (d)
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|------|-----------|---|
| 0800 | 25° 43' N | Course and speed made good.
1200 April 12 to 1200 April
13: 168° at 12.5 knots. |
| | 68° 47' W | |
| 1200 | 24° 45' N | |
| | 68° 42' W | |
| 2000 | 23° 00' N | |
| | 68° 32' W | |
- (e) 0308 Executed an emergency turn of 45° to port; presumably caused by sound contact on starboard side of convoy. 0321 Executed an emergency turn of 45° to starboard, resuming base course. 1600 Executed an emergency turn of 45° to port; caused by a doubtful contact on starboard side of convoy. 1630 Executed an emergency turn of 45° to starboard, resuming base course.

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April 14, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38, consisting of: eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL, and ten (10) DD's.
- (b) Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
- (c) None.
- (d)
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|------|-----------|---|
| 0800 | 20° 29' N | Course and speed made good.
1200 April 13 to 1200 April
14: 173° at 12.8 knots. |
| | 68° 09' W | |
| 1200 | 19° 39' N | |
| | 68° 04' W | |
| 2000 | 18° 04' N | |
| | 68° 18' W | |
- (e) Sighted Point Espada broad on starboard bow. Entering Mona Island passage. 1745 sighted Mona Island broad on port bow. 2400 changed course to 225° T.

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April 15, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38, consisting of: eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL and ten (10) DD's.
- (b) Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	16° 30' N.	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 14 to 0000 April 15: 185° at 10 knots. 0000 April 15 to 1200 April 15 249° at 10.7 knots.
	69° 42' W.	
1200	16° 23' N.	
	70° 21' W.	
2000	15° 56' N.	
	71° 32' W.	
- (e) ----

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April 16, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38, consisting of: eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL, and ten (10) DD's.
- (b) Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	14° 45' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 15 to 1200 April 16; 238° at 10.6 knots.
	73° 23' W	
1200	14° 09' N	
	74° 02' W	
2000	13° 12' N	
	75° 20' W	
- (e) ----

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April 17, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38, consisting of: eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL, and ten (10) DD's.
- (b) Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	12° 03' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 16 to 1200 April 17; 234° at 10.5 knots.
	77° 15' W	
1200	11° 36' N	
	77° 31' W	
2000	11° 02' N	
	78° 34' W	
- (e) ----

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April 18, 1942.

- (a) Tash Force 38, consisting of: eight (8) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) BB, one (1) CL, and ten (10) DD's.
- (b) Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 Course and speed made good.
1200 At anchor, Limon Bay, C. Z. 1200 April 17 to 1100 April 18; 228° at 8.4 knots.
2000 At pier #7, Cristobal, C. Z.
- Experienced an unusually heavy set to the eastward while approaching Cristobal breakwater.
- (e) 0713 Convoy and Ocean Escort formed into two columns in accordance with entry plan number 2 of Operation Plan 2-42 of COMTASKFOR 38.
0900 Sighted land.
1102 Passed thru gate in anti-submarine boom and proceeded to anchorage in Limon Bay, Canal Zone.
1652 Shifted berth to pier 7, Cristobal, Canal Zone. Fueling and provisioning ship.
2303 Underway, commencing transit of Panama Canal.

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April 19, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202 consisting of: four (4) AP's, three (3) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, one (1) PG, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 At anchor, Balboa Inner Harbor.
1200 Standing out swept channel, Balboa, C. Z.
2000 07° 39' N
79° 27' W
- (e) 0732 Anchored in Balboa (Panama Canal Zone) Inner Harbor, completed transit of Panama Canal.
1124 Underway took departure from Balboa, Canal Zone, in accordance with departure instructions of Commander South East Pacific Force Operation Order 5-42.
1545 Took station in convoy as prescribed in Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
1945 U.S.S. ALGORAB took prescribed station in convoy formation. A slight thumping sound, in rythm with the rotation of the propeller shaft was noticed about noon this date. Sound possibly caused by propeller striking some submerged object. The ship was in buoyed channel standing out of Balboa at the time. The sound is decreasing in intensity, the Commanding Officer does not deem it serious enough to hamper carrying out the present operation.

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April 20, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: four (4) AP's, four (4) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, two (2) DD's, and one (1) PG.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)
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|------|-----------|--|
| 0800 | 05° 57' N | Course and speed made good.
1200 April 19 to 2135 April 19;
176° at 9.7 knots; 2135 April
19 to 1200 April 20: 228° at
11.6 knots. |
| | 81° 06' W | |
| 1200 | 05° 23' N | |
| | 81° 38' W | |
| 2000 | 04° 12' N | |
| | 83° 00' W | |
- (e) At dawn the U.S.S. BARNETT, AMERICAN LEGION, BELLATRIX, GEORGE F. ELLIOTT, and two (2) DD's, were sighted. By mid-morning these ships had joined the convoy formation. In mid-afternoon the U.S.S. BETELGEUSE was sighted and joined the formation. The convoy at sunset consisted of the following ships: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, four (4) DD's, and one (1) PG.

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April 21, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, three (3) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	02° 53' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 20 to 1200 April 21: 233° at 12.6 knots.
	85° 13' W	
1200	02° 21' N	
	85° 39' W	
2000	01° 49' N	
	87° 25' W	
- (e) At dawn one DD and the PG, were not sighted.

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April 22, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annes Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	01° 25' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 21 to 1200 April 22: 257° at 13.0 knots.
	89° 46' W	
1200	01° 11' N	
	90° 41' W	
2000	00° 48' N	
	92° 32' W	
- (e) At dawn two (2) DD's and the one (1) PG were not in sight.
Sound mentioned in paragraph (e) on April 19, has become much less noticeable.
1253 Sighted Wenman Island on starboard beam.

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April 23, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and four (4) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	00° 02' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 22 to 1200 April 23: 255° at 13.6 knots.
	95° 05' W	
1200	00° 06' S	
	96° 00' W	
2000	00° 30' S	
	97° 49' W	
- (e) Crossed the equator at longitude 95° 11' W.
The one (1) PG not in sight.

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April 24, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and one (1) DD.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 01° 31' S Course and speed made good.
100° 25' W 1200 April 23 to 1200 April 24:
1200 01° 45' S 253° at 13.8 knots.
101° 16' W
2000 02° 24' S
102° 58' W
- (e) At dawn one (1) PG and three (3) DD's, were not sighted.

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April 25, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and one (1) DD.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	03°	23' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 24 to 1200 April 25: 250° at 14.3 knots.
	105°	40' W	
1200	03°	39' S	
	106°	37' W	
2000	04°	21' S	
	108°	33' W	
- (e) ----

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April 26, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and one (1) DD.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	05° 22' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 25 to 1200 April 26; 249° at 14.6 knots.
	111° 12' W	
1200	05° 44' S	
	112° 10' W	
2000	06° 22' S	
	114° 04' W	
- (e) ----

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April 27, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and one (1) DD.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	06° 57' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 26 to 1200 April 27: 256° at 13.6 knots.
	116° 35' W	
1200	07° 07' S	
	117° 35' W	
2000	07° 22' S	
	118° 36' W	
- (e) Convoy reduced speed to half speed throughout the afternoon due to mechanical difficulties in the U.S.S. BARNETT.

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April 28, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and one (1) DD.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 08° 04' S Course and speed made good.
121° 18' W 1200 April 27 to 1200 April 28:
1200 08° 18' S 256° at 11.5 knots.
122° 09' W
2000 08° 45' S
123° 59' W
- (e) ----

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April 29, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and one (1) DD.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	09° 34' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 28 to 1200 April 29: 254° at 13.2 knots.
	126° 29' W	
1200	09° 47' S	
	127° 18' W	
2000	10° 19' S	
	129° 02' W	
- (e) 1220 Sighted a destroyer, apparently friendly.
1245 The destroyer joined escort and took up station in screen.

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April 30, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	10° 41' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 29 to 1200 April 30: 258° at 12.8 knots.
	131° 44' W	
1200	10° 50' S	
	132° 29' W	
2000	11° 11' S	
	134° 11' W	
- (e) 0922 Convoy reduced speed to eight knots due to mechanical difficulties in the U.S.S. BETELGEUSE. 1040 Resumed convoy speed of fourteen knots.

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May 1, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	11° 35' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 April 30 to 1200 May 1: 258° at 12.4 knots.
	136° 50' W	
1200	11° 47' S	
	137° 42' W	
2000	12° 06' S	
	139° 28' W	
- (e) ----

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May 2, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None
- (d) 0800 12° 48' S Course and speed made good.
141° 55' W 1200 May 1, to 1200 May 2:
1200 12° 59' S 258° at 12.8 knots.
142° 50' W
2000 13° 24' S
144° 43' W
- (e) ----

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May 3, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, four (4) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 13° 56' S Course and speed made good.
147° 22' W 1200 May 2 to 1200 May 3:
1200 14° 02' S 258° at 12.7 knots.
148° 02' W
2000 14° 23' S
149° 46' W
- (e) 0630 Sighted a Merchant Vessel, unidentified, proceeding on a parallel and opposite course.
1335 U.S.S. WARRINGTON came alongside port quarter and delivered guard mail.
1930 U.S.S. NEVILLE, M/V Sommeldyk and U.S.S. SAMPSON, left the convoy. At darkness convoy consisted of six (6) AP's, six (6) AK's, three (3) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two (2) CL's, and one (1) DD.

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May 4, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: six (6) AP's, six (6) AK's, three (3) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), two CL's, and one (1) DD.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 15° 02' S Course and speed made good.
151° 47' W 1200 May 3 to 1200 May 4:
1200 15° 12' S 255° at 11.1 knots.
152° 36' W
2000 15° 08' S
154° 00' W
- (e) 0650 Sighted one (1) CL and two (2) DD's, identified as friendly. CL later identified as the U.S.S. RICHMOND; DD's as the U.S.S. MUGFORD and U.S.S. SELFRIDGE.
0820 M/V Manceran and one (1) DD. left the convoy. In mid-morning the U.S.S. RICHMOND, U.S.S. MUGFORD and U.S.S. SELFRIDGE, joined the convoy as escort.
1055 U.S.S. MUGFORD came alongside starboard quarter and delivered guard mail. In mid-afternoon the U.S.S. CONCORD, U.S.S. TRENTON and one (1) DD (Sampson or Warrington) having been relieved of the escort of the convoy, left the convoy. At darkness the convoy consisted of: six (6) AP's, six (6) AK's, two (2) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) CL, and two (2) DD's.

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May 5, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: six (6) AP's, six (6) AK's, two (2) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) CL, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	15° 16' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 4 to 1200 May 5: 269° at 12.3 knots.
	156° 43' W	
1200	15° 15' S	
	157° 44' W	
2000	15° 20' S	
	159° 42' W	
- (e) 0430 U.S.S. NEVILLE and M/V Sommeldyk were sighted, and at 0725 had retaken their stations in the convoy formation.

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May 6, 1942.

- (a) Convoy BT 202, consisting of: seven (7) AP's, six (6) AK's, three (3) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) CL, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	15° 29' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 5 to 1200 May 6: 267° at 13.7 knots.
	162° 33' W	
1200	15° 34' S	
	163° 30' W	
2000	16° 05' S	
	165° 16' W	
- (e) 1236 Sighted U.S.S. HONOLULU and two U.S. destroyers.
1400 The Straw section of the convoy consisting of the U.S.S. MC CAWLEY, FULLER, HEYWOOD, FORMALHAUT and BELLATRIX and the M/V Brastagi left the formation and proceeded as a separate section under the escort of the U.S.S. HONOLULU and two DD's.
1429 convoy has changed course to 243°T.
At nightfall the convoy consisted of: four (4) AP's, four AK's, two (2) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) CL, and two (2) DD's.

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May 7, 1942.

