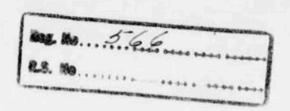
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(b)	The iden	tifying d	designation of th	AMPHFORPAC.	an or order of the ISIC:
	Brief of	Mission	or Task:-		
(c)	Changes	in the ta	sks of the unit	since 1 (b) wa	s issued -
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --NONE.

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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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	CRIFTION	PLUS 7		DATE _F	EBRUARY 16, 1943.			
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. (a)	Composit	ion of uni	t:-					
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121	m		-4	AMPHFORP				
(b)	The iden	tliying de	signation of	the operation	plan or order of the ISIC:			
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(c)	Changes	in the task	ks of the uni	t since 1 (b)	was issued -			
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DATE	FEBRUARY 16, 1943.
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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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SOME DESCRIPTION CHANGED TO S.T		PLUS 7		DATE FEBRU	MARY 17, 1943.			
		MOORED PIER 92 SAN FEDRO, TO CALIF.						
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1. (a)	Composit	ion of u	nit:-					
		NONE.						
			ne unit:-NONE ext higher echelon	- NOME				
			Fleet or Sea From		attached:-			
				AMPHFORPAC				
(6)	The iden	tifying o	designation of the	NONE	n or order of the ISIC:			
	Brief of	Mission	or Task:-PROCEED		CALIF.			
(c)	Changes	in the te	sks of the unit s	ince 1 (b) was	issued - NONE			
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DATE FEBRUARY 17. 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
 - 1240 UNDERWAY. PROCEED FROM CRAIG'S SHIPYARD TO PIER 92 SAN FEDRO 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 2200 SPEED 112.
 - 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.

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(b)	The iden	tifying desig	gnation of the	operation NONE	plan or order of the IS	IC:
	Brief of	Mission or	Task: - PROCEED T		GO.	
(c)	Changes	in the tasks	of the unit si	nce 1 (b)	was issued - NONE.	
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(d)	Position	s At:- 1047	- DOCKED SAN DI	EGO.		ř.
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DATE FEBRUARY 18, 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
 - 0300 INCREASED SPEED TO 13.0 KNOTS.
 - 0445 CHANGED SPEED TO 72 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 SWEPT CHANNEL.
 - 0805 HEAVED TO OFF IMPERIAL BEACH CALIBRATION RANGE AWAITING ORDERS. CALIBRATION NOT NEEDED.
 - 0915 PROCEEDING INTO SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
 - 0945 FILOT 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 --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	TO E.T.	AT	DATE FEBRUA	ARY 19, 1943.
		PIER #1 SAN DIEG	O. XXX CALIF.	
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(a)	Composition of u	nit:- SHIP'S P	RESENT:	
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	ALCYONE	MC KENZIE		
	BELLATRIX BETELGEUSE	MC LANAHAN	CHOOT I CDARW	
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	Major Task Force	, Fleet or Sea F	rontier to which	attached:-
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(c)	Changes in the ta	sks of the unit	since 1 (b) was	issued - NONE.
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(g)	Positions At:- 19	15 - DEPARTURE	AT BUOY "A".	
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	OTHER CONDITIONS			

DATE FEBRUARY 19. 1943.

- (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --
 - 1732 LEFT DOCK. PILOT JOHNSON. NAVY TUG ASSISTING.
 - 1812 PASSED THROUGH NETS.
 - 1823 PILOT LEFT SHIP. PROCEEDING TO SEA THROUGH SWEPT 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 --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION TO E.T.	PLUS 7	AT	DAT	E FEBRUARY	20, 1943.	
	FROM	SAN DIEG	O, CALIF.	TO	BALBOA,	PANAMA C.Z.	
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1. (a)	Composit	ion of u	nit.		•		
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(b)	The iden	tifying	designation of		ion plan or	order of the	ISIC:
	Brief of	Mission	or Task :- PROCI	EED TO BALL	BOA, C.Z.		
(c)	Changes	in the to	asks of the uni	+ mines 1	(h)	ued - NONE.	
(6)	Changes	in the te	asks of the uni	t since i	(b) was 155	ued - NONE.	
(d)	Position	s At:-					
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	PHASE OF						
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DATE FEBRUARY 20, 1943.

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

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0815 C/C to 142 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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	CRIFTION PLUS 7 DATE FEBRUARY 21, 1943.
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1. (a)	Composition of units-
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	SAME A S FOR THE 20th.
	Designation of the unit: - TASK GROUP 3.10
	Designation of next higher echelon:-
	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sen Frontier to which attached:-
(b)	AMPHFORPAC 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.
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(d)	Positions At:-
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	(Dong - 113-27 W. (Dong - 114-45 W.
	Course VAR. and distance 325 miles made good from noon
	to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
	operations between ands-
	WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
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	BAROMETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
	CEILUNG VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER
	MOTION OF VASSEL DEFTH OF WATER
	LICON RISE MOCN SET SUNRISE SUNSET LICON 5RG MOON GLARE SUN BRG SUNGLARE
	PHASE OF LOON
	OTHER CONDITIONS:

DATE FEBRUARY 21 (1)

(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 --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(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 --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION PLUS 62 DATE FEBRUARY 23, 1943.
HANGED	ROM BAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, PANAMA C.Z.
CUAUA N	MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	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 ISIO 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:-
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	Course 128 and distance 321 miles made good from noon to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
	operations between and
	WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
	PRECIPIPATION ALT AIR TEMP.
	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
	CEILING VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER DEFTH OF WATER
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	PHASE OF LOON
	OTHER CONDITIONS.

DATE	FEBRUARY	23,	1943.	
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(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.

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(b)	The iden	tifying desig	nation of t	he operation	n plan o	r order of the ISIC:
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	Brief of	Mission or T	ask:- PROCE	ED TO BALBO	A, C.Z.	
(c)	Changes	in the tasks	of the unit	since 1 ()	1	aned - NONE
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(d)	Position	s At:-				
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DATE	FEBRUARY	24,	1943.	
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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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	CRIFTION PLU TO B.T.	s 6	AT	DATE FEBR	UARY 25, 1943.
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(a)	Composition	of unit:-			
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		of next hig Force. Fleet		on:- rontier to whic	h attached:-
				AMPHFORPAC	
(b)	The identif	ying designa	tion of the	ne operation pl BARNETT	an or order of the ISIC
	Brief of Mi	ssion or Tas	k :- PROCE	ED TO BALBOK, O	.Z.
(c)	Changes in	the tasks of	the unit	since 1 (b) wa	s issued - NONE.
(d)	Fositions A	t:-			
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DATE FEBRUARY 25. 1943.

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STEAMING AS BEFORE ON HARKE COURSE 116° T. S/S 142 KNOTS.

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

0850 REDUCED SPEED TO 14.0.

1440 SIGHTED LIBERATOR BOMBER.

1537 ALCYONE STOPPEN 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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	TO 7 TO PLUS 6
ENROUTE	TO E.T. PLUS 56 AT 0130 FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF. TO BALBOA, C.Z.
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och i	MOVEMENT CODE NAME OF NUMBER
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	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)	BARNETI
	Brief of Mission or Task: - PROCEED TO BALBOE, C.Z.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
(d)	Positions At:-
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	Course 114 and distance 311 miles made good from noon to noon.
	to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between and
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	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
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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 STOPFED 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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	CRIFTION TO B.T.		AT	DATE 0100	FEBRUARY	27. 1943.	
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	Brief of	Mission	or Tasks- PR		BOA, C.Z.		
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(c)	Changes	in the ta	asks of the un	it since I (b) was issu	ued - NONE	•
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(d)	Position	s At:-					111
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DATE FEBRUARY 27, 1943.

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

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	esignation of next higher echelon:- ajor Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
1.1	AMPHFORPAC.
(b) T	he identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC
	BARNETT.
В	rief of Mission or Task:- PROCEED TO BALBOA, C.Z.
(c) C	hanges in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
(d) P	ositions At:-
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DATE FEBRUARY 28, 1943.

(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 087º 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°

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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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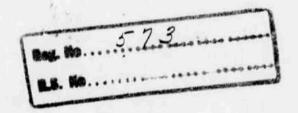
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(a)	Composi	tion of unit	• 1			
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(b)	The ide	ntifying desi	ignation of	the operation		
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	Brief o	f Mission or	Task:- PROC	CEED TO BALBO	OA, C.Z.	64
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(c)	Changes	in the tasks	of the uni	r since r (c) was issue	ed - NOME.
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		ONDITIONS:				

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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 52 MILES OFF.

0912 TABOQUILIA IS. L.H. ABEAM AT 3/4 MILES OFF.

0925 STOPPED FOR PILOT.

0952 FILOT E.F. SMALL ABOARD. PROCHEDING TO DOCK AT BALBOA THROUGH CHANNEL.

1108 MOORED STED. SIDE TO PIER #6 BALBOA.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION	PLUS 5 PLUS 4	—— AT	DATE _	MARCH 2, 1943.
	FROM			TO CI	TSTORAL
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. (a)	Composit	ion of un	it:-		
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(b)	The iden	tifying d	esignation of		plan or order of the ISIC
	Brief of	Mission	or Tasks-TRAN	SIT PANAMA CAI	VAL.
(c)	Changes	in the te	sks of the uni	t since 3 (h)	was issued -
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0545 FILOT FERGESON ABOARD, MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR CETTING UNDERWAY TO TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL.

