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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 1, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

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Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHFORPAC.
Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AT CRAIG'S SHIPYARD IN LONG BEACH, CALIF., UNDERGOING
REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

00445

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. A. Rattray
LIEUT. USNR
NAVIGATOR

HARRY ^D POWER,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

00115

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelons:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT { (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT { (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT { (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

00115

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. H. H. H. H.

HARRY B. POWER,
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 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT GRAIE'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (	Lat. _____	1200 LCT (	Lat. _____	2000 LCT (	Lat. _____
	Long. _____		Long. _____		Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. A. Rathay

H. B. Ye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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E. A. Rathay
LIEUT. USNR
NAVIGATOR 261

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____:-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
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AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

EA Rattray

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

by direction
EA Rattray 563

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 6, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. Rathay

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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E. Rathay 265

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ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHFORPAC
Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E A Hathway

H. Bye
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E A Hathway 267

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ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
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AND ALTERATIONS.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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DIARIST

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H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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E. A. Rathay 269

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DATE FEBRUARY 9, 1943.

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AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

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Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 10, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHFORPAC.

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

EA Rattay

H Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

by direction
EA Rattay 273

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AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

EA RATHAY

H. Byr
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

by direction
EA RATHAY 275

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DATE FEBRUARY 12, 1943.

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REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. A. Kattay

H. Bye
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DATE FEBRUARY 13, 1943.

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REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. H. Hattery

H. Byrd
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 14, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

E. Hattay

H. Byrd
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E. Hattay 281

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 15, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHFORPAC.

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

E. A. Pattray

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

by direction
E. A. Pattray
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO DOCK AT CRAIG'S TO SHIPYARD LONG BEACH, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

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(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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EA Kattay

H. Bye
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EA Kattay
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1240 UNDERWAY. PROCEED FROM CRAIG'S SHIPYARD TO PIER 92 SAN PEDRO TO CALIBRATE DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT. PILOT ELSACKER, TUG D.M. RENTON.

1407 MOORED TO PIER 92 SAN PEDRO, TUG D.M. RENTON.

2100 FINISHED CALIBRATING DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT.

2115 UNDERWAY. TUG D.M. RENTON, PILOT MADSON.

2245 PILOT LEFT SHIP. SET COURSE 220° SPEED 11½.

2345 C/C TO 147°, PROCEEDING SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy attached next hereto.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 18, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM SAN PEDRO, CALIF. TO SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

ALONE.

Designation of the unit:- NONE
Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO SAN DIEGO.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:- 1047 - DOCKED SAN DIEGO.

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
- 0300 INCREASED SPEED TO 13.0 KNOTS.
 - 0445 CHANGED SPEED TO 7½ KNOTS.
 - 0514 POINT LOMA L.H. ABM. AT 12 MILES OFF.
 - 0530 C/C 270° AWAITING DAYLIGHT.
 - 0610 C/C 090° PROCEEDING INTO PORT THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL.
 - 0805 HEAVED TO OFF IMPERIAL BEACH CALIBRATION RANGE AWAITING ORDERS.
CALIBRATION NOT NEEDED.
 - 0915 PROCEEDING INTO SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
 - 0945 PILOT KROG ABOARD.
 - 0950 PASSED THROUGH NETS.
 - 1047 MOORED TO PIER #1 SAN DIEGO, TWO NAVY TUGS ASSISTED.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 19, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED PIER #1 SAN DIEGO, XXX CALIF.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

BARNETT	CARMICK
ALCYONE	MC KENZIE
BELLATRIX	MC LANAHAN
BETELGEUSE	AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.
NEVILLE	

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO CANAL ZONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:- 1915 - DEPARTURE AT BUOY "A".

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			

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1732 LEFT DOCK. PILOT JOHNSON. NAVY TUG ASSISTING.

1812 PASSED THROUGH NETS.

1823 PILOT LEFT SHIP. PROCEEDING TO SEA THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL.

1915 BUOY "A" ABEAN. SET COURSE 217° - SPEED 14.0. PROCEEDING TO BALBOA, C.Z. IN COMPANY WITH BARNETT(SOPA), ALCYONE, NEVEILLE, BELLATRIX, AND SCREEN: CARMICK, MC KENZIE, AND MC LANAHAN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 20, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, PANAMA C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

NEVILLE	BARNETT
BETELGEUSE	ALCYONE
	BELLATRIX
	<u>SCREEN</u>
	CARMICK
	MC KENZIE
	MC LANAHAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>30-11 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>29-20 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>27-39 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>118-11 W.</u>	(Long. <u>117-50 W.</u>	(Long. <u>117-09 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 221 miles made good from ~~XXXXX~~ DEP.
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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0390 C/C 160° T.

0815 C/C to 14½ knots.

1200 C/C to 157° T.

2300 C/C to 141° T.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 21, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. PLUS 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ AT 0100
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, PANAMA C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 20th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHFORPAC
BARNETT
Brief of Mission or Task:-PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. 25-29 N. (Lat. 24-47 N. (Lat. 23-20 N.
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. 115-27 W. (Long. 114-45 W. (Long. 113-16 W.

Course VAR. and distance 325 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CELLING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON CLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

1120 - 1130 BLUE PYROTECHNIC FLARE BECAME IGNITED IN #1 HOLD WHILE
MOVING FLARES FROM TROOP MAGAZINE TO PYROTECHNIC LOCKER.
NO DAMAGE.

1800 C/C to 127° T.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ DATE FEBRUARY 22, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, PANAMA C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 20th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORPAC
(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
BARNETT
Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>21-43 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>21-10 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>20-03 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>110-55 W.</u>	(Long. <u>110-08 W.</u>	(Long. <u>108-43 W.</u>

Course 127 and distance 337 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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DATE FEBRUARY 22, 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 127° T. S/S 14½ KNOTS.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next herein.~~

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, PANAMA C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 20th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. 18-23 N. (Lat. 17-52 N. (Lat. 16-48 N.
0800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000 LCT(
(Long. 106-29 W. (Long. 105-42 W. (Long. 104-07 W.

Course 128 and distance 321 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE FEBRUARY 23, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
1900 C/C TO 116° T.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 6¹ DATE FEBRUARY 24, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. PLUS 6 AT 0100
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 20th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>15-34 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>15-09 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>14-17 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>101-32 W.</u>	(Long. <u>100-37 W.</u>	(Long. <u>98-42 W.</u>

Course 116 and distance 337 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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DATE FEBRUARY 24, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 116° T. S/S 14½ KNOTS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 6 DATE FEBRUARY 25, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 20th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>13-03 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>12-32 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>11-50 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>96-01 W.</u>	(Long. <u>95-15 W.</u>	(Long. <u>93-29 W.</u>

Course 116 and distance 350 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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DATE FEBRUARY 25, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

STEAMING AS BEFORE ON ~~XXXX~~ COURSE 116° T. S/S 14½ KNOTS.

0530 TO 1400 - STEAMED THROUGH PATCHES OF FOG. FOG BUOYS ~~STEAMED~~.
1400 - CLEARED.

0850 REDUCED SPEED TO 14.0.

1440 SIGHTED LIBERATOR BOMBER.

1537 ALCYONE STOPPED FOR ENGINE REPAIRS. SLOWED TO 2/3 SPEED.

1612 ALCYONE BACK IN FORMATION. S/S 14.0 KNOTS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DATE FEBRUARY 26, 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 116° T. S/S 14 KNOTS.
0755 STOPPED ENGINE TO CLEAN FOULED OIL STRAINERS.
0758 RESUMED STANDARD SPEED.
0845 SIGHTED LIBERATOR BOMBER.
1500 C/S to 13.0 KNOTS.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 5¹ DATE FEBRUARY 27, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. PLUS 5 AT 0100
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 20th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>8-37 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>8-14 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>7-35 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>86-51 W.</u>	(Long. <u>86-03 W.</u>	(Long. <u>84-23 W.</u>

Course 119 and distance 286 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 116° T. S/S 13.0.
0900 C/C to 120° T.
1400 REDUCED SPEED TO 2/3. BARNETT PULLED OUT FORMATION TO HOLD
TEST FIRING.
1453 BARNETT BACK IN FORMATION. S/S 14.0.
1538 REDUCED S/S to 13.0.
1800 C/C TO 103° T.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, C.Z.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 20th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
BARNETT.

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>6-48 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>6-48 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>6-58 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>81-41 W.</u>	(Long. <u>81-10 W.</u>	(Long. <u>80-03 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 305 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

STEAMING ON COURSE 103° T. S/S 13.0 KNOT.S

0630 JICARITA IS. LIGHT BRG. 027° AT 26 MILES OFF.

0700 S/S 12.0 KNOTS.

0710 C/C TO 087° T.

0800 S/S 10.0 KNOTS.

1310 C/C TO 080° T.

1930 S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

1945 C/C to 025° T.

2118 SIGHTED CAPE MALA L.H. BRG. 000°

DISTANT STEAMED IN FEBRUARY	-	3,052.
TOTAL DISTANCE STEAMED	-	64,809.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

W. H. Kattay

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Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

by direction
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R.S. No.

ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 5 DATE MARCH 1, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. AT
ENROUTE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, C.Z.
CONVOY NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER

1. (a) Composition of units:-

NEVILLE BARNETT
BETELGEUSE ALCYONE
BELLATRIX

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SCREEN
CARMICK
MC KENZIE
MC LANAHAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 3.10
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
SOPA IN BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:- 0912 - ARRIVAL OFF TABOQUILLA IS.

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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DATE MARCH 1, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

0030 CAPE MALA L.H. ABEAM BRG. 295(T) AT 10 MI. OFF.
0100 C/C TO 022(T). S/S 11 KNOTS.
0624 C/C TO 000(T). PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEPT CHANNEL.
0710 S/S 12 KNOTS.
0757 BONA IS. L.H. ABEAM AT 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ MILES OFF.
0912 TABOQUILLA IS. L.H. ABEAM AT 3/4 MILES OFF.
0925 STOPPED FOR PILOT.
0952 PILOT E.P. SMALL ABOARD. PROCEEDING TO DOCK AT BALBOA THROUGH
CHANNEL.
1108 MOORED STBD. SIDE TO PIER #6 BALBOA.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

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SCHEME DESCRIPTION PLUS 5 DATE MARCH 2, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. PLUS 4 AT 0200
ENROUTE FROM BALEGA TO CRISTOBAL
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

ALONE, TRANSITING PANAMA CANAL.

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Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORPAC

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT	(Lat. _____ (Long. _____)	1200 LCT	(Lat. _____ (Long. _____)	2000 LCT	(Lat. _____ (Long. _____)
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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE MARCH 2, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

0545 PILOT FERGERSON ABOARD, MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR GETTING
UNDERWAY TO TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL.
0617 UNDERWAY. VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING WITH CHANNELS.
0717 ENTERED MIRAFLORES LOCKS.
0813 PASSED OUT OF MIRAFLORES LOCKS.
0835 ENTERED PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS.
0903 PASSED OUT OF PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS. VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS
THROUGH GAILLARD CUT AND GATUN LAKE CONFORMING TO CHANNELS.
1200 ENTERED GATUN LOCKS.
1313 PASSED OUT OF GATUN LOCKS. PROCEEDED TO ANCHORAGE.
1403 ANCHORED IN LIMON BAY.
EAST BREAKWATER L.H. BRG. 336(T).
TORO POINT L.H. BRG. 266(T).

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 3, 1943.
 CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM CANAL ZONE TO CHARLESTON, S.C.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
ALCYONE	NEVILLE	BARNETT	T. JEFFERSON
DICKMAN	ARCTURUS	BETELGEUSE	BIDDLE
	BELLATRIX	CEERON	ANTAEUS

SCREEN
 CARMICK
 MC LANAHAN
 MC KENZIE

00453

Designation of the unit:- TASK FORCE 39
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 ALPHAPORTANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 SOPA IN BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, S.C.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:- 1500 - DEPARTURE - PASSED BETWEEN BREAKWATERS.

0800 LCT (	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT (	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT (	(Lat. <u>10-21 N.</u>
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. <u>79-34 W.</u>

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON CLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

1432 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO SEA ASTERN OF BARNETT.
1500 PASSED THROUGH BREAKWATERS. PROCEEDING OUT THROUGH SWEPT
CHANNEL. SPEED 14 KNOTS.
1536 PASSED OUT OF SWEPT CHANNEL. STEAMING AT REDUCED SPEEDS WHILE
VESSELS ARE FORMING CONVOY DISPOSITION.
1615 VESSELS COMMENCED TAKING POSITIONS.
1709 ALL SHIPS IN POSITION. C/C 032(T). S/S 14 KNOTS.
1730 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
2015 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 4, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM CANAL ZONE TO CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

SAME AS FOR MARCH 3, 1943.

Designation of the unit:- TASK FORCE 39.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

- AMPHIBOLANT
SOPA IN BARNETT.
- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO CHARLESTON NAVY YARD
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT	(Lat. <u>12-42 N.</u> (Long. <u>78-07 W.</u>)	1200 LCT	(Lat. <u>13-27 N.</u> (Long. <u>77-39 W.</u>)	2000 LCT	(Lat. <u>14-52 N.</u> (Long. <u>76-55 W.</u>)
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Course 031(T) and distance 281 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

0630 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS.
0630 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0647 TO 0652 HELD FIRE DRILL.
0730 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
1215 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBD.
1225 RESUMED BASE COURSE 032(T).
1230 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1919 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1920 SLOWED TO 9 KNOTS.
1926 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. BELLATRIX FALLING BACK TO ABOARD A MAN
WITH APPENDICITIS FROM THE CARMICK.
1950 BELLATRIX REJOINING FORMATION.
2000 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2028 S/S 14 KNOTS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 5, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM CANAL ZONE TO CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS MARCH 3, 1943 - WITH ONE ADDITION TO SCREEN:

SCREEN
CARMICK
MC LANAHAN
MC KENZIE
DYSON

Designation of the unit:- TASK FORCE 39.

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

SOPA IN BARNETT

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO CHARLESTON NAVY YARD.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>17-07 N.</u> 0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>17-55 N.</u> 1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>19-26 N.</u> 2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>75-29 W.</u>	(Long. <u>74-59 W.</u>	(Long. <u>74-06 W.</u>

Course 030(T) and distance 309 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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DATE MARCH 5, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

0619 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS.
0620 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0719 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
1200 C/C TO 020(T).
1407 NAVASSA IS. ABEAM BRG. 290 AT 11 3/4 MILES OFF.
1413 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1415 C/C TO 010(T).
1423 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1512 USS DYSON JOINED CONVOY SCREEN.
1535 C/C TO 040(T).
1601 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1950 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2000 C/C TO 047(T).
2316 CAPE ST. NICHOLAS MOLE L.H. ABEAM BRG. 137(T) AT 7 3/4 MILES OFF.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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W. A. Kattay
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 6, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM CANAL ZONE TO CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MARCH 5, 1943.

Designation of the unit:- TASK FORCE 39.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
SOPA IN BARNETT.

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO CHARLESTON NAVY YARD.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>21-39 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>22-18 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>24-04 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>72-38 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>72-24 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>72-54 W.</u>)

Course VAR. and distance 317 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE MARCH 6, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

0118 TORTUGA IS. WEST L.H. ABEAM BRG. 137(T) AT 16 MILES OFF.
0400 C/C TO 005(T).
0609 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS.
0615 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0708 C/C TO 000(T) SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
0753 WEST CAICOS IS. ABEAM BRG. 090(T) AT 9½ MILES OFF.
0803 ALCYONE STOPPED. C/S TO 9 KNOTS.
0855 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.
0900 C/C TO 027(T).
0923 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
1013 PROVIDENCIALES IS. BRG. 129(T) AT 16½ MILES OFF.
1140 ALCYONE BACK IN FORMATION. S/S 14 KNOTS.
1150 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1200 C/C TO 353(T).
1230 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1802 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1805 C/C TO 325(T).
1828 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1857 S/S 13 KNOTS.
1945 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 7, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM CANAL ZONE TO CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MARCH 5, 1943.

Designation of the unit:- TASK FORCE 39.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
ALPHAFORLANE.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
SOPA IN BARNETT.

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO CHARLESTON, NAVY YARD.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT	(Lat. <u>26-14 N.</u> (Long. <u>74-33 W.</u>)	1200 LCT	(Lat. <u>27-03 N.</u> (Long. <u>75-05 W.</u>)	2000 LCT	(Lat. <u>28-28 N.</u> (Long. <u>76-14 W.</u>)
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Course VAR. and distance 326 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

0611 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS.
0620 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0710 SET CONDITION 2 MINE SUGAR.
0901 S/S 14 KNOTS.
1945 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2000 C/C TO 323(T).

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

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by direction 324

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 8, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM CANAL ZONE TO CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MARCH 5, 1943.

Designation of the unit:- TASK FORCE 39.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
SOPA IN BARNETT.

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO CHARLESTON NAVY YARD.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:- 1812 - ARRIVED AT BUOY "2AC".

0800 LCT (	(Lat. <u>30-50 N.</u>	1200 LCT (	(Lat. <u>31-32 N.</u>	2000 LCT (	(Lat. _____
	(Long. <u>78-19 W.</u>		(Long. <u>78-52 W.</u>		(Long. _____

Course 324 and distance 336 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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0630 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS - COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0730 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
0849 C/C TO 325(T).
1047 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1054 SLOWED TO 10 KNOTS.
1056 BETELGEUSE CHANGED TO SECOND SHIP IN FIRST COLUMN ASTERN OF
ALCYONE. BELLATRIX CHANGED TO THIRD SHIP IN FIRST COLUMN.
DICKMAN CHANGED TO THIRD SHIP IN SECOND COLUMN.
1129 S/S 13 KNOTS. RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1400 C/C TO 330(T).
1418 C/C TO 333(T).
1720 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1733 FIRST COLUMN, ALCYONE, BETELGEUSE, BELLATRIX WITH DYSON AS
ESCORT LEFT CONVOY AND PROCEEDED TO CHARLESTON. CONVOY
CONTINUED ON TO HAMPTON ROADS.
1735 S/S 14.5 KNOTS.
1812 BUOY "2AC" ABEAM. ENTERED SWEEP CHANNEL.
1834 STOPPED FOR PILOT AT BUOY "2C".
1845 PILOT JOHN PETERSEN ABOARD. PROCEEDED TO NAVY YARD USING
VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS.
1911 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
2020 PASSED UNDER COOPER RIVER BRIDGE.
2130 ANCHORED OFF NAVY YARD AWAITING ~~TRIX~~ TUGS.
2215 DOCKING PILOT I. JOHNSON ABOARD. PROCEEDED TO DOCK. FOUR
TUGS ASSISTING.
2245 MOORED STBD. SIDE TO PIER 324 NAVY YARD.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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by direction
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 9, 1943.
CHANGED TO G.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

A. A. Thayer

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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A. A. Thayer
by direction 228

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS _____ DATE MARCH 10, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD, _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

W. H. Atteray

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

W. H. Atteray
by direction
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 11, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

E. A. Athay

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

E. A. Athay
by direction
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 12, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD.
UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next herein.~~

DIARIST

H. Byr

H. Byr
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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by dictation

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 13, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE MARCH 13, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

E. A. Rathay

H. Byge
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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E. A. Rathay
by direction
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 14, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
(Long. _____ 1200 LCT((Long. _____ 2000 LCT((Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. A. Rathray

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

E. A. Rathray
by direction
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 15, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page.~~

DIARIST

W. A. Rathay

H. Bye
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

W. A. Rathay
by direction 340

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 16, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHIBOLANT.

Brief of Mission or Tasks:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT	(Lat. _____ (Long. _____)	1200 LCT	(Lat. _____ (Long. _____)	2000 LCT	(Lat. _____ (Long. _____)
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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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1413 - Commander Harold Bye, USN detached from duty, USS Betelgeuse, and transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital, Charleston, S.C. for treatment.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

E. Youngjohn
E. YOUNGJOHN, Lt. Cdr., USNR.

~~Commander, U.S. Navy.~~
Commanding.

DIARIST

E. A. H. H. H. H.

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 CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
 BETELGEUSE
 BELLATRIX
 VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMFITORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

E. J. Young
E. J. YOUNG, PHNS, Lt. Cdr., USNR.
Executive Officer

~~Commander, U.S. Navy.~~
Commanding.

DIARIST

E. Hattay

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 18, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CCNOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHIBOLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

E. Young Jones
E. YOUNG JONES, Lt. Cdr., USNR.
Executive Officer

~~Commander, U.S. Navy.~~
Commanding.

DIARIST

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 19, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOFA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBOLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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E. YOUNG JONES, Lt. Cdr., USNR.
Executive Officer
~~Commander, U.S. Navy~~
Commanding.

DIARIST

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 20, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHIBOLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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E. Youngjohns
E. YOUNGJOHNS, Lt. Cdr., USNR.
Executive Officer
~~Commander, U.S. Navy.~~
Commanding.

DIARIST

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 21, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
HELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

- AMPHIBORLANT
- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Brief of Mission or Task:-
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 22, 1943.
 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOPA)
 BETELGEUSE
 BELLATRIX
 VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHIFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 23, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
EMILATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHIBOLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____) (Lat. _____) (Lat. _____)
0800 LCT (_____) 1200 LCT (_____) 2000 LCT (_____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 25, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBOLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	AMT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE MARCH 25, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 26, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOPA)
BETHELGEUSE
BELLATRIX.
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHIBOLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 27, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOFA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX.
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
ALPHACOMFLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 28, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALOYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBOLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE MARCH 28, 1943.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 29, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BELTELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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DATE MARCH 22, 1943.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 30, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 31, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOFA)
BETELGEUSE
BELLATRIX
VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBOLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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DATE MARCH 31, 1943.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, SC TO S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA) BELL
BELLATRIX NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT PLUNKETT
GLEAVES

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Designation of the unit:- NONE
Designation of next higher echelons:- NONE
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE
Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES

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Designation of the unit:- NONE
Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 3, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, SC
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES

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Designation of the unit:- NONE.
Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE APRIL 3, 1943.

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AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 4, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, SC.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE APRIL 4, 1943.

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AT NAVY YARD, CHALESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 5, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, XTE S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelons:- NONE.

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:-NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT	(Lat. _____)	1200 LCT	(Lat. _____)	2000 LCT	(Lat. _____)
	(Long. _____)		(Long. _____)		(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE APRIL 5, 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.
0755 SECURED IN #1 DRYDOCK ASSISTED BY 3 TUGS.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 6, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE APRIL 6, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 7, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, ~~TO~~ S.C. _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES

Designation of the unit:- NONE.
Designation of next higher echelons:- NONE.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Tasks:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE APRIL 7th 1943.

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AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 _____ DATE APRIL 8, 1943. _____
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, ~~XDC~~ S.C. _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX,	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES.

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 9, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, SC.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES.

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE APRIL 9, 1943.

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AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 _____ DATE APRIL 10, 1943. _____
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, ~~78~~ S.C. _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 11, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE(SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES.

Designation of the unit:- NONE.

Designation of next higher echelons:- NONE.

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.
1400 STARTED FLOODING DRYDOCK.
1440 VESSEL AFLOAT.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 12, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, S.C.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE (SOPA)	BELL
BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
BETELGEUSE	MAYO
AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	GLEAVES.

Designation of the unit:- NONE.
Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE.

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
AT NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.
1300- COMMANDER J.F. GRUBE, USN ASSUMED COMMAND.
1400 LEFT DRYDOCK ASSISTED BY 4 TUGS.

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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --


NONE

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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J.F. GRUBE
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 _____ DATE APRIL 13, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, S.C. TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

BELLATRIX	ALCYONE(SOPA)	ESCORT
	BETELGEUSE	NIBLACK
		MAYO
		PLUNKETT
		GLEAVES

Designation of the units:- TASK UNIT 20.16
Designation of next higher echelon:- NONE.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:- 1639 - DEPARTURE AT BUOY "2AC".

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. <u>32-38 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. <u>79-00 W.</u>)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE APRIL 13, 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
MOORED AT PIER 324 CHARLESTON NAVY YARD, CHARLESTON, S.C.
1343 LEFT DOCK. PILOT SWAN AND 2 TUGS ASSISTING.
1350 TUGS AND PILOT SWAN LEFT. PILOT N. RICHARDSON CONNING.. VARIOUS
COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING TO CHANNEL.
1522 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
1601 PILOT LEFT SHIP. COURSE 119 T. PROCEEDING OUT THROUGH SWEPT
CHANNEL.
1638 PASSED BUOY "2AC" AND PASSED OUT OF SWEPT CHANNEL. C/C to 092 T.
S/S 10 KNOTS.
1648 SPEED 7 KNOTS. FORMING CRUISING DISPOSITION.
1708 REDUCED SPEED TO 6 KNOTS. ALCYONE STOPPED.
1746 ALCYONE RESUMED POSITION. SPEED 10 KNOTS.
1800 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
1855 STOPPED ENGINE TO REPAIR WATER LEAK.
1902 UNDERWAY AND RESUMED POSITION.

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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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0000 CHANGED SPEED TO 11 KNOTS.
0255 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0400 C/C to 049 T.
0430 CHANGED SPEED TO 14.0 KNOTS.
0530 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0830 HELD FIRE DRILL.
0848 HELD ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
0935 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1000 TEST FIRED 5" GUN AND ALL 4 NEW 3" GUNS.
1050 COMPLETED TEST FIREING. EXPENDED 2 ROUNDS OF 5" TARGET AND
16 ROUNDS (4 per gun) OF 3" TARGET AMMUNITION. NO CASUALTIES .
1148 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1401 CHANGED SPEED TO 11 KNOTS.
1404 TO 1504 HELD FLAG HOIST DRILL.
1855 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1900 CHANGED COURSE TO 004 T.
1914 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 15, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM CHARLESTON, S.C. TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 13th.

Designation of the units:- TASK UNIT 20.16.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-1330 - ARRIVAL AT BUOY "16 GLS"

	^{PASSED}	
(Lat. <u>37-30 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>BUOY</u>)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>74-15 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>X-6</u>)	(Long. _____)

Course VAR. and distance 327 miles made good from noon to ~~XXXX~~ ARRIVAL.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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0437 C/C TO 323 T.
0616 CHANGED SPEED TO 14½ KNOTS.
0755 C/C TO 270 T.
0835 C/C TO 240 T.
1000 CHANGED SPEED TO 15.0 KNOTS.
1119 BUOY X-3 OF SWEEP CHANNEL ABEAM TO PORT. STEAMING ON
COURSES CONFORMING TO SWEEP CHANNEL.
1330 BUOY "16 CLS" ABEAM.
1420 STOPPED TO PICK UP PILOT AT BUOY #4.
1428 PILOT MURRY ABOARD. PROCEEDING INTO HAMPTON ROADS VIA
THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.
1600 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
1648 ANCHORED IN BERTH 7 HAMPTON ROADS.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 16, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ANCHORED BERTH 7 AT HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

STANTON	OBERON
ALCYONE	LEXINGTON
BELLATRIX	IOWA
ARCTURUS	WYOMING
BARNETT	AND VARIOUS OTHER UNITS OF THE FLEET.

Designation of the units:- NONE
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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1605 PILOT EDWARDS ABOARD.
1610 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO STANDARD OIL DOCK, NORFOLK.
1716 MOORED STBD. SIDE TO STANDARD OIL DOCK TUGS "FEERLESS" AND
"WOYOT" ASSISTING.
1815 COMMENCED TAKING ON FUEL.

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ANCHORED BERTH #7 AT XPOCX HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

SAME AS FOR THE 17th.

Designation of the unit:- NONE
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- NONE.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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0010 FINISHED FUELING SHIP.
0747 PILOT TREABLE ABOARD.
0800 LEFT STANDARD OIL DOCK. NAVY TUGS #147 ASSISTING.
PROCEEDING TO BERTH #7.
0837 ANCHORED IN BERTH #7 HAMPTON ROADS, VA.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS # 4 DATE APRIL 18, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. AT
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS, VA. TO OPERATING AREA, CHESAPEAKE BAY,
CONVOY NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT - CHESAPEAKE BAY AREA.

BELLATRIX
BETELGEUSE
ALCYONE
DICKMAN
OBERON

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- GUNNERY AND BOAT EXERCISES.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH #7 HAMPTON ROADS, VA.

1222 UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO ANCHORAGE AREA "HYPO" OFF WINDMILL POINT IN CHESAPEAKE BAY. STEAMING IN COMPANY WITH BELLATRIX AND ALCYONE.

1256 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.

1308 PROCEEDING THROUGH THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL. SPEED 15 KNOTS.

1344 ROUNDED BUOY "2T" AND PROCEEDING UP CHESAPEAKE BAY.

1445 PROCEEDING PAST YORK SPIT CHANNEL BUOYS, OUTSIDE OF CHANNEL TO LEFT.

1646 ANCHORED IN BERTH H-1 OFF WINDMILL POINT. ALCYONE, DICKMAN, AND OBERON PRESENT.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 19, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM IN CHESAPEAKE BAY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE
DICKMAN
BETELGEUSE
OBERON

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- GUNNERY AND BOAT EXERCISES.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)
1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)
2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH H-1.
VISIBILITY POOR DUE TO RAIN AND MIST.
1206 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING RANGE FOR
CHECK RUNS.
1325 LAYING TO OFF RANGE HOUSE.
1355 OFFICER AND TWO MEN CAME ABOARD FROM RANGE HOUSE.
1420 COMMENCED MAKING RUNS OVER RANGE. S/S 12 KNOTS.
1538 FINISHED MAKING TEST RUNS OVER RANGE. MADE 3 RUNS. LAYING
TO WAITING FOR DEGAUSSING PARTY TO LEAVE SHIP.
1602 DEGAUSSING PERSONNEL LEFT SHIP. IT WAS RECOMMENDED BY RANGE
OFFICER THAT SHIP BE DEPERMED.
1605 PROCEEDING BACK TO BERTH H-1. S/S 15 KNOTS.
1713 ANCHORED IN BERTH H-1. VISIBILITY DECREASING DUE TO LIGHT
FOG.
2330 FOG LIFTED, GOOD VISIBILITY.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 20, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM IN CHESAPEAKE BAY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE
DICKMAN
BETELGEUSE
OBERON

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- GUNNERY AND BOAT EXERCISES, ETC.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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0738 UNDERWAY. MANEUVERING TO OBTAIN TACTICAL DATA OF SHIP.
1015 TO 1428 LAYING TO WAITING FOR PLANE IN ORDER TO FIRE 20 mm
GUNS AT SLEEVE TARGET. PLANE DID NOT COME BECAUSE OF POOR
VISIBILITY.
1428 TO 1530 SWINGING SHIP TO COMPENSATE STANDARD COMPASS.
1544 TO 1548 HELD DAY SPOTTING PRACTICE ON TARGET IN AREA SOUTH
OF SAN MARCUS WRECK BUOY. EXPENDED 6 ROUNDS OF 5" TARGET
AMMUNITION. NO CASUALTIES. FIRED TO EASTWARD. RANGE 5000 YDS.
1550 TO 1700 LAYING TO WAITING FOR PLANE. PLANE DID NOT COME
BECAUSE OF POOR VISIBILITY.
1700 TO 1900 COMPLETED COMPENSATING STANDARD COMPASS.
1930 PROCEEDED TO TARGET FLOAT AREA TO FIRE NIGHT SPOTTING PRACTICE.
2030 ARRIVED IN TARGET AREA. LAYING TO NEAR BUOY #6. FOG SETTING IN.
2105 THICK FOG. ANCHORED NEAR BUOY #6 WAITING FOR FOG TO LIFT.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ IN CHESAPEAKE BAY _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

ALCYONE
BETELGEUSE
DICKMAN

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- GUNNERY AND BOAT EXERCISES.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
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ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN THICK FOG NEAR BUOY #6 IN FIRING AREA SOUTH
OF SAN MARCOS WRECK.
0100 FOG LIFTED. VISIBILITY GOOD.
0245 UNDERWAY. PREPARING TO HOLD NIGHT SPOTTING PRACTICE.
0319 TO 0324 HELD NIGHT SPOTTING PRACTICE. FIRED 6 ROUNDS OF
5" TARGET PROJECTILES AT TARGET USING SEARCHLIGHTS FOR
ILLUMINATION. NO CASUALTIES. FIRED TO NORTHEASTWARD.
0325 UNDERWAY FOR BERTH E-3 AT COVE POINT. S/S 15 KNOTS.
0436 SMITH POINT LIGHT HOUSE ABEAM TO PORT.
0547 POINT NO POINT LIGHT HOUSE ABEAM TO PORT.
0655 ANCHORED IN BERTH E-3.
0800 LOWERED ALL BOATS. EXERCISING CREWS IN BOAT HANDLING.
1250 BOATS REPORTED TO DICKMAN FOR LANDING EXERCISES.
1330 TO 1445 HELD LANDING EXERCISES. BOATS HOISTED ABOARD SHIP
UPON THEIR RETURN.
1930 COMMENCED LOWERING ALL BOATS.
2000 TO 2300 HELD NIGHT LANDING EXERCISES.
2400 ALL BOATS ABOARD.

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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM IN CHESAPEAKE BAY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

BARNETT	OBERON
ALCYONE	BELLATRIX
DICKMAN	ANDROMEDA
BETELGEUSE	

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
* AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- HOLDING BOAT EXERCISES.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH E-3 AT COVE POINT.
0700 TO 0800 ALCYONE, DICKMAN, AND BETELGEUSE SHIFTED BERTHS
APPROX. 2 MILES SOUTH OF FORMER BERTHS. BETELGEUSE ANCHORED
WITH CEDAR POINT LIGHTHOUSE BEARING 200 AND COVE POINT LIGHTHOUSE
BEARING 334.
0800 COMMENCED LOWERING BOATS.
0900 TO 1145 HELD LANDING EXERCISES. HOISTED BOATS ABOARD UPON
RETURN TO SHIP.
1946 COMMENCED LOWERING BOATS.
2019 ALL BOATS IN WATER. REPORTED TO DICKMAN FOR NIGHT LANDING
EXERCISES.
2240 BOATS RETURNED FROM LANDING EXERCISES AND HOISTED ABOARD.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 23, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM IN CHESAPEAKE BAY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

BARNETT	OBERON
ALCYONE	BELLATRIX
DICKMAN	ANDROMEDA
BETELGEUSE	

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-HOLDING BOAT EXERCISES

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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0725 COMMENCED LOWERING BOATS AND PREPARING FOR LANDING EXERCISES.
0830 TO 1130 HELD LANDING EXERCISES. BOATS HOISTED ABOARD UPON
THEIR RETURN TO SHIP.

1945 COMMENCED LOWERING BOATS AND PREPARING FOR NIGHT LANDING
EXERCISES.

2030 TO 2230 HELD NIGHT LANDING EXERCISES. ALL BOATS HOISTED UPON
THEIR RETURN TO THE SHIP AND PREPARATIONS MADE TO GET UNDERWAY.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 24, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM COVE POINT TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- STEAMING ALONE.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE SOUTH OF COVE POINT.
0005 UNDERWAY FOR HAMPTON ROADS S/S 14 KNOTS.
0020 PASSED CEDAR POINT BUOY #19 TO PORT.
0218 SMITH POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STARBOARD.
0247 BUOY "12TL" ABEAM TO PORT.
0435 WOLF TRAP LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STBD. S/S TO 15 KNOTS.
0515 TO 0534 PASSING THROUGH YORK SPIT CHANNEL.
0620 ROUNDED BUOY "2T" AND ENTERED THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.
0731 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
0810 ANCHORED IN BERTH #6 HAMPTON ROADS, VA.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 25, 1943.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ ANCHORED IN BERTH #6 ~~XDCX~~ HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

STANTON	LEXINGTON	ALCYONE
BETELGEUSE	IOWA	BELLATRIX
OBERON	CHARGER	CARROLL
THURSTON	ARCTURUS	JEFFERSON
LYON	BIDDLE	NEVILLE
		SCHUYLKILL

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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1754 UNDERWAY. ENROUTE TO BOAT TRAINING AREA AT COVE POINT. SHIPS
IN COLUMN: STANTON, BETELGEUSE, OBERON, THURSTON, AND LYON.
(Transport Division 3) S/S 12 KNOTS.
1825 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
1839 TO 1915 PASSING THROUGH THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.
1922 ROUNDED BUOY "2T" and proceeded up CHESAPEAKE BAY.
2020 TO 2050 PASSING THROUGH YORK SPIT CHANNEL.
2114 CHANGED S/S to 15 KNOTS.
2340 SMITH POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO FORT.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS, VA. TO COLE POINT.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

STANTON
BETELGEUSE
OBERON
THURSTON
LYON

Designation of the units:- TRANSDIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- HOLDING BOAT EXERCISES.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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UNDERWAY AS BEFORE ENROUTE COVE POINT BOAT TRAINING AREA.
0210 COVE POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM.
0230 ANCHORED IN BERTH T-5 TO THE NORTH OF COVE POINT LIGHTHOUSE.
0850 COMMENCED LOWERING BOATS AND PREPARING FOR BOAT EXERCISES.
0937 TO 1130 HELD BOAT EXERCISES.
1320 TO 1530 HELD BOAT EXERCISES. BOATS HOISTED ABOARD UPON THEIR
RETURN TO SHIP.
1300 OBERON UNDERWAY AND STANDING DOWN BAY.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM IN CHESAPEAKE BAY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

STANTON
BETELGEUSE
THURSTON
LYON

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- HOLDING BOAT EXERCISES.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH T-5 NORTH OF COVE POINT.
0820 COMMENCED UNLOADING BOATS.
0900 TO 1100 BOAT EXERCISES.
1300 TO 1545 BOAT EXERCISES. ALL BOATS HOISTED ABOARD ~~XXXX~~ UPON
THEIR RETURN TO THE SHIP.
2118 TO 2212 LOWERED ALL BOATS INTO WATER. NO LIGHTS USED.
2230 TO 2358 HOISTED ALL BOATS ABOARD WITHOUT AID OF LIGHTS OF
ANY KIND.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 28, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM IN CHESAPEAKE BAY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

STANTON
BETELGEUSE
THURSTON
LYON

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- HOLDING BOAT AND GUNNERY EXERCISES.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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0600 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO AREA "ABLE" TO HOLD AA FIREING PRACTICE.
SHIPS IN COLUMN: STANTON, BETELGEUSE, THURSTON, AND LYON.
STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS.
0725 S/S 5 KNOTS. WAITING FOR PLANE AND SLEEVE.
0809 POINT NO POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM. FORMATION IN AREA "ABLE".
0952 PLANE STARTED RUNS OVER FORMATION, TOWING SLEEVE TARGET.
1008 STANTON FIRED ON SLEEVE.
1020 BETELGEUSE FIRED ON SLEEVE WITH 20mm GUNS.
1034 THURSTON FIRED ON SLEEVE.
1051 PLANE DROPPED SLEEVE AND RETURNED TO BASE. BETELGEUSE EXPENDED
360 rounds OF 20mm AMMUNITION. NO CASUALTIES. ALL FIREING WAS
TOWARD THE EAST.
1100 TO 1324 LAYING TO WAITING FOR PLANE TO RETURN.
1318 RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM AIR-BASE THAT NO PLANE WAS AVAILABLE FOR
AFTERNOON AA FIREING.
1324 PROCEEDING TO TARGET AREA SOUTH OF SAN MARCOS WRECK. STANTON,
THURSTON, AND LYON TO FIRE DAY SPOTTING PRACTICE, BETELGEUSE TO
CALIBRATE RADIO DIRECTION FINDER. STANTON TRANSMITTING.
1705 COMPLETED CALIBRATING DIRECTION FINDER.
1734 ANCHORED IN BERTH J-4 OFF RAPPAHANNOCK SPIT. STANTON,
THURSTON AND LYON ALSO ANCHORED.

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 29, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM BERTH J-4 TO DEPERMINING STATION
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- ALONE.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- HAVE VESSEL DEPERMED.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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0055 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO DEPERMING STATION AT LAMBERT'S POINT,
NORFOLK, VA. STANDARD SPEED 12 KNOTS.
0155 WOLF TRAP LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM.
0237 TO 0257 PASSED THROUGH YORK SPIT CHANNEL.
0329 CHANGED SPEED TO 10 KNOTS.
0420 ROUNDED BUOY "2T".
0425 TO 0507 PASSED THROUGH THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.
0524 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
0555 ANCHORED NEAR #1 BUOY HAMPTON ROADS WAITING FOR TUG.
0739 UNDERWAY. PILOT E.T. SERTON ABOARD. PROCEEDING TO DEPERMING
STATION.
0900 MOORED IN SLIP AT DEPERMING STATION. TUGS YTL49 AND YTL50
ASSISTING.
1400 COMPLETED DEPERMING SHIP. UNRIGGING GEAR.
1537 UNDERWAY. TUGS YTL47 AND YTL50 ASSISTING. PILOT E.T. SETON.
1543 TUGS AND PILOT LEFT. PROCEEDING TO WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING STATION.
STANDARD SPEED 15 KNOTS.
1656 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
1708 TO 1735 PASSED THROUGH THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.
1740 ROUNDED BUOY "2T". PROCEEDING UP CHESAPEAKE BAY.
1833 TO 1848 STOPPED. BROKEN WATER HOSE ON #4 CYLINDER.
1848 PROCEEDED AT 15 KNOTS. PASSING TO LEFT OF YORK SPIT CHANNEL.
1952 ANCHORED $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE EAST OF RANGE HOUSE AT WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING
STATION. OFFICER CAME ABOARD FROM RANGE HOUSE WITH DATA AND
INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALIBRATING DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT ON APRIL 30th.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached

NONE.

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ AT WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING _____ TO STATION.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

LEXINGTON
YORKTOWN
MOBILE

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- CALIBRATE DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE APRIL 30, 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
ANCHORED TO THE EAST OF RANGE HOUSE AT WOLF TRAP DEGAUSSING STATION
0757 UNDERWAY. COMMENCED RUNNING OVER DEEP RANGE TO WEST OF RANGE
HOUSE TO CALIBRATE DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT.
1020 COMPLETED CALIBRATION. MADE EIGHT RUNS OVER RANGE. LAYING TO
WAITING FOR DEGAUSSING DATA.
1045 RECEIVED ALL DATA FROM RANGE HOUSE. UNDERWAY. COMMENCED
SWINGING SHIP TO NORTH AND WEST OF RANGE HOUSE TO CALIBRATE
STANDARD COMPASS. SPEED 5 KNOTS.
1200 TO 1300 LAYING TO, TO WEST OF RANGE HOUSE.
1300 TO 1700 SWINGING SHIP TO FINISH CALIBRATION OF STANDARD COMPASS.
1700 COMPLETED SWINGING SHIP. PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE IN BERTH
J-4 OFF RAPPAHANNOCK SPIT.
1733 ANCHORED IN BERTH J-4.

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DIST. STEAMED IN APRIL = 1232
TOTAL DIST. STEAMED = 67,847

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
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- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MAY 1, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM BERTH J-4 CHESAPEAKE BAY TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-
BARNETT(SOPA)
THURSTON
LYON
OBERON
STANTON
BETELGEUSE

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Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
Designation of next higher echelons:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Brief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO NORFOLK TO LOAD CARGO.
(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH J-4 OFF RAPPAHANNOCK SPIT.

0800-1200

0855 UNDERWAY. STANDARD SPEED 12.0. PROCEEDING TO JOIN TRANSDIV 3 WHICH IS PROCEEDING DOWN BAY.

0923 JOINED FORMATION ASTERN OF STANTON. SPEED 14.0 KNOTS. COURSE 175 T.

0939 TO 1015 FORMATION EXERCISING EMERGENCY TURNS AND OTHER MANEUVERS.

1015 C/C TO 180 T.

1018 C/C SPEED TO 10 KNOTS.

1047 C/C TO 197 AND VAR. COURSES PROCEEDING THROUGH YORK SPIT CHANNEL.

1109 C/C SPEED TO 7 KNOTS.

1110 TO 1138 PASSING THROUGH YORK SPIT CHANNEL.

1118 SPEED 10 KNOTS.

1158 BUOY #10 ABEAM TO PORT. COURSE 145 T.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

1200-1600

1241 ROUNDING BUOY "2T" VAR. COURSES HEADING FOR THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.

1310 TO 1410 PROCEEDING THROUGH THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.

1440 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.

1523 ANCHORED IN AREA "D" AT HAMPTON ROADS. RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO DOCK IN BERTH 21 AT NAVY ANNEX ON SUNDAY MORNING MAY 2, 1943.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut. USNR

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E.A. Ratray
E.A. RATRAY
LIEUT. USNR
NAVIGATOR

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MAY 2, 1943.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY ANNEX, NORFOLK, VA. ~~TO~~ BERTH 21.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:

BARNETT(SOPA)
STANTON
DICKMAN
OBERON
BETELGEUSE
THURSTON
LYON

00151

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHFORLANT

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN HAMPTON ROADS.

0400-0800

0600 TUG YT150 ALONGSIDE. PILOT E.T. SERTON, ABOARD.

0612 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO BERTH 21 AT NAVY ANNEX PIERS.

0714 MOORED STBD. SIDE TO PIER #2, BERTH 21 AT NAVY ANNEX. YARD TUG
YT150 AND PILOT SETON LEFT.

0900 COMMENCED LOADING CARGO.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

00151

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY ANNEX PIERS - BERTH21 TO
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.

00451

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
AMPHFORLANT

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED TO GLENN

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

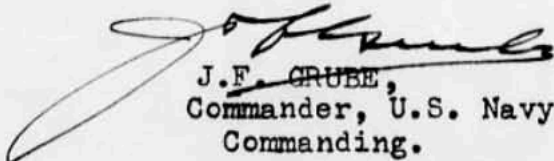
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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. R. Rathay


J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY ANNEX PIERS - BERTH 21 TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
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MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED TO GLEN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

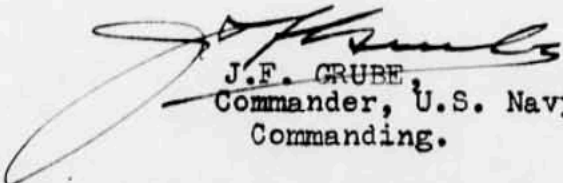
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CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY ANNEX PIERS - BERTH 21 TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT (_____)	1200 LCT (_____)	2000 LCT (_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED TO GLEN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

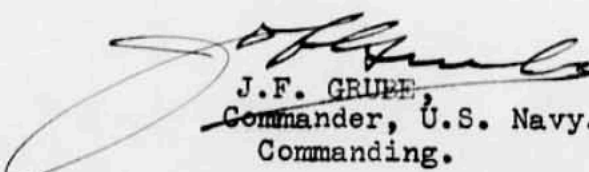
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CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY ANNEX PIERS - BERTH 21 TO _____
CCNOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Tasks:- LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ 0800 LCT(_____ (Long. _____	(Lat. _____ 1200 LCT(_____ (Long. _____	(Lat. _____ 2000 LCT(_____ (Long. _____
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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

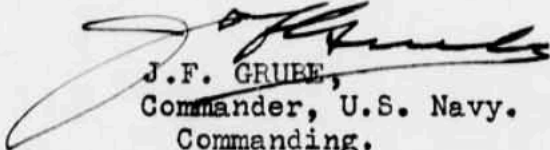
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DIARIST

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CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM NAVY ANNEX PIERS - BERTH 21 TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ AMT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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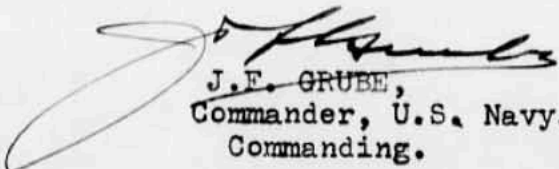
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LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED TO GLEN.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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DIARIST

EA Rattray


J. F. GRUBE,
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ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY ANNEX PIERS - BERTH 21 TO
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.

Designation of the units:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Lat. _____	(Lat. _____	(Lat. _____
(Long. _____	(Long. _____	(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE TO PIER #2, BERTH 21 NAVY ANNEX PIERS. NORFOLK, VA.
LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED TO GLEN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

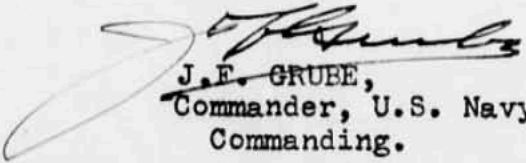
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None.

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DIARIST

E. H. Hattery


J. F. GRUEE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MAY 9, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT NAVY ANNES PIERS - BERTH 21. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR BASES AT GLEN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (	1200 LCT (	2000 LCT (
(Lat. _____	(Lat. _____	(Lat. _____
(Long. _____	(Long. _____	(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
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MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
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MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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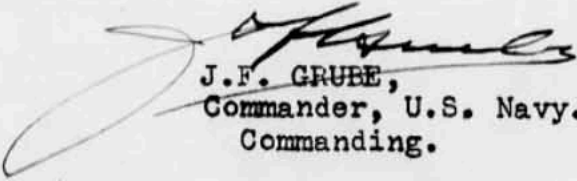
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LOADING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED TO GLEN.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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DIARIST

EA Rattray


J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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 CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- CONVOY TASK GROUP 60.3

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
LYON	DICKMAN	BARNETT(SOPA)	MONROVIA	STANTON
FRED LYKES	LAKEHURST	NEA HELLAS	SEATRIN TEXAS	THURSTON
OBERON	CHICOPEE		MATTAPONI	BETELGEUSE
<u>OCEAN ESCORT-TASK GROUP 60.1</u>			<u>SCREEN-TASK GROUP 60.2</u>	
SAVANNAH			WAINWRIGHT	ROWAN
			MAYRANT	NIBLACK
			RHIND	GLEAVES
				DALLAS
				PLUNKETT
				BENSON
				COLE
				BERNADOU
				TRIPPE

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3

Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 OPERATION ORDER #1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT TO
 NORTH AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:- 1754-DEPARTURE AT BUOY "XM".

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. 36-57 N. (Long. 74-11 W.)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
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 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) 08-12 A brief of the Day's Operations --
1110 LEFT DOCK - PROCEEDING TO SEA. S/S 14 Knots. TUG PEERLESS AND
PILOT R.B. MC COY ASSISTED IN UNDOCKING.
1147 CLEAR OF ELIZABETH RIVER CHANNEL. FALLING IN COLUMN ASTERN OF
THURSTON.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 1211 PASSED THROUGH NET GATE.
1217 TO 1303 PASSING THROUGH THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL.
1310 TO 1332 HELD ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
1315 CAPE HENRY LIGHT HOUSE ABEAM PASSING OUT THROUGH MINE FIELD
CHANNEL.
1406 PASSED BUOY "2CB" VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO SWEEP CHANNEL.
1418 TO 1437 EXERCISED CREW AT GENERAL QUARTERS.
1455 BUOY "16CLS" ABEAM.
1552 SWEEP CHANNEL BUOY "P" ABEAM.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 PROCEEDING TO SEA IN SWEEP CHANNEL.
1605 PASSED BUOY "X-7".
1754 BUOY "XM" ABEAM TO PORT. COURSE 105(T) ALL SHIPS TAKING CONVOY
POSITIONS. BETELGEUSE THIRD SHIP IN FIFTH COLUMN.
1856 ALL SHIPS IN POSITION. COMMENCED ZIG ZAGGING. COURSE 105
SPEED 14 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

20-24 2045 CEASED ZIG ZAGGING.
2100 C/C TO 130(T).
2125 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
2345 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST *E. Hattery*

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MAY 11, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MAY 10th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER #1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH
AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>35-51 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>35-27 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-35 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>71-02 W.</u>	(Long. <u>69-59 W.</u>	(Long. <u>68-03 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 255 miles made good from ~~noon~~
to noon. DEPARTURE

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
00-04 0000 C/C 115(T).
04-08 0445 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
0500 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0545 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS.
0800 CHANGED STANDARD SPEED TO 14.5 KNOTS.
- L. Smutny*
L. Smutny
Lt.(jg) USN
- F.A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY
Lieut., USNR.
- 08-12 0817 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0823 TO 0844 CONVOY EXERCISING AT EMERGENCY TURNS.
0900 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
0940 SIGHTED "PBM" PATROL PLANE.
- P. S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 12-16 1337 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1342 TO 1350 EXERCISING AT EMERGENCY TURNS.
1350 C/C TO 120(T).
1415 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
- L. Smutny*
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 16-20 1920 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1930 C/C TO 150(T).
- F.A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 20-24 2005 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
2019 EMERGENCY TURN TO STARBOARD.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
- 2025 RESUMED BASE COURSE.(150(T)) CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2135 C/C TO 110(T)
- P. S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
- None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

E. R. Rattay

J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE MAY 12, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. PLUS 3 AT 0100
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MAY 10th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3.
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER #1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>33-28 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>32-52 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>32-40 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>65-18 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>64-31 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>62-29 W.</u>)

Course VAR. and distance 320 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE MAY 12, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 110(T). S/S 14.5 KNOTS.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

04-08 0530 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0628 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
0718 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0722 C/C TO 130(T).
0755 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P. S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 1350 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1400 C/C TO 105(T).
1422 C/C TO 085(T).
1458 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

20-24 2050 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2100 C/C TO 065(T).
2130 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
2248 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2300 C/C TO 085.
2320 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

P. S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

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None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 3 DATE MAY 13, 1943.
CHANGED TO g.T. PLUS 2 AT 0100
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 10th OF MAY.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3.
Designation of next higher echelons:- TASK FORCE 60.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER #1-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH
AFRICA.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>33-06 N.</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>33-07 N.</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>33-08 N.</u>
	(Long. <u>59-32 W.</u>		(Long. <u>58-28 W.</u>		(Long. <u>56-16 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 315 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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- (e) 00-04 A brief of the Day's Operations --
STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 085(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
0330 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 04-08 0600 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
0614 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0700 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS - CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 08-12 0841 ADJUSTED COURSE TO 090(T).
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 12-16 1314 TO 1326 HELD ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
1332 EMERGENCY TURN TO STARBOARD.
1337 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.
1342 RESUMED BASE COURSE (090(T))
1346 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 16-20 1948 EMERGENCY TURN TO STARBOARD.
1950 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- CONTINUED ON NEXT SHEET
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST *E. H. Hattay*

J. F. Gurne
J. F. GURNE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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2007 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.

2014 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT. RESUMED BASE COURSE (090(T)).

2020 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

2045 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

2100 CHANGED COURSE TO 115(T).

2130 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

2245 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

2258 SOUNDED FIRE ALARM. KAPOK SEAT CUSHION IN #3 LANDING BOAT ON
STBD. SIDE OF #1 HATCH CAUGHT FIRE. CAUSE UNKNOWN. PROBABLY CAUSED
BY SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION OR CIGARETTE BUTT. THREE BOTTLES OF CO2
AND ONE FIRE HOSE USED TO EXTINGUISH FIRE.

2300 C/C TO 085(T).

2302 FIRE OUT.

2310 SECURED FROM FIRE STATIONS.

2330 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

P. J. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE MAY 14, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS. TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 10th OF MAY.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER #1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT TO NORTH
AFRICA.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. <u>33-10 N.</u> (Long. <u>53-07 W.</u>	1200 LCT((Lat. <u>33-17 N.</u> (Long. <u>52-17 W.</u>	2000 LCT((Lat. <u>33-14 N.</u> (Long. <u>50-14 W.</u>
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Course VAR. and distance 321 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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- (e) 00-04 A brief of the Day's Operations --
STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 085 S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
0310 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 04-08 0535 SET CONDITION I. COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0630 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR - CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0637 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING, CHANGED ZIGZAGGING PLAN.
0647 S/S 12.5 KNOTS.
0700 OILERS CHICOPEE AND MATTAFONT FELL OUT OF FORMATION TO FUEL
DESTROYERS.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 08-12 1139 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.
1146 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBD.
1153 RESUMED BASE COURSE 085(T).
1200 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 12-16 1422 ADJUSTED COURSE TO 090(T).
1428 ADJUSTED COURSE TO 092(T).
1503 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. OILERS REJOINING FORMATION.
1515 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1519 S/S 14.5 KNOTS.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- (f) 16-20 Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
STEAMING AS BEFORE.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

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20-24 2045 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2100 C/C TO 120(T).
2130 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
2300 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2315 C/C TO 092(T).
2345 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

P. S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. GRUBB,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE MAY 15, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. PLUS 1 AT 0100
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 10th OF MAY.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUPX 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBOLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER #1-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT TO NORTH AFRICA.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>32-53 N.</u> 0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>32-55 N.</u> 1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>32-57 N.</u> 2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>47-18 W.</u>	(Long. <u>46-16 W.</u>	(Long. <u>44-09 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 308 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF NOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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- (e) **A brief of the Day's Operations --**
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 092 - S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 04-08 0436 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0545 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
0610 SET CONDITION I.
0710 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR. *F.A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 08-12 0900 ADJUSTED COURSE TO 090. *P.S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1326 TO 1334 EXERCISED CREW AT FIRE FRILL. *L. Smutny*
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE. *F.A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 20-24 2015 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2020 C/C TO 060.
- (f) **Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE**
2050 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
2300 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.
2310 C/C TO 096.
2340 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. *P.S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- (g) **Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.**
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J. E. GRUBE,
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ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-
SAME AS FOR MAY 10th.

Designation of the units:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Brief of Mission or Task:- ^{OPERATION ORDER 1-43} TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH AFRICA.
(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

- (d) Positions At:-
0800 LCT (Lat. 33-05 N. Lat. 33-02 N. Lat. 33-13 N.
 (Long. 40-57 W. Long. 39-52 W. Long. 37-46 W.
1200 LCT 2000 LCT

Course VAR. and distance 329 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 096(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN

04-08
0455 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0545 SET CONDITION I.
0555 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0645 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR. *F.A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR

08-12
1044 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1049 C/C TO 085(T).
1104 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING. *P.S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE. *L. Smutny*
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20
1900 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1904 C/C TO 060(T).
1928 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. *P.S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

20-24
2058 GYRO-COMPASS FAILED. STEERING BY STANDARD COMPASS.
2200 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2210 C/C TO 085(T).
2212 C/C TO 105(T).
2255 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. *L. Smutny*
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. Grubb
J.F. GRUBB,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 1 DATE MAY 17, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MAY 10th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORIER 1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>33-19 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>33-20 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>33-31 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>34-40 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>33-35 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>31-21 W.</u>)

Course VAR. and distance 322 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE MAY 17, 1943.

- (e) **A brief of the Day's Operations --**
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 105(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
0200 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0210 C/C TO 085(T).
0230 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

- 04-08
0520 SET CONDITION I.
0620 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
0625 RESUMED STEERING BY GYROCOMPASS.
0638 SIGHTED WESTBOUND CONVOY OF ABOUT 40 SHIPS BRG. 090(T).
IDENTIFIED AS TASK FORCE 64.
0643 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0645 C/C TO 130(T).
0703 C/C TO 085(T).
0708 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

- 08-12
1135 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT TO 070(T).
1152 RESUMED BASE COURSE 085(T).
1200 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

- (f) **Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.**

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

- 16-20
1925 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.
1930 C/C TO 055(T)
2000 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

- (g) **Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.**

None.

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- 20-24
2230 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.
2240 C/C TO 085(T)
2310 RESUME ZIGZAGGING.