- (a) Bleacher Section of Convoy BT 202, consisting of:
four (4) AP's, four (4) AK's, two (2) Merchant
vessels (Dutch), one (1) CL, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42
of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 17° 26' S Course and speed made good.
167° 48' W 1200 May 6 to 1441 May 6:
1200 17° 53' S 268° at 14.1 knots; from 1441
168° 41' W May 6 to 1200 May 7: 243° at
2000 18° 50' S 13.9 knots.
170° 36' W
- (e) ----

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
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May 8-9, 1942.

- (a) Bleacher Section of Convoy BT 202, consisting of: four (4) AP's, four (4) AK's, two (2) Merchant vessels (Dutch), one (1) CL, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 20° 11' S Course and speed made good.
173° 16' W 1200 May 7 to 1200 May 8:
1200 20° 38' S 242° at 14.8 knots; from
174° 12' W 1200 May 8 to 1555 May 8:
2000 At anchor, Nukualofa 263° at 14.6 knots.
Harbor, Tonga.
- (e) 1305 Formed convoy into two columns. 1327 Formed
convoy into one column.
1334 Sighted land. 1640 Entered Lahi Passage,
Tonga Islands. 1818 Anchored in Nukualofa Harbor,
Tonga.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 10 to May 24, 1942.

- (a) Bleacher Section of Convoy BT 202, consisting of: four (4) AP's, four (4) AK's, two (2) Merchant Vessels (Dutch), one (1) CL, and two (2) DD's.
- (b) Annex Baker and Annex Cast of Operation Order 5-42 of Commander South East Pacific Force.
- (c) None.
- (d) At anchor, Nukualofa Harbor, Tonga.
- (e) Commenced cargo operations this date. May 14, shifted berth to dock, continuing cargo operations. May 17, shifted berth to anchorage. May 20, shifted berth to dock, resumed cargo operations. May 22, completed cargo operations, shifted berth to anchorage. In accordance with COMINCH dispatch 101835 of May, 1942, reported to CINCPAC for duty.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 24-23, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 ----
1200 21° 27' S
175° 03' W
2000 20° 53' S
173° 01' W
- (e) 0656 Underway from anchorage in Nukualofa Harbor, Tongatabu, in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May. 0801 U.S.S. BAGLEY reported for escort duty. 1000 U.S.S. BAGLEY released from escort duty. 1336 Took departure on Eua Island, distant twenty (20) miles. Course 073° rate of advance 15 knots.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 24, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	19°	59'	S	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 23 to 1200 May 24: 072° at 15.2 knots.
	169°	53'	W	
1200	19°	40'	S	
	168°	56'	W	
2000	18°	49'	S	
	167°	12'	W	
- (e) ----

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 25, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	17° 05' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 24 to 1500 May 24: 072° at 15 knots; 1500 May 24 to 1200 May 25: 056° at 15.6 knots.
	164° 34' W	
1200	16° 31' S	
	163° 38' W	
2000	15° 24' S	
	162° 08' W	
- (e) ----

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 26, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800 13° 43' S Course and speed made good.
159° 44' W 1200 May 25 to 1200 May 26:
1200 13° 08' S 054° at 14.4 knots.
158° 59' W
2000 12° 01' S
157° 19' W
- (e) ----

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 27, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	09° 32' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 26 to 2100 May 26: 054° at 15.3 knots; 2100 May 26 to 1200 May 27: 037° at 16 knots.
	157° 17' W	
1200	08° 42' S	
	154° 40' W	
2000	06° 51' S	
	153° 21' W	
- (e) ----

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 28, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	04° 23' S	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 27 to 1200 May 28: 036° at 16.6 knots.
	151° 23' W	
1200	03° 31' S	
	150° 43' W	
2000	01° 57' S	
	149° 26' W	
- (e) ----

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 29, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	00° 32' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 28 to 1200 May 29: 037° at 15.8 knots.
	147° 30' W	
1200	01° 27' N	
	146° 47' W	
2000	03° 09' N	
	145° 32' W	
- (e) 0520 Crossed equator at 147° 54' W.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 30, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	05°	28'	N	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 29 to 1200 May 30: 037.5° at 15.6 knots.
	143°	43'	W	
1200	06°	20'	N	
	143°	01'	W	
2000	08°	01'	N	
	141°	42'	W	
- (e) ----

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

May 31, 1942.

- (a) U.S.S. ALHENA and U.S.S. ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC dispatch 222225 of May, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800	10° 35' N	Course and speed made good. 1200 May 30 to 0800 May 31: 036.5° at 15.6 knots; 0800 May 31 to 1200 May 31; 045° at 14.7 knots.
	139° 58' W	
1200	11° 17' N	
	139° 20' W	
2000	12° 40' N	
	138° 01' W	
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June 1, 1942.

- (a) ALHENA and ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC despatch 222225 of May.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 14° 48' N. Course and speed made good
135° 57' W. 1200, May 31 to 1200, June 1:
1200: 15° 26' N. 044.5° at 14.8 knots.
135° 07' W.
2000: 16° 56' N.
133° 35' W.
- (e) ---.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

June 2, 1942.

(a) ALHENA and ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.

(b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC despatch 222225 of May.

(c) None.

(d) 0800:	19° 05' N.	Course and speed made good 1200, June 1 to 1200, June 2: 046° at 16.2 knots.
	131° 08' W.	
1200:	19° 55' N.	
	130° 16' W.	
2000:	21° 35' N.	
	128° 58' W.	

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

June 3, 1942.

- (a) ALHENA and ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC despatch 222225 of May.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 23^o 53' N. Course and speed made good
126^o 37' W. 1200, June 2 to 1200, June 3:
1200: 24^o 19' N. 042^o at 15.3 knots.
125^o 54' W.
2000 25^o 36' N.
124^o 38' W.
- (e) ---.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

June 4, 1942.

- (a) ALHENA and ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC despatch 222225 of May.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 27° 33' N. Course and speed made good
122° 25' W. 1200, June 3 to 1200, June 4:
1200: 28° 16' N. 044° at 14.9 knots.
121° 37' W.
2000: 29° 23' N.
120° 32' W.
- (e) 0906 Sighted ship on port beam, distant about six miles. Ship identified as friendly. Identity: The fishing vessel Normandey of San Diego, California.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

June 5, 1942.

- (a) ALHENA and ALMAACK in company under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with CINCPAC despatch 222225 of May.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 31° 09' N. Course and speed made good
118° 00' W. 1200, June 4 to 1200, June 5:
1200: 31° 57' N. 040° at 12.4 knots.
118° 04' W.
2000: Moored port side to
South side of Pier,
Destroyer Base, San
Diego, California.
- (e) 0710 Aeroplane sighted; identified as friendly.
Aeroplane then took up screening patrol.
1414 Sighted Point Loma. 1626 Passed through
anti-submarine net, entered San Diego Harbor.
1730 Moored port side to main dock at Destroyer
Base, San Diego, California.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

June 6, 1942, to
June 25, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders CINCPAC.
- (b) Operating in accordance with CINCPAC despatch 222225 of May.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Moored to dock,
Destroyer Base, San Diego,
California.
1200: In Dry Dock #1,
Destroyer Base, San Diego,
California.
- (e) In accordance with BuNav despatch 011226 May, Captain T. R. Cooley, U.S.N., relieved as commanding officer by Commander C. L. Nichols, U.S.N., at 0900 this date.
1000: Shifted berth to Dry Dock Number One, Destroyer Base, San Diego, California. 1630 In accordance with CINCPAC despatch 222225 May, reported to Commander Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, for duty in Transport Division Two.

June 16 at 1100 Shifted berth to Buoy #33, San Diego Harbor.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

June 25, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Commander Transports, Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.
- (b) Operation Order No. 7-42 of COMTRANSPHIBFORPACFLT.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Moored Buoy #33, San Diego.
1200: Moored Buoy #33, San Diego.
2000: Underway in San Diego Harbor.
- (e) 1920 Underway, in accordance with Operation Order No. 7-42 of COMTRANSPHIBFORPACFLT. 2020 Passed through gate in anti-torpedo net defenses of San Diego Harbor. 2131 Took departure from end of swept channel. Set course 325° True.

C. L. V.

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

June 26, 1942 to
June 30, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Commander Transports, Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.
- (b) Operation Order No. 7-42 of COMTRANSPHIBFORPACFLT.
- (c) None.
- (d) Moored to dock at Craig Shipbuilding Co., Long Beach, California. Course and speed made good 2131, June 25 to 0500, June 26: 325° at 11,7 knots.
- (e) 0500 Began approach to San Pedro - Long Beach Harbor. 0607 Passed through anti-submarine net gate into San Pedro - Long Beach Harbor. 0701 Moored starboard side to dock at Craig Shipbuilding Co., Long Beach, Calif. Commenced alteration and repair work on ship.

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AK27/A12

September 1 - 4, 1942

- (a) Task Unit 3.6.1. consisting of two (2) AP's and three (3) AK's.
- (b) Commander Task Force Three (COMTRANSPHIBFORPACFLT) operation order 6-42.
- (c) None
- (d) Moored to pier 7 Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone.
- (e) 0117 Completed transit of Panama Canal, moored port side to pier 7, Cristobal.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 4, 1942.

- (a) Transport division 6, consisting of two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's, five (5) DD's and one (1) PC as escort.
- (b) Commander Transport Division 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Moored to pier 7,
Cristobal, P.C.Z.

1200: Moored to pier 7,
Cristobal, P.C.Z.

2000: Underway enroute Cristobal, C.Z.
to Hampton Roads, Va.
- (e) 1530 Underway in accordance with serial 01 dated 3 September, 1942 of COMTRANSDIV 6. 1624 Passed thru gate in net defenses of Limon Bay. 1747 Left swept channel, formed convoy formation. Took departure from swept channel.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 5, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 6 consisting of two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's, and three (3) DD's as escort.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 11° 42' N Course and speed made good
77° 39' W 1747 September 4, to 1200
September 5: 046° at 15.5
knots.
- 1200: 12° 20' N
76° 46' W
- 2000: 13° 41' N
75° 30' W
- (e) 0000 Two (2) DD's and one (1) PC left the formation. The convoy now consisting of two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's, and three (3) DD's.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 6, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 6 consisting of: two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's, and three (3) DD's as escort.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 14° 52' N Course and speed made good
 77° 39' W 1200 September 5 to 1200
 September 6: 058° at 14.6
 knots.
- 1200: 12° 20' N
 76° 46' W
- 2000: 13° 41' N
 75° 30' W
- (e)

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 7, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 6 consisting of: two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's; and three (3) DD's as escort.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 17° 51' N Course and speed made good
 68° 45' W 1200 Sept 6 to 1200 Sept 7:
 051° at 11.9 knots.
- 1200: 18° 24' N
 67° 51' W
- 2000: 20° 07' N
 67° 26' W
- (e) Mona Island abeam to starboard.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 8, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 6 consisting of: two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's; and three (3) DD's as escort.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800:	22° 50' N	Course and speed made 1200 Sept 7 to 2000 Sept 7: 012° at 14.3 knots; 2000 Sept 7 to 1200 Sept 8: 341° at 13.4 knots.
	68° 32' W	
1200:	23° 40' N	
	68° 50' W	
2000:	25° 27' N	
	69° 26' W	
- (e)

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 9, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 6 consisting of: two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's; and three (3) DD's as escort.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 28° 04' N Course and speed made good
70° 23' W 1200 Sept 8 to 1200 Sept 9:
340° at 13.7 knots.
- 1200: 28° 49' N
70° 50' W
- 2000: 30° 31' N
71° 20' W
- (e)

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 10, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 6 consisting of: two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's; and three (3) DD's as escort.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 33° 07' N
72° 12' W

1200: 33° 49' N
72° 34' W

2000: 35° 22' N
72° 58' W
- (e)

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 11, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 6 consisting of: two (2) AP's, three (3) AK's; and three (3) DD's as escort.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 6, Serial 01 of 3 September.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Approaching entrance to swept channel to Chesapeake Bay.
1200: Standing in swept channel approaching Chesapeake Bay entrance.
2000: Anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.
- (e) 0840 Commenced execution of form 18 on signal from Commodore of convoy in AP30. Collision occurred between AP-8 and AK-25. Almaack standing by AP-8. 1001 Detached, proceeded independently to destination. 1252 Sighted Cape Henry bearing 290° T. 1307 Passed buoy 2CB. 1412 Entered Chesapeake Bay. 1512 Passed thru gate in net defenses of Hampton Roads, Virginia. 1603 Anchored in berth D, Hampton Roads, Virginia.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 12 - 16, 1942.