0617 UNDERWAY. VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS CONFORMING WITH CHANNELS.

0717 ENTERED MIRAFLORES LOCKS.

0813 PASSED OUT OF MINAPLONES LOCKS.

0835 ENTERED PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS.

0903 FASSED OUT OF PEDRO MIGUEL LOCKS. VARIOUS COURSES AND SPEEDS THROUGH GAILLARD OUT AND GATUN LAKE CONFORMING TO CHANNELS.

1200 ENTERED GATUN LOCKS.

1313 PASSED OUT OF CATUN LOCKS. PROCEEDED TO ANCHORAGE.

ANCHORED IN LIMON BAY.

EAST BREAKWATER 1.H. PRG. 336(T).

TORO POINT L.H. BRG. 266(T).

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

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	CRIFTION	FLUS 4	AT		DATE _	MARCH 3, 1943.	
CHANGED ENROUTE CCNVOY N	FROM	CANAL ZO	NE	MENT CODE	-	CHARLESTON, S.C. NUMBER	
1. (a)	Composit	ion of u	nits-				
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			1/C 1	EEN MICK LANAHAN KENZIE		03423	
	Designat	ion of ne	ne unit:- ext higher Fleet or	echelon:-	er to wh	nich attached:-	
(b)					eration SOF.	plan or order of the	isic:
	Brief of	Mission	or Tasks-	PROCEED T	O NAVY Y.	ARD CHARLESTON, S.C.	
(c)						was issued -	
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 - UNDERWAY. FROCED DING TO SEA ASTERN OF BARNETT.
 - PASSED THROUGH BREAKWATERS. PROCEEDING OUT THROUGH SWEFT 1500 CHANNEL. SPEED 14 KNOTS.
 - 1536 PASSED OUT OF SWEFT 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.

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1. (a)	Composit	ion of uni	it:-				
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	Designat	ion of the	unit:- TASK	FORCE 39.			
			t higher echel Fleet or Sea F		ch attached:-		
				AMPHFORLAN	T		
(b)	The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:						
	Brief of	Mission o	or Tasks- PROC				
(c)	Changes	in the tas	sks of the unit	since 1 (b) w	vas issued - NONE.		
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(d)	Position	s At:-					
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0630 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS.

0630 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

0647 TO 0652 HELD FINE DRILL.

0730 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.

1215 ELERGINCY TURN TO STED.

1225 RESUMED BASE COURSE 032(T).

1230 RESUMED ZICZACCING.

1919 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

SLOWED TO 9 KNOTS.

1926 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. BELLATRIK FALLING BACK TO ABOARD A MAN WITH AFFENDICITIE FROM THE CARRIER.

1950 BELLATRIX IS JOINING FORMATION.

2000 CHASED ZIGZAGGING.

2028 s/s 14 KMOTS.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(b) T	he iden	tifving	designation of th		plan or order of the ISIC:
					BARNETT
В	rief of	Mission	or Task:- PROCES	D TO CHARLES	TON MAVY YARD.
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(6) 0	nanges	In the t	asks of the unit	SINCE I (D)	was issued - Norm.
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0619 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS.

0620 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR. 0719

1200 C/C TO 020(T).

1407 NAVASSA IS. APEAM BRG. 290 AT 11 3/4 MILES OFF.

CHASED ZIGZAGGING.

1413 C/C TO 010(T).

1423 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

USS DYSON JOINED CONVOY SCREEN.

1535 C/C TO 040(T).

1601 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

1950 CEASED ZICZAGGING.

2000 C/C TO 047(T). 2316 CAPE ST. NICHOLAS MOLE E.H. ABEAM BRG. 137(T) AT 7 3/4/ MILES

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

NOME.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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		ON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE
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	OTHER CONDITTIONS:			

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C118 TORTUGA IS. WEST L.H. ABEAM BRG. 137(T) AT 16 MILES OFF.

0400

C/C TO 005(T). HELD GENERAL QUARTERS. 0609

0615 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

0708 C/C TO COC(T) SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.

0753 WEST CAICOS IS. ABEAM BRG. 090(T) AT 92 MILES OFF.

0803 ALCYONE STOPPED. C/S TO 9 KNOTS.

0855 CHASE ZIGZAGGING .

C/G TO 027(T). 0900

0923 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

1013 PROVIDENCIALES IS. PRG. 129(T) AT 161 MILES OFF.

1140 ALCYONE BACK IN FORMATION. S/S 14 KNOTS.

1150 CEASED ZICZAGGING.

C/C TO 353(T). 1200

1230 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

1802 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

1805 C/C TO 325(T).

1828 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

s/s 13 KNOTS.

1945 CHASED ZIGZAGGING.

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

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CONVOY NO	MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
1. (a) Compo	osition of unit:-
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	SAME AS FOR MARCH 5, 1943.
	gnation of the unit: - TASK FORCE 39.
	gnation of next higher echelon:- r Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
	AMPHFORLANT.
(b) The	identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Bries	f of Mission or Task: - PROCEED TO CHARLESTON, NAVY YARD.
(c) Chang	ges in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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DATE __MARCH 7. 1943.

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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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	SCRIFTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 8, 1943.
	FROM CANAL ZONE TO CHARLESTON, S.C. NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	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:-
1 - 4 -	AMPHFORIANT.
(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 - MONE.
(d)	Positions At:- 1812 - ARRIVED AT BUOY "2AC".
	0800 LCT((Long. 78-19 W. 1200 LCT((Long. 78-52 W. (Long
	Course 324 and distance 336 miles made good from noon to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between and
	WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
	PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
	CEILING VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER
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	LICON BRG MOON GLARE SUN BRG SUNGLARE
	PHASE OF MOON
	OTHER CONDITIONS:

DATE MARCH 8. 1943.

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

0630 HELD GENERAL QUARTERS - COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

0730 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.

0849 G/G 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 B/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 SWEPT CHANNEL.

1834 STOPPED FOR PILOT AT BUOY "2C".

1845 PILOT JOHN PETTERSEN 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 TXXXX TUGS.

2215 DOCKING PILOT I. JOHNSON ABOARD. PROCEEDED TO DOCK. FOUR TUGS ASSISTING.

2245 MOOKED 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.

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HANGED	TO Z.T.	AT		MARCH 9. 1943.
NKOONE	FROM AT CHARLESTON N	MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OR N	IUMBER
l. (a)	Composition of unit:	- SHIP'S PR	ESENT:	
	ALCYONE (SOF			
	BETELGEUSE	A)		
	BELLATRIX			
	VARIOUS SMA	LL CRAFT.		
	Designation of the u		on:-	
	Major Task Force, Fl			ch attached:-
1.1			AMPHFORLANT	
(6)	The identifying desi	gnation of t	the operation p	olan or order of the ISIC
	Brief of Mission or	Task:-		
(c)	Changes in the tasks	of the unit	since 1 (b) w	as issued -
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		OON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE
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	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.

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	TO B.T. PLUS DATE MARCH 10, 1943.				
	FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD, TO				
NVOY N					
. (a)	Composition of unit: SHIP'S PRESENT:				
	ALCYONE (SOPA)				
	BETELGEUSE BELLATRIX				
	VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.				
	VARIOUS SHREE ORAFI.				
	Designation of the unit:-				
	Designation of next higher echelon:-				
	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-				
121	AMPHFORLANT.				
(b)	The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:				
	Brief of Mission or Tasks-				
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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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	MOVEMENT CODE NAME OF NUMBER	
(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:	•
	AMPHFORLANT.	
(b)) The identifying designation of the operation plan or order	of the ISIO
	Brief of Mission or Task:-	
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -	
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --NOME.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AK28) AKATI (First daily page)

	TO E.T. DATE MARCH 12, 1943.
	FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO
CNVOY 1	NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
1. (a)	Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:
Δ. (α)	Composition of units-
	ALCYONE (SOPA)
	RETELGEUSE
	BELLATRIX
	VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.
	Designation of the unit:-
	Designation of next higher echelon:-
	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
121	AMPHFORLANT.
(b)	The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
	Brief of Mission or Task:-
(-)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 2 (h) was issued
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -
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	operations between ands
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	LIOON RISE LOON SET SUNRISE SUNSET
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	PHASE OF MOON
	OTHER CONDITIONS:

DATE MARCH 12, 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.

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	CRIFTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 13, 1943. TO E.T. AT
	FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO
NAOA M	O. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
. (a)	Composition of unit:- SHIP'S FRESENT:
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	ALCYONE(SOPA)
	BETELGEUSE
	VARIOUS SMALL CRXFT.
	VARIOUS BRADE 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 -
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	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.