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

DIARIST

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 1 DATE MAY 18, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. 0 AT 0100
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 10th of MAY.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER 1-43

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH AFRICA.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>34-06 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>34-18 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>34-11 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>28-24 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>27-42 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>25-28 W.</u>)

Course VAR. and distance 302 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE MAY 18, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 085(T). S/S 14.5 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08

0600 SET CONDITION **I**.

0636 CEASED ZIGZAGGING TO CHANGE PLAN.

0642 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

0655 REDUCED SPEED TO 12 KNOTS. OILERS FALLING OUT OF CONVOY TO FUEL DESTROYERS.

0700 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

08-12

0810 LYON REPORTED, A FIRE IN ENGINE ROOM AND DROPPED OUT OF FORMATION. NO ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

0830 LYON BACK IN FORMATION.

1154 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. OILERS HAVE REJOINED CONVOY.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

12-16

1205 S/S 14.5 KNOTS.

1208 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

1214 C/C TO 090(T).

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

1520 SECURED WASTE HEAT BOILER.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

16-20

1914 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

1925 C/C TO 120(T).

1955 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J. F. Gruee

J. F. Gruee
J.F. GRUEE,
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Commanding.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24

2220 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2230 C/C TO 090(T).
2230 STANTON DROPPED OUT OF COLUMN, INDICATING BREAKDOWN.
2245 STANTON RESUMED POSITION.
2300 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. Hattay

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION 0 DATE MAY 19, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

SAME AS FOR MAY 10th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE# 60.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER 1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH
AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>33-52 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-03 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-05 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>22-09 W.</u>	(Long. <u>21-08 W.</u>	(Long. <u>19-04 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 331 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

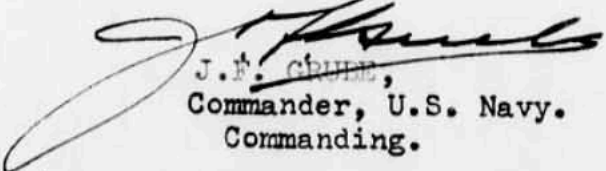
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- (e) **A brief of the Day's Operations --**
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE, COURSE 090(T). S/S 14.5 KNOTS ZIGZAGGING.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 04-08
0530 SET CONDITION I.
0630 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 08-12
0855 C/C TO 087(T)
0920 THURSTON FELL OUT OF COLUMN.
1036 THURSTON BACK IN CONVOY POSITION.
1050 SIGHTED LIBERATOR BOMBER.
1125 THURSTON FELL OUT OF COLUMN.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.
- 12-16
1230 THURSTON BACK IN CONVOY POSITION.
1430 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. STANTON ASSUMED CONVOY GUIDE.
1436 COLORS HALF-MASTED. HOLDING BURIAL SERVICES ON BARNETT.
1446 COLORS TWO-BLOCKED.
1511 BARNETT ASSUMED CONVOY GUIDE. F.A. Massey.
1513 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- (f) **Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.**
16-20
1916 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1925 C/C TO 067(T).
1945 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- (g) **Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.**
None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

E. Shatray


J.F. CRUISE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24

2145 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2200 C/C TO 090(T).
2225 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

J. A. Mathey

J. F. Grubb
J. F. GRUBB,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MAY 10th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER 1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT TO NORTH
AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>34-20 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-24 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-29 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 ICT(
(Long. <u>16-27 W.</u>	(Long. <u>15-27 W.</u>	(Long. <u>13-34 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 284 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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- (e) **A brief of the Day's Operations --**
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 090(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS ZIGZAGGING.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 04-08
0600 SET CONDITION I.
0625 TO 0633 HELD FIRE DRILL.
0700 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 08-12
0830 SIGHTED LIBERATOR BOMBER.
0942 C/C TO 092(T).
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.
- 12-16
1232 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.
1240 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBD.
1245 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBD.
1248 RESUMED BASE COURSE 092(T).
1250 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1353 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.
1403 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBD.
1412 RESUMED BASE COURSE.
1416 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.
- (f) **Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.**
16-20
1943 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1954 C/C to 112(T).
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- (g) **Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.**
None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

W. Hattay

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DATE MAY 29, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24
2024 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
2215 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2220 C/C TO 092(T).
2245 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST

E. Hattery

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 1 DATE MAY 21, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR MAY 10th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER 1-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH
AFRICA.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>34-12 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-09 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-44 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>10-18 W.</u>	(Long. <u>9-13 W.</u>	(Long. <u>8-00 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 310 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 092(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
0245 SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT BRG. 130(T). REPORTED SAME TO SOPA

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08
0540 SET CONDITION I.
0550 SIGHTED TWO PBV's CIRCLING CONVOY.
0635 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

12-16
1250 SIGHTED SHIP BRG. 089(T). IDENTIFIED AS A SPANISH CARGO VESSEL.
1315 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1321 C/C TO 062(T).
1342 C/C TO 092(T).
1346 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1500 COLORS HALF-MASTED FOR BURIAL SERVICES ABOARD LYON.
1505 COLORS TWO-BLOCKED.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

16-20
1620 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.
1630 C/C TO 062(T).
1700 C/C TO 032(T).
1725 C/C TO 000(T).
1755 C/C TO 345(T).
1815 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1830 S/S 14 KNOTS.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. A. Rattay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. H. Hattery

J. F. Crumb
J. F. CRUMB,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 10th OF MAY.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
OPERATION ORDER 1-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH
AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>35-49 N.</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>35-54 N.</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>35-40 N.</u>
	(Long. <u>6-42 W.</u>		(Long. <u>5-47 W.</u>		(Long. <u>3-28 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 277 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF NOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0015 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0030 C/C TO 015(T).
0100 C/C TO 045(T).
0130 C/C TO 075(T).
0200 C/C TO 087(T).
0215 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08

0515 SET CONDITION I.
0620 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
0713 C/C TO 092(T).
0730 C/C TO 097(T).
0800 C/C TO 100(T).

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

08-12

0925 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0932 C/C TO 078(T).
0942 S/S 10 KNOTS CONVOY FORMING TWO COLUMNS.
1000 SIGHTED MOUNTAINS OF SPANISH MOROCCO BRG. 112(T).
1010 S/S 14 KNOTS. ENTERING SWEEP CHANNEL IN THE WESTERN APPROACH TO THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTER. VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO THE CHANNEL. PASSED LARGE BRITISH WESTBOUND CONVOY IN CHANNEL.
1125 CAPE SPARTEL L.H. BRG. 193(T) AT 4 MI. OFF.
(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
1150 C/C to 077(T)

L. Smurny
L. SMURNY,
Lt.(JG), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E.A. Hattay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

12-16

1239 ISLA TARIFA L.H. ABM TO PORT.
1324 THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR ABM TO PORT.
1330 C/C TO 099(T) VESSELS FORMING CONVOY DISPOSITION OF FIVE COLUMNS
1354 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
1455 SIGHTED PBV BRG. 165(T).

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 099(T) S/S 14 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.

R.J. Smith
R.J. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24

2050 SIGHTED CAPE DE TRES FORCAS L.H. BRG. 133(T).
2100 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.
2115 C/C TO 082(T).
2145 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING - CAPE DE TRES FORCAS L.H. BRG. 172(T) AT
12 MI. OFF.
2214 S/S 13 KNOTS.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

W. H. Hattay

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ENROUTE FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR THE 10th OF MAY.

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 60.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 60
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

OPERATION ORDER 1-43

Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH AFRICA.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:- 0530 - ARRIVED OFF ORAN BAY. CONVOY FORMING SINGLE COLUMN.

0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course VAR. and distance 237 miles made good from noon to ~~1000~~ ARRIVAL.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE MAY 23, 1943.

- (e) **A brief of the Day's Operations --**
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE, COURSE 082(T). S/S 13 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08

- 0445 SET CONDITION 1.
0525 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.
0530 REDUCED SPEED TO 10 KNOTS. CONVOY FORMING TWO COLUMNS.
MABIRAS IS. BRG. 215(T) - ILE PLANE BRG. 158(T).
0545 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.
0655 C/G TO 107(T). S/S 14 KNOTS.
0705 REDUCED SPEED TO 10 KNOTS. CONVOY FORMING SINGLE COLUMN AND
PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL TOWARDS ORAN.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

08-12

- 0838 STOPPED IN SWEEP CHANNEL 2 MILES NORTH OF POINT "BAKER" WAITING
FOR PILOT.
0910 PILOT ALTIERI CAME ABOARD. PROCEEDING INTO ORAN HARBOR
THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL.
0947 PASSED IN THROUGH BREAKWATERS.
0948 LET GO STBD. ANCHOR. TUGS GOELAND #3 AND GOELAND #4 ASSISTING
TO SWING VESSEL AROUND.
0958 LET GO PORT ANCHOR.
1005 STERN LINES MADE FAST TO MOORING BUOY #3.

- (f) **Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.**
1020 MOORED IN BERTH A-3. PILOT LEFT SHIP. AWAITING ORDERS TO DOCK.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN

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J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 1 DATE MAY 24, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. MINUS 2 AT 1540
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-3 ORAN TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	GLEAVES
OBERON	BENSON
MATTAPONI	NIBLACK
LAKEHURST	PLUNKETT

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
ALPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- AWAITING ORDERS TO DOCK.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-3 IN ORAN HARBOR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

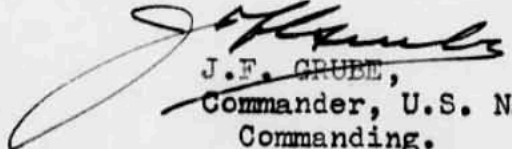
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 CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-3 ORAN TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT IN ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	DALLAS
OBERON	PLUNKETT.
MATTAPONI	
LAKEHURST	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- AWAITING ORDERS TO DOCK.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

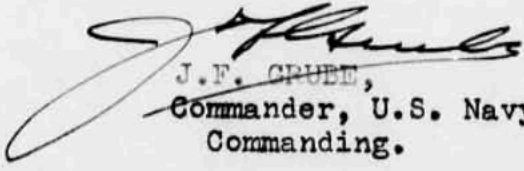
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE MAY 26, 1943.
 CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-3 ORAN TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	DALLAS
OBERON	PLUNKETT
MATTAPONI	
LAKEHURST	

Designation of the unit:- TRANS DIV 3.
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- AWAITING ORDERS TO DOCK.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-3 ORAN HARBOR.
0828 PILOT C. JOET CAME ABOARD. AWAITING FOR U.S.S. LAKEHURST TO
LEAVE THE DOCK SO THAT BETELGEUSE CAN DOCK.
0912 PILOT LEFT SHIP.
1017 PILOT C. JOET CAME ABOARD. LAKEHURST HAS CLEARED DOCK.
1033 LET GO STERN LINES. HEAVING UP ANCHORS.
1037 PORT ANCHOR AWEIGH.
1042 STARBOARD ANCHOR AWEIGH.
1053 TUGS GOELAND #3 AND GOELAND #4 MADE FAST. PROCEEDING TO DOCK,
BERTH #12.
1140 VESSEL MADE FAST STBD SIDE TO DOCK BERTH #12. MAKING
PREPARATIONS FOR DISCHARGING CARGO.
1300 COMMENCED DISCHARGING CARGO.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

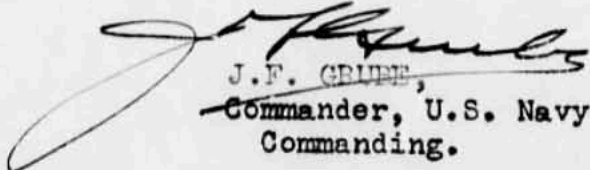
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE MAY 27, 1943
 CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM DOCKED AT BERTH 12 ORAN TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	DALLAS
OBERON	PLUNKETT
MATTAFONI	BENSON
LAKEHURST	GLEAVES.

Designation of the unit: -TRANSDIV 3.
 Designation of next higher echelon: -
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached: -
 AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task: - UNLOADING SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT	(Lat. _____)	1200 LCT	(Lat. _____)	2000 LCT	(Lat. _____)
	(Long. _____)		(Long. _____)		(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH //12 CRAN. DISCHARGING CARGO.
1100 BRITISH LST-422 TIED UP ALONG PORT SIDE TO DELIVER DIESEL OIL.
1420 COMMENCED TAKING FUEL FROM LST-422.
1815 FINISHED RECEIVING FUEL FROM LST -422.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

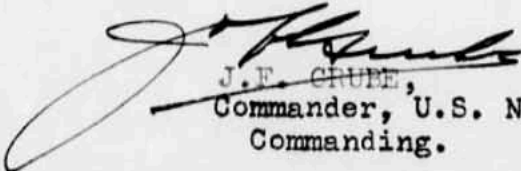
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SCENE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE MAY 28, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM DOCKED AT BERTH 12 ORAN. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	DALLAS
OBBERON	GLEAVES
MATTAPONI	BENSON
LAKEHURST	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- UNLOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH #12 ORAN.
DISCHARGING CARGO.
BRITISH LST-422 TIED UP ALONG PORT SIDE.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

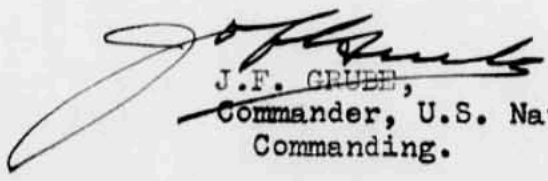
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 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM DOCKED AT BERTH 12 ORAN. TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT:

BETELGEUSE	DALLAS
OBERON	GLEAVES
MATTAPONI	BENSON
LAKEHURST	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 ALPHAFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- UNLOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH 12 ORAN DISCHARGING CARGO.
1755 BRITISH LST-422 CAST OFF FROM PORT SIDE AND STANDING OUT.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

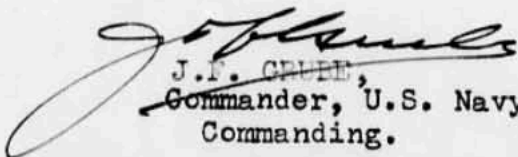
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE MAY 30, 1943.
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ENROUTE FROM DOCKED IN BERTH #12 CRAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT CRAN:

BETELGEUSE	BERNADOU
CEERON	NIBLACK
LAKEHURST	GLEAVES
MATTAPONI	PLUNKETT
RAFIDAN	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
ALPHHOP LANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- UNLOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DOCKED AS BEFORE IN BERTH #12 ORAN.
DISCHARGING CARGO AS BEFORE.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

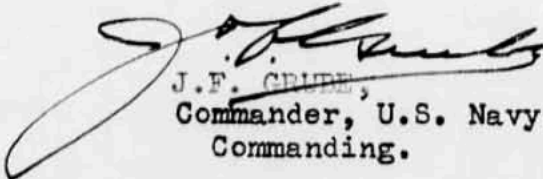
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE MAY 31, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM DOCKED IN BERTH 12 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of units-~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	BERNADOU
OBERON	NIBLACK
MATTAPONI	GLEAVES
RAPIDAN	

Designation of the unit:- TRANS DIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHIBOLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- UNLOADING SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT (_____)	1200 LCT (_____)	2000 LCT (_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

DOCKED AS BEFORE IN BERTH #12 ORAN.
DISCHARGING CARGO.

DISTANCE STEAMED IN MAY	-	4,097 MILES
TOTAL DISTANCE STEAMED	-	71,944 MILES

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

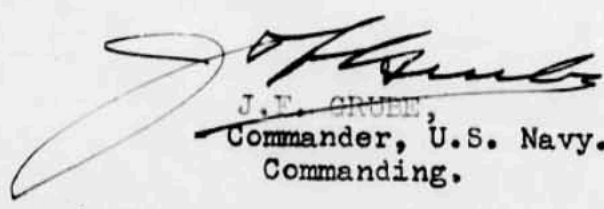
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 1, 1943.
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ENROUTE FROM DOCKED IN BERTH #12 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S. NAVY SHIP'S PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	BERNARDOU
CHERON	GLEAVES
MATTAPONE	DALLAS
RAPIDAN	PLUNKETT
WINOSKI	

Designation of the unit:- TRANS DIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
ALPHAFORLANE

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE JUNE 1, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS REPORTED IN BERTH #12 CRAN.
0100 FINISHED DISCHARGING ALL CARGO.
1404 PILOT ALTIGHT CAME ABOARD. TUGS GOELAND #2 AND GOELAND #3
MADE FAST FORE AND AFT RESPECTIVELY.
1405 LET GO LINES. VARIOUS BELLS AND COURSES USED GETTING AWAY FROM
DOCK AND PROCEEDING TO MOORING BUOY #6 IN OUTER HARBOR.
1440 LET GO PORT ANCHOR.
1441 LET GO STBD. ANCHOR.
1445 STERN LINES RUN OUT TO MOORING BUOY.
1500 MOORED IN BERTH A-8 CRAN HARBOR. TUGS AND PILOT LEFT SHIP.
COMMENCED MAKING ENGINE REPAIRS FOR WHICH VESSEL HAS BEEN GRANTED
FIVE(5) DAYS AVAILABILITY.

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LIEUT. USNR

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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NAVIGATOR

J. F. Crane
J. F. CRANE,
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ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-6 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	PLUNKETT
OBERON	DALLAS
MATTAPONI	BERNADOU
RAPIDAN	GLEAVES
AROOSTOOK	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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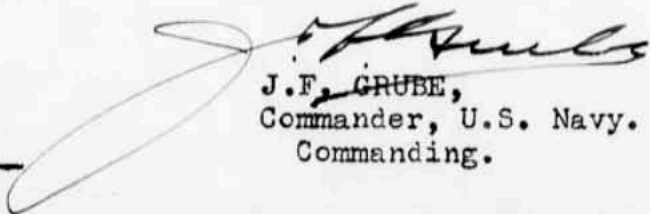
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ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-8 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	PLUNKETT
OBERON	BERNADOU
MATTAPONI	DALLAS
RAPIDAN	GLEAVES
SUSTAIN	
STRIVE	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
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(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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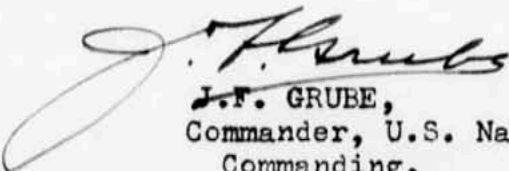
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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-8 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	PLUNKETT
OBERON	BERNADOU
MATTAPONI	DALLAS
RAPIDAN	GLEAVES
SUSTAIN	
STRIVE	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --


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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED BERTH A-8 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

BETELGEUSE	PLUNKETT
OBERON	BERNADOU
MATTAPONI	DALLAS
RAPIDAN	GLEAVES
	BENSON

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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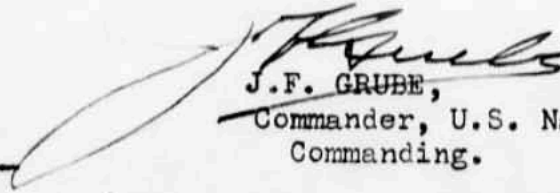
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
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ZONE DESCRIPTION Minus 2 DATE June 6, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Moored in Berth A-8 XXX ORAN
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER. _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~-

U. S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN

BETELGEUSE	PLUNKETT
OBERON	BERNADOU
MATTAPONI	DALLAS
RAPIDAN	GLEAVES
	BENSON

Designation of the unit:- Transdiv-3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AmphForLant

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT (	1200 LCT (	2000 LCT (
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE June 6, 1943

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
Moored as before in Berth A-8 Oran Harbor
0900 - Commenced running main engine. Repairs completed.
1020 - Finished main engine trial, all in good working order.
Informed ComPhibNAW and ComTransDiv-3 that main engine
repairs are completed.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

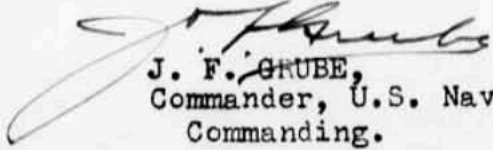
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-8 ORAN. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

SAMUEL CHASE	DALLAS
BETELGEUSE	GLEAVES
OBERON	FLUNKETT
MATTAPONI	BENSON
	BERNADOU

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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AWAITING ORDERS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

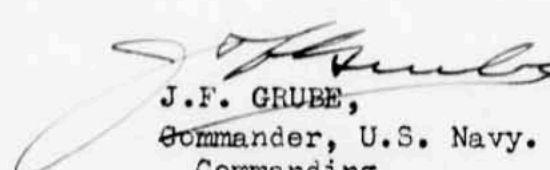
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-8 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

SAMUEL CHASE	DALLAS
BETELGEUSE	GLEAVES
OBERON	PLUNKETT
MATTAPONI	BENSON
	BERNADOU

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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AWAITING ORDERS.

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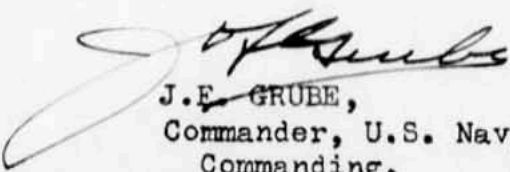
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-8 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

SAMUEL CHASE	DALLAS
BETELGEUSE	GLEAVES
OBERON	PLUNKETT
MATTAPONI	BERNADOU
	BENSON

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81v2
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43
Brief of Mission or Task:- *TRANSPORT ARMY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL
TO ALGIERS.*
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-8 ORAN HARBOR.
0830 CAPTAIN LEFT SHIP FOR CONFERENCE WITH SOPA.
0955 CAPTAIN RETURNED TO SHIP. BETELGEUSE ATTACHED TO TASK UNIT
81.2 UNDER COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

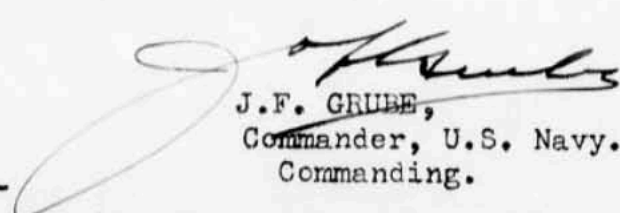
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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-8 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

SAMUEL CHASE	MAYO
BETELGEUSE	NIBLACK
OBERON	
MATTAPONI	

Designation of the unit:-TASK UNIT 81.2
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- *TRANSPORT ARMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT
TO ALGIERS.*
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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BETELGEUSE ATTACHED TO TASK UNIT 81.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

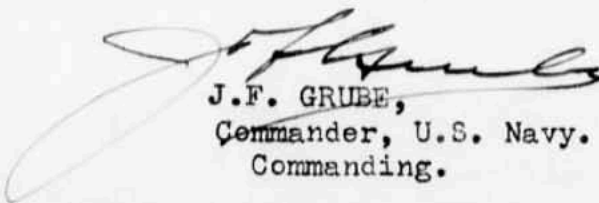
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CHANGED TO S.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-8 ORAN TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Convoy~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:

SAMUEL CHASE	MAYO
BETELGEUSE	NIBLACK
OBERON	PLUNKETT
MATTAFONI	GLEAVE

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIENAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT ARMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO ALGIERS.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
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OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-8 ORAN HARBOR.
BETELGEUSE ATTACHED TO TASK UNIT 81.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

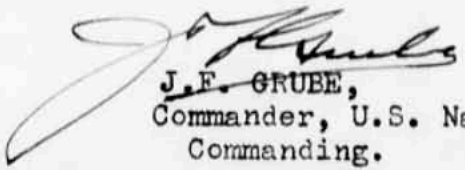
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None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 12, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ORAN TO ALGIERS
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- TRANSPORT GROUP - TASK UNIT 81.2

SCREEN - TASK UNIT 81.6

WAINWRIGHT PLUNKETT
MAYRANT NIBLACK
TRIPPE BENSON
RHIND GLEAVES
ROWAN

BARNETT BETELGEUSE SAMUEL CHASE
LYON DICKMAN STANTON
OBERON THURSTON

SUPPORT GROUP - TASK UNIT 81.5

SAVANNAH

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIENAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43
Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT ARMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO ALGIERS.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
- (d) Positions At:-1224 - DEPARTURE AT POINT "BAKER".

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. 36-36 N. (Long. 0-22 E.)

Course VAR. and distance 76 miles made good from ~~XXXX~~ 1224 to ~~XXXXX~~ 2000

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
- 0800-1200 0930 PILOT FALEMULS ABOARD. TUG "GOELANDS NO.2" MADE FAST AFT.
0955 PORT ANCHOR AWEIGH.
0958 STBD. ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING OUT OF HARBOR.
1000 TUG LET GO.
1002 PASSED OUT THRU ANTI-TORPEDO NET.
1010 LET GO STBD. ANCHOR IN 36 FATHOMS OF WATER ON BEARINGS:
JETTE DU LARGE LIGHT 197° - CHAPEL 241°
1150 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEEP CHANNEL BEHIND
THURSTON. SPEED 10 KNOTS COURSE 350T.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 1200-1600 PROCEEDING AS BEFORE. 1320 S/S 14 KNOTS.
1328 TO 1340 HELD ABANDON SHIP DRILL. 1335 C/C TO 012T.
1354 S/S 10 KNOTS CLEAR OF SWEEP CHANNEL. VESSELS IN TRANSPORT
GROUP FORMING TWO COLUMNS TO HAVE AA PRACTICE.
1410 S/S 14 KNOTS.
1420 COMMENCED AA PRACTICE, FIRING AT SLEEVE TARGET.
1443 C/C TO 032T. 1500 C/C TO 058T. 1515 Commenced Zigzagging.
1525 BETELGEUSE FIRED STBD. 20MM BATTERY AT SLEEVE. EXPENDED 700
ROUNDS 20MM.
1540 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 1600-2000 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1914 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1925 TRANSPORT GROUP FORMED CRUISING DISPOSITION #3. (3 COLUMNS).
1949 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 2000-2400 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
2330 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2335 C/C TO 078(T).
2355 C/C TO 096(T)
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. *F.A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
None. ~~Copy attached next hexetx~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 13, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ORAN TO ALGIERS
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

SAME AS FOR JUNE 12th.

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
Designation of next higher echelons:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT ARMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO ALGIERS.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
- (d) Positions At:- 0730 - ARRIVAL - CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 210° AT 4 MILES OFF.

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	AMT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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0000-0400 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 096°(T) S/S 14 KNOTS.
0030 Commenced ZIGZAGGING.

P. J. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

0400-0800

0527 SET CONDITION I.
0620 SIGHTED LAND AHEAD BRG. 105°(T).
0630 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
0635 C/C TO 076°(T).
0645 TRANSPORT GROUP FORMED SINGLE COLUMN S/S 10 KNOTS.
0700 RAISED CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 123°(T).
0715 CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 181(T) AT 3.2. MILES OFF.
0721 C/C TO 115(T).
0752 C/C TO 170(T). PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEET CHANNEL. S/S 5 KNOTS.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

0800-1200

0846 LET GO PORT ANCHOR ANCHORED IN 20 FATHOMS OF WATER EAST OF ANTI-TORPEDO NETS ON BEARINGS:
OLD LIGHT HOUSE BRG. 305°
BRISE-JAMES EST. L.H. BRG. 246°
1020 PILOT F.M. SAMANNI CAME ABOARD.
1032 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO DOCK.
1112 TUG MADE FAST FWD.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
1116 PASSED BREAKWATER, ENTERED INNER HARBOR. WAITING FOR SECOND TUG.
1140 TUG MADE FAST AFT. PROCEEDED TO DOCK.
1155 LET GO STBD. ANCHOR.
1208 VESSEL MADE FAST PORT SIDE TO SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND MOLE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

1322 CAPTAIN LEFT THE SHIP TO CALL ON COMTRANS DIV 3.
UPON INSPECTION OF MAIN ENGINE THE CROSSHEAD BEARING OF
NO. 2 CYLINDER WAS FOUND TO BE POUNDED OUT.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 14, 1943.
 CHANGED TO B.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

SAMUEL CHASE	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 AMPHFORLANT
 COMPHIBNAW ORDER A-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- LOAD ARMY EQUIPMENT AT ALGIERS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
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MOORED AS BEFORE TO SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND MILE, ALGIERS.
0900 - COMMENCED LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.

1600 RECEIVED COMTRANS DIV 3 DISPATCH DATED 1700 JUNE 13, 1943.,
GRANTING FIVE DAYS AVAILABILITY TO REPAIR MAIN ENGINE.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

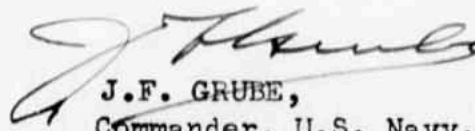
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO GRAND MOLE ALGIERS TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

SAMUEL CHASE	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
STANTON	ARCOSTOOK	RHIND
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIBNAW ORDER A-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- LOAD ARMY EQUIPMENT AT ALGIERS.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Metereological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.
LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

SAMUEL CHASE	BETHELGEUSE	MAYRANT
BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
STANTON	AROSTOOK	RHIND
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 COMPHIBNAW ORDER A-43
 Brief of Mission or Task:- LOAD ARMY EQUIPMENT AT ALGIERS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
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WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
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 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
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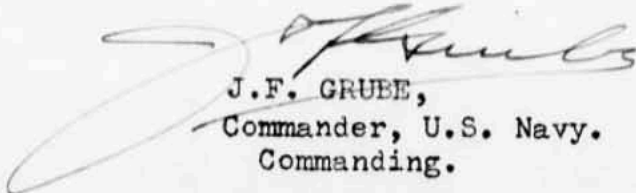
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 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXX~~ ~~FROM~~ MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS TO
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~:- U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS.

SAMUEL CHASE	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 COMPHIBNAW ORDER A-43

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOAD ARMY EQUIPMENT AT ALGIERS

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
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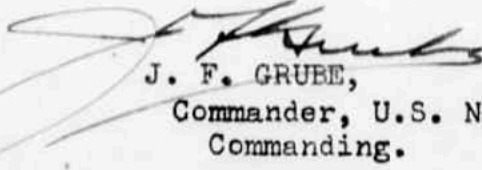
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 18, 1943.
CHANGED TO B.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS ~~XX~~
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~:- U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS

SAMUEL CHASE	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
		ROWAN

Designation of the units:- TASK UNIT 81.2
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIBNAW ORDER A-43

Brief of Mission or Task:- LOAD ARMY EQUIPMENT AT ALGIERS

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
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(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

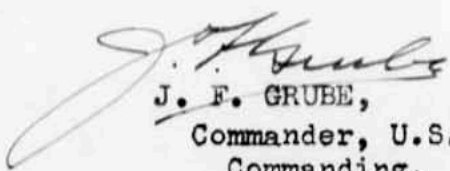
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 19, 1943.
 CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS. ~~XXX~~
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ :- U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS

SAMUEL CHASE	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 COMPHIBNAW ORDER A-43
 Brief of Mission or Task:- LOAD ARMY EQUIPMENT AT ALGIERS

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
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 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
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MOORED AS BEFORE TO SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS.
CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.
LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached

NONE.

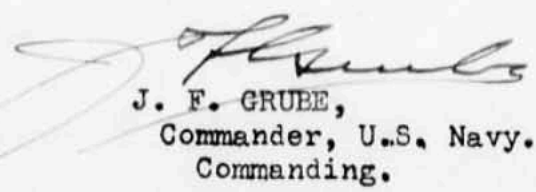
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 20, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, XXX ALGIERS.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

SAMUEL CHASE	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
COMPHIBNAW ORDER A-43
Brief of Mission or Task:- LOAD ARMY EQUIPMENT AT ALGIERS.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
MOORED AS BEFORE TO SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS.
CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.
LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.
2130 MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS COMPLETED.
COMMENCED HOLDING DOCK TRIAL.

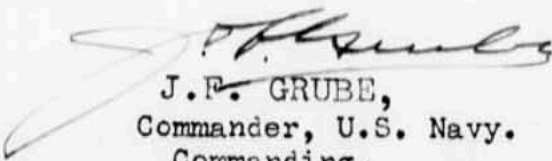
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
NONE.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 21, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BOISE	MONROVIA	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
REDWING	SAMUEL CHASE	OBERON	BENSON
DALLAS	BARNETT	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
COLE	DICKMAN	ARCOSTOCK	RHIND
NELSON	STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
GLENNON	LYON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
BERNADOU	THURSTON		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 PHIBNAW TRAINING MEMO H-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT TRAINING EXERCISES ACCORDING TO ABOVE
 ORDER.
 (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE JUNE 21, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE TO SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS.
LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.
HOLDING MAIN ENGINE DOCK TRIAL.
0330 STOPPED ENGINE FOR INSPECTION.
0335 RESUMED DOCK TRIAL.
1000 COMPLETED DOCK TRIAL. NOTIFIED COMTRANS DIV 3 THAT MAIN ENGINE
REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED.
1010 CASE OF FOUR(4) SMOKE POTS BECAME IGNITED IN #2 HATCH. FIRE
ALARM SOUNDED.
1013 BRITISH FIRE ENGINE ARRIVED ON DOCK.
1017 TWO FRENCH FIRE ENGINES ARRIVED ON DOCK.
1040 SMOKE POTS EXTINGUISHED. SECURED FROM FIRE STATIONS. NO
DAMAGE TO SHIP OR OTHER CARGO. NO ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM
DOCK. ALL SMOKE POTS IN CARGO REMOVED FROM HATCH AND PLACED ON
DECK.
1150 CASE OF SMOKE POTS ON DECK AT PORT SIDE OF #2 HATCH IGNITED.
CASE THROWN OVERBOARD. NO ALARM SOUNDED. ALL SMOKE POTS OF
THIS TYPE REMOVED FROM SHIP.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

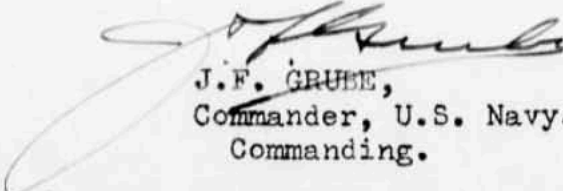
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 22, 1943.
 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS TO
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BOISE	MONROVIA	BETELGEUSE	MAYRANT
REDWING	SAMUEL CHASE	OBERON	BENSON
DALLAS	BARNETT	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
COLE	DICKMAN	AROSTOOK	RHIND
NELSON	STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
GLENNON	LYON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
BERNADOU	THURSTON		ROWAN

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 PHIBNAW TRAINING MEMO H-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT TRAINING EXERCISES ACCORDING TO ABOVE
 ORDER.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
 to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
 operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE JUNE 22, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

MOORED AS BEFORE TO SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS.
LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT
1145 TO 1155 ALL SHIPS IN HARBOR HELD AA FIRING DRILL. BETELGEUSE
EXPENDED FOUR(4) ROUNDS 3"-50 CAL. AA AMMUNITION.
1500 FINISHED LOADING ALL ARMY EQUIPMENT.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached ---

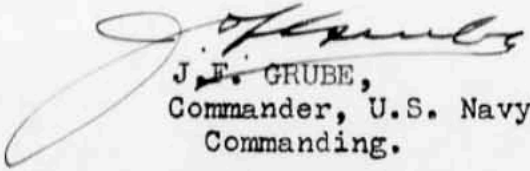
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 23, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS. TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BOISE	MONROVIA	BETELGEUSE	BENSON
SAVANNAH	SAMUEL CHASE	OBERON	NIBLACK
GLENNON	BARNETT	ARCOSTOOK	RHIND
NELSON	DICKMAN	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
DALLAS	STANTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
COLE	LYON	MAYRANT	ROWAN
BERNADOU	THURSTON	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, AND YMS.	
	REDWING		

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 PHIBNAW TRAINING MEMO H-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT TRAINING EXERCISES ACCORDING TO ABOVE ORDER.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:- 1600 - DEPARTURE - ILOT MARINE TOWER BRG. 202°
 CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 258°
 (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. 37-03 N.
 0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
 (Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. 02-14 E.

Course VAR. and distance 45 miles made good from ~~1600~~ 1600 to ~~XXXXX~~ 2000.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

12-16 MOORED AS BEFORE TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS.
1312 PILOT A. URBANI CAME ABOARD. ALL LINES SINGLED UP. TUG "FURET
III" FAST AFT. TUG "FURET II" FAST FWD.
1321 LEFT DOCK.
1322 LET GO TUG AFT.
1325 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING OUT OF HARBOR TO ANCHORAGE.
1328 LET GO TUG FWD.
1333 PASSED THROUGH BREAKWATER ENTRANCE.
1337 PILOT LEFT SHIP.
1355 ANCHORED IN 20 FMS. OF WATER IN ALGIERS BAY. HOISTING ALL BOATS.
1502 ANCHOR AWEIGH. UNDERWAY. FALLING INTO COLUMN ASTERN OF
THURSTON. PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEEP CHANNEL TO CARRY OUT
TRAINING EXERCISES ACCORDING TO PHIBNAW TRAINING MEMO H-43.
BETELGEUSE IN TASK GROUP 81.2.3 (THIRD SECTION).
1555 TRANSPORT GROUP FORMED CRUISING DISPOSITION 1. C/C TO 310(T).
S/S 10 KNOTS.
SET CONDITION 2MA.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1646 C/C TO 286(T).
1653 S/S 14 KNOTS.
1700 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
1745 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1755 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING (CHANGED PLAN)
1855 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
1911 S/S 9 KNOTS.
1925 C/C TO 253(T).
1950 C/C TO 223(T).

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

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20-24 2015 C/C 193(T).
2042 C/C 163(T).
2112 C/C 133(T).
2125 TRANSPORT GROUP FORMING SINGLE COLUMN (APPROACH DISPOSITION).
S/S 8 KNOTS.
2150 C/C TO 110(T).
2348 SIGHTED CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 080(T) AT APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES
OFF. 200 FMS. OF WATER.
2400 C/C TO 101(T).
SET CONDITION 4.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

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(e) 00-04 A brief of the Day's Operations --
STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 101(T) S/S 8 KNOTS. APPROACHING TRANSPORT
AREA.
0040 C/C TO 042(T).
0100 ARRIVED IN TRANSPORT AREA. LAYING TO.
0110 COMMENCED LOWERING ALL BOATS.
0205 ALL BOATS IN WATER. COMMENCED OPENING HATCHES AND DISCHARGING ONE
VEHICLE FROM EACH HATCH(5).
0324 FINISHED UNLOADING VEHICLES. LOADED TANK LIGHTERS AND TWO(2)
SUPPORT BOATS LEFT FOR BEACH. (RMD-2).
P. J. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 VESSEL LAYING TO IN TRANSPORT AREA.
0415 THICK FOG SETTING IN. VISIBILITY 100 YDS.
0515 VISIBILITY IMPROVING. 1000 TO 2000 YARDS.
0554 BOATS RETURNING FROM LANDING EXERCISES.
0609 COMMENCED HOISTING VEHICLES & BOATS ABOARD.
0728 THICK FOG SETTING IN. VISIBILITY 50 TO 100 YARDS.
0758 COMMENCED WALKING OUT ANCHOR IN 36 FMS. WATER.
F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

08-12 0802 ANCHORED IN 36 FMS. OF WATER USING 60 FMS. OF CHAIN TO PORT
ANCHOR. ALL BOATS ABOARD EXCEPT THREE(3).
0950 VISIBILITY INCREASING - 6000 TO 8000 YARDS. LAST THREE(3)
BOATS RETURNING TO SHIP.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
1010 ANCHOR AWEIGH.
1034 POINT ACRATA BRG. 058(T) - POINT SIDI FERRUCH BRG. 070(T).
1045 ALL BOATS ABOARD. NO CASUALTIES.
1125 RECEIVED ORDERS TO FALL IN WITH 2ND. GROUP OF TRANSPORTS IN
FOLLOWING ORDER: CHASE, LYON MONROVIA, BETELGEUSE, OBERON.
1130 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO ALGIERS WITH EXCORT OF FOUR(4) DDS.
COURSE 040(T). S/S 10 KNOTS.
1200 CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 076(T). FORT SIDI FERRUCH BRG. 137(T).

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Ensign, USNR.

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12-16 1225 C/C TO 090(T). S/S 14 KNOTS.
1255 C/C TO 124(T).
1255 CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 209 AT 4½ MILES OFF.
1314 S/S 10 KNOTS.
1318 C/C TO 170(T). ENTERED SWEEP CHANNEL.
1325 PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY TO ANCHORAGE.
1400 ANCHORED IN 20 FMS OF WATER IN ALGIERS BAY AWAITING PILOT.
1535 PILOT A. URBANI ABOARD.
1553 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING INTO HARBOR.
1625 TUGS "ST. LOUIS" AND "FURET II" FAST FWD. AND AFT. RESP.
1629 PASSED BETWEEN BREAKWATERS INTO HARBOR.
1657 MOORED PORT SIDE TO OBERON AT ^{NEW} MOLE AT ~~PORT~~ ALGIERS. PILOT
AND TUGS LEFT.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
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 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____ NEW MOLE
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE OBERON AT ~~XXX MOLE AT~~ ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	COLE	BERNADOU
SAMUEL CHASE	OBERON	BOISE	NELSON	GHERARDI
BARNETT	AROOSTOOK	MAYRANT	GLENNON	MURPHY
STANTON	REDWING	BENSON	BUTLER	MC LANAHAN
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	NIBLACK	MADDOX	JEFFERS
THURSTON	PLUNKETT	ROWAN	HERNDON	SHUBRICK
	TRIPPE	DALLAS	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, & YMS	

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
 0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
 (Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

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 CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED ALONGSIDE OBERON AT ~~NO~~ NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ - U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS

MONROVIA	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	COLE	BERNADOU
SAMUEL CHASE	OBERON	BOISE	NELSON	GHERARDI
BARNETT	ARCOSTOOK	MAYRANT	GLENNON	MURPHY
STANTON	REDWING	EENSON	BUTLER	MC LANAHAN
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	NIBLACK	MADDOX	JEFFERS
THURSTON	FLUNKETT	ROWAN	HERNDON	SHUBRICK
	TRIPPE	DALLAS	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, FC, AND YMS.	

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____	1200 LCT((Lat. _____	2000 LCT((Lat. _____
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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE PORT SIDE TO OBERON AT NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.

1445 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. YELLOW ALERT. ARMY A.A. BATTERIES
FIRING TO EASTWARD.

1505 ALL CLEAR. SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS.

2100 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. YELLOW ALERT.

2120 ALL CLEAR. SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

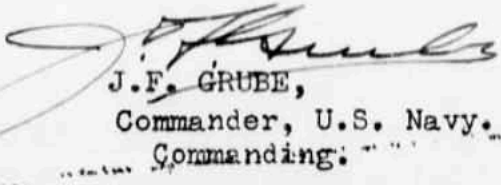
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 27, 1943.
 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE OBERON AT NEW FOX MOLE, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	COLE	BERNADOU
SAMUEL CHASE	OBERON	BOISE	NELSON	GHERARDI
BARNETT	AROOSTOOK	MAYRANT	GLENNON	MURPHY
STANTON	REDWING	BENSON	BUTLER	MC LANAHAN
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	NIBLACK	MADDOX	JEFFERS
THURSTON	PLUNKETT	ROWAN	HERNDON	SHUBRICK
VULCAN	TRIPPE	DALLAS	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, AND YMS.	
TARAZED				
J. PARKER				

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of "the Day's Operations" --

MOORED AS BEFORE PORT SIDE TO OBERON AT NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.

0545 SINGLED UP ALL LINES. VESSEL READY TO GET UNDERWAY.

0600 PILOT J. GIUDICI ABOARD. TUG FURET II FAST FWD. TUG ST. LOUIS
FAST AFT.

0625 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE INSIDE ANTI-TORPEDO BAFFLES.

0633 LET GO TUGS.

0636 PASSED OUT THROUGH BREAKWATER ENTRANCE.

0649 PILOT LEFT SHIP.

0702 LET GO STBD. ANCHOR AND 30 FMS. OF CHAIN IN 12 FMS. OF WATER.
ANCHOR BEARINGS: SIGNAL TOWER 266(T) ILOT MARINE TOWER 350(T).

E.A. Ratray
E.A. RATRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

1553 YELLOW ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.

1619 ALL CLEAR. SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E.A. Ratray

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 28, 1943.
 CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM ANCHORED INSIDE ANTI-TORPEDO ~~XXX~~ BARRIERS, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	COLE	BERNADOU
SAMUEL CHASE	OBERON	BOISE	NELSON	GHERARDI
BARNETT	AROOSTOCK	MAYRANT	GLENNON	MURPHY
STANTON	REDWING	BENSON	BUTLER	MC LANAHAN
LYON	WAINWRIGHT	NIBLACK	MADDOX	JEFFERS
THURSTON	PLUNKETT	ROWAN	HERNDON	SHUBRICK
VULCAN	TRIPPE	DALLAS	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, & YMS.	
TARAZED	ORDRONAUX			
J. PARKER				

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN ALGIERS HARBOR.
1831 PILOT JAKUES CAME ABOARD. VESSEL READY TO GET UNDERWAY.
1851 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDED TO BERTH, ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT NEW MOLE.
1907 PASSED BETWEEN BREAKWATERS. TUG ST. LOUIS FAST FWD.
1925 FIRST LINES ABOARD BARNETT.
1927 TUG SHIFTED TO PORT QUARTER TO PUSH VESSEL ALONGSIDE BARNETT.
1955 MOORED STBD. SIDE TO BARNETT AT NEW MOLE, ALGIERS. PILOT AND TUG LEFT.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

2210 YELLOW ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
2230 ALL CLEAR. SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. SET CONDITION 3.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto~~

DIARIST

CA Rathay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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SCENE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 29, 1943.
 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT DO NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	GHERARDI	JEFFERS
BARNETT	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN	FEDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	TARAZED	BERNADON	
LYON	PLUNKETT	ROWAN	MURPHY	
THURSTON	TRIPPE	DALLAS	MC LANAHAN	
OBERON	MAYRANT	COLE		
ARCOSTOCK	EENSON	BERNADOU		
	NIBLACK	NELSON		
		GLENNON		

Designation of the unit:- TASK GROUP 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANE

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
 0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
 (Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Metereological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.

1201 YELLOW ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
1215 CONDITION RED. (NO ENEMY PLANES OBSERVED)
1222 ALL CLEAR. SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. SET CONDITION 3.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

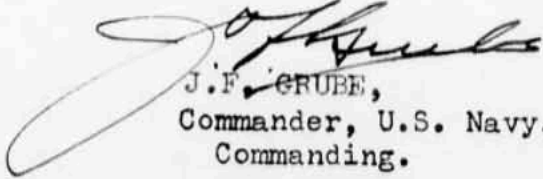
NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

E. Hattery


J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 30, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT TO NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	GERHARDI	JEFFERS
BARNETT	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN	REDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	TARAZED	HERNDON	DECATUR
LYON	PLUNKETT	ROWAN	MURPHY	LEA
THURSTON	TRIPPE	DALLAS	MC LANAHAN	ROPER
OBERON	MAYRANT	COLE		
AROOSTOOK	BENSON	BERNADOU	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, YMS.	
	NIBLACK	NELSON		
		GLENNON		

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE PLAN .

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.

1028 YELLOW ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.

1032 ALL CLEAR. SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. SET CONDITION 3.

MILES STEAMED IN JUNE 343
TOTAL MILAGE 69,287

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto~~

DIARIST

E. Rathay


J.F. GRUBB,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 1, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT ~~TO~~ NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	GHERARDI	JEFFERS
BARNETT	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN	REDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	TARAZED	HERNDON	DECATUR
LYON	PLUNKETT	ROWAN	MURPHY	LEA
THURSTON	TRIPPE	DALLAS	MC LANAHAN	ROPER
OBERON	MAYRANT	COLE		
ARCOSTOCK	BENSON	BERNADOU	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, FC, & YMS.	
	NIBLACK	NELSON		
		GLENNON		

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
 0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
 (Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
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 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

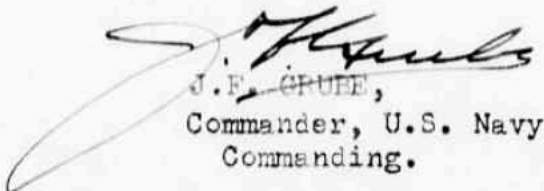
(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. J. Patton


J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 2, 1943.
 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT ~~XXX~~ NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	GHERARDI	JEFFERS
BARNETT	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN	REDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	ROWAN	HERNDON	DECATUR
LYON	PLUNKETT	DALLAS	MURPHY	LEA
THURSTON	TRIPPE	COLE	MC LANAHAN	ROPER
OBERON	MAYRANT	BERNADOU		
AROOSTOOK	BENSON	NELSON	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, & YMS.	
	NIBLACK	GLENNON		

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelons:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.
GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

1333 YELLOW ALERT, SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.

1343 ALL CLEAR. SET CONDITION 3.

2100 YELLOW ALERT, SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.

2105 CONDITION RED. (NO ENEMY PLANES OBSERVED).

2115 ALL CLEAR. SET CONDITION 3.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

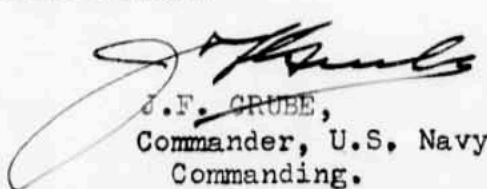
(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. Hattaway


J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 3, 1943.
 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT TO NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~:- U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	NIBLACK	BERNADOU	McLANAHAN
BARNETT	BETELGEUSE	BOISE	NELSON	JEFFERS
DICKMAN	REDWING	SAVANNAH	GLENNON	SHUBRICK
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	VULCAN	GHERARDI	PARKER
LYON	PLUNKETT	MOUNT BAKER	BUTLER	DECATUR
THURSTON	TRIPPE	ROWAN	MADDOX	LEA
OBERON	MAYRANT	DALLAS	HERNDON	ROPER
ARCOSTOCK	BENSON	COLE	MURPHY	

NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, YMS.

Designation of the unit:- TAKS UNIT 81.2.3

Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OR PLAN 2-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE
 OPERATION PLAN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
 to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
 operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT NEW MOLE, ALGIERS.

GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

0725 PILOT J. GIUDICI ABOARD. ALL LINES SINGLED UP.
0732 TUG FURRET 2 FAST AFT.
0741 TUG FURRET 3 FAST FWD.
0745 UNDERWAY FROM ALONGSIDE BARNETT.
0749 LET GO TUG AFT.
0800 LET GO TUG FWD. PROCEEDING TO BERTH 31.
0835 TUG ST. LOUIS FAST AFT.
0844 LET GO STBD. ANCHOR.
0853 LET GO PORT ANCHOR.
0857 LINES OUT TO MOORING BUOY AFT.
0903 TUG LET GO.
0915 MOORED IN BERTH 31, ALGIERS. PILOT LEFT SHIP.

E. A. Rathay
E. A. RATHAY,
LIEUT, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next here to.~~

DIARIST

E. A. Rathay

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 4, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH 31 ALGIERS TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS.

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	GHERARDI	JEFFERS
BARNETT	BETHELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN	REDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	ROWAN	HERNDON	DECATUR
LYON	FLUNKETT	DALLAS	MURPHY	LEA
THURSTON	TRIPPE	COLE	MC LANAHAN	ROPER
OSBERN	MAYRANT	BERNARDU		
ARGOSTOCK	HENSON	NELSON	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, & YMS.	
MOUNT BAKER	NIPLACK	GLENNON		

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelons:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
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 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE JULY 4, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH 31 ALGIERS.

0800 DRESSED SHIP IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

1200 H.M.S. MAIDSTONE FIRED A 48 GUN SALUTE IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

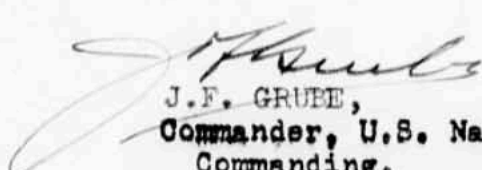
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None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 5, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH 31 ALGIERS TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	CHEPARI	JEFFERS
BARNETT	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN	REDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	ROWAN	HERNDON	DECATUR
LYON	FLUNKETT	DALLAS	MURPHY	LEA
THURETON	TRIPPE	COLE	MC LANNAN	ROPER
OBBERON	MAYRANT	BERNADOU		
ARGOSTOCK	BENSON	NELSON	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, TC, & YMS.	
MOUNT BAKER	NIELACK	GLENNON		

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH 31 ALGIERS.
GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.
2235 YELLOW ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
2245 ALL CLEAR. SET CONDITION 3.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

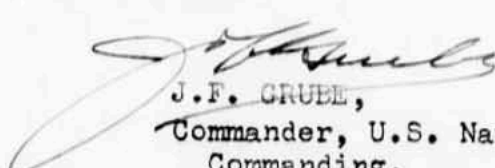
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- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 6, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED IN BERTH 31 ALGIERS. TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Exposition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	CHERARDI	JEFFERS
BARNETT	BETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN	REDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	ROWAN	HERNDON	DECATUR
LYON	PLUNKETT	DALLAS	MURPHY	LEA
THURSTON	TRIPPE	COLE	MC LANAHAN	ROPER
OBERON	MAYRANT	BERNADOU	NUMEROUS LCI, LST, SC, PC, & YMS.	
AROOSTOOK	BENSON	NELSON		
MOUNT BAKER	NIBLACK	GLENNON		

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT. 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 AMPHFORLANT
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. PLAN 2-43-6-43
 Brief of Mission or Task:- CARRY OUT OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO ABOVE OP. PLAN.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:- 1748 - DEPARTURE FROM ALGIERS.

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. 37-01 N. (Long. 3-30 E.)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH 31 ALGIERS.
GUN WATCH ON CONDITION 3.
- 08-12 0810 PILOT A. URBANI CAME ABOARD. SINGLED UP LINES TO BUOY.
0830 TUG "FURRET 2" FAST AFT.
0832 LET GO LINES TO BUOY. HEAVING UP BOTH ANCHORS.
0837 PORT ANCHOR AWEIGH.
0846 STBD. ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING OUT OF HARBOR.
0852 TUG LET GO.
0858 PILOT LEFT SHIP.
0923 ANCHORED IN ALGIERS BAY IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER. 45 FATHOMS OF
CHAIN TO STBD. ANCHOR. KOUBA AREG BN. BRG. 236(T)
BRISE-JAMES EST. L.H. 280(T).
- F.A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 12-16 1321 YELLOW ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
1330 ALL CLEAR. SET CONDITION 3.
1412 HELD ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
1420 SECURED FROM ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
1427 HELD FIRE DRILL.
1434 SECURED FROM FIRE DRILL.
- Louis Smutny*
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN
- 16-20 1717 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEEP CHANNEL ASTERN OF
SAMUEL CHASE. S/S 10 KNOTS.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE
1751 C/C TO 060(T). FORMED CRUISING DISPOSITION #1. CARRYING OUT
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OPERATION PLAN #2-43. BETELGEUSE IN
TASK UNIT 81.2.3 AND G-43
1808 C/C 045(T)
1903 C/C 065(T)
1923 C/C 090(T)
2000 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
- P.S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
- None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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J.F. Grue
J.F. GRUE,
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Commanding.

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DATE JULY 6, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached XXXXXXXXXX~~

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J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 7, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ALGIERS TO GELA, SICILY
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER DIME ATTACK FORCE

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

TASK UNIT 81.2.3(3rd SECTION)

STANTON
THURSTON
SAMUEL CHASE
BETELGEUSE

ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION
ACCORDING TO WESTERN NAVAL
TASK FORCE OPERATIONS ORDER
No. G-43. SERIAL 00129
AND OR ORDER 2-43.

Designation of the units:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3

Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDER G-43 AND 2-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- LAND U.S. ARMY TROOPS, AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF
GELA, SICILY.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>37-01 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>37-11 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>37-21 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>05-33 E.</u>	(Long. <u>06-23 E.</u>	(Long. <u>07-45 E.</u>

Course VAR and distance 165 miles made good from ~~XXXX~~
to noon. DEPARTURE

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 090(T) S/S 10 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR

04-08 0522 SET CONDITION I.
0630 SET CONDITION 2 M.A.
0800 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN

08-12 0805 C/C TO 068(T).
0849 TO 1044 EXERCISING AT EMERGENCY TURNS.
1053 RESUMED BASE COURSE 068(T).
1100 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1100 CAPE ATIA BRG. 166 - CAPE BOUGARONI BRG. 094(T).

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR

12-16 1255 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1305 C/C 088(T)
1334 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

16-20 1625 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1700 S/S 9 KNOTS.
1936 S/S 10 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2003 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2012 FORMED CRUISING DISPOSITION NO. 2 (2 column)
2023 S/S 12 KNOTS.
2055 YELLOW ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
2108 C/C TO 096(T).
2120 ALL CLEAR. SET CONDITION 2 M.A.
2240 RIGGED AND FLEW BARRAGE BALLOON.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
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Commanding.

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HOME DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 8, 1943.
 CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM ALGIERS TO GELA, SICILY
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER TIME ATTACK FORCE

1. (a) Composition of units:-

TASK UNIT 81.2.3 (3rd section) ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING
 TO WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OPERATION
 ORDERS No. G-43 AND 2-43

STANTON
 THURSTON
 SAMUEL CHASE
 BETELGEUSE

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.

Brief of Mission or Task:- LAND U.S. ARMY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF
 GELA, SICILY.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. 37-11 N. (Lat. 36-40 N. (Lat. 35-15 N.
 0800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000 LCT(
 (Long. 10-43 E. (Long. 11-05 E. (Long. 11-44 E.

Course VAR. and distance 265 miles made good from noon
 to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
 operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 096(T) S/S 12 KNOTS.

0020 S/S 9 KNOTS

0043 C/C 080(T) ENTERED TUNISIAN WAR CHANNEL.

0135 S/S 12 KNOTS

0205 S/S 12.5 KNOTS.

P. S. Smith
P. S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0410 C/C 114(T)

0500 SET CONDITION I.

0530 HMS PRINCE CHARLES AND PRINCE LEOPOLD JOINED TASK GROUP 81.2

0535 CANI IS. L.H. ABM. 4½ MILES OFF. C/C 101(T).

0602 SET CONDITION 2 M.A.

0635 ILE PLANE L.H. ABM. AT 3 ¾ MILES OFF.

0735 C/C 099(T).

J. B. MacKenzie
J. B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 0840 ZEMBRETTE IS. L.H. ABM. AT 3½ MILES OFF.

0920 CAPE BON L.H. ABM. AT 3.6 MILES OFF.

0928 C/C 129(T)

0932 C/C 160(T)

1054 C/C 211(T) KALIBIA L.H. BRG. 254 AT 5½ MILES OFF.

F. A. Massey
F. A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J. F. Grube
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

12-16 1215 C/C 209(T)
1245 C/C 165(T)
1319 TO 1339 HELD GENERAL DRILLS.
1500 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

L. Smufny
L. SMUFNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

16-20 1602 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1604 TO 1620 TEST FIRED ALL 20mm GUNS.
1617 KURIAT IS. L.H. ABM. AT 7½ MILES OFF.
1637 C/C 141
1706 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
1720 CAPE AFRICA ABM. AT 14½ MILES OFF.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2038 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2033 S/S 6 KNOTS. FORMING CRUISING DISPOSITION #1. (3 columns)
2100 S/S 12½ KNOTS.
2106 C/C 123(T).
2119 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.
2126 RESUMED BASE COURSE.
2131 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
2155 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.
2200 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBL.
2203 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBD.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE

2206 RESUMED BASE COURSE (123(T))
2213 C/C 153(T)
2228 C/C 180(T)
2240 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 9, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ALGHERS TO GELA, SICILY
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER DIME ATTACK FORCE

1. (a) Composition of units:-

TASK UNIT 81.2.3(3rd section)

STANTON
THURSTON
SAMUEL CHASE
BETELGEUSE

ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING TO
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OPERATION ORDERS
G-43 AND 2-43.

Designation of the units:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3

Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43
Brief of Mission or Task:- LAND U.S. ARMY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF
GELA, SICILY.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>33-56 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-41 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>36-12 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>13-31 E.</u>	(Long. <u>13-46 E.</u>	(Long. <u>14-06 E.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 288 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. CO-180(T) S/S 12½ KNOTS.
0050 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0057 C/C 156(T).
0112 C/C 132(T).
0125 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0500 SET CONDITION I.
0510 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0515 C/C 110(T).
0530 C/C 090(T).
0600 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
0605 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
0725 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. SIGHTED SAVANNAH, BOISE, PHILADELPHIA.
0735 C/C 070(T).
0748 C/C 044(T).

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(Jg), USNR.

08-12 0800 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0810 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0820 C/C 015(T).
0824 S/S 13½ KNOTS.
0835 SAVANNAH, BOISE, PHILADELPHIA JOINED FORMATION.
0900 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1032 S/S 14 KNOTS.
1140 S/S 14½ KNOTS.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
12-16 1324 TO 1331 HELD ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
1330 C/C 012(T).
1555 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1558 C/C 342(T).

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy ~~attached~~ ~~next~~ ~~hereto~~.

DIARIST *E. Pathay*

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

16-20 1619 C/C 012(T).
1628 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
1635 S/S 14 KNOTS. SIGHTED MALTA BRG. 067(T).
1725 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1810 SIGHTED GOZO L.H. BRG. 050(T).
1855 S/S 11 KNOTS.
1857 C/C 009(T).
1914 S/S 8 KNOTS. VESSELS FORMING APPROACH DISPOSITION.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2010 VESSELS OF DIME ATTACK FORCE STEAMING IN APPROACH DISPOSITION.
S/S 10 KNOTS.
2031 S/S 13 KNOTS. FORMATION STEAMING TOWARDS HMS SHAKESPEARE AT
POINT "KING" OFF GELA, SICILY.
2035 RED ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IN
VICINITY.
2110 ALL CLEAR. SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE. NO PLANES SIGHTED.
2115 C/C 000(T).
2130 C/C 330(T).
2150 C/C 000(T).
2225 C/C 010(T).
2238 SET SPECIAL UNLOADING CONDITION 4.
2255 SIGHTED MANY FLARES AHEAD.
2330 AA FIRE OVER BEACH. SEVERAL FIRES ON BEACH.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt. (JG), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy ~~attached~~ ~~next~~ ~~hereto~~.