- (a) Almaack under orders Commander Amphibious Force Atlantic Fleet.
- (b) COMAMPHFORLANT 121549 of September, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Anchored in berth D, Hampton Roads, Virginia.
1200: Anchored in berth D, Hampton Roads, Virginia.
2000: Moored in berth 36, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- (e) 1210 Got Underway in accordance with COMAMPHFORLANT despatch order 121549 of 12 September, 1942 and proceeded to Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. 1352 Moored in berth 36, Norfolk Navy Yard, commenced ordered repairs and alterations. September 15 in accordance with mailgram orders 151845 from COMTRANSAMPHFORLANT. Almaack reported for duty in Transport Division 11.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 17, 1942.

- (a) Almaack under orders Commander Transport Division 11.
- (b) Commander Transports Amphibious Force Atlantic Fleet 151845 of September, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Moored berth 36. Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
1200: Anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.
2000: Anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.
- (e) 0819 Scheduled repairs and alterations completed. Got underway from Norfolk Navy Yard and proceeded to anchorage in Hampton Roads. 0957 Anchored in Hampton Roads.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 18, 1942.

- (a) Almaack under orders Commander Transport Division 11.
- (b) Comtrans Div. 11 Movement order 1-42 of September 17, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.
1200: Anchored in Hampton Roads, Virginia.
2000: 37° 07' N
74° 38' W
- (e) 1314 In accordance with COMTRANS Div. 11 movement order 1-42 of September 17, 1942. Got underway and stood out of Hampton Roads in company with Transdiv 11 less Leedstown. 1347 Passed thru gate in net defenses of Hampton Roads. Standing out of Chesapeake Bay in swept channel. 1934 Left swept channel. Formation of two AP's and one AK in column with escort of five DD's.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 19 - 25, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 11 with escort of five (5) DD's.
- (b) Com Trans Div 11 Movement order 1-42 of September 17, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 39° 27' N
73° 27' W

1200: Approaching swept channel entrance to New York Harbor.

2000: Moored to pier # 15, US Army New York Port of Embarkation, Staten Island, New York.
- (e) 1339 Sighted Ambrose Light Vessel. 1445 Passed thru gate in net defenses of New York Harbor. 1643 Moored to pier # 15, U.S. Army New York Port of Embarkation, Staten Island, New York. Commenced cargo operations. Friday September 25, thirteen commissioned officers and one hundred fifty one enlisted men of the Army of the United States reported aboard for duty.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 26, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's, and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK, and five (5) Merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 dated September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Underway in lower bay, New York Harbor.
1200: In swept channel to New York Harbor, standing out to sea.
2000: 39° 34' N
71° 26' W
- (e) 0626 Got underway in accordance with Comtaskfor 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942. 1120 Convoy formed in cruising disposition. Ship # 12 absent. 1500 Ship # 12 joined convoy and took proper station. Set course 115° T. 1838 Changed course to 080° T.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 27, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, and nine (9) DD's and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK and five (5) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 40° 11' N Course and speed made good.
67° 52' W 1839 Sept. 26 to 1000 Sept.
27, 080° T at 15 knots: 1000
1200: 40° 39' N Sept. 27 to 1200 Sept 27, 035°
67° 00' W at 14 knots.
- 2000: 41° 57' N
65° 54' W
- (e) 1000 Changed course to 035° T. 2120 Changed course to 050° T.

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SECRET
AK27/A12

September 28, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, and nine (9) DD's, and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK and five (5) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 44° 03' N Course and speed made good
63° 27' W 1200 Sept. 27 to 2120 Sept. 27, 055° T at 14 knots;
1200: Standing into Halifax 2120 Sept. 27 to 0420 Sept. 28, 050° at 15 knots; 0420 Sept. 28 to 0800 Sept. 28, 018° at 15 knots; 0800 Harbor, Nova Scotia. Sept. 28 to 1000 Sept. 28, 000° at 14 knots.
2000: At anchor in Halifax Harbor, Nova Scotia.
- (e) 0420 Changed course to 018° T. 0951 Formed convoy in single column preparatory to entering Halifax Harbor, Nova Scotia. 1308 Entered Halifax Harbor. 1325 Anchored off of Georges Island in Halifax Harbor.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

September 29, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK and nine (9) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: In swept channel standing out of Halifax Harbor, Nova Scotia.
- 1200: 44° 35' N
62° 30' W
- 2000: 44° 46' N
59° 54' W
- (e) 0724 Got underway in accordance with operation plan 3-42 of COMTASKFOR 38. Convoy AT-23 increased by addition to convoy consisting of four (4) merchant vessels. 0746 Passed thru gate in net defenses of Halifax Harbor. 1110 Convoy formed in cruising disposition left the swept channel and set course 083° T.

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September 30, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, and one (1) AK, and nine (9) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 45° 00' N Course and speed made good
55° 59' W 0724 Sept. 29 to 0800 Sept.
30, 083° at 13.5 knots;
1200: 45° 05' N 0800 Sept. 30 to 1200 Sept.
54° 43' W 30, 079° at 14 knots.
2000: 45° 14' N
52° 23' W
- (e) 2300 Changed course to 080° T.

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From October 1, 1942 to October 31, 1942.

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
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October 1, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's, and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK, and nine (9) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 46° 05' N Course and speed made good
48° 07' W 1200 Sept 30 to 0800 Oct. 1;
079° at 13.5 knots. 0800
1200: 46° 14' N Oct. 1 to 1200 Oct. 1; 076°
46° 44' W at 14 knots.
2000: 46° 20' N
44° 48' W
- (e)

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October 2, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's, and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK, and nine (9) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 46° 46' N Course and speed made good
 40° 36' W 1200 Oct. 1 to 0800 Oct. 2;
 082° at 14 knots: 0800 Oct.
1200: 47° 02' N 2 to 1200 Oct. 2; 073° at
 39° 14' W 15 knots.
- 2000: 47° 29' N
 36° 48' W
- (e)

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October 3, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK, and nine (9) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 48° 26' N Course and speed made good
 32° 28' W 1200 Oct. 2 to 1200 Oct. 3:
 073° at 13.8 knots.
1200: 48° 50' N
 31° 09' W
2000: 49° 34' N
 28° 42' W
- (e)

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October 4, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK and nine (9) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation plan 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d)

0800:	50° 29' N	Course and speed made good 1200 Oct. 3 to 1200 Oct. 4: 067° at 13.8 knots.
	24° 38' W	
1200:	50° 53' N	
	23° 42' W	
2000:	51° 50' N	
	21° 23' W	
- (e)

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October 5, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, and one (1) AK, and nine (9) merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation order 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 53° 34' N Course and speed made good
 17° 18' W 1200 Oct. 4 to 1200 Oct. 5:
 058° at 14.5 knots.
- 1200: 53° 56' N
 15° 44' W
- 2000: 54° 29' N
 12° 48' W
- (e)

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October 6, 1942.

- (a) Task Force 38 consisting of one (1) BB, nine (9) DD's and convoy AT-23 consisting of three (3) AP's, one (1) AK and nine (9) Merchant vessels.
- (b) Commander Task Force 38 operation order 3-42 of September 23, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: On Soundings, proceeding to Belfast Lough. Course and speed made good 1200 Oct. 5 to 0605 Oct. 6: 070⁰ at 14 knots.
- 1200: On Soundings, proceeding to Belfast Lough.
- 2000: At anchor in Belfast Lough
- (e) Sighted Aran Island light bearing 130° T. 1613 Task Force 38 formed into two sections. ALMAACK in company with TRANSDIV 11 and one (1) Merchant ship under orders of COMTRANSDIV 11, proceeding into Belfast Lough. 1815 Anchored in Belfast Lough. 2300 ALMAACK with one (1) merchant vessel underway for Greenoch, Scotland in accordance with orders of Naval Control Service Officer, Belfast, Ireland dated October 6, 1942.

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October 7, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK and one (1) Merchant vessel under orders Naval Control Service Officer, Belfast, Ireland and COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with N.C.S.O., Belfast orders dated October 6, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) Anchored in Firth of Clyde at Gorouck, Scotland.
- (e) 0500 Entered Firth of Clyde. 0602 Anchored in Firth of Clyde off of Gorouck, Scotland.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
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October 8 - 14, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders of Flag Officer in Command, Greenoch, Scotland and COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with F.O.I.C., Greenoch 1316/7 of October, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: At anchor in Firth of Clyde, off Gorouck, Scotland.
1200: Underway in Clyde River, Scotland.
2000: Moored in berth 77, Plantation Quay, Glasgow, Scotland.
- (e) 0950 Underway in accordance with F.O.I.C., Greenoch 1316/7 of October, 1942, proceeding up Firth of Clyde and Clyde River. 1246 Moored in berth 77, Plantation Quay, Glasgow, Scotland. Commenced cargo operations.

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AK27/A12

October 14, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders of Flag Officer In Command, Glasgow, Scotland, and COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (b) Proceeding in accordance with F.O.I.C., Glasgow 0926/13 of 13 October, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Moored in berth 77, Plantation Quay, Glasgow, Scotland.
1200: Moored in berth 77, Plantation Quay, Glasgow, Scotland.
2000: Anchored in Loch Long, Scotland.
- (e) 1427 Underway from berth in accordance with F.O.I.C. Glasgow 0926/13 of 13 October, 1942. 1923 Anchored in Loch Long, Scotland. 2010 Shifted anchorage in Loch Long, Scotland.

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October 15, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK Under orders of F.O.I.C., Glasgow, Scotland and COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (b) F.O.I.C., Glasgow 0926/13 of 13 October, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Anchored in Loch Long, Glasgow, Scotland.
1200: Anchored in Loch Long, Glasgow, Scotland.
2000: Anchored in Loch Long, Glasgow, Scotland.
- (e) 0803 Underway to shift anchorage. Upon sighting, starboard anchor found to be fouled. 0840 Anchored in Loch Long, Scotland cleaning fouled anchor. 1030 Anchor cleared. 1043 Underway completing shift of anchorage. 1056 Anchored. 1158 Underway shifting anchorage. 1219 Anchored. 1710 Dropped port anchor.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

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October 16 - 21, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders of Senior Officer, Assault Ships and Craft, and COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (b) Rear Admiral. S.O.A.S. and C., No E 1/11/180 A of October 11, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Anchored in Loch Long, Scotland.
1200: Anchored in Loch Long, Scotland.
2000: Underway in Loch Fyne, Scotland.
- (e) 1404 Underway in accordance with S.O.A.S. and C., No. E 1/11/180 A of October 11, 1942. Standing down Firth of Clyde proceeding to Inveraray, in Loch Fyne, Scotland. 1820 Moored to Buoy # 4 in Loch Fyne, Scotland off of the town of Inveraray in company with Transport Division 11. Commenced Amphibious Exercises under direction of Senior Officer Assault Ships and Crafts, Commanding Officer 39th Combat Team-U.S. Army, and COMTRANS DIV 11.

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October 21 - 23, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 11 under orders of Senior Officer Assault Ships and Craft and COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 11 211225 of 21 October, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Moored to buoy # 4, Loch Fyne, Scotland.
1200: Moored to buoy # 4, Loch Fyne, Scotland.
2000: 1825 Anchored in assigned berth, Brodick Bay, Scotland.
- (e) Completed Amphibious Training Exercises. 1357 Got underway in accordance with COMTRANSDIV 11, 211225 of 21 October in company with Trans Div 11. Proceeded from mooring and standing down Loch Fyne. 1825 Anchored in assigned berth in Brodick Bay, Arran Island, Scotland.