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	CRIFTION FLUS 4	TA	DATE	MARCH 14. 1943.	- Colonia
	FROM AT CHARLESTON		TO		
NVOY N		MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OR N	UMBER	
(a)	Composition of uni	t:- SHIP'S PRE	SENT:		
	ALCYONE (S	OPA)			
	BETELGEUS				
	BELLATRIX				
	VARIOUS SI	MALL CRAFT.			
	Designation of the	unit:-			
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	Major Task Force,	Fleet or Sea F			
(b)	The identifying de	signation of the		MPHFORLANT. lan or order of the	he ISIC
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AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

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

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(a)	Composition of	unit:- SHIP'S PR	ESENT:	
		ALCYONE (SOPA)		
		BETELGEUSE		
		BELLATRIX		
		VARIOUS SMALL C	RAFT.	
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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. (a)	Composition of units-	- SHIP'S FR	ESENT:	
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	BETELGEUSE			
	BELLATRIX			
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1413 - Commander Harold Bye, USN detached from duty, USS Betelgense, 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.

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			Frontier to which	attached:-
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	SCRIFTION PLUS 4 DATE MARCH 18, 1943.
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1. (a)	Composition of unit: - SHIP'S FRESENT:
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	ALCYONE (SOPA) RETELORUSE
	PELLATRIX VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.
	Designation of the unit:-
	Designation of next higher echelon:- Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
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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 -
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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HANGED	TO E.T. AT DATE MARCH 20, 1943.
	FROM AT CHARLESTON NAVY YARD TO NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
	Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PITCHNT:
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	ALCYONE (SOPA) BETELGEUSE
	BELLATRIX
	VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.
	Designation of the unit:-
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	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
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	Brief of Mission or Task:-
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

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	NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER	****			
. (a)	Composition of unit:- SHIP'S FINESENT:				
	ALCYONE(SOPA) BETELGEUSE				
	BELLATEIX				
	VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.				
	Designation of the unit:-				
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(b)	The identifying designation of the operation plan or order	r of the ISIC			
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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 --

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	FROM AT CHARLESTON MANY YAR	TO	
CONVOY N		ENT CODE NAME OR	NUMBER
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-	P'S FRESENT:	
	ALGYONE (SCPA) PETELQUUSE BELLATRIX. MARIOUS SMALL GRAFT		
	Designation of the unit:- Designation of next higher e Major Task Force, Fleet or S	ea Frontier to w	hich attached:-
(b)	The identifying designation		
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --NONE.
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	TO E.T.	AT	DATE	FGH 28, 1943.
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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1. (a)) Composition of unit:- SHIP'S PRESENT:	
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	VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	
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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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	CRIFTION PLUS	AT	DATE	MARCH 30, 1943.
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. (a)	Composition of	unit:- SHIP'S	PRESENT:	
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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		LESTON NAVY YARD	TO NAME OF A	III AND
N YOY		WOAFWEIAL	CODE NAME OR N	UMBER
. (a)	Composition of	unit:- SHIP'S PI	WEENT:	
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		ELGEUSE		
	- ST-2177	LATRIX		
	VAL	IOUS SMALL CRAFT.	·	
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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	ALCYONE (SOPA)	BELL				
	BELLATRIX	NIBLACK				
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	AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT	PLUNKETT	00.02			
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	Brief of Mission or Tasks- NONE					
(c)	Changes in the tasks of t	the unit since 1 (b) wa	s issued - NONE			
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -NONE.
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	SCRIFTION PLUS 4 TO E.T.	AT	DATE APRIL	2, 1943.
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CNVOY		MOVEMENT CODE	NAME OR NU	MBER
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-	SHIP'S PRESENT		
	ALCYONE (SOPA)	BELL		
	BELLATRIX	NIBLACK		
	BETELGEUSE	MAYO		
	AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAF	T PLUNKETT GLEAVES		00452
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	Designation of the uni	t:- NONE		
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2.2	Major Task Force, Flee	- 46-to 4 to 1,	AMPHFORLANT	
(b)			eration pla NONE	in or order of the ISIC
	Brief of Mission or Ta	sk:- NONE.		
(c)	Changes in the tasks o	f the unit sinc	e 1 (b) was	s issued - NONE.
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	TO E.T. FROM AT NAVY YARD CH	AT	8 S.C.	
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1. (a)	Composition of units-	SHIP'S PRESE	NT:	
	ALCYONE (SOPA)	BELL		
	BELLATRIX BETELGEUSE	MAYO		
	AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT			
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	Designation of the unit			
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	Major Task Force, Fleet	or bea front		
(b)	AMPHFORLANT. The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the IS NONE.			
	Brief of Mission or Task: - NONE.			
(c)	Changes in the tasks of	the unit oil	an 1 (h) was	torued - NONE
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	PHASE OF MOON			
	OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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. (a)	Composition of unit:-	SHIP'S PRESENT:
	AT GUIOUTI (GODA)	No. 7
	ALCYONE (SOPA)	BELL
	BELLATRIX BETELGEUSE	NIBLACK MAYO
	AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
	AND VARIOUS SMALL ORAFI.	GLEAVES
	Designation of the unit:- Designation of next highe	
		r Sea Frontier to which attached:-
		AMPHFORLANT.
(b)	The identifying designati	on of the operation plan or order of the ISIC
	Brief of Mission or Task:	- NONE.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of t	he unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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(c)	Changes in the tasks of the	unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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	TO E.T. AT	
	FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLES	
NVOY 1	NO MOVEM	ENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
. (a)	Composition of unit:- SHIP	'S PRESENT:
• (4)	composition of units-	
	ALCYONE (SOPA)	BELL
	BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
	BETELGEUSE	MAYO
	AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
		GLEAVES
	Designation of the unit: NO! Designation of next higher e	
		ea Frontier to which attached:-
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(b)	The identifying designation	of the operation plan or order of the ISIC NONE.
	Brief of Mission or Task:- NO	NE.
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VAOA V	10	MOVE	MENT CODE NAME	OR NUMBER
(a)	Composition of u	nit:- SHIP	S PRESENT:	
	ALCYONE (SOPA)		BELL	
	BETLATRIX		NIBLACK	
	BETELGEUSE		MAYO	
	AND VARIOUS SMAI	L CRAFT.	PLUNKETT	
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. (a)	Composition of unit	- SHIP'S PRES	ENT:	
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	Major Task Force, F	test or sea ir	AMPHFORLANT	
(b)	The identifying des	ignation of the		n or order of the ISIC
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	Brief of Mission or	Task: - NONE.		
(c)	Changes in the task	s of the unit	since 1 (b) was	issued - NONE.
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		MOON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE
	PHASE OF MOON			
	OTHER CONDITIONS:			

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

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NAOA 1	10 MOV.	EMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
. (a)	Composition of unit:- SHIP	P'S PRESENT:
	ALCYONE (SOPA)	BELL
	BELLATRIX	NIBLACK
	BETELGEUSE	MAYO
	AND VARIOUS SMALL CRAFT.	PLUNKETT
		GLEAVES.
	Designation of the unit:-	NONE.
	Designation of next higher	
	Major Task Force. Fleet or	Sea Frontier to which attached:-
		AMPHFORLANT.
(b)	The identifying designation	n of the operation plan or order of the ISI
		NONE.
	Brief of Mission or Tasks-	
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the	e unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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DATE	APRIL	9.	1943.	
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	TO E.T. AT	DATE APRIL 10, 1943.
	FROM AT MAVY YARD CHARLESTON,	
NAOA M	NO MOVEMENT CODE	NAME OR NUMBER
. (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 Fronti	
(b)	The identifying designation of the op	eration plan or order of the ISIC NONE.
	Brief of Mission or Task: - NONE.	
(ċ)	Changes in the tasks of the unit sinc	e 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
(d.)	Positions At:-	
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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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. (a)	Composit	ion of t	unit:- SH	HIP'S PRESE	NT:		
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	BETELGEU			MAYO			
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	Major Ta	sk Force	e, Fleet or	Sea Front	ier to	which a	ttached:-
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	Brief of	Mission	or Task:-	NONE.			
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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.

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	SCRIFTION PLUS 4 DATE APRIL 12, 1943.
	FROM AT NAVY YARD CHARLESTON, XXX S.C.
CNVOY N	NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
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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:-
(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.
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(d)	Fositions At:-
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	to noon.
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	operations between and
	WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
	PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
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	OTHER CONDITIONS:

DATE	APRIL	12,	1943.	

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1300-COMMANDER J.F. GRUBE, USN ASSUMED COMMAND.
1400 LEFT DRYDOCK ASSISTED BY 4 TUGS.

1515 MOORED TO PIER 324.

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

(g) Copp of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

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	FROM CHARLES	TON. S.C.	TO I	HAMPTON ROADS, VA.		
	0		CODE NAME OF			
, ,						
(a)	Composition of	unit:-				
	BELLATRIX	ALCYONE (SOPA)	1	SCORT		
		BETELGEUSE		VIBLACK		
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				PLUNKETT		
				FLEAVES		
		the unit: - TASK U				
	Lajor Task Forc	e, Fleet or Sea F	rontier to	which attached:-		
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(b)			NOME	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:-	1639 - DEPARTURE	AT BUOY "2AC	».		
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DATE APRIL, 13, 1943.

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

MOORED AT PEER 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 --

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	TO Z.T. DATE APRIL 14. 1943.
	FROM CHARLESTON, S.C. TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CCNVOY N	NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
1. (a)	Composition of units-
	SAME AS FOR THE 13th.
	Designation of the unit: - 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:-
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	0800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000 LCT(Long. 75-32 W. (Long. 74-24 W.
	Course VAR. and distance 239 miles made good from XXXX DEPARTUR
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between and
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	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
	CEILING VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER
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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 CHANGEDCOURSE TO 004 T.