DIARIST *E. H. Rattray*

J. E. Grube
J. E. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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SCENE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 10, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM ALGIERS TO GELA, SICILY
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER TIME ATTACK FORCE

1. (a) Composition of units:-
TASK UNIT 81.2.3(3rd section)

ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING
 TO WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OPERATION
 ORDERS G-43 and 2-43.

STANTON
 THURSTON
 SAMUEL CHASE
 BETELGEUSE

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
 Designation of next higher echelon:-TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 ALPHAFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.
 Brief of Mission or Task:-LAND U.S. ARMY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF GELA,
 SICILY.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:- 0030 - STOPPED IN TRANSPORT AREA.

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
 (Long. _____ 1200 LCT((Long. _____ 2000 LCT((Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
 to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
 operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____)

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE APPROACHING TRANSPORT AREA OFF GELA, SICILY. B/C
010(T) - S/S 13 KNOTS.
0020 C/C TO 314(T) AT POINT "KING" - 2/3 SPEED.
0023 1/3 SPEED.
0030 STOPPED IN ASSIGNED POSITION IN TRANSPORT AREA.
0045 COMMENCED LOWERING BOATS AND OPENING HATCHES.
0200 COMMENCED UNLOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. VESSEL LAYING TO
IN TRANSPORT AREA.
P. S. Smith
P. S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

0430 FLARES DROPPED OVER TRANSPORT AREA. NO PLANES SEEN.
0500 FRIENDLY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OVERHEAD.
0945 STEAMING CLOSER TO BEACH AT 1/3 SPEED.
1007 ANCHORED IN 9 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH GELA L.H. BRG. 334 AT
APPROXIMATELY 6 1/2 MILES DISTANCE. CONTINUED UNLOADING.
1155 SHIFTED ANCHORAGE.
1224 ANCHORED IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH GELA L.H. BRG. 350 AND
MANFRIA TOWER BRG. 313 - RESUMED UNLOADING.
1840 OBSERVED AN LST ON BEACH RED-2 HIT BY A BOMB FROM 1 HOSTILE
PLANE. LST BURNING BADLY.
1910 OBSERVED ATTACK ON BEACHES BY 2 HOSTILE PLANES.
1935 OBSERVED ATTACK ON BEACHES BY 2 HOSTILE PLANES. UNLOADING SLOWED
DOWN AT END OF DAY DUE TO LACK OF BOATS AND CONGESTED CONDITION
OF BEACH.

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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E. A. Rattray

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 11, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT GELA, SICILY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER LINE ATTACK FORCE

1. (a) Composition of units:-

TASK UNIT 81.2.3(3rd section)

ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING
TO WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OPERATION
ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43

STANTON
THURSTON
SAMUEL CHASE
BETELGEUSE

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43

Brief of Mission or Task:- LAND U.S. ARMY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF
GELA, SICILY.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE OFF GELA, SICILY, UNLOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AS BEFORE.
0653 ATTACKED BY 7 HIGH LEVEL BOMBERS. NO WARNING. (SEE ACTION REPORT ATTACHED)
0728 RESUMED UNLOADING. CONDITION 4.
0745 TRANSPORTS RECEIVED ORDER TO GET UNDERWAY. RED ALERT. 48 UNIDENTIFIED PLANES IN VICINITY.
0748 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO SEA. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. COURSE 190(T).
0810 RECEIVED ORDERS TO RETURN TO UNLOADING AREA. NO PLANES SEEN.
0835 ANCHORED IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH GELA L.H. BRG. 356 MANFRIA TOWER BRG. 316.
0845 RESUMED DISCHARGING CARGO. CONDITION 4.
1000 UNDERWAY TO SHIFT ANCHORAGE.
1025 ANCHORED IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH GELA L.H. BRG. 346 AND MANFRIA TOWER BRG. 313. CONTINUED UNLOADING.
1530 OBSERVED 2 ENEMY PLANES DIVE-BOMBING BEACH. NO HITS OBSERVED.
1550 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. ENEMY PLANES REPORTED APPROACHING.
1552 COMMENCED FIRING ON 24 ENEMY HIGH LEVEL BOMBERS. (SEE ACTION REPORT ATTACHED)
1555 OBSERVED ONE HIT ON A MERCHANT VESSEL (LIBERTY TYPE) WHICH COMMENCED BURNING FEROCELY.
1600 RESUMED UNLOADING. CONDITION 4.
1640 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. COMMENCED FIRING ON ENEMY PLANES (ABOUT 9) DROPPING BOMBS ALONG THE BEACH. (SEE ACTION REPORT ATTACHED).
1644 CEASED FIRING.
1655 RESUMED UNLOADING CARGO. CONDITION 4.
1705 BURNING MERCHANT SHIP WHICH WAS HIT BY A BOMB AT 1555 BLEW UP AND SANK.


(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. SMOKE FROM BURNING FUEL OIL COVERING ENTIRE TRANSPORT AREA.

1950 RED ALERT. ENEMY PLANES OVER BEACH.
1951 COMMENCED FIRING. VISIBILITY VERY POOR DUE TO SMOKE FROM BURNING MERCHANT SHIP. (SEE ACTION REPORT ATTACHED). -M-ser.- 54329
1953 CEASED FIRING.
2000 RESUMED UNLOADING. CONDITION 4.
2155 TO 2330 MANY FLARES DROPPED OVER TRANSPORT UNLOADING AREA AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER AND TYPE OF ENEMY PLANES FLYING OVER SHIPS AT INTERVALS

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. DROPPING BOMBS.

None. ~~XCopy attached next hereto.~~

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Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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2155 ONE BOMB LANDED ABOUT 1000 YARDS ON OUR PORT QUARTER. THIS VESSEL DID NOT OPEN FIRE AS NO SURE TARGET WAS SPOTTED.

2245 RIVERS, William Charles, 576 44 08, S.2c V-6 USNR KILLED IN ACTION ON FORWARD GUN PLATFORM.

2330 - CONTINUED
UNLOADING CARGO.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY,
Lieut ., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM AT GELA, SICILY TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER DIVE ATTACK FORCE

1. (a) Composition of units:-

<u>TASK UNIT 81.2.3(3rd section)</u>	ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING TO WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OPERATION ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43
STANTON	
THURSTON	
SAMUEL CHASE	
BETELGEUSE	

- Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT
- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:-LAND U.S. ARMY TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT EAST
OF GELA, SICILY.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE
- (d) Positions At:- 1920 - DEPARTURE FROM GELA, SICILY.

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

ANCHORED AS BEFORE OFF GELA, SICILY UNLOADING CARGO.
0935 RED ALERT. ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY.
0940 ALL CLEAR. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DISPERSED BY OUR FIGHTER PLANES.
1451 CEASED UNLOADING AND BEGAN COVERING HATCHES IN PREPARATION
FOR HOISTING BOATS ABOARD AND GETTING UNDERWAY. ABOUT 125
TONS OF CARGO REMAINING ON BOARD.
1738 ONE ENEMY PLANE FLEW LOW OVER AND AROUND UNLOADING AREA.
OPENED FIRE. (SEE ACTION REPORT).
1739 CHECK FIRE.
1744 ONE ENEMY PLANE FLEW LOW AROUND UNLOADING AREA. OPENED FIRE.
1746 ENEMY PLANE KNOCKED DOWN BY FRIENDLY FIGHTERS AND CRASHED
ON BEACH. (SEE ACTION REPORT).
1752 SECOND ENEMY PLANE OBSERVED CRASHING ON BEACH.
1753 THIRD ENEMY PLANE OBSERVED CRASHING ON BEACH.
1755 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
1806 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEEP CHANNEL ASTERN
OF SAMUEL CHASE IN COMPANY WITH OTHER AKA, APA, AND AP OF
TASK ORGANIZATION.
1830 VESSEL LAYING TO.
1920 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL. S/S 10 KNOTS.
COURSE 290(T).
1949 MANFRIA TOWER BRG. 000 AT 3.6 MILES OFF. C/C 280(T).

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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20-24 2020 MANFRIA TOWER BRG. 065 - LICATA SIGNAL TOWER BRG. 303.
C/C 205(T).
2050 TRANSPORTS FORMING 3 COLUMNS. BETELGEUSE 2nd SHIP
IN 3rd COLUMN.
2106 STOPPED. ENGINE BROKEN DOWN DUE TO BADLY POUNDED OUT
CROSSHEAD BEARING ON #2 CYLINDER. INDICATED BREAK-
DOWN. LAYING TO. DD BENSON STANDING BY AND PATROL-
ING AREA. ENGINEERS MAKING EMERGENCY REPAIRS.
AWAITING ORDERS.

J. B. MacKenzie
J. B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

~~NONE.~~

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ENROUTE FROM GELA, SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

BETELGEUSE
BENSON

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO ALGIERS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - DUE TO ENGINE
BREAKDOWN, BETELGEUSE RETURNING AT SLOW SPEED WITH BENSON AS
ESCORT.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-45 N.</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-29 N.</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-12 N.</u>
	(Long. <u>14-00 E.</u>		(Long. <u>13-57 E.</u>		(Long. <u>13-13 E.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 45 miles made good from ~~XXXX~~
to noon. DEPARTURE

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 LAYING TO AS BEFORE 11 MILES SOUTH OF LICATA. MAKING
EMERGENCY REPAIRS ON MAIN ENGINE. BENSON STANDING BY.
0005 ENGINE 1/3 AHEAD - 28 RPM - COURSE 205(T).
0105 STOPPED.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 LAYING TO AS BEFORE.
0500 SET CONDITION 1.
0605 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
0615 RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM CTF 86 INSTRUCTING HOPI
TO TOW BETELGEUSE TO AN ANCHORAGE OFF LICATA.
CAPTAIN DECIDED THAT IT WAS MOST UNWISE TO BE TOWED
TO LICATA IN OUR PRESENT BROKEN DOWN CONDITION AND
DECIDED TO PROCEED VIA RETURN CONVOY ROUTE TOWARDS
ALGIERS AT ABOUT 5 KNOTS WITH BENSON AS ESCORT.
CTF 81 AND CTF 86 INFORMED OF DECISION.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

08-12 0835 USS HOPI ALONGSIDE AND ORDERED TO STAND BY UNTIL
0930, THEN RETURN UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.
0900 ENGINE 1/3 AHEAD. 30 RPM. COURSE 205(T).
0930 USS HOPI RETURNED TO GELA, SICILY.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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12-16 UNDERWAY AS BEFORE.
1319 C/C TO 230(T).

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 1750 C/C TO 270(T).
1755 SIGHTED 4 FRIENDLY PT BOATS BOATS BRG. 310(T).
1835 SIGHTED ISLAND OF LINOSA BRG. 235 AT 29 MILES OFF.
1945 SIGHTED 2 FRIENDLY MERCHANT SHIPS BRG. 170(T).

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2046 LINOSA ISLAND BRG. 212 AT 23½ MILES OFF.
2135 C/C TO 265(T).
2255 BENSON HAS SURFACE RADAR CONTACT BRG. 260(T) AT
7000 YDS. INVESTIGATING. IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY
VESSELS.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

0615 RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM CTF 86 INSTRUCTING HOPI TO TOW
BETELGEUSE TO AN ANCHORAGE OFF LICATA. CAPTAIN DECIDED THAT
IT WAS MOST UNWISE TO BE TOWED TO LICATA IN OUR PRESENT
BROKEN DOWN CONDITION AND DECIDED TO PROCEED VIA RETURN
CONVOY ROUTE TOWARDS ALGIERS AT ABOUT 5 KNOTS WITH BENSON
AS ESCORT. CTF 81 AND CTF 86 INFORMED OF DECISION.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. GRUBE,
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CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GELA, SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

BETELGEUSE
BENSON

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO ALGIERS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - BECAUSE OF
ENGINE BREAKDOWN, BETELGEUSE RETURNING AT SLOW SPEED WITH BENSON
AS ESCORT.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. 36-06 N. (Lat. 36-17 N. (Lat. 36-52 N.
1200 LCT((Long. 11-52 E. (Long. 11-25 E. (Long. 11-14 E.

Course VAR. and distance 135 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

- 00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 265 - 31 RPM.
0305 CONVOY OF FRIENDLY SHIPS PASSED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION
2 MILES TO SOUTHWARD. *P.S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 04-08 0505 SET CONDITION 1.
0600 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
0750 SIGHTED 3 TRANSPORTS AND ONE DESTROYER BRG. 130(T).
J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.
- 08-12 0810 C/C 301(T).
0915 USS ORDONAUX AND U.S.A. TRANSPORTS MEXICO, EVANGELINE,
AND SHAWNEE PASSED, HEADING IN SAME DIRECTION.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 12-16 1330 C/C TO 308(T).
1355 USS MC LANAHAN PASSED TO STBD. HEADING IN SAME
DIRECTION.
1410 SIGHTED LAND BRG. 294.
1550 C/C TO 031 - ENTERED TUNISIAN WAR CHANNEL.
L. S. Smith
L. S. SMITH,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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16-20 1913 KELIBIA L.H. BRG. 298 AT 4 3/4 MILES OFF.
PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL.
1955 C/C TO 340(T). *P. S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2035 PASSED A CONVOY OF LST AND LCI VESSELS HEADING IN
OPPOSITE DIRECTION.
2308 CAPE BON L.H. ABEAM BRG. 250 AT 4 3/4 MILES OFF.
2330 C/C TO 281(T). *J. B. MacKenzie*
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J. E. GRUBE,
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GELA, SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

BETELGEUSE
BENSON

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORLANT

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO ALGIERS.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - BETELGEUSE
RETURNING AT SLOW SPEED DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>37-15 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>37-22 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>37-19 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>10-18 E.</u>	(Long. <u>09-56 E.</u>	(Long. <u>09-07 E.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 128 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

- 12-16 1205 USS BROOKLYN, SAVANNAH, BOISE AND ESCORT OF 5 DESTROYERS PASSED TO PORT, HEADING WEST.
1340 RAS ENGHELA L.H. ABEAM BRG. 212 AT 6 MILES OFF.
1430 C/C 256(T).
J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.
- 16-20 1612 HOSPITAL SHIP USS SEMINOLE PASSED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION.
1900 C/C 260(T).
1922 CAPE SERRAT L.H. ABEAM BRG. 170 AT 6 MILES OFF.
2000 THREE BRITISH TRANSPORTS AND ESCORT PASSED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 20-24 2115 C/C 270(T).
2155 GALITONS ISLAND L.H. BRG. 355 AT 12 MILES DISTANT. PASSED OUT OF TUNISIAN WAR CHANNEL. COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 16, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GELA, SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

BETELGEUSE
BENSON

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43
Brief of Mission or Task:-

RETURN TO ALGIERS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - BETELGEUSE
RETURNING AT SLOW SPEED DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>37-20 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>37-18 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>37-14 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>07-49 E.</u>	(Long. <u>07-24 E.</u>	(Long. <u>06-34 E.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 125 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 270(T). 32 RPM. ZIGZAGGING.
0340 HOSPITAL SHIP PASSED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0510 SET CONDITION 1.
0620 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
0643 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
0645 C/C 266(T).
0654 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.
0715 CONVOY OF MERCHANT SHIPS PASSED TO PORT HEADING EAST.
0720 CAPE DE GARDE L.H. BRG. 193 AT APPROXIMATELY 23 MILES DISTANCE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 1057 CAPE EOUKOUSH L.H. BRG. 209 - CAPE DE FER L.H. BRG. 234.
1200 CAPE TOUKOUSH L.H. BRG. 184 - CAPE DE FER L.H. BRG. 219.

12-16 1428 CAPE DE FER L.H. ABEAM BRG. 176 AT 11 MILES OFF.
1500 SIGHTED USS GLEAVES BRG. 280.
1530 USS GLEAVES JOINED AS ESCORT. BENSON PROTECTING PORT SIDE,
GLEAVES STBD. SIDE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

16-20 1740 FIVE U.S. DESTROYERS PASSED TO STED. HEADING EAST.
1938 CAPE BOUGARONI L.H. BRG. 213 - POINT JERBA BRG. 184.
2000 POINT JERBA ABEAM BRG. 176 AT 14½ MILES OFF.

P. J. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2045 C/C 263(T).
2107 CAPE BOUGARONI L.H. ABEAM BRG. 173 AT 9 MILES OFF.

J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. Slattery

J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 17, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GELA, SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

BETELGEUSE
BENSON
GLEAVES

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDER G-43 AND 2-43
Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO ALGIERS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - BETELGEUSE
RETURNING AT SLOW SPEED DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. 37-15 N. (Lat. 37-16 N. (Lat. 37-10 N.
 (Long. 05-19 E. (Long. 04-57 E. (Long. 04-10 E:
1200 LCT(2000 LCT(

Course VAR. and distance 118 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 263 - 32 RPM - ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0520 SET CONDITION ONE.
0600 S/S 30 RPM - 5½ KNOTS.
0625 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE ABLE

Louis Smuiny
L. SMUINY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 1314 CAPE SIGLI L.H. BRG. 190 AT APPROXIMATELY 21½ MILES
DISTANCE.
1406 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1408 C/C 257(T).
1415 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1650 SAVANNAH AND BOISE PASSED TO PORT HEADING EAST
WITH 5 ESCORTING DESTROYERS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 18, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GELA, SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

BETELGEUSE
BENSON
GLEAVES

Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3
Designation of next higher echelons:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OP. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.
Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO ALGIERS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - BETELGEUSE
RETURNING AT SLOW SPEED DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE.

(d) Positions At:- 0800 - ARRIVED AT SWEEP CHANNEL ENTRANCE.

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 257 - S/S 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ KNOTS - 30 RPM - ZIGZAGGING.

P. A. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0510 CEASED ZIGZAGGING - RESUMED COURSE 257(T).
0525 VISIBILITY POOR DUE TO LOW FOG AND HAZE.
0530 C/C 221(T) - SET CONDITION ONE.
0555 VISIBILITY IMPROVING. FOG LIFTING.
0640 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
0645 SIGHTED CITY OF ALGIERS RIGHT AHEAD.
0704 NOTRE DAME CHURCH TOWER BRG. 219
0720 C/C 210(T).
0725 CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 245 - NOTRE DAME TOWER BRG. 220 - C/C 209(T).
0800 ARRIVED AT SWEEP CHANNEL ENTRANCE. C/C 170(T).

J. B. Mackenzie
J.B. MACKENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL.
0835 PILOT L. AVAUD CAME ABOARD. PROCEEDING TO DOCK.
0850 PASSED INSIDE ANTI-TORPEDO NETS.
0858 TUG "FURET 3" FAST AFT AND TUG "FURET 2" FAST FWD. PREPARING TO TIE UP STBD. SIDE TO BARNETT'S PORT SIDE.
0910 PASSED BREAKWATERS INTO INNER HARBOR.
0945 MOORED STBD. SIDE TO BARNETT AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS,

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE ALGIERS.

F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page~~

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT ~~XX~~ AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS AT ALGIERS.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BROOKLYN	BETELGEUSE	HERNDON
MONROVIA	DICKMAN	SHUBRICK
SAMUEL CHASE	LYON	KNIGHT
BARNETT	MOUNT BAKER	BRISTOL
VULCAN	OBERON	WOOLSEY
THURSTON	BUTLER	
ELIZABETH C. STANTON		

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE JULY 19, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS,
ALGIERS.

0800 COMMENCED REPLACING CROSSHEAD BEARINGS ON #2 CYLINDER.
GRANTED SEVEN(7) DAYS AVAILABILITY BY COMTRANS DIV 3
TO ACCOMPLISH REPAIRS.

GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

DISCHARGING CARGO.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.


(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. K. Rattay


J.F. GRUBE,
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CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT TO MOLE DE PASSENGERS, ALGIERS.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BROOKLYN	BETELGEUSE	COWIE
MONROVIA	OBERON	DALLAS
SAMUEL CHASE	MOUNT BAKER	KNIGHT
BARNETT	DICKMAN	BRISTOL
VULCAN	BUTLER	WOOLSEY
THURSTON	HERNDON	WOOLSEY
LYON	SHUBRICK	MC LANAHAN
ELIZABETH C. STANTON		

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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ALGIERS.

CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.

DISCHARGING CARGO.

GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

1200 FINISHED UNLOADING CARGO.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page~~

DIARIST

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J. P. Grube
J. P. GRUBE,
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DATE JULY 21, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS,
ALGIERS.
CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.
GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 21, 1943.
 CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT ~~TO~~ AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BROOKLYN	BETELGEUSE	COWIE
MONROVIA	OBERON	DALLAS
SAMUEL CHASE	MOUNT BAKER	KNIGHT
BARNETT	DICKMAN	BRISTOL
VULCAN	BUTLER	WOOLSEY
THURSTON	HERNDON	MC LANAHAN
LYON	SHUBRICK	
ELIZABETH C. STANTON		

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
 Designation of next higher echelons:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE
 Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 22, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT ~~TO~~ AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS, ALGIERS.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of Unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BROOKLYN	BETELGEUSE	SHUBRICK
SAMUEL CHASE	LYON	COWIE
BARNETT	MOUNT BAKER	DALLAS
VULCAN	DICKMAN	BRISTOL
ELIZABETH C. STANTON	BUTLER	WOOLSEY
OBERON	HERNDON	

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3
Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NONE

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS,
ALGIERS.
CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.
GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.
1555 FINISHED MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS COMTRANS DIV 3 INFORMED.
1731 YELLOW ALERT. SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.
1733 CONDITION RED. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.
1735 ALL CLEAR. SET CONDITION 3.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

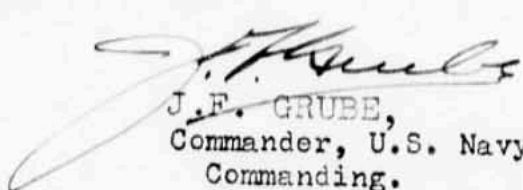
(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

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Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 23, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT Y6 AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS, ALGIERS.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) ~~Composition of unit~~ U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS:

BROOKLYN	BETELGEUSE	SHUBRICK	BIRMINGHAM
SAMUEL CHASE	LYON	COWIE	PHILADELPHIA
BARNETT	MOUNT BAKER	DALLAS	
VULCAN	DICKMAN	BRISTOL	
ELIZABETH C. STANTON	BUTLER	WOOLSEY	
OBERON	HERNDON		

Designation of the unit:- TRANSDIV 3.
 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON CLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

MOORED AS BEFORE ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT MOLE DE PASSENGERS,
ALGIERS.
CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.
GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.
1305 PILOT MARELLE CAME ABOARD.
1317 SINGLED UP ALL LINES.
1342 TUG "FURET 2" FAST AFT.
1346 TUG "FURET 3" FAST FWD.
1349 LET GO ALL LINES FROM BARNETT. PROCEEDING TO
ANCHORAGE INSIDE ANTI-TORPEDO NETS.
1357 PASSED OUT BETWEEN BREAKWATERS. TUGS LET GO .
1400 PILOT LEFT SHIP.
1409 ANCHORED IN 15 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH SIGNAL TOWER
BRG. 275 AND JETTEE PIERRE HENRY WATIER I.H. BRG. 352.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached ---

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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E.A. Rattray

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 24, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ALGIERS. TO GIBRALTAR
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
BETELGEUSE THIRD SHIP IN FIFTH COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:- 1200 PASSED OUT OF SWEEP CHANNEL.

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. 36-54 N.
1200 LCT((Long. _____ 2000 LCT((Long. 02-17 E.
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN ALGIERS HARBOR.
GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION THREE.

1030 ANCHOR AWEIGH. UNDERWAY.

1050 PASSED OUT THROUGH ANTI-TORPEDO NETS.

PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEEP CHANNEL.

1200 PASSED OUT OF SWEEP CHANNEL.

P. J. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 PROCEEDING TO SEA WITH VESSELS OF CONVOY GUS 10 K-RAY.
FORMING SEVEN COLUMNS. BETELGEUSE THIRD SHIP IN FIFTH
COLUMN. SPEED 5 KNOTS. SET CONDITION TWO MIKE ABLE.

1310 SHIPS FORMED UP IN SEVEN COLUMNS. SET COURSE 266(T).

1322 S/S 8 KNOTS.

1333 TO 1435 MADE A 360 TURN WITH EMERGENCY TURNS TO STARBOARD.
WAITING FOR ANOTHER SECTION TO JOIN CONVOY.

1440 S/S 5 KNOTS.

1435 COURSE 266(T).

1500 CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 179 AT 5 1/2 MILES DISTANCE.

J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 1635 S/S 8.5 KNOTS. ALL VESSELS IN POSITIONS.

1720 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

2145 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt. (jg) USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 266(T) S/S 8½ KNOTS.
0222 C/C 242(T).

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR

04-08 0700 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
0545 SET CONDITION ONE.
0655 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE ABLE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 0805 C/C 233(T).

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 1442 CAPE L'AIGUILLE L.H. BRG. 165 AT 9 MILES OFF.
1520 S/S 5 KNOTS. ONE SHIP LEAVING CONVOY AND 3 SHIPS
JOINING CONVOY OFF ORAN.
1600 S/S 8½ KNOTS.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

16-20 1618 C/C 278(T).
1700 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. GRUBE,
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DATE JULY 25, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
2140 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. GRUBE,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JULY 26, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM ALGIERS TO GIBRALTAR
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY
BETELGEUSE 3rd SHIP IN 5th COLUMN

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:- 2300 ARRIVED OFF ENTRANCE TO GIBRALTAR BAY.

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-15 N.</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-10 N.</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-08 N.</u>
	(Long. <u>03-00 W.</u>		(Long. <u>03-45 W.</u>		(Long. <u>04-54 W.</u>

Course VAR and distance 179 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 278(T) S/S 8.5 KNOTS.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0605 SET CONDITION ONE.
0715 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE ABLE.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

08-12 0809 C/C 265(T).
0855 BETELGEUSE CHANGED TO STATION 63.
1002 S/S 9.5 KNOTS.
1030 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
1130 CEASED ZIGZAGGING..
1200 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 1810 S/S 10 KNOTS.
1815 SIGHTED ROCK OF GIBRALTAR BRG. 275(T).
1825 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
1830 C/C 275(T).

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE

1835 S/S 9.5 KNOTS.
1900 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. GRUBE,
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Commanding.

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20-24 2031 EUROPA PT. L.H. BRG. 258.
PTA. ALMINA L.H. BRG. 223.
2034 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
2113 C/C 238(T) FORMING SINGLE COLUMN. MAKING PREPARATIONS
TO ANCHOR AT GIBRALTAR.
2300 EUROPA POINT L.H. ABEAM AT 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ MILES OFF C/C 260(T).
2305 C/C 270(T) ROUNDING EUROPA POINT APPROACHING PILOT
STATION AT SLOW SPEED.
2325 PILOT G. MC CALLEF CAME ABOARD. PROCEEDING TO
ANCHORAGE.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN .

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. 35-54 N. (Long. 05-49 W.) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN GIBRALTAR HARBOR.

P. S. Smith
P. S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0525 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING OUT OF GIBRALTAR BAY TO
RENDEZVOUS. COURSE 168(T) S/S 8 KNOTS.
0633 CARNERO L.H. BRG. 314 - TARIFA L.H. BRG. 264 - C/C 253
0715 CONVOY FORMED 2 COLUMNS, BETELGEUSE LEADING 2nd
COLUMN. S/S 5 KNOTS WAITING FOR REST OF SHIPS.

J. B. MacKenzie
J. B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

0947 TARIFA L.H. BRG. 345 AT 2 MILES OFF. ADJUSTING
COURSE TO CONFORM WITH SWEEP CHANNEL.
1153 MALABATA L.H. BRG. 153 AT 6 1/2 MILES OFF.

F. A. Massey
F. A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE IN SWEEP CHANNEL IN STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR.
1355 TO 1410 CONVOY WHEELED TO RIGHT BY A SERIES OF COURSE
CHANGES TO COURSE 073(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS. RETURNING
TO GIBRALTAR THROUGH SWEEP CHANNEL.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J. E. Grube
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16-20 1638 TARIFA L.H. BRG. 284 - EUROPA PT. L.H. BRG. 037.
1651 C/C 030 - VARIOUS COURSES TO PILOT STATION.
1758 PILOT N. PRIOS CAME ABOARD. PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE
INSIDE ANTI-TORPEDO NET.
1837 ANCHORED IN GIBRALTAR BAY.
"A" HEAD L.H. BRG. 150 $\frac{1}{2}$ - NORTH MOLE L.H. BRG. 109.
RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO RENDEZVOUS AT 0500 JULY 28,
1943.

P. S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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A. H. H. H. H.

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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CHANGED TO S.T. MINUS 1 AT 2200
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHIBOLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:- 0336 - DEPARTURE FROM GIBRALTAR.

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. <u>35-43 N</u>)	(Lat. <u>35-22 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. <u>06-19 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>07-49 W.</u>)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN GIBRALTAR HARBOR.
0336 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO RENDEZVOUS FIVE MILES
SOUTH OF CARNERO L.H. S/S 8 KNOTS. COURSE 170(T).

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

0450 C/C 208(T).
0529 CARNERO L.H. BRG. 349 - TARIFA L.H. BRG. 272. C/C 253T
0600 PROCEEDING AT SLOW SPEED. FALLING IN BEHIND COMMODORES
SHIP, TAKING STATION 2nd SHIP IN 1st COLUMN. CONVOY
PROCEEDING THROUGH STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR IN 2 COLUMNS.
S/S 5 KNOTS. COURSE 250(T).
0700 TARIFA L.H. BRG. 346 AT 3 MILES OFF.
0800 VESSELS FORMED UP IN 2 COLUMNS. S/S 8.0 KNOTS.

Louis Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 0805 STOPPED AND FELL OUT OF FORMATION DUE TO A LEAK IN AN
OIL LINE ON MAIN ENGINE.
0813 AHEAD STANDARD. RETURNING TO FORMATION. STEAMING ON
VARIOUS COURSES CONFORMING TO SWEEP CHANNEL.
0900 CAPE SPARTEL L.H. BRG. 155 AT 4 3/4 MILES OFF.
0905 BACK IN POSITION.
1035 PASSED OUT OF SWEEP CHANNEL. S/S 5.0 KNOTS. VESSELS

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE
FORMING UP IN SEVEN COLUMNS. BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN
THIRD COLUMN. STEAMING ON COURSE 242(T).
1100 C/C TO 241(T).

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

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12-16 1221 VESSELS FORMED UP IN CONVOY POSITIONS. S/S 9.0 KNOTS.
COURSE 241(T).
1229 C/C 222(T).
1305 C/C 257(T).

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO ZONE MINUS ONE.
2130 S/S 8.5 KNOTS.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J. E. Grube
J. E. GRUBE,
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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 1 DATE JULY 29, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. ZERO AT 2200
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10X-RAY
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>34-54 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-51 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>34-55 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>10-11 W.</u>	(Long. <u>10-48 W.</u>	(Long. <u>12-17 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 225 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 257(T) S/S 8.5 KNOTS.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0535 SET CONDITION ONE.

0647 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 0800 C/C 270(T).

0830 PORTUGEUSE STEAM TRAWLER PASSED ON PORT HAND.

1145 S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 1409 SIGHTED A LIBERATOR BOMBER.

1420 TO 1445 ALL VESSELS IN CONVOY HELD SOUND SIGNAL DRILL.

1507 ADJUSTED COURSE TO 275(T).

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

1715 LIBERATOR BOMBER CIRCLING CONVOY.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J.P. Grube
J.P. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO ZONE ZERO.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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SCENE DESCRIPTION ZERO DATE JULY 30, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. PLUS 1 AT 2200
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>35-18 N.</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>35-32 N.</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-00 N.</u>
	(Long. <u>14-42 W.</u>		(Long. <u>15-19 W.</u>		(Long. <u>16-28 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 226 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE JULY 30, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 275(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS.
0230 C/C 297(T).

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0505 SET CONDITION ONE.
0600 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.
0745 SIGHTED A PRY BRG. 325.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 1300 HELD ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
1310 SECURED FROM ABANDON SHIP DRILL.
1312 HELD FIRE DRILL.
1317 SECURED FROM FIRE DRILL.
1548 STOPPED ENGINE. BRITISH DESTROYER CAME ALONGSIDE AND
LOWERED A BOAT TO TAKE A DOCTOR OVER TO S.S. ABRAHAM
LINCOLN TO TREAT A MAN WITH THREE (3) FINGERS BLOWN OFF

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. A. Kethay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DATE JULY 30, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

16-20 1605 DOCTOR CURRIE LEFT SHIP IN BRITISH DESTROYERS BOAT.
1700 S.S. ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTOR BOAT TRANSFERRED INJURED
MAN, TAYLOR, W.F., S.1c V-6 USNR OF ARMED GUARD AND
DOCTOR CURRIE TO BETELGEUSE.
1703 AHEAD STANDARD SPEED. 9.5 KNOTS. RETURNING TO CONVOY
POSITION. CONVOY SLOWED TO 7 KNOTS.
F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2027 BETELGEUSE BACK IN CONVOY POSITION. CONVOY RESUMED
SPEED OF 9.0 KNOTS. COURSE 297(T).
2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE(1) HOUR TO ZONE PLUS ONE.
Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY
Lt.(jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST *E. H. H. H. H.*

J. E. Grube
J. E. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 1 DATE JULY 31, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10.
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>36-55 N.</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>37-09 N.</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>37-41 N.</u>
	(Long. <u>18-41 W.</u>		(Long. <u>19-24 W.</u>		(Long. <u>20-40 W.</u>

Course 296.5 and distance 220 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 1 DATE AUGUST 1, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10. X-RAY
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelons:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. 38-30 N. (Long. 22-34 W.) 1200 LCT((Lat. 38-45 N. (Long. 23-16 W.) 2000 LCT((Lat. 39-22 N. (Long. 24-35

Course 298 and distance 206 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE AUGUST 1, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 299(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0420 SET CONDITION ONE.
0530 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

1310 C/C TO 302(T).
1312 SIGHTED ONE OIL TANKER AND TWO DESTROYERS BRG. 339(T)
ABOUT 12 MILES DISTANCE.
1400 TANKER JOINED CONVOY, TAKING POSITION AS THIRD SHIP
IN SEVENTH COLUMN. TWO FRENCH DESTROYERS ESCORTING
HER DEPARTED TO EASTWARD

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY
Lieut. USNR
NAVIGATOR

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DATE AUGUST 1, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy attached next hereto.

DIARIST

E. R. Rattay

J. F. Smith
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DATE AUGUST 2, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 302(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

P. A. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0432 SET CONDITION ONE.
0540 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.
0600 C/C TO 279(T).

J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1400 C/C TO 275(T).

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P. A. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO ZONE PLUS TWO.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. A. Rathay

J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE AUGUST 3, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10.X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

CONVOY GUS 10.X-RAY
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>40-37 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>40-35 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>40-33 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>31-12 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>31-51 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>33-18 W.</u>)

Course VAR. and distance 208 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE AUGUST 3, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 275(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS.
0350 SET CONDITION ONE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0504 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.
0732 C/C TO 261(T).

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 1610 C/C TO 278(T).

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy attached next hereto.

DIARIST

E. A. Rathay

J. H. ...
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE AUGUST 4, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

CONVOY GUS 10. X-RAY
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>40-47 N.</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>40-47 N.</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>40-59 N.</u>
	(Long. <u>35-36 W.</u>		(Long. <u>36-18 W.</u>		(Long. <u>38-04 W.</u>

Course 277 and distance 204 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE AUGUST 4, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 278(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0410 SET CONDITION ONE.

0523 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1302 HELD FIRE DRILL.
1310 SECURED FROM FIRE DRILL.
1323 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. TEST FIRING A.A. BATTERIES,
SHOOTING AT BALLOONS.
1403 CEASED ALL FIRING. SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS.
SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR. EXPENDED 1000 ROUNDS
OF 20mm AMMUNITION AND 16 ROUNDS OF 3".50 CAL. A.A.
AMMUNITION.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt. (jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy attached as per instructions~~

DIARIST

E. H. Rathay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DATE AUGUST 4, 1943.

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16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. K. Hattery

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DATE AUGUST 5, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 278(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

0430 SET CONDITION ONE.

0537 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

0610 C/C TO 262(T).

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO ZONE PLUS 3.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.~~

DIARIST

A. K. H. H. H.

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding. ● ● ●

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DATE AUGUST 6, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 262(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS.
0350 SET CONDITION ONE. *P. S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0500 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR. *J. B. MacKenzie*
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE. *F. A. Massey*
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1300 C/C TO 253(T). *Louis Smutny*
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE. *P. S. Smith*
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE. *J. B. MacKenzie*
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DIARIST

E. H. Rattray

J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 3 DATE AUGUST 7, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
 CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
 BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the units:-
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
 AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>40-17 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>40-10 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>39-52 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>49-25 W.</u>	(Long. <u>50-05 W.</u>	(Long. <u>51-33 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 146 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE AUGUST 7, 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
- 00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 253(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS.
F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0415 SET CONDITION ONE.
0523 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.
0800 C/C 248(T).
Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- 08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
P. S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.
- 12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1300 C/C 253(T).
J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.
- 16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.
- 20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- DIARIST *E. H. Rattray*
- J. F. Grube*
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 3 DATE AUGUST 8, 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>39-24 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>39-13 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>38-51 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>53-37 W.</u>	(Long. <u>54-19 W.</u>	(Long. <u>55-44 W.</u>

Course 254 and distance 203 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 253(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0425 SET CONDITION ONE.
0520 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1325 C/C TO 251(T).

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached ---

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

W. H. Hattay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 3 DATE AUGUST 9, 1943
CHANGED TO Z.T. PLUS 4 AT 2200
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. <u>38-19 N.</u> (Long. <u>57-46 W.</u>	1200 LCT((Lat. <u>38-08 N.</u> (Long. <u>58-27 W.</u>	2000 LCT((Lat. <u>37-43 N.</u> (Long. <u>59-47 W.</u>
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Course 251 and distance 204 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 251(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0450 SET CONDITION ONE.
0600 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1615 C/C TO 261(T).
1708 C/C TO 237(T).

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

V. Hattay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO ZONE PLUS 4.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST *E. A. Rattray*

J. E. Grube
J. E. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE AUGUST 10, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. <u>36-39 N.</u> (Long. <u>61-50 W.</u>	1200 LCT((Lat. <u>36-22 N.</u> (Long. <u>62-23 W.</u>	2000 LCT((Lat. <u>36-00 N.</u> (Long. <u>63-44 W.</u>
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Course VAR. and distance 216 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 237(T), S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

P. A. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0406 SET CONDITION ONE.
0516 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.
0630 C/C TO 234(T).

J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F. A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1600 C/C TO 269(T).

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P. A. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J. B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DIARIST *E. S. Rattay*

J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE AUGUST 11, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>36-00 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>36-12 N.</u>	(Lat. <u>36-54 N.</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>65-42 W.</u>	(Long. <u>66-20 W.</u>	(Long. <u>67-25 W.</u>

Course VAR. and distance 201 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 269(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0425 SET CONDITION ONE.
0535 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1000 C/C TO 320(T).

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
1327 C/C TO 297(T).

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST *E. J. ...*

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE AUGUST 12, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.
BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
AMPHFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>37-43 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>38-06 N.</u>)	(Lat. <u>38-44 N.</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>69-19 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>69-46 W.</u>)	(Long. <u>71-02 W.</u>)

Course 305 and distance 201 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 297(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

P.A. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.
0440 SET CONDITION ONE.
0550 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.
0640 C/C 320(T).

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

Louis Smutny
LOUIS SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

P.A. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DIARIST

E. H. Harty

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 13 AUGUST 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-
CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelons:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- AMPHFORLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -
- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>39-50N</u>)	(Lat. <u>39-56N</u>)	(Lat. <u>38-46N</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>73-04W</u>)	(Long. <u>73-32W</u>)	(Long. <u>73-55W</u>)

Course VAR. and distance 215 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 Steaming as before. Course 302 T. S/S 9 knots.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 Steaming as before.
0450 Set Condition 1.
0615 Set Condition 2 Mike Sugar.
0630 C/C to 306 T.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

08-12 Steaming as before.
0815 C/C to 285 T.
0915 C/C to 305 T.
1030 Sighted Buoy "A" at New York Swept Channel
Entrance brg. 340 T. at 4½ miles distant.
1033 Stop. New York section proceeding into swept
channel.
1117 Underway. Delaware and Chesapeake sections
forming up.
1135 S/C 190 T.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
None.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DIARIST

E.A. Ratray
E.A. RATRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

08-12 1141 S/S 9 knots. BETELGEUSE in station 22.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16 Steaming as before.
1330 C/C 196 T.

J.B. Mackenzie
J.B. MACKENZIE,
Ens., USNR.

16-20 Steaming as before.
1805 Delaware section of convoy broke off and
proceeding toward Delaware Capes with one
escort vessel.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 Steaming as before.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page.~~

DIARIST

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 14 AUGUST 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.
CONVOY NO. GUS 10 X-RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY
CHESAPEAKE SECTION

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBFORLANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:- 1000 ENTERED SWEEP CHANNEL.

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 Steaming as before. Course 196 T. S/S 9 knots.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 Steaming as before.
0500 Set Condition one.
0614 Set Condition two mike sugar.

J.B. Mackenzie
J.B. MACKENZIE,
Ens., USNR.

08-12 Steaming as before.
0905 C/C to 240 T.
0915 C/C to 265 T.
0928 C/C to 240 T. Sighted Buoy "XS" at swept channel
entrance. Ships forming single column.
1000 Buoy "XS" abeam to port. Entered swept channel.
BETELGEUSE second ship in column, steering various
courses to conform with swept channel.
1200 Passed Buoy SUGAR 5 to port.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- None.
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DIARIST

E. H. Hathay

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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12-16 Proceeding to Hampton Roads through swept channel.
1404 Passed Buoy SUGAR 10 to port.
1450 Cape Henry L.H. brg. 275 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Cape Charles L.H.
brg. 314.
1556 Buoy "2CB" abeam to port.
1600 C/C to 316 T.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

16-20 1610 Stop. Waiting for pilot.
1620 Pilot A.C. JOHNSON aboard. Proceeding to
Hampton Roads.
1715 Cape Henry L.H. abeam.
1731 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
1818 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel.
1825 Stop. Waiting for net-gate to open.
1837 Gate open - proceeded.
1838 Passed through gate. Various courses and speeds
to anchorage.
1936 Anchored in berth #4 Hampton Roads in 10 fathoms of
water. Beacon F-1 brg. 266 T. Beacon 16-A brg.
016 T.

(f) Summary of important orders received and dispositions reached -- None.
P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

J.B. Mackenzie
J.B. MACKENZIE,
Ens., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

E. Matray

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 15 AUGUST 1943
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~ENROUTE FROM~~ ANCHORED IN HAMPTON ROADS ~~TO~~ _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 Anchored in Berth 4 in Hampton Roads. Beacon F-1 brg. 266.
Bearing 16-A brg. 016 T.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.
0617 Heaved in anchor to short stay.
0639 Pilot WALTON came aboard.
0645 Anchor aweigh. Proceeding to Norfolk Navy Yard.
Pilot conning.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt(jg), USN.

08-12 0802 Tug "Alice" fast on port quarter.
0808 Yard Tug 187 on port bow.
0813 Tug "Helen" on port quarter.
0814 Yard Tug 271 fast alongside YT 187.
Proceeding to berth.
0915 Moored starboard side to pier in Berth 30 at
Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia. Vessel
to undergo repairs and alterations.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- None.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J.F. GRUBE,
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~~REMARKS FROM~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 NE NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

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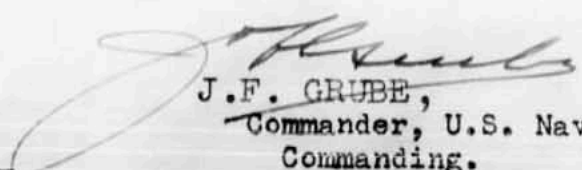
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~~ENROUTE FROM~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 TO NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

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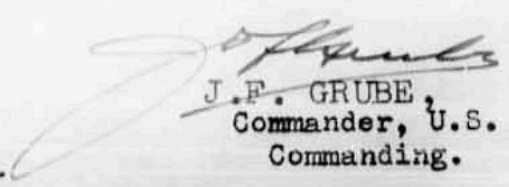
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CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 MOX NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

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PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
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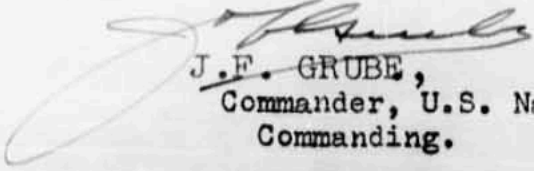
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 20 August 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~XX~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

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Brief of Mission or Task:-

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(d) Positions At:-

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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
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None.

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SCHEMATIC DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 21 August 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~NO~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

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WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
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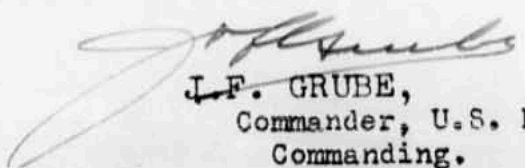
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 22 August 1943.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
~~MOORED IN BERTH~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~TK~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

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MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
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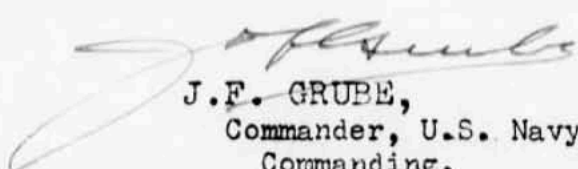
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 TO NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~XX~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 25 August 1943.
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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~XX~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~TX~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

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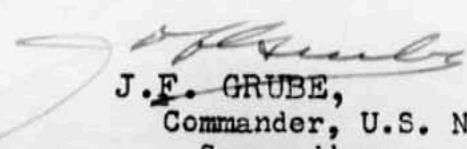
(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
None.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DIARIST

J. Hattay


J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DAILY WAR DIARY
U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (~~XX700~~) (AK11)
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 28 August 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~706~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions A:-

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to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 29 August 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~XXX~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

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OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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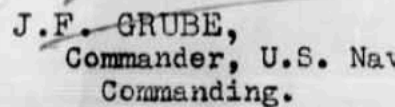
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None.

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DIARIST

E. Hattay


J.F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 30 August 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. AT _____
~~EXCOURT FROM~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~40~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ AMT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

DIARIST

W. H. Hattay

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 31 August 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~ENCLOSURE~~ MOORED IN BERTH 30 ~~TO~~ NORFOLK NAVY YARD.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMSIXTHPHIB.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 31 August 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk
Navy Yard undergoing repairs and alterations.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DIARIST

W. H. Tray

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Wednesday 1 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Thursday 2 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Friday 3 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Saturday 4 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Sunday 5 September 1943.

Moored in Berth³⁰/Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Monday 6 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

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Approved:

E. A. Youngjohns
E. A. YOUNGJOHNS, Lieut-Comdr., USNB.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Tuesday 7 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Wednesday 8 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Thursday 9 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Friday 10 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Approved:

E. J. Young
E. J. YOUNG, JRNS, Lieut-Comdr., USNR.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Saturday 11 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Sunday 12 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Monday 13 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Tuesday 14 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Wednesday 15 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Thursday 16 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Approved:

Examined:

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

E. A. Ratray
E. A. RATRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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PART III
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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Friday 17 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations. Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Saturday 18 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.

Sunday 19 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.
1110 Commenced holding a dock trial.
1200 Stopped engine.
1300 Resumed holding dock trial.
1615 Stopped engine. Dock trial completed.

Monday 20 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations.
1100 Disconnected all lines to dock in preparation for going into drydock.
1137 Pilot Walton aboard. Tugs NONPAREIL, ROADAN, YT 187 and YT 271 made fast.
1157 Let go all lines, left dock and proceeding to drydock #4.
1233 Lines to dock - entering drydock #4.
1242 All tugs let go, pilot, left ship.
1300 Vessel moored over blocks in drydock. Commenced pumping out dock.
1500 All water out of dock. All hands commenced scraping bottom in preparation for painting. Bottom inspected by 1st Lieutenant and Chief Engineer.

E. A. Ratray
LIBUT. USNR

Approved:

Examined:

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE, Comdr., USN.
Commanding Officer.

E. A. Ratray
E. A. RATRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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PART III
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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Tuesday 21 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description: PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Vessel in Drydock #4 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs, alterations and routine drydock work.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Wednesday 22 September 1943.

Vessel in drydock #4 Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing repairs, alterations and routine drydock work. Yard painters painting boot-topping and touching up plastic paint.

- 1415 Commenced flooding drydock.
- 1610 Pilot Avesten came aboard. Preparing to leave drydock.
- 1617 YT 187 commenced towing vessel out of drydock.
- 1637 Let go all lines from dock. Proceeding to Berth 30 by use of Tugs YT 187, YT 271, NONPAREIL and EDNA CREW.
- 1705 Proceeding into Berth 30.
- 1732 Moored stbd. side to Pier 4 in Berth 30, Norfolk Navy Yard. Tugs and pilot left. Yard workmen continue work.

E. A. Rattray
LIEUT. USNR

Thursday 23 September 1943.

- Moored in Berth 30 at Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing repairs and alterations.
- 1425 Commenced holding dock trial.
- 1900 Stopped engine. Dock trial finished.

Approved:

Examined:

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE, Comdr., USN.
Commanding Officer.

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Friday 24 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 30 at Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing repairs and alterations.
0700 Making preparations for getting underway.

08-12

0807 Pilot Tralke came aboard. Three yard tugs standing by.
0815 Let go all lines. Left pier, tugs assisting.
0836 Let go tugs, proceeding towards Hampton Roads.
0925 Buoys #11 and 12 abeam. Pilot left ship. Captain conning.
0951 Buoy #1 abeam. Passed out of Elizabeth River Channel.
1000 Anchored in Hampton Roads to examine main engine.
1021 Anchor aweigh. Proceeding out channel.
1045 Passed through net gate.
1112 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel. S/S 60 RPM.
1140 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel. C/C 041 T.
Proceeding up Chesapeake Bay.
1145 C/C to 332 T.

J.B. MacKenzie
J. B. MacKENZIE,
Ens., USNR.

12-16 Steaming as before.

1208 Buoy #1 abeam to port. C/S 70 RPM.
1240 C/S to 75 RPM.
1250 Passed buoy #12 to Stbd. C/C 355 T.
1302 C/C 015 T. Proceeding up York Spit Channel.
1313 Buoys #7 and 8 abeam. Reversed course to 195 T.
1332 Buoys #1 and 2 abeam.
1335 C/C to 168 T. C/S to 80 RPM.
1340 Stopped engine for inspection.
1354 Proceeding at 60 RPM. C/C to 148 T.
1428 Buoy #1 abeam to stbd.
1450 C/C to 320 T.
1500 C/C to 170 T. Proceeding to Hampton Roads.
1518 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
1600 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel.

F.A. Massey
F. A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

16-20

1619 Passed through net gate.
1638 Buoy #1 abeam. Entered Elizabeth River Channel.
Proceeding to Navy Yard.
1727 Pilot Tralke came aboard at Hospital Point.
YT 115 and tug ALICE came alongside.
1753 YT 187 fast on port quarter.
1815 Moored stbd. side to Pier #4 in Berth 30 at Norfolk Navy Yard.
Tugs and pilot left.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt(jg)., USN.

Yard workmen came aboard to finish work.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE, Comdr., USN.
Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rathay
E. A. RATHAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Saturday 25 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 30 at Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing repairs and alterations. Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Sunday 26 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 30 at Norfolk Navy Yard.
 0710 to 0830 - Held Dock Trial.
 0830 Made preparations for getting underway.
 0855 Pilot Walton came aboard. Tugs EDNA CREW and YT 115 alongside.
 0909 Let go all lines. Left dock.
 0925 Clear of slip. Tugs let go. Proceeding to N.O.B.
 0945 Pilot left ship off Hospital Point. Captain conning.
 1000 Buoy #24 abeam.
 1020 Buoys #11 and 12 abeam.
 1027 Tug PEERLESS came alongside. Pilot R.C. Edwards came aboard. Proceeding into Berth 25.
 1049 Moored stbd. side to Pier 2, Berth 25 N.O.B. Pilot and tug left.
 1200 Commenced taking on diesel fuel oil.
 2330 Finished taking on fuel oil. Received 172,556 gals.

E. A. Ratray
E.A. RATRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

Monday 27 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 25 at Pier 2 N.O.B.
 0805 Mustered crew on dock. C and R gang preparing ship for fumigation. All machinery shut down.
 0930 U.S. Public Health Officers started fumigating ship.
 1010 Fumigating party left ship.
 1300 Fumigating party returned aboard ship and opened all hatches, ports, vents and doors to clear the ship of cyanide gas.
 1600 Vessel declared safe by Public Health Officers. Crew returned aboard. All holds, store-rooms and living quarters cleaned up and bedding aired.

Tuesday 28 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 25 at Pier 2 N.O.B.

Approved:

J. F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Comdr., USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. A. Ratray
E.A. RATRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Tuesday 28 September, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0900 Commenced loading ammunition.
1300 Commenced holding dock trial.
1600 Stopped engine. Finished holding dock trial.
1930 Finished loading ammunition.

Wednesday 29 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 25 At Pier 2 N.O.B.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.
0830 Commenced holding dock trial.
1030 Stopped engine.
1330 Resumed holding dock trial.
1600 Engine stopped. Finished dock trial.

Thursday 30 September 1943.

Moored in Berth 25 at Pier 2 N.O.B.

Approved:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Comdr., USN.
Circulating Officer.

Examined:

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Friday 1 October 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored at Pier 2 in Berth 25 at N.O.B., Norfolk Va.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

12-16

- 1230 Made all preparations for getting underway.
1310 Pilot R.C. Edwards aboard. Tug Peerless alongside.
1317 Left dock, vessel backing into channel.
1327 Pilot and tug left. Captain conning. Proceeding towards Hampton Roads in Elizabeth River Channel. S/S 60 RPM.
1341 Buoy #1 abeam. Passed out of Elizabeth River Channel.
1407 Passed through anti-submarine net gate.
1418 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
1457 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel. C/C 040 T.
1503 Buoy #2T abeam to port. C/C to 332 T.
1521 Buoy #1 abeam to port. Stopped engine for inspection.
1526 Proceeded. S/S 65 RPM. C/C to 330 T.
1555 Buoy #10 abeam to stbd.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg) USN.

16-20

- 1612 Entered York Spit Channel.
1631 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C 010 T.
1725 D.G. Range House brg. 100 T. at 2 miles off.
1800 C/C to 175°. Proceeding to anchorage east of Range House.
1855 Stopped engine.
1903 Let go port anchor in 7 fms. of water with 60 fms. chain. D.G. Range House brg. 280 T. at 1/2 mile off.

Upon inspection of engine after anchoring, it was found that the center cross-head bearings of #2 cylinder on main engine are pounding out again. Radio sent to COMSIXTHPHIB recommending return to Navy Yard for inspection.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

E.C. McCarthy
E.C. MCCARTHY
Ens. USNR.

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Approved:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E.A. Ratray
E.A. RATRAY, Lieut., USNR.

Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Saturday 2 October, 1943.

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Wolf Trap D.G. Range House. Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

F.D. Moore
F.D. MOORE,
Ens. USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.
0730 All preparations made for getting underway.
0756 Anchor aweigh. S/S 52 RPM. Set course 205 T.

Returning to Navy Yard in accordance with orders from COMSIXTHPHIB.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

08-12 Steaming as before.
0850 C/C 209 T.
0905 Entered York Spit Channel.
0910 Sounded General Quarters. Exercising crew at battle stations.
0930 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C 165 T.
0940 Buoy #12 abeam. C/C to 150 T.
1020 Secured from General Quarters.
1036 Buoy #1 abeam to stbd.
1103 Buoy #2 T. abeam. C/C 225 T.
1111 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
1140 Proceeding at 1/3 speed.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MacKENZIE,
Ens. USNR.

12-16
1212 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel.
1236 Passed through net gate.
1256 Fort Wool L.H. abeam to port.

Received orders from shore station at N.O.B. to anchor in Hampton Roads and wait for Navy Yard, tug and pilot.

1327 Anchored in anchorage area "D". Using 45 fms. of chain to port anchor in 6 fms. of water.
1424 Yard Tug #17 alongside. Pilot Traike came aboard.
1436 Anchor aweigh. Proceeding to Navy Yard.
1450 Entered Elizabeth River Channel.
1530 Craney Island L.H. abeam to stbd.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg) USN.

16-20
1600 Hospital Point abeam.
1602 Yard Tug #17 came alongside.
1630 Yard Tug #115 came alongside. Entering berth.
1700 Moored stbd. side to pier in berth 35 at Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va. Tug and Pilot left ship.

Approved:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

Examined:

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Sunday 3 October, 1943.

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Monday 4 October 1943.

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Tuesday 5 October 1943.

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Wednesday 6 October 1943.

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Thursday 7. October 1943.

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Friday 8 October 1943.

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rathway
E.A. RATHWAY, Lieut., USNR.

Navigator.

To be forwarded direct to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, either at end of an operation or at the end of the calendar month.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE

Saturday 9 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing main engine repairs.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Sunday 10 October 1943.

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing main engine repairs.

Monday 11 October 1943.

Moored in Berth 35 Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing engine repairs.

- 1410 Commenced holding dock trial - main engine repairs completed.
- 1800 Stopped engine for inspections.
- 2155 Resumed holding dock trial.
- Dock trial to continue all night.

R.A. Morrison
R.A. MORRISON,
Ens., USNR.

Tuesday 12 October 1943.

- 00-04 Moored as before and holding dock trial.
- Holding dock trial.

E.G. McCarthy
E.G. MCCARTHY,
Ens., USNR.

- 04-08 Moored as before and holding dock trial
- 0700 Stopped engine. Dock trial completed.
- 0800 Making all preparations to get underway.

P.K. Johnson
P.K. JOHNSON,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.

Commanding Officer.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Tuesday 12 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)08-12

0825 Yard Tug #17 alongside port quarter.
 0830 Pilot Treakle came aboard.
 0844 Yard Tug #213 alongside port bow.
 0852 Let go all lines and left dock.
 0906 Headed fair in river. Proceeding towards Hampton Roads.
 Tug #213 left.
 0925 Pilot and Tug #17 left. Captain conning.
 0930 Hospital Point abeam.
 0951 Craney Island L.H. abeam.
 1024 Buoy #1 abeam. Passed out of Elizabeth River Channel. S/S 60 RPM.
 1047 Passed through anti-submarine net gate.
 1100 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
 1138 Standard Speed 70 RPM.
 1146 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel. C/C 045 T.
 1152 Buoy "2T" abeam to port. C/C 332 T.

F.A. Massey
 F.A. MASSEY,
 Lieut., USNR.

12-16 Proceeding up Chesapeake Bay.

1244 Buoy #10 abeam. C/C 346 T.
 1304 Entered York Spit Channel. S/S 80 RPM.
 1324 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C to 008 T.
 1430 Changed course to 195 T. Returning to Hampton Roads.
 1600 Entered York Spit Channel.

R.M. Cassidy
 R.M. CASSIDY,
 Ens., USNR.

16-20

1610 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C 180 T.
 1615 S/S 82 RPM, C/C to 165 T.
 1620 Buoy #12 abeam to port. C/C to 148 T.
 1649 Passed buoy #1 to stbd.
 1655 Stopped to inspect main engine.
 1705 Proceeded at S/S 75 RPM. Steering for Thimble Shoal Channel entrance.
 1711 Buoy "2T" abeam to stbd.
 1716 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
 1751 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel.
 1801 Passed through anti-sub net gate.
 1810 Passed Old Point Comfort L.H. to stbd. Making preparations to anchor in Hampton Roads.
 1859 Anchored in Berth #3 Hampton Roads using port anchor and 60 fms. chain in 12 fms. of water.
 Beacon F - 1 bearing 258.
 Beacon 16 - A bearing 004.

D.W. Allaby
 D.W. ALLABY,
 Ens., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

R.C. Emmelmann
 R.C. EMMELMANN
 Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grube
 J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rattray
 E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Wednesday 13 October, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before in Berth #3 Hampton Roads.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

H.M. Cassidy
H.M. CASSIDY,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.
0800 Making all preparations to get underway.