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October 23 - 26, 1942.

- (a) Transport Division 11 under orders Senior Officer Assault Ships and Craft; and COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (b) COMTRANSDIV 11.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Underway in Firth of Clyde.
1200: Anchored in berth B-6, Loch Long, Scotland.
2000: Anchored in berth B-6, Loch Long, Scotland.
- (e) 0523 Got underway in company with TRANSDIV 11, proceeding to Firth of Clyde. 0836 Anchored in berth B-6, Loch Long, Scotland.

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October 26, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F. 1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch acting under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Anchored in berth B-6, Loch Long, Scotland.
1200: Anchored in berth B-6, Loch Long, Scotland.
2000: Anchored in berth B-6, Loch Long, Scotland.
- (e) 2025 Got underway in accordance with Operation Torch orders and COMTRANSDIV 11, 261115 of 26 October in company with convoy K.M.F.1 proceeded down Firth of Clyde.

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October 27, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Underway in Irish Sea.
1200: Underway in Irish Sea.
2000: 55° 20' N
09° 39' W
- (e) 0932 Convoy formed into cruising disposition per Naval Commander Eastern Task Force operation order Torch /N.E.5 dated October 10, 1942 cruising order #2.

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October 28, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: $54^{\circ} 51' N$ Course and speed made good
 $13^{\circ} 26' W$ 2000 Oct. 27 to 1200 Oct. 28:
1200: $54^{\circ} 41' N$ 262° at 12 knots.
 $14^{\circ} 45' W$
2000: $53^{\circ} 42' N$
 $17^{\circ} 00' W$
- (e)

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October 29, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 52° 32' N Course and speed made good 1200
20° 05' W Oct. 28 to 1200 Oct. 29: 235° at
10.5 knots.
- 1200: 52° 02' N
20° 57' W
- 2000: 51° 02' N
21° 57' W
- (e)

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October 30, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 49° 44' N Course and speed made good 1200
24° 41' W Oct. 29 to 1200 Oct. 30: 235° at
9.5 knots.
- 1200: 49° 57' N
25° 34' W
- 2000: 48° 42' N
25° 20' W

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October 31, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 46° 48' N Course and speed made good 1200
 25° 58' W Oct. 50 to 1200 Oct. 31: 185° at
 9.4 knots.
- 1200: 46° 14' N
 25° 53' W
- 2000: 45° 02' N
 26° 39' W
- (e)

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From November 1, 1942 to November 30, 1942.

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 1, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 42° 56' N Course and speed made good 1200
26° 33' W Oct. 31 to 1200 Nov. 1: 185°
at 10.5 knots.
1200: 42° 14' N
26° 34' W
2000: - -
- (e)

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November 2, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 39° 34' N Course and speed made good 1200
23° 45' W Nov. 1 to 1200 Nov. 2: 133° at
10 knots.
1200: 39° 26' N
22° 52' W
2000: 38° 47' N
21° 20' W
- (e)

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

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November 3, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 37° 45' N Course and speed made good 1200
18° 30' W Nov. 2 to 1200 Nov. 3: 117° at
10 knots.
1200: 37° 28' N
17° 53' W
2000: 36° 32' N
17° 07' W
- (e)

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November 4, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.1 consisting of forty one (41) ships and screen of ten (10) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of the Admiralty.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 36° 06' N Course and speed made good 1200
14° 40' W Nov. 3 to 2000 Nov. 3: 143° at
12 knots; 2000 Nov. 3 to 1200
1200: 36° 15' N Nov 4: 097° at 12 knots.
13° 50' W
- 2000: 36° 05' N
11° 59' W
- (e) 1415 Convoy K.M.F.1 shifted formation in accordance with Torch operation order No. 5 forming two convoys K.M.F.(A)1 and K.M.F.(O)1. ALMAACK in convoy K.M.F.(A)1, fourth ship in second column as per Operation Torch operation order No. 5, cruising order No. 23. Convoy consisting of twenty one (21) ships and screen of nine (9) ships. Convoy K.M.F.(O)1 altered course to the left and then to the right passing astern of K.M.F.(A)1 about ten miles distant.

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November 5, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.(A)1 consisting of twenty one (21) ships and screen of nine (9) ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of Naval Commander Eastern Task Force in the "BULOLO" #61 K.M.F.(A)1.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 36° 05' N Course and speed made good 1200 Nov.
 09° 03' W 4 to 2200 Nov. 4 - 133° at 12 knots;
 2200 Nov. 4 to 0400 Nov. 5 - 093° at
1200: 36° 06' N 12 knots; 0400 Nov. 5 to 0800 Nov. 5
 08° 14' W 062° at 12 knots; 0800 Nov. 5 to 1200
 Nov. 5 - 096° at 10 knots.
2000: 35° 55' N
 06° 32' W
- (e) Convoy on passing 10° W operational control passed from the Admiralty to the Naval Commander Eastern Task Force in the BULOLO #61. 1614 Convoy formed into cruising order No. 24 per Torch Operation, operation order No. 5. Convoy of four columns, ALMAACK fifth ship in third column. During the morning a strong naval task force was sighted to the south ward. Two ships of this force: HMS PALOMARES? and HMS POZARICA joined K.M.F.(A)1 as anti aircraft defense ships occupying convoy position numbers 62 and 63. At 1830 Convoy reduced to three columns of nineteen ships when column 01 was detached to proceed on duty assigned. ALMAACK now fifth ship in second column.

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November 6, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.(A)1 consisting of seventeen (17) ships, two (2) Anti Aircraft ships and screen of fifteen (15) ships all of Task Force Torch under operational control of Commander Eastern Task Force.
- (b) Operation Torch.
- (c) None.
- (d)
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|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 0800: | 36° 20' N | Course and speed made good 1200 |
| | 03° 18' W | Nov. 5, to 1900 Nov. 5; 099° at |
| | | 10 knots: 1900 Nov. 5 to 0100 |
| 1200: | 36° 23' N | Nov. 6; at knots/ 0100 Nov. |
| | 02° 41' W | 6, to 1200 Nov. 6: 080° at 11.6 |
| | | knots. |
| 2000: | 36° 05' N | |
| | 00° 03' W | |
- (e) Convoy steaming within sight of Coast of Spain. Air coverage present and during morning sighted Force "H" to the southward and a large convoy, possibly K.M.S.1 to the westward. 0635 Changed cruising disposition of convoy per Operation Torch operation order No. 5, cruising order No. 25. 1410 Enemy aircraft sighted, stationed all hands at general quarters. Force "H" now to the northward opened fire on aircraft. 1432 Secured from general quarters, set Condition II. 1504 Convoy performed emergency alterations of course upon suspected sound contact with underwater object.

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November 7, 1942.

- (a) Convoy K.M.F.(A)1 consisting of seventeen (17) ships, two (2) Anti Aircraft ships and screen of fifteen (15) ships all of Task Force Torch under operational control of Naval Commander Eastern Task Force.
- (b) Operation Torch. Course and speed made good 1200 Nov. 6 to 1830 Nov. 6; 98° at 11 knots;
- (c) None. 1830 Nov. 6 to 2030 Nov. 6-46° at 11 knots; 2030 Nov. 6 to 0030 Nov. 7 -
- (d) 0800: 37° 36' N 00° 39' E 006° at 12 knots; 0030 Nov. 7 to 0230 Nov. 7 to 0500 Nov. 7 - 046° at 11 knots; 0500 Nov. 7 to 0800 Nov. 7 - 086° at 11 knots; 0800 Nov. 7 to 1200 Nov. 7 - 090° at 12 knots; 1200 Nov. 7 to 1900 Nov. 7 - 095° at 11 knots; 1900 Nov. 7 to 2042 Nov. 7 137° at 14 knots.
- 1200: 37° 33' N 01° 37' E
- 2000: 37° 07' N 03° 16' E
- (e) 0515 Stationed crew at general quarters. 0538 Aircraft heard passing close by. Bomb or aerial torpedo splashes observed on port bow, second splash close under port quarter of U.S.S. THOMAS STONE(AP59). STONE omitted large quantities of smoke from stack, sheared off sharply to starboard, stopped and was now well behind convoy, two escort vessels standing close by. By visual signalling STONE reported steering engine, rudder and propellor damaged by direct hit. 0638 Secured from general quarters, set Condition II. 0641 Unidentified plane sighted, stationed crew at general quarters. 0703 Secured from general quarters. 0954 Convoy performed emergency alterations of course upon suspected sound contact with underwater object. 1700 Sounded general quarters. 1758 Secured from general quarters. 1800 Charlie section of Convoy K.M.F.(A)1 released from Apples and Beer sections. Charlie section consisting of USS CHASE, USS LEEDSTOWN, USS ALMAACK, SS EXCELLER, SS DEMPO, and screen of seven (7) escort vessels and two (2) motor launches. 2017 Sighted Cape Matifu light bearing 190° T. 2110 Sighted Cape Caxine light. 2200 All ships of Charlie section reached release position, contacted pilot submarine, commenced unloading landing craft. 2307 Completed unloading landing craft.(See (a) Attached action report and (b) attached boat report)

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November 8, 1942.

- (a) Charlie section of convoys K.M.F.(A)1 and K.M.S.(A)1 consisting of two (2) AP's, one (1) AK and four (4) Merchant vessels, with screen of seven (7) escort vessels and two (2) motor launches all of Task Force Torch under operational control of Naval Commander E stern Task Force and under immediate control of Senior Naval Officer of Charlie Landing in USS CHASE.
- (b) Operation Torch and S.N.O.L.(c) operation order #1.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Lying to off Charlie Red Beach.
1200: At anchor off of Charlie Red Beach.
2000: At anchor off of Charlie Red Beach.
- (e) 0145 First wave of ALMAACK boats left the ship for the assault. 0208 Got underway in company with all ships of Charlie Section, standing in toward the beach. 0230 Two merchant vessels of convoy K.M.S.(A)1 joined Charlie Section. Section now consisting of two (2) AP's, one (1) AK and four (4) Merchant vessels. 0304 First ALMAACK boat returned to ship from beach. 0321 Reached position about two miles off main landing beach, lying to in company with assault shipping of Charlie Section. 0907 Anchored off of main landing beach-distant about 1500 yards- in company with a ssault shipping of Charlie Section. Landing operations continuing except for a brief stoppage between 1015 and 1054 due to congestion on the landing beach. Wind and sea, however increased throughout the day, blowing from the East, At 1645 at force 5 or 6, loading of boats became impossible. 1648 to 1735 all ships of Charlie Section subjected to aerial bombing by an undetermined number of enemy planes: One hit was sustained by the USS LEEDSTOWN, severely damaging her steering engine. 2020 Secured all cargo handling. Wind and sea rendering boat operations impossible, only six (6) boats of ships complement remaining at this time. At 2155 directed these six boats to lie off with crews aboard. (See:(a) Attached action report and (b) attached boat report)

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November 9, 1942.