1914 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

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	FROM CHARLESTON, S.C. TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
NAOA N	O. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
. (a)	Composition of units-
	SAME AS FOR THE 13th.
	Designation of the unit: TASK UNIT 20.16.
	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
	Brief of Mission or Task: - PROCEED TO HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
(4)	Positions At:-1330 - ARRIVAL AT BUOY "16 CLS"
(4)	Passes
	(Lat. 37-30 N. (Lat. BUOY) (Lat.
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	operations between and
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0437 C/C TO 323 T.

0616 CHANGED SPEED TO 14% KNOTS.

0755 C/C TO 270 T. 0835 C/G TO 240 T.

1000 CHANGED SPEED TO 15.0 KNOTS.

1119 BUOY X-3 OF SWEPT CHANNEL ABEAN TO PORT. STEAMING ON COURSES CONFORMING TO SWEPT 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 --

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1. (a)	Composition of	unit:- SHIP'S F	RESENT:	
	STANTON	OBERON		
	ALCYONE	LEXINGTON		
	BELLATRIX	IOWA		
	ARCTURUS	WYOMING		
	BARNETT		OTHER UNITS OF T	E FLEET.
		the unit: NONE		
		next higher echel		
	Major Task For	ce, Fleet or Sea F	AMPHFORLANT.	attached:-
(b)	The identifyin	g designation of t		n or order of the ISIC
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(c)	Changes in the	tasks of the unit	since 1 (b) was	issued - NONE.
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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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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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		HAMPTON ROADS, VA.
CONVOY		
1. (a)	a) Composition of unit:- 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	
(b)) The identifying designation of the operation	ation plan or order of the ISIC:
	Brief of Mission or Task: - NONE.	
(c)	c) Changes in the tasks of the unit since	1 (b) was issued - NONE.
(d)	Positions At:-	
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0010 FINISHED FUELING SHIP.

0747 FILOT TREABLE ABOARD.

0800 LEFT STANDARD OIL DOCK. NAVY TUGS #147 ASSISTING.

PROCEEDING TO HERTH #7.

0837 ANCHORED IN BERTH #7 HAMPTON ROADS, VA.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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		operation plan or order of the ISIC:
(c) Changes in t	ssion or Task:- GUNNERY	AND BOAT EXERCISES.
	the tasks of the unit si	nce 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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DATE __APRIL 18, 1943.

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

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CONVOY N			- WOAEWELL	CODE NAME	OR NULBER
1. (a)	Composi	tion of units	- SHIP'S PI	WESENT:	
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		BETFLGEUSE			
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(b)	The idea	tifying desig	gnation of t		ion plan or order of the ISIC
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ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH H-1. VISIBILITY POOR DUE TO RAIN ANDMIST.

- 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.

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- 1605 PROCEDDING 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.

NONE .

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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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 TRRGET. 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 CABUALTIES. 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 FLORT AREA TO FIRE NIGHT SPOTTING FRACTICE.

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 --NOME.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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OF SAN MARCOS WRECK.

C100 FOG LIFTED. VISIBILITY GOOD.

0245 UNDERWAY. PREPARING TO HOLD NIGHT SPOTTING PRACTICE.

C319 TO O324 HELD NIGHT SPOTTING PRACTICE. FIRED 6 ROUNDS OF 5" TARGET PROJECTILES AT TARGET USEING SEARCHLIGHTS FOR ILLIMINATION. NO CASUALTIES. FIRED TO NORTHEAST WARD.

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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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
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0800 COMMENCED LOWERING BOATS.

0900 TO 1145 HELD LANDING EXERCISES. HOISTED BOATS ABOARD UPON RETURN TO SHIF.

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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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.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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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" AREAM TO FORT.

0435 WOLF TRAP LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO STBD. 6/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 -NONE.
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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 CHESAFEAKE BAY.

2020 TO 2050 PASSING THROUGH YORK SPIT CHANNEL.

2114 CHANGED S/S to 15 KNOTS.

2340 SMITH POINT LIGHTHOUSE ABEAM TO PORT.

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0210 GOVE 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 BAK.

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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 --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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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. BETTELGEUSE 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, BETELCEUSE 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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- Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --(f) NONE.
- Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

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- OO55 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 YT149 AND YT150 ASSISTING.
- 1400 COMPLETED DEFERMING SHIP. UNRIGGING GEAR.
- 1537 UNDERWAY. TUGS YT147 AND YT150 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 & 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 LIEUT. USW

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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.

DIST. STEAMED IN APRIL : 1232 TOTAL DIST. STEAMED = 67,847

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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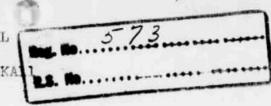
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0800-1200

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.

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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.

ANCHORED IN AREA "D" AT HAMPTON ROADS. RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS
TO DOCK IN BERTH 21 AT NAVY ANNEX ON SUNDAY MORNING MAY 2, 1943.

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

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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.

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	OTHER CONDITIONS			

DATE	MAY 6.	1943.	

(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 TRANSFORTED TO GLEN.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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BONE DE	ESCRIPTION PLUS 4	DATE MAY 7, 1943.
	TO S.T. AT TE FROMAT NAVY ANNEX PIERS - BERTH 21	mo.
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1. (a)) Composition of unit:-	
	SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.	
	Designation of the unit:-	
	Designation of next higher echelon	
	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea From	tier to which attached:-
(1.)	\ m- ////	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
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DATE	MAY	7.	1943.

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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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BONE DES	SCRIFTION PLUS 4 DATE MAY 8, 1943.
	TO B.T. AT
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CONVOY 1	NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
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1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.
	Designation of the unit:-
	Designation of next higher echelon:-
	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
(2.)	AMPHFORLANT
(b)	The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
	Brief of Mission or Tasks - LOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR BASES AT GLE
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DATE	MAY	8	1943.	
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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.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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1. (a)	Composition of units-	
	SAME AS FOR THE 2nd.	
	Designation of the unit:-	
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	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-	
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DATE MAY 10, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -08-12 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.

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 SWEFT CHANNEL.

1418 TO 1437 EXERCISED CREW AT GENERAL QUARTERS.

1455 BUOY "16CLS" ABEAM.

1552 SWEPT CHANNEL BUOY "P" ABEAM.

L. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN.

PROCEEDING TO SEA IN SWEPT 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) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NOME.

20-24 2045 CEASED ZIG ZAGGING. 2100 C/C TO 130(T). 2125 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. 2345 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

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	CRIFTION PLUS 4		DATE MAY	11, 1943.
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CCNVOY N			CODE NAME OR NUM	
1. (a)	Composition of u	mits-		
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	SAME AS	FOR MAY 10th.		
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	major Task Force	, Fleet or Sea I	Frontier to which	FORLANT.
(b)	The identifying	designation of		n or order of the ISIC:
				ATION ORDER #1-43.
	Brief of Mission			ENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORT
(c)	Changes in the t	AFRIC		denued - NOME
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	OTHER CONDITIONS	•		

DATE MAY 11, 1943. Low Juntury (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --00-04 0000 C/C 115(T). L. Smutn 0445 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. 04-08 Lt. (jg) USN 0500 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING. 0545 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS. fa. wassey 0800 CHANGED STANDARD SPEED TO 14.5 KNOTS. 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, Lieut., USNR. 1337 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 12-16 1342 TO 1350 EXERCISING AT EMERGENCY TURNS. 1350 C/C TO 120(T). 1415 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. Lt.(jg), USN. 16-20 1920 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1930 C/C TO 150(T). 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) Lieut. USNR.

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1. (a)	Composition of unit:-		
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	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Fr	ontier to which	h attached:-
(2.)	m	AMPHFORLAN	
(6)	The identifying designation of the	e operation pi	ORDER #1-43.
	Brief of Mission or Tasks - TRANSPO		
	AFRICA		
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit	since 1 (b) wa	s issued - NONE.
(d)	Positions At:-		
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	Meterological and sea information	which may have	e directly affected
	operations between	and _	
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	CEILING VISIBILITY	ST	ATE OF WEATHER_
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	LIOON RISE MOON SET	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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	OTHER CONDITIONS:		

DATE MAY 12, 1943. A brief of the Day's Operations --(e) STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 110(T). S/S 14.5 KNOTS. 00-04 L. SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USN. 0530 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING. 04-08 0628 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR. 0718 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 0722 C/C TO 130(T). 0755 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. F.A. MASSEY, Lieut. USNR. 08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE. P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR. 1350 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 12-16 1400 C/C TO 105(T). 1422 C/C TO 085(T). 1458 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. L. SMUTNY. Lt.(jg), USN. F.A. MASSEY, 16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE. Lieut., USNR. (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. 2050 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 20-24 2100 C/C TO 065(T). 2130 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. 2248 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 2300 C/C TO 085. 2320 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR. (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	TO E.T. PLUS 2 AT OLOO
	FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
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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:-
121	AMPHFORIANT.
(6)	The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: OPERATION ORDER #1-43.
	Brief of Mission or Tasks- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO NORT
	AFRICA.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
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	OTHER CONDITIONS:

DATE MAY 13, 1943.