D.W. Allaby
D.W. ALLABY
Ens., USNR.

08-12
0900 Commenced weighing anchor.
0909 Anchor aweigh. Proceeding to sea. Course 067 T. S/S 76 RPM - 12½ knots.
Captain conning.
0941 Passed through anti-sub net. Proceeding towards Thimble Shoal Channel.
0953 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
1035 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel. C/C 045 T.
1041 Buoy "2T" abeam to port. C/C to 332 T.
1052 Stopped engine to repair water leak.
1105 Let go port anchor and 45 fms. of chain in 10 fms. water.
1123 Repairs completed. Commenced weighing anchor.
1131 Anchor aweigh. Proceeding at standard speed on course 329 T.
1142 Buoy #1 abeam to port.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MacKENZIE
Ens., USNR.

12-16
1207 Buoy #10 abeam to stbd. Steering for York Spit Channel.
1225 Entered York Spit Channel.
1240 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C 022 T.
1318 Stopped engine. Laying to east of Wolf Trap Degaussing Range.
1334 Two officers from Range House boarded vessel.
1402 Commenced running over the D.G. Range. S/S 12 knots.
1547 Completed 5th run over D.G. Range.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

16-20 Running over D.G. Range as before.
1714 Completed 9th run over D.G. Range. Calibration completed. Proceeding to anchorage east of Range House.
1742 Let go stbd. anchor and 60 fms. chain in 7 fms. of water. Range House bearing 271 T. at 1.3 miles off.
1815 Received D.G. charts. Range officers left ship.

R.W. Marks
R.W. MARKS,
Ens., USNR.
R.W. Swigart
R.W. SWIGART,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rathay
E.A. RATHAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Thursday 14 October 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before east of Wolf Trap Degaussing Range.

J. Norek
J. NOREK,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.
0800 Making all preparations to get underway.

R.W. Marks
R.W. MARKS,
Ens., USNR.

08-12
0822 Commenced weighing anchor.
0845 Anchor aweigh. S/S 12½ knots. Proceeding to area south-east of Wolf Trap L.H. to swing ship and compensate standard magnetic compass.
0915 Commenced compensating standard compass. Steaming at 1/3 speed.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

12-16
1205 Finished compensating standard compass. Proceeding to anchorage east of Wolf Trap Degaussing Range House.
1254 Let go port anchor and 60 fms. chain in 7 fms. water. Range House bearing 271 T. at 1½ miles off.

F.D. Moore
F.D. MOORE,
Ens., USNR.

16-20 Anchored as before.

R.E. Taylor
R.E. TAYLOR,
Ens., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

R.F. MacNamara
R.F. MacNAMARA,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grime
J.F. GRIME, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETEIGEUSE Friday 15 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before 1 1/4 miles east of Wolf Trap D.G. Range.

J. D. Moore
F.D. MOORE,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.
0800 Making all preparations to get underway.

R. E. Taylor
R.E. TAYLOR,
Ens., USNR.

08-12
0818 Commenced weighing anchor. S/C 280
0836 Anchor aweigh. Underway. S/S 75 RPM./ Course 0910 - C/C to 180 T.
0950 S/S 80 RPM.
0955 C/C to 357 T. Wolf Trap L.H. brg. 335 T. - D.G. Range brg. 24 T.
1005 Commenced raining. Visibility decreasing.
1020 Wolf Trap L.H. brg. 280 T. at 2 1/2 miles off.
1100 Sighted Rappahannock Spit Buoy bearing 305 T. C/C to 310 T. Making preparations to anchor.
1109 Stopped engine.
1115 Let go port anchor and 60 fms. chain in 7 fms. of water. Rappahannock Spit Buoy bearing 165 T. at 1/2 mile distant. Engine on 1/2 hour notice.
1135 Visibility decreasing to approx. 500 yards. Heavy Rain.

E. G. McCarthy
E.G. MCCARTHY,
Ens., USNR.

12-16 Anchored as before. Low visibility. All low visibility regulations observed.

P. K. Johnson
P.K. JOHNSON,
Ens., USNR.

16-20 Anchored as before.
1600 Visibility improving. Rappahannock Spit Buoy bearing 168 T. Windmill Point L.H. brg. 286 T.
1800 Thick fog set in. All regulations observed. All precautions taken.

R. A. Morrison
R.A. MORRISON
Ens., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before in thick fog. All regulations observed.

E. G. McCarthy
E.G. MCCARTHY,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J. F. Grubb
J.F. GRUBB, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

E. A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETHELWISE Saturday 16 October, 1943.

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before in thick fog $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Rappahannock Spit Buoy. All thick weather regulations observed.

P.K. Johnson
P.K. JOHNSON,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before in thick fog. All regulations observed.

R.C. Emmelmann
R.C. EMMELMANN,
Ens., USNR.

08-12 Anchored as before in thick fog. All regulations observed.

- 0816 Commenced hoisting out boats.
- 0912 All boats in the water.
- 0935 Commenced hoisting boats aboard.
- 0945 Visibility increasing. Rappahannock Spit Buoy bearing 173 T.
- 1050 All boats hoisted aboard.
- 1120 Visibility increased to 20,000 yards.

D.W. Allaby
D.W. ALLABY,
Ens., USNR.

12-16 Anchored as before.

- 1230 Making all preparations to get underway.
- 1248 Commenced weighing anchor.
- 1258 Anchor aweigh. Set course 060 T. S/S 80 RPM. 14 knots.
- 1328 Slowed to 1/3 speed. Steering various courses in order to test-fire new 5"/38 cal. gun on a safe bearing.
- 1333 to 1345 Fired 4 rounds from new 5"/38 cal. gun for structural tests. No casualties or structural failures.
- 1347 Resumed standard speed. Set course 340 T.
- 1400 Buoy #6 abeam bearing 070 at 1.3 miles off.
- 1423 Buoy #12TL abeam to stbd. C/C to 005 T.
- 1446 Smith Point L.H. abeam bearing 275 T. at 1.4 miles off. C/C to 343 T.
- 1515 Running into heavy rain squalls.
- 1548 Point No Point L.H. abeam bearing 253 T. at $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles off. C/C to 344 T. Rain ceased.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg) USN.

16-20 Steaming as before. Approaching anchorage off Cove Point L.H.

- 1702 Let go port anchor and 60 fms. chain in 8 fms. of water. Cove Point L.H. bearing 309 T. Cedar Point L.H. bearing 185 T.
- 1915 Making preparations for hoisting out boats.
- 1936 Commenced hoisting out boats.

R.C. Emmelmann
R.C. EMMELMANN
Ens., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before. Weather fine & clear.

- 2024 Finished hoisting out boats.
- 2026 Commenced hoisting boats aboard.
- 2123 All boats aboard.

D.W. Allaby
D.W. ALLABY,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Shanks
J.F. SHANKS, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut. USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Sunday 17 October 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before with Cove Point L.H. bearing 309 T. and Cedar Point L.H. bearing 185 T. Weather fine and clear.


R.C. ENDELMANN,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.

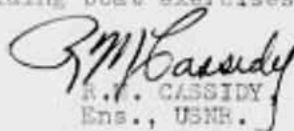

R.M. CASSIDY,
Ens., USNR.

08-12 Anchored as before.

0830 Commenced hoisting out boats.

0920 All boats in the water. Commenced holding boat exercises.

1115 Ceased boat exercises.


R.M. CASSIDY,
Ens., USNR.

12-16 Anchored as before.

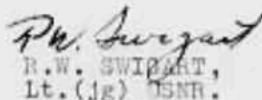
1300 Resumed holding boat exercises.

1507 Commenced hoisting boats aboard.

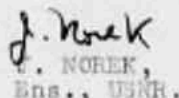
1556 All boats aboard.


R.W. MARKS,
Ens., USNR.

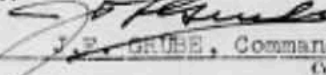
16-20 Anchored as before. Weather clear.


R.W. SWIGART,
Lt. (jg) USNR.

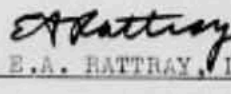
20-24 Anchored as before.


J. NOREK,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:


J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:


E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Monday 18 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before southeast of Cove Point. Cove Point L.H. brg. 330 T. Cedar Point L.H. brg. 185 T.

R.W. Marks
R.W. MARKS,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.

R.W. Swigart
R.W. SWIGART,
Lt.(jg), USNR.

08-12 Anchored as before.

0829 Commenced hoisting out boats.
0859 All boats in the water. Carrying out boat exercises under boat officers.
1045 Commenced hoisting boats aboard.

J.D. Moore
F.D. MOORE,
Ens., USNR.

12-16 Anchored as before. Hoisting boats aboard.

1211 All boats aboard and secured.
1230 Making all preparations for getting underway.
1245 Commenced weighing anchor.
1302 Anchor aweigh. S/S 80 RPM. 14 knots. Course 342 T.
1337 Buoy #16 F abeam to stbd. 1 mile off.
1400 Buoy #18 A abeam. C/C to 356 T.
1430 Buoy #20 A abeam. C/C to 013 T.
1513 Bloody Point Bar L.H. abeam brg. 103 T. at 1.6 miles off. C/C to 020 T. Preparing to make 3 runs over the measured mile opposite Annapolis, Md.
1521 Commenced 1st run. Course 002 T. S/S 80 RPM.
1548 Commenced 2nd run. Course 183 T.

R.E. Taylor
R.E. TAYLOR,
Ens., USNR.

16-20 Running measured mile as before.

1612 Commenced 3rd run. Course 003 T.
1617 Completed 3rd run over measured mile at 80 RPM. Preparing to anchor south of measured mile. Result of runs: 14.2 knots at 80.2 RPM.
1642 Let go port anchor and 75 fms. chain in 14 fms. of water with Thomas Point L.H. brg. 275 T. and Bloody Point Bar L.H. brg. 180 T.

R.F. McNamara
R.F. McNAMARA,
Ens., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

J.D. Moore
F.D. MOORE,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Gruber
J.F. GRUBER, Commander, USN,
Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR,
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETHELGEUSE Tuesday 19 October, 1911.

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLIB 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before in Chesapeake Bay with Thomas Point L.H. brg. 275 T. and Bloody Point Bar L.H. brg. 180 T.

RE Taylor
R.S. TAYLOR,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.

R.F. McNamara
R.F. McNAMARA,
Ens., USNR.

08-12 Making all preparations to get underway.

- 0810 Commenced weighing anchor.
- 0822 Anchor aweigh. Preparing to run over measured mile using S/S of 70 RPM.
- 0837 Commenced 1st run. Course 003T.
- 0902 Commenced 2nd run. Course 183 T.
- 0926 Commenced 3rd run. Course 003 T.
- 0938 Completed runs over measured mile. Stopped engine for inspection. Result of runs: 12.5 knots at 69.8 RPM.
- 0948 Chief Engineer reported that cross-head bearings of lower piston in #2 cylinder are pounding out again. Captain decided to proceed to vicinity of Wolf Trap D.G. Range at speed of 55 RPM. 10 knots. Course 190 T.
- 1030 Bloody Point Bar L.H. abeam brg. 100 T. at 1.4 miles off.
- 1100 Buoy #20 A abeam. C/C to 178 T.
- 1138 Sharps Island L.H. abeam at 2.8 miles off.

P.K. Johnson
P.K. JOHNSON,
Ens., USNR.

12-16 Steaming as before.

- 1205 Buoy #18 A abeam. C/C to 160 T.
- 1237 C/C to 163 T.
- 1300 Cove Point L.H. abeam brg. 253 at 1.1 miles off.
- 1350 Hoopers Island L.H. abeam brg. 073 at 2.4 miles off.
- 1355 Stopped engine for inspection.
- 1404 Proceeded at S/S 55 RPM.
- 1433 Point No Point L.H. abeam brg. 253 at 1.7 miles off.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

16-20 Steaming as before.

- 1603 Smith Point L.H. abeam brg. 253 at 1.4 miles off. C/C 187 T.
- 1643 Buoy #12 TL abeam to port. C/C to 178 T.
- 1747 Rappahannock Spit Buoy abeam to stbd. C/C 160 T.
- 1902 Wolf Trap D.G. Range House abeam to port 1 miles off. Preparing to anchor southeast of Range House.
- 1918 Let go port anchor and 60 fms. chain in 7 fms. of water. Range House brg. 323 T. Plantation Flats L.H. brg. 180 T.

R.W. Marks
R.W. MARKS,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

J.F. Shure
J.F. SHURE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETHLEHEM Tuesday 19 October, 1943.
(Type) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

20-24 Anchored as before.
2047 Sent following dispatch to COMSIXTHPHIB and BUSHIPS:- Cross-head bearings of lower piston number two cylinder main engine again pounding out. Forward side crank bearing number two cylinder running hot. Returning Hampton Roads at slow speed. ETA 1300 QUEEN 20 October. Recommend return to NY NCR for thorough investigation. Request presence of Mr. J.B. Hazard of BuShips and Mr. Jack Miller of Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.

P.K. Johnson
P.K. JOHNSON,
Ens., USNR.

Approved: *J.F. Quinn*
J.F. QUINN, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *E.A. Rattra*
E.A. RATTRA, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Wednesday 20 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before in Chesapeake Bay with Wolf Trap D.G. Range House brg. 323 T. and Plantation Flats L.H. brg. 180 T.

R.A. Morrison
R.A. MORRISON,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before.

E.G. McCarthy
E.G. MCCARTHY,
Ens., USNR.

08-12 Making all preparations to get underway.

0820 Commenced weighing anchor.

0828 Anchor Aweigh. Proceeding down Chesapeake Bay, on course 203 T. S/S 55 RPM. 10 knots.

0932 Entered York Spit Channel.

0947 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C 180 T.

0959 Buoy #14 abeam to port. C/C to 165 T.

1004 C/C to 150 T. Stopped engine for inspection.

1012 Proceeding at S/S 55 RPM on course 150 T.

1058 Buoy #1 abeam to stbd. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile off.

1106 Stopped engine for inspection.

1114 Proceeding at S/S 55 RPM. C/C 180 T.

1121 Buoy #2T abeam to stbd. Steering for Thimble Shoal Channel Entrance.

1129 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY,
Lt.(jg), USN.

12-16

1218 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel.

1232 Passed through anti-sub net gate.

1243 Old Point Comfort abeam. Received a dispatch from COMSIXTHPHIB directing us to stand on in and meet navy yard tug and pilot at NOB. Proceeding towards Elizabeth River Channel at various courses and speeds. Captain conning.

1300 Entered Elizabeth River Channel.

1305 Pilot Treakle boarded vessel. Proceeding to Navy Yard.

1331 Craney Island L.H. abeam.

1350 Hospital Point abeam.

1354 Yard Tugs 17 and 197 came alongside.

1430 Moored stbd. side to dock in Berth #3 Norfolk Navy Yard. Tugs and Pilot left the ship.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MACKENZIE,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Thursday 21 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored as before in Berth #3, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

Friday 22 October, 1943.

Moored as before in Berth #3, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Saturday 23 October, 1943.

Moored as before in Berth #3, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Sunday 24 October, 1943.

Moored as before in Berth #3, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

Monday 25 October, 1943.

Moored as before in Berth #3, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.
1630 Making preparations to shift to Berth #1.
1703 Pilot Shown came aboard. Four Yard Tugs alongside to move ship. Main engine under repairs and not in commission.
1712 Let go all lines aft.
1800 Four Yard Tugs cannot move ship due to fresh easterly breeze holding vessel against dock.
1806 Pilot Shown and tugs left to perform another job. Vessel made fast to dock with 8 singled-up lines as Pilot and tugs will return to move vessel.
2005 Pilot Shown returned aboard. Six tugs alongside to move vessel to Berth #1.
2035 Let go all lines - Tugs warped vessel away from dock, turned vessel around in turning basin off building ways and towed vessel to Berth #1.
2140 Moored port side to Berth #1, Norfolk Navy Yard. Pilot and tugs left vessel.

E. A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.

Approved: *J.F. Grubb*
J.F. GRUBB, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: *E. A. Rattray*
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE

Tuesday 26 October, 1943.

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored as before in Berth #1-A, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.

1625 Commenced holding a dock trial with main engine.

R.E. Taylor
R.E. TAYLOR,
Ens., USNR.

20-24 Moored as before, continuing dock trial.

R. F. MacNamara
R.F. MacNAMARA,
Ens., USNR.

Wednesday 27 October, 1943.

00-04 Moored as before in Berth #1-A, Norfolk Navy Yard holding dock trial.

D.W. Allaby
D.W. ALLABY,
Ens., USNR.

04-08 Moored as before holding dock trial.

0530 Stopped engine. Secured from dock trial.

0700 Making preparations for getting underway.

0720 Two Yard Tugs alongside. Pilot H.L. Everton aboard.

0730 Let go all lines. Proceeding towards Hampton Roads.

0734 Tugs let go.

0747 Pilot left ship. Captain conning. S/S 50 RPM. 9 knots.

0759 Buoys #26 and 27 abeam.

R.E. Taylor
R.E. TAYLOR,
Ens., USNR.

08-12 Steaming as before proceeding out of Elizabeth River.

0814 Craney Island L.H. abeam.

0830 Increased S/S to 60 RPM.

0846 Passed out of Elizabeth River Channel. Proceeding up Chesapeake Bay on a post repair trial. Mr. J.B. Hazard and Lieut-Comdr. Delaney of BuShips, Mr. J. Miller and Mr. Wadell of Sun Shipyard on board.

0917 Passed through anti-sub net gate.

0930 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel. Increased S/S to 65 RPM.

1017 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel. C/C to 045 T.

1025 Rounded buoy #2T. C/C to 330T.

1045 Passed buoy #1 to port.

1032 Increased S/S to 70 RPM.

1119 Buoy #12 abeam to stbd. C/C to 345 T.

1125 Entered York Spit Channel.

1130 Increased S/S to 75 RPM. 13 1/2 knots.

1143 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C to 008 T.

1131 Following radio sent to COMPHIBTRAINLANT. Betelgeuse reporting for duty in accordance with ALLANT 55. Now on post repair trials.

Reliability of main engine still undetermined.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieutenant, USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Wednesday 27 October, 1943.

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description PLIB 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

12-16 Steaming as before.
 1227 Wolf Trap D.G. Range abeam to stbd. C/C to 352 T.
 1230 Increased S/S to 80 RPM.
 1309 Rappahannock Spit Buoy abeam to port at 1½ miles off.
 1315 Sounded General Quarters. Exercised crew at emergency drills.
 1342 Reversed course to 172 T. Proceeding down Bay.
 1348 Secured from General Quarters.
 1412 Rappahannock Spit Buoy abeam to stbd. at 2 miles off.
 1416 C/C to 175 T. Increased S/S to 83 RPM. 14½ knots.
 1454 C/C to 188 T.
 1515 C/C to 002 T. Proceeding up Bay.
 1538 Wolf Trap D.G. Range abeam to stbd. C/C 352 T.

J.B. MacKenzie
 J.B. MacKENZIE,
 Ens., USNR.

16-20 Steaming as before.
 1615 Increased S/S to 85 RPM. 15 knots.
 1623 Rappahannock Spit Buoy abeam at 1.9 miles off.
 1634 C/C to 167 T. Proceeding down Bay.
 1725 C/C to 185 T.
 1742 C/C to 189 T.
 1801 C/C to 007 T., at York Spit Channel Entrance.
 1848 Wolf Trap D.G. Range abeam. C/C to 352 T.
 1927 C/C to 176 T. Proceeding down Bay.

F.A. Massey
 F.A. MASSEY,
 Lieut., USNR.

20-24 Steaming as before, proceeding down Chesapeake Bay.
 2025 Wolf Trap D.G. Range abeam to port. C/C 188 T.
 2111 C/C to 005 T. Proceeding up Bay.
 2133 C/C to 009 T.
 2152 Wolf Trap D.G. Range abeam to stbd.
 2212 C/C to 180 T.
 2221 C/C to 186 T.
 2225 Commenced raining heavily. Reduced speed to 2/3. Making preparations to anchor to northwest of York Spit Channel Entrance. Various courses approaching anchorage. Captain conning.
 2320 Let go port anchor and 60 fms. chain in 6 fathoms of water. York Spit Channel Buoy #9 bearing 165 and Old Plantation Flats L.H. brg. 117 T.

L. Smutny
 L. SMUTNY,
 Lt.(Jg), USN.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grubb
 J.F. GRUBB, Commander, USN.

Commanding Officer.

E.A. Ratray
 E.A. RATRAY, Lieutenant, USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE

Thursday 28 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

00-04 Anchored as before northwest of York Spit Channel. York Spit Channel Buoy #9 brg. 165 T. - Old Plantation Flats L.H. brg. 117 T. Heavy rain.

P.S. Smith
P.S. SMITH,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 Anchored as before. Intermittent rain squalls.
0800 Making preparations to get underway.

J.B. MacKenzie
J.B. MacKENZIE,
Ens., USNR.

08-12
0814 Commenced weighing anchor. Cross head bearings of lower piston in number two cylinder of main engine again pounding out. Mr. J.B. Hazard of BuShips decided to cease further trials and return to Norfolk Navy Yard. Navy Yard informed by radio.
0825 Anchor aweigh. Proceeding down Chesapeake Bay to Hampton Roads. Course 160 T. S/S 70 RPM.
0842 Entered York Spit Channel.
0859 Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C to 180 T.
0906 Buoy #14 abeam. C/C to 165 T.
0913 Buoy #12 abeam. C/C to 150 T. Visibility poor at times due to mist and rain.
0922 Buoy #10 abeam to port.
0953 Buoy #1 abeam 1/2 mile to stbd.
0957 C/C to 160 T. Visibility increasing to 10,000 yards.
1014 Rounding buoy 2T, proceeding towards Thimble Shoal Channel.
1020 Entered Thimble Shoal Channel.
1059 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel.
1112 Passed through anti-sub net gate at reduced speed.
1122 Old Point Comfort abeam. Proceeding towards Elizabeth River Channel entrance at reduced speed waiting for pilot.
1140 Navy Yard tug alongside. Pilot Purcell came aboard. Entered Elizabeth River Channel, proceeding to Navy Yard.

F.A. Massey
F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

12-16
1218 Craney Island L.H. abeam.
1246 Hospital Point abeam.
1312 Yard tug 115 came alongside at port quarter, and tug Roanoke alongside port bow.
1345 Moored stbd. side to dock in berth 1-A, Norfolk Navy Yard. Pilot and tugs left.

R.C. Emelmann
R.C. EMELMANN,
Ens., USNR.

Approved:

Examined:

J.F. Grubb
J.F. GRUBB, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

E.A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieutenant, USNR.
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE

Friday 29 October, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored as before in Berth 1-A, Norfolk Navy Yard.
 1000 Received orders from Captain of the Yard's Office to be ready to shift vessel to Berth 42 at 1700 today with tugs.
 1635 All lines singled up, preparing to shift berths.
 1730 Tugs Alice and Roanoke and 2 Yard Tugs came alongside. Pilot Treakle came aboard.
 1748 Let go all lines. Vessel towed to Berth 42.
 1905 Moored stbd. side to dock in Berth 42, Norfolk Navy Yard. Pilot and tugs left. Yard workmen commenced tearing down main engine for a complete overhaul.

E. A. Rattray
 E.A. RATTRAY,
 Lieut., USNR.

 Saturday 30 October, 1943.

Moored as before in Berth 42, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine overhaul.

 Sunday 31 October, 1943.

Moored as before in Berth 42, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine overhaul.

Approved:

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
 Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. A. Rattray
E.A. RATTRAY, Lieutenant, USNR.
 Navigator.

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S.S. No. 033449

UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Monday 1 November, 1943.
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.
Betelgeuse attached to PHIBTRAINLANT.

Tuesday 2 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.

Wednesday 3 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.

Thursday 4 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.

Friday 5 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.

Saturday 6 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.

Sunday 7 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.

Approved: J. F. GRUNE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined: E. A. RATTRA, Lieutenant, USNR.
Navigator.

UNITED STATES SHIP RETSELGUSE Monday 8 November, 1943.

(Day)

(Date)

(Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored as before in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing main engine repairs.

Retelguse attached to PHIBTRAINLANT.

0600 Singled up all lines, preparing to shift vessel to drydock.
0655 Pilot Walton came aboard. Following tugs alongside: Power, Edna Crow, Rosnoke, Pocaontas and Yard Tug 213.
0712 Left dock. Vessel towed to #4 drydock by tugs.
0749 Entered #4 drydock, stern in.
0753 Tugs and pilot left.
0800 Vessel in place over blocks.
0845 Commenced pumping out dock.
1125 All water pumped out of dock.

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

1130 Inspection of vessel's hull made by Chief Engineer; Lieut-Comdr. Hoffman and Comdr. Hunsinger of Norfolk Navy Yard; Mr. J.H. Hazard of BuShips; Mr. J. Miller of Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. It was found that the keelplate was very corrugated between frames 81 and 69, especially under main engine #1 and #2 cylinders. Rest of hull in good condition.

Tuesday 9 November, 1943.

Vessel in #4 drydock, Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing main engine repairs.

Wednesday 10 November, 1943.

Vessel in #4 drydock, Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing main engine repairs.

Thursday 11 November, 1943.

Vessel in #4 drydock, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs.
0800 Making preparations for leaving drydock.
0830 Commenced flooding drydock.
0910 Vessel floating in drydock.
1015 Pilot Shawn came aboard. Following tugs standing by to tow vessel to Berth #42: Alice, Yard Tugs 17, 213 and 37.
1045 Tug #17 towing vessel out of dock.
1105 Vessel out of dock. Tugs towing vessel to Berth #42.
1145 Moored stern side to pier in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard. Pilot & tugs left. Yard workmen continuing main engine repairs.

Friday 12 November, 1943.

Moored as before in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing main engine repairs.

Approved:

Examined:

J. S. ...
J. S. ... Comdr., USN.

Commanding Officer.

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.

Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE Saturday 13 November, 1943.
(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.
Betelgeuse attached to PHIBTRAINLANT.

Sunday 14 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Monday 15 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Tuesday 16 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Wednesday 17 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Thursday 18 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Friday 19 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Approved:

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY, Lieutenant, USNR.
Navigator.

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Saturday 20 November 1943.

(Day) (Date) (Month)

Zone description PLUS 4

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Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.
Betelgeuse attached to PHIBTRAINLANT.

Sunday 21 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.
Betelgeuse attached to PHIBTRAINLANT.

Monday 22 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Tuesday 23 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Wednesday 24 November, 1943.

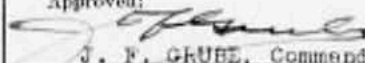
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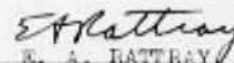
Thursday 25 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Approved:

Examined:


 J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.


 E. A. RATRAY, Lieut., USNR.

Commanding Officer.

Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.
Betelgeuse attached to PHIETRAINLANT.

Saturday 27 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Sunday 28 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Monday 29 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Tuesday 30 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

Approved:

J. F. Gruhe
J. F. GRUHE, Commander, USN.
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY, Lieutenant, USNR.
Navigator.

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CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

Designation of the unit:- -
Designation of next higher echelon:- -
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(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: -

Brief of Mission or Task:- -

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - -

(d) Positions At:-

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BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At Norfolk Navy Yard. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the units:- -
Designation of next higher echelon:- -
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: *-

Brief of Mission or Task:- -

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - -

(d) Positions At:-

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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
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CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:- -
Designation of next higher echelon:- -
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: *-
Brief of Mission or Task:- -
(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - -

(d) Positions At:-

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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
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1943

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored in Berths #11 & 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va
undergoing main engine repairs. Dock trials held on Dec. 10th,
13th, 14th, 15th & 16th.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

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E. A. RATTRAY,
Lieut., USNR.

J. E. Grube
J. E. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 17 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At Norfolk Navy Yard. ~~XX~~ _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- -

Designation of the units:- -
Designation of next higher echelon:- -
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: -

Brief of Mission or Task:- -

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - -

(d) Positions At:- -

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Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
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BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
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DATE 17 December, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored as before in Berth #11 & 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va. Holding main engine dock trial.

0742 Left dock and proceeded out to Hampton Roads and out Thimble Shoal Channel on a trial run. 1138 Anchored in Lynnhaven Roads. 1332 Anchor aweigh and returned to Norfolk Navy Yard. 1920 Moored alongside U.S.S. ENOREE at Berth #11 & 12, Norfolk Navy Yard.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

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~~None~~

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Lieut., USNR.

J. F. Grube
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Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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DATE 18 & 19 December, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored as before alongside U.S.S. ENOREE at Berth #11 & 12,
Norfolk Navy Yard, undergoing main engine repairs.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

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Lieut., USNR.

J. F. Grube
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Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 20 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ At Norfolk Navy Yard. XX
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- COMPHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat.)
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 (Long.)
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 (Long.)

Course and distance miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between and :-

WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
BAROMETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
CEILING VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER
LOCATION OF VESSEL DEPTH OF WATER
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PHASE OF MOON
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 20 December, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored as before alongside U.S.S. ENOREE at Berths #11 & 12, Norfolk Navy Yard undergoing main engine repairs. 1155 to 1240 - Vessel shifted by yard tugs to Berths #7 & 8, Norfolk Navy Yard.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

(g) ~~EXERCISES AND TACTICAL ACTION REPORT~~

~~NONE~~

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DIARIST

E. A. Rattray
E. A. RATTRAY, Lieut.,
USNR.

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 21 & 22 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~KNOWNTXFROMX~~ At Norfolk Navy Yard. XPO
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 23 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ At Norfolk Navy Yard. ~~XX~~ _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 24 & 25 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At Norfolk Navy Yard. TU
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 24 & 25 December, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored as before in Berths #7 & 8, Norfolk Navy Yard.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None,

(g) ~~COPY OF INDEX & ACTION REPORT~~

~~None~~

~~COPY OF INDEX & ACTION REPORT~~

DIARIST

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 26 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~EXERCISE/CRUISE~~ At Norfolk Navy Yard. ~~NO~~ _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. _____	1200 LCT(	(Lat. _____	2000 LCT(	(Lat. _____
	(Long. _____		(Long. _____		(Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 27 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~KNOWNTYPE~~ At Hampton Roads. ~~INFO~~ _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelons:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 27 December, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Anchored as before in Berth #4, Hampton Roads.
0815 to 1405 Unloading ammunition into lighter. 1415 All
ammunition unloaded, lighter left.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

Received orders from COMPHIBTRAINLANT to proceed to Sun
Shipyard on 28 December, 1943 via Chesapeake & Delaware Canal
assisted by tug - U.S.S. BOMAZEN.

(g) ~~COPY OF BATTLE OR ACTION REPORT.~~

~~None.~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 28 December, 1943.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ At Hampton Roads. ~~TX~~ _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the unit:-
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 29 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Hampton Roads TO Chester, Penna.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 29 December, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Proceeding up Chesapeake Bay in tow of U.S.S. BOMAZEN towards Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. Main engine turning 35 RPM. 0440 Changed Pilots off Annapolis, Md. Pilot H.R. MILLER aboard. Proceeding under tow. 0808 Cast off tow line and proceeding under own power towards C & D Canal. Pilot conning. BOMAZEN following. 1503 Changed Pilots at Chesapeake City, Md., on C & D Canal. Canal Pilot E.J. OLSEN and Delaware River Pilot A. WILLIAMS aboard. Proceeded through ~~through~~ Canal. 1744 Entered Delaware River. Tug BOMAZEN released from duty and returned to Hampton Roads. Pilot WILLIAMS conning. Proceeding up river to Chester. 2240 Moored to Pier #1 at Sun Shipyard, Chester, Penna.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None,

(g) ~~REPORT OF THE DAY'S OPERATIONS~~

~~None~~

~~None~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 30 & 31 December, 1943.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~EXPOSED FROM~~ Chester, Penna. ~~TO~~ _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRAINLANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____) (Lat. _____) (Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____) 1200 LCT(_____) 2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 30 & 31 December, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored as before at Pier #1, Sun Shipyard, Chester, Pa.,
for main engine repairs.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

(g) ~~Copy of Extraordinary Orders~~

~~None~~

~~Copy of Extraordinary Orders~~

DIARIST

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R.S. No. 04750

ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 4 DATE 1 January to 20 January 1944
~~CHANGED-TO-Z.F.~~ AT _____
~~ENROUTE-FROM-~~ At Sun Shipyard, Chester, PA Penna.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRALANT

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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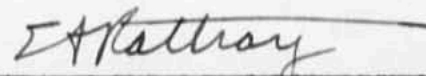
- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
Moored to Pier #1 at Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.
undergoing main engine repairs.


- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- NONE -

- (g) ~~Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.~~

~~None. Copy attached next hereto.~~

DIARIST


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J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 21 January to 31 January 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~ENROUTE FROM~~ Moored at Sun Shipbuilding & Drydock Co., Chester, Pa.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- PHIBTRALANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____) (Lat. _____) (Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____) 1200 LCT(_____) 2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored to Pier #1 at Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.,
Chester, Pa., undergoing main engine repairs.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

- NONE -

(g) ~~Copy of ACTION REPORT~~

~~None~~ ~~Copy of ACTION REPORT~~

DIARIST

L. Smutny
L. SMUTNY, Lieut(jg), USN.

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 1 February - 29 February 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MOORED AT SUN SHIPBUILDING & ~~TO~~ DRYDOCK CO., CHESTER, PA.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:-

U.S.S. BETELGEUSE.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-PHIBTRALANT.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 1 February - 29 February 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Moored Starboard side to Pier #1, Sun Shipbuilding & Drydock Co.,
Chester, Pa. Undergoing major repairs to the main engine.

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF
U.S. FLEET
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached ⁴⁹ None.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page.~~

Louis Smutny
DIARIST L. SMUTNY, Lt(jg), USN.

J. P. Grube
J. P. GRUBE,
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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 R.S. No. _____

SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 1 March to 24 March 1944.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Undergoing major repairs to main engine at Sun Ship Building
 and Drydock Company, Chester, Pa.

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 COMMANDER-
 FLAG OFFICER
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Designation of the unit:-
 Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ Long. _____)	1200 LCT (Lat. _____ Long. _____)	2000 LCT (Lat. _____ Long. _____)
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Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
 to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
 operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	AMT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE 1 March to 24 March 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Undergoing major repairs to main engine at Sun Ship Building
and Drydock Company, Chester, Penna.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next day's report.~~

DIARIST

W. F. Crosson
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J. F. GRUBBE
Commander, U.S. Navy.
Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 25 March 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Operating Independently.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Comdt. N Yd. Philadelphia, Disp. 231500 of March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Post-repair trial.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

Lower Delaware Bay.

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- 1451 - Got underway for post repair trial in Delaware Bay. Steaming on various courses and at various speeds between Harbor of Refuge and Brandywine Lump Buoy in lower Delaware Bay throughout the night.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy attached next hereto.

DIARIST

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W. F. CROSSON, Lieut., USNR,
Navigator.

J. F. Grubb
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Commanding.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 26 March 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Operating Independently.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Comdt. N Yd. Philadelphia, Disp. 231500 of March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Post repair trial.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-
Lower Delaware Bay.
(Lat. ~~xxxxxx~~ _____) (Lat. _____) (Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____) 1200 LCT(_____) 2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. ~~xxxxxx~~ _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARF _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Continuing Post Repair trial run in Delaware Bay.

1614 Moored alongside Pier #2 Sun Ship Building and Drydock Company, Chester, Penna. for check-up following post repair trial.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 27 and 28 March 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- Check-up following post-repair trial.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____	1200 LCT(_____	2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 27 and 28 March 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Undergoing check-up
of main engine following major repairs and post-repair trial.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 29 March 1944.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComPhibTraLant Disp. 251536 of March 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceed from Chester, Penna., to Hampton
Roads, Va.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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DATE 29 March 1944.

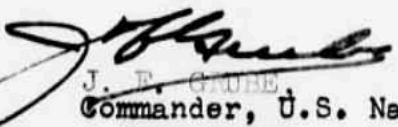
(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- 1640 Got underway from Sun Ship Building and Drydock Company, Chester, Penna., for Hampton Roads, Va., via Delaware River, Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and Chesapeake Bay. 2019 Anchored in fog in the Chesapeake Bay, 1½ miles south of Tangier Lump Lighted Bell Buoy #12.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 30 March 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelons:- ComPhibTrafant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComPhibTrafant Disp. 251536 of March 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceed from Chester, Penna., to Hampton
Roads, Va.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

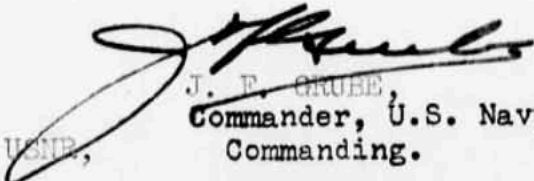
Anchored in fog south of Tangier Lamp Buoy #12 in Chesapeake Bay. 0747 Got underway for Hampton Roads, Va. 1245 Anchored in Area B, berth #4, Hampton Roads, Va.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 31 March 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
Anchored in Hampton Roads, Va., Area "B", berth #4.
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
None. Copy attached next hereto.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 1 April 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____) (Lat. _____) (Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____) 1200 LCT(_____) 2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 1 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Anchored in Hampton Roads, Va., Area "B", berth #4.
Loading full allowance of ammunition from Naval
Ammunition Depot, St. Juliens Creek, Va., during day.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 2 April 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders of ComPhibTraLant of 30 March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period in Chesapeake Bay.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE 2 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

0645 Got underway for Chesapeake Bay for shakedown. During morning ran over Wolf Trap degaussing calibration range to check coil settings which proved correct. Compensated magnetic compasses and swung ship for residual deviations during afternoon. 1542 Completed compass compensation and proceeded up Chesapeake Bay. 2006 Anchored off mouth of Patuxent River in Chesapeake Bay.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy attached next hereto.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 3 April 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelons:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 3 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Anchored off mouth of Patuxent River in Chesapeake Bay.
Carrying out various drills and exercises.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelons:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

0829 Got underway for operations in Chesapeake Bay, including taking indicator cards and carrying out various drills and exercises in connection with shakedown. 1107 Anchored in Chesapeake Bay, South of Cove Point Lighthouse. Carried out general drills during afternoon.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 5 April 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	AMT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE 5 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

Exercised landing craft in day ship to shore movement, during morning. Carried out general drills during afternoon, and exercised landing craft in night ship to shore movement after dark to 2315.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:- ComPhibTraLant.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 6 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Anchored. Exercised crew at general quarters, setting materiel conditions, battle problems, casualty drills and gun drills.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- ComPhibTraLant.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March, 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in Chesapeake Bay off mouth of Patuxent River. Making preparations for target practice. 1306 Got underway for firing area in lower Chesapeake Bay. 1638 Anchored in Chesapeake Bay 3.5 miles south of San Marcos Wreck Lighted Buoy.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. Copy attached next hereto.

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CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelons:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- ComPhibTraLant.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 8 April 1944

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in lower Chesapeake Bay. 0812 Got underway to fire target practice. Fired modified short range battle practice at anchored battle raft during morning. Fired A. A. Battle Practice "R" and A. A. M.G. Practice "H" at towed sleeve targets during afternoon. 1449 Anchored in lower Chesapeake Bay, 3 miles south of Tangier Lump Lighted Bell Buoy.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 9 April 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- ComPhibTraLant.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March, 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 9 April 1944

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in lower Chesapeake Bay. 0807 Got underway and fired A.A. M.G. Practice "Able" at towed sleeve target during morning. Fired A.A. Battle Practice "Baker" at towed sleeve target during afternoon. 1341 Completed firing all target practice and proceeded to anchorage. 1610 Anchored in Old Plantation Flats Anchorage Area, Chesapeake Bay.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 10 April 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- ComPhibTraLant.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March, 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 10 April 1944

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in Old Plantation Flats Anchorage. Captain inspected crew and upper and lower decks during afternoon.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy attached next to report.~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 11 April 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- ComPhibTraLant.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March, 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____) (Lat. _____) (Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____) 1200 LCT(_____) 2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____) (Long. _____) (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ AMT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 11 April 1944

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in Old Plantation Flats Anchorage. 1000 Got underway for Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., in obedience to ComPhibTraLant dispatch 091800 of April, 1944. 1450 Moored starboard side to wharf in Berth #43, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached to next page.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 12 to 15 April 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the units:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- ComPhibTraLant.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComPhibTraLant dispatch 091800 of April 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Post shakedown repairs.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 12 to 15 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing post shakedown repairs. Availability from ComPhibTraLant ends 2400 this date.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
15 April, 1944 received ComPhibTraLant dispatch 151237 of April 1944 ordering this vessel to report to Commander Service Force Atlantic Fleet, upon completion of availability, for loading and onward routing.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached to report on deck.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 16 to 18 April 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force
Atlantic Fleet

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Verbal orders from ComServForLant of 12 March, 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Loading of landing craft for further transfer.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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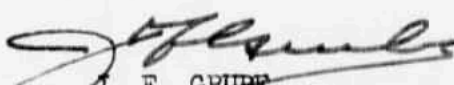
(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at Norfolk Navy Yard,
Portsmouth, Va.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
Reported to Commander Service Force Atlantic Fleet by Betelgeuse
dispatch 161200 of April 1944.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 19 April 1944
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Verbal orders from ComServForLant of 18 April, 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Loading landing craft for further transfer.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 19 April 1944

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va. Yard workmen securing landing craft on deck and in hold. 1302 Got underway for N.O.B. Hampton Roads, Va. 1444 Moored port side to pier #3 in Berth #32, N.O.B. Hampton Roads, Va.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 20 April 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- **Service Force, Atlantic Fleet.**

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: **Verbal orders from ComServForLant of 19 April 1944.**

Brief of Mission or Task:- **Loading frozen meats and fresh provisions for issue.**

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 20 April 1944.

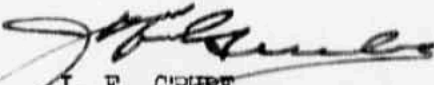
(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --- Moored south side of Pier #3, in Berth #32, N.O.B., Hampton Roads, Va. Loading frozen meats and fresh provisions for issue.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
ComServForLant visual desp. 201415 of April 1944, ordering this vessel to shift berth to United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va., for further loading.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of battle or action reports.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 21 April 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComServLant vis. desp. 201415 of April 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:-

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 21 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored south side of Pier #3, in Berth #32, N.O.B., Hampton Roads, Va. 0608 Got underway to shift berth in obedience to ComServLant desp. 201415 of April 1944. 0637 Moored to north side of United Nations Pier, inner berth, Norfolk, Va. 1020 Commenced loading ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo from Naval Supply Depot, N.O.B., Hampton Roads, Va., for further transfer.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

None.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 22 to 30 April 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComServForLant vis. desp. 201415 of April 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Loading ordnance munitions, ammunition and general
cargo for further transfer.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 22 to 30 April 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored to north side of United Nations Pier, inner berth, Norfolk, Va. Loading ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo from Naval Supply Depot, N.O.B., Hampton Roads, Va., and special LCVP's from Naval Landing Force Equipment Depot, Norfolk, Va., for further transfer.

1830 - 29 April 1944: Completed loading cargo and boats.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 1 May 1944.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____ TO _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Reg. No. 1046
9 - JUN 1944
R.S. No. _____

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComServLant vis. desp. 201415 of April 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Loaded with ordnance munitions, ammunition and
general cargo, awaiting convoy sailing date.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 1 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at United Nations Dock,
Norfolk, Va.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 2 May 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComServLant vis. desp. 201415 of April 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Awaiting sailing of convoy.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE 2 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va. 0808 Shifted berth to anchorage in Hampton Roads, Va., in obedience to ComServLant vis. desp. 011245 of May 1944. Reported to Port Director, Norfolk, Va., for inclusion in Convoy UGS41 in accordance with ComServLant secret desp. 272119 of April 1944.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- Port Director, Norfolk Operation Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944. Standard convoy operation order to sail in Convoy UGS41, 3 May 1944.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Support functions and operations.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 3 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM _____ TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Awaiting sailing of convoy UGS41.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. <u>36° 40' N</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. <u>73° 55' W</u>)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF NOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in Hampton Roads, Va. 0630 Got underway and joined convoy UGS41 off Chesapeake Bay Entrance in obedience to Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-order 14-44 of 2 May 1944. Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Support to the main body of the fleet.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 4 May 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va. TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Convoy UGS41 composed mainly of merchant ships of various nationalities escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelons:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding in convoy towards Mediterranean Area.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>36° 05' N</u>	(Lat. <u>35° 37' N</u>	(Lat. <u>35° 07' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>71° 24' W</u>	(Long. <u>70° 40' W</u>	(Long. <u>69° 36' W</u>

Course 114° and distance 210 miles made good from ~~noon~~ departure to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --Proceeding in Convoy UGS41, towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

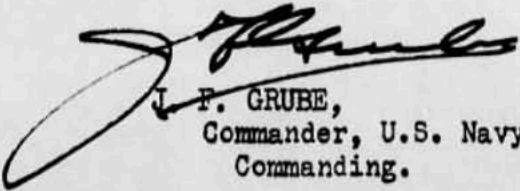
(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of battle or action report.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 5 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va. TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. <u>34° 16' N</u> (Long. <u>67° 34' W</u>	1200 LCT((Lat. <u>34° 00' N</u> (Long. <u>67° 01' W</u>	2000 LCT((Lat. <u>33° 26' N</u> (Long. <u>65° 53' W</u>
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Course 117° and distance 206 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF NOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in Convoy UGS41, towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached elsewhere.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 DATE 6 May 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. PLUS 3 AT 0200
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va. TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41, escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Part Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT	(Lat. <u>33° 08' N</u> (Long. <u>63° 53' W</u>)	1200 LCT	(Lat. <u>32° 53' N</u> (Long. <u>63° 12' W</u>)	2000 LCT	(Lat. <u>32° 35' N</u> (Long. <u>61° 58' W</u>)
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Course 106° and distance 206 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 3 DATE 7 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va. TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. 32° 52' N (Lat. 32° 53' N (Lat. 33° 02' N
0800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000 LCT(
(Long. 59° 55' W. (Long. 59° 11' W (Long. 57° 48' W .

Course 090° and distance 208 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 3 DATE 8 May 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va. TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>33° 16' N</u>	(Lat. <u>33° 16' N</u>	(Lat. <u>33° 20' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>55° 45' W</u>	(Long. <u>55° 12' W</u>	(Long. <u>53° 51' W</u>

Course 084° and distance 202 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached - none attached.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 3 DATE 9 May 1944.
 CHANGED TO Z.T. PLUS 2 AT 0200
 ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Mediterranean Area.
 CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-
 Designation of next higher echelon:-
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
 U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>33° 27' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>33° 26' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>33° 28' N</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>52° 09' W</u>)	(Long. <u>51° 35' W</u>)	(Long. <u>50° 26' W</u>)

Course 088° and distance 181 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in Convoy UGS41 towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of the day's operations.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE 10 May 1944.
 CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Mediterranean Area.
 CONVOY NO. UGS41. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT(	(Lat. <u>33° 24' N</u>	1200 LCT(	(Lat. <u>33° 20' N</u>	2000 LCT(	(Lat. <u>33° 18' N</u>
	(Long. <u>49° 00' W</u>		(Long. <u>48° 30' W</u>		(Long. <u>47° 23' W</u>

Course 092° and distance 154 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in Convoy UGS41 towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached to action report~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE 11 May 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>33° 21' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>33° 38' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>34° 29' N</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>45° 45' W</u>)	(Long. <u>45° 08' W</u>)	(Long. <u>43° 51' W</u>)

Course 084° and distance 175 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in Convoy UGS41 towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Supporting documents and reports.~~

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DATE 12 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in Convoy UGS41 towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE 13 May 1944.
CHANGED TO E.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>38° 44' N</u>	(Lat. <u>38° 47' N</u>	(Lat. <u>38° 39' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>40° 37' W</u>	(Long. <u>39° 53' W</u>	(Long. <u>38° 16' W</u>

Course 043° and distance 205 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Support tactical operations.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 2 DATE 14 May 1944.
 CHANGED TO S.T. PLUS 1 AT 0200
 ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Mediterranean Area.
 CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>38° 17' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>38° 10' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>37° 53' N</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>35° 53' W</u>)	(Long. <u>35° 07' W</u>)	(Long. <u>33° 20' W</u>)

Course 100° and distance 227 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 14 May 1944.


(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41 towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of battle report attached.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 1 DATE 15 May 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. 37° 29' N (Lat. 37° 13' N (Lat. 37° 05' N
0800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000 LCT(
(Long. 30° 54' W (Long. 30° 12' W (Long. 28° 24' W

Course 103° and distance 228 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41 towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 1 DATE 16 May 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY NO. UGS41. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>36° 19' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>36° 08' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>35° 42' N</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>26° 06' W</u>)	(Long. <u>25° 19' W</u>)	(Long. <u>23° 51' W</u>)

Course 106.5° and distance 245 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 16 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41 towards Mediterranean Area with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
ComNavNaw secret desp. 161151B of May 1944 ordering this vessel to report to ComEighthPhib when off Gibraltar and to proceed to Oran, Algeria.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy attached to report.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 1 DATE 17 May 1944.
 CHANGED TO S.T. ZERO AT 0200.
 ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Oran, Algeria.
 CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Oran, Algeria.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>34° 59' N</u>	(Lat. <u>34° 45' N</u>	(Lat. <u>34° 22' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>21° 38' W</u>	(Long. <u>20° 52' W</u>	(Long. <u>19° 12' W</u>

Course 110° and distance 230 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 17 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41 towards, Oran, Algeria with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Support the above and observe.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION ZERO DATE 18 May 1944.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Oran, Algeria.
 CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Oran, Algeria.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>34° 07' N</u>	(Lat. <u>34° 06' N</u>	(Lat. <u>34° 26' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>16° 48' W</u>	(Long. <u>15° 51' W</u>	(Long. <u>14° 04' W</u>

Course 098° and distance 253 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 LOCATION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 18 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41 towards Oran, Algeria with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Supplies and ammunition.~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION ZERO DATE 19 May 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. MINUS 1 AT 0200
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Oran, Algeria.
CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Oran, Algeria.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>34° 56' N</u>	(Lat. <u>35° 05' N</u>	(Lat. <u>35° 21' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>11° 48' W</u>	(Long. <u>10° 59' W</u>	(Long. <u>09° 19' W</u>

Course 076° and distance 248 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 19 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41 towards Oran, Algeria, with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached to next page.~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION MINUS 1 DATE 20 May 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. MINUS 2 AT 0200
ENROUTE FROM: Norfolk, Va., TO Oran, Algeria.
CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Service Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Oran, Algeria.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. 35° 42' N (Lat. 35° 50' N (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. 07° 09' W (Long. 06° 23' W (Long. _____

Course 078.5° and distance 228 miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 20 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41, towards Oran, Algeria, with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo. Pursuant to ComNavNaw secret desp. 161151 B of May 1944, reported to ComEighthPhib by Betelgeuse secret desp. 201647 B of May 1944, upon passing Gibraltar.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Supplies and other items received.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 21 May 1944.
CHANGED TO R.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Norfolk, Va., TO Oran, Algeria.
CONVOY NO. UGS41 MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Convoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: Port Director, Norfolk, Va., Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Oran, Algeria.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>35° 58' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>35° 41' N</u>)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. <u>02° 31' W</u>)	(Long. <u>01° 56' W</u>)	(Long. _____)

Course Various and distance 221 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	AMT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON CLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE 21 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding in convoy UGS41 towards Oran, Algeria, with ordnance munitions, ammunition and general cargo. 2045 Detached from convoy and proceeded independently to harbor. 2232 Anchored off Oran, Algeria.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Support tasks and decisions.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 22 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At Oran, Algeria. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-
Designation of next higher echelon:-
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComNavNaw secret desp. 161151 B of May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Discharging cargo at Oran, Algeria.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON CLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 22 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored off Oran, Algeria.
0712 Got underway and at 0800 moored to Mole Millerand, Oran harbor,
Oran, Algeria. 1030 Commenced discharging cargo to shore.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DATE 23 & 24 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Oran Harbor, Oran, Algeria. Discharging cargo to shore.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- ComNOB, Oran conf. desp. 241705 B of May 1944 ordering this vessel to proceed to Bizerte, Tunisia for completion of discharge Basic eastbound route and escorts Ludlow and Maccomb ~~to~~ designated.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 25 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM At Oran, Algeria. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independant.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComNavNaw secret desp. 161151 B of May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Discharging cargo.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT((Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 25 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at Oran, Algeria, discharging cargo to shore. 0400 Completed discharge of Oran cargo. 2033 Pursuant to ComNOB, Oran conf. desp. 241705 B of May 1944, got underway for Bizerte, Tunisia with escorts U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Support trucks and personnel.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 26 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Oran, Algeria TO Bizerte, Tunisia.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- BETELGEUSE, LUDLOW & MACOMB.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComNOB, Oran conf. desp 241705 B of May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding to Bizerte, Tunisia.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>36° 56' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>36° 59' N</u>)	(Lat. <u>37° 03' N</u>)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>02° 16' E</u>)	(Long. <u>03° 33' E</u>)	(Long. <u>05° 47' E</u>)

Course Various and distance 218 miles made good from ~~noon~~ departure to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 26 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding from Oran, Algeria, towards Bizerte, Tunisia with escorts U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy attached to end of record.~~

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HOME DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 27 May 1944.
CHANGED TO R.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Oran, Algeria TO Bizerte, Tunisia.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- BETELGEUSE, LUDLOW & MACOMB.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComNOB, Oran conf. desp 241705 B of May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Bizerte, Tunisia.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____	1200 LCT(_____	2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 27 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding from Oran, Algeria, towards Bizerte, Tunisia with U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB as escort. 0959 Anchored off Bizerte Harbor. 1550 Got underway to shift berth and at 1752 moored to Buoy #2, Goulet du Lac, Bizerte, Tunisia.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Supplied to the commanding officer.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 28 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Bizerte, Tunisia. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- BETELGEUSE, LUDLOW & MACOMB.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComNOB, Oran conf. desp. 241705 B of May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Discharging cargo to shore.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 1200 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____) 2000 LCT (Lat. _____ (Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 28 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Goulet du Lac, Bizerte, Tunisia discharging cargo to shore.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- ComAATB, Bizerte desp. 281105 B of May 1944 ordering this vessel with escorts Ludlow & Macomb to proceed to Oran, Algeria via Mediterranean Basic Westbound Route.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 29 May 1944.
CHANGED TO R.T. AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Bizerte, Tunisia TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- BETELGEUSE, LUDLOW & MACOMB.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComNOB, Oran conf. desp. 241705 B of May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Discharging cargo.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. <u>37° 19' N</u>)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. <u>08° 52' E</u>)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 29 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Goulet du Lac, Bizerte, Tunisia. Discharging cargo to shore. 1400 Completed discharge of cargo. 1421 Pursuant to ComAATB desp. 281105 B of May 1944, got underway for Oran, Algeria with U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB as escorts.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of battle or action report.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 30 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Bizerte, Tunisia TO Oran, Algeria.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- BETELGEUSE , LUDLOW & MACOMB.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComAATB Bizerte desp. 281105 B of May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding towards Oran, Algeria.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -1748 Changed course for Algiers, Algeria complying with Senior Naval Officer in Charge, Algiers desp. 301704 of May 1944.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. 37° 05' N (Lat. 37° 05' N (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. 05° 14' E (Long. 04° 06' E (Long. _____

Course Var. and distance 231 miles made good from ~~noon~~ departure to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 30 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding to Oran, Algeria with escorts U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB. 1748 Changed course for Algiers, Algeria. 2100 Anchored in Bay of Algiers of Algiers, Algeria.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- Senior Naval Officer in Charge, Algiers desp. 301704 B of May 1944, ordering this vessel and escorts to proceed to Algiers forthwith. Changed course for Algiers at 1748. CinCMed desp. 302217 B of May 1944, ordering this vessel and escorts Ludlow & Macomb to proceed to Oran, Algeria at 0600, 31 May 1944.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 31 May 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Algiers, Algeria. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- BETELGEUSE, LUDLOW & MACOMB.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: Senior Naval Officer in Charge, Algiers desp. 301704 B of May 1944. Brief of Mission or Task:-Awaiting sailing time and proceeding towards Oran, Algeria.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - 0805 Returned to Algiers.

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP, _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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DATE 31 May 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored off Algiers, Algeria. 0541 Got underway for Oran, Algeria with escorts U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB pursuant to CinCMed desp. 302217 B of May 1944. 0805 Changed course to return to Algiers in obedience to Naval Officer in Charge, Algiers desp. 310736 B of May 1944. 1128 Anchored off Algiers, Algeria. 1947 Got underway for Oran, Algeria with escorts U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB pursuant to CinCMed desp. 302217 B of May 1944.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- Naval Officer in Charge, Algiers desp. 310736 B of May 1944, ordering this vessel and escorts to return to Algiers. 0805 Changed course for Algiers.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 1 June 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Algiers, Algeria TO Oran, Algeria.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- BETELGEUSE , LUDLOW & MACOMB.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: CinMed desp. 302217 B of May 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding to Oran, Algeria.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. 36° 06' N (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
1200 LCT((Long. 00° 13' W (Long. _____ (Long. _____
2000 LCT(_____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS:

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DATE 1 June 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding from Algiers, to Oran, Algeria with escorts, U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB. 1140 Moored in Mers el Kebir Harbor.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy of battle report next page.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 2 to 4 June 1944.
CHANGED TO R.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Mers el Kebir TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independant.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- Awaiting orders in Mers el Kebir Harbor.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 2 to 4 June 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Mers el Kebir Harbor, Algeria awaiting orders.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
4 June. Naval Port Director, Mers el Kebir, visual desp.
041804 B of June 1944, directing this vessel to proceed to Oran,
Algeria at 0930, 5 June 1944.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

~~Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 5 June 1944.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Mers el Kebir. TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independant.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:-

Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: Naval Port Director, Mers el Kebir 041804 B of June 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding to Oran, Algeria and commencing to load vehicles of 91st Div., 362nd Infantry, U.S. Army.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CELLING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 5 June 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Mers el Kebir Harbor. 0930 Got underway for Oran, pursuant to Naval Port Director, Mers el Kebir desp. 041804 B of June 1944. 1043 Moored to Mole Ravin Blanc in Berth #2, Oran Harbor, Oran, Algeria. 1435 Commenced loading vehicles of the 362nd Infantry, 91st Division, U.S. Army.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 6 to 9 June 1944.
CHANGED TO R.T. _____ AT _____
~~ENCOUNTER~~ ~~ESSEX~~ AT Oran, Algeria. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComTask Group 81.2 Op-Plan 1-44 of 31 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Loading vehicles of 362nd Infantry, 91st Division,
U.S. Army, and awaiting sailing orders.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
 MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
 PHASE OF MOON _____
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DATE 6 to 9 June 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --Moored in Oran Harbor, Oran, Algeria, loading vehicles of U.S. Army. 0325 - 6 June Completed loading vehicles.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto~~

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SCENE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 10 June 1944.
CHANGED TO R.T. _____ AT _____
~~EXPOSED~~ AT Oran, Algeria, TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComTask Group 81.2 Op-Plan 1-44 of 31 May 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Awaiting sailing orders.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CELLING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE 10 June 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Oran Harbor, Oran, Algeria. 1435 Got underway for anchorage in obedience to Naval Port Director Oran, desp. 091810 of June 1944. 1513 Anchored in Gulf of Oran of Oran, Algeria. 1747 Got underway with Task Group 81.2 for amphibious maneuvers off Arzew, Algeria. Joined section 81.2.33. 2330 Arrived in designated position in Transport Area.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached near director~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 11 June 1944.
 CHANGED TO A.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM Oran, Algeria TO Transport Area off Arzew, Algeria.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S.S. NIGHTINGALE (F), British Ships CIRCASSIA & DERBYSHIRE, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE.

Designation of the unit:- 81.2.33.
 Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
 U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 ComTask Group 81.2 Op-Plan 1-44 of 31 May 1944.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- Amphibious maneuvers off Arzew, Algeria.

- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Participating in amphibious maneuvers off Arzew, Algeria. 0515 Commenced hoisting out landing craft and finished with all boats in water at 0615. 0640 Despatched 9 LCVP(4) to U.S.S. NIGHTINGALE. 0923 Commenced hoisting landing craft and completed at 1224. Steaming out of transport area with Task Group 81.2 to return to Oran, Algeria. 1738 Anchored in Gulf of Oran of Oran Harbor. 1854 Got underway for Mers el Kebir. 2015 Moored to buoys fore and aft in Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 12 to 15 June 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Mers el Kebir, Algeria. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- Awaiting orders.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
0800 LCT(_____ 1200 LCT(_____ 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____ MOON GLARE _____ SUN BRG _____ SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --Moored in Mers el Kebir, Algeria, awaiting orders.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
12 June 1944 ComTaskGroup 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944, embodying instructions and orders for an amphibious operation and assigning this vessel to Task Unit 81.2.33.
15 June 1944 Naval Port Director M.E.K. vis. desp. 151021B of June 1944, directing this vessel to shift to anchorage off Oran at 1030, 16 June 1944.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 16 June 1944.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~ENCLOSURE~~ AT Mers el Kebir, Algeria. TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____ PLANET. _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S.S. NIGHTINGALE (F), British ships, DERBYSHIRE, CIRCASSIA, THRUSTER & U.S.S. NARRAGANSETT & BETELGEUSE.

Designation of the unit:- Task Unit 81.2.33.

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II, Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComTaskGrp 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944.
 Brief of Mission or Task:- Transporting vehicles of U.S. Army from Oran, Algeria to destination contained in sealed orders.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. <u>36° 23' N</u>)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(_____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. <u>00° 27' W</u>)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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DATE 16 June 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 1026 Got underway for anchorage. 1117 Anchored in Gulf of Oran with Task Group 81.2. 1347 Got underway for sea in obedience to ComTaskGrp 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944. 1540 Took position #13 in convoy with Task Group 81.2. Commander Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II in U.S.S. BISCAYNE (SOPA), U.S.S. STANTON, Position #21, Guide.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
1615 Opened sealed orders, Annex 4 to ComTaskGrp 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944, routing Task Group to Naples, Italy via Basic Eastbound route, Tunisian War Channel and Sicilian Channel.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next date.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 17 June 1944.
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Oran, Algeria. TO Naples, Italy.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____ PLANET _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S.S. NIGHTINGALE (F), BETELGEUSE, NARRAGANSETT,
& British Ships DERBYSHIRE & CIRCASSIA.

Designation of the unit:- T.U. 81.2.33.

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComTask Group 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Transportation of vehicles of U.S. Army from
Oran, Algeria to Naples, Italy.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>37° 01' N</u>	(Lat. <u>37° 01' N</u>	(Lat. <u>37° 11' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>03° 36' E</u>	(Long. <u>04° 36' E</u>	(Long. <u>06° 38' E.</u>

Course Var. and distance 268 miles made good from Departure
to noon. ~~noon~~

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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 PHASE OF MOON _____
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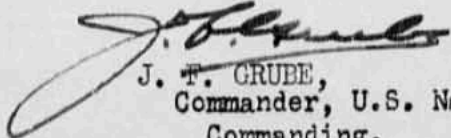
(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Steaming in convoy, with Task Group 81.2 proceeding from Oran, Algeria to Naples, Italy with vehicles of the U.S. Army.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 18 June 1944.
 CHANGED TO R.T. _____ AT _____
 ENROUTE FROM Oran, Algeria TO Naples, Italy.
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER PLANET.

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S.S. NIGHTINGALE (F), BETELGEUSE, NARRAGANSETT & British Ships DERBYSHIRE & CIRCASSIA.

Designation of the unit:- T.U. 81.2.33.

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II, Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: ComTask Group 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944.

Brief of Mission or Task:- Transportation of vehicles of U.S. Army from Oran, Algeria to Naples, Italy.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. <u>37° 20' N</u>	(Lat. <u>37° 31' N</u>	(Lat. <u>38° 35' N</u>
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. <u>09° 59' E</u>	(Long. <u>11° 00' E</u>	(Long. <u>12° 41' E</u>

Course Var. and distance 325 miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
 PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
 BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
 CHILLING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
 MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
 MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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 PHASE OF MOON _____
 OTHER CONDITIONS:

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Steaming in convoy with Task Group 81.2 proceeding from Oran, Algeria to Naples, Italy with vehicles of the U.S. Army.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached to back of book~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 19 June 1944.
CHANGED TO H.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Oran, Algeria. TO Naples, Italy.
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER PLANET.

1. (a) Composition of unit:- U.S.S. NIGHTINGALE (F), BETELGEUSE, NARRAGANSETT, & British Ships DERBYSHIRE & CIRCASSIA.

Designation of the unit:- T.U. 81.2.33.

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
ComTask Group 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944.
Brief of Mission or Task:- Transportation of vehicles of U.S. Army
from Oran, Algeria to Naples, Italy.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since ~~the~~ (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON GLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Steaming in convoy with Task Group 81.2 proceeding from Oran, Algeria to Naples, Italy with vehicles of the U.S. Army. 0855 Anchored off Naples harbor. 1301 Got underway to shift berth. 1402 Moored to Pontile G. Bausson, Berth #52, Harbor of Naples, Italy. 1600 Commenced unloading Army vehicles. 2007 Got underway to shift berth. 2035 Anchored in cruiser anchorage off Naples harbor. 2300 Finished unloading and landing of Army vehicles, mission completed. Awaiting further orders.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 20 to 26 June 1944.
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
~~UNRECORDED~~ AT Naples, Italy. TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:- Independent.

Designation of the unit:-

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
 U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:

Brief of Mission or Task:- Awaiting orders.

(c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CEILING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON CLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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DATE 20 to 26 June 1944.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored off Naples, Italy
awaiting orders.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION Minus 2 DATE 28 June 1944
CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____
ENROUTE FROM Naples, Italy TO Salerno, Italy
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S.S. STANTON (F), BETELGEUSE, ARCTURUS,
PROCYON, LYON, NIGHTINGALE.

Designation of the unit:- Trans Div. 99
Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
NOIC Naples Confidential dispatch 272320
Brief of Mission or Task:-
Proceeding to Salerno, Italy.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(_____)	1200 LCT(Salerno, Italy _____)	2000 LCT(_____)
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
CHILLING _____	VISIBILITY _____	STATE OF WEATHER _____	
MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
MOON BRG _____	MOON CLARE _____	SUN BRG _____	SUNGLARE _____
PHASE OF MOON _____			
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____			

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- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
Proceeding from Naples to Salerno, Italy with U.S.S. STANTON,
ARCTURUS, PROCYON, LYON, NIGHTINGALE, and Des div 25. 1151
Anchored in Gulf of Salerno. Awaiting further orders.

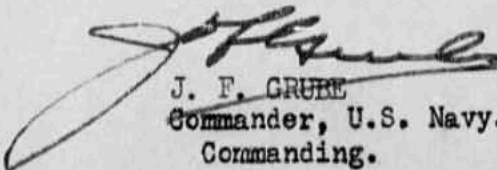
- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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ZONE DESCRIPTION Minus 2 DATE 29 June 1944
 CHANGED TO S.T. _____ AT _____ TO _____
~~EXERCISES~~ At - Salerno, Italy TO _____
 CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of unit:-
 U.S.S. STANTON, (F), BETELGEUSE, ARCTURUS, PROCYON, LYON, NIGHTINGALE.

Designation of the unit:- Trans Div. 99
 Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II
 Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
 U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
 NOIC Confidential dispatch 272320
 Brief of Mission or Task:-
 Maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno
 (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

(d) Positions At:-

(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)	(Lat. _____)
0800 LCT(	1200 LCT(Salerno, Italy	2000 LCT(
(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)	(Long. _____)

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon to noon.

Metereological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____	CLOUDS _____	SEA _____	FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____	ALT _____	AIR TEMP. _____	
BAROMETER _____	CURRENTS _____	WATER TEMP. _____	
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MOTION OF VESSEL _____	DEPTH OF WATER _____		
MOON RISE _____	MOON SET _____	SUNRISE _____	SUNSET _____
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PHASE OF MOON _____			
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

Anchored in Gulf of Salerno. 1515 LCT U.S. 32 tied up alongside.
1520 Commenced loading vehicles. 2030 Completed loading. 2032 LCT U.S. 32
got underway from port side.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next hereto.~~

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ZONE DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE 30 June 1944.
CHANGED TO Z.T. _____ AT _____
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Salerno, Italy. TO _____
CONVOY NO. _____ MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER _____

1. (a) Composition of units:- U.S.S. STANTON (F), BETELGEUSE, ARCTURUS, PROCYON, LYON, NIGHTINGALE.

Designation of the unit:- TransDiv 99.

Designation of next higher echelon:- Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth Fleet,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

- (b) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
CTG 81.2 Training Op-Order No. 4-44 of 29 June 1944. ComTrans8thPhib TraOrder
Brief of Mission or Task:- Maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno. No. 32-44.
- (c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -

- (d) Positions At:-

0800 LCT((Lat. _____ (Lat. _____ (Lat. _____
(Long. _____ 1200 LCT(Salerno, Italy. 2000 LCT(_____
(Long. _____ (Long. _____ (Long. _____

Course _____ and distance _____ miles made good from noon
to noon.

Meteorological and sea information which may have directly affected
operations between _____ and _____ :-

WIND _____ CLOUDS _____ SEA _____ FOG _____
PRECIPITATION _____ ALT _____ AIR TEMP. _____
BAROMETER _____ CURRENTS _____ WATER TEMP. _____
CEILING _____ VISIBILITY _____ STATE OF WEATHER _____
MOTION OF VESSEL _____ DEPTH OF WATER _____
MOON RISE _____ MOON SET _____ SUNRISE _____ SUNSET _____
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PHASE OF MOON _____
OTHER CONDITIONS: _____

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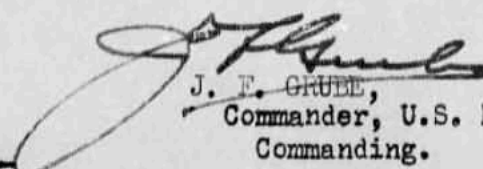
(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- 1130 Underway to transport area. 1210 Commenced unloading boats. 1534 Underway to anchorage in Gulf of Salerno. 1618 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None. ~~Copy attached next page.~~

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U. S. S. BETELGEUSE

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

1 August 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Month of JULY.

1. Composition of unit: USS STANTON (F), BETELGEUSE, ARCTURUS, PROCYON, LYON & NIGHTINGALE.
2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-99.
3. Designation of next higher echelon: Eighth Amphibious Force, Group II.
4. Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached: Eighth Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

1 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

0158 Underway for maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno in obedience to CTG 81.2 Training Op-Plan No. 4-44 of 29 June 1944, ComTrans8thPhib Training Order No. 32-44. 0250 Commenced unloading boats and finished with all boats in water at 0325. 0600 Underway for anchorage in Gulf of Salerno. 0657 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno. 0705 Commenced loading boats and completed at 0835.

2 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

0027 Underway for maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno in obedience to CTG 81.2 Training Op-Plan No. 4-44 of 29 June 1944, ComTrans8thPhib Training Order No. 33-44. 0131 Commenced unloading boats and finished with all boats in water at 0149. 0500 Underway for anchorage in Gulf of Salerno. 0625 Commenced loading boats and completed at 0715.

3 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

0158 Underway for maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno in obedience to CTG 81.2 Training Op-Plan No. 4-44 of 29 June 1944, ComTrans8thPhib Training Order No. 34-44. 0246 Commenced unloading boats and finished with all boats in water at 0320. 0336 All hatches open ready for discharging vehicles. 0342 Commenced discharging vehicles. 0559 Underway for anchorage in Gulf of Salerno, Italy. 0649 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno. 0716 Completed discharging vehicles. 0730 All hatches closed, commenced loading boats. 0824 Completed loading boats. 1050 Underway for Pozzuoli, Italy in obedience to ComTrans8thPhib ser. 0012 of 3 July 1944, steaming in column behind USS STANTON, column leader. 1445 Anchored in Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

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4 July 1944 - Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

0645 Commenced unloading 10 LCVP's in accordance with USS STANTON desp. 032341 of July 1944. 0703 Completed unloading boats. 0815 10 LCVP's dispatched to USS STANTON. 1006 10 LCVP's returned to the ship. 1330 10 LCVP's dispatched to USS STANTON. 1725 10 LCVP's returned to ship. 1815 10 LCVP's dispatched to USS STANTON. 2035 10 LCVP's returned to ship. 2225 Completed loading 6 LCVP's, remaining 4 being dispatched to the beach for the night due to heavy ground swells likely to cause damage to boats in hoisting.

5 - 11 July 1944 - Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

Anchored in the Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

12 July 1944 - Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

In accordance with Com8thPhib secret desp. 102159B of July 1944, unit designation and composition reorganized as follows:

1. Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, DIX, NIGHTINGALE, CEPHEUS, ACHEARNAR, BETELGEUSE.
2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-3.
3. Designation of next higher echelon: Eighth Amphibious Force, Group III.
4. Major Task Force, Fleet, or Sea Frontier to which attached: Eighth Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

13 - 15 July 1944 - Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

Anchored in the Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

16 July 1944 - Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

1347 Underway for Naples in obedience to TransDiv-99 desp. 161219B of July 1944. 1436 Anchored in merchant anchorage off Naples Harbor awaiting further orders.

17 July 1944 - Naples, Italy.

1100 Underway for Gulf of Salerno in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 Training order No. 2-44 of 17 July 1944, steaming in column, CARROLL (F), JEFFERSON, NIGHTINGALE, CEPHEUS, BETELGEUSE. 1444 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno, Italy.

18 - 19 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

Anchored in the Gulf of Salerno, Italy.

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20 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

0527 Underway for loading area in obedience to ComTransDiv-3, Transport Movement Memorandum ser. No. 00113 of 19 July 1944. 0610 Anchored in loading area. 0935 Underway for maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno in obedience to CTG 81.3 Training Operation Plan 3-44 of 12 July 1944. 0940 Laying to in transport area. 1120 Commenced unloading boats. 1145 Completed unloading eight LCVP's and four LCM's. 1515 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno. 1530 Commenced loading boats and completed at 1558.

21 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

0029 Underway for maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno in obedience to CTG 81.3 Training Operation Plan No. 3-44 of 12 July 1944. 0054 Laying to in transport area. 0147 Commenced unloading designated boats. 0226 Completed unloading boats. 0713 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno. 0732 Commenced loading boats and completed at 0804.

22 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

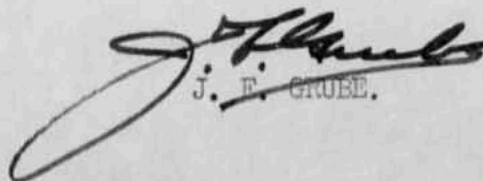
0009 Underway for maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno in obedience to CTG 81.3 Training Operation Plan 4-44 of 17 July 1944. 0232 Laying to in transport area. 0425 Commenced unloading designated boats. 0604 Completed unloading boats. 0910 Commenced loading boats while laying to and completed at 0933. 1013 Underway for Castellamare, Italy in obedience to AATB, Salerno secret desp. 211649 of July 1944, steaming in column CARROLL (F), JEFFERSON, NIGHTINGALE, DIX, CEPHEUS, BETELGEUSE. 1324 Anchored in Castellamare, Italy. Maneuvers completed, awaiting further orders.

23 - 30 July 1944 - Castellamare, Italy.

Anchored off Castellamare, Italy.

31 July 1944 - Castellamare, Italy.

1251 Underway for Naples Harbor in accordance with ComTransDiv-3 desp. 301700 of July 1944. 1427 Anchored in merchant anchorage, Naples Harbor, Italy, awaiting orders to moor alongside dock and load.


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Reg. No. 125
R. S. No. 7-SEP 1944

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

1 September 1944.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Month of AUGUST.

1. Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, DIX, NIGHTINGALE, CEPHEUS, ACHERNAR, BETELGEUSE.
2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-3.
3. Designation of next higher echelon: Eighth Amphibious Force, Group III.
4. Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached: Eighth Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

1 August 1944 - Bay of Naples, Italy.

Anchored in Bay of Naples. 1018 Underway to moor alongside dock. 1059 Moored at Darsena Armando Diaz, starboard side to Pontile Vittorio Emanuele II, inside breakwater at Naples. 1843 Commenced loading 109 vehicles and general supplies of the U.S. 7th Army, 6th Corps Headquarters.

2 August 1944 - Naples, Italy.

Moored at Darsena Armando Diaz, starboard side to Pontile Vittorio Emanuele II, Naples. 0005 Completed loading. 1809 Underway for Gulf of Castellammare in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 secret desp. 311900B of July 1944. 2023 Anchored in Gulf of Castellammare.

3 - 12 August 1944 - Castellammare, Italy.

Anchored in Gulf of Castellammare, Italy.

13 August 1944 - Castellammare, Italy.

Anchored off Castellammare di Stabia, Italy. 1230 Underway in accordance with ComTransDiv-3 movement order 3-44 of 10 August 1944, in company with task unit 87.10.4 and CTF 87 in USS BAYFIELD(SOPA), Convoy No. SF-1. 2000 POSIT - 40-42N, 12-51.5E.

14 August 1944.

On passage from Castellammare di Stabia, Italy to southern coast of France, in company with TransDiv-3. POSIT: 0800 - 41-11N, 09-57.5E; 1200 - 41-17N, 09-11.5E; 2000 - 42-23.2N, 08-23.8E.

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15 August 1944. (D-Day) - Southern France.

0330 Lying to off TF 87 transport area, 12 miles ESE of the Golfe de Frejus, France. 1045 Underway for TF 85 transport unloading area in accordance with CTF 87 Op-Plan 1-44 of 1 August 1944, para. 3(e), to unload VI Corps troops and equipment at about H plus 6 hours (1400B). 1250 Commenced unloading on beaches 263 A, B & C in Baie de Bougnon in accordance with CTG 85.3 desp. 151200B. Lying to 3 miles ENE off the mouth of the Golfe de St. Tropez. 1652 Unloading completed. 1830 Underway to report to ComTransDiv-3 in TF 87 unloading area. 1855 Lying to 4 miles south of St. Raphael, in company with TransDiv-3. 2023 Executed Annex K (Post-Assault Plan) to CTF 87 Op-Plan 1-44 of 1 August 1944, accordance CTF 87 desp. 151935. 2105 Opened fire on enemy aircraft, expended 143 rounds 20 mm H.E.&T., 7 rounds 3"/50 cal., no hits, no casualties. Copy of action report is attached.

16 August 1944.

0945 Underway with TransDiv-3 to Return Convoy Control rendezvous area, 10 miles east of Cap Camarat, France in accordance with CTG 87.13 desp. 160840. Lying to near rendezvous area, awaiting orders to form in convoy and return to Naples, Italy. 2145 Underway for Naples, Italy, in company with TransDiv-3. ComTransDiv-3 (CTG 87.3) in USS CARROLL (SOPA).

17 August 1944.

On passage from southern France invasion coast to Naples, Italy, in company with TransDiv-3. POSITS: 0800 - 41-34N, 08-04.5E; 1200 - 41-17.5N, 09-10E; 2000 - 40.45.5N, 11-20E.

18 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

0910 Anchored in Bay of Naples. 1434 Underway to moor alongside berth 44, Naples, Harbor, accordance ComTransDiv-3 desp. 181140B. 2015 Commenced loading vehicles, equipment and personnel of U.S. 7th Army, 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion.

19 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

0030 Completed loading. 1059 Underway to anchor in Bay of Naples. 1150 Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.

20 - 22 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.

23 August 1944.

1830 Underway for southern France in convoy SF5 in accordance with ComTransDiv-3 movement order 4-44 of 22 August 1944 in company with TransDiv-3, ComTransDiv-3 in USS CARROLL (SOPA). 2000 POSIT - 40-41, 14-01.

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24 August 1944.

On passage from Naples, Italy to southern coast of France.

0800 - 40-56, 11-08.5

1200 - 41-11.5, 10-07

2000 - 41-38.5, 08-35.8

25 August 1944.

0914 Anchored in Baie de Cavalaire, southern France. 1002 Commenced unloading vehicles and equipment of U.S. 7th Army, 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion, on Baie de Cavalaire beaches. 1335 Completed unloading. 2040 Underway for Naples, Italy in convoy SRF6, in company with TransDiv-3, less NIGHTINGALE & DIX, in accordance with ComTransDiv-3, movement order 4-44 of 22 August 1944. 0800 POSIT - 43-10, 06-36.

26 August 1944.

On passage from Baie de Cavalaire, France to Naples, Italy.

0800 - 41-37, 07-56.5

1200 - 41-20.5, 08-55

2000 - 40-51, 10-56

27 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

0900 Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy. 0800 POSIT - 40-47, 14-13.

28 - 29 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.

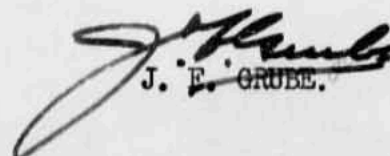
30 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

0905 Underway from anchorage in Bay of Naples to come alongside pier 59, Naples harbor, in accordance with ComTransDiv-3 desp. 281455B. 1002 Moored starboard side to pier 59. 1310 Commenced loading vehicles and equipment of U.S. 7th Army, 6th Corps. 1845 Completed loading.

31 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

0725 Underway from pier 59, Naples, harbor to anchorage in Bay of Naples.

0822 Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.


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Reg. No. 191
R. S. No.
(10:HT)

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

1 October 1944

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Month of SEPTEMBER, 1944.

1. Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, DIX, NIGHTINGALE, CEPHEUS, ACHERNAR, BETELGEUSE.
2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-3.
3. Designation of next higher echelon: Eighth Amphibious Force, Group III.
4. Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached: Eighth Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

1 September

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy. 1450 1 officer and 53 men of U.S. Seventh Army reported aboard for transportation.

2 September

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy. 1818 Underway for Southern Coast of France in convoy SF7, in obedience with ComTransDiv-3 movement order 5-44 of 1 September 1944, in company with TransDiv-3 and escorts.
2000 POSIT - 40-38N, 13-56E.

3 September

Enroute southern coast of France.
0800 POSIT 41-01N, 11-01.5E.
1200 POSIT 41-15N, 10-10E.
2000 POSIT 41-24N, 08-45.5E.

4 September

Enroute southern coast of France. 0949 Anchored in Bay of Cavalaire, France. 1016 Commenced unloading vehicles and equipment of U.S. 7th Army. 1355 Completed unloading. 1925 Underway for Oran, Algeria in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 movement order 5-44 of 1 September 1944, in convoy ARF4, in company with TransDiv-3 and escorts.
0800 POSIT 43-09N, 06-37E.
2000 POSIT 43-10N, 06-35E.

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5 September

Enroute Oran, Algeria.

0800 POSIT 40-35N, 05-26E.

1200 POSIT 39-34N, 05-28E.

2000 POSIT 38-22N, 03-48E.

6 September

Enroute Oran, Algeria. 1935 Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. CEPHEUS (AKA18), berth #3, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

0800 POSIT 37-02N, 01-05E.

1200 POSIT 36-29N, 00-12E.

7 - 11 September

Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. CEPHEUS (AKA18), berth #3, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

12 September

Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. CEPHEUS (AKA18), berth #3, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

1702 Underway to shift berth in obedience to U.S.N. Port Director, Mers el Kebir despatch 121335B of September. 1710 Moored stbd. to berth #4, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

13 September

Moored stbd. side to berth #4, Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 0815 Commenced loading vehicles and equipment of French Army. 1120 Completed loading. 1656 Underway to shift berths in obedience to U.S.N. Port Director despatch 121335B of September. 1709 Moored stbd. to U.S.S. CEPHEUS (AKA18), berth #3, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

14 September

Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. CEPHEUS (AKA18), berth #3, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

15 September

Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. CEPHEUS (AKA18), berth #3, Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 1036 Underway to shift berths, in obedience to verbal orders ComTransDiv-3. 1104 Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE (AP70), berth #8, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

16 September

Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE (AP70), berth #8, Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 1210 3 officers and 115 troops of French Foreign Legion reported aboard for transportation. 1626 Underway in obedience to U.S.N. Port Director Mers el Kebir desp. 151425B of September. 1708 Anchored in Gulf of Oran.

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17 September

Anchored in Gulf of Oran, Algeria. 0301 Set clocks to time zone ABLE.
0202 Underway for southern France in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 movement order 6-44 of 15 September, in convoy AF4, in company with TransDiv-3 and escorts.

0800 POSIT 36-24.5N, 00-25.5E.

1200 POSIT 36-51.5N, 01-17.7E.

2000 POSIT 37-48.5N, 02-51.5E.

18 September

Underway for southern France. 1305 Escort sighted and destroyed floating mine. POSIT 40-12N, 05-33E.

0800 POSIT 39-11.5N, 05-23.5E.

1200 POSIT 39-59.5N, 05-33E.

2000 POSIT 41-31N, 05-39E.

19 September

Underway for southern France. 0909 Anchored in Marseilles Road, France.
1235 Underway to shift berths. 1303 Anchored in Marseilles Road, closer to unloading area, at northern entrance to harbor, in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 verbal orders. 1315 Commenced unloading cargo. 1600 LCVP #9 swamped and sank on beach during unloading operations. 1658 Completed unloading cargo.
0800 POSIT 43-15N, 05-16.5E.

20 September

Anchored in Bay of Marseilles, France. 0751 Underway, lying to in Bay of Marseilles. 0935 Underway for Oran, Algeria in convoy ARF5, in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 movement order 6-44 of 15 September, in company with TransDiv-3 and escorts.

1200 POSIT 43-00N, 05-16E.

2000 POSIT 41-15N, 05-30E.

21 September

Enroute to Oran, Algeria.

0800 POSIT 38-59N, 04-50E.

1200 POSIT 38-30N, 03-54E.

2000 POSIT 37-24N, 02-08E.

22 September

Enroute to Oran, Algeria. 1109 Anchored in Gulf of Oran, awaiting pilot.
1141 Underway. 1222 Moored port side to berth #7, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.
0800 POSIT 36-11N, 00-26W.

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23 - 27 September

Moored port side to berth #7, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

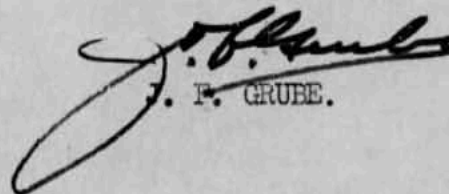
28 September

Moored port side to berth #7, Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 0730 Commenced loading 77 vehicles and equipment of Italian, French and U.S. Army. 1115 Completed loading. 1510 Underway to shift berths in obedience to U.S.N. Port Director despatch 280805A of September 1944. 1528 Moored between buoys V & W, with V aft, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

29 - 30 September

Moored between buoys V & W, with V aft, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

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Reg. No. 220

R. S. No.

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1 November 1944

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of OCTOBER 1944.

1. Composition of unit: TransDiv-3 - USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, BETELGEUSE, CEPHEUS, ACHERNAR plus USS DIX, NIGHTINGALE from TransDiv-99.
2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-3 plus USS DIX and NIGHTINGALE.
3. Designation of next higher echelon: Eighth Amphibious Force, Group III.
4. Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached: Eighth Fleet, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

1 October

Moored between buoys V and W, Mers el Kebir Harbor, Algeria.
1502 Underway in obedience to Port Director Mers el Kebir
desp. 301505A of September. 1535 Anchored in Gulf of Oran.

2 October

0558 Underway for Marseille, France in obedience to ComTransDiv-3
movement order 7-44 of 30 September in convoy AF-5.
0800 36-20N, 00-20W.
1200 36-25N, 00-28E.
2000 37-19N, 02-07.5E.

3 October

Enroute to Marseille, France.
0800 38-43N, 04-30E.
1200 39-06N, 05-23E.
2000 40-46N, 05-35E.

4 October

Enroute to Marseille, France. 1053 Anchored in Marseille Road.
1140 Commenced unloading vehicles, equipment and personnel of
United States 7th, French and Italian Armies. 1542 Completed
unloading.
0800 43-09N, 05-20E.

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5 October

Anchored in Marseille Road, France. 1558 Underway for Naples, Italy in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 movement order 7-44 of 30 September in convoy SRF17.
2000 42-49N, 05-48E.

6 October

Enroute Naples, Italy.
0800 41-35N, 08-25E.
1200 41-20.5N, 09-22.5E.
2000 40-57N, 11-14E.

7 October

Enroute Naples, Italy. 0839 Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.

8 October

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy. 2100 LCVP #1 sank off Santa Lucia Dock as a result of head-on collision with boat from USS ACHERNAR.

9 October - 14 October

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.

15 October

Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy. 0730 Underway. 0830 Moored starboard side to berth 6, inner harbor. 1615 Commenced loading vehicles, equipment and personnel of U.S. 7th and French Armies.

16 October

Moored starboard side to berth 6, Naples, Italy. 0040 Completed loading. 1258 Underway. 1340 Anchored in Bay of Naples.

17 October

Anchored in Bay of Naples. 1623 Underway for Marseille, France in obedience to ComTransDiv-3 movement order 8-44 of 16 October.
2000 40-29N, 13-36E.

18 October

Enroute to Marseille, France.
0800 41-16N, 10-21E.
1200 41-21N, 9-22E.
2000 42-18N, 8-14E.

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19 October

Enroute to Marseille, France. 0957 Anchored in Marseille Road. 1130 Commenced unloading. 1209 Underway. 1250 Moored stern to Traverse du Cap Janet, Bassin Mirabeau, Marseille, France. 1656 Completed unloading. 1808 Underway. 1833 Anchored in Marseille Road.

20 October

Anchored in Marseille Road. 0742 Underway for Oran, Algeria in obedience to ComNavDet Marseille sailing orders of 19 October.
0800 43-18N, 05-21E.
1200 42-50N, 05-21.5E.
2000 41-01N, 05-29E.

21 October

Enroute Oran, Algeria. 0950 Held firing practice, expended 8 rounds 5"/38 cal. A.A. common, 18 rounds 3"/50 A.A., 1080 rounds 20MM H.E.&T.
0800 39-05N, 04-35E.
1200 38-29N, 03-47E.
2000 37-23N, 02-04E.

22 October

Enroute Oran, Algeria. 1059 Moored port side to USS ACHERNAR (AKA53), between buoys V & W, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

23 October - 24 October

Moored port side to USS ACHERNAR (AKA53), between buoys V & W, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

25 October

Moored port side to USS ACHERNAR (AKA53), between buoys V & W, Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 0345 Heavy wind & rain squall struck. 0350 USS ACHERNAR and this ship broke away from buoy W. 0742 Wind abated, re-moored between buoys V & W, starboard side to USS ACHERNAR. 0844 Underway. 0929 Anchored in Gulf of Oran. 1603 Underway for Philadelphia, Pa., in obedience to ComTrans8thPhib movement order 14-44 of 21 October, in company with transports 8th amphibious force and destroyer squadron Ten. ComTrans8thPhib (SOPA) in USS HENRICO.
2000 35-57.5N, 01-18W.

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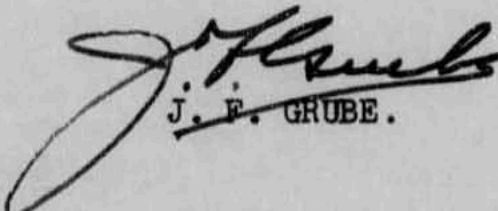
Enroute Philadelphia, Pa. 1200 - 1600 Passing through
Gibraltar Strait.

27 October - 31 October

Enroute Philadelphia, Pa.

	27	28	29
0800	34-10.5N, 09-34W	31-23N, 15-30W	31-23N, 21-48W
1200	33-40N, 10-40W	31-12N, 16-25W	31-24N, 22-51W
2000	32-39N, 12-43W	31-10N, 18-40W	31-34N, 25-09W

	30	31
0800	31-47N, 28-05W	32-10N, 33-48W
1200	31-50N, 28-36W	32-11.7N, 34-52W
2000	31-55N, 30-35W	32-15N, 36-51W


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Reg. No.	241
R. S. No.	(10:HN)

1 December 1944

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

From: Commanding Officer.
 To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary - Month of NOVEMBER 1944.

1. Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, BETELGEUSE, CEPHEUS, ACHERNAR.
2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-3.
3. Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached: Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

1 - 7 November

Enroute from Oran, Algeria to Philadelphia, Pa., in company with TransDiv-3, 1, 5 & 99 and DesRon-10 in obedience to ComTrans8thPhib movement order 14-44 of 21 October 1944. ComTransDiv-1 in USS HENRICO (SOPA).

	1	2	3	4
0800	32-02	32-29	32-05	31-44
	40-00	46-21	52-31	58-53
1200	32-21	32-32	31-59	31-37
	41-02	47-13	53-31	59-39
2000	32-24	32-23	31-47	31-27
	43-21	49-25	55-43	61-31

5 November

1830 Boston ships detached. ComTransDiv-3 in USS CARROLL (SOPA).
 0800 31-05
 64-19
 1200 31-11
 65-10
 2000 32-14
 66-09

6 November

1630 Norfolk ships detached. ComTransDiv-99 in USS ANNE ARUNDEL (SOPA).
 0800 33-56
 68-01
 1200 34-28
 68-35
 2000 35-14
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7 November 1944

1700 New York ships detached. USS PROCYON (AKA2) (SOPA).
0800 36-44
71-00
1200 37-07
71-26
2000 37-55
72-21

8 November 1944

Enroute Philadelphia as before. Ships present: USS PROCYON (AKA2) (SOPA), USS ARCTURUS (AKA1). 0515 Entered Delaware Bay southern swept channel. 1639 Moored port side to pier 6SE, Navy Yard, Philadelphia.

0800 38-44
74-58
1200 39-20
75-20

9 November 1944

Undergoing availability under cognizance of Navy Yard, Philadelphia, in obedience to ComPhibTraLant desp. 031735 of November 1944.

10 November 1944

1255 Underway. 1330 Secured in drydock 3, Navy Yard, Phila.

11 - 14 November 1944

Secured as before.

15 November 1944

1105 Underway. 1315 Moored stbd. side to pier 1, Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Chester, Pa.

16 - 22 November 1944

Undergoing availability at Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Chester, Pa.

23 November 1944

0745 Underway. 0820 Moored stbd. side to pier 4.

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Moored as before.


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1 January 1945.

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of December 1944.

1. Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, BETELGEUSE, CEPHEUS, ACERNAR.
2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-3.
3. Major Task Force, Fleet of Sea Frontier to which attached: Amphibious Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

1 December - 16 December

Moored starboard side to Pier #4 at Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Chester, Pa., undergoing availability for repairs in accordance with ComPhibTraLant desp. 031735 of November, under cognizance of Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

3 December

0900 Pursuant to BuPers desp. 281628 of October and 141829 of November, Captain John F. GRUBE, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer by Lieut-Comdr., Warren E. WEBB, USNR.

16 December

1610 Underway for full power and degaussing check run in Delaware River and Bay.

17 December

Underway as before. 0845 Moored port side to New Pier, NAD, Ft. Mifflin, Pa., taking on ship's ammunition.

18 December

Moored as before. 1146 Underway. 1237 Moored starboard side to Pier #2 West, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., continuing scheduled availability for repairs in accordance with ComPhibTraLant desp. 031735 of November.

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19 - 23 December

Moored as before.

23 - 25 December

1609 Underway for Hampton Roads, Va., RDF and compass calibration to be performed in Delaware Bay enroute, in accordance with ComPhibTraLant's 231600. USS ARCTURUS (SOPA).

24 December

0800	POSIT	38 - 58 N	75 - 05 W
1200	POSIT	38 - 58 N	75 - 05 W
2000	POSIT	38 - 27 N	74 - 39 W

25 December

Underway as before. 1732 Moored starboard side to Pier #4, North, Berth #45, N.O.B., Norfolk, Va.

26 - 31 December

Moored as before, loading general cargo.

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1 February 1945.

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

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of January 1945.

1 Jan - Attached to Transdiv 3 - USS CARROLL (APA28), JEFFERSON (APA30), CEPHEUS (AKA18), ACHEARNAR (AKA53), BETELGEUSE - Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet. Underway from N.O.B., Norfolk, Va., at 0945 (Zone Plus 4) for Canal Zone and ultimately Pearl Harbor, in accordance with C.T.U. 29.6.3 movement order 1-44 of 12-29-44, loaded with general cargo. Ships in company - USS ARCTURUS (AKA1) (SOPA), DEVOSA (AKA27), HERNDON (APD), escort. At 1810 cleared Norfolk swept channel and set course 132°T.

7 Jan - At 1215 (Zone Plus 5) entered Cristobal swept channel, and at 1355 moored port side to Pier 9, berth 10, Cristobal. Reported for duty to Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet (C.T.U. 29.6.3 despatch 072025).

8 Jan - At 1154, underway for passage through Panama Canal in accordance with Port Director Balboa despatch 081404, proceeding independently. 2115 Took departure for Pearl Harbor on course 180°T, Balboa station ship 1500 yds. abeam to port.

23 Jan - At 0735 (Zone Plus 9½) sighted Oahu Island, and at 1217 Moored stbd. side to berth F8, Pearl Harbor. During this 23 day cruise, gunnery and general drills were held frequently, and firing practice were conducted both from General Quarters and with underway watch gun crews. Ammunition expended: 15 rounds 5"/38 cal, 601 rounds 40mm, 2906 rounds 20mm, 110 rounds 50 cal. Several 5"/38 cal. bursts were used as a target for 20mm and 40mm.

POSITS (All North and West)

Zone Time	January	0800	1200	2000
Plus 4	1			35-30, 73-10
Plus 4	2	34-32, 73-05	33-57, 72-49	32-16, 73-08
Plus 4	3	29-47, 73-42	28-51, 73-43	27-06, 74-08
Plus 4	4	24-17, 74-12	23-30, 74-18	21-54, 74-51
Plus 4	5	19-43, 74-22	19-01, 75-01	17-40, 76-10
Plus 4	6	15-22, 77-52	14-34, 78-26	12-57, 79-16
Plus 4	7	10-26, 80-02		
Plus 5	8	Passing through Panama Canal.		
Plus 5	9	07-04, 80-29	07-02, 81-19	06-55, 83-16
Plus 6	10	06-54, 85-42	07-11, 86-33	07-42, 88-17
Plus 6	11	08-34, 90-50	08-52, 91-57	09-33, 93-42
Plus 6	12	10-27, 96-15	10-42, 97-11	11-15, 99-08
Plus 6½	13	11-53, 101-34	12-17, 102-33	12-57, 104-27
Plus 6½	14	13-43, 107-04	13-52, 108-02	14-25, 109-52
Plus 7	15	15-02, 112-27	15-15, 113-21	15-42, 115-05
Plus 7	16	16-27, 117-39	16-40, 118-36	17-03, 120-29

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Zone Time	January	0800	1200	2000
Plus 7½	17	17-50, 123-16	18-02, 124-07	18-21, 125-51
Plus 8	18	18-43, 128-21	18-51, 129-11	19-05, 130-51
Plus 8	19	19-38, 133-39	19-48, 134-41	19-59, 136-44
Plus 8½	20	20-17, 139-43	20-21, 140-30	20-33, 142-42
Plus 9	21	20-51, 145-37	21-01, 146-38	21-08, 148-42
Plus 9½	22	21-18, 151-41	21-11, 152-35	21-19, 154-36

On 24 January, shifted berth to K-1, N.S.D., Pearl Harbor and commenced unloading cargo. Reported for duty to Commander, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. On 27 January, completed unloading and shifted to berth C-1, Pearl Harbor. On 30 January, shifted berth to K-10, N.S.D., Pearl Harbor, and commenced loading general cargo. On 31 January, completed loading, got underway at 1615, and at 1928, moored port side to berth 40-B in Honolulu Harbor. Reported for duty to Commander, Transport Squadron 18, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet. Reported to Commander, Service Force, Pacific Fleet for temporary duty involving transportation of general cargo.

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R. S. No.	(10:PL)

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

1 March 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of February 1945.

Permanently attached to Amphibious Forces, Pacific, TransRon 18, TransDiv 54 (USS DADE APA99, MAGOFFIN APA199, EFFINGHAM APA165, NAVARRO APA215, PROCYON AKA2).

On February 1, moored in Honolulu Harbor, loading general cargo for Guadalcanal in accordance with AdComPhibsPac despatch 310633 of January, attached to ComServPac for this operation.

On February 3, at 0807 (zone Plus 9½), underway for Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands in accordance with ComHawSeaFron orders serial 0088 of February, proceeding independently.

On February 5, at 0001 (zone Plus 10), departed from track in accordance with ComHawSeaFron despatch 050823 to rendezvous with C.T.G. 13.13 and pick up injured man at Lat. 13-30N-Long. 164-30W. Arrived at rendezvous point at 0815 but did not locate C.T.G. 13.13. Continued search until receipt of ComHawSeaFron despatch 052243 at 1500, ordering us to cancel search and carry out our previous orders.

Made landfall on Malatia Island at 0320 (zone Minus 11), February 14, and at 1155 anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal. During this cruise, gunnery and general drills were held frequently, and firing practices were conducted both from General Quarters and with underway watch gun crews. Ammunition expended in rounds: 5"/38 cal.-15; 40mm - 240; 20mm - 1774; 50 cal.-66.

POSITS

Zone Time	February	0800	1200	2000
Plus 9½	3		20-35N, 157-57W	19-11N, 158-59W
Plus 9½	4	17-18N, 161-11W	16-55N, 161-49W	15-44N, 163-33W
Plus 10	5	13-36N, 164-29W	13-57N, 164-07W	13-46N, 165-29W
Plus 10	6	13-35N, 168-21W	12-46N, 169-00W	11-58N, 170-55W
Plus 10½	7	10-51N, 173-38W	10-28N, 174-31W	09-42N, 176-26W
Plus 11	8	08-27N, 179-08W	08-08N, 179-51W	07-11N, 178-23W
Plus 11	9	05-29N, 176-06W	05-22N, 175-18E	04-21N, 173-34E
Crossed date line on February 9.				
Minus 12½	11	02-17N, 171-24E	01-40N, 170-43E	00-14N, 169-08E
Minus 12	12	01-35S, 166-58E	02-14S, 166-22E	03-25S, 165-02E
Minus 11	13	05-13S, 163-08E	05-29S, 163-05E	07-01S, 161-19E

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1 March 1945.

Subject: War Diary - Month of February 1945.

From February 14 to February 18, anchored off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, unloading general cargo. On February 14, reported to ComTransGroup 4 for duty in accordance with AdComPhibsPac despatch 310633 of January. On February 18, shifted anchorage to Tulagi Harbor for logistics and to load depth charges. On February 19, shifted anchorage to Sunlight Channel, Russell Islands, to rendezvous with ship of TransDiv 54 and to load general cargo. Reported to ComTransDiv 54 for duty.

From February 19 to February 27, loaded cargo from various points in Russell Islands, shifting berths and anchorages frequently. On February 27, completed loading and anchored in Sunlight Channel, Russell Islands, awaiting commencement of training exercises.

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1 April 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of March 1945.

Underway at 0630, 1 March (-11 Zone Time), in accordance with ComTransDiv 54 sortie order A1-45 of 27 February, to participate in amphibious maneuvers with Amphibious Group 4, Pacific, in the Guadalcanal area.

Attached to TransDiv 54 (USS DADE APA99, PROCYON AKA2, MAGOFFIN APA199, NAVARRO APA215, EFFINGHAM APA165, DICKMAN APA13) TransRon 18, PhibGroup 4, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet.

From 1 March to 7 March participated in training maneuvers. These consisted of simulated landings on Guadalcanal, near the northeastern end of the island, with Beacon S marking the southern end of beach. During daylight hours, TransRon 18 lay to in outer transport area Baker about seven miles S.E. of Savo Island, and sortied nightly up the Slot, returning to the transport area shortly before dawn. This ship sent over a daily token cargo load to the beach, and sent boats to other ships as directed. Firing practice (at a sleeve) was held on 1 March. Ammunition expended - 5"/38, 3 rounds; 40mm, 412 rounds; 20mm, 779 rounds; 50 cal., 120 rounds.

From March 7 to March 15, anchored at various berths in Russell Islands. This period was used for logistics.

From March 15 to March 21, underway for Ulithi in accordance with ComPhibGroup 4 movement order A404-45 in company with TransRon 18. O.T.C. ComTransRon 18 in USS BURLIGH (APA95). Anchored in Ulithi Lagoon 21 March at 1738 (-10 Zone Time). During this trip, firing and damage control drills were held frequently, and simulated torpedo attacks were conducted on the formation by carrier planes, who also towed a sleeve for firing. Ammunition expended - 17 rounds, 5"/38; 590 rounds, 40mm; 2997 rounds, 20mm; 81 rounds, 50 cal.

		<u>POSITS</u>		
	0800	1200	2000	Zone Time
15 Mar.			07-22S,159-55E	-11
16 Mar.	05-44S,158-15E	04-57S,157-55E	03-32S,157-01E	-11
17 Mar.	01-50S,154-40E	01-31S,153-47E	00-42S,151-56E	-10
18 Mar.	00-17S,149-21E	00-19N,148-45E	01-02N,147-38E	-10
19 Mar.	02-09N,145-45E	02-27N,145-16E	03-37N,144-04E	-10
20 Mar.	04-39N,142-02E	05-20N,141-32E	06-36N,140-42E	-10
21 Mar.	08-46N,139-42E	09-31N,139-42E		-10

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1 April 1945.

Subject: War Diary - Month of March 1945.

From 21 to 27 March, anchored in Ulithi Lagoon.
From 27 March to 31 March, underway for invasion of Okinawa
in accordance with C.T.G. 51.11 mailgram 231051 in company with
TransRon 18, O.T.C. ComTransRon 18 in USS BURLEIGH.

POSITS

All positions North and East.

	0800	1200	2000	Zone Time
27 Mar.			10-26, 139-50	
28 Mar.	12-22, 138-27	12-58, 137-50	14-05, 137-05	-10
29 Mar.	15-53, 135-49	16-36, 135-25	17-55, 134-28	-9
30 Mar.	19-44, 132-53	20-25, 132-23	21-46, 131-24	-9
31 Mar.	23-32, 129-56	24-22, 129-08	25-13, 127-44	-9

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

1 May 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of April 1945.

On 1 April, enroute from Ulithi to take part in the invasion of Okinawa, according to C.T.G. 51.11 mailgram 231051. Attached to TransDiv 54 (temp) (USS DADE APA-99, NAVARRO APA-215, MAGOFFIN APA-199, EFFINGHAM APA-165, DICKMAN APA-13, PROCYON AKA-2, BETELGEUSE AKA-11), TransRon 18, PhibGroup 4, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet.

Arrived 1 April (Love Day) at 0503, time Zone -9, in outer transport area Baker, assigned to TransRon 18, about seven miles off Hagushi beaches, western side of Okinawa. H-hour 0830. Weather clear, sea and wind slight.

During Love Day, provided boats and boat officers for landing of assault troops from designated APA's, and sent into beach several loads of hot cargo, as previously ordered. This ship unloaded on Blue beaches 1 & 2 which were assigned to TransDiv 54. At 1230, underway with TransRon 18 to move into inner transport area Baker, about 3 miles off shore, and to continue unloading. At 1800, hoisted all available boats and got underway for night retirement in company with TransRon 18.

On 2 April, returned to inner transport area at dawn and commenced general unloading.

From 2 to 3 April, remained at anchor about two miles off Blue beaches, unloading as rapidly as available transportation permitted. The difficulty of transferring cargo at the fringing reef offshore to LVT's, DUKW's and barges, plus the unavailability of LCT's, LSM's and barges assigned to this ship to assist in unloading, slowed our progress considerably.

From the arrival in the transport area on Love Day until unloading was completed on 3 April, Condition 1-A was continually set (except for a few hours during the night retirement on 1 - 2 April). During the entire 9 days, enemy air activity was light in the transport area, except for the afternoon and evening of 6 April. There were no surprise attacks. We were kept informed over various voice circuits at all times as to the number and location of enemy planes in the area. Unloading operations were not stopped by going to General Quarters from Condition 1-A for every air alert, but only when enemy planes were within 10 miles of the transport area.

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1 May 1945.

Subject: War Diary - Month of April 1945.

Fire discipline was observed both in the letter and the spirit of the directives. We opened fire only once during the week, at 1712 on 7 April, at a Val which was positively identified as enemy. The plane was shot down by combined fire from ships in area, and crashed about 600 yards off our starboard quarter, close astern of the USS ANDROMEDA. Ammunition expended: 2 rounds 5"/38; 168 rounds 40mm; 235 rounds 20mm.

Five minor casualties were sustained aboard ship from shrapnel from other ships. On the night of 1 April, during retirement, two men were hit by shrapnel from a 5" burst. It was observed that the target in this case was another 5" burst. No enemy planes were in the immediate area. On the afternoon of 7 April, three men on the after 40mm gun deck were injured by a spent 20mm falling on deck and exploding. The target in this case was a friendly plane attempting to land on Yontan airstrip, nearby.

Upon orders from SOPA (CTF 51) made smoke at night, using ship's boats equipped with smoke floats and a Bessler generator, in addition to Bessler generators on board the ship. The combined smoke screen of the many ships in the area seemed very effective most of the time. There were some holes when generators were stopped for re-fueling and smoke pots burned out.

From 9 April to 13 April, underway from Okinawa for Saipan in accordance with CTF 51 despatch 081415, in company with TU 51.29.11, CTU 51.29.11 in USS DADE (SOPA). Anchored in Saipan Harbor from 13 to 14 April.

POSITS

April	0800	1200	2000	Zone	Time
9		26-17N, 127-14E	25-21N, 128-10E	-9	
10	24-04N, 130-35E	23-43N, 131-26E	22-55N, 132-54E	-9	
11	21-33N, 135-36E	20-59N, 136-24E	20-14N, 137-41E	-9	
12	18-42N, 140-06E	18-20N, 140-42E	17-30N, 141-54E	-9	
13	16-02N, 144-13E	15-34N, 144-51E		-10	

From 14 April to 26 April, underway for Pearl Harbor, proceeding independently in accordance with Port Director Saipan sailing orders of 14 April. During this cruise, firing practice and damage control drills were twice held. Guns were fired by both underway watch gun crews and from General Quarters, using 5" star shells as a target. Ammunition expended: 5"/38 cal. 24 rounds; 40mm 408 rounds; 20mm 1753 rounds.

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1 May 1945.

Subject: War Diary - Month of April 1945.

April	<u>POSITS</u>			Zone Time
	0800	1200	2000	
14			15-15N, 146-15E	-10
15	14-48N, 148-47E	14-39N, 149-40E	14-16N, 151-16E	-10
16	13-45N, 153-28E	13-34N, 154-18E	13-11N, 155-54E	-11
17	12-40N, 158-14E	12-25N, 158-59E	11-54N, 160-31E	-11½
18	11-05N, 162-35E	10-56N, 163-30E	10-50N, 165-09E	-12
19	10-42N, 167-34E	10-41N, 168-21E	10-51N, 170-02E	-12
20	11-29N, 172-17E	11-40N, 173-11E	12-18N, 174-47E	-12½
21	13-15N, 177-12E	13-39N, 178-03E	14-21N, 179-46E	-12½
22	15-10N, 177-50W	15-35N, 176-54W	16-17N, 174-57W	-13
22	16-58N, 172-22W	17-10N, 171-22W	17-35N, 169-20W	P 11
23	17-59N, 167-09W	18-09N, 166-15W	18-34N, 164-32W	P 11

From 26 April to 30 April, moored in Pearl Harbor, undergoing minor voyage repairs.

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Reg. No. 706 107
R. S. No. (10:VN)

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

1 June 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Month of May 1945.

From 1 May to 3 May, moored in berth X13, Pearl Harbor, undergoing minor voyage repairs.

From 1710 (zone $\neq 9\frac{1}{2}$) 3 May to 0854 (zone $\neq 7$) 10 May, underway enroute from Pearl Harbor to San Francisco, proceeding independently in accordance with ComHawSeaFron serial 0487 of 3 May. During this trip, held burst firing practice and damage control drills. Ammunition expended: 5" 38 cal., 6 rounds; 40MM, 100 rounds; 20MM 479 rounds.

May	0800	POSITS (All north and west)				Zone Time
		1200		2000		
3				21-18, 157-35	$\neq 9\frac{1}{2}$	
4	23-18, 155-54	23-50, 155-09		24-49, 153-32	$\neq 9\frac{1}{2}$	
5	26-15, 151-15	26-57, 150-11		28-02, 148-25	$\neq 9\frac{1}{2}$	
6	29-39, 145-48	30-12, 144-42		31-07, 142-46	$\neq 9$	
7	32-15, 140-00	32-39, 138-57		33-23, 137-06	$\neq 8$	
8	34-31, 134-42	34-50, 133-15		35-38, 131-12	$\neq 7\frac{1}{2}$	
9	36-34, 128-22	36-54, 127-25		37-32, 125-23	$\neq 7$	

From 10 May to 12 May, moored to pier 56, San Francisco, for logistics. On 12 May, shifted berth to anchorage in San Francisco Harbor.

From 12 May to 18 May, anchored in San Francisco Harbor, while placing wooden sheathing in all deep tanks and holds in preparation for loading of ammunition. On 18 May, underway for U.S. Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, California.

From 18 May to 26 May, moored to pier 2, Port Chicago, loading ammunition.

From 1441 (zone $\neq 7$) 26 May to 31 May, underway, proceeding independently for Pearl Harbor in accordance with ComWestSeaFron movement order 354 of 25 May.

May	0800	POSITS				Zone Time
		1200		2000		
27	36-19, 125-25	35-57, 126-32		35-16, 128-42	$\neq 7$	
28	34-10, 131-55	33-49, 132-57		32-55, 135-13	$\neq 7$	
29	31-43, 138-16	31-20, 139-14		30-27, 141-11	$\neq 8$	
30	29-17, 143-50	28-50, 144-40		27-52, 146-40	$\neq 8$	
31	26-33, 149-13	26-05, 150-03		25-16, 151-32	$\neq 9$	

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

1 July 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of June 1945.

During entire month, operated independently, carrying cargo ammunition from Port Chicago, California to Pearl Harbor. Attached to PhibsPac, TransRon 18, TransDiv 54 (USS BOLIVAR APA 34, J.T. DICKMAN APA 13, EFFINGHAM APA 165, MAGOFFIN APA 199, MENARD APA 201, PROCYO N AKA2, BETELGEUSE AKA 11).

From 1 to 2 June, enroute from Port Chicago, to Pearl Harbor.

From 2 to 10 June, moored at Naval Ammunition Depot, West Loch, Pearl Harbor, unloading cargo ammunition.

From 10 to 17 June, underway from Pearl Harbor to San Francisco.

From 17 to 22 June, at various berths in San Francisco Bay for logistics, minor voyage repairs and fumigation. On 22 June, shifted berth to Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, California.

From 22 to 29 June, loading cargo ammunition at Port Chicago.

On 29 June, underway for Pearl Harbor.

During this month, held one firing practice, at a sleeve, on 2 June.

Ammunition expended: 43 rounds 5"/38, 934 rounds 40MM, 3811 rounds 20MM.

June	0800	POSITS (All north and west)				Zone Time
		1200		2000		
1	23-59, 153-49	23-34, 154-32	22-36, 156-17		7 9	
2	21-23, 157-22				7 9 1/2	
10		21-40, 157-35	23-12, 156-21		7 9 1/2	
11	24-54, 153-46	25-27, 152-56	26-36, 151-12		7 9 1/2	
12	28-04, 148-31	28-34, 147-24	29-31, 145-45		7 9	
13	30-54, 143-00	30-28, 142-07	32-20, 140-02		7 8 1/2	
14	33-30, 137-07	33-52, 136-12	34-34, 134-14		7 8	
15	35-23, 131-48	35-47, 130-14	36-04, 129-28		7 7 1/2	
16	36-45, 127-04	36-57, 126-08	37-30, 124-27		7 7	
30	36-17, 125-28	35-54, 126-29	35-11, 128-35		7 7	

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

1 August 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of July 1945.

From 1-8 July, proceeding independently enroute Pearl Harbor from Naval Magazine, Port Chicago, Calif., loaded with cargo ammunition and eggs, in accordance with ComWesSeaFron movement order 484 of 27 June. Attached to PhibsPac, TransRon 18, TransDiv 54 (USS ZEILIN APA 3, USS BOLIVAR APA 34, J.T. DICKMAN APA 13, EFFINGHAM APA 165, MAGOFFIN APA 199, MENARD APA 201, PROCYON AKA 2, BETELGEUSE AKA 11).

On 5 July, at 1047 (79 zone) wiped main engine Kingsbury thrust bearing. Stopped engine and lay to, attempting repairs. On 6 July at 1738 (79½ zone) picked up tow from USS IZARD (DD 589) and continued to Pearl Harbor in tow, temporary repairs having proved unsatisfactory. Arrived Naval Ammunition Depot, West Loch, Pearl Harbor at 1355, 8 July.

July	0800	POSITS (All north and west)				Zone Time
		1200		2000		
1	34-09, 131-55	33-46, 132-50	32-50, 135-08	77		
2	31-35, 138-14	31-12, 139-02	30-24, 141-05	78		
3	29-08, 144-01	28-42, 144-58	27-42, 146-55	78		
4	26-16, 149-36	25-47, 150-15	24-52, 151-55	78½		
5	23-35, 154-07	23-20, 154-36	23-21, 154-46	79		
6	23-24, 154-45	23-27, 154-49	23-17, 155-06	79½		
7	22-44, 156-05	22-28, 156-24	21-58, 156-51	79½		

From 8-15 July, moored at West Loch, unloading cargo ammunition.

From 15-25 July, moored at various berths in Pearl Harbor while unloading cargo eggs and repairing thrust bearing.

On 25 July at 0930 Underway for full power run off Pearl Harbor. At 1600, run being completed satisfactorily, underway for San Francisco in accordance with ComHawSeaFron serial 01116 of 24 July.

From 25 to 31 July, underway for San Francisco.

On 28 July, conducted general drills and 5" burst firing. Ammunition expended: 5"-38cal. 8 rounds, 40mm 180 rounds, 20mm 757 rounds.

July	0800	POSITS (All north and west)				Zone Time
		1200		2000		
25				21-43, 157-35	79½	
26	23-34, 155-55	24-08, 155-09	25-09, 133-40	79½		
27	26-31, 151-35	27-02, 150-49	28-02, 149-08	79		
28	29-13, 146-44	29-43, 145-53	30-32, 144-10	78½		
29	31-45, 141-35	32-07, 140-52	32-46, 139-03	78		
30	33-47, 136-08	34-14, 135-13	35-04, 133-19	77½		
31	36-02, 130-11	36-05, 129-16	36-48, 127-15	77		

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1 September 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
 To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
 Subject: War Diary - Month of August 1945.

On 1 August, steaming independently from Pearl Harbor to San Francisco in accordance with ComHawSeaFron serial O1116 of 24 July, attached to PhibsPac, PhibGroup 4, TransRon 18, TransDiv 54 (USS ZEILIN APA 3, USS BOLIVAR APA 34, J.T. DICKMAN APA 13, EFFINGHAM APA 165, MAGOFFIN APA 199, MENARD APA 201, PROCYON AKA 2, BETELGEUSE AKA 11).

Arrived San Francisco 1 August. Anchored in Anchorage 12, San Francisco Bay from 1-8 August. On 8 August, shifted berth to explosive Anchorage 13 and commenced loading cargo ammunition.

On 11 August at 1200 ceased loading ammunition, due to Japanese surrender negotiations. On 17 August, underway for Naval Ammunition Depot, Port Chicago, Calif.

From 17-20 August, moored at Port Chicago, unloading cargo ammunition. On 20 August shifted berth to Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, to load cargo refrigerator spaces.

On 22 August, at 0800, underway for Lingayen Gulf, Philippine Islands, proceeding independently in accordance with ComWesSeaFron movement order No. 682 of 21 August.

From 22-31 August underway for Lingayen. On 25 August, exercised at burst firing practice. Ammunition expended: 20mm 542 rounds, 40mm 90 rounds, 5"/38 cal. 3 rounds.

August	POSITS				2000	
	0800		1200			
22					37-50N,	125-00W
23	37-33N,	128-37W	37-31N,	129-44W	37-26N,	132-26W
24	37-14N,	135-57W	37-06N,	137-06W	36-49N,	139-24W
25	36-21N,	142-53W	36-14N,	143-59W	35-53N,	146-38W
26	35-13N,	150-00W	34-58N,	151-05W	34-29N,	153-14W
27	33-33N,	156-27W	33-15N,	157-24W	33-31N,	159-35W
28	31-32N,	162-41W	31-11N,	163-42W	30-23N,	165-52W
29	29-10N,	168-53W	28-50N,	169-50W	27-59N,	171-47W
30	26-43N,	174-39W	26-11N,	175-28W	25-03N,	177-33W
31	23-24N,	179-50E	22-54N,	179-01E	21-52N,	177-22E

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1 October 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Subject: War Diary - Month of September 1945.