- (a) Charlie Section of convoy K.M.F.(A)1 and K.M.S.(A)1 consisting of two (2) AP's, one (1) AK and four (4) Merchant vessels with screen of escort vessels and motor launches. All ships of Task Force Torch under operational control of Naval Commander Eastern Task Force, and under immediate control of Senior Naval Officer of Charlie Landing in USS CHASE.
- (b) Operation Torch and S.N.O.L.(c) operation order #1.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Underway in Algiers Harbor.
1200: Anchored off of Queenie Red Beach.
2000: Anchored in Algiers Harbor.
- (e) 0541 Got underway in company with assault ships of Charlie Section proceeding to Algiers Harbor. While clearing anchorage ships were subjected to bombing attack by enemy planes. At time of getting underway ALMAACK had no landing boats. The six boats which had been cast off during the night were found to be stranded on the beach. 0843 Anchored off Queenie Red Beach in lee of Cape Matifu in company with ships of Charlie Section excepting the USS LEEDSTOWN, which remained at Charlie Red Beach, unable to maneuver due to damaged steering engine, and two merchant vessels who proceeded directly into the port of Algiers. 1300 Ships of Section subjected to brief bombing attack by enemy planes. 1507 Got underway under orders of S.N.O.L.(c) and proceeded to port of Algiers. At 1630 while lying off port entrance awaiting pilot all ships in harbor were subjected to a heavy bombing attack by enemy planes. One anti-aircraft cruiser was observed to be struck aft, but did not sink. 1721 Anchored in general ship anchorage in Algiers Harbor. (See:(a) Attached action report)

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November 10, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Naval Commander Eastern Task Force and Senior Naval Officer of Charlie Landing in USS CHASE.
- (b) Operation Torch and S.N.O.L.(c) operation order #1.
- (c) None.
- (d) Moored to Mole Louis Billiard in port of Algiers.
- (e) 0530 Underway for berth in port. 0757 Secured to berth in port of Algiers. Commenced cargo operations.

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November 11, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Naval Commander Eastern Task Force and Commander Transport Division 11 (Senior Naval Officer of Charlie Landing) in USS CHASE.
- (b) Operation Torch and S.N.O.L.(c) operation order #1.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Moored to Mole Louis Billiard in port of Algiers.
1200: Moored to Mole Louis Billiard in port of Algiers.
2000: Anchored in Harbor of Algiers.
- (e) 1330 Completed cargo operations. Operation Torch operations by ALMAACK completed. 1526 Got underway from berth in port. 1619 Anchored in Harbor of Algiers.

C.L.M.

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
Ak27/A12

November 12, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders of Naval Commander Eastern Task Force and Commander Transport Division 11.
- (b) F.O.I.S. Algiers 0740/a1 of November 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Anchored in Harbor of Algiers.
1200: Anchored in Harbor of Algiers.
2000: Underway off entrance to swept channel to Algiers Harbor, convoy forming into cruising order.
- (e) 1747 Got underway in accordance with F.O.I.S. Algiers 0740/12 of November 1942 in company with one (1) AP, one (1) Merchant vessel, one (1) British auxiliary CV and escort of three (3) destroyers(British). ALMAACK position 22 in convoy. Commodore in auxiliary CV in position 21.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 13, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK in company with one (1) British auxiliary CV, one (1) AP, one (1) Merchant vessel, and escort of three destroyers (British).
- (b) F.O.I.S. Algiers 0740/12 of November 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 36° 59' N
00° 46' W
- 1200: 36° 42' N
01° 39' W
- 2000: 36° 27' N
03° 09' W
- (e) 0702 Sighted Force "O" consisting of three (3) cruisers (British) and one (1) destroyer (British) and one carrier (British). 0727 Joined company with Force "O". ALMAACK position 32, Commodore in position 21. Convoy now consisting of three (3) cruisers (British), one (1) aircraft carrier (British), one (1) auxiliary aircraft carrier (British), four (4) destroyers (British), one (1) AP, one (1) AK and one (1) merchant vessel.

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 14, 1942.

- (a) Convoy consisting of three (3) cruisers (British), one (1) aircraft carrier (British), one (1) auxiliary aircraft carrier (British), four (4) destroyers (British), one (1) AP, one (1) AK, and one (1) merchant vessel.
- (b) F.O.I.S. Algiers 0740/12 of November 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: Underway in Gibraltar Bay.
1200: At anchor in Gibraltar Bay.
2000: Underway in Straits of Gibraltar, convoy completing forming into cruising order.
- (e) 0809 Anchored in Gibraltar Bay in British waters.
1606 Underway in accordance with orders from the Naval Control Service Officer, Gibraltar of November 14, 1942. 1652 Formed in convoy M.K.F.1(Y) taking position 11, Commodore and guide in position 31. Convoy consisting of nine (9) ships and screen of five (5) escort vessels.

C.H.V.

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 15, 1942.

- (a) Convoy M.K.F.1(Y) consisting of nine (9) ships and screen of five (5) escort vessels.
- (b) Orders of Naval Control Service Officer, Gibraltar, of November 14, 1942.
- (c) None.
- (d) 0800: 36° 19' N
07° 52' W
- 1200: 36° 23' N
07° 52' W
- 2000: 36° 28' N
07° 53' W
- (e) 0300 Steaming in course 270° T at standard speed 13 knots. 0310 Escort vessel or vessels on port beam of convoy made sound contact with underwater object and also fired several rounds of machine gun ammunition. Executed emergency turn of 45° to starboard on signal from Commodore. At 0315 having steadied on course 315° T, torpedo struck and exploded in port side of the engine room. Engine and fire room and hold # 5 flooded to a depth of about 18 feet immediately. Shaft alley began flooding. All other holds and compartments remained sound and dry. About 0330 having rigged an emergency antenna; all antennas having been jarred loose and short circuited by the force of the explosion, radio contact was established with HMS ARGUS- Senior Officer of the Escort of the convoy - in position 32, and routine report of the torpedoing relayed to said ship. About 30 seconds after torpedoing of this ship an explosion and a violent fire was observed to break out on a ship on our starboard beam, ship later identified to be HMS AVENGER, position 22 in convoy. At dawn-about 0630- a transport vessel, identified as MS ETTRICK, position 21 in convoy was discovered lying to in a sinking condition about two miles astern with one destroyer, HMS GLAISDALE, standing by. At 0836 the ETTRICK sank, stern first. 0945 HMS GLAISDALE came alongside the starboard side. Using two L.C.M's, which had previously been used by the ETTRICK in abandoning ship, 8 officers and 180 men were transferred from this ship to HMS GLAISDALE for transportation to Gibraltar.

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Twelve (12) officers and 112 men remaining aboard as a skeleton crew for working the ship and manning the guns. 1335 Using the two boats obtained by HMS GLAISDALE, four more boats were picked up in working order and secured about the ship to be used in case of necessity to abandon ship. 1540 HMS BRILLIANT arrived and reported as relief vessel, relieving HMS GLAISDALE. (See: (a) Attached action report)

*C L M wholes
Capt USN*

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 16, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders of Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) 0800: 36° 42' N
07° 57' W

1200: 36° 44' N
07° 58' W

2000: 36° 31' N
07° 34' W
- (e) 1340 HMT JAUNTY and escort of two trawlers arrived, passed tow line to the JAUNTY. 1412 Underway in tow of the JAUNTY. HMS BRILLIANT and trawlers acting as escort for the tow.

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 17, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) 0800: $36^{\circ} 10' N$
 $06^{\circ} 26' W$
1200: $36^{\circ} 03' 48'' N$
 $05^{\circ} 40' 00'' W$
2000: $35^{\circ} 57' 48'' N$
 $05^{\circ} 40' 00'' W$
- (e) 2330 Arrived off Gibraltar.

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SECRET
AK27/A12

November 18, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) 0800: Under tow in Gibraltar Bay.
1200: At anchor in Gibraltar Bay.
2000: At anchor in Gibraltar Bay.
- (e) 1045 Anchored in Gibraltar Bay.

C.L.M.

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 19 - 23, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) At anchor in Gibraltar Bay.
- (e)

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U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 24, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) At anchor in Gibraltar Bay.
- (e) Captain C.L. NICHOLS detached this date with eight (8) officers and 181 men. Lt. Comdr. H.B. Mc LEAN acting as Commanding Officer.

*C. L. Nichols
capt U.S.N.*

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

November 25 - 30, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer,
Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) At anchor in Gibraltar Bay.
- (e)

*Tom Sean
Lt Comdr USN*

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U.S.S. ALMAACK

AK27/A9-8

November 18, 1942.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: Torpedoing of the U.S.S. ALMAACK - Report of.
Enclosure: (A) List of Material Damages - Preliminary report.

1. On the morning of Sunday, November 15, 1942, at 0315, GMT, the U.S.S. ALMAACK, while a member of Convoy MKF1(y), proceeding on course 315° True, speed 13 knots, occupying convoy position 11, was torpedoed.

2. The torpedo hit the port side of the engine room, approximately at frame #110, definite location unknown, causing material damages listed in Enclosure (A).

3. Personnel casualties as follows were occasioned by this hit:

MISSING:

KRAMER, Herbert Jess, 404 86 22, MM2c., O-1, U.S.N.R.
KEEFE, Frank Aloysius, Jr, 405 11 62, Flc., O-1, U.S.N.R.
VIRGILIO, Dominick, 406 91 44, F2c., M-1, U.S.N.R.
BROWN, Gerald Keith, 620 11 60, F3c., V-6, U.S.N.R.

MULTIPLE BURNS:

POLLOCK, Kennard, 279 13 32, CMM(PA).., U.S.N.
ROSSMAN, Fred Henry, 404 95 90, MM2c., O-1, U.S.N.R.
SRALIK, Herman George, 624 29 07, EM3c., V-6, U.S.N.R.
BRINNON, Floyd Jay, 622 16 16, F2c., V-6, U.S.N.R.

All casualties occurred to men of the engine and fireroom watches.

4. Just prior to torpedoing, escort vessels on port beam had opened fire with machine gun bullets. With the firing of the machine gun bullets, the convoy Commodore had ordered "Emergency Ships Right 45°" to course 315° True. The turn had been completed and ship steadied on new course approximately two (2) minutes when ALMAACK was hit.

5. No observation of either submarine or torpedo was made by any person on this vessel. This vessel was in Condition of Readiness 111, Watch 1, with one half (½) of the guns of the ship manned. Sea was calm, wind force 4, from SE, 60% overcast, no moon. Although the night was dark, ships of the adjacent column were at all times visible. No individual evasive action was taken by the ALMAACK.

Enclosure (A) to CG USS ALMAACK letter AK27/A9-8 of 11-18-42.

As a result of a preliminary investigation undertaken by divers, and without docking the ship, the following report of damages is submitted.

- (a) Entire port side of engine room is gone.
- (b) A hole, approximately 5'x6' is in port side of Hold #5. The bulkhead between engine room and Hold #5 is also crumpled and longitudinal frames have been pulled from position, making additional leaks from the engine room to Hold #5.
- (c) The leak to the shaft alley has not been located and extent is unknown, but believed to be minor.
- (d) The main generators, switchboards, and main circulating pumps, all located on port side, are apparently demolished.
- (e) The evaporator is undoubtedly repairable.
- (f) Both boilers were steaming and were immediately flooded while under full pressure. Port boiler is undoubtedly actually damaged by explosion. Starboard boiler may only require retubing and rebricking.
- (g) As all of the auxiliary machinery of this ship is electrically driven and a great majority on the lower engine room platform, which is at present under about ten feet of water, this machinery will require extensive rewinding or rebaking to recommission.

In the opinion of the Commanding Officer, as a result of the present preliminary investigation and because of the ship's location in Gibraltar where full repairs cannot be undertaken, it will be necessary to drydock the ship, undertake hull repairs requiring no less than 30 days, and tow to a United States port where repairs can be undertaken with some degree of expediency.

The Commanding Officer is of the opinion, in view of the above, that the ship will be out of commission for no less than six (6) months.

Because of the extensive time that the ship will be out of service due to extensive damages, the Commanding Officer is recommending that the majority of the crew and officers be transferred and a minimum crew consistent with the towing to the United States be retained on board.

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Subject: Torpedoing of U.S.S. ALMAACK - Report of.

6. Almost simultaneously with the torpedoing of the ALMAACK, the M.V. ETRICK, Convoy position 21, and H.M.S. AVENGER, Convoy position 22, were also torpedoed, the ETRICK sinking the following morning at 0836. H.M.S. AVENGER detonated with the torpedo hit and sank almost immediately.