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STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 085(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
0330 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

Lt.(jg), USN.

04-08

0600 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS.

0700 SECURED FROM GENERAL QUARTERS - CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.

F.A. MASSEY, C Lieut., USNR.

08-12 0841 ALJUSTED COURSE TO 090(T). P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

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 Lt. (jg), USN.

16-20 1948 EMERGENCY TURN TO STARBOARD. 1950 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.

F.A. MASSEY, USNR.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DATE MAY 13, 1943.

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2007 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT.

2014 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT. PESUMED 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 OME FIRE HOSE USED TO EXTINGUISH FIRE.

2300 C/C TO 085(T).

2302 FIRE OUT.

2310 SECURED FROM FIRE STATIONS.

2330 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached ---
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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TO E.T. AT DATE MAY 14, 1943.
FROM HAMPTON ROADS. TO ORAN
NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
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: -
AMPHFORIANT.
The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: OPERATION ORDER #1-43.
Brief of Mission or Tasks-TRANSPORT MEN, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT TO NO
Changes in the tacks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
Fositions At:-
0800 LCT((Long. 53-07 W. (Lat. 33-17 N. 2000 LCT((Long. 52-17 W. (Long. 59-14 W.
Course VAR. and distance 321 miles made good from noon to noon.
Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between and
WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP. CEILING VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -OC-04 STEAMING AS REFORE. COURSE 085 S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING.
O310 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.
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 CHICOPEN AND MATTAFONT FELL OUT OF FORMATION TO FUEL DESTROYERS.
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, 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,

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

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE:

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, Lieut., USNR.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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1. (a)	Compositi	on of units					
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	S	AME 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:-						
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(b)	The ident:	ifying desig	nation of t		The second second	r order of the ISIC:	
				OPER	ATION ORDE	R #1-43.	
	Brief of	dission or			SUPPLIES,	AND EQUIPMENT TO NORTH	
(c)	Changes in	n the tasks	of the unit		(b) was is	sued -NONE.	
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(e) 00-04	A brief of the Day's Operations - STEAMING AS BEFORE ON COURSE 092	
04-08	0436 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 0545 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. 0610 SET CONDITION I. 0710 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.	f.a. Massey, Lieut., USNR.
08-12	0900 ADJUSTED COURSE TO 090.	P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
12-16	STEAMING AS BEFORE. 1326 TO 1334 EXERCISED CREW AT FIR	L. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), UN.
16-20	STEAMING AS BEFORE.	F.A. MASSEY Lieut., USNR.
20-24	2015 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 2020 C/C TO 060.	
(f)	Summary of important orders received 2050 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. 2300 CEASE ZIGZAGGING. 2310 C/C TO 096. 2340 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.	P. D. Smith
		P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
(g)	Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.	
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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:
	Brief of Mission or Task:- TRANSPORT MEN, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO MORTH
	AFRICA.
(c)	
(d)	Fositions At:-
	(Lat. 33-05 N. (Lat. 33-02 N. (Lat. 33-13 N.
	0800 LCT(Long. 40-57 W. Lat. 33-02 N. (Lat. 33-13 N.
	(Long. 40-57 W. (Long. 37-40 W.
	Course VAR. and distance 329 miles made good from noon
	to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
	operations between and
	WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
	PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
	CEILING VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER
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DATE MAY 16, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 096(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING. Lt.(jg), USN 04-08 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. SET CONDITION I. 0555 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING. F.A. MASSEY, 0645 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR. Lieut., USNR 08-12 1044 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1049 C/C TO 085(T). 1104 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING. P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR. X. Janobus 12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE. L. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN. 1900 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1904 C/C TO 060(T). 1928 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. , Lieut., USNR. (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. 20-24 2058 GYRO-COMPASS FAILED. STRERING BY STANDARD COMPASS. 2200 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 2210 C/C TO 085(T). 2212 C/C TO 105(T). 2255 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. Lt.(jg), USN. (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. None. Copy attached next herete.

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MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
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:-
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 NORS
Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
Positions At:-
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O800 LCT((Long. 34-40 W. (Long. 33-35 W) (Long. 31-21 W.
Course VAR. and distance 322 miles made good from noon
to noon.
Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between and
WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
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PHASE OF MOON

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). F.A. MASSEY, 0230 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. Lieut., USNR. 04-08 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. Lieut., USNR. 08-12 1135 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT TO 070(T). 1152 RESUMED BASE COURSE 085(T). 1200 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NOME. 12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE. f.a. Marrey F.A. MASSEY, Licut., USNR. 16-20 1925 CEASE ZIGZAGGING. 1930 C/C TO 055(T) 2000 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. MITH, Lieut., USNR. Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g) Copy attached next herete. None. 20-24 2230 CEASE ZIGZAGGING. 2240 C/C TO 085(T) J.F. GRUBE. 2310 RESUME ZIGZAGGING. Commander, U.S. Navy. TARath

Lt.(jg), USN.

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	TO B.TO ATOLOO DATE MAY 18, 1943.
	FROM HAMPTON ROADS TO ORAN
CONVOY	
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:-
- 1	AMPHFORLANT.
(b)	
	PERATION ORDER 1-43 Brief of Mission or Task: TRANSFORT MEN, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO NORT
	AFRICA.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
(d)	Fositions At:-
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	0800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000 LCT(
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	Course VAR. and distance 302 miles made good from noon to noon.
	Meterological 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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	OTHER CONDITIONS.

DATE MAY 18, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -OO-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 085(T). S/S 14.5 KNOTS.

F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0600 SET CONDITION IL

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, 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, Lt. (jg), USM.

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 -- NOME.

1520 SECURED WASTE HEAT BOILER. P.A. WASSEY,

Lieut., USNR.

16-20 1914 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1925 C/C TO 120(T).

1955 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

P.S. Shuth Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

2230 C/C TO 090(T). 2230 STANTON DROPPED OUT OF COLUMN, INDICATING BREAKDOWN.

2245 STANTON RESUMED POSITION.

2300 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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CONVOY N	10		MOVEMEN:	T CODE NAME	OR NUMBER		
1. (a)	Composit	ion of un	it:-				
		SAME AS FO	OR MAY 10th.	,			
	Designat	ion of the	e unit:- TASK	GROUP 60.3			
	Designat	ion of nex	xt higher eche Fleet or Sea	Frontier to			
(b)	The iden	tifying de	esignation of	the operat:		er order of the	ISIC:
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(c)	Changes	in the tar	sks of the un	it since 1	(b) was is	sued - NONE.	
(d)	Position	s Atı-					
	0800 LCT	(Lat. 33-1) (Long. 22-	52 N- 1200 LA	(Lat. 34-) CT((Long. 21-)	03 N- 200	(Lat. 34- 00 LCT((Long. 19	-05 N.
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	DATE MAY 19, 1943.
(e)	A brief of the Day's Operations OO-O4 STEAMING AS BEFORE, COURSE 090(T). S/S 14.5 KNOTS ZIGZAGGING
	F.A. MASSEY, USNR.
	04-08 0530 SET CONDITION I. 0630 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR. 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, Lt.(jg), UENR.
	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, Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

23.5 DATE MAY 19, 1943.

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --20-24
2145 CHASED ZIGZAGGING.
2200 C/C TO 090(T).
2225 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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1 (0)	Composition of units-
1. (d)	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:-
(b)	
	Brief of Mission or Task: TRANSPORT MEN, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT TO NORTH
(c)	AFRICA. Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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(d)	Fositions At:-
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	0800 LCT(2000 LCT(2000 LCT(
	(Long. 16-27 W. (Long. 15-27 W. (Long. 13-34 W.
	Course VAR. and distance 284 miles made good from noon
	to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
	operations between and
	WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
	PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
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	OTHER CONDITIONS:

DATE MAY 20. 1943. A brief of the Day's Operations -- 00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 090(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS ZIGZAGGING. (e) F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0600 SET CONDITION I. 0625 TO 0633 HELD FIRE BRILL. 0700 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR.

Lieut., USNR.

08-12 0830 SIGHTED LIFERATOR BOMBER. 0942 C/C TO 092(T).

Lt.(jg), USNR.

EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT. 1240 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBD. SMERGENCY TURN TO STBD. 1245 1248 RESUMED BASE COURSE 092(T). 1250 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. 1353 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT. 1403 EMERGENCY TURN TO STEE. 1412 RESUMED BASE COURSE. 4.a. Masser 1416 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.

F.A. MASSEY, Mieut., USNR.

(f) 16-20 1943 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1954 C/C to 112(T).

Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding.