1 September omitted, on account of westward bound crossing of International Date Line on August 31.

On 2 September, steaming independently enroute to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I. from San Francisco, in accordance with ComWesSeaFron movement order 682 of 21 August, attached to TransDiv 54, Transron 18, Phibspac (USS ZEILIN APA 3, BOLIVAR APA 34, J. T. DICKMAN APA 13, EFFINGHAM APA 165, MAGOFFIN APA 199, MENARD APA 201, PROCYON AKA2, BETELGEUSE AKA 11).

Arrived San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, on 13 September. Anchored in San Fernando area 13 September to 16 September. Underway for Leyte on 16 September in accordance with Port Director, San Fernando sailing orders of 16 September. On 17 September, destination changed to Manila, in accordance with ComThirdPhib despatch 160812. Arrived Manila 17 September.

September	0800		POSITS (All north and east)		2000	
			1200			
2	20-16,	174-46	19-39,	173-57	18-28,	172-09
3	16-53,	169-46	16-21,	168-59	15-16,	167-24
4	13-30,	165-06	12-54,	164-17	11-29,	162-58
5	10-14,	160-29	10-56,	159-29	10-40,	157-28
6	10-32,	154-36	10-30,	153-12	10-25,	151-23
7	10-23,	148-25	10-20,	147-21	10-12,	145-25
8	10-13,	142-25	10-03,	141-34	10-19,	139-31
9	10-19,	136-29	10-28,	135-38	10-37,	133-45
10	10-40,	131-05	10-37,	130-12	10-37,	128-11
11	10-40,	125-40	10-00,	125-10	09-04,	123-49
12	10-16,	121-50	11-10,	121-12	12-52	120-36
13	15-25,	119-38	16-24,	119-45		
16					14-39,	119-45

Anchored in Manila Bay from 17 September to 20 September. On 20 September, underway for Batangas, Luzon, in accordance with Port Director, Manila sailing orders of 19 September. Arrived Batangas 20 September.

From 20 September to 25 September, anchored in Batangas Bay, loading units of 593rd Engineers, U.S. Army, for movement to Otaru, Hokkaido.

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1 October 1945.

Subject: War Diary - Month of September 1945

On 25 September, underway in company with U.S.S. OSAGE (LSV-3), O.T.C. and U.S.S. OCONTO (APA 187) to rendezvous with T.G. 34.8. On 26 September, off Batangas, joined up with U.S.S. TOWNER (AKA 77), O.T.C. of combined group, U.S.S. BRACKEN (APA 64) and U.S.S. MAYO, (DD 422), all 3 ships from Manila.

On 27 September, rendezvoused with T.G. 34.8 at sea. Underway for occupation of Otaru, Hokkaido, in company with T.G. 34.8, C. T. G. 34.8 in U.S.S. HARRIS (APA 2), O.T.C., in accordance with C.T.G. 34.8 serial 0026 of 21 September. Our position in convoy, No. 37.

From 27 September to 30 September, underway for Otaru.

Reported for duty as follows:

to ComPhibsPac, by C.O. U.S.S. BETELGEUSE despatch 151326
to ComThirdPhib, by C.O. U.S.S. BETELGEUSE despatch 172351
to ComTransRon 13, by C.O. U.S.S. BETELGEUSE despatch 180659

On 18 September attached to TransDiv 35 (temporary)

(U.S.S. CLAY, APA 39; SAMUEL CHASE, APA 26; GOSHEN, APA 108; BLAND, APA 134; BRACKEN, APA 64; ROLETTE, AKA 99;) TransRon 13, PhibGroup 3, ThirdPhibFor, PhibsPac.

September	0800		POSITS (All north and east)		2000	
			1200			
26	13-00,	122-15	12-43,	123-07	12-47,	125-04
27	12-52,	127-02	12-44,	127-47	12-41,	129-40
28	13-00,	132-25	13-36,	133-10	14-52,	133-48
29	16-51,	135-57	17-31,	136-24	19-12,	136-55
30	22-07,	137-51	23-07,	138-14	24-56,	138-42

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Subject: War Diary - Month of October 1945.

On 1 October enroute from Batangas, Luzon, P.I. loaded with material and troops of 593rd Engineers, U.S. Army, for initial occupation of Otaru, Hokkaido. Steaming in company with T.G. 34.8 in accordance with C.T.G. 34.8 serial 0026 of 21 September. C.T.G. 34.8 in U.S.S. HARRIS (APA-2). Attached to temporary TransRon 13, PhibGroup 3, PhibsPac.

Passed through Tsugaru Straits on 4 October and on 5 October moored to Pier 2, Otaru and commenced discharging troops and material. Completed unloading on 6 October and moved to outer harbor.

From 7 October to 17 October, underway from Otaru for Samar, P.I. in accordance with ComTransRon 13 movement plan A14-45 of 7 October in company with T.U. 34.8.9, C.T.U. 34.8.9 in U.S.S. HARRIS (APA-2). On 9 October, Task Unit was directed to Tokyo Bay, in accordance with C.T.F. 32 despatch 090224, to await developments of typhoon.

Anchored in Tokyo Bay 10 October to 12 October.

Underway for Samar, P.I. from 12 October to 17 October. On 17 October anchored in San Pedro Bay, P.I. for logistics.

On 19 October underway for Calicoan Is., P.I., Leyte Gulf.

From 19 October to 26 October loading cargo and troops of 30th NCB's for movement to Taku - Tientsin, China, while moored at dock #2, Calicoan Is., P.I. On 26 October anchored in Guiuan Roadstead, Samar Is., P.I.

On 27 October underway for Taku - Tientsin, China, via Okinawa, in company with Temp. TransDiv 37 (U.S.S. GOSHEN APA 108, WINDSOR APA 55, HARRIS APA 2, ROLETTE AKA 99, NAVARRO APA 215, WOODFORD AKA 86, BETELGEUSE AKA 11), in accordance with ComTransRon 13 operational order A18-45. O.T.C. in U.S.S. GOSHEN (APA 108).

Anchored in Hagushi Bay, Okinawa, on 30 October awaiting orders to proceed to Tientsin, China.

On 31 October underway for Tientsin in company with T.U. 78.14.9 in accordance with C.T.G. 78.14 despatch 302256. C.T.U. 78.14.9 and O.T.C. in U.S.S. GOSHEN (APA 108). Attached to Temp. TransDiv 37, TransRon 13, PhibsPac.

POSITS (All north and east)

October	0800		1200		2000	
	1	27-40,	139-36	28-18,	140-04	29-56,	140-44
2	32-49,	141-13	33-48,	141-35	35-21,	142-05
3	38-39,	142-37	40-28,	143-39	40-28,	142-39
4	41-34,	140-43	41-22,	140-15	42-44,	139-39
8	42-24,	139-25	41-38,	139-45	41-50,	141-40
9	39-11,	142-23	38-21,	142-09	36-34,	141-41
10	34-50,	139-32				

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October

12			34-44,	139-15	33-30,	138-18
13	30-55,	137-18	29-56,	136-51	28-09,	136-03
14	25-19,	135-59,	24-10,	136-03	22-21,	135-43
15	20-04,	133-49	19-11,	133-09	17-41,	132-03
16	15-20,	130-18	14-30,	129-35	12-58,	128-17
17	10-42,	126-12				
19	11-05,	125-12				
27			10-45,	126-12	12-34,	126-29
28	15-20,	126-46	16-18,	126-54	18-09,	127-06
29	20-58,	127-28	21-59,	127-32	23-48,	127-57
31					26-44,	127-04

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1 December 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: War Diary - Month of November 1945.

From 1 November to 4 November, steaming enroute Okinawa to Taku, China in company with T.U. 78.14.9 and in accordance with C.T.G. 78.14 despatch 302256. C.T.U. in U.S.S. GOSHEN APA 108. Temporarily attached to TransDiv 37, TransRon 13, 7th Fleet. Loaded with troops and material of 30th NCBS.

Anchored in Taku Roadstead on 4 November. On this date, Lt. Comdr. W. E. WEBB, (D) USNR was relieved as commanding officer of the U.S.S. BETELGEUSE AKA-11 by Lt. Comdr. K. D. AMES, (D) USNR.

From 4 November to 10 November anchored in Taku Roadstead awaiting orders to unload.

On 10 November commenced unloading general cargo into various LSMs and ICTs.

Completed unloading 75% of cargo on 16 November. On this date, underway for Guam Island, Marianas in accordance with Port Director, Taku, 160635 despatch. Steaming in company with T.U. 78.13.12, C.T.U. 78.13.12 and O.T.C. in U.S.S. GOSHEN APA 108.

Arrived Apra Harbor, Guam Island on 24 November and moored in outer harbor. On 24 November detached from TransDiv 37 and TransRon 13.

On 26 November moored to dock S-1, inner harbor, and commenced discharging remainder of cargo aboard.

Received orders from Cincpac on 28 November stating that this vessel was to return to the west coast, via Pearl Harbor, for disposal as directed by CNO.

On 30 November, underway independently from Guam Island, Marianas to Pearl Harbor, via Wake Island, for personnel lift in accordance with Port Director Guam routing instructions 3135.

November	0800		POSITS (All north and east)		2000	
			1200			
1	28-03,	124-42	28-27,	124-45	30-21,	125-25
2	32-56,	125-22	33-44,	125-07	35-18,	124-21
3	37-34,	123-08	38-01,	122-20	38-33,	120-49
4	38-46,	118-19				
16					38-48,	118-33
17	38-21,	121-28	37-51,	122-21	36-42,	123-37
18	34-16,	124-40	33-24,	125-02	31-35,	125-45
19	29-10,	124-50	28-16,	124-28	26-54,	125-37
20	24-54,	127-23	24-13,	128-00	23-05,	129-31
21	21-37,	131-43	20-56,	132-32	20-01,	134-04
22	18-42,	136-19	17-14,	136-55	17-14,	138-20
23	15-51,	140-34	14-29,	141-20	14-29,	142-45

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1 January 1946.

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: War Diary - Month of December 1945.

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Steaming independently from Guam Island to Pearl Harbor, T.H., via Wake Island, in accordance with Port Director, Guam, routing order 3135. Ultimate destination, in accordance with Cincpoa 280316 despatch, U.S., and disposal as directed by CNO.

On 1 December sank spherical object believed to be large net buoy with 24 rounds 40mm AP and 413 rounds 20mm HEIT. Object considered a menace to navigation.

On 4 December arrived Wake Island. On this date, and while lying to off the island, took aboard 106 passengers for further transportation to Pearl Harbor and U.S. On this same day, underway independently for Pearl Harbor, T.H.

On 9 December held firing practice expending 40 rounds of 40mm HEITSD.

On 10 December held firing practice in conjunction with two tow planes from NAB, Hilo, T.H., expending 2,945 rounds of 20mm, 1,749 rounds 40mm, and 38 rounds 5"/38. On this date moored in Berth X-8, Pearl Harbor, T.H., starboard side to U.S.S. MAUMEE (AG-124).

13 December, 71 high point naval personnel reported aboard for further transportation to U.S. Underway independently for San Francisco, Calif., in accordance with ComHawSeaFron order Ser. No. 2281 of 11 December.

Arrived San Francisco on 20 December mooring in Berth I, NSD, Oakland, Calif. Discharged 176 passengers. Commenced loading general cargo destined for Balboa, C.Z., and various east coast ports.

Completed loading cargo on 27 December.

Underway independently on 28 December for Balboa, C.Z., in accordance with ComWesSeaFron movement order 1159 of 26 December, for onward routing to N.Y. and disposal.

December	0800		PO SITS 1200		2000	
	1	14-54N, 149-00E	15-07N, 150-00E	15-32N, 151-52E		
2	16-14N, 154-28E	16-30N, 155-25E	17-00N, 157-20E			
3	17-47N, 160-18E	18-00N, 161-15E	18-21N, 163-17E			
4	19-01N, 166-06E		19-17N, 166-55E			
5	19-32N, 169-51E	19-37N, 170-48E	19-38N, 172-51E			
6	20-00N, 175-49E	20-01N, 176-44E	20-14N, 178-48E			
*6	20-27N, 178-12W	20-31N, 177-12W	20-35N, 175-14W			
7	20-44N, 172-27W	20-43N, 171-34W	20-43N, 169-54W			
8	20-43N, 167-18W	20-43N, 166-15W	20-45N, 164-44W			
9	20-41N, 161-56W	20-35N, 161-05W	20-29N, 159-32W			

*Crossed International Date Line from East to West.

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Subject: War Diary - Month of December 1945.

December

13					32-11N,	156-50W
14	23-29N,	154-27W	23-56N,	153-43W	24-55N,	151-56W
15	26-27N,	149-15W	26-53N,	148-26W	27-49N,	146-40W
16	29-15N,	144-15W	29-45N,	143-45W	30-26N,	141-13W
17	31-43N,	138-26W	32-13N,	137-28W	33-11N,	135-34W
18	34-09N,	132-59W	34-21N,	132-29W	35-08N,	130-19W
19	36-10N,	127-23W	36-27N,	126-45W	37-07N,	124-45W
28					36-25N,	122-32W
29	34-15N,	121-05W	33-23N,	120-44W	31-50N,	119-23W
30	29-37N,	117-25W	28-47N,	116-40W	27-17N,	115-21W
31	25-13N,	113-13W	24-29N,	112-28W	23-06N,	110-59W

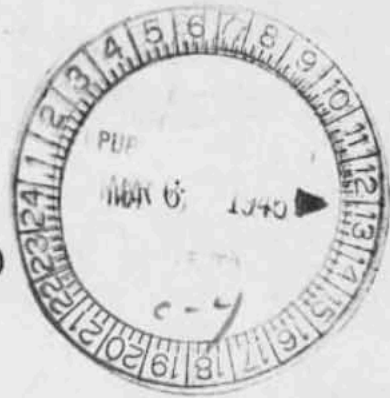
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HISTORY OF THE
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HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. BETELGEUSE

The USS BETELGEUSE, an early C-2 type hull of 6000 tons net, single-screw diesel propelled, was built in 1939 by the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Chester, Pa., for the Moore-McCormack Lines. Due to the grave need of all types of shipping by the Navy, she was converted to an AK at Bremer's Drydock, Staten Island, N.Y., and commissioned the USS BETELGEUSE AK-28 on 14 June 1941.

Serving with the amphibious forces in both oceans, the mighty "Goose", as she is affectionately called, took part in the assault phases of four major invasions: the first amphibious operation of the war at Guadalcanal, on 7 August 1942, Sicily, 10 June 1943, Southern France, 15 August 1944, and the final major invasion of the war, Okinawa, on 1 April 1945. The time between invasions, pre-invasion loading, logistics and training periods, the ship operated as a straight cargo vessel sometimes reinforcing beachheads, at other times carrying cargo between ports in the rear areas.

From commissioning until the outbreak of war, the BETELGEUSE operated in the Atlantic, taking part in amphibious maneuvers off New River, N.C. in June and July, and other operations off Cape Henry, Va., in September. During October, the ship carried cargo to Bermuda and various newly established bases in the West Indies. The fateful day of 7 December 1941, found the ship undergoing an overhaul in Charleston, S.C.

In early January of 1942, the "Goose" loaded army material at N.Y., later engaging in maneuvers off Norfolk, Va., and hence departing in convoy for Belfast and Clydebank, Scotland. Upon returning, she again loaded in N.Y., departing on 8 April for Tongatabu in convoy BT 202 and later returned to San Diego after unloading.

On 1 July, she left San Diego for Pearl Harbor, joining Task Force 62 there in preparation for the invasion of Guadalcanal. The taskforce departed Pearl Harbor on 31 July, stopped briefly at Suva, Fiji Islands, and arrived in Iron Bottom Bay off of Guadalcanal on 7 August 1942.

From that date until the ship left the area, she established a record which was unequalled by any AK afloat.

Undergoing a heavy raid the first day, the ship came through unscathed, although there were several near misses. The following day, the Goose knocked down her first planes. The attackers, about forty in all, came up astern of the formation. Being the last ship in the outboard column, coffin corner, the gunner's had excellent positions for firing and as a result destroyed two Nip planes.

Armistice day 1942 found the ship off Guadalcanal heavily loaded with high explosives, gasoline, etc. During the day, a heavy dive bombing attack was launched against the transports. Our gunner's destroyed two more planes bringing their total to four. The ship was slightly damaged by a near miss, but this did not alter her performance.

Suffering heavy losses in the raid, the Nips launched a torpedo plane attack the following day with similar consequences. The guns of the ship destroyed three planes during this attack. This was made possible by the quick thinking of Chief Gunner's Mate HARPER, address unknown, who was a pointer on the 5'-51 gun aft, which, incidentally, was not an AA gun. Seeing the three Jap planes lined up in his sights and coming in low astern, he gave the order to fire. The explosive missed the planes, but forced the formation to break-up.

Two of the attackers launched their torpedoes, one missile turned - turtle and sank, with the second passing close aboard to starboard. As the planes came within range of the machine guns, they were immediately fired upon and destroyed. After the attack, the USS PRESIDENT ADAMS, which was directly ahead, said the ship destroyed a fourth plane which had crossed our stern. Since none of our crew saw the plane crash, credit was not taken for its destruction.

The disastrous night engagement in which the cruisers Quincy, Vincennes, Astoria, and Caneberra were sunk, found the BETELGEUSE in the immediate vicinity. Men from this ship could see the huge fires on the horizon and were certain that they were next on the list.

Several men from the ship volunteered for detached duty on Guadalcanal. Of these T.R. REAGAN, Cox, USNR, address unknown, had a record that was admired by all hands. During his time on the beach, he saw 134 air raids and 79 shellings from the Nips. In August he evacuated 9 nuns and 3 priests from an enemy held island. REAGAN saw other dangerous trips in his small boat: one was a 125 mile trip across rough seas to the Russell Islands; another up the Matieneubio River to evacuate trapped Marines. This was performed amidst machine gun, mortar fire, and shelling from Jap destroyers, but REAGAN and his comrades completed the evacuation. Rear Admiral WILKINSON said, "Through his courageous action the safe removal of the troops was completed in a highly successful manner." REAGAN received the unit citation from the 1st Marine Division for his excellent service.

Incidents occurred during some of the air raids which were in some cases quite amusing afterwards. One of these occurred when a Jap plane came in low strafing. Two Marines, who were passengers,

and on the main deck at the time, immediately jumped behind some torpedos that were being carried topside and commenced firing at the attacking plane. Fortunately the torpedos were not hit.

Chief Storekeeper (T) John Curtis Wright, USN of 5079 Narrangansett St. San Diego 7, California was well known on the ship for his excellent shooting. As a gunner on a 20mm, he accounted for one dive bomber during a heavy attack. As the Nip started his dive, many of the guns opened fire, thus expending much of their ammunition before the plane was in range, but Wright did not commence firing until the pilot started his recovery from the dive. The tracers from his gun tore into the wing of the Nip attacker causing it to burst into flame and crash. The bomb which had just been dropped fell very near the starboard bow, spraying the men on the forecastle with water but causing no structural damage. Wright had, in a previous raid while serving as a gun Captain, received wounds resulting from a 20mm shrapnel which was spread when a gunner aimed below the splinter shield and fired.

A total of 15 days was spent off Guadalcanal and Tulagi during these five long months. Only minor damage was sustained by personnel and the ship during these actions; the Goose still carries many scars caused by strafing, however.

While unloading off Guadalcanal on 21 November the ship grounded, and as a result of this, she had engine trouble until extensive repairs were made at the builders yard during the winter of 1943-1944.

All hands aboard the BETELGEUSE were commended by ComSoPac (Admiral William F. HALSEY) in December 1942 by the following message. "I desire to salute the officers and men of the BETELGEUSE who have

been in the immediate vicinity of the enemy during their many months of service and have invariably performed their jobs with commendable efficiency." Another from Rear Admiral TURNER read. "The Commander of the Amphibious Forces South Pacific regrets the detachment from his command of the brave and efficient BETELGEUSE. You are going to other duty with the satisfaction of knowing that your commander in our common efforts in the South Pacific is flying the signal, "Well Done". We expect you to come back and we know that when you do your help will be of most importance in our final victory. "God bless you All".

A log entry for 28 November at Espiritu Santo, immediately after returning from a Guadalcanal trip, probably expressed the feelings of all hands at that time - "Anchored in a safe and beautiful harbor".

In December the ship left Espiritu Santo and departed for San Pedro, California arriving on 9 January 1943. From there she sailed for Charleston, S.C., arriving in March where she had a four weeks availability for conversion to an AKA. Sailing from Charleston as the AKA-11, she spent a month on maneuvers in the Chesapeake Bay area. On 10 May, the BETELGEUSE sailed for the Mediterranean to take part in the Sicily Invasion. Pre-invasion maneuvers were held off Algiers in June, followed by the Invasion of Gela, Sicily. While off Sicily, one man aboard ship was killed by careless fire from a landing craft nearby during an air raid. This was the only death during the war aboard the ship, as a result of enemy action.

Due to rough seas, nighttime unloading, and poor beach conditions, several landing craft were lost in this operation, but the ship suffered only very minor damage. The main engine, however, continued to perform badly and finally broke down in swept channel off Sicily,

with the result that the ship drifted through enemy minefields for four hours. On 24 July, the ship was underway for Norfolk, arriving there 14 August.

From then until the end of March 1944, the BETELGEUSE remained at repair yards on the east coast. Success was finally achieved at the builder's yard at Chester, Pa., and on 4 May she left the states again, the engine fully repaired, for the Mediterranean area and the invasion of Southern France.

Miscellaneous cargo hauling operations in the Mediterranean followed, plus a pre-invasion training period off Salerno in June and early July.

The invasion of Southern France in company with TF-87 on 15 August, proved to be quiet and quick operation. The BETELGEUSE remained in the invasion area only two days, and fired her AA battery but once at a lone snooper. Unloading was over Red Beach in the Golfe de Frejus, and was completed in the record time of six hours. The ship returned to the beaches of Southern France five times bringing equipment and troops.

On 25 September, departure was taken for the east coast with the remaining Mediterranean Amphibious transports. Six weeks availability followed at Chester, Pa., where new electronic devices were installed and new masts substituted for kingposts.

On New Year's Day, 1945, the ship set sail again, and prepared for the invasion of Okinawa. Enroute to Guadalcanal, she stopped at Pearl Harbor for a load of Army cargo.

Pre-invasion rehearsals and loading for the Okinawa operation took place in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi-Russels area during February and early March. A final logistics stop was made at Ulithi, and on

1 April, the BETELGEUSE arrived off the Hagushi beaches, in company with a Task Force including more Amphibious ships than had ever gathered in the Pacific.

Unloading went smoothly at Okinawa for the first six days with occasional Jap raids, but on 6 April numerous Kamikazees made attacks. During one of these suicidal attacks, a Jap divebomber came in low and unexpectedly from the east across Okinawa. A very heavy barrage was thrown up by ships in the area which finally made the plane a mass of flame causing it to crash about 200 yards off our starboard quarter. Four men received minor wounds when a 20mm shell, fired by another ship, exploded on deck and sprayed shrapnel.

After spending nine days at Okinawa, the ship departed for Saipan and hence to Pearl Harbor. She made two shuttle runs hauling ammunition from Port Chicago, California to Pearl Harbor. On V-J day she was loading high explosives at San Francisco. She departed from there shortly and was the first ship, since the outbreak of the war, to steam from San Francisco to Lingayen Gulf, Philippines Islands without stopping enroute.

After a brief stop in Lingayen Gulf, the ship then proceeded to Manila and from there to Batangas where she loaded with Army troops for the initial occupation of Otaru, Hokkaido Island, Japan. The operation was made without incident and the task group was then ordered to Samar, Philippines Islands for further loading. Enroute the convoy was forced to detour via Tokyo Bay in order to avoid a heavy typhoon off Okinawa.

Loading at Guiuan, Samar with Navy Seabees, the BETELGEUSE steamed in company with task unit 78.13.12 to Taku, China, via, Okinawa, for reinforcement of our forces there. From Taku the ship was ordered

to Guam, hence, to Pearl Harbor, via Wake.

From Pearl Harbor the ship is to return to the U.S. for disposal as directed by CNO and at the present time the orders are that this is to be done in New York.

Although the ship is going into decommission, her memory will always live in the hearts of the officers and men who have served aboard her. The following poem, written by anonymous number of the crew, expresses the feelings of us all.

THE KA-11

I'll remember her until my dying days
For she is the best of all KA's.
The BETELGEUSE is her name
and long will live her Fame.
She saw Guadalcanal, Sicily, Okinawa, and Algiers
As they all went down with the years
She isn't really much for looks,
But she is one for the books.
When this war is finally done,
History will tell of her my son
I can truthfully say
That I'm proud of the old "KA".

The history of the Goose is almost ended. She can hold her head high and feel that she has done her part in the defeat of the Axis Powers, while serving as an integral part of Uncle Sam's Navy. The destruction of Jap Planes, helping to maintain the long continuous supply lines to the fleet, ground troops and shorebased airforces; assaulting the arteries leading from the hearts of the Axis Powers; were all performed by the BETELGEUSE in a manner worthy of high praise. The survivors of the struggle on Guadalcanal will tell you that.

COMMANDING OFFICERS

- (1) Captain H.D. POWERS, USN.

was Commanding Officer of the USS BETELGEUSE during the operations at Guadalcanal. Presently C.O. of USS BIRMINGHAM.

- (2) Captain John F. GRUBE, USN.

7 Edgehill Drive
Belle Haven, Alexandria, Va.

Commanding Officer during Sicilian and Southern France operations. Received the Legion of Merit for bringing the ship safely to port after her breakdown off Sicily.

- (3) Comdr. W. E. WEBB, USNR.

3048 College Ave.
Berkeley 5, California

Commanding Officer during the invasion of Okinawa and the occupation of Otaru, Hokkaido.

- (4) Lt. Comdr. Kirk D. AMES, USNR.

c/o National City Bank
42nd St. Branch
New York, N.Y.

Commanding Officer during the operation at Taku, China, and present skipper.

PORT OR OPERATING AREAARRIVEDDEPARTED

Staten Is., N.Y.	Commissioned	6-20-41
Brooklyn	6-20-41	6-23-41
Norfolk	6-26	6-28
New River Inlet, N.C.	6-29	7-2
Charleston	7-4	7-5
New York	7-7	7-12
Hampton Roads	7-13	7-13
New River Inlet	7-14	7-23
Charleston	7-25	7-25
New River Inlet	7-26	8-12
New York	8-14	8-18
Nyd., Boston	8-19	9-11
Hampton Roads	9-13	9-17
NOB, Norfolk	9-21	9-21
Lynnhaven Roads	9-22	9-25
NOB, Norfolk	9-26	10-3
Guantanamo Bay	10-7	10-11
San Juan, P.R.	10-14	10-14
Vieques, Virgin Is.	10-15	10-15
St. Thomas, Virgin Is.	10-16	10-17
Bermuda	10-20	10-22
Norfolk	10-24	11-2
Charleston	11-3	12-26
Norfolk	12-28	12-30
New York	12-31	1-9-42
Lynnhaven Roads	1-10-42	1-14
Norfolk	1-14	1-17
New York	1-18	2-19
Halifax	2-21	2-21
Belfast, Ireland	3-2	3-10
Glasgow, Scotland	3-11	3-14
New York	3-25	4-9
Cristobal, C.Z.	4-18	4-18
Balboa	4-19	4-19
Nukualofa, Tonjatabu	5-9	6-6
San Diego	6-19	7-8
Pearl Harbor	7-16	7-21
Suva, Fiji Is.	8-1	8-1
Guadalcanal	8-7	8-9
Noumea	8-13	8-24
Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides	8-26	8-29
Tulagi - Guadalcanal	8-31	9-1
Espiritu Santo	9-3	9-4
Noumea	9-6	9-6
Espiritu Santo	9-12	9-14
Lila, Efate	9-15	9-17
Espiritu Santo	9-18	9-22
Guadalcanal	9-24	9-26
Espiritu Santo	9-28	9-28
Noumea	10-1	10-2
Auckland	10-6	10-6
Wellington	10-8	10-16

Auckland	10-18	10-20
Noumea	10-23	10-30
Espiritu Santo	11-1	11-9
Guadalcanal - Tulagi	11-11	11-25
Espiritu Santo	11-27	11-29
Noumea	12-1	12-10
Guadalcanal	12-14	12-19
Espiritu Santo	12-22	12-25
San Pedro	1-9-43	1-9-43
Long Beach	1-9	2-17
San Diego	2-18	2-19
Balboa	3-1	3-1
Cristobal	3-2	3-2
Charleston	3-9	4-11
Norfolk	4-13	5-10
Oran	5-23	6-12
Algiers	6-13	7-6
Gela, Sicily	7-9	7-12
Algiers	7-18	7-24
Gibraltar	7-26	7-28
Norfolk	8-14	12-27
Chester	12-29-43	3-29-44
Norfolk	3-30	5-3
Oran	5-22	5-25
Bizerte	5-27	5-29
Oran	5-31	6-16
Naples	6-19	6-28
Salerno	6-28	7-3
Pozzuoli Bay	7-3	7-16
Naples	7-16	7-17
Salerno	7-17	7-22
Castellamare	7-22	8-13
St. Raphael, France	8-15	8-16
Naples	8-18	8-23
Cavalier Bay	8-25	8-25
Naples	8-27	9-2
St. Tropez	9-4	9-4
Oran	9-6	9-17
Marseilles	9-19	9-20
Oran	9-22	10-2
Marseilles	10-4	10-5
Naples	10-7	10-17
Marseilles	10-19	10-20
Oran	10-22	10-25
Philadelphia	11-8	11-12
Chester	11-12	12-23
Norfolk	12-25-44	1-1-45
Cristobal	1-8-45	1-9-45
Pearl Harbor	1-23	1-31
Honolulu	1-31	2-3
Guadalcanal	2-14	2-18
Tulagi	2-18	2-19
Russells	2-19	3-15
Ulithi	3-21	3-27

Okinawa	4-1	4-9
Saipan	4-13	4-14
Pearl Harbor	4-25	5-3
San Francisco Bay area	5-10	5-26
Pearl Harbor	6-2	6-10
San Francisco Bay area	6-17	6-29
Pearl Harbor	7-8	7-25
San Francisco Bay area	8-1	8-22
Lingayen, Philippines	9-13	9-16
Manila	9-17	9-19
Batangas	9-20	9-26
Otaru, Hokkaido	10-5	10-7
Tokyo Bay	10-10	10-12
Samar	10-17	10-27
Okinawa	10-30	10-31
Taku - Roadstead, China	11-4	11-16
Guam	11-24	11-30
Wake	12-4	12-4
Pearl Harbor	12-10	12-13
San Francisco	12-20	12-28
Balboa	1-7-46	1-10-46
New York	1-16	

VITAL STATISTICS

Total miles traveled from commissioning until decommissioning. (estimated)	137,000
Plane kills (all at Guadalcanal, 1942)	7
Total time at invasion beaches.	28 days
Guadalcanal	1942 - 15 days
Sicily	1943 - 2 days
Southern France	1944 - 2 days
Okinawa	1945 - 9 days
Longest single trip: San Francisco to Lingayen, 1945.	7,265 miles

Kirk D. Ames —

KIRK D. AMES,
Lieut. Comdr., USNR,
Commanding.

Location of ship (area) MEDITERRANEAN AREA U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AKA-11)Zone Time -2 DATE 15 AUGUST 1944

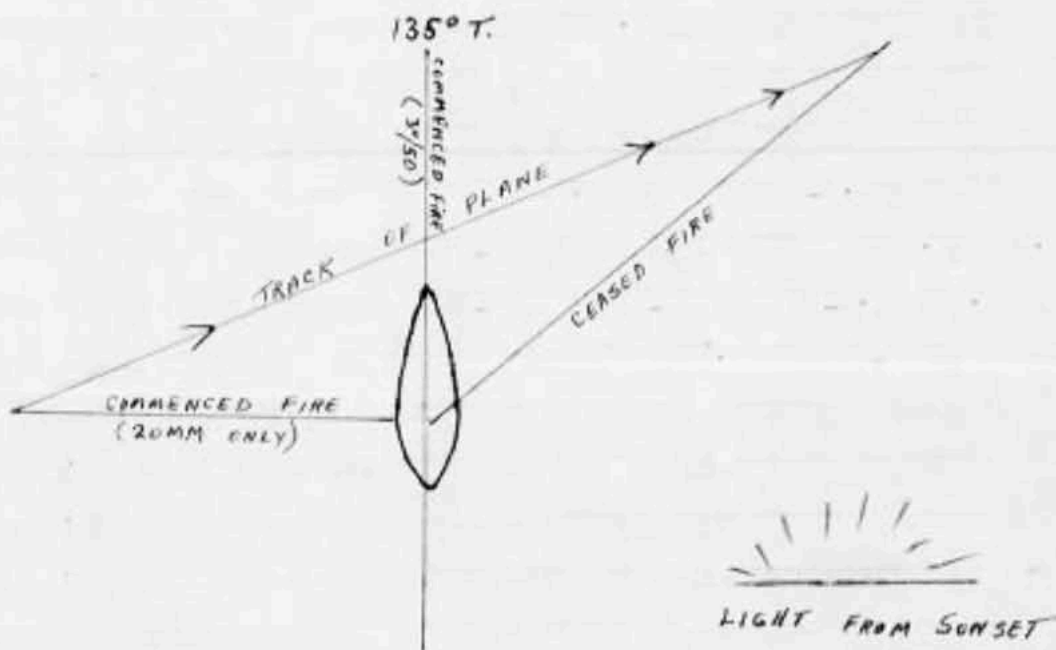
1. Surprise attack (yes or no) NO Day or Night DUSK
2. Method picking plane up (Radar, Binoculars, naked eye) NAKED EYE
3. Range plane was picked up (50,30,10, less than 5 miles) LESS THAN 5 MILES
4. Total number of planes observed ONE (1) Type MEDIUM BOMBER
5. Number of planes attacking own ship NONE Type - - -
6. Number of planes taken under fire by own ship ONE (1)
- (a) Of those attacking own ship NONE Type - - -
- (b) Others ONE (1) Type MEDIUM BOMBER
7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet APPROX. 200 KTS - 5000 FT ALT.
8. Number of guns firing - by caliber 2 - 3"/50 4 - 20MM 2 - .50 CAL.
9. Ammunition expended - by caliber 7 - 3"/50 143 - 20MM 60 - .50 CAL.
10. Percent service allowance expended 3"/50 - .87% 20MM - .13%
11. Method of control FROM BRIDGE Method of Spotting VISUAL
- Method of ranging ESTIMATED Method of firing LOCAL
12. Approximate time-tracking to first shot APPROX. ONE MINUTE
13. Approximate time of first hits - - -
14. Approximate time first shot to last shot ONE MINUTE
15. Approximate position angle open fire 35°
16. Approximate position angle cease fire 35°
17. Approximate bearing first shot 275° RELATIVE BEARING
18. Approximate bearing last shot 050° RELATIVE BEARING
19. Approximate range first shot 5000 YDS Altitude of plane 5000 FT.
20. Approximate minimum range aircraft approached 3000 YDS
- Altitude 5000 FT.
21. Approximate range last shot 7000 YDS Altitude of plane 5000 FT.
22. Approximate altitude of bomb release - - - size of bomb - - -
23. Approximate range torpedo release NONE size of torpedo - - -
24. Number hits on ship by bombs NONE By torpedoes NONE Was ship
strafed? NO Size gun - - - -
25. Number near bomb misses damaging ship NONE

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 SURFACE SHIPS - CONTINUED

26. Planes shot down: **NONE.** 1944 AUG 27 12 52
- | | SURE
(By own ship
alone) | SURE
(assist) | PROBABIE | DAMAGED |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|
| (a) Those attacking own ship | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (b) Other aircraft | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for each "Sure" _____
28. Performance of ammunition (excellent, good, bad, poor) EXCELLENT
29. What failures in material occurred in this action? NONE

30. Sketch: (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
 (b) Show relative position of sun.
 (c) Indicate own manouvers.



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 J. F. GRUBE,
 Commander, USN
 Commanding.

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From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : Commander Transport Division THREE
Commander Amphibious Force, Northwest African Waters.
Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Contact and Action Report and Report of Operations.

Reference: (a) H.C.W.T.F. secret mailgram 212121 of June, 1943.
(b) ComNav conf. ltr. 1CL-43, Serial 0120 of June 6, 1943.

Enclosure: (A) Anti-Aircraft Action Report.

1. The following comments on the operations just completed are offered. Some apply to this particular type of vessel while others are general.

2. Upon arriving in the transport area the end of the column became jammed up upon turning to the deployment course of 314°. I closed up rapidly on the U.S.S. SAMUEL CHASE as she had evidently slowed down after starting the turn and her screened speed light was not visible. As I stopped, the U.S.S. THURSTON, astern, rapidly closed on me. At this time I thought I was in the transport area, as my position was not very accurate due to numerous changes of course and speed and having no navigational radar. Just as I was about to start lowering boats the CHASE started ahead so I followed. We finally straightened ourselves out and the delay did not cause me to miss "H" hour. Navigational radars should be installed on all attack cargo ships as soon as they become available.

3. The sea was rough due to the high winds and difficulty was experienced in getting LCM's into the water. Tank lighters are stowed fore and aft on this vessel on number two and three hatches causing considerable difficulty with guy lines running over other lighters, and at night without lights difficulties increase. This stowage must be changed to athwartships, which will greatly decrease the difficulties encountered as well as remove LCM skids from the decks abreast number two

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shafting or shrapnel holes during the operation. Until number three hold was unloaded we had no space available for LCM's on deck. It is recommended that a portable skid for LCM's be carried to be used in such an emergency. The loss of boats appears high but, upon analysis, the picture on this ship shows that all but two boats were lost due to shell fire, bombing etc., from the enemy. Two LCM's that were sunk by enemy action were salvaged and are now on board. Separate boat report has been submitted.

7. After talking with my gunners on the 20mm guns they are all of the opinion that the Mark 14 sight is a detriment to good shooting. They complain of excessive vibration from the gun firing and of losing sight of the target after opening fire due to smoke. At night they are useless as was observed conclusively.

8. The Beachmaster continued to send casualties to this vessel although all available space was taken up by troops. Rather than send them to an AP or APA I took them on board using crews berths. The evacuation plan for casualties called for them to be sent to AKA's last but it was not carried out. Until the ship is unloaded and the troops disembarked there is no space available for casualties.

9. The question of overloading AKA's was evident. We are equipped to carry 163 troops with our normal crew of 330. At this time we had a crew of 372 due to the number of boats being carried. We had 219 troops on board, an excess of 44. As we had an excess crew of 42, our total excess was 86. If this excess is going to be carried in the future additional toilet, washroom and shower facilities should be installed for sanitary purposes. To install additional sanitary facilities, cargo space will have to be cut down. It is apparent that some definite figure will have to be established and abided by. If it would have been a question of having these troops on board for only a short period it would not have been so unsanitary but they were on board for 27 days.

④ 10. There is only one hatch in the troops magazine which slows up unloading considerably. It is urgently recommended

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that an additional hatch be placed in this space.

11. Many of the samson posts of the LCM's pulled out. It is apparent that the deck structure where these posts are secured is weak and should be reinforced. The posts themselves appear adequate.

12. Considerable difficulty was experienced with the operation of the main engine of this vessel and it is apparent that a complete realignment of the main engine is absolutely necessary prior to any future operations. As it is now it is not dependable and effective repairs are beyond the capacity of the ship's force.

J. F. GRUBE.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

NO. 1.

Location of Ship ORLA, SICILY U.S.S. DETELORUSEDate JULY 11, 1943.

- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) YES
 - First report of Plane(s) SIGHTED
 - Method of PickUp, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) BYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, NO RADAR WARNING
 - Range of Reports -----
 - Number of Planes 7 Number of Formations 2
 - Type of Plane ME 110
 - Time of Attacks, No.1 0653, No.2 , No.3 , No.4 , No.5
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) HIGH AND FAST
 - Time of Open Fire 0655 Close Fire 0700
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting
 - Opening Fire, Range 15,000 Ft. Opening Fire, Bearing OVERHEAD
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

.30MG <u> </u>	.50MG <u> </u>	20mm MG <u>17</u>	3" <u> </u>	5" <u> </u>
<u> </u> Rnds	<u> </u> Rnds	<u>1100</u> Rnds	<u> </u> Rnds	<u> </u> Rnds
<u> </u> %	<u> </u> %	<u>.01</u> %	<u> </u> %	<u> </u> %
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition EXCELLENT
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot 2'
 - Time of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Result of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Approximate altitude of Bomb release 16000 Type/size of Bomb 500 #DEM
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NONE
 - Near Misses 3 Location and distance from ship (1) PORT BOW - 75 YDS.,
(2) PORT BOW - 125 YDS., (3) PORT BEAM - 75 YDS.
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun -----
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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ENCLOSURE (A)

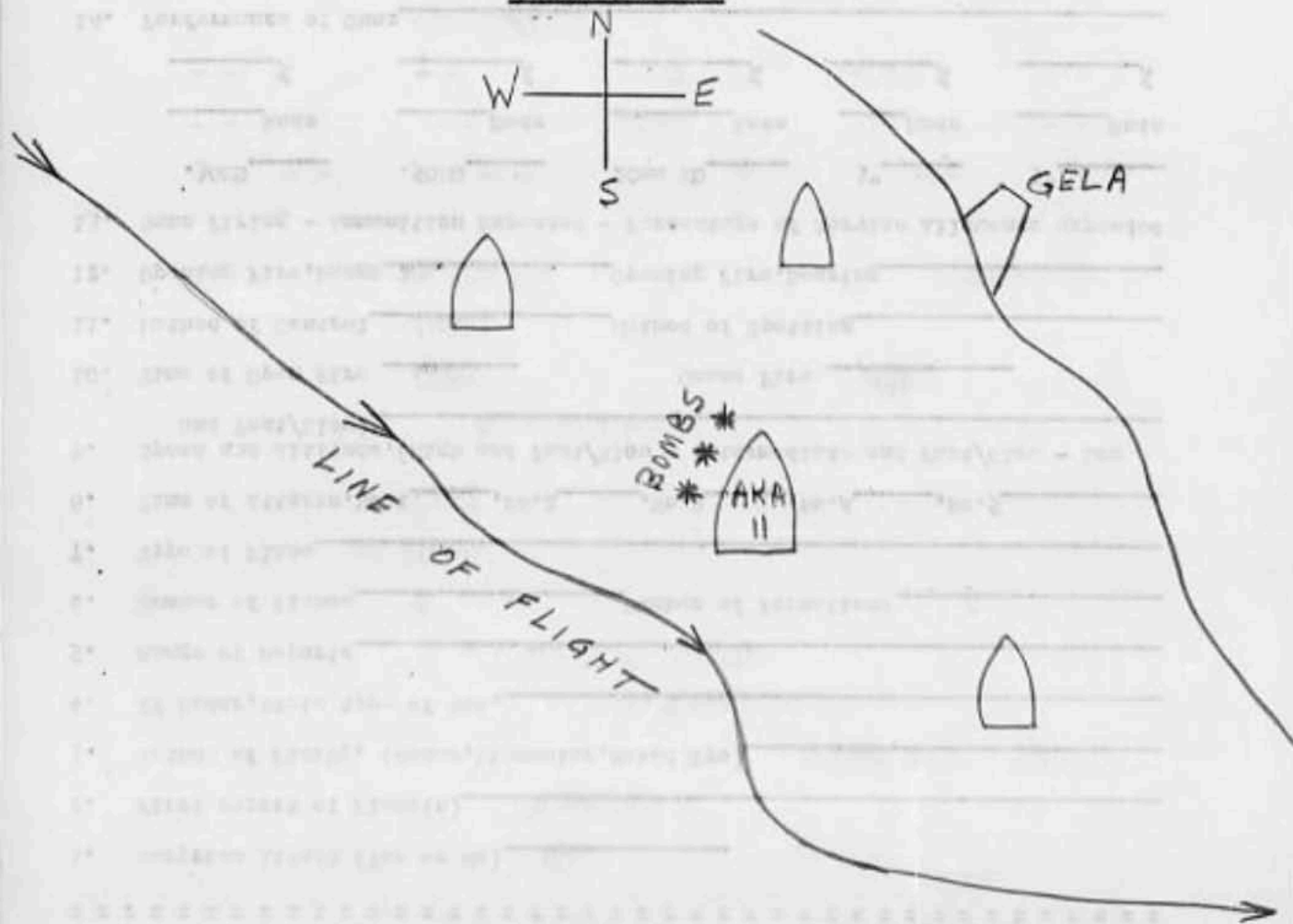
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26. Direction of Sun, From ship _____ From Target _____
27. Cloud formation _____ Height of ceiling UNLIMITED
28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
29. Weather conditions CLEAR
30. Remarks, PLANES WERE BLuish SILVER COLOR - HARD TO SEE AGAINST SKY. APPEARED SUDDENLY - NO ADVANCE RADAR WARNING.

J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN
Commanding, U.S.S. DETELOUSE.

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

SKETCH OF ACTION



NO. 2.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

Location of Ship OFF GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSEDate JULY 11, 1943

- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
 - First report of Plane(s) BY GUARD SHIP
 - Method of PickUp, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) GUARD SHIP - THRU EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, UNKNOWN
 - Range of Reports NO RANGING REPORT
 - Number of Planes 24 Number of Formations 3
 - Type of Plane HE 111
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 1552, No. 2 --, No. 3 --, No. 4 --, No. 5 --
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) HIGH AND FAST
 - Time of Open Fire 1549 Cease Fire 1553
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting
 - Opening Fire, Range 18,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 3450
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

.30MG	.50MG	20mm MG	3"	5"
<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>--</u>
<u></u> Rnds	<u></u> Rnds	<u>1200</u> Rnds	<u>7</u> Rnds	<u></u> Rnds
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>.011</u> %	<u>.0075</u> %	<u>%</u>
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition ONE JAM 20mm CAUSED BY BAULTY CONSTRUCTION
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot 30"
 - Time of Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Result of Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Approximate altitude of Bomb release 18,000 Type/size of Bomb 500 LBS
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 - Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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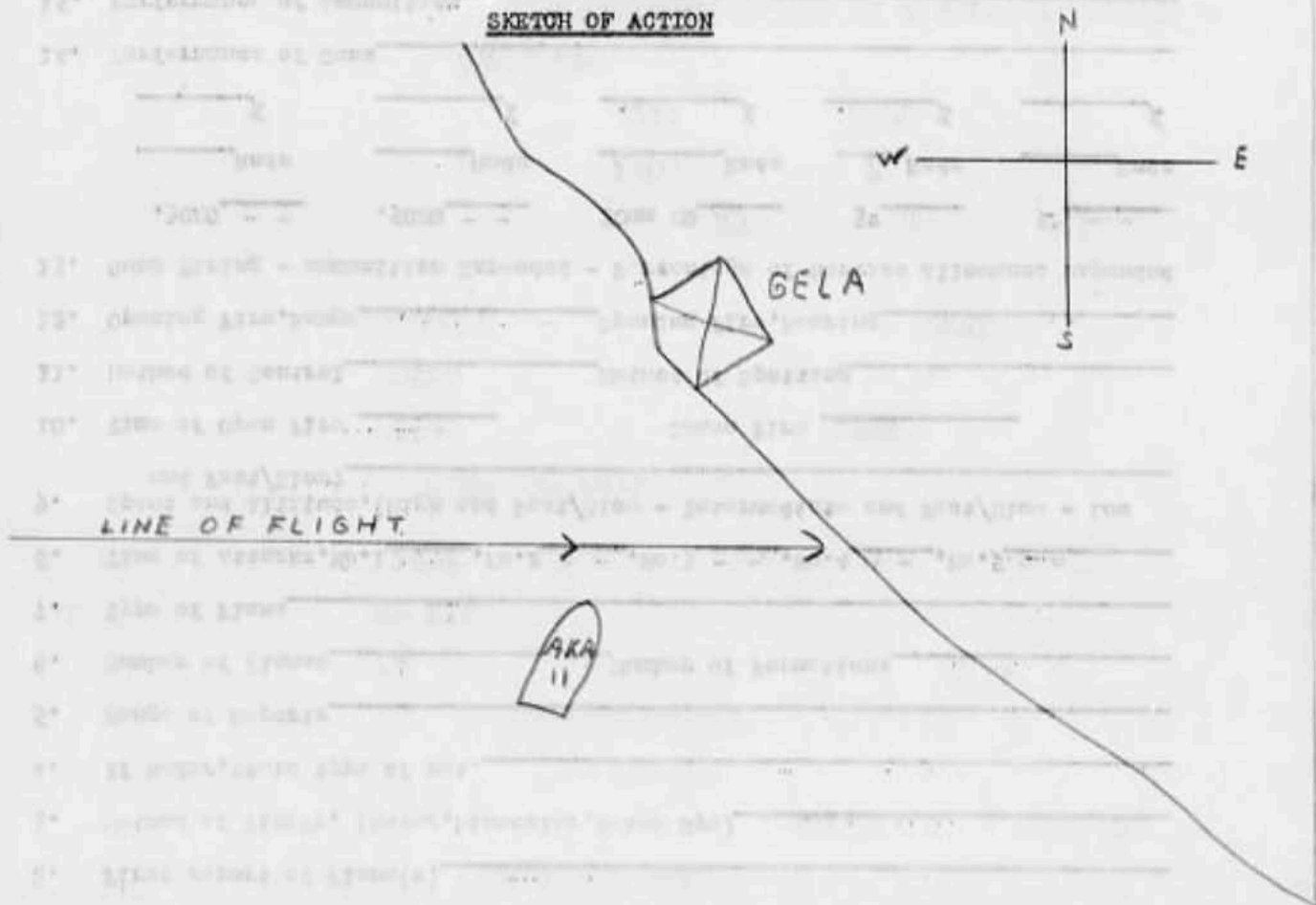
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26. Direction of Sun, From ship _____ From Target _____
27. Cloud formation _____ Height of ceiling 25,000 plus
28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
29. Weather conditions _____
30. Remarks, CAMOUFLAGE OF PLANES GOOD. BOMBING RUN POOR IN AIM.

SHORT ADVANCE WARNING. MANY 24 SIGHTS OBLSCURED BY SMOKE.

J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN
Commanding, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE.
 (Signature of Commanding Officer)

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VALI-VISORAL YELLOW PAPER

ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

Location of Ship NEAR GELA, SICILY U.S.S. DEVELOPMENTDate JULY 11, 1943

- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
 - First report of Plane(s) 1639
 - Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, NO
 - Range of Reports NO
 - Number of Planes (EST) 9 Number of Formations 1
 - Type of Plane ME 110
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 1640, No. 2 --, No. 3 --, No. 4 --, No. 5 --
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) INTERMEDIATE/FAST
 - Time of Open Fire 1640 Coase Fire 1644
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting --
 - Opening Fire, Range 10,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 045
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

.30MG <u>--</u>	.50MG <u>--</u>	20mm MG <u>16</u>	3" <u>2</u>	5" <u>--</u>
<u> </u> Rnds	<u> </u> Rnds	<u>2,500</u> Rnds	<u>6</u> Rnds	<u> </u> Rnds
<u> </u> %	<u> </u> %	<u>.03</u> %	<u>.0075</u> %	<u> </u> %
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition EXCELLENT
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot 1 MIN.
 - Time of Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Result of Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Approximate altitude of Bomb release 3,000 Type/size of Bomb 250 LBS.
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 - Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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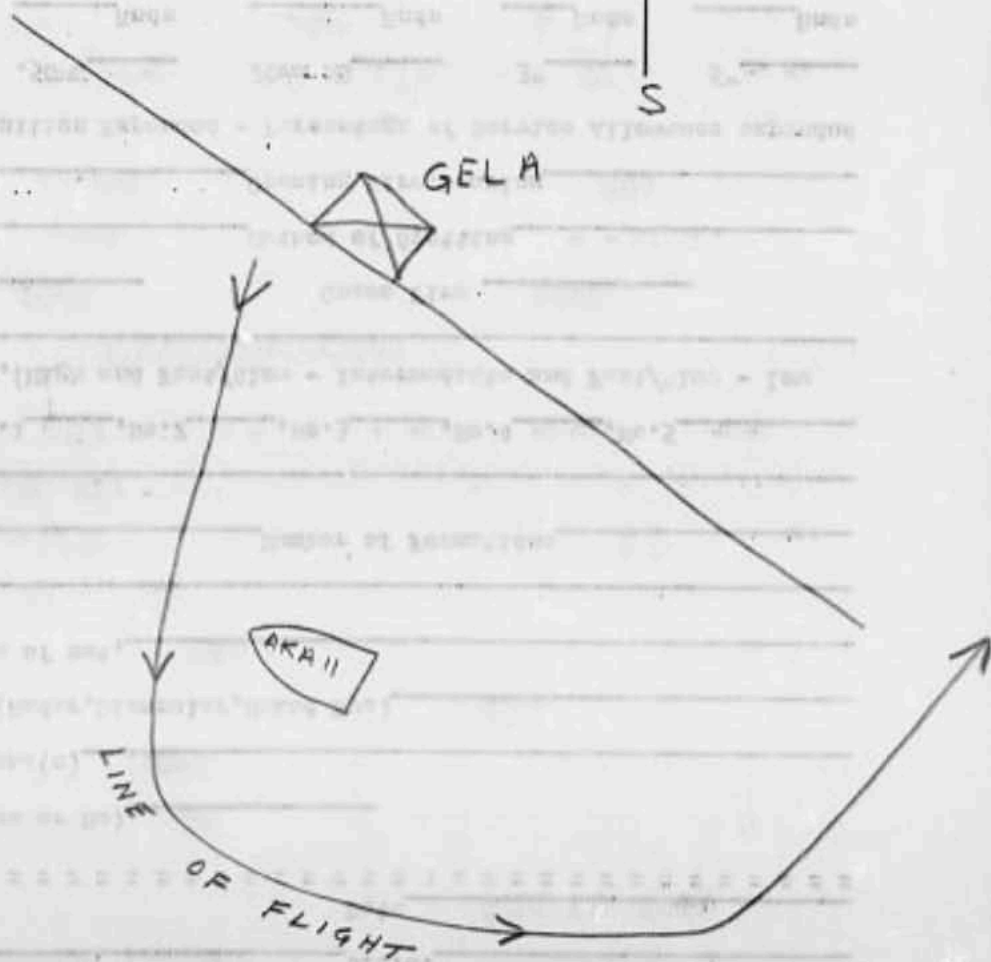
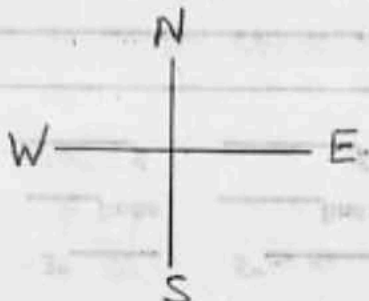
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26. Direction of Sun, From ship 310 From Target 090
 27. Cloud formation CIRRUS LT. Height of ceiling UNLIMITED
 28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
 29. Weather conditions CLEAR
 30. Remarks, MARK 14 SIGNS WERE NOT EFFECTIVE DUE TO VIBRATION AND
SMOKE. AFTER FIRST BURST.

J.P. GRUBB, Commander, USN
 Commanding, U.S.S. BETHLEHEM.

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

NO. 4

Location of Ship NEAR GELA, SICILY U.S.S. DETROITDate JULY 11, 1943.

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1. Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
 2. First report of Plane(s) 1950
 3. Method of PickUp, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
 4. If Radar, State type of set, NO
 5. Range of Reports NO
 6. Number of Planes 6 Number of Formations 2
 7. Type of Plane ME 109
 8. Time of Attacks, No. 1 1951, No. 2 ---, No. 3 ---, No. 4 ---, No. 5 ---
 9. Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) INTERMEDIATE and FAST
 10. Time of Open Fire 1951 Cease Fire 1953
 11. Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting LOCAL
 12. Opening Fire, Range 12,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 090
 13. Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

.30MG <u>---</u>	.50MG <u>---</u>	20mm MG <u>9</u>	3" <u>2</u>	5" <u>---</u>
<u>---</u> Rnds	<u>---</u> Rnds	<u>500</u> Rnds	<u>21</u> Rnds	<u>---</u> Rnds
<u>---</u> %	<u>---</u> %	<u>.005</u> %	<u>.02</u> %	<u>---</u> %
 14. Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 15. Performance of Ammunition ONE JAN. (20MM) CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION.
 16. Casualties to Material NONE
 17. Time from First sight to First Shot 1'
 18. Time of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 19. Result of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 20. Guns obtaining Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 21. Approximate altitude of Bomb release 10,000 Typo/size of Bomb UNKNOWN
 22. Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 23. Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO
(ONE BOMB APPROX. 500 YDS FROM SHIP)
 24. Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 25. Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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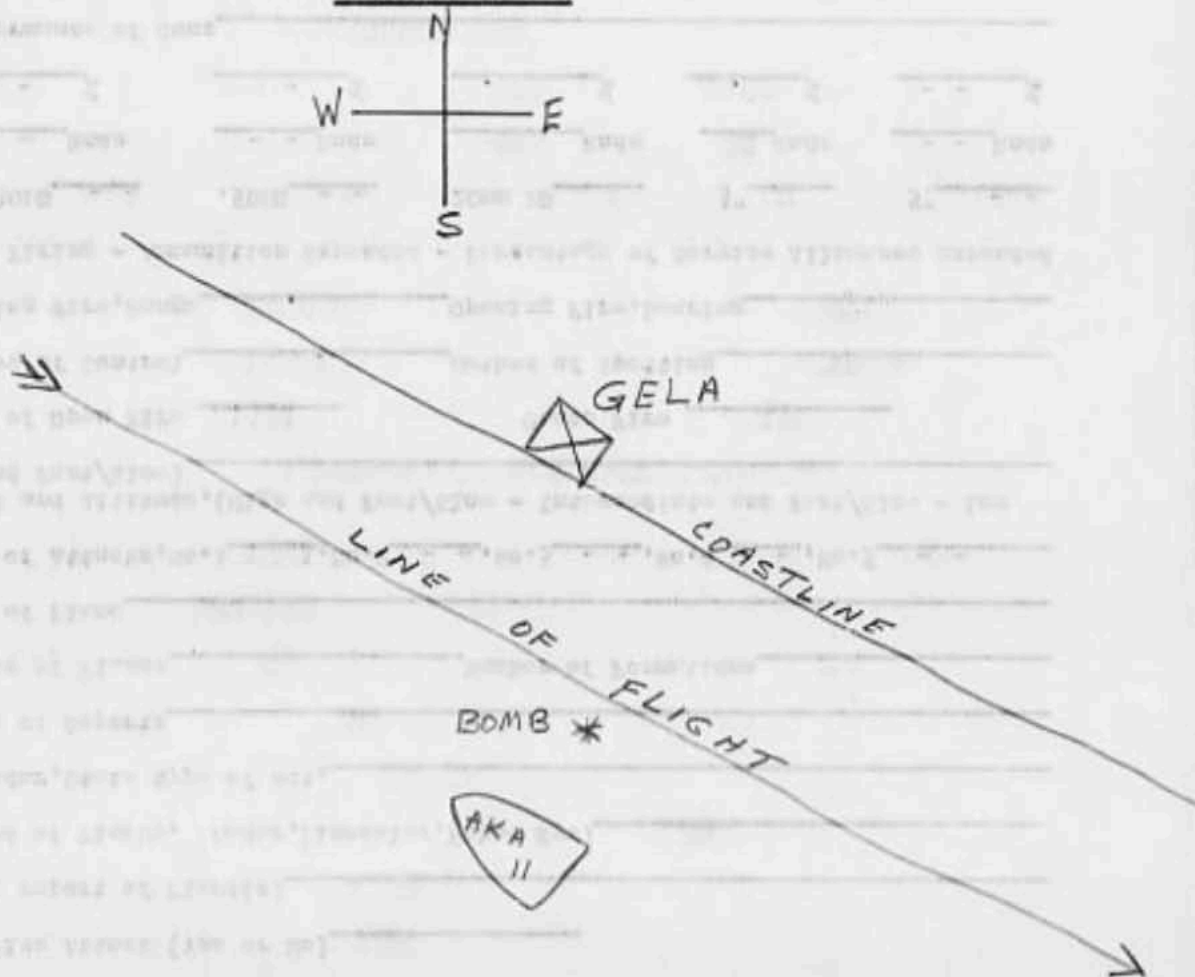
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26. Direction of Sun, From ship 340 From Target 200
27. Cloud formation SEE REMARKS Height of ceiling SEE REMARKS
28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
29. Weather conditions _____
30. Remarks, SKY WAS OBTURED ALONG BEACHLINE AND OVER SHIP BY
HEAVY SMOKE FROM BURNING OIL. PLANES WERE OBTURED BY
SMOKE.