7. Routine steps, looking to the safety of the ship, were taken. General Quarters was sounded. Investigation showed the engine and fire rooms and Hold # 5 to be flooded and the shaft alley was flooding beyond our control. The flooding was localized to these compartments due to the strength of the bulkheads separating the fireroom from Hold # 4 and the bulkhead separating Holds # 5 and # 6.

8. With the coming of daybreak, H.M. Escort Vessel GLAISDALE (L44) was observed to be standing by the ETRICK, picking up survivors, and, as the ALMAACK was considered to be in a very dangerous situation, arrangements were made with the GLAISDALE to take off 185 men and 8 Officers, with pay accounts, service records, confidential communications, and other valuable papers. These were transported to Gibraltar, where they were billeted at the Colonial Hospital to await the arrival of the ALMAACK.

9. Twelve officers and one hundred twelve men were retained on board for the handling of the ship, gun watches, etcetra. At 1540, H.M.S. BRILLIANT reported with orders to act as anti-submarine protection for ship, and further informed us that S.M.T. JAUNTY, together with two (2) trawlers, had been ordered as tow and further escort for this vessel's return to Gibraltar.

10. On the following day, Monday, at 1340, H.M. Tug JAUNTY arrived and took the ship in tow from a position eight miles South of Cape Santa Maria, Portugal. The ALMAACK arrived in the waters off Gibraltar at about 2300, November 17, 1942, and anchored in position, bearing 333° True, distance 1675 yards, from North Jetty Light, Gibraltar.

11. Recommendation of the Senior U.S. Naval Officer at Gibraltar, Rear Admiral B.H. Bieri, U.S.N., as to the disposition of the ship and crew will be made by separate correspondence when the extent of the damage has been determined by the British Naval Constructors attached to the Gibraltar Dock Yard.

C.L. NICHOLS.

cc:

C-in-C, LANTFLT.
COMAMPHIBFORLANT.
COMTRANSDIV 11.

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NOV.8, 1942 (1208 TO 1210)

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

LOCATION OF SHIP ALGIERS

USS ALMAACK - AK27

DATE NOVEMBER 8, 1942

1. Surprise attack (~~Yes~~ or No)
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye)
(If by Radar state type of set) AA SHIP GAVE AIR RAID WARNING,
BELIEVED OBTAINED BY RADAR. OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE WELL BEFORE ATTACK.
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles,
less 5 miles) LESS THAN FIVE MILES.
4. Number of planes THREE JU-88
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) DIVE-BOMBER & BOMBER.
Type of attack NO ATTACK DEVELOPED.
6. Speed and altitude (high and fast, intermediate and fast, low
and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow
INTERMEDIATE AND FAST.
7. Guns firing TWELVE Size 20 MM Number 12
Method of control TRACER Method spotting TRACER
8. Ammunition expended 193 ROUNDS
9. Percent service allowance expended 0.268%
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot
11. Approximate time of first hits
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 2 MINUTES
13. Approximate position angle open fire
14. Approximate position cease fire
15. Approximate bearing first shot
16. Approximate bearing last shot
17. Approximate range first shot
18. Approximate range last shot
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release
Type bomb
20. Approximate range torpedo release
Size of torpedo

21. Hits on ship NONE Was ship strafed NO
 Size gun
22. Number near bomb misses NONE Casualties from near misses
23. Planes shot down ~ Sure Possible Damaged
 By what size gun
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, ~~good, bad, poor~~)
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own maneuvers.

C. L. M. M. M. M. M.
Capt USN

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

LOCATION OF SHIP ALGIERS

USS ALMAACK - AK27

DATE NOVEMBER 08, 1942

1. Surprise attack (~~YES~~ or No)
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye)
(If by Radar state type of set) AA SHIP GAVE AIR RAID WARNING,
BELIEVED OBTAINED BY RADAR. OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE WELL BEFORE ATTACK.
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles,
less 5 miles) LESS THAN FIVE MILES.
4. Number of planes UNDETERMINED. THREE JU-88 AT START JOINED BY
UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF HE-111.
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) DIVE-BOMBER & BOMBER.
Type of attack SHALLOW DIVE BOMBING AND LOW LEVEL BOMB AND
TORPEDO ATTACK.
6. Speed and altitude (high and fast, intermediate and fast, low
and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow
AT SIGHTING INTERMEDIATE AND FAST, LATER DEVELOPED INTO LOW
AND FAST.
7. Guns firing SEVENTEEN Size .30 CAL., 3" Number (ONE .30 CAL.
AND 20 MM. (FOUR 3")
Method of control TRACER WITH Method spotting TRACER (TWELVE 20 MM.)
.30 CAL AND 20 MM., AA BARRAGE WITH 3". WITH .30 CAL & 20 MM.
8. Ammunition expended NONE WITH 3".
47 RDS. .30 CAL., 2519 RDS. 20MM., 70 RDS. 3".
9. Percent service allowance expended
.02 % .30 CAL., 3.5 % 20 MM., 7 % 3".
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot ***-
11. Approximate time of first hits ---
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 45 MINUTES.
13. Approximate position angle open fire ---
14. Approximate position cease fire ---
15. Approximate bearing first shot ---
16. Approximate bearing last shot ---
17. Approximate range first shot ---
18. Approximate range last shot ---
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release ---
Type bomb ---
20. Approximate range torpedo release ---
Size of torpedo ---

21. Hits on ship NONE Was ship strafed NO
Size gun
22. Number near bomb misses NONE Casualties from near misses
23. Planes shot down ~ Sure Possible Damaged
By what size gun
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, ~~good, bad, poor~~)
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
- (b) Show relative position of sun.
- (c) Indicate own maneuvers.

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Capt USN

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LOCATION OF SHIP ALGIERS

USS ALMAACK - AK27

DATE NOVEMBER 9, 1942

1. Surprise attack ~~XXXXX~~ No)
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye)
(If by Radar state type of set) AA SHIP GAVE AIR RAID WARNING,
BELIEVED OBTAINED BY RADAR. OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE WELL BEFORE ATTACK
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles,
less 5 miles) LESS THAN FIVE MILES.
4. Number of planes UNDERTERMINED NUMBER OF JU-88
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) DIVE-BOMBER & BOMBER.
Type of attack SHALLOW DIVING ATTACK.
6. Speed and altitude (high and fast, intermediate and fast, low
and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow
INTERMEDIATE AND FAST.
7. Guns firing TWELVE Size 20 MM. Number 12
Method of control TRACER Method spotting TRACER
8. Ammunition expended 300 RDS. 20 MM.
9. Percent service allowance expended .42 % 20 MM.
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot ---
11. Approximate time of first hits ---
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 6 MINUTES
13. Approximate position angle open fire ---
14. Approximate position cease fire ---
15. Approximate bearing first shot ---
16. Approximate bearing last shot ---
17. Approximate range first shot ---
18. Approximate range last shot ---
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release ---
Type bomb ---
20. Approximate range torpedo release ---
Size of torpedo ---

- 21.. Hits on ship NONE Was ship strafed NO
Size gun
22. Number near bomb misses NONE Casualties from near misses
23. Planes shot down ~ Sure Possible Damaged
By what size gun
- 24.. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available
- 25.. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor)
- 26.. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own maneuvers.

*C. V. ...
Capt USN*

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

LOCATION OF SHIP ALGIERS USS ALMAACK - AK27
 DATE NOVEMBER 9, 1942.

1. Surprise attack (~~XXXXXX~~ No)
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye)
 (If by Radar state type of set) AA SHIP GAVE AIR RAID WARNING
 BELIEVED OBTAINED BY RADAR. OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE WELL BEFORE ATTACK
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles,
 less 5 miles) LESS THAN FIVE MILES.
4. Number of planes UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF JU-88.
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) DIVE-BOMBER & BOMBER.
 Type of attack SHALLOW DIVING ATTACK.
6. Speed and altitude (high and fast, intermediate and fast, low
 and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow
 INTERMEDIATE AND FAST.
7. Guns firing SIXTEEN Size 20 MM. 3" Number 12 20 MM.
 4 3"
 Method of control TRACER WITH Method spotting TRACER WITH 20 MM.
 20 MM., AA BARRAGE WITH 3". NONE WITH 3".
8. Ammunition expended 300 RDS. 20 MM., 15 RDS. 3".
9. Percent service allowance expended 1.5 % 3", .42 % 20 MM.
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot ---
11. Approximate time of first hits ---
12. Approximate time first shot to last SHOT--- 2 MINUTES.
13. Approximate position angle open fire ----
14. Approximate position cease fire ---
15. Approximate bearing first shot ---
16. Approximate bearing last shot ---
17. Approximate range first shot ---
18. Approximate range last shot ---
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release ---
 Type bomb ----
20. Approximate range torpedo release ---
 Size of torpedo ---

21. Hits on ship NONE Was ship strafed NO
Size gun
22. Number near bomb misses NONE Casualties from near misses
23. Planes shot down - Sure Possible Damaged
By what size gun
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor)
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own maneuvers.

C. L. Hughes
Capt USN

1539 TO 1541

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS

LOCATION OF SHIP ALGIERS

USS ALMAACK - AK27

DATE NOVEMBER 9, 1942

1. Surprise attack (~~XXXX~~ No)
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye)
(If by Radar state type of set) AA SHIP GAVE AIR RAID WARNING
BELIEVED OBTAINED BY RADAR. OBSERVED BY NAKED EYE WELL BEFORE ATTACK
3. Range plane was picked up (50 miles, 30 miles, 10 miles,
less 5 miles) LESS THAN FIVE MILES.
4. Number of planes ONLY ONE JU-88 WAS SIGHTED
5. Type of plane (Fighter, scout, dive-bomber) DIVE-BOMBER & BOMBER
Type of attack NO ATTACK DEVELOPED.
6. Speed and altitude (high and fast, intermediate and fast, low
and fast, high and slow, intermediate and slow, low and slow,
INTERMEDIATE AND FAST
7. Guns firing SIXTEEN Size 20 MM. & 3" Number 12-20 MM.
Method of control TRACER WITH Method spotting TRACER WITH 20 MM.,
20 MM., AA BARRAGE WITH 3". NONE WITH 3".
8. Ammunition expended 300 RDS. 20 MM., 9 RDS. 3".
9. Percent service allowance expended .42 % 20 MM., .9 % 3".
10. Approximate time tracking to first shot ---
11. Approximate time of first hits ---
12. Approximate time first shot to last shot 2 MINUTES
13. Approximate position angle open fire ---
14. Approximate position cease fire ----
15. Approximate bearing first shot ----
16. Approximate bearing last shot - --
17. Approximate range first shot ---
18. Approximate range last shot ---
19. Approximate altitude of bomb release ---
Type bomb ---
20. Approximate range torpedo release ---
Size of torpedo ---

21. Hits on ship NONE Was ship strafed NO
Size gun
22. Number near bomb misses NONE Casualties from near misses
23. Planes shot down - Sure Possible Damaged
By what size gun
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor)
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own maneuvers.

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Capt USN

21. Hits on ship NONE Was ship strafed NO
Size gun
22. Number near bomb misses NONE. Casualties from near misses
23. Planes shot down - Sure Possible Damaged
By what size gun
24. Details of damage to target by gunfire if available
25. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor)
26. Pattern sizes (Large, small excessive)

SKETCH

- (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
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C. J. Nichols
Capt U.S.N.

U.S.S. ALMAACK.

Nov. 12, 1942.

From: J.W. Buxton, Lieut. Commander, U.S.N.R.
To : The Commanding Officer, U.S.S. ALMAACK.
Subject: Damage and loss of landing boats - Report on.
Enclosures: (A) Sketch.

1. The following facts are respectfully submitted as the result of an inquiry made on November 10, 1942:

(A) # 1 Personnel Boat L.C.P.R.
Coxswain : J.F. O'Neal, Cox, 664 05 40, U.S.N.R.
Engineer : D.L. Vetter, F2c, 372 32 68, U.S.N.
Crew : M.A. Craft, AS, 552 19 38, U.S.N.R.
W.J. Tussey, Sea2c, 382 92 94, U.S.N.