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

2024 RESUMED ZIGZAGOING. 2215 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 2220 C/G TO 092(T). 2245 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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CHANGED	TO Z.T. AT DATE MAY 21, 1943.
ENROUTE CONVOY 1	
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.
	AMPHFORLANI.
(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 NORT
(c)	AFRICA. Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
(d)	Fositions At:-
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	(Lat. 34-12 N. (Lat. 34-09 N. (Lat. 34-44 N.
	0800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000 LCT((Long. 10-18 W. (Long. 9-13 W. (Long. 8+00 W.
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	Course VAR. and distance 310 miles made good from noon
	to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
	operations between and
	WIND CLOUDS SEA FOG
	PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
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	OTHER CONDITIONS:

DATE MAY 21. 1943 (e) A brief of the Day's Operations --00-04 STEAMING AS REFORE ON COURSE 092(T) S/S 14.5 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING. 0245 SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT BRG. 130(T). REPORTED SAME TO SOPA F.A. Massey Lieut., USNR. 04-08 0540 SET CONDITION I. 0550 SIGHTED TWO PBY's CIRCLING CON 0635 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUGAR. 08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE. SIGHTED SHIF BRG. 089(T). IDENTIFIED AS A SPAINTSH CARGO VESSEL. CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1321 C/C TO 062(T). C/C TO 092(T). 1342 1346 RESUMED ZIGZAGOING . 1500 COLORS HALF-MASTED FOR BURIAL SERVICES ABOARD LYON. 1505 COLORS TWO-BLOCKED. .A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR. (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. 1620 CEASE ZIGZAGGING. C/C TO 062(T). 1630 C/C TO 032(T). C/C TO 000(T). 1700 1755 C/C TO 345(T). 1815 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

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

20-24 STEAMING AS REFORE.

L. SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USNR.

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

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DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (ARCS) AKALL (First daily page)

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	SAME AS FOR THE LOth 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:-
(b)	
, -,	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:-
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	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
	operations between and
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	PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP.
	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
	CEILING VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER
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DATE MAY 22, 1943.

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O0-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

O015 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

O030 C/C TO 015(T).

O100 C/C TO 045(T).

O130 C/C TO 075(T).

O200 C/C TO 087(T).

0215 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING.

F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0515 SET CONDITION I.

0620 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE SUCAR.

0713 G/G TO 092(T). 0730 G/G TO 097(T). 0800 G/G TO 100(T).

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 SPAINISH MOROCCO BRG. 112(T).

1010 S/S 14 KNOTS. ENTERING SWEPT 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.

L. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), UZN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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THE ROCK OF GIBRALTARABEAM TO PORT.

1330 C/C TO 099(T) VESSELS FORMING CONVOY DISPOSITION OF FIVE COLUMNS

1354 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.

1455 SIGHTED PBY BRG. 165(T).

F.A. MASSEY, Liout., USNR.

COURSE 099(T) S/S 14 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING. 16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

Lieut., USNR.

SIGHTED CAPE DE TRES FORCAS L.H. BRG. 133(T).

2100 CEASE ZIGZAGGING.

2115 C/C TO 082(T).

2145 COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING - CAFE DE TRES FORCAS L.H. BRG. 172(T) AT 12 MI. OFF.

2214 S/S 13 KNOTS.

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

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	TO B.T. AT DATE MAY 23. 1943.
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CNVOY N	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 N
(0)	AFRICA. Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - NONE.
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	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected
	operations between and
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	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
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F.A. MASSEY, O Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0445 SET COMPITION I. 0525 CHASE ZIGZAGGING.

0530 PEDUCED SPEED TO 10 KNOTS. CONVOY FORMING TWO COLUMNS. HABIBAS IS. BRG. 215(T) - ILE FLAME BRG. 158(T).

0545 C/G TO 107(T). S/S 14 KNOTS.

0705 REDUCED SPEED TO 10 KNOTS. CONVOY FORMING SINGLE COLUMN AND PROGREDING THROUGH SWEFT CHANNEL FOWARDS GRAN.

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

08-12

0838 STOPPED IN SWEPT CHANNEL 2 MILES NORTH OF POINT "BAKER" WAITING FOR PILOT.

0910 PILOT ALTIERI CAME ABOARD. PROCEEDING INTO ORAN HARBOR THROUGH SWEPT CHANNEL.

0947 FASSED IN THROUGH BREAKWATERS.

0948 LET GO STBD. ANCHOR. TUGS GOTLAND #3 AND GOTLAND #4 ASSISTING TO SWING VESSEL AROUND.

0958 LET GO PORT ANGHOR.

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.

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	NO	MOVEMENT CODE NAME	OR NUMBER
(a)	Sampanixianxaixunixxx	U.S. NAVY SHIPS PR	ESENT ORAN:
	BETELGEUSE	GLEAVES	
	OBERON	BENSON	
	MATTAPONI	NIBLACK	
	LAKEHURST	PLUNKETT	
	Designation of the uni Designation of next hi		
	Major Task Force, Flee	t or Sea Frontier t	o which attached:-
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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NVOY I	FROM MOORED IN BERTH A-3 ORAN TO NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
. (a)	CompositionXofXuniti- U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT IN GRAN:
	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)	
	Brief of Mission or Tasks - AWAITING ORDERS TO DOCK.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
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	BETFLGEUSE OBERON MATTAPONI LAKEHURST	DALLAS PLUNKETT	
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MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-3 ORAN HARBOR.

0828 PILOT C. JOET CAME ABOARD. AWAITING FOR U.S.S. LAIRHURST TO LEAVE THE DOCK SO THAT PETPLOEUSE CAN DOCK.

0912 FILOT LEFT SHIP.

1017 FILOT C. JOET CAME ABOARD. LAKEHURST HAS CLEARED DOCK.

1033 LET GO STERM 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 STED SIDE TO DOCK BERTH #12. MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR DISCHARGING CARGO.

1300 COMMENCED DISCHARGING CARGO.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(a)	Campanitianxalxanitix	U.S. MAVY SHIPS	PRESENT ORAN	
	BETELGEUSE OBEKON MATTAPONI	DALLAS PLUNKETT BENSON		
	LAKEHURST	GLEAVES.		
	Designation of the uni Designation of next hi Major Task Force, Flee	gher echelon:- t or Sea Frontie	r to which at	tached:-
(b)	The identifying design			r order of the ISIC
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1100 BRITISH LST-422 TIED UP ALONG PORT SIDE TO DELIVER DIESEL OIL.

1420 COMMENCED TAKING FUEL FROM LST-422.

1815 FINISHED PECEIVING FUEL FROM LST -422.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	BETELGEUSE	DALLAS	
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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 --
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> 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 --NONE.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	FROM DOCKED IN BERTH #12 ORAN TO	
VOY N	MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER	
(a)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
	BETELGEUSE BERNADOU	
	OEERON NIBLACK	
	LAKEHURST GLEAVES	
	MATTAPONI PLUNKETT RAPIDAN	
	Designation of the unit: TRANSDIV 3.	
	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 ISI	C
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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DATE MAY 31, 1943.

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

> DOCKED AS BEFORE IN BERTH #12 ORAN. DISCHARGING CARGO.

DISTANCE STEAMED IN MAY TOTAL DISTANCE STEAMED -

4,097 MILES 71,944 MILES

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding.

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USS BETELGEUSE AKA-11

WAR DIARY

JUNE 1943.

DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AK28) AKA11 (First daily page)

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(a)	Composition of unit:-	U.S. MAVY S	SHIP'S PRE	SEME OLLA	1:	
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DATE	JUE 1, 1943.

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

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0100 FINISHED DISCHARGING ALL CARGO.

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1405 LET GO LINES. VALIOUS WELLS AND COURSES USED CETTING AVAY FROM BOCK AME PROCEEDING TO ROOKING BUCY //6 IN OUTER HARBOR.

1440 IET GO PORT ANGHOR.

1441 LET GO STED. ANCHOL.

1445 STERN LINES RUN OUT TO DOORING BUOY.

1500 MOORED IN BEATH A-8 GRAN HARBOR. TUGS AND PILOT LEFT SHIF. COMMENCED MAKING ENGINE REPAIRS FOR WHICH VESSEL HAS BEEN GRANTED FIVE(5) DAYS AVAILIBILITY.

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

NOME.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding.

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	FROM MOORED IN BERTH			
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1. (a)	CHARLES AND SHOULD SHOU	U.S. NAVY SHIPS	PRESENT ORANS	
	BETELGEUSE	PLUNKETT		
	OBERON	DALLAS		
	MATTAPONI	BERNADOU		
	RAPIDAN	GLEAVES		
	AROOSTOOK			
	Designation of the uni	t:- TRANSDIV 3		
	Designation of next hi	gher echelon:-		
	Major Task Force, Flee	t or Sea Fronties	r to which atta	iched:-
(b)	The identifying design	ation of the open	ration plan or	order of the ISIC
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DATE JUNE 2. 1943.

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

> MOORED AS BEFORE IN ORAN HARBOR CONTINUING ENGINE REPAIRS.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

NONE.

None.

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J.F. CRUBE, Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

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DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE WAR AKAll (First daily page)

	SCRIFTION MINUS 2	10	DATE	JUNE 3. 1943.
	TO E.T. FROM MOORED IN BE	AT AR ORAN	TO	
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	BETELGEUSE OBERON	PLUNKETT BERNADOU		
	MATTAPONI	DALLAS		
	RAPIDAN	GLEAVES		
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-8 ORAN HARBOR. CONTINUING ENGINE REPAIRS.