J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN
 Commanding, U.S.S. DETLOEUSE.

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

NO. 5.

Location of Ship NEAR GELA, SICILY U.S.S. DETRIGERDate JULY 12, 1943.

- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) YES
 - First report of Plane(s) 1738
 - Method of PickUp, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, NO
 - Range of Reports NO
 - Number of Planes 3 Number of Formations 3
 - Type of Plane HE 109
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 1738, No. 2 --, No. 3 --, No. 4 --, No. 5 --
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) DIVING FAST THEN INTERMEDIATE
 - Time of Open Fire 1738 Cease Fire 1751
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting LOCAL
 - Opening Fire, Range 8,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 010
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

.30MG	.50MG	20mm MG	3"	5"
<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>--</u>
<u>--</u> Rnds	<u>--</u> Rnds	<u>2040</u> Rnds	<u>17</u> Rnds	<u>--</u> Rnds
<u>--</u> %	<u>--</u> %	<u>.02</u> %	<u>.0175</u> %	<u>--</u> %
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition ONE JAN 80mm CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION.
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot APPROX. 5"
 - Time of Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Result of Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th SEE REMARKS
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st -- 2nd -- 3rd -- 4th --
 - Approximate altitude of Bomb release 6,000 Type/size of Bomb UNKNOWN
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 - Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship 2 BOMBS DROPPED
1000 TO 1500 YDS. FROM SHIP.
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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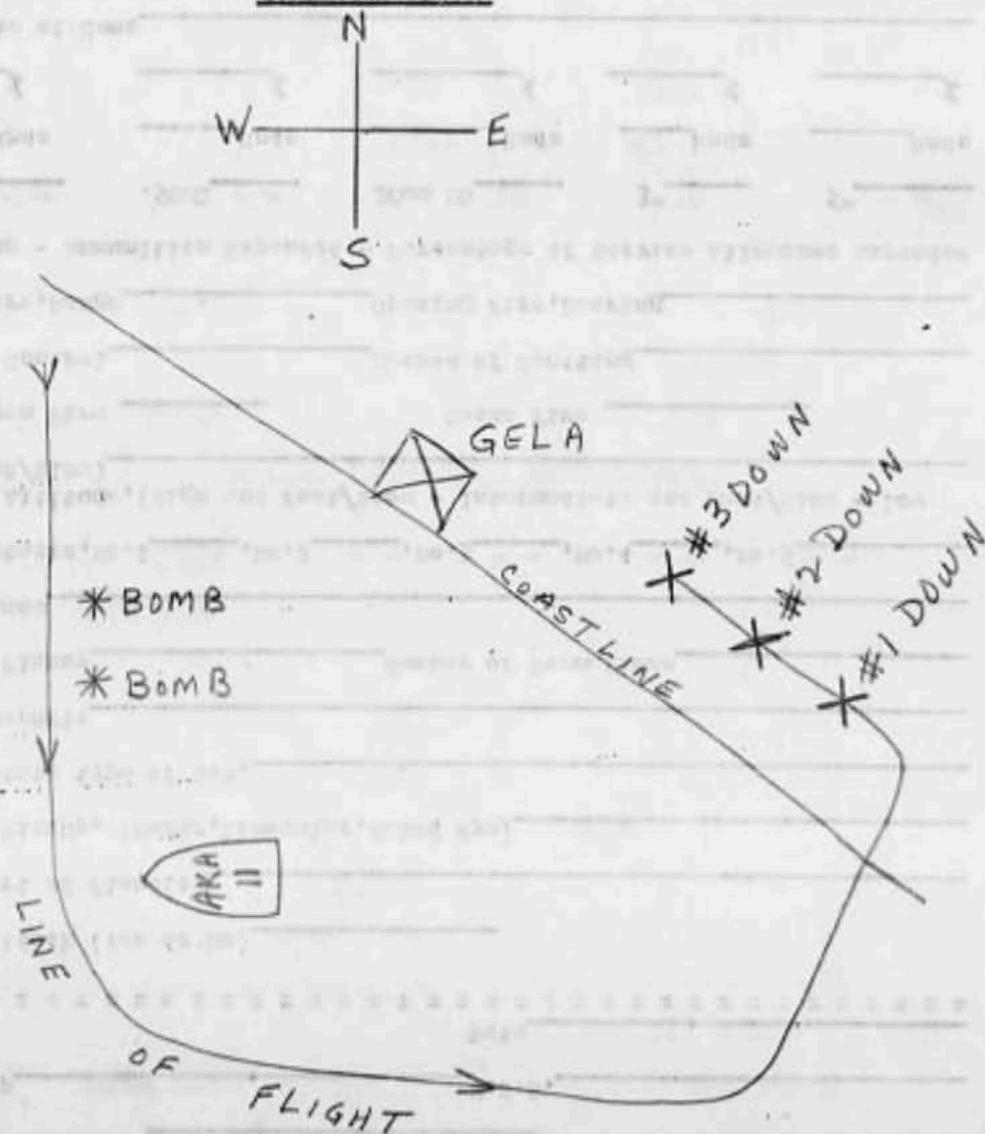
26. Direction of Sun, From ship 000 From Target 000
 27. Cloud formation _____ Height of ceiling 15,000
 28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
 29. Weather conditions _____
 30. Remarks, 2 PLANES TOOK SINGLE. THIRD DID NOT ATTACK. PLANES

FLY OVER BEACH AND WERE HIGH TO GO DOWN IN FLAMES. MARK
14 SIGNS NOT EFFECTIVE THROUGH VIBRATION AND SMOKE FROM GUN.

J.P. GRUBB, Commander, USN
 Commanding, U.S.S. BETHLEHEM.

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

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July 21, 1943.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Via : Commander Transport Division THREE.
Commander Amphibious Force, Northwest African Waters.
Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Contact and Action Report and Report of Operations.

Reference: (a) N.C.W.T.F. secret mailgram 212121 of June, 1943.
(b) ComNavNaw conf. ltr. 1CL-43, Serial 0120 of June 6, 1943.

Enclosure: (A) Five(5) Anti-Aircraft Action Reports.

1. The Betelgeuse departed from Algiers on July 6, 1943 in company with Task Force EIGHTY-ONE in accordance with Commander Task Force EIGHTY-ONE order G-43. Betelgeuse part of Task Unit 81.2.3 whose task was to land troops and supplies on beaches Red-2 and Green-2 on the coast of Sicily southeast of Gela. No difficulty was encountered enroute to the transport area. Betelgeuse stopped in assigned position in the transport area at 0030 B July 10, 1943 and started lowering boats, sending same to U.S.S. THURSTON in accordance with boat employment schedule. Many flares were observed in the vicinity but no air attacks on the transports were observed on July 10, 1943. Many strafing and light bombing attacks were observed along the beaches, their targets being LST's, small craft and personnel. These attacks were made by fast fighters. On July 11, 1943 several attacks were made on transports and are covered by action reports inclosed. Between 2155 and 2330 B on July 11, 1943 many flares were dropped over the transport area and transports were attacked by dive bombers. Due to darkness no estimate can be given as to number or type of planes employed in this attack. Number of bombs could not be estimated but the closest bomb to this ship was about 700 yards on the port quarter. The Betelgeuse was not damaged by any air raid.

2. The Betelgeuse with other transports got underway at 1800 B July 12, 1943. Betelgeuse broke down due to cross head bearing of #2 cylinder of the main engine having pounded out. The U.S.S. BENSON was ordered to stand by as escort. Remained in

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vicinity until 0900 B July 13, 1943 and then proceeded at 5 knots toward Algiers, temporary repairs having been made to run on three cylinders. Arrived in Algiers 0915 B July 18, 1943.

3. The following comments on the operations just completed are offered. Some apply to this particular type of vessel while others are general.

4. Upon arriving in the transport area the end of the column became jammed up upon turning to the deployment course of 314°. I closed up rapidly on the U.S.S. SAMUEL CHASE as she had evidently slowed down after starting the turn and her screened speed light was not visible. As I stopped, the U.S.S. THURSTON, astern, rapidly closed on me. At this time I thought I was in the transport area, as my position was not very accurate due to numerous changes of course and speed and having no navigational radar. Just as I was about to start lowering boats the CHASE started ahead so I followed. We finally straightened ourselves out and the delay did not cause me to miss "H" hour. Navigational radars should be installed on all attack cargo ships as soon as they become available.

5. The sea was rough due to the high winds and difficulty was experienced in getting LCM's into the water. Tank lighters are stowed fore and aft on this vessel on number two and three hatches causing considerable difficulty with guy lines running over other lighters, and at night without lights difficulties increase. This stowage must be changed to athwartships, which will greatly decrease the difficulties encountered as well as remove LCM skids from the decks abreast number two and three hatches. We tried to have this work done prior to departure from the U.S. but due to lack of available time it could not be accomplished.

6. The lack of sufficient boats for unloading was quite evident as it has been on previous operations of this type that I have been on. Boats were being returned still loaded stating that they were ordered back to the ship as the beach was so congested that they could not be unloaded. As I was having a hard time as it was getting unloaded I returned my boats to other beaches and finally got them unloaded. There

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was practically no personnel on the beach to unload, so boat crews did the unloading. As this was taking up valuable time I put my own men in all boats in order to unload but this procedure cut down the number of men available as gun crews on board but it appeared to be the best solution of the problem. It is recommended that if such a situation is again encountered that the Army unloading detail provide from four to six men for each LCM and fifteen to twenty for each LCT(5). It is estimated that we could keep six LCT(5)'s as well as our own boats busy during the unloading. Commanding Officers of LCT(5)'s were reluctant to take more than two hundred tons of cargo for fear of not being able to beach their ship. The continuous operation of hatch crews without reliefs is considered too severe a strain for operations extending over 24 hours.

7. Advance warning on air raids was inadequate in some instances but was to be expected. Fire discipline as a whole was poor and I had the misfortune of having one man killed by a stray bullet from friendly craft during the night raid and three were wounded. I have only high praise for my own gun crews as only one instance of my gunners getting itchy fingers was observed and his mistake was brought to his attention. I did not fire any guns at night under thirty degrees elevation.

8. Available deck space for hoisting in boats that require repair is very limited on this type of ship without seriously slowing down the unloading. We happened to be fortunate in completing unloading of number three hatch after about sixteen hours so we had space available for three LCM's. We averaged two LCM's in the skids under repair to rudders, propellers, shafting or shrapnel holes during the operation. Until number three hold was unloaded we had no space available for LCM's on deck. It is recommended that a portable skid for LCM's be carried to be used in such an emergency. The loss of boats appears high but, upon analysis, the picture on this ship shows that all but two boats were lost due to shell fire, bombing etc., from the enemy. Two LCM's that were sunk by enemy action were salvaged and are now on board. Separate boat report has been submitted.

9. After talking with my gunners on the 20mm guns they are all of the opinion that the Mark 14 sight is a detriment to good shooting. They complain of excessive vibration

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from the gun firing and of losing sight of the target after opening fire due to smoke. At night they are useless as was observed conclusively.

10. The Beachmaster continued to send casualties to this vessel although all available space was taken up by troops. Rather than send them to an AP or APA I took them on board using crews berths. The evacuation plan for casualties called for them to be sent to AKA's last but it was not carried out. Until the ship is unloaded and the troops disembarked there is no space available for casualties.

11. The question of overloading AKA's was evident. We are equipped to carry 163 troops with our normal crew of 330. At this time we had a crew of 372 due to the number of boats being carried. We had 219 troops on board, an excess of 44. As we had an excess crew of 42, our total excess was 86. If this excess is going to be carried in the future additional toilet, washroom and shower facilities should be installed for sanitary purposes. To install additional sanitary facilities, cargo space will have to be cut down. It is apparent that some definite figure will have to be established and abided by. If it would have been a question of having these troops on board for only a short period it would not have been so unsanitary but they were on board for 27 days.

12. There is only one hatch in the troops magazine which slows up unloading considerably. It is urgently recommended that an additional hatch be placed in this space.

13. Many of the samson posts of the LCM's pulled out. It is apparent that the deck structure where these posts are secured is weak and should be reinforced. The posts themselves appear adequate.

14. Considerable difficulty was experienced with the operation of the main engine of this vessel and it is apparent that a complete realignment of the main engine is absolutely necessary prior to any future operations. As it is now it is not dependable and effective repairs are beyond the capacity of the ship's force.

J. F. Grube
J. F. GRUBE.

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- Location of Ship GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE
 Date JULY 11, 1943.
 =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) YES
 - First report of Plane(s) SIGHTED
 - Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, NO RADAR WARNING
 - Range of Reports - - - -
 - Number of Planes 7 Number of Formations 2
 - Type of Plane ME 110
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 0653, No. 2 - -, No. 3 - -, No. 4 - - No. 5 - -
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) HIGH and FAST
 - Time of Open Fire 0655 Cease Fire 0700
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting
 - Opening Fire, Range 15,000 Ft. Opening Fire, Bearing OVERHEAD
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

<u>.30MG</u> <u>- -</u>	<u>.50MG</u> <u>- -</u>	20mm MG <u>17</u>	3" <u>- -</u>	5" <u>- -</u>
<u>- -</u> Rnds	<u>- -</u> Rnds	<u>1100</u> Rnds	<u>- -</u> Rnds	<u>- -</u> Rnds
<u>- -</u> %	<u>- -</u> %	<u>.01</u> %	<u>- -</u> %	<u>- -</u> %
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition EXCELLENT
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot 2'
 - Time of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd Y 4th X
 - Result of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Approximate altitude of bomb release 16000 Type/size of Bomb 500 #DEM
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NONE
 - Near Misses 3 Location and distance from ship (1) PORT BOW - 75 YDS.,
(2) PORT BOW - 125 YDS., (3) PORT BEAM - 75 YDS.
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun - - - -
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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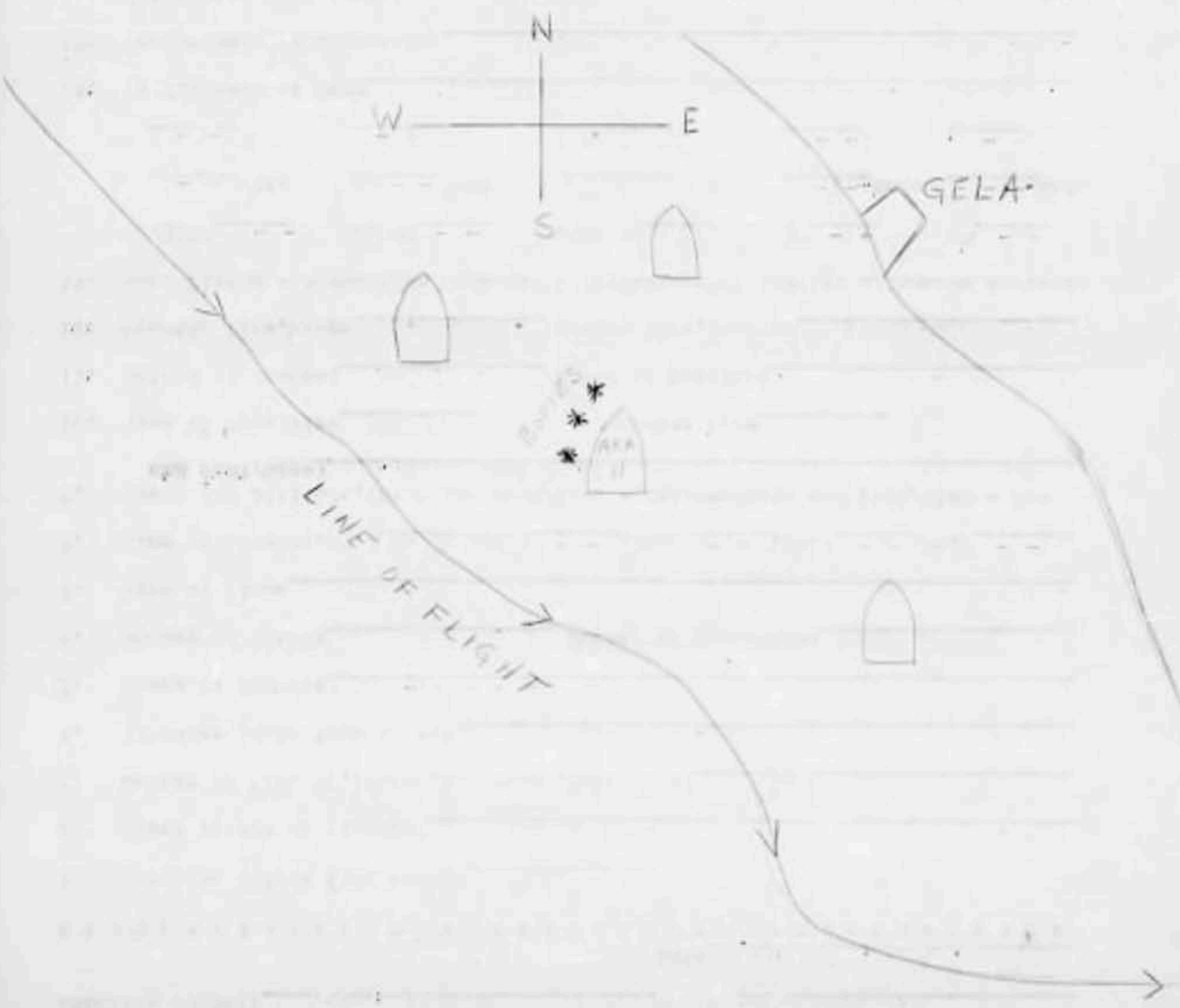
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- 26. Direction of Sun, From ship _____ From Target _____
- 27. Cloud formation _____ Height of ceiling UNLIMITED
- 28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
- 29. Weather conditions CLEAR
- 30. Remarks, PLANES WERE BLuish SILVER COLOR - HARD TO SEE AGAINST SKY. APPEARED SUDDENLY - NO ADVANCE RADAR WARNING.

J. F. Grube
 J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN
 Commanding, U.S.S. BETHELGEUSE.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

Location of Ship OFF GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSEDate JULY 11, 1943

- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
 - First report of Plane(s) BY GUARD SHIP
 - Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) GUARD SHIP - THEN EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, UNKNOWN
 - Range of Reports NO RANGING REPORT
 - Number of Planes 24 Number of Formations 3
 - Type of Plane H.E. 111
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 1552, No. 2 - -, No. 3 - -, No. 4 - -, No. 5 - -
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) HIGH AND FAST
 - Time of Open Fire 1549 Cease Fire 1553
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting
 - Opening Fire, Range 18,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 3450
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

<u>.30MG - -</u>	<u>.50MG - -</u>	<u>20mm MG 15</u>	<u>3" 2</u>	<u>5" - -</u>
<u> Rnds</u>	<u> Rnds</u>	<u>1200 Rnds</u>	<u>7. Rnds</u>	<u> Rnds</u>
<u> %</u>	<u> %</u>	<u>.011 %</u>	<u>.0075%</u>	<u> %</u>
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition ONE JAM 20mm CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot 30"
 - Time of Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Result of Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Approximate altitude of Bomb release 18,000 Type/size of Bomb 500 DEM.
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 - Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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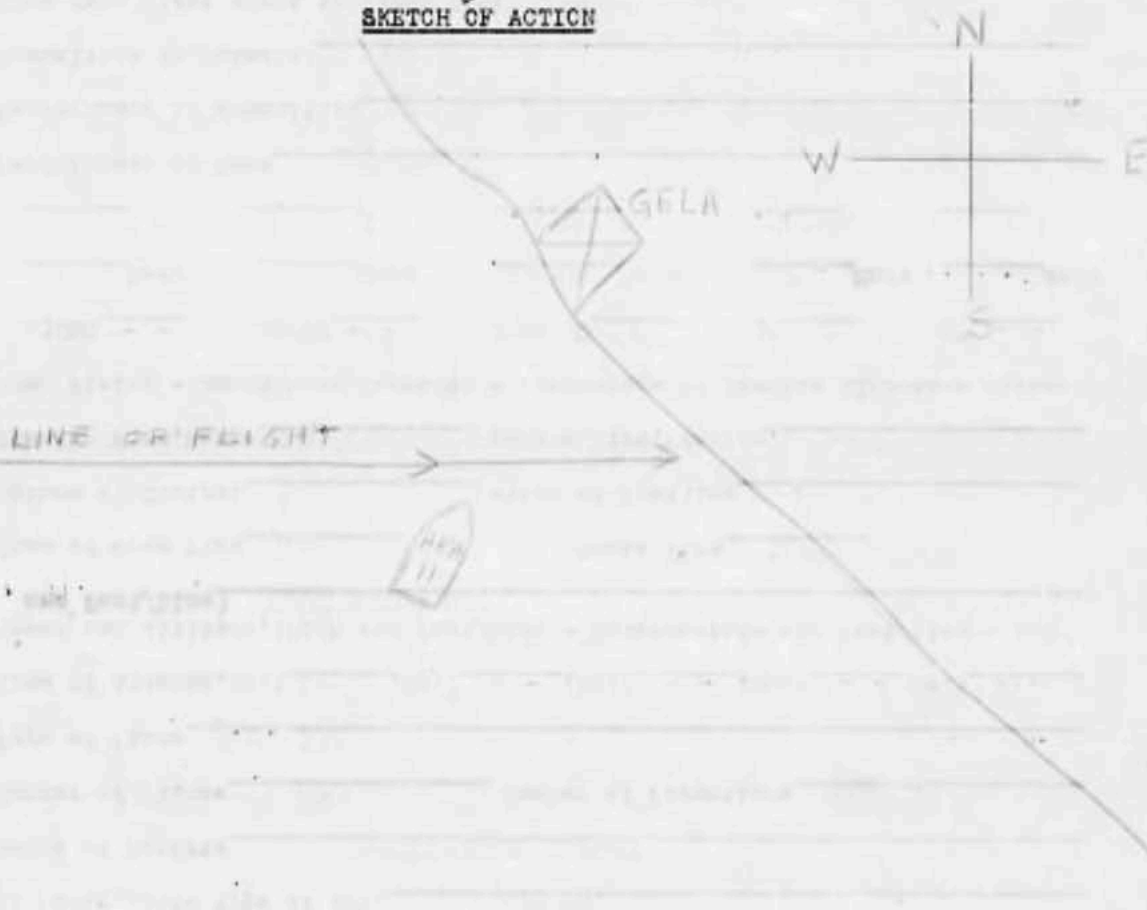
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26. Direction of Sun, From ship _____ From Target _____
27. Cloud formation _____ Height of ceiling 25,000 plus
28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
29. Weather conditions _____
30. Remarks, CAMOUFLAGE OF PLANES GOOD. BOMBING RUN POOR IN AIM.

SHORT ADVANCE WARNING. MARK 14 SIGHTS OBSCURED BY SMOKE.

J.F. Grube
J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
Commanding, U.S.S. BETSELGEUSE.

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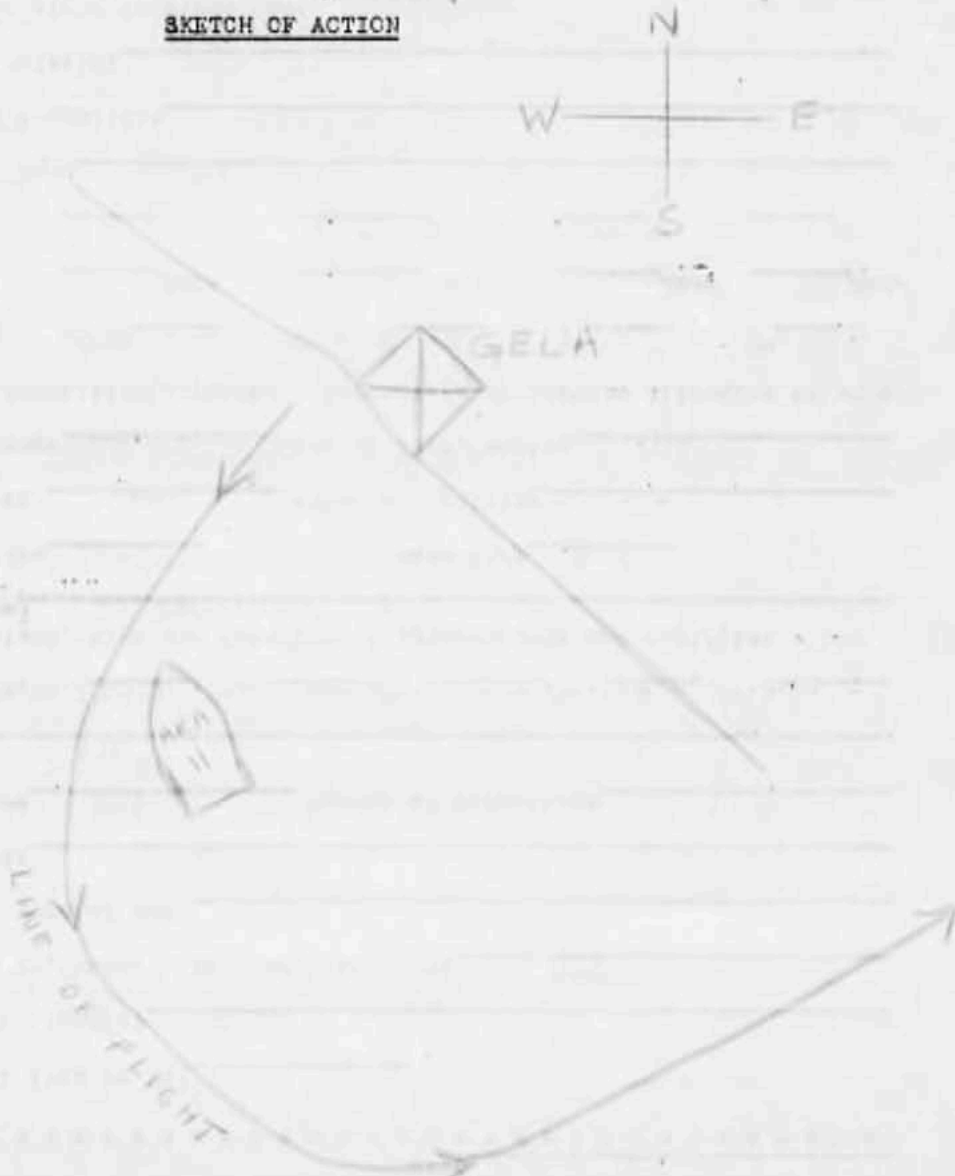
- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
 - First report of Plane(s) 1639
 - Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, NO
 - Range of Reports NO
 - Number of Planes (EST) 9 Number of Formations 1
 - Type of Plane ME 110
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 1640, No. 2 - -, No. 3 - -, No. 4 - - No. 5 - -
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) INTERMEDIATE/FAST
 - Time of Open Fire 1640 Cease Fire 1644
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting - -
 - Opening Fire, Range 10,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 045
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

<u>.30MG - -</u>	<u>.50MG - -</u>	<u>20mm 100</u>	<u>3" 2</u>	<u>5" - -</u>
<u> Rnds</u>	<u> Rnds</u>	<u>2,200 Rnds</u>	<u>6 Rnds</u>	<u> Rnds</u>
<u> %</u>	<u> %</u>	<u>.02 %</u>	<u>.0075 %</u>	<u> %</u>
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition EXCELLENT
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot 1 MIN.
 - Time of Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Result of Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Approximate altitude of bomb release 8,000 Type/size of Bomb 250 DEM.
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 - Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO
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- Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

26. Direction of Sun, From ship 310 From Target 090
 27. Cloud formation CIRRUS LT. Height of ceiling UNLIMITED
 28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
 29. Weather conditions CLEAR
 30. Remarks, MARK 14 SIGHTS WERE NOT EFFECTIVE DUE TO VIBRATION AND SMOKE, AFTER FIRST BURST.

J.F. Grebe
 J.F. GREBE, Commander, USN.
 Commanding, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

Location of Ship NEAR GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSEDate JULY 11, 1943.

- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
 - First report of Plane(s) 1950
 - Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, NO
 - Range of Reports NO
 - Number of Planes 6 Number of Formations 2
 - Type of Plane ME 109
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 1951, No. 2 - -, No. 3 - -, No. 4 - - No. 5 - -
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) INTERMEDIATE and FAST
 - Time of Open Fire 1951 Cease Fire 1953
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting LOCAL
 - Opening Fire, Range 12,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 090
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

<u>.30MG</u> <u>- -</u>	<u>.50MG</u> <u>- -</u>	<u>20mm MG</u> <u>9</u>	<u>3"</u> <u>2</u>	<u>5"</u> <u>- -</u>
<u>- -</u> Rnds	<u>- -</u> Rnds	<u>500</u> Rnds	<u>21</u> Rnds	<u>- -</u> Rnds
<u>- -</u> %	<u>- -</u> %	<u>.005</u> %	<u>.02</u> %	<u>- -</u> %
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition ONE JAM (20MM) CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION.
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot 1'
 - Time of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Result of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
 - Approximate altitude of bomb release 10,000 Type/size of Bomb UNKNOWN
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 - Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO
(ONE BOMB APPROX. 500 YDS FROM SHIP)
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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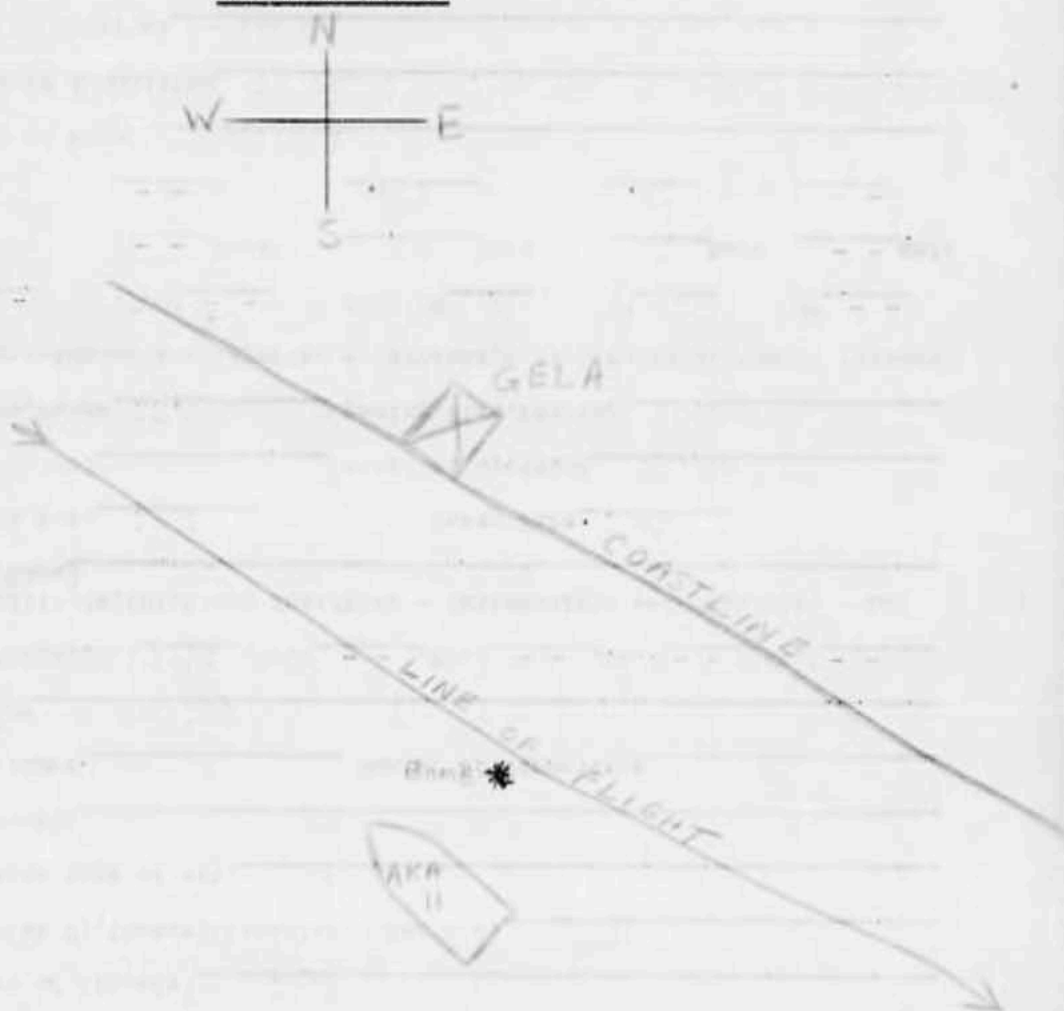
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ENCLOSURE (A) 11

26. Direction of Sun, From ship 340 From Target 200
27. Cloud formation SEE REMARKS Height of ceiling SEE REMARKS
28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
29. Weather conditions _____
30. Remarks, SKY WAS OBSCURED ALONG BEACHLINE AND OVER SHIP BY
HEAVY SMOKE FROM BURNING OIL. PLANES WERE OBSCURED BY
SMOKE.

J. F. Gruhe
J. F. GRUHE, Commander, USN
Commanding, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE.

SKETCH OF ACTION



ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION REPORT

Location of Ship NEAR GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSEDate JULY 12, 1943.

- =====
- Surprise Attack (Yes or No) YES
 - First report of Plane(s) 1738
 - Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
 - If Radar, State type of set, NO
 - Range of Reports NO
 - Number of Planes 3 Number of Formations 3
 - Type of Plane ME 109
 - Time of Attacks, No. 1 1738, No. 2 - -, No. 3 - -, No. 4 - - No. 5 - -
 - Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) DIVING FAST THEN INTERMEDIATE
 - Time of Open Fire 1738 Cease Fire 1751
 - Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting LOCAL
 - Opening Fire, Range 8,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 010
 - Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended

.30MG <u>- -</u>	.50MG <u>- -</u>	20mm MG <u>18</u>	3" <u>4</u>	5" <u>- -</u>
<u> </u> Rnds	<u> </u> Rnds	<u>2040</u> Rnds	<u>17</u> Rnds	<u> </u> Rnds
<u> </u> %	<u> </u> %	<u>.02</u> %	<u>.0175</u> %	<u> </u> %
 - Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
 - Performance of Ammunition ONE JAM 20mm CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION
 - Casualties to Material NONE
 - Time from First sight to First Shot APPROX. 5"
 - Time of Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Result of Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th SEE REMARKS
 - Guns obtaining Hits, 1st - - 2nd - - 3rd - - 4th - -
 - Approximate altitude of Bomb release 6,000 Type/size of Bomb UNKNOWN
 - Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
 - Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship 2 BOMBS DROPPED
1000 TO 1500 YDS. FROM SHIP.
 - Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
 - Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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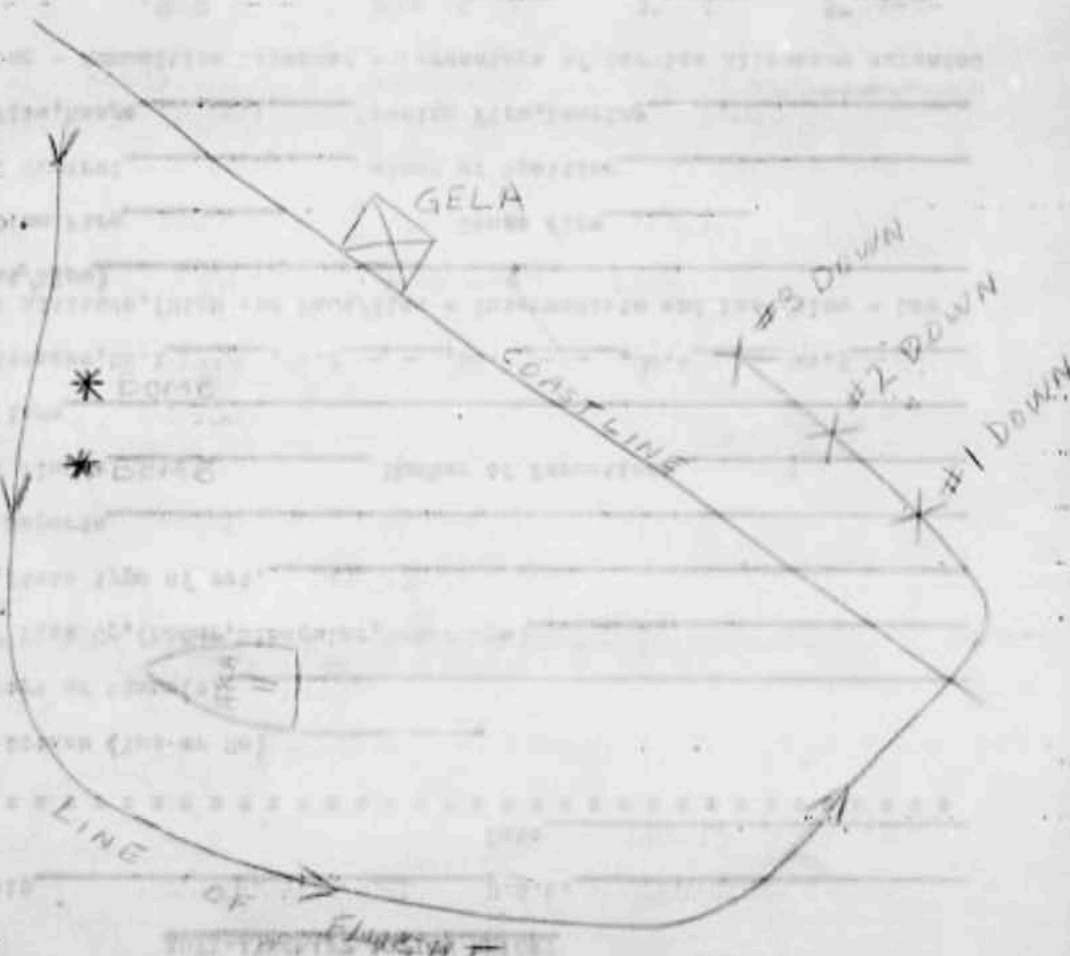
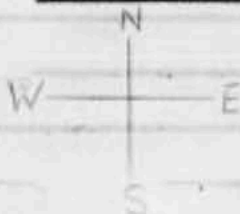
ENCLOSURE (A)

26. Direction of Sun, From ship 000 From Target 090
 27. Cloud formation _____ Height of ceiling 15,000
 28. Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature _____ Pressure _____
 29. Weather conditions _____
 30. Remarks, 2 PLANES DOVE SINGLY. THIRD DID NOT ATTACK. PLANES

FLEW OVER BEACH AND WERE SEEN TO GO DOWN IN FLAMES. MARK
14 SIGHT NOT EFFECTIVE THROUGH VIBRATION AND SMOKE FROM GUN.

J.F. Grube
 J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.
 Commanding, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE.

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TRANSPORT DIVISION THREE
U. S. S. BARNETT, Flagship

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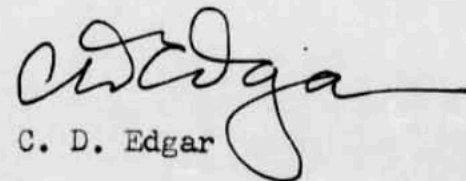
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
CO BETELGEUSE Conf.Ltr.
AKA11/A16-3 (0116) of
July 21, 1943.

From: The Commander Transport Division Three.
To : The Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.
Via : The Commander Amphibious Force, Northwest African Waters.
The Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.

Subject: Contact and Action Report and Report of Operation.

1. Forwarded.


C. D. Edgar

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Serial: 0278 NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

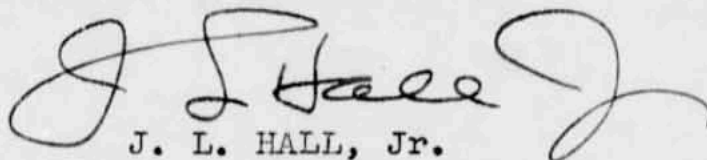
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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to
CO BETELGEUSE conf. ltr.
AK11/A16-3 (0116) of
July 21, 1943.

14 AUG 1943

From: Commander, Amphibious Force, Northwest
African Waters.
To : Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet.
Via : Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest
African Waters.
Subject: Contact and Action Report and Report of Operation.
1. Forwarded.
2. Comment on lessons learned is summarized in
my report on the operation separately submitted.


J. L. HALL, Jr.

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THIRD ENDORSEMENT to:
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A16-3 (0116) of July 21, 1943.

From: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
To : Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: Contact and Action Report and Report of Operation.

1. Forwarded. The BETELGEUSE despite the handicap of engineering difficulties carried out her assignment in creditable fashion.
2. The various material matters upon which comment was made should have been made the subject of a separate report.

H. K. Hewitt

H. K. HEWITT

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Ser.No. 0203

16 November, 1942.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: Report of Actions off Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands on 11 and 12 November 1942.
Reference: (a) Article 712 (1), Navy Regulations.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of C.O. BETELGEUSE Confidential letter AK28/A16-3 dated 15 November, 1942.

1. In accordance with reference (a), Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.


HARRY D. POWER.

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15 November, 1942.

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : The Commander in Chief, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET.
Via : Commander Task Force SIXTY-TWO (and SIXTY-SEVEN).
The Commander, South Pacific Force.

Subject: Report of Actions off Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands on 11 and 12 November 1942.
A - Dive Bombing Attack about 0940, 11 November 1942.
B - High Level Bombing Attack about 1125, 11 November, 1942.
C - Aerial Torpedo attack about 1410, 12 November 1942.

Reference: (a) Articles 712 and 874, Navy Regulations 1920.

Enclosure: (A) Statement of Executive Officer, Commander H. BYE, USN, concerning Action "A".
(B) Statement of Executive Officer, Commander H. BYE, USN, concerning Action "B".
(C) Statement of Executive Officer, Commander H. BYE, USN, concerning Action "C".

1. There follows a narrative report on the subject actions of the U.S.S. BETELGEUSE. All times are - 11 Z.T. All three actions took place in the waters lying between Guadalcanal Island on the South, Savo Island on the West and Florida, Tulagi and Gavutu Islands on the North. The approximate location of the center of the actions is Lat 9° 15' South and 160° 00' East.

COMPOSITION OF OWN FORCES

Action "A" and "B" - U.S.S. ZEILIN, BETELGEUSE and LIBRA screened by U.S.S. ATLANTA, FLETCHER, LARDNER, AARON WARD and MC CALLA. This comprised Task Group 62.4 which merged with Task Force 67 on the night of 11-12 November 1942. The ZEILIN was hit by a bomb in action "A" and departed after action "B" on the afternoon of 11 November escorted by one DD.

Action "C" - Task Force 67 consisting of Transports - U.S.S. MC CAWLEY, CRESCENT CITY, PRESIDENT JACKSON and PRESIDENT ADAMS plus BETELGEUSE and LIBRA and screened by various cruisers and destroyers.

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CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD

- Wednesday, 11 November 1942 -

ACTION "A"

- 0900: Task Force 62.4 unloading in area off Lunga Lagoon about 4,000 yards to the Eastward of Lunga Point Guadalcanal Island. Ships in unloading area ZEILIN, BETELGEUSE and LIBRA. Screened by ATLANTA, FLETCHER, LARDNER, AARON WARD and MC CALLA.
- 0905: Received report that 21 enemy planes consisting of 9 dive bombers and 12 fighters were approaching and expected in area in 30 minutes.
- 0915: Anti-submarine screen reported sighting a submarine off Lunga Point.
Received signal to get underway. Side cleared of all boats.
- 0920: Ship underway and took station in column - order of ships ATLANTA, ZEILIN, BETELGEUSE and LIBRA screened by the 4 destroyers.
Sounded General Quarters.
Steering on various courses at 15 knots being maneuvered by Turn signals.

DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS - ACTION "A"

- 0940: The formation was attacked by planes identified as AICHI - 99 DIVE BOMBERS.
- 0941: DIVE BOMBING ATTACK NO.1
Enemy plane started dive from about 8000 feet leveled off at about 1500 feet and dropped two(2) bombs. These bombs landed on the port side of the ship at distances of about 20 feet and 40 feet. Both these bombs splashed water on the ship and appeared to fragment upon contact with the water as numerous fragments of the bomb were picked up on board. Plane veered to port with no apparent damage from our AA fire. All four 3"/23's

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and all 20 mm, 50 cal and 30 cal MGS which bore fired at the plane. Full magazines were placed on guns. Observed bomb strike glancing blow on starboard quarter of ZEILIN which was next adjacent ship to port. These near misses on the port side temporarily placed our Rudder Angle Indicator out of commission and there was a temporary uncertainty as to where the rudder was. The hit on the ZEILIN caused her to lose control and head for us so we gave emergency full speed ahead and pulled clear of the ZEILIN'S bow and regained our position in formation. By this time the steering system was functioning normally.

0943: ATTACK NO.2

Enemy plane started a shallow dive from about 8000 feet, leveled off at about 800 to 1000 feet and dropped one(1) bomb which landed about 20 feet off the port quarter.

This near miss put No.3 and 4 guns temporarily out of commission due to the upward jar jamming the guns.

This plane was definitely hit many times by our 20 mm guns as plane was seen to catch fire, veer to port and crash in flames about 300 yards from the ship.

0945: ATTACK NO.3

Enemy plane observed diving at ship from port quarter toward starboard bow. Plane released bomb at a height of about 1200 feet. The Commanding Officer personally observed this bomb during its entire flight as it crossed the ship diagonally and cleared the bow, landing about 20 feet sharp off the starboard bow.

This plane was hit repeatedly by our 20 mm and fire was seen to break out in the lower part of the fuselage directly between the wheels.

The plane flew parallel to the ship, vertically overhead for the full length of the ship, then veered to starboard, then made a large circle to port and crashed in flames about 2000 yards off the starboard bow. The plane was showing increasing flame and smoke from the time it was hit by our guns until it crashed into the sea.

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- 0946: Ceased firing and checked damage to personnel and material listed later.
- 1000: Returning to anchorage in unloading area.
- 1018: Secured from General Quarters and set unloading conditions.
- 1020: Anchored in unloading area. Sent two electric submersible pumps with attendants to assist ZEILIN.

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MATERIEL DAMAGE DURING ACTION "A"

- A. Rudder angle indicator ceased functioning due to control relay for A.C. converter burning out.
 - 1. Damage repaired in two hours.
 - 2. Casualty caused by arc resulting from relay being jarred open by heavy shock.

- B. Main engine fuel pump control lever bent.
 - 1. Repaired immediately.
 - 2. Casualty caused by rod whipping due to shock.
 - 3. Brackets to be installed to prevent recurrence.

- C. Revolution counter stopped due to fuse burning out on emergency switch.
 - 1. Renewed fuse immediately.

- D. Several fuses burnt out in emergency switchboard.
 - 1. Renewed fuses immediately. Fuses were retained by clips. No reasonable explanation as to cause.

- E. Various switchbox covers jarred completely loose due to shock, shearing bolts on box.
 - 1. No electrical damage.

- F. Waste heat boiler sustained heavy shock.
 - 1. Insulating material came adrift falling throughout engine room.
 - 2. Lower nipple on gauge glass line cracked.
 - 3. Bottom blow split at overboard discharge valve. Closed valve to prevent inrush of water.
 - 4. The fact that the waste heat boiler was not steaming undoubtedly prevented a major casualty from occurring.
 - 5. On entering combat zones, the practice on this vessel is to drain the waste heat boiler and its fuel tank in the stack. Failure to do so would make boiler a hazard to personnel and vessel.

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PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT DIVE BOMBING ATTACKS - ACTION "A"

- (a) BARRIGER, Melvin H., 311 64 08, RM2c, USN (Ship's company) punctured nose, returned to duty.
- (b) JONES, Jesse H., 660 11 46, RM3c, V-6 USNR (Ship's company) punctured nose, returned to duty.
- (c) WOODWORTH, Vern L., 662 14 49, F.lc, V-6 USNR (Ship's company) punctured wound left side, returned to duty.
- (d) FIORVANT, J.F., Pvt. USMC, puncture wound, left shoulder, returned to duty.
- (e) BURTON, S.C., Pvt. USMC, burn, 1st degree, neck, returned to duty.
- (f) SLATTERY, T.D., Pvt. USMC, lacerated left arm and wrist, serious, retained on sick list.

All the above wounds are believed to have been caused by flying bomb fragments when the near misses apparently exploded and fragmented upon contact with the water.

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HIGH LEVEL BOMBING ATTACK - ACTION "E"

After having been anchored in the unloading area to the Eastward of Lunga Point for a period of 40 minutes, at

- 1100: Received warning that a number of unidentified planes were in the area. Made preparations for getting underway immediately.
- 1102: Underway. Headed for open water and formed up astern of ATLANTA and ZEBILIN and followed by LIBRA. Submarines (enemy) reported as being in the area.
- 1103: A destroyer in our A/S screen let go a depth charge barrage about one mile to the Eastward toward KOLI POINT. No submarine was sighted by this ship.
- 1107: Sounded General Quarters for the entire ship as all cargo booms and gear were now secured and after lowering gas drums on the sling the deep tank covers lowered on the gasoline drums.
- 1110: Steaming on various courses off the unloading area.
- 1120: While steaming toward the anchorage, received report that enemy planes were in the vicinity.
- 1125: Sighted 29 enemy high level heavy bombers flying Eastward over the unloading area at the beach and over the flying field inshore from the beach. The planes were disposed in a shallow V with the sides sloping slightly to the West of North and South. There is differing opinion as to the type of planes sighted - Mitsubishi 97, Mikado 98, and Mitsubishi 96.
- 1126: Although the planes were obviously out of range of our 3"/23 guns, we opened fire with the other ships to put up a barrage so the planes would not turn over the formation. No 20 mm guns were fired.
- 1130 Ceased firing. No hits on enemy observed.
Observed heavy bomb bursts in water near beach, where we had been unloading, on beach and inland toward the airfield. Observed about 6 enemy planes burning

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and crashing into the sea. One plane was seen to be falling, levelled off and then crashed into the sea on fire. Two other enemy bombers appeared to be getting away when suddenly they burst into flames and crashed into the sea.

1140: Headed toward the anchorage in the unloading area.

1147: Set unloading conditions.

1200: Anchored close off shore with anchor under foot and continued unloading.

No personnel or materiel casualties.

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1408: Sighted about 12 enemy torpedo planes bearing 060° - 120° true at a distance of about 8 miles. These planes were divided into two groups. One group bearing 060° headed Westward to hit our starboard bow and the other group bearing 120° headed to the Southward apparently to make a simultaneous attack from different angles.

Our formation seemed to be turned toward the North-eastern group to force their torpedo attack before the Southeastern group could get into position and the Task Force Commander could turn to meet each attack in succession. This we were able to do, taking the Southern attack on our tail.

Our screen had opened fire by this time. This ship's attention was held by the southern group as we were the rear ship in the left hand column.

TORPEDO PLANE ATTACK NO.1

1412: A single plane was observed heading for our port quarter. Fire was held on the 20 mm guns until he was within range and then intense fire was opened on this plane which sheered away to the left at a distance of about 300 yards. Flames were observed to break out in the wings as the plane passed the ship and the plane crashed into the water about 1000 yards broad on the port bow.

Full magazines were immediately placed on all machine guns.

TORPEDO PLANE ATTACK NO.2

1415: Two torpedo planes were observed directly astern making a torpedo run at the ship. The point of aim was steady and the planes were headed directly for the ship and flying low (about 60 feet).

The stern gun (5"/51) fired one round of shrapnel which burst near the two planes and was undoubtedly a contributing factor in causing an erratic torpedo attack.

At a range of about 1500 yards, the planes dropped their torpedoes which did not make a successful run.

The Commanding Officer observed the starboard plane's drop. The torpedo appeared to hang by the tail and

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entered the water in a plunging motion at an angle of about 60° and when it struck the water it bounced back out clear of the water like a pole which has been plunged end first into the water. The torpedo then plunged back into the water nose first and was not seen again.

The planes then divided and came up each side of the ship at a height of about 50 feet and the wing tips about 75 feet from the side of the ship.

The fire of the 20 mm guns was held until the planes were within effective firing range. The planes were on a steady run up the side of the ship and made a perfect point of aim until they came up abreast of the ship when the rate of change of bearing increased rapidly.

All guns got numerous hits on the plane on their side.

It was suicidal for planes to fly into such intense point blank fire. Our gunners couldn't miss.

In addition to having 10 - 20 mm guns firing on these 2 planes, all members of the crew and embarked construction battalion not otherwise engaged were firing .30 cal BAR's, rifles, machine guns and .45 cal pistols at the planes.

The fire power was terrific and must have amazed the Japanese pilots who evidently thought that they were attacking a defenseless looking AK and that they would have easy pickings.

Two of our ship's officers who were on the beach head and witnessed the whole action were watching the BETELGEUSE particularly.

They said that it appeared as if the ship was not going to defend herself at first as the guns were silent and the two planes were closing rapidly.

Then when the planes came within close range it looked as if the entire ship was surrounded by a sheet of fire from all of the smaller calibre guns.

Hits were obtained almost immediately and by the time the plane on the starboard side was opposite No.4 hatch, fire broke out. By the time the plane was burning briskly at a distance of about 75 feet and at the level of the flying bridge.

This plane (No.318 was painted on its tail) burst into full flame and crashed in to the sea about 100 yards sharp on the starboard bow.

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The rudder was immediately put hard left and then hard right to keep the bow and stern from running into the burning plane the flames of which reached higher than the masts. The heat was intense as the ship passed close aboard.

Simultaneously, the second plane was passing up the port side about the same distance off as the first plane. It had No. 817 on its tail.

Machine gun fire was pouring into it and it started to burn under the starboard wing. The plane appeared to lose control either from damage or injury to the pilot. Tracers could be seen going into the fuselage all around the pilot.

This plane swerved across the bow from port to starboard and pancaked into the sea. The plane sank to the top of the fuselage and when last sighted was still floating.

No survivors got out of the plane and no signs of life were observed.

1418: Ceased fire.

During this attack, the enemy planes raked the exposed positions with their machine gun fire and did considerable minor damage both to personnel and materiel. There was some damage apparently done by stray projectiles from planes over head (which were not observed) or from other ships in the formation. This was deduced from the angle of entry being above the planes which flew alongside the ship.

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PERSONNEL INJURIES

LUSA, Peter J., 207 23 90, GMLc, USN, gunshot wound,
left shoulder, serious.

FERNAS, William H., 404 92 43, SM2c, O-1 USNR, gunshot
wound, chest and left shoulder. Not serious.

FRANK, Herbert A., 404 92 99, Cox., O-1 USNR, gunshot
wound in the back. Not serious.

ROGOWSKI, Leon (n), 405 04 73, Bkr.3c, O-1 USNR,
gunshot wound in left arm. Not serious.

DOMBROW, Robert P., 300 64 06, A.S., USN, gunshot
wound in back and side. Not serious.

ROSS, Walter O., 296 11 68, S.2c, USN, bruise, left
arm caused by recoil of 3"/23 gun. Not serious.

MERLO, Vito T., 399371, Pfc., USMCR, gunshot wound
in right leg. Not serious.

WHARTON, John J., 386167, Pvt., USMCR, gunshot wound
in left arm. Not serious.

BROWN, Victor R., Jr., 377481, Pvt., USMCR, gunshot
wound in left leg. Not serious.

NICE, George A., 382220, Pvt., USMCR, gunshot wounds
neck and back. Not serious.

SNELGROVE, Robert E., 348837, Pfc., USMCR, gunshot
wound in right chest. Not serious.

ANDERSON, Constant R., 351462, Pvt., USMC, gunshot
wounds in neck and chest. Not serious.

CASE, Charles R., 394110, Pvt., USMCR, gunshot
wound in jaw. Not serious.

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MATERIEL DAMAGE

Franklin Life Buoy on port side of bridge wrecked with
an explosive bullet.

Bullet holes and dents in innumerable places on the ship,
one small projectile passing through the hull of the ship
and into the paint locker aft.

Topmast stay leading to the port king post head hit
and wire stranded.

Topping lift, after starboard boom on Number 2 hold
stranded.

Topping lift on the forward port boom Number 3 hold
nicked and the port guy pendant shot through.

The double luff purchase on the port boom Number 5
hold was shot away.

The topping lift and both wire guy pendants on the
starboard boom Number 5 hold badly stranded.

All damaged rigging was immediately repaired.

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AMMUNITION EXPENDED

ACTION "A" (Dive Bombing)

<u>.30 MG 4</u>	<u>.50 MG 2</u>	<u>20mm MG 10</u>	<u>3" 4</u>	<u>5" 1</u>
265 rds 1 %	500 rds 4 %	1200 rds 4 %	54 rds 6.7 %	0 rds 0 %

ACTION "B" (High Level)

75 rds
9.3 %

ACTION "C" (Torpedo Attack)

195 rds -1 %	560 rds 4 %	1900 rds 6 %	29 rds 3.6 %	1 rd -1 %
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Small Arms - 200 rds.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>ON HAND</u>	<u>ALLOWANCE</u>
.30 Cal. Ball (Rifle)	200	9.00	9,920	12,000
.30 Cal. A.P. (M.G.)	460	22.80	27,848	20,000
.50 Cal. A.P.	700	92.40	14,610	12,000
.50 Cal. Tr.	360	39.60	7,735	6,000
20 mm H.E.	1550	1550.00	8,637	30,000
20 mm Tr.	1550	1007.50	6,615	30,000
3"/23 Shr.	157	1119.41	708	800
5"/51 Com.	1	11.65	249	250
5"/51 Chg.	1	9.39	291	292
5"/51 Primer	1	.58	471	500
Total - -		\$3,862.33		

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BATTERY PERFORMANCE

ACTION "A" (Dive Bombing)

The battery performed excellently except for the after
3" guns jumping up and jamming temporarily due to the near misses
at the stern.

The 3"/23 cal. battery as now installed is of very doubtful
value in a dive bombing attack due to its slowness of fire and its
antiquated sights, training and pointing gear.

This will be some-what improved when the 3"/50 cal. battery
which has already been authorized is installed at the next avail-
ability.

It is submitted that a battery of 40 mm guns would be of
great assistance to the 20 mm which do yeoman service at short
ranges.

The commanding officer cannot speak too highly of the
performance of the 20 mm guns and he would like to single out
some gun in order that the General Motors Corp. Pontiac, Michigan
and workers could be complimented on the performance of a particular
gun but as the saying goes, "when you back into a buzz saw, you
can't tell which tooth hits you first". All guns fired, all got
hits and todate have contributed to the destruction of 7 Japanese
planes.

This ship has installed a number of BAR mounts at the rails
around the ship. The mount consists of a vertical pipe attached
to the rail. In the open end of the pipe is inserted a pivoting
holding clamp with collar and set screw in pipe.

The clamp is so manufactured that the BAR can be elevated
and depressed in the clamp and trained in the vertical pipe socket.

This ship has placed a baffle of sand bags about the flying
bridge and these undoubtedly cut down the number of casualties
caused by flying projectiles from the enemy planes and adjacent
ships striking personnel in the back.

This is very effective as several sand bags were torn by
flying missiles but the sand bags add considerable weight to the

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topside and could well be replaced with splinter baffles.

In regard to the splinter protection, it appears very effective and neither the 20 mm explosive or the 25 cal. hard sharp pointed projectiles from the enemy planes penetrated the splinter shields. One splinter plate on a 20 mm gun was hit squarely by an explosive 20 mm and shattered only causing minor injury to personnel standing around while the gunner who was standing directly behind the shield was not harmed.

Since the action of August 7 - 9, 1942, when it was found that the 20 mm guns could not depress low enough to fire effectively at low flying planes close aboard, the ship has moved the 20 mm mounts outboard a distance of 22 inches and has cut 4 inches off the top of the splinter shield in the way of the arc of fire of each gun. This leaves 48" of protection except where the cut-away has reduced it to 44 inches.

The splinter plate brackets on the 20 mm were "jogged" at right angles so that the plates were spread apart and brought back nearer to the gunner yet still parallel to their original setting. This wider opening allowed the gunner to lead the fast low flying planes sufficiently to get hits.

The 20 mm guns now have a maximum depression of -5° below the horizontal which it is strongly recommended should be increased to take care of very low flying planes close aboard or PT boats which might get in close at night before being discovered. A depression line of 5° from a height of 60 feet (20 yards) will strike the water at a distance of about 230 yards.