On November 7, 1942, # 1 Boat was lowered into the water at 2230. This boat made five trips to Aintaya Beach for the U.S.S. CHASE. At 0800, Nov. 8, this boat returned to the U.S.S. ALMAACK and had its engine repaired. 0900 Boat made three trips from U.S.S. ALMAACK to beach east of Surceuf. 1400 Boat was tied up astern of U.S.S. ALMAACK. 1730 Boat circled in vicinity of ALMAACK during air attack. 1800 Boat was tied up astern of ALMAACK (sea was too rough to hoist boat aboard). 2130 Boat # 1 broke away from the stern of ALMAACK and went adrift.

This boat was seen on Nov. 10 on the rocks at Surceuf.
Lost: (1) All boat gear.
(2) Two Browning automatic 30 cal. machine guns,
1000 rounds 30 cal. ammunition.

(B) # 2 L.C.V. Lighter.
Coxswain : "V" "C" Satterwhite, Sea2c, 356 77 94, U.S.N.
Engineer : E. Allread, F2c, 670 25 31, U.S.N.R.
Crew : V.M. Walker, Sea2c, 296 11 79, U.S.N.R.
L.L. Dempewolf, Sea2c, 382 93 66, U.S.N.

Boat # 2 left the U.S.S. ALMAACK at 2030 on Nov. 7 and circled with the first wave boats until 0030. It then loaded and landed at Aintaya Beach. While unloading a vehicle with the ramp down, surf filled the boat and stopped the engine. The boat was abandoned by its crew on the beach.

Lost: (1) Boat gear.
(2) Signal gear.
(3) Four gas masks.
(4) Winter clothing of crew.

Equipment salvaged: (1) One Browning 30 cal. machine gun and 200 rounds of ammunition.

(2) One P.B.Y. set.

This boat was not seen on the beach on date of investigation.

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(C) # 3 L.C.P.L.
Coxswain: W.R.M. Pinion, Cox, 624 12 69, U.S.N.R.
Engineer: H.E. Behney, F2c, 662 53 81, U.S.N.R.
Crew : J.L. Darnold, Sea2c, 382 93 51, U.S.N.
C.S. Walter, Sea2c, 602 35 45, U.S.N.R.

At 2230 Nov. 7 # 3 boat was lowered to the water for control and salvage boat. 0300, Nov. 8, boat made trip to beach east of Surceuf, did not land. 0600 Commenced salvage work and pulled seven (7) boats off beach. 1500 Returned and tied up astern of U.S.S. ALMAACK. Darnold, Sea2c, was left in boat. 2000 Coxswain and crew returned to boat. 2030 Boat cast off and started circling in vicinity of ALMAACK in rough sea. Boat started to fill with water. Crew proceeded to beach east of Aintaya and beached boat, hitting another boat already stranded on beach. Large hole was knocked in bottom of boat while beaching it (heavy surf).

- Lost: (1) All boat gear.
(2) One 30 cal. Browning machine gun and 1000 rounds of ammunition.
(3) Clothing and four gas masks.

This boat was seen on Nov. 10, demolished; engine still there.

(D) # 4 L.C.V. Ramp Lighter.
Coxswain : E. Stephenson Jr., Sea2c, 272 45 39, U.S.N.
Engineer : G.J. Bratcher, F2c, 664 24 76, U.S.N.R.
Crew : G.G. Brickley, Sea2c, 360 58 42, U.S.N.
R.H. Taylor, Sea2c, 552 13 40, U.S.N.R.

At 2030, Nov. 7, boat was lowered to the water and made one trip to the beach for the S.S. DEMPO. At 0630, made one trip for the U.S.S. CHASE to the beach east of Aintaya, loaded with 30 men and one 40 MM. A.A. gun. After coxswain had made beach and was disembarking men and unloading gun, beachmaster ordered boat to get off beach. While ramp was still down, coxswain backed boat out, and surf filled boat with water and stopped engine. Boat was abandoned on beach east of Aintaya. Salvage boat was unable to pull boat off beach.

- Salvaged: (1) Boat gear.
(2) One Browning 30 cal. machine gun.

Crew returned to U.S.S. ALMAACK on salvage boat with Ensign Kasprowski.

This boat was seen on Nov. 10 on beach east of Aintaya, demolished; engine still in boat.

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(E) # 5 L.C.V.

Coxswain: J.T. Mabey, Sealc, 382 73 37, U.S.N.
Engineer: W.S. Berry, F2c, 662 56 61, U.S.N.R.
Crew : T.T. Fussy, Sea2c, 329 11 35, U.S.N.
H.A. Carson, Sea2c, 656 59 72, U.S.N.R.

At 2030 Nov. 7, boat left ALMAACK and followed leader boat from the U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN to the beach. Landed on rocks near Fort Matifou in Algiers Bay. Damaged hull of boat and flooded.

Lost: (1) Boat gear.
(2) Clothing of crew.
(3) Life jackets.
(4) Gas masks.

Salvaged: One Browning 30 cal. machine gun and ammunition.

Boat was seen on the rocks near Cape Matifou Nov. 10.
Hull punctured; engine in boat.

(F) # 6 Tank Lighter.

Coxswain: R.J. Thayer, BM2c, 283 23 76, U.S.N.
Engineer: G.H. DeGross, F2c, 664 24 78, U.S.N.R.
Crew : C.H. Whisenhunt, Sea2c, 272 86 78, U.S.N.
L.W. Smith, Sea2c, 552 18 91, U.S.N.R.
E.E. Green, Sea2c, 668 85 79, U.S.N.R.
V.K. Carroll, Sea2c, 552 92 76, U.S.N.R.
T.J. Vanettes, Sea2c, 382 92 33, U.S.N.
R.B. Shearer, Sea2c, 670 47 00, U.S.N.R.

0300, Nov. 7, boat left ALMAACK for beach east of Aintaya. Made five unsuccessful attempts at landing. Hit rock and lost port propeller and jammed starboard rudder against starboard propeller. Boat broached on beach and flooded engine room. Pulled vehicle from boat by hand. Ramp cable was broken. Ramp down when broached.

Salvaged: Two (2) 50 cal. machine guns.

Boat was seen on beach east of Aintaya Nov. 10.
Hull good; engine room flooded; half buried in sand.

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(G) # 7 Tank Lighter.
 Coxswain: B.T. Bordelon, EM2c, 274 27 29, U.S.N.
 Engineer: A. Farrish, F2c, 628 29 43, U.S.N.R.
 Crew : R.S. Latham, Sea2c, 604 42 29, U.S.N.R.
 C.A. Andrew, Sea2c, 620 54 94, U.S.N.R.
 W.S. Dunn, Sea2c, 658 62 24, U.S.N.R.
 I.K. Lumbert, Sea2c, 372 45 38, U.S.N.
 M. Stern, Sea2c, 652 25 35, U.S.N.R.
 G.A. Turgeon, Sea2c, 642 26 03, U.S.N.R.

At 0230, Nov. 8, boat left ALMAACK for first trip.
 Made two trips for ALMAACK and three trips for EXCELLER.
 1730 Lay off ALMAACK during air attack. 2030 Tied up astern
 of ALMAACK. Coxswain left the boat. B.B. Esque, Sea2c,
 552 94 17, U.S.N.R., was put in boat with Latham, Sea2c,
 and Lumbert, Sea2c. The crew attempted to keep the boat
 headed into the wind. The port propeller was fouled,
 forcing the crew to beach the boat east of Aintaya.

Lost: (1) All boat gear.
 (2) Two 50 cal. machine guns and 800 rounds
 of ammunition.

Salvaged: One pair of binoculars.

Boat was seen on beach east of Aintaya on Nov. 10.
 Hull good; engines in boat; engine room flooded and half
 buried in sand.

(H) # 8 Tank Lighter.
 Coxswain: R.B. Jacobs, Sea2c, 618 09 68, U.S.N.R.
 Engineer: D.S. Bishop, F2c, 662 54 04, U.S.N.R.
 Crew : B.B. Esque, Sea2c, 552 94 17, U.S.N.R.
 W.A. Clark, Sea2c, 256 41 91, U.S.N.
 J.D. Gould, Sea2c, 382 93 22, U.S.N.
 L.F. Carter, Sea2c, 656 61 34, U.S.N.R.
 F.A. Hermes, Sea2c, 634 35 04, U.S.N.R.
 J.A. Welsh, Sea2c, 258 48 16, U.S.N.
 W.T. Stephens, Sea2c, 654 70 90, U.S.N.R.

At 2030, Nov. 7, boat left ALMAACK. 0300 Made one
 trip to beach east of Aintaya. 0600 Made one trip from
 U.S.S. CHASE to beach. 1000 Returned to ALMAACK, was hoisted
 aboard and fouled starboard propeller cleared. 1130 Made one
 trip to beach from ALMAACK. Assisted in salvage work on beach
 east of Aintaya. (There were seven boats on beach at this
 time.) 1630 Made salvage trip to beach with salvage gear.
 While backing off beach, surf broke ramp cables; port propeller
 damaged. 1730 Returned toward ALMAACK during air attack (dark).
 Could not control boat with damaged propeller. Anchored in
 three fathoms of water. 1830 Crew abandoned boat at anchor.

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Lost: (1) All boat gear.
 (2) Clothing and gas masks.
 (3) Life jackets.
 Boat was not seen on beach on Nov. 10 with other boats.

(I) # 9 Tank Lighter.
 Coxswain: W.A. Vaughn, Cox, 295 42 24, U.S.N.
 Engineer: R.V.A. Bernasconi, F2c, 662 57 71, U.S.N.R.
 Crew : E.D. Cauley, Sea2c, 552 19 63, U.S.N.R.
 C.W. DeWitt, Sea2c, 552 92 36, U.S.N.R.
 C.P. Frye, Sea2c, 552 93 10, U.S.N.R.
 W.E. McEleveen, Sea2c, 604 46 17, U.S.N.R.
 K.O. Strom, Sea2c, 393 66 81, U.S.N.
 E. Viener, Sea2c, 666 34 32, U.S.N.R.

Left ALMAACK for first trip to the beach at 0300.
 1600 Completed fourth trip to beach from ALMAACK. 1730 On
 attempting to land on beach east of Aintaya, boat broached
 and flooded engine room during air attack. 1800 Crew
 abandoned boat on beach.

Lost: (1) Two Browning 50 cal. machine guns and
 800 rounds of ammunition.
 (2) All boat gear.

Boat was seen Nov. 10 on beach east of Aintaya. Hull
 good; both engines in boat; engine room flooded, and boat
 half buried in sand.

(J) # 10 L.C.F.R.
 Coxswain: M.G. Schroeder, Sealc, 620 11 35, U.S.N.R.
 Engineer: J.O. Edin, MoMM2c, 654 34 72, U.S.N.R.
 Crew : J.E. Long, Sea2c, 296 11 87, U.S.N.
 R.J. Baker Jr., Sea2c, 347 04 28, U.S.N.

At 2030, Nov. 7, boat left ALMAACK, and at 0100 made
 one trip to the beach for the S.S. DEMPO. 0400 Returned to
 ALMAACK and made five trips to beach. 1100 Made trip to beach
 east of Aintaya loaded with trailer full of ammunition. Broached
 on beach and was pulled off by salvage boat. 1600 Hoisted aboard
 ALMAACK, cleared fouled propeller. 1730 Made trip to beach east
 of Aintaya. Broached on beach during air attack. Crew abandoned
 boat on beach.

Lost: All boat gear.

This boat was seen on the beach east of Aintaya on Nov. 10.
 Hull broken; engine in boat; engine room flooded, and boat half
 buried in sand.

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(K) # 11 L.C.V.
 Coxswain: H.D. Burch, Sea2c, 272 86 65, U.S.N.
 Engineer: V.M. Allen, MoMM2c, 662 52 44, U.S.N.R.
 Crew : L.J. Garvin, Sea2c, 604 35 83, U.S.N.R.
 J.W. Owens, Sea2c, 274 80 08, U.S.N.