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

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

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	CRIFTION MINUS 2		DATEJUNE 4. 1943.
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	OBERON	BERNADOU	
	MATTAPONI	DALLAS	
	RAPIDAN	GLEAVES	
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	Designation of the unit	- TRANSDIV 3	
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	lajor Task Force, Fleet	or Sea Frontie	er to which attached:-
(b)	The identifying designa		eration plan or order of the IS
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --NOME.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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

Commanding.

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	SCRIFTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 5, 1943.
	FROM MOORED BERTH A-8 ORAN TO
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1 (0)	Composition of unit: - U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ORAN:
1. (a)	Composition of unit: - 0.5. NAVI Shirb INESSAT 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:-
(b)	AMPHFORLANT. The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
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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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	CRIFTION Minus 2	DATE	June 6, 1943.
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	BETELGEUSE	PLUNKETT	
	OBERON	BERNADOU	
	MATTAPONI	DALLAS	
	RAPIDAN	GLEAVES	
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DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AKA11) (Second page)

DATE	June	6,	1943	
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(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 --

None.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

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	SCRIFTION MINUS 2	DATE JUNE 7. 1943.
	TO S.T. FROM MOORED IN BERTH A	-8 ORAN. TO
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	OBERON	GLEAVES PLUNKETT
	MATTAPONI	BENSON
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

> MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-8 ORAN HARBOR. AWAITING ORDERS.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

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	TO E.T.	AT	DATE JU	NE 8, 1943.
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	10.	MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OR NU	MBER
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(a)	CONTROL MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE	U.S. NAVY	SHIPS PRESENT C	RAN!
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	OBERON	PLUNKETT		
	MATTAPONI	BENSON		
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	PHASE OF LOON			
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DATE	JUNE	8,	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.

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	CRIFTION MINUS 2		DATE	JUNE 9. 1943.
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	SAMUEL CHASE	DALLA	S	
	BETELGEUSE	GLEAV		
	OBERON	PLUNK		
	MATTAPONI	BERNA		
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-8 ORAN HARBOR.

0830 CAPTAIN LEFT SHIP FOR CONFERENCE WITH SOPA.

0955 CAPTAIN RETURNED TO SHIP. BETEIGEUSE ATTACHED TO TASK UNIT 81.2 UNDER COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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	SCRIFTION MINUS 2	•	DATE	JUNE 10, 1943.	
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	BETELGEUSE	NIBLACK			
	OBERON				
	MATTAPONI				
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	Major Task Force, Flee				
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	Brief of Mission or Ta	sk :- TRANSA	PORT ARMY PE	ESONNEL AND EQUIP	MENT
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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 --

NONE.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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	OBERON	PLUNKET			
	MATTAPONI	GLEAVE	•		
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	Brief of Mission or To	ask:- TRANSPO	ORT ARMY FEE	SONNEL AND EQU	IPMENT TO ALGIER
(c)	Changes in the tasks	of the unit	since 1 (b)	was issued -	NONE.
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> MOORED AS BEFORE IN BERTH A-8 ORAN HARBOR. BETFLGEUSE ATTACHED TO TASK UNIT 81.2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPHIBNAW MOVEMENT ORDER A-43.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or AUTION REPORT.

None.

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A brief of the Day's Operations --(e) 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 1970 - CHAPEL 2410 1150 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEPT CHANNEL BEHIND THURSTON. SPEED 10 KNOTS COURSE 350T. 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 SWEPT 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 SLEEYE. EXPENDED 700 ROUNDS 20MM. 1540 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE. Lieut., USNR. 1600-2000 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 1914 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1925 TRANSPORT GROUP FORMED CRUISING DISPOSITION #3. (3 COLUMS). 1949 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. (f) Lt. (jg), USN. 2000-2400 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 2330 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 2335 C/C TO 078(T). Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. F.A. MASSEY, (g) Lieut., USNR. None.

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	Major Task Force	, Fleet or Sea	Frontier to which	attached:- PHFORLANT.	
(b)	The identifying	lesignation of	the operation pla	n or order of the ISIC MENT ORDER A-43.	•
	Brief of Mission	or Task: - TRAN		NEL AND EQUIPMENT TO AL	GIER
(c)	Changes in the ta	asks of the uni	t since 1 (b) was	issued - NONE.	
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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, Lt. (jg), USN.

0800-1200

O846 LET GO PORT ANCHOR ANCHORED IN 20 FATHOMS OF WATER EAST OF ANTITORPEDO 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,
Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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

1322 CAPTAIN LEFT THE SHIP TO CALL ON COMTRANSDIV 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.

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	DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLAC	K
	STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND	
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---

> MOORED AS BEFORE TO SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND MILE, ALGIERS. 0900 - COMMENCED LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT. 1600 RECEIVED COMTRANSDIV 3 DISPATCH DATED 1700 JUNE 13, 1943., GRANTING FIVE DAYS AVAILIBILITY TO REPAIR MAIN ENGINE.

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

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
	DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
	STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND
	LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
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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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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -NONE.

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	BARNETT	OBERON	BENSON
	DICKMAN	SAVANNAH	NIBLACK
	STANTON	AROOSTOOK	RHIND
	LYON	WAINWRIGHT	GLEAVES
	THURSTON	TRIPPE	PLUNKETT
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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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	BARNETT	OBERON		BENSON
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(c)	Changes in the tax	sks of the unit	since 1 (b) wa	s issued - NONE
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CONTINUING MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS.
LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.

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

NONE.

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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	DICKMAN	SAVANNAH		NIBLACK
	STANTON	AROOSTOO	K	RHIND
	LYON	WAINWRIG	HT	GLEAVES
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	Major Task Force,			
			AMPHFO	
(b)		C	OMPHIBNAW (plan or order of the ISIC ORDER A-43
	Brief of Mission of	or Task:- LOAD	ARMY EQUIP	MENT AT ALGIERS.
(c)	Changes in the tas	sks of the unit	since 1 (b) v	was issued - NONE.
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LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.

2130 MAIN ENGINE REPAIRS COMPLETED. COMMENCED HOLDING DOCK TRIAL.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -NONE.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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DALLAS	BARNETT	SAVANNA	H	NIBLACK	
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LOADING ARMY EQUIPMENT.

HOLDING MAIN ENGINE DOCK TRIAL.

0330 STOPPED ENGINE FOR INSPECTION.

0335 RESUMED DOCK TRIAL.

1000 COMPLETED DOCK TRIAL. NOTIFIED COMTRANSDIV 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.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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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 -

NONE.

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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12-16	MOORED AS BEFORE TO GRAND MOLE, ALGIERS. 1312 PILOT A. URBANI CAME ABOARD. ALL LINES SINGLED UP. TUG "FURET II" 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 SWEPT 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 2 MA.
	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. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USNR.
(g)	Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
	None. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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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.

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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(b)	The id	entifying	designation of	the operation	plan or order of the ISIC: RAINING MEMO H-43
	Brief	of Mission	or Task: - CARRY		EXERCISES ACCORDING TO ABOVE
			ORDER		
(c)	Change	s in the t	asks of the unit	since 1 (b)	was issued - NONE.
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0040 C/C TO 042(T).

Oloo ARRIVED IN TRANSPORT AREA. LAYING TO.

Ollo 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.

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

04-08 VESSEL LAYING TO IN TRANSPORT AREA.

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.

a massey F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.

0802 ANCHORED IN 36 FMs. OF WATER USING 60 FMs. OF CHAIN TO PORT 08-12 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).

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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12-16 C/C TO 090(T). S/S 14 KNOTS. 1225

1255 C/C TO 124(T).

1255 CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 209 AT 42 MILES OFF.

1314 S/S 10 KNOTS.

1318 C/C TO 170(T). ENTERED SWEPT CHANNEL.

1325 PROCEEDING INDEFENDENTLY 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 MORRED PORT SIDE TO OBERON AT MOLE AL DIETHA, ALGIERS. PILOT

AND TUGS LEFT.

L. SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USNR.

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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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	BARNETT	AROOSTOOK	MAYRANT	GLENNON	MURPHY	
	STANTON	REDWING	BENSON		MC LANAHAN	
	LYON	WAINWRIGHT	NIBLACK	MADDOX	JEFFERS	
	THURSTON	PLUNKETT	ROWAN		SHUBRICK	
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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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STANTO		REDWING	BENSON	BUTLER		
LYON		WAINWRIGHT	NIBLACK	MADDOX		
THURST		PLUNKETT	ROWAN	HERNDON		
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	Brief	of Mission	or Task:- CARR	Y OUT OFERATION	S ACCORDING TO AB	OVE OP. P
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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 --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

NONE.

None.

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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).

EARATTRAY, 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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ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN ALGIERS HARBOR.

- 1831 PILOT JAQUES 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, 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.

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DICKMAN			VULCAN	MADDOX		PARKER
STANTON			TARAZED	HERNADO		
LYON	PLUNKE		ROWAN	MURPHY		
THURSTO			DALLAS	MC LANA	HAN	
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AROOSTO			BERNADOU			
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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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None.