The performance of the ammunition was excellent but if there is a satisfactory 20 mm incendiary projectile being produced, it is believed that it would be most effective against the fragile and poorly armored Jap planes. Some tracers could be seen to pass thru the wings and fuselage without apparent damage. It is believed that an incendiary projectile would start a fire without necessarily hitting gasoline.

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BuShips letter AA/S78-3(817); EN28/A2-11 of April 10, 1942 requires ready service ammunition chests for 20 mm to provide 2400 rounds per gun or 40 magazines.

The Betelgeuse has a capacity of 960 rounds per gun or 16 magazines.

In five aerial attacks the maximum expenditure on any one gun was 3 magazines, 25% of the ready service magazines. Before the engagement was completed, an efficient reloading crew had the expended magazines reloaded and back at the gun.

It is the opinion of the Commanding Officer that the present stowage space, 16 magazines per gun is entirely adequate and has proved sufficient under enemy action.

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SHIP TACTICS

The tactics of the ship's holding their position in the unloading area by keeping the anchor just under foot appears sound as it reduces the movements of the engines to maintain position with the inherent interference with unloading operations. With the main engines and steering gear in readiness for instant use, the anchor can be hove up clear of the bottom or dragged into deeper water by the time the boats are clear.

Also with the anchor down, it can be used as a drag on the bow to quickly turn the ship's head toward the open sea with a single screw ship.

The tactics used for maneuvering the formation by Commander Task Force SIXTH-TWO in two separate torpedo attacks seem to be proven. On both occasions a simultaneous torpedo attack by two parts of the enemy flight was spoiled by heading toward one section and forcing a drop before the other section was in position to launch its attack. Then the OTC was free to turn the sterns of his ships toward the second (delayed) attack.

This ship has on several occasions, when the Task Unit Commander, directed all ships out of the unloading area and has headed at high speed to seek the cover of a friendly low hanging cloud. While under this cloud, zigzagging, this ship has never been attacked and on the other hand while remaining near the anchorage the ship has been attacked.

It is believed that the planes and submarines make for the unloading area and if the ships pull out about 25 or 30 minutes before the estimated time of arrival, the planes will make a "dry" run over the unloading area.

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UNLOADING OPERATIONS

Since the report of August 7-9, 1942, this ship has increased greatly in its efficiency, gear and ability to handle more and more cargo expeditiously.

On the other hand the beach and boating facilities have improved very little.

In the opinion of the Commanding Officer based on observation from the water side only this is due in part to the following factors:

(a) The beach working parties are not effective. This may possibly be because the soldier feels that he is a fighting man and not a laborer. This must be overcome by some means before we can have an effective supply system. The solution might be a complete and definite understanding prior to a landing that certain troops will definitely attend to the unloading of the ship in the most expeditious manner, or that a labor battalion be brought in whose sole duty is to unload the ships.

The Commanding Officer has never experienced any difficulty on board ship with the working parties but has observed a slow down or lack of personnel to unload the boats promptly.

(b) There has never been an adequate number of operable boats engaged in the unloading operation when more than two cargo ships are unloading at the same time. This is most probably due to inadequate repair facilities and spare parts on the beach rather than a shortage of boats. This opinion is based on repeatedly seeing boats anchored off shore and beached which were not operating.

(c) Some mechanical means will have to be devised for quickly unloading the boats at the beach and immediately transporting the cargo to the dumps rather than allowing it to clutter up the beach head. Specific recommendations were made in this regard in the Commanding Officer's report of August 7-9, 1942.

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(d) This ship can handle cargo at an average rate of 150 Tons an hour into boats alongside if there is a steady flow of boats.

Thus we could discharge a cargo of 3600 Tons in two 12 hour days. However, it now takes 5 or 6 days to discharge this amount of cargo.

There is a waiting time of over 50%.

(e) The boats are not loaded to half capacity because of the grounding of the boats before they reach the shore line. It seems that slips could be dredged out so that the boats could come well in to the beach.

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2. The conduct of all the officers and men deserves the highest praise. This series of actions marks the fifth visit into enemy waters and they having had their baptism of fire acted like veterans even though some of them were hit by enemy bullets. Their one main object was to inflict the maximum damage on the enemy. Not one flinched from his gun or station even though the decks were being strafed at very close range.

The willingness of the entire crew to give battle and shift quickly from cargo unloading conditions to battle stations is to be commended.

The entire engineering force is to be commended for their coolness and efficiency in carrying on when bombs were exploding close aboard and lagging was flying all around the engine room.

The signal force to a man stood by their stations and carried on as if it were a drill.

G. R. BARRON, CQM(PA), O-1, USNR and J.N.P. MARCOUX, QMLc, USN, manned their steering station in an exposed position and quickly and correctly carried out all orders from conn while under fire.

The following officers who came under my immediate notice during the actions are commended:

(a) Commander Harold Bye, USN, Executive Officer and in direct ship control by his skill and careful handling of the ship control contributed in a great degree to the evasion of enemy bombs and torpedoes. His fearlessness and calmness in an exposed position which was being raked by enemy fire from planes at very close range was an inspiration to all hands.

(b) Lieutenant Commander Ernest J. Youngjohns, D-V(G), USNR, Gunnery Officer, by his fearlessness, skill and careful control of the ship's battery was instrumental in the destruction of several enemy planes. His fearlessness and calmness in an exposed position which was being raked by enemy planes at very close range was an inspiring example to all the gun crews.

(c) Lieutenant Ernest A. Rattray, D-M, USNR, Navigator, by his careful and accurate navigation of the ship and station keeping while maneuvering under intense enemy machine gun strafing and in an exposed position, without thought for his personal safety, contributed greatly to the safety of the ship.

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(d) Ensign Louis Smutny, USN, Signal Officer, while in an exposed position under intense enemy fire and without any thought for his personal safety handled all the tactical signals, remained at the side of the Commanding Officer and kept him fully informed of the complete tactical situation and the whereabouts of the enemy.

(e) The entire crew of officers and men are deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which they performed their duties. They have all proven that they are veterans in every sense of the word. There was no apparent fear or concern for one's personal safety. Every officer and man was intent on utterly destroying the enemy.

3. The statement of the Executive Officer required by Article 712 (1), Navy Regulations is enclosed as Enclosure (A).

4. A copy of this report to the Secretary of the Navy will be forwarded under separate cover as required by Article 712 (1), Navy Regulations.

5. As required by Article 874 (6), Navy Regulations, it is stated in amplification of the above detailed report that

Action "A" took place on Wednesday, 11 November, 1942 between 0905 and 0946

Action "B" took place on Wednesday, 11 November, 1942 between 1106 and 1130

Action "C" took place on Thursday, 12 November, 1942 between 1328 and 1418.

All times and dates are local. Zone Description is -11 (LOVE).

The ship was being maneuvered in actions "A" and "B" by Commander Task Group 62.4 in ATLANTA (Rear Admiral Scott) and in Action "C" by Commander Task Force 67 in MC CAWLEY (Rear Admiral Turner).

The wind was from the Southeast in all actions about force two and the sea was calm.

The ships were maneuvered by simultaneous turns from a Northerly base course.

The average speed was about 14 knots.

No sketch is included showing maneuvers or land.

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6. As required by Article 874 (6), Navy Regulations, it is stated that the ship, her armament, munitions, officers and men performed efficiently.

7. In conclusion, the Commanding Officer desires to state that it was a pleasure to go into battle and fight with this ship, officers and men. They acquitted themselves with honor and distinction.

HARRY D. POWER.

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November 14, 1942.

From: Executive Officer.
To : Commanding Officer.
Subject: Action off Guadalcanal November 11, 1942; Report of.
Reference: (a) Article 948, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

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1. In compliance with the requirements of reference (a) the following report is submitted.

(1) At 0905 November 11, 1942, while at anchor (anchor under forefoot with five fathom of chain over depth of water out) two miles to the eastward of Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, unloading various types of Marine equipment and provisions, a fleet signal was received, reporting that nine Japanese bombers and twelve fighters were approaching. At 0915 anti-submarine patrol reported sighting a submarine (unidentified) off Lunga Point. A fleet signal was then received directing all vessels to get underway immediately. Ship's side was cleared of all boats, anchor hove in, annunciators tested, main engine turned over, steering engine tested and ship reported to be in all respects ready to get underway. At 0920 the ship was underway, Captain coming.

(2) This vessel immediately took station astern of the ZEILIN, the formation being, ATLANTA, ZEILIN, BETELGEUSE and LIBRA. At 0920 sounded General Quarters. Our Force formed column very rapidly and headed for open water, steering evasive courses (45°-60° and 90°) left and right, using Gensigs.

(3) At 0940 Jap bombers (Aichi 99) were observed wheeling into position to attack, they immediately commenced dive bombing our force, which in the mean time had opened fire, with all guns that could be brought to bear on the enemy. The air was filled with shrapnel bursts. The following bomb splashes were observed; first bomb, near miss, along port side of our #4 hatch about ten yards from ship's side; second bomb landed near the ZEILIN's starboard quarter; third bomb landed about ten yards forward of our starboard bow; fourth bomb landed along the port side of the LIBRA'S #2 hatch the plane that dropped this bomb seemed to be about one hundred feet above the LIBRA'S main top mast when he opened his bomb release; fifth bomb landed astern of our ship. Every ship appeared to be firing all their guns, and bombers seemed to be disorganized, some high and some low, flying in all directions, some bombs were released at altitudes from 200 feet to 2000 feet. Although there were geysers of water all over the battle area I failed to observe any direct hits.

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(4) Our ten twenty millimeter guns and four three inch twenty-three cal. guns, poured a steady stream of fire into all bombers that came within range and we definitely knocked down two of the Aichi 99's.

(5) At one time I counted four burning planes toward Tulagi, two toward Savo Island and one toward Guadalcanal.

(6) When the first bomb landed it knocked our rudder angle indicator out of order, also temporarily placing our steering gear out of control. The above failures happened at a time when the ZBILIN (slightly aft of our port beam) was having steering difficulty, she came charging towards us, her bow lined with our amidships section, I immediately jumped over and gave the annunciators the double throw full ahead, the engine room force immediately responded, by this time the steering gear was functioning satisfactorily. During the firing it was learned that the helmsman on the lower bridge had difficulty hearing the orders from the upper control bridge. This will be corrected by shifting the helmsman to the upper bridge.

Additional damage sustained during the attacks:

- (a) Fuel control lever bent.
- (b) Revolution counter out of order. (Repaired immediately).
- (c) Alarm circuit generator on fire. (Due to a ground).
- (d) Various switch box covers jarred off bulkhead. (No electrical damage).
- (e) Several fuses burnt out in emergency switchboard.
- (f) On waste heat boiler, bottom blow line sprung a leak at joint next to skin valve. Valve was shut off. Boiler was not in use.
- (g) Control relay for A.C. converters burnt out (Can be repaired).

Personnel casualty report;

- (a) BARRIGER, Melvin H., 311 64 08, RM2c, USN (Ship's company) punctured nose, returned to duty.
- (b) JONES, Jesse H., 660 11 46, RM3c, V-6 USNR (Ship's company) punctured nose, returned to duty.
- (c) WOODWORTH, Vern L., 662 14 49, F.1c V-6 USNR (Ship's company) puncture wound left side, returned to duty.
- (d) FIORVANT, J.F., Pvt. USMC, puncture wound, left shoulder, returned to duty.
- (e) BURTON, S.C., Pvt. USMC, burn, 1st degree, neck, returned to duty.

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(f) SLATTERY, T.D. Pvt., USMC, lacerated left arm and wrist, serious, retained on sick list.

All the above wounds were caused by shrapnel.

(7) Ships control was handled from the Flying Bridge by relaying steering and engineroom orders through a voice tube to the Navigating Bridge, where the helmsman and the annunciator men were stationed.

The officer personnel on the Flying Bridge consisted of the Captain (conning), the Executive Officer (asst. con.), the Gunnery Officer (fire-control), the Navigator (asst. ship control), the Communication Officer (communications) and Boatswain SMUTNY (signal officer).

The Captain had complete control of all activities on the Flying Bridge during the entire action, carefully checking turn and speed signals, orders and fire-control, and was fully aware of every move that was made. At no time did he show the slightest indication of nervousness.

The Gunnery Officer, Lieut. Comdr., E. J. YOUNGJOHNS, controlled the fire of the battery, issuing his orders coolly, distinctly and firmly.

The Navigator, Lieut. E. A. RATTRAY, constantly on the alert, checking the various ship control orders as they were received.

The Communication Officer relayed all communications as soon as received and set a fine example of calmness during the engagement.

The Signal Officer, Boatswain L. SMUTNY was indispensable, he promptly and correctly interpreted and relayed all signals in a clear and understandable manner.

On the lower bridge, BARRON, G.R., CQM(PA), O-1 USNR and MARCOUX, J.N.P., QMlc, USN were at the wheel and all orders given them were immediately executed. The action of all the officers and men coming under my observation during the engagement was of the very highest order. After the near miss on our port side during a lull in the battle I telephoned the Chief Engineer, Lieut. Comdr. R. F. PEDERSEN, USNR, and inquired as to whether or not we had sustained any damage below, his reply "no

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"Gee, give them the works up there." There was a general
feeling of elation throughout the entire engagement, whenever
a plane came down in flames you could hear a burst of cheers.

HAROLD BYR
Commander, USN

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November 11, 1942.

From: Executive Officer.
To : Commanding Officer.

Subject: Second action off Guadalcanal, November 11, 1942; 1 01913
Report of.

Reference: (a) Article 948, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

1. In compliance with the requirements of reference (a) the following report is submitted.

(1) At 1020 anchored at short stay and commenced unloading Marine equipment, two miles to the eastward of Lunga Point, Guadalcanal. At 1100 received warning of unidentified planes in the area. All ships received signal to get underway, hove up the anchor and headed for open water, taking station astern of the ATLANTA, later on dropping aft to permit the EXETER to take station between the ATLANTA and BETELGEUSE, submarines (enemy) reported as being sighted in this area. At 1103 a destroyer let go a string of depth charges approximately one mile to the eastward of our position.

(2) At 1107 sounded General quarters. Steaming on various diversion courses. At 1125 enemy bombers sighted overhead, I counted twenty nine Mitsui Bishi's 97 (heavy bombers). At 1126 commenced firing, ceased firing at 1130 as the bombers were too high for our twenty millimeter guns to inflict any damage, observed heavy bomb bursts in unloading area. At 1131 enemy planes being engaged by our planes. Observed several enemy bombers falling, burning fiercely, two of which appeared to getting away when suddenly both planes burst into flames and crashed into the sea. At 1140 returned to unloading zone and anchored at short stay. At 1147 set unloading plan and commenced unloading. No damage or personnel casualties were received on this run.

(3) The officer personnel on the Flying Bridge consisted of the Captain (conning), the Executive Officer (asst. conn.), the Gunnery Officer (fire-control), the Navigator (asst. ship control), the Communication Officer (communications), and Boatswain SHEFFY (signal officer)

The Captain had complete control of all activities on the Flying Bridge during the action, constantly and carefully checking turn and speed signals, orders and fire-control, and was cognizant at all times of every move that was made.

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The Gunnery Officer Lieut. Comdr. E. J. YOUNGJOHNS controlled the fire of the battery, issuing his orders in a clear, understandable and decisive manner.

The Navigator, Lieut. E. A. RATTRAY, constantly on the alert, checking the various ship control orders as they were received.

The Communication Officer relayed all communications as soon as received.

The Signal Officer, Boatswain L. SMUTNY was as usual a very valuable aid in relaying all visual signals, clear and promptly.

The entire signal force functioned at all times, speedily and smoothly and are deserving of great deal of credit.

On the lower bridge, BARRON, G.R., CQM(PA), O-1 USNR and MARCOUX, J.N.P. QMLc, USN worked reliefs on wheel and executed all orders promptly as did all the ship control personnel.

The ship's company has now been under close fire on several occasions and not one of them show the slightest indication of panic or fear, their one ambition is to pour the fire into the enemy.

HAROLD BYE,
Commander, USN.

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Reference: (a) Article 948, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

1. In compliance with the requirements of reference (a) the following report is submitted.

(1) at 1327 while anchored two miles to the eastward of Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, unloading Marine equipment, a general signal went up ordering all ships present to get underway. At 1328 underway, sounded General Quarters, all ship's forming columns and heading for open water. Disposition of ships as follows: First Column; BUCHANAN, SHAW, ATLANTA, O'BANION, CUSHING, BARTON and HELENA. Second Column; SAN FRANCISCO, MC CAWLEY (SOPA), CRESCENT CITY and BETELGEUSE. Third Column; JUNEAU, JACKSON, ADAMS and LIBRA. Fourth Column; AARON WARD, PORTLAND, MC CALLA, STERRITT, HOVEY, FLETCHER, SOUTHWARD and BRONSHEN.

(2) Steaming on various diversion courses (30° - 45° - 60° - 90°) left and right. At 1335 signals commenced coming through reporting that eight enemy fighters and 23 enemy torpedo bombers were approaching. At 1408 sighted the torpedo bombers coming in from the north eastward, they were flying very low, approximately sixty feet above the surface of the water. They appeared to be loafing along and making their approach very deliberately. At 1412 our force opened fire, from this time on the bombers commenced closing more rapidly, the bombers were the Mitsu Bishi 97 heavy twin engine type. By this time the air appeared to be full of bombers which were traveling up and down the columns some of them hedge-hopping over the ships, flying about fifty feet above the water. As we soon discovered the air was also full of missiles, first FERNAS, SM. B., SM2c O-1 USNR, in the starboard wing of the bridge tipped over with gun shot wounds in the chest and shoulder, next I saw LUSA, P.J., GM1c, USN on the other side of me crumple and fall with a deep wound in the left shoulder, shortly after this DOMBROS, R.P., A.S. V-6 USNR (who was servicing a gun near LUSA) was wounded in the side and although bleeding profusely he continued on his battle station until cease firing sounded. At the time LUSA was wounded there were two bombers coming up from dead astern, we could see them release their torpedoes then they continued

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coming toward us, when very near the stern they separated slightly and one plane came up each side flying a little below the level of the flying bridge, our twenty millimeter gunners were pouring solid streams of gun fire into these bombers, as the bomber on the starboard side passed the bridge it was seen that a fire was starting, when he came abreast of Number 1 hold, he dove into the water bursting into flames at the same time, the flames shot up into the air considerably higher than the bridge, which is sixty feet high. In order to keep the ship from running into the burning plane, the rudder was put over hard left, then as soon as the ships pivot point was abreast the flaming plane the rudder was shifted to hard right. In the meantime the bomber coming up on the port side was receiving heavy fire from several of our twenty millimeters (this fire, he was returning with everything he had) he was seen to catch on fire when he was near Number 1 hold, this fire was on his right wing close to the fuselage, the fire spread rapidly he sheered slightly to port and crashed in a mass of flames. During this period we shot down a third bomber, this one being on the port side. It was gratifying to note that since our twenty millimeter guns were moved outboard and the splinter shield partially cut down permitting a lower depressing of the guns than previously, there was no difficulty in getting on the low flying planes and pouring the fire into them. At 1417 ceased firing.

(3) At one time I counted ten burning planes in various parts of the operating area. It is understood that only one plane out of 31 escaped.

(4) Considerable damage to material and personnel was sustained as listed below:

Franklin Life Buoy on port side of bridge wrecked with an explosive bullet.

Bullet holes and dents in innumerable places on the ship, one small projectile passing through the hull of the ship and into the paint locker aft.

Topmast stay leading to the port king post head hit and wire stranded.

Topping lift, after starboard boom on Number 2 hold stranded.

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Topping lift on the forward port boom Number 3 hold
nicked and the port guy pendant shot through.

The double luff purchase on the port boom Number 5
hold was shot away.

The topping lift and both wire guy pendants on the
starboard boom number 5 hold badly stranded.

All damaged rigging was immediately repaired.

LUSA, Peter J., 207 23 90, GM1c USN gunshot wound,
left shoulder. Serious.

FERNAS, William M., 404 92 43, SM2c O-1 USNR gunshot
wound, chest and left shoulder. Not serious.

FRANK, Herbert A., 404 92 99, Cox. O-1 USNR gunshot
wound in the back. Not serious.

ROGOWSKI, Leon (n), 405 04 73, Bkr.3c O-1 USNR gunshot
wound in left arm. Not serious.

DOMAROW, Robert P., 300 64 06, A.S. USN gunshot wound
in back and side. Not serious.

BOSS, Walter O., 296 11 68, Sea.2c USN bruise, left arm
caused by recoil of 3"/23 gun. Not serious.

MERLO, Vito T., 399371, Pfc. USMCR gunshot wound in
right leg. Not serious.

WHARTON, John J., 386167, Pvt. USMCR gunshot wound in
left arm. Not serious.

BROWN, Victor R. Jr., 377481, Pvt. USMCR gunshot wound
in left leg. Not serious.

HICK, George A., 382220, Pvt. USMCR gunshot wounds in
neck and back. Not serious.

SHELAROV, Robert E., 348837, Pfc. USMCR gunshot wound
in right chest. Not serious.

ANDERSON, Constant R., 351462, Pvt. USMC gunshot wounds
in neck and chest. Not serious.

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CASE, Charles R., 394110, Pvt. USMGR gunshot wound in jaw. Not serious.

(5) During the engagement ship control including steering was handled from the Flying Bridge.

The officer personnel on the Flying Bridge consisted of the Captain (conning), the Executive Officer (asst com.), the Gunnery Officer (fire control), the Navigator (asst ship control), the Communication Officer (communications) and Boatswain SMITHY as (signal officer).

The Captain as usual seemed to have the uncanny faculty of seeing everything and rendering a quick and correct decision in all instances where immediate action was necessary. His cool, calm and confident manner during the entire engagement contributed no end to steadying influence on all hands. His station was on the Flying Bridge in an exposed position with men falling on both sides of him, he personally directed the proper care to be taken of LUSA, Peter J., Gile who was bleeding excessively.

The Gunnery Officer, Lieut. Coadr. E. J. YOUNGJONES had complete fire control at all times, with a minimum amount of confusion, the Gunnery Department functioned efficiently and smoothly during the entire engagement. When casualties occurred to the personnel the next man moved up. Great credit is due the Gunnery Officer.

The Navigator, E. A. RATTRAY's pleasing personality and accurate estimate of the ship control situation at all times proved invaluable during the emergency.

The Communication Officer G. J. HARDING relayed all messages promptly and clearly.

The Signal Officer Boatswain L. SMITHY, was continuously on the alert, reading and interpreting the flag hoists as soon as run up by the Flag ship, coaching the signal force, thereby speeding up the execution of all signal hoists. The leadership displayed by the Signal Officer was a great influence on the performance of the entire signal force.

The Cox G. R. BARRON, and J.N.P. MARCOUX, Gile were used on the wheel, they never failed to carry out their instructions speedily and accurately.

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The ship's company have now participated in several major engagements against the best the enemy can produce, their morale is of the very highest order and their ambition is to wipe out the enemy completely as quickly as possible.

HAROLD BYE,
Commander, USN.

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To : The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: Report of action of Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands
on 7, 8 and 9 August 1942; forwarding of.

Reference: (a) Article 712 (1), Navy Regulations.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of C.O. BETELGEUSE Confidential letter
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1. In accordance with reference (a), Enclosure (A) is
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Via : Commander Task Group SIXTY-TWO POINT ONE.
Commander Task Force SIXTY-TWO.
Subject: Report of Action of Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands on
7, 8 and 9 August 1942.
Reference: (a) Articles 712 and 874, Navy Regulations 1920.
Enclosure: (A) Statement of Executive Officer, Lieut-Comdr. H. Bye, USN.

1. There follows a narrative report on the subject action of the U.S.S. BETELGEUSE. All times are - 11 Z.T. The action took place in the waters lying between Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, on the South and Florida, Tulagi and Gavutu Islands on the North. Ships present:- Various Units of Transgroup "X" of Taskfor 62.

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD

- Friday, 7 August 1942 -

- 0600: In approach disposition, approaching the transport area under cover of darkness.
- 0615: Our Fire Support Sections started shelling the shore line and our cruiser planes strafed anchored enemy sea planes.
- 0650: Started lowering landing boats to await definite orders to land our section of the Third Defense Battalion of Marines.
- 0900: First wave of landing force approaching Red Beach, Guadalcanal Island under cover of Support Sections gun fire.
- 0925: First wave landed on beach.
- 1108: Anchored in 27 fathoms of water about one mile off "Red Beach" and continued unloading preparatory to orders to land our Marines.
- 1300: Received orders to land our Marines and equipment.
- 1322: Enemy aircraft warning. Went to General Quarters. Note during the entire operation the ship was in condition 2 and the engines were ready on no notice.

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- 1323: A flight of about 18 - two engined Enemy bombers passed overhead at a height of not less than 12,000 feet on a generally Southeast course and were obscured at times by thin cirrus clouds. Fire was opened by all vessels of the transport group. It is believed that our fire though probably not effective, served to keep the bombers at a high level and made their bombing inaccurate.
- 1326: One bomb fell about 150-200 yards off our Port bow. There was quite a splash of water and the area remained discolored and oily for some time. There is no information as to the size of the bomb but it is not believed to be over 200 lbs. There was no detonation upon impact but the engine room crew reported they felt an underwater detonation.
The most remarkable thing is that at about the time the bomb struck, we had remarked that we were out of the bombing line (the planes appearing to the Northward of us and more over the rest of the transport group) and were in no danger. When and where the bomb was released, we have no idea. It is possible that they were released before we actually sighted the planes and that when the planes were nearly overhead they had already changed course to the Eastward.
- 1328: Two bombs were observed to fall about 1,000 yards on the port quarter. The same remarks as above apply.
Two enemy planes were observed to fall into the sea.
- 1410: Secured from General Quarters and continued unloading. The ship did not get underway.
- 1455: Air attack. General Quarters. A flight of Japanese dive bombers attacked our screening force which was around the Northward semi-circle covering the transport unloading area. Two enemy planes were observed destroyed. A direct hit was observed on the stern of the U.S.S. MUGFORD.
- 1500: Resumed unloading operations.
- 2100: Received orders from the beach to cease unloading operations until dawn as there was more boats and material on the beach than could be handled.

It was observed that the shelling of Tulagi continued all day and far into the night. Many large bright fires were observed.

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- Saturday, 8 August 1942 -

- 0630: Resumed unloading operations.
- 1046: Received orders to make preparations to get underway because of expected enemy aircraft attack.
- 1052: Underway. Sounded General Quarters.
- 1052: Maneuvering on various courses and speeds, executing to simultaneous turns. The BETELGEUSE was the fourth ship in the third column (LIGGETT was column leader and guide of formation). Area of operations was in the stretch of open water lying between Guadalcanal on the South, Florida on the North and Savo to the West.
- 1200: Formation was attacked by a flight of enemy twin-engined torpedo planes, several of which were seen to fall into the sea some burning. Some enemy survivors were observed on floating objects.
- 1204: Plane No. 1 approached the ship at a height of 15 feet above the water, from the starboard quarter across to port and then along the port side of the ship. As the plane came abreast the bridge, the Executive Officer and the Gunnery Officer observed a ragged hole in the after part of the fuselage. This has been verified as a direct hit by gun No. 4, the shell passing through the plane but not exploding. The plane was hit several times by 20mm projectiles from machine guns 2 and 4 and 6. The plane turned to the left, away from the ship and crashed in flames about 3,000 yards from the ship, near a destroyer.
- 1205: (about). A flaming enemy plane was observed to fly into the boat deck of the GEORGE F. ELLIOTT and strike her just just abaft the stack. There was a large fire started immediately.
- 1207: Plane No. 2 approached the ship from the starboard bow crossing to port. Fire was opened on this plane by gun No. 2 at an estimated range of 500 yards. The 3rd or 4th salvo exploded either directly over the plane or in front of it at a range of about 2,500 yards. The plane burst into flame and crashed.

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1210: The attacking planes withdrew and the observers on the bridge estimated that at least 12 enemy planes were destroyed. The entire action had lasted less than ten minutes but seemed much longer as so many things were happening so fast.

1218: The ELLIOTT appeared to be burning fiercely and preparations were being made to abandon ship. Destroyers were standing by.

It is interesting to note at this point that during the Sortie from the anchorage a TR type boat was observed in the formation maneuvering with it and attempting to keep up.

It later developed that this was the BETELGEUSE TR #9, manned by Sam Willard MC COY, 360-58-68, Sea.2c, USN and Edward George CANHAM, 662-50-16, F.3c V-6, USNR.

They had been asked by some Marine Major on Red Beach to put him on some ship before it got underway. McCoy volunteered and was attempting to catch that ship when the ELLIOTT was hit. McCoy then went to the ELLIOTT and stood by to help. He helped take off the Executive Officer and many others, helped transfer the wounded, pick up survivors, transfer records, valuables etc. A written statement was not obtained from McCoy as he volunteered to stay behind on Guadalcanal with this ship's tank lighters. The Captain of the ELLIOTT thanked him profusely, took his name, his ship's name and the boat number. McCoy and Canham have been commended at Meritorious Mast for their services. Incidentally McCoy has only been in the service since 28 April 1942 and Canham since 3 February 1942.

1325: Secured from General Quarters, anchored and resumed unloading.

1400: General Quarters and underway proceeding in formation to open water to repel reported air attack.

1640: Returned to anchorage and resumed unloading. No enemy air attack developed.

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- Sunday, 9 August 1942 -

0150: Observed several bright flares drop from the overcast clouds to our Southeastward and over the North Coast of Guadalcanal. They appeared to be between us and the shore line to our Southeast and silhouetted all the ships in the Transport unloading area. There was no sound of explosions and apparently the flares were accurately dropped from an enemy plane as they were in a line and at regular intervals. They were so spaced and timed that the illumination was continuous and excellent from the point of view of the enemy. Evidently his tactics were to silhouette the APs and AKs while unloading so as to provide a perfect target for the enemy surface craft coming in from the Northwest.

Fortunately for us his time schedule was upset as heavy firing from surface craft was heard to the Northwest toward SAVO ISLAND and we were able to get underway immediately without orders and with ship darkened.

Immediately upon sighting the flares, the ship was totally darkened, unloading ceased, all boats cast off and headed for the beach and steps taken to get the ship underway.

0155: Sounded General Quarters for remainder of ship.

0158: Anchor aweigh. Steered various courses and speeds heading in a general Northeasterly direction to the open water between Guadalcanal and Florida Islands, seeking cover of clouds and rain squalls and keeping other ships of our force in sight.

0215: Stopped engines and drifted in vicinity of other ships which could be made out from time to time in the heavy rain fall. All ships were covered at all times with our guns in case they turned out to be enemy.

Whenever a small ship that appeared to be a torpedo craft was made out, an attempt was made to keep our bow toward him to present the least torpedo target.

It is most remarkable that none of our ships of the transport group fired on any other ship during the entire period altho all ships must have had each other covered and the slightest mismove on any ones part would have caused much indiscriminate firing.

It is odd that all ships without any orders (none were received on this ship) got underway and proceeded to the same general rendezvous and laid to under cover of darkness, protecting clouds and rain and awaited dawn.

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- 0625: Steering various courses and speeds heading back toward anchorage at dawn. More of own forces in sight in approaching daylight. Heavy gunfire heard during early morning.
- 0700: Anchored in previous berth, recalled all boats and resumed discharging cargo.
- 0900: Received orders to get underway due to impending enemy air attack.
- 0902: Underway, various courses and speeds maneuvering in formation between Guadalcanal and Florida Islands.
- 0904: Sounded General Quarters. During forenoon maneuvers sighted bodies of several Jap Aviators in flying togs. Some had bucket seats still strapped to them. Much debris seen. Several landing wheels and one rubber life boat seen.
- 1120: Returned to anchorage. There was no enemy air attack. Received orders to hoist all boats as quickly as possible and make preparations for leaving Guadalcanal area.
- 1440: All boats hoisted on board except one ramp lighter and four tank lighters left at Guadalcanal with crews. Maneuvering awaiting departure orders.
- 1520: Took proper station in formation and headed for open sea via LENGO CHANNEL.

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UNLOADING TIME

Although the BETELGEUSE was in the unloading area from 0650, August 7th until 1440, August 9th (a period of 55 hours and 50 minutes), the major part of this time was used up in awaiting orders to land after a beach head had been secured, ceasing unloading due to orders from the beach, getting underway and coming to anchor, underway at sea to avoid the enemy, manning general quarters stations, scattering and recalling boats during air alarm, hoisting boats out and in, boats broken down and diversion of ship's boats to assist in unloading other ships.

The actual unloading time was 26 hours and 20 minutes divided as follows:

August 7th	3 hrs - 50 min
	6 hrs - 40 min
August 8th	4 hrs - 00 min
	0 hrs - 35 min
	7 hrs - 20 min
August 9th	1 hr - 55 min
	2 hrs - 00 min
	<u>26 hrs - 20 min</u>

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BOATS USED IN UNLOADING

The total boats available when the operation started were -

15	TR (Ramp lighters) stowed on deck.
4	WL (Tank lighters) stowed on deck.
1	WL (Tank lighters) stowed below decks
<u>3</u>	V (non-Powered Artillery Lighters) stowed below decks.
23	Available at start.
less <u>3</u>	TR sent to HEYWOOD to assist.
20	
less 1	WL Capsized on first trip but recovered altho engine still out of commission.
<u>19</u>	
less <u>1</u>	TR stranded on beach and left there with crew to salvage.
18	
less 3	V these artillery lighters were loaded with 90 MM guns and were still to be unloaded upon departure.
<u>15</u>	useful boats in unloading.

BOATS RELOADED

14	TR
<u>1</u>	WL (out of commission)
15	

BOATS LEFT AT GUADALCANAL

4	WL in commission
3	V in commission
1	TR stranded but good prospects of it being put in commission.
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TONNAGE UNLOADED

There is no knowledge of the tonnage unloaded as the Marine Quartermaster Cargo Officer took all papers, plans and check sheets with him and there are no records on the ship of the exact amount loaded, unloaded or remaining.

However it is estimated that about 50% of the gear was unloaded in the 26 hours and 20 minutes.

This is considered very good when obstacles enumerated above in "Unloading Time" are considered together with the fact that the boats were loaded very lightly (in the opinion of the Commanding Officer), each boat load was "hand picked" according to plan, and the waiting time for unloading at the beach due to lack of handlers.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARGO HANDLING

It is strongly recommended that some means of mechanical handling on the beach head be devised to expedite the unloading of landing boats as from experiences for more that a year indicate that the bottle neck is always at the beach head.

The following suggestions might be developed to facilitate unloading at beach head:

(a) The Cargo to be lifted out of the ship in box bodies and set on low slung chassis in the ramp lighters so that the entire train of cargo can be pulled ashore by a tractor or jeep. The chassis could be equipped with a simple caterpillar metal tread to prevent miring.

(b) In lieu of the chassis referred to in (a) above, a "stone sled" with towing bridle could be constructed and the net loads or salmon board loads could be hauled out of the boat on greased planks. The advantage of (a) over (b) is that the cargo could be kept moving out of the boat, onto the beach and to a nearby dump in one movement without the necessity of re-handling or allowing the beach to become cluttered up. Empty chassis could be returned to the ship by next boat as soon as it is unloaded.

(c) If the "packaged" method recommended in (a) is used, the cargo (rations, ammunition, QM Stores etc.) could be previously segregated at the loading terminal and sent ashore by predetermined units. Thus, in the case of rations, there would be no chance that all the same type of food would be lost in a single boat load but each package would contain a certain number (100 or 500) of rations complete for the day and if one boat is lost all the coffee for instance is not lost but only a part of it and there will be a large portion of complete rations get thru.

(d) Another suggestion is for bull dozers to make slips into the beach so that boats can run into the beach. The advantage of this is that the boat can be unloaded from the bow and sides at the same time, there is a gentle shelving slip in which the bottom is some what protected from sharp rocks by the sand and dirt pushed out from the beach, and the boat is somewhat protected from cross tidal currents.

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(e) If slips are made as recommended in (d) above, a shear legs could be set up so the cargo nets in the boats could be lifted out bodily and hoisted into a waiting truck or landed on the beach instead of man-handling each piece. If there are trees back of the beach head, an overhead trolley could be rigged to the shear-legs so that the cargo could be run back well clear of the water by its own gravity.

(f) Another suggestion is to have a wooden float with a king post and boom stepped on it, moored at the beach water line so that net loads of cargo could be swung from the boat onto the beach. Small caterpillars, trucks, truck winches, or jeeps could be used for hoisting power on the beach.

(g) This ship is working on a pipe frame type of shear-legs to fit on the TR type of boat. The bottom of the legs will be hinged to the gunwale on each side so that it may be folded back on the side of the boat with its cross piece resting on the engine cover when not in use. The cross piece supports a block and is back-stayed to the stern of the boat. When the frame work is swung up and over and forward, the cross piece projects out over the bow of the boat and two "step ladder" legs with boots drop down on the beach to give additional support. The cargo nets are hoisted forward and up either by the boat winches or by a vehicle on the beach.

(h) It is believed that consideration should be given to floating gasoline drums in to the beach as they will float and if the tow is grafed there will be less drums punctured when strung out and the fire hazard will be less than having liquid gasoline in the compartment of the boat.

(i) Rough lumber (not finishing) could be built up into rafts alongside or between boats and towed ashore.

(j) It is believed that some consideration should be given to making containers and packaging for double purposes. For instance, wooden package containers referred to in (c) above could be used on shore for construction of sheds and dump covers, burlap bags could be re-used for sand bagging and camouflaging, and the containers to be re-used could be pre-camouflaged prior to loading.

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It can not be too strongly recommended that the unloading of boats at the beach must be speeded up as this ship can unload and send ashore in her 24 boats much more cargo than is being handled on the beach in any past unloading. There is too much waiting time on the ship once the initial wave of cargo has gone ashore and we on the ship can still step up our unloading rate and with average weather and water conditions can greatly increase the amount of cargo handled in any one trip.

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DISPERSAL OF BOATS DURING AIR RAID

The boats were secured alongside, while loading, to a guest line running from the bow aft on each side. This guest line was stopped up to the rail at several points. Each boat's bow and stern line was secured to the guest line.

All boats had previous instructions to cast off immediately upon orders when an Air Raid Warning was received, take all "out of commission" boats in tow, and proceed to an isolated or unoccupied portion of the beach and stand by for a recall from the ship.

The coxswains were instructed to "scatter" and not bunch up and make an easy target for strafing.

Unfortunately, the ship had no spare machine guns for use in boats after the Marine machine guns were sent ashore. Some ship's boats were so equipped and our boats crews reported one enemy dive bomber in a flight of three which was brought down when attempting to strafe some boats at the beach. The other two were driven away.

The tactics of dispersal of the boats seems a good one and it undoubtedly assists the ship in making a quick get away to open water for maneuvering.

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SHIP TACTICS DURING AIR RAID

The tactics of getting underway when an air raid warning is received appears to be very sound.

This ship kept her anchor under foot to prevent drifting. The anchor was always off the bottom by the time the boats were all clear.

When drifting, there is too much time lost in getting boats clear so the engines can be worked and getting way on and off the ship to maintain station.

The main engines were at the ready all the time and the ship control stations were manned.

An attempt was made during the raid at anchor to keep the cargo moving but there was very little moved and the distraction caused by gun fire made the men want to get into the fight.

The Coast Watcher reports were invaluable in giving timely warning and in order that the unloading could proceed up to the last moment.

It is recommended that the flagship use siren signals as an air raid warning so all ships, ship's boats and the beach could get it simultaneously.

The tactics of quickly getting away from the transport area and heading for sea room under low protective clouds appears to be excellent.

Except for the regrettable loss of the ELLIOTT, the APs and AKs appear to have given a very good account of themselves in avoiding enemy bombs, torpedoes and gun fire.

The more open formation (distance - 1,000 yards and interval - 1,500 yards) gave each individual ship more room to dodge planes which might attempt a "suicide" dive, gave more shooting room at low flying enemy planes between columns, gave more room to dodge "suspicious" wreckage which might contain explosives, did not present a compact target to the enemy and finally gave the Captain some opportunity to "fight" the ship rather than have to devote so much time to close up station keeping.

The station keeping and maneuvering of the formation appeared very good and undoubtedly contributed greatly to the success of our evasion of the enemy.

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It is strongly recommended that ships at anchor or lying to in the transport unloading area not be in an exact geometrical close up formation as this presents an excellent target to the enemy high level bombers, dive bombers and torpedo planes. There are some conditions of swinging in which it would be practically impossible for the enemy to miss as the next adjacent ship would catch the misses, both bombs and torpedoes.

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ENEMY PLANE TACTICS

The tactics of the enemy in flying low between our columns is not understood unless for the following reasons:

(a) When he dived down thru the clouds to the transport area where he believed us to be, we were out in open water maneuvering away and he continued on after us at low level. It is not known whether he dropped any bombs in the unloading area from above the cloud base. None were observed to drop near this ship out in the open water although three planes flew near the ship at low level.

(b) It has been suggested that after the enemy had dropped his bombs he flew low between our columns to attempt to draw our fire into our own opposite ships.

(c) It is also suggested that the enemy was flying low to attempt a "suicide" dive into our ships and set them on fire.

(d) It is possible that the enemy pilots wanted to die for their Emperor and Fatherland altho this is difficult for an occidental mind to understand when no more deliberate suicide dives were made on our ships. Probably they were surprised by the tremendous amount of fire power released by our APs and AKs.

(e) The three enemy pilots that flew close by this ship kept very low (not more than 30 feet off the water) and it was impossible for most of the guns to depress enough to fire at him when he presented the best target at the minimum range. Recommendations will be made elsewhere in this regard. It appeared that the enemy was aware of this inability to fire at low angles.

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INFLAMMABLES ON DECK DURING UNLOADING

The Commanding Officer is greatly concerned at the vulnerability of this ship (and all AKs) to destruction by burning and/or explosion when wide open during unloading operations.

Besides all holds being open and filled with inflammable general cargo, there is a large amount of gasoline and ammunition on deck and exposed in holds which could be set off with bombs or incendiary machine gun bullets. There is always a certain amount of gasoline which must be in all vehicles and boats in the transport area and these hazards must be accepted however dangerous and vulnerable to enemy machine gun fire.

The Commanding Officer realizes that there are certain risks which must be taken and he is willing to take them but we can ill afford to lose badly needed ships, men and cargo after hauling it thousands of miles to within one mile of its destination.

The Commanding Officer is taking all possible precautions with what means he has at hand but some study should be made of the whole fire hazard and remedial action taken.

The following steps were taken at every Air Alert:

(a) Fire main pressure was raised and all hoses with nozzles and fog nozzles were lead out and running over the side. (our fire mains are on the exposed weather deck and only run up the starboard side with no cut out valves or cross overs from a dual system which should be overhead in the shelter deck)

(b) We have fog spray and CO2 system in the No. 2 pair of deep tanks for handling drum gasoline. Men in the fire party were standing by to turn this system on but tank tops are sometimes caught open in an Alert and time does not permit to rig and lower the tank top.

(c) There are always some gasoline drums, both full and empty, in the process of being unloaded or used for filling ships boats. Running fire hose, sand and portable CO2 fire extinguishers were handy on the forward side (usually the higher side as we normally trim by the stern) The situation will

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be some what improved when the authorized gasoline stowage, both
bulk in tanks and packaged, is installed in No. 5 hold.

(d) This ship has a small troop magazine in which a very
small amount of ammunition can be carried with some protection
but on one trip 1100 tons of various explosives consisting of
one ton bombs, mines, war heads, detonators, tanked powder,
black powder, demolition charges etc. had to be carried as
general cargo in the holds and in wooden boxes about the decks.
All possible safety precautions were observed, within our ability,
commensurate with carrying out our mission.

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PERFORMANCE OF BATTERY, MATERIEL

Upon opening fire No. 1 - 3"/23 did not return to battery because of seizing of the recoil sleeve. This was corrected.

The 8 - 20mm guns performed excellently but due to their location in a splinter shield circle of eleven feet diameter by forty-eight inches high, the guns could not be depressed lower than level without firing into the splinter shield as the muzzle of the gun is inside the shield. To correct the inability of the gun to fire below level, the gun mounts will either have to be moved outboard until the muzzle is well beyond the top edge of the circular splinter shield or the splinter shield will have to be cut away enough to allow sufficient depression.

No. 5 - 20mm gun, which is located on the starboard side of the Navigating Bridge abaft the stack, fired into the top edge of the splinter circle at about relative bearing 80° while following and firing at an enemy plane flying below the level of the bridge and distant about 50 yards. The next round in the pan was a tracer which struck inside the splinter shield of the adjacent sky look-out tub just forward. This tracer looped around counter clockwise, shot out of the opening and struck the pedestal mount of the gun which fired it.

The projectile splattered the guns crew of three men and two ammunition handlers causing minor superficial injuries on face and legs.

It is recommended that a vertical T rib be welded on the inside of the circular shield at about 90° and 270° relative so that it will break up the spin of a stray bullet, either own or enemy. The T rib should have a large cross on it to catch the splinters on breaking up.

The guns crew carried on and as a matter of fact did not know that anything untoward had happened until the action was over and they noticed blood. These men are WRIGHT, John Curtis, 381 18 29, SK1c, USN; SMITH, Stephen Joseph, 243 64 83, SK2c, USN; KILLEEN, Jack, 405 04 82, CM3c O-1, USNR; FRIES, Adolph, 3rd., 300 64 07, Sea.2c, USN and HAYTH, Maurice Lee, 356 78 24, Sea.2c, USN, and have been commended at Meritorious Mast for coolness in action and continuing the fire.

It was found that the splinter plates on the 20mm gun mount were so close together, that the gunner could not see the target to get sufficient lead at high speed planes flying close aboard. The brackets

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supporting these splinter plates have been heated and bent in such a way
that the plates have been spread apart and brought in closer to the
mount and the face kept still normal to the axis of the gun.

The gun mount can not be raised to fire low as the gunner could
not properly sight and control the gun in this awkward position.

It is believed that the gun mount should best be moved outboard
as this would both increase the arc of fire and the angle of depression.
The outboard clearance between the circular shield and the gun mount is
not believed to be so essential in this type of ship as there is very
little unhampered firing space to the rear of the gun (that is back across
the ship) and in view of modern enemy air tactics we may expect the
enemy to attack from all sides practically simultaneously.

In any event, some mechanical stop will have to be installed to
prevent the busy gunner from firing into the splinter protection and
other ship's gear. It is practically impossible for the battery officer
to direct the gunner after fire has been opened other than by physical
control because of the loud noise of all the 20mm guns going off at
once, the rapidity of fire and the heat of the battle.

The present 3"/23 battery is mounted inside splinter shields for
3"/50 guns which the ship is scheduled to get. Even though the 3"/23
guns are blocked up from the deck, there is not sufficient room for de-
pression to fire at planes or craft close aboard.

It is difficult to describe ones futile and helpless feeling to
see a plane flying very low, close aboard, and presenting a perfect
target and yet not be able to get all guns to bear when nearest the ship
but have to wait until the target has moved away and presents a smaller
target and more acute target angle.

Our guns must be able to fire at planes, submarines or small
landing craft that are very close aboard.

Our guns had difficulty in keeping on in train on fast moving
planes close aboard and had to resort to jumping the gun ahead of the
target and spraying the bullets so the plane would fly into the spray.
This was hampered somewhat because the gunner lost sight of the target
temporarily, due to the splinter plates being mounted so close together.

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It is recommended that the ships be equipped with dual 20mm mounts within the present splinter protection and fitted with quick training and elevating gear similiar to the Marine mount which this ship had mounted temporarily at the beginning of the operation. The Marine gunners had no great difficulty in staying on the target.

Also, at the first opportunity, handle-bar controls will be installed on the 20mm guns as authorized as this will give the gunner a less awkward and more positive control of the gun in train and elevation.

The problem of unstrapping a wounded gunner from the present shoulder bars would present great difficulty if two men had to lift his body while a third unstrapped him. The gun would be thrown entirely out of use in the meantime and no stand-by gunner could take over in the short time the enemy plane is in range. With handle-bar controls, the standby gunner could quickly take over.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

The permanent installation of guns on this vessel are as follows:

- 1 - 5"/51 Mounted on stern.
- 4 - 3"/23 Mounted 2 on forward gun platform and 2 on after gun platform. (Note: These are scheduled to be replaced by 3"/50 guns)
- 8 - 20mm Mounted 4 on flying bridge (2 on each side), 2 on navigating bridge abaft stack (1 on each side) and 2 on after gun platform inboard and abaft the 3" guns.
- 2 - 50cal. (air cooled). 1 mounted on each bow on the forecastle deck forward and below the forward gun platform.
- 4 - 30cal. Lewis machine guns. 2 mounted in splinter tubs on the forward king post submarine lookout station and 2 similiarly mounted in the after submarine lookout station.

In addition to this, 6 Browning Automatic Rifles and 12 Springfields were in racks ready for use by Bridge personnel and the remaining 36 Springfields were issued and ready for use by the Damage Control party.

The following temporary additional weapons belonging to the embarked Marine Corps were mounted, manned and ready during the approach and unloading until need to be landed ashore:

- 3 - 20mm (dual) Mounted in landing boats and on available deck space.
- 7 - 20mm (single) Mounted about ship on available deck space.
- 6 - 50cal. machine guns mounted 6 on the Navigation bridge gallery, 3 to a side.
- 10 - 30cal. machine guns mounted about the decks in available space.
- 100 - Garand rifles in the hands of unassigned Marine Corps personnel about the decks.

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These Marine automatic weapons were connected by field telephones
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DEFENSIVE ARMOR AND PROTECTION

The splinter steel, 3/8" thick, was not struck by enemy bullets but was struck by one 20mm explosive projectile at point blank range and with -stood the impact with only dishing to a depth of 1/2".

A vertical section of the navigation bridge deck was struck just above the port motor whale boat and was dished to a depth of 1/2". This was mild steel originally in the ship. The projectile shattered and caused only superficial damage to the whale boat strongback which was lashed to the bulkhead immediately underneath the point of impact. It is not known where this projectile came from. It is possible that it was a stray 20mm from one of our own neighboring ships although the evidence of splattered metal was very small. It is more probable that it was fired from the enemy plane which ran up our port side close aboard. At any rate, it was ineffective.

On the exposed flying bridge where the primary ship, gun and signal control is located in addition to the 4 - 20mm guns, we have installed baffles of sand bags waist high to catch any stray bullets and break up any fragmentation of personnel bombs.

The personnel on deck armed with small arms were instructed to seek protection behind convenient bulwarks and boats.

With all the above fire power, we were able to throw up a considerable amount of steel which undoubtedly surprised the Japs when he sought to attack a defenseless looking AK.

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ENEMY ARMOR ON PLANE

In general, the enemy planes seemed to be quite flimsy in construction and disintegrated and burst into flames upon a direct hit from an exploding shrapnel but on the other hand 20mm were observed to go right through the fuselage and did no immediate apparent damage unless they struck some vital spot.

In this connection it is suggested that some incendiary bullets in the 20mm ammunition pan might be effective.

There is evidence that the Japanese planes carry some armor protection in the fuselage around the pilot as some tracers were observed to glance off while others went into the plane.

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ENEMY PLANE ARMAMENT

There is very little positive information on this subject but it appeared from the sound of the passing projectiles that the plane was armed with 25 or 30 calibre machine guns.

The only gun that seemed to be firing at us was from a turret mounted on the top of the fuselage and the gunner was firing high as there was some of the ships rigging hit but no hits discovered in the side of the ship except that one about 40 feet above the water line.

The level of the flying bridge deck (fire control) is about 60 feet above the water line.

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AMMUNITION EXPENDED

<u>CAL.</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>% EXPENDED</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>
5"/51	250	0	0	250
3"/23	800	75	9.3%	725
20mm	14000	960	7%	13040
50cal	23000	200	Less than 1%	22800
30cal	60000	200	Less than 1%	59800

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EFFECT OF OUR FIRE ON ENEMY

During our firing on the enemy high level bombing about 1320, Friday, 7 August 1942, the enemy was well out of range and the only possible effect was to keep him at a high level but this is doubted as at the time of sighting he appeared to be above 15,000 feet and was already committed to his run.

During the enemy torpedo plane attack about noon, 8 August 1942 the following information relative to the most probable destruction of two enemy planes is given and is substantiated by the sworn statements of several participants and unengaged observers:

Ship was underway in formation and maneuvering. First planes were sighted low down to starboard of formation. Almost immediately planes were observed (1) at an altitude of approximately 5000 feet overhead and (2) approaching from astern, fast and at an altitude of 20 feet, weaving between ships, (3) crossing ahead from port to starboard and reverse, range 3000 yards, altitude approximately 50 feet.

Ship opened fire on planes overhead. No hits observed. Two planes from astern separated and came up along both sides of ship at an altitude of 15 feet. All guns (20mm and 3") opened fire as bearings were favorable. Effective firing from 20mm Machine Guns was found to be very difficult due to the fact that guns are mounted too far inboard for low angle firing. Bridge machine guns obtained some hits. Rifle fire from bridge and from Marines on deck obtained numerous hits at a range of 50 yards. Gun No. 4 obtained a direct hit, the shell passing through the plane but not exploding. This plane was hit several times by 20mm projectiles from guns 2-4-6. The plane turned to the left away from the ship and crashed in flames about 3000 yards from the ship. A second plane approached the ship on the starboard bow crossing to port. Fire was opened on the plane by gun 2 at an estimated range of 500 yards. The 3rd or 4th salvo exploded either directly over the plane or in front of it at a range of 2500 yards. The plane burst into flames and crashed.

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2. The conduct of all officers and men was wonderful. All hands appeared very cool and collected during the entire operation and their will to do, their spirit of cooperation, their earnest desire to strike the enemy a telling blow and their hard and untiring work under the most trying circumstances calls for the highest praise.

It is difficult to single out any individual above another as all hands deserve a "well done" but the following came under my immediate notice:

(a) Lt. Comdr. Harold Bye, USN, Executive Officer and in direct ship control, was most calm and his steadying influence in an exposed position contributed no end to the "matter-of-factness" of the whole engagement. When conning orders, signals and directions were given to him he had them executed promptly and quietly with never a mistake in judgement or timing.

(b) Lieutenant E. J. Youngjohns, Jr., USNR, the Gunnery Officer was in complete control of his battery at all times, gave his orders coolly but firmly and withheld his fire until ordered to commence firing when the enemy was within range. His coolness under fire was a decided good influence on his battery officers and gun's crews.

(c) Lieutenant E. A. Rattray, USNR, the Navigator was on the flying bridge and carefully checked the ship's position at all times during the engagement, checked the meanings and resultant courses of all incoming signals. He was calm at all times and was not perturbed in the slightest.

(d) Boatswain L. Smutny, (T), USN, Signal Officer, performed excellently in spotting signals promptly, answering them, interpreting them clearly and giving the "execute" distinctly. He was calm during the entire engagement and acted as a steadying influence on the signal force.

(e) The entire crew of officers and men are deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which they performed their tasks in their initial action with the enemy. There was no apparent fear of being under enemy fire and no concern for ones own safety. Each man stood up at his station and gave the enemy all he had.

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(f) The Chief Engineer, Lt. Comdr. R. F. Pedersen, USNR and his engineer's force did everything that was desired without question.

(g) The Captain's work was already done before the engagement and there was nothing to do during the battle but witness the results of months and weeks of hard training on the part of the officers and men.

3. The statement of the Executive Officer required by Article 712 (1), Navy Regulations is enclosed as Enclosure (A).

4. A copy of this report to the Secretary of the Navy will be forwarded under separate cover as required by Article 712 (1), Navy Regulations.

5. As required by Article 874 (6), Navy Regulations, it is stated in amplification of the above detailed report that the main action took place in the open waters lying between Guadalcanal, Florida and Savo Islands in the Solomon Group on Saturday, 8 August, 1942 between 1200 and 1210 local time and date (Z.T. -11).

The ship was being maneuvered in formation in compliance to signals received from Commander Task Force SIXTY-TWO in U.S.S. McCAWLEY and was executing various simultaneous turns to right and left of base course 340° at an average speed of about 13 knots.

The wind was from S.E. about force 2 and the sea was calm.

No sketch is included of the maneuvers, land etc.

6. As required by Article 874 (6), Navy Regulations, it is stated that the ship, her armament, munitions, officers and men performed efficiently.

7. In conclusion, the Commanding Officer desires to state that it was a pleasure to go into battle and fight with this ship, officers and men. They acquitted themselves with honor and distinction.

HARRY D. POWER.

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From: The Executive Officer.
To : The Commanding Officer.

Subject: Action off Guadalcanal August 8, 1942; Report of.

Reference: (a) Article 948 U.S. Navy Regulations 1920.

1. In compliance with the requirements of reference (a) the following report is submitted:

(1) At approximately 1040 August 8, 1942, while at anchor off Guadalcanal, unloading various types of marine equipment and landing force material, a fleet signal was made directing all vessels to get underway immediately. The ship's side was cleared of all boats, anchor was hove in, annunciators tested, main engine turned over, steering engine tested and all boats directed to proceed in to the beach. At 1051 the ship was underway, Captain conning.

(2) This vessel immediately took station, fourth ship in the third column, U.S.S. HUNTER-LIGGET column leader. At 1052 sounded General Quarters. Our Fleet formed very rapidly in columns of three vessels each except our column which contained four vessels. The formation headed for open water, steering evasive courses (30° - 60° - 90° and 120°) left and rights, using gensigs. Speeds were various.

(3) At 1200 I observed several bursts of shrapnel (altitude approximately 3,000 feet high) well over on the North side of the formation, in the vicinity of two Destroyers, almost immediately a plane was seen to catch fire and fall into the water, falling approximately 2,000 feet. Shortly thereafter the air seemed full of planes high and low flying at high speeds, weaving in and out among the AP's and the AK's, it seemed only approximately three minutes after the action started when looking toward the U.S.S. GEORGE F. ELLIOTT I saw an object (it was traveling so fast I could not distinguish what it was) strike her abaft the stack, immediately a huge burst of flame shot into the air, I later learned that a Mikado 98 heavy bomber had dived into the U.S.S. GEORGE F. ELLIOTT. By this time the Battle was getting extremely hot, these heavy twin engined bombers were flying up and down the columns of ship's, zooming and diving and firing machine guns.

(4) One plane came across our stern and up along our port side just about level with our Navigation Bridge. This plane had a large rectangular hole in the center of the body, where he had been hit; as he passed the Bridge he sheered out to port slightly and shortly thereafter he burst into flames and dove into the water. In connection with this plane I noted that our flying

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bridge gunners apparently did not see this plane until he was abeam and then they poured a solid stream of 20 MM shells into him. The reason these machine gunners were slow in getting on the plane was due to their view being obscured by the gun shields (this has since been modified by the ship's force to a small extent by offsetting the bracket which forced the shields farther apart). Considerable difficulty was experienced in depressing the guns low enough to get on some of the low flying planes. This can be remedied by moving the guns further outboard.

(5) At one time I counted seven(7) planes in the water on fire within an arc of approximately one-hundred twenty degrees.

(6) Ship control was handled from the Flying Bridge by relaying steering and engineroom orders through a voice tube to the Navigating Bridge, where the helmsman and the annunciator operator were stationed. The officer personnel on the Flying Bridge consisted of the Captain (conning), the Executive (asst. conn), the Gunnery (fire-control), the Navigator (asst. ship control), and Boatswain Smutny (signal officer). Boatswain Smutny was extremely valuable in that, he was constantly on the alert for signals and instantly interpreting and relaying their meaning in a clear and understandable manner. Navigator Rattray was constantly on the alert, checking the various ship control orders as they were received. The Gunnery Officer Youngjohns controlled the fire of the battery, all his orders were clear cut and decisive at all times. The Captain had complete control of all the activities on the Flying Bridge during the entire action, carefully checking various turn and speed signals, orders, and fire-control, fully cognizant of every move that was made. At no time did he show the slightest indication of nervousness, this had the effect of keeping up the morale of everyone on the Bridge. On the lower bridge BARRON, CQM, USNR, and MARCOUX, QM1c, USN were at the wheel and all orders given to them were immediately executed as were all the orders that were issued. The action of the officers and men enumerated above who came under my observation during the action was of the very highest order. At one time while underway at full speed I telephoned the Chief Engineer, Lieut-Comdr Pedersen, USNR, and asked how long he could run at full speed, his immediate reply was, "as long as we wanted to." It is responses of this kind that creates and radiates a feeling

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of confidence to all hands within hearing. The morale of the entire crew was of the very highest order, not one single case of panic was noted. There were five minor casualties from metal splinters, in each of these cases the men carried on at their respective stations until the action ended.

HAROLD BYE,
Lieut-Comdr., USN.