At 2030, Nov. 7, left ALMAACK and made one trip to beach for S.S. DEMPO. 0530 Made one trip to beach for U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN. 0730 Made nine trips to beach for ALMAACK. 1730 Returned to ALMAACK and tied up astern. 2230 Boat broke loose and was manned by D.S. Bishop, F2c, and W.S. Berry, F2c. 2300 Boat was beached and abandoned on beach east of Aintaya.

Lost: All boat gear.

This boat was not seen on the beach on Nov. 10.

(L) # 12 L.C.P.R.
 Coxswain: R.H. Wilhelm, Sea2c, 648 21 21, U.S.N.R.
 Engineer: J.H. Eudy, MoMM2c, 616 31 00, U.S.N.R.
 Crew : F. Hunter, Sea2c, 272 86 72, U.S.N.
 R.H. Sommerhalder, Sea2c, 376 61 60, U.S.N.

At 2230, boat left ALMAACK. 0300 Made five trips to beach for U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN. 1300, Nov. 8, returned to ALMAACK and tied up astern. 2300 Boat broke loose from ship and presumably sank.

Lost: All gear.

Boat was not seen on beach Nov. 10.

(M) # 13 L.C.V.
 Coxswain: B.B. Miller, Sea1c, 632 24 97, U.S.N.R.
 Engineer: R.J. LaBorde, F2c, 644 23 01, U.S.N.R.
 Crew : C.M. Courtney, Sea2c, 382 93 33, U.S.N.
 L.M. English, Sea2c, 602 35 42, U.S.N.R.

At 2230, boat left ALMAACK and made nine trips to beach. 1730 Finished ninth trip to beach and lay off beach east of Aintaya waiting for personnel casualties. 1740 Air attack commencing, boat lay off near Cape Matifou. One bomb hit about 100 yards from boat, knocking crew down in boat. 1800 Upon returning to ALMAACK, boat was ordered to return to beach and wait. By this time, boat had holes in hull and bilge pump was broken. Tried to land on beach, but failed. 1900 Returned to ALMAACK and tied up astern. 2000 Boat broke loose. Boat was picked up by E.B. Neal, Cox, who beached it at 2130.

Lost: (1) All boat gear.

(2) One Browning 30 cal. machine gun, and 120 rounds of ammunition.

(3) Two cargo nets.

Boat was not seen on beach on Nov. 10.

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(N) # 14 L.C.P.R.
Coxswain: E.B. Neal, Cox, 654 19 01, U.S.N.R.
Engineer: H.E. Wills, F2c, 300 42 85, U.S.N.
Crew : H.T. White, Sea2c, 636 60 33, U.S.N.R.
R.F. Heitkemper, Sea2c, 382 93 01, U.S.N.

At 2030, boat left ALMAACK, and at 0200 made one trip to the beach for the U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN. 0300 Made four trips for U.S.S. CHASE. (Fouled and cleared propeller.) 1030 Returned to ALMAACK and lay off stern. 2030 Tied up astern of ALMAACK. 2230 Boat went adrift. Coxswain Neal picked up boat from L.C.V. # 13 and found it full of water and sinking. Crew was removed and boat abandoned. 2300 Boat sank.

Lost: All gear.

This boat was not seen on the beach on Nov. 10.

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2. Summary and conclusions:

(A) Summary sheet:

Boat #	Type	Ship's Responsibility When Lost or Beached.	Respons- No. of trips made to beach.	Apparent Cause of Loss.	Contributing Causes of Loss.	Time Boat Beached or Lost, Nov. 8.
1	LCPR	ALMAACK	8	Boat broke away from ship; sank.	Rough sea.	2130
2	LCV	ALMAACK	1	Ramp down; flooded engine.	Rough surf.	0100
3	LCPL	ALMAACK	2	Boat damaged when landing.	Rough surf.	2030
4	LCV	CHASE	2	Backing off beach, ramp down.	Overloaded. Heavy surf.	0700
5	LCV	LEEDSTOWN	1	Hit on rocks; hole in hull.	Overloaded. Led to wrong beach.	0330
6	Tank Lighter.	ALMAACK.	1	Hit on rock; engine room flooded.	Loss of propeller. Rudder broken. Ramp cable broken.	0330
7	Tank Lighter.	ALMAACK	6	Beached; boat abandoned.	Rough sea.	2130
8	Tank Lighter.	ALMAACK	3	Abandoned at anchor near beach.	Broken ramp cable. Broken propeller.	1800
9	Tank Lighter.	ALMAACK	4	Broached on beach and flooded engine room; ramp down.	Rough surf. Broken ramp cable.	1800
10	LCPR	ALMAACK	7	Beached and abandoned.	Rough sea. Air attack.	1730

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A. Summary sheet (continued):

Boat #	Type	Ship's Responsibility When Lost or Beached.	No. of trips made to beach.	Apparent Cause of Loss.	Contributing Causes of Loss.	Time Boat Beached or Lost, Nov. 8.
11	LCV	ALMAACK	11	Beached and abandoned.	Rough sea.	2300
12	LCPR	ALMAACK	5	Broke away from ship; sank.	Rough sea.	2300
13	LCV	ALMAACK.	10	Broke away from ship; beached.	Rough sea.	2130
14	LCPR	ALMAACK	8	Broke away from ship; sank.	Rough sea.	2230

B. Totals of summaries:

(1)

Ship's responsibility:
U.S.S. ALMAACK 12
U.S.S. LEEDSTOWN 1
U.S.S. CHASE 1

(2)

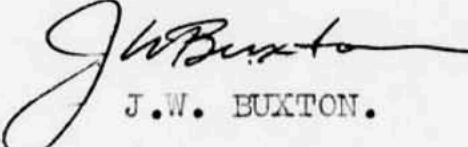
Causes of loss:
Broke away from ship 4
Ramp down, flooded by surf 3
Hit on rocks, damaged hull while landing..... 3
Abandoned on beach during storm and air attack..... 3
Broached on beach..... 1

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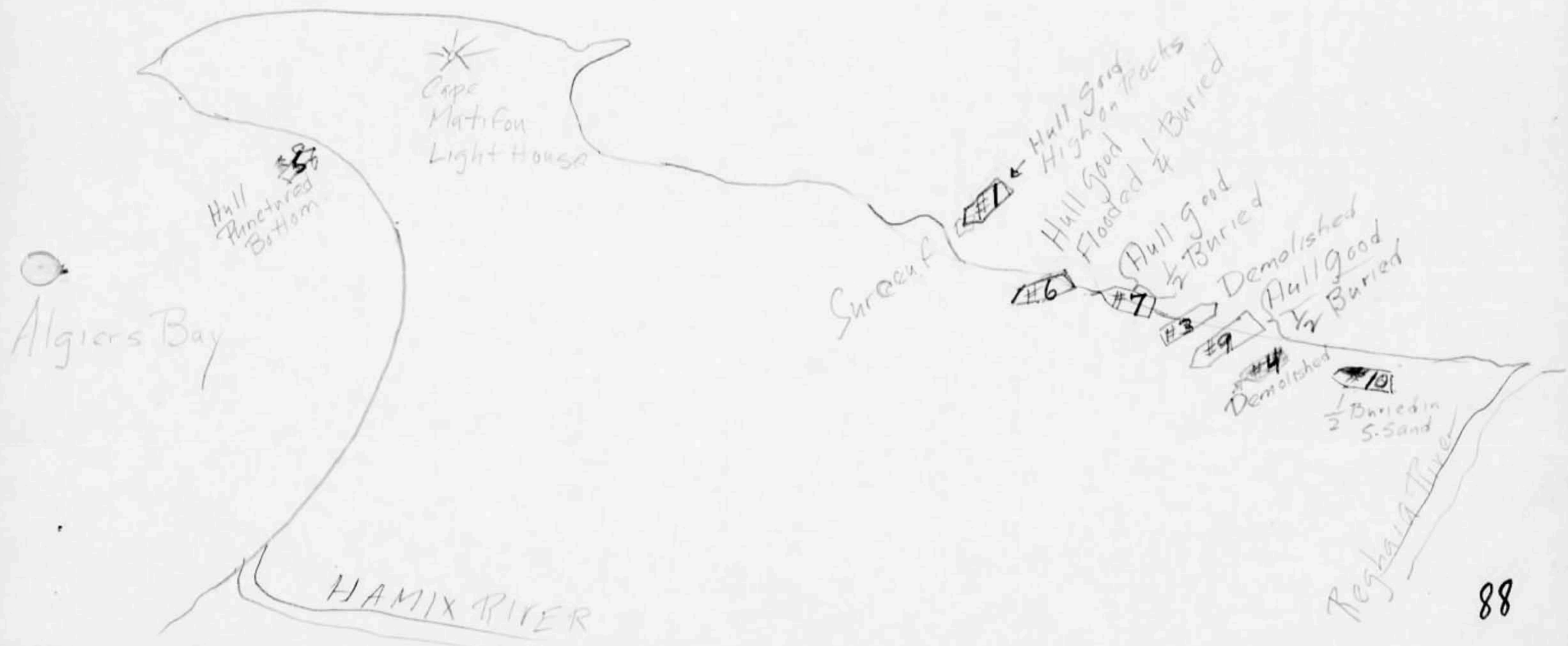
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- 2. Summaries and conclusions (continued):
- B. Totals of summaries (continued):
 - (3) Total number of useful trips to beach
made by all boats 68.
 - (4) Total number of boats found on beach
Nov. 10 8.
 - (5) Total number of usable boats found on
beach Nov. 10 3.


J.W. BUXTON.

This sketch shows location
of all Almaack boats seen
on November 10th, 1942
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From December 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942.

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December 1, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) 0800: At anchor in Gibraltar Bay.
1200: Underway under tow.
2000: Moored to berth 49, South Mole, Gibraltar Harbor.
- (e) 1110 Got underway under tow, shifting berths.
1235 Moored in berth 49, South Mole, Gibraltar Harbor. Shift of berth completed. Awaiting temporary repairs necessitated by torpedo hit in port side of engine room.

W. M. Sean
St. Louis USN

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

December 2, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) 0800: Moored in berth 49, South Mole, Gibraltar Harbor.
1200: Moored in Dry Dock #2, H.M. Dockyard, Gibraltar.
- (e) 1110 Got underway in tow, shifting berth.
1150 Moored in Dry Dock #2, H.M. Dockyard, Gibraltar.
Shift of berth completed. Awaiting temporary repairs necessitated by torpedo hit in port side of engine room.

H. M. Lee
Lt Comdr USN

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

December 3 - 10, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) In dry dock #2, H.M. Dockyard, Gibraltar.
- (e) Awaiting temporary repairs, necessitated by torpedo hit in port side of engine room.

W. M. C. Leau

St. Louis USA

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

December 10, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) 0800: Moored in dry dock #2 H.M. Dockyard, Gibraltar.
1200 Moored to dock, Gibraltar Harbor.
- (e) 0820 Underway in tow, shifting berth.
0930 Moored to dock, Gibraltar Harbor. Awaiting temporary repairs necessitated by torpedo hit in port side of engine room

JBMcLean
Lt Commander USN

U.S.S. ALMAACK (AK27)

SECRET
AK27/A12

December 11 - 31, 1942.

- (a) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer,
Gibraltar.
- (b)
- (c)
- (d) Moored to dock, Gibraltar Harbor.
- (e) Awaiting temporary repairs necessitated by torpedo
hit in port side of engine room.

SB McLean
Lt Commander USN

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From January 1, 1943 to January 31, 1943.

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January 1 - 31, 1943.

- (1) ALMAACK under orders Senior Naval Officer, Gibraltar. Awaiting temporary repairs necessitated by torpedo hit in port side of engine room.

H. B. McLean
Lt. Comdr USN