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SOME DESCRIPTION MINUS 2 DATE JUNE 30. 1943. CHANGED TO B.T. ENROUTE FROM MOORED ALONGSIDE BARNETT AT XQ NEW MOLE, ALGIERS. CCNVOY NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS: SAMUEL CHASE MONROVIA BOISE GHERARDI JEFFERS. BARNETT BETELGEUSE BUTLER SAVANNAH SHUBRICK DICKMAN REDWING VULCAN MADDOX PARKER TARAZED STANTON WAINWRIGHT HERNDON DECATUR LYON PLUNKETT ROWAN MURPHY LEA THURSTON TRIPPE DALLAS MC LANAHAN ROPER COLE OBERON MAYRANT AROOSTOOK BENSON BERNADOU NUMBEROUS 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) Fositions At:and distance miles made good from noon to noon. Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between _____ and ______ CLOUDS FOG PRECIPITATION ALT AIR TEMP. BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP. VISIBILITY STATE OF WEATHER CEILING MOTION OF VESSEL DEFTH OF WATER LIOON RISE LIOON SET SUNSET SUNRISE MOON GLARE LICON BRG SUN BRG SUNGLARE PHASE OF LOON

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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 TOTAL MILAGE

69,287

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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BARNETT	RETELGEUSE	SAVANNAH	BUTLER	SHUBRICK
DICKMAN		VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT		HERNDON	DECATUR
LYON	PLUNKETT	DALLAS	MURPHY	IEA
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> 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.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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NAME OF THE	XXXXX MOORE	D ALONGSIDE BAR			TERS.		
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. (a)	COMPONITION NATIONAL U.S. NAVY SHIPS PRESENT ALGIERS						
	MONROVIA	SAMUEL CHASE	NIBLACK	BERNADOU			
	BARNETT	REDWING	BOISE SAVANNAH	NELSON GLENNON	JEFFERS SHUBRICK		
	DICKMAN	WAINWRIGHT		GHERARDI			
		PLUNKETT	MOUNT BAKER		DECATUR		
	THURSTON			MADDOX	LEA		
	OBERON	MAYRANT	DALLAS	HERNDON	ROPER		
	AROOSTOOK		COLE	MURPHY			
			NUMEROUS LCI,	LST, SC, PC	yms.		
	Designation	of the unit:-	TAKS UNIT 81.2	2.3			
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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 STED. 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.

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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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	FROM MOORED IN BERTH		TO	
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MONROVI	A SAMUEL CHASE	BOISE	GHERARDI	JEFFERS
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DICKMAN	N REDWING	VULCAN	MADDOX	PARKER
STANTON	WAINWRIGHT	ROWAN	HERNDON	DECATUR
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(b)	The identifying des			n or order of the ISIC: RCE OP. PLAN 2-43
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

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

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1. (a)	Composit	verice accept	XX U.S. NAV	Y SHIFS PRESENT A	IGIERS:		
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STANTON		WAINWRIGHT	ROWAN	HERNDON	DECATUR		
LYON		PLUNKETT	DALLAS	MURPHY	1.EA		
THURSTO	N	TRIFPE		MC LANNAHAN	ROPER		
OBERON		MAYRANT BENSON	EERNADOU				
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	Designat	ion of the u	unit:- TASK U	NIT 81.2.3			
	Designat	ion of next	higher echelo	n:- TASK FORCE 8	1		
	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. PLAN 2-4						
	Brief of	Mission or	Task:- CARRY		CORDING TO ABOVE OF. PI		
(c)	Changes	in the tasks	s of the unit	since 1 (b) was	issued - NONE.		
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DATE	JULY 5	, 1943.	

(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 --NONE .
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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(a)	EXMXXX	ition of	CONTRACT II.	S. NAVY	SHIPS PRE	SENT	AICTERS:	
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CKMAN		REDWING		CAN				
CANTON		WAINWRIC			HERNDON			
ON		PLUNKETT			MURPHY			
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	Design	ation of	the unit:-	TASK III	ITT. 81.2.3			
	Design	ation of	next higher	rechelo	ont- TASK F	ORCE	81	
							attached:-	
			,		AMPHFORL			
(b)	The id	entifying	z designatio	on of th	ne operation	n pla	n or order of the	ISIC:
	Brief	of Missi	on or Task:	- CARRY	Y OUT OFERA	TIONS	ASK FORCE OP. PLA ACCORDING TO ABO	VE OP. PLAN
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(c)	Change	s in the	tasks of th	ne unit	since 1 ()) was	issued - NOME	
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(d)	Positi	ons At:-	1748 - DEPA	RTURE F	FROM ALGIER	is.		
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(f) Summary of 1751 C/O	CURED FROM ABANDON SHIP DRILL. LD FIRE DRILL. CURED FROM FIRE DRILL. L. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN
WES	CHOR AVEIGH. PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEFT CHANNEL ASTERN OF MUEL CHASE. S/S 10 KNOTS.
1808 C/C	of important orders received and decisions reached NONE TO 060(T). FORMED CRUISING DISPOSITION #1. CARRYING OUT STERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OPERATION PLAN #2-43. BETELGEUSE IN G. W.D. G. W.3
1903 C/C 1923 C/C	065(T)
(g) Copy of E	BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. Lieut., USNR.
None.	Copy attended mext mereta.

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

DATE	JULY	6,	1943.	

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

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

Ensign, USNR.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --NONE.
- (g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	TO E.T. MINUS 2	DATE JULY 7, 1943.
ENROUTE	FROM ALGIERS	TO GELA, SICILY
CUAOA 1	NO MOVEME	IT CODE NAME OR NUMBER DIME ATTACK FORCE
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-	
	TASK UNIT 81.2.3(3rd SECTION)	
	CEDA MENON	ALL OWIND HACK OPCANIZATION
	STANTON THURSTON	ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING TO WESTERN NAVAL
	SAMUEL CHASE	TASK FORCE OFERATIONS ORDER
	BETELGEUSE	No. G-43. SERIAL 00129
		AND OR ORDER 2-43.
	Designation of the unit: - TASH	
	Designation of next higher ech	
	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sec	
(b)		AMPHFORLANT the operation plan or order of the ISIC: TASK FORCE OP. ORDER G-43 AND 2-43.
	Brief of Mission or Task:- LAN	ND U.S. ARMY TROOPS, AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF LA, SICILY.
(c)		it since 1 (b) was issued - NONE
(d)	Fositions At:-	
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	OTHER CONDITIONS:	

	DATE JULY 7, 1943.
(e) 00-04	A brief of the Day's Operations STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 090(T) S/S 10 KNOTS. ZIGZAGGING. F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR
04-08	0522 SET CONDITION I. 0630 SET CONDITION 2 M.A. 0800 CEASED ZIGZAGOING. 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, Lieut., USNR
12-16	1255 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 1305 C/C 088(T) 1334 RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. J.B. MAC KENGE, Ensign, USNR.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

DATE	JULY	7.	1943.	

(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, Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2003 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

2012 FORMED CRUISING DISPOSITION NO. 2 (2 columns)

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 BALLOOM

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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CHANGED	TO E.T. AT	DATE <u>JULY</u> 8, 1943.
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(2) (8)		The second secon
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-	
	TASK UNIT 81.2.3 (3rd section)	ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING TO WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OFFRATION
	STANTON THURSTON SAMUEL CHASE BETELGEUSE	ORDERS No. G-43 AND 2-43
	Designation of the unit: TASK Un Designation of next higher echelo Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Fr AMPHFORIA	n:- TASK FORCE 81 ontier to which attached:-
(b)	The identifying designation of th	e operation plan or order of the ISIC: VAL TASK FORCE OF. OFDERSG-43 AND 2-43.
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(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit	
(d)	Fositions At:-	
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	Meterological and sea information operations between	which may have directly affected
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	DATEJULY 8, 1943.
(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. SMUTNY, 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. F.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
20-24	2038 CEASED ZIGZAGGING. 2033 S/S 6 KNOTS. FORMING CRUISING DISPOSITION #1. (3 columns) 2100 S/S 121 KNOTS. 2106 C/C 123(T). 2119 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT. 2126 RESUMED BASE COURSE. 2131 COLMENCED ZIGZAGGING. 2155 EMERGENCY TURN TO PORT. 2200 EMERGENCY TURN TO STBI. 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. Summary of important orders received and decisions reached NONE 2206 RESUMED BASE COURSE (123(T) 2213 C/C 153(T) 2213 C/C 153(T) 2228 C/C 180(T) 2228 C/C 1
(g)	Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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NAOA M	O. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER DIME ATTACK FORCE
. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	TASK UNIT 81.2.3(3rd section)
	STANTON THURSTON SAMUEL CHASE BETT LGEUSE ALL OTHER TASK ORGANIZATION ACCORDING TO WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OFERATION ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43.
	Designation of the unit:- TASK UNIT 81.2.3 Designation of next higher echelon:- TASK FORCE 81 Lajor Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
(b)	AMPHFORLANT The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
	WESTERN NAVAL TASK FORCE OF. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43 Prief of Mission or Task:- LAND U.S. ARMY TROOFS AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued - MONE.
(d)	Fositions At:-
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	Course VAH. and distance 288 miles made good from noon to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between
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	BAROLETER CURRENTS WATER TEMP.
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			DATE	JULY 9, 1943.	
(e) 00-04	STEAN 0050 0057 0112	rief of the Day's Operating AS BEFORM. CO-180(CEASED ZIGZAGGING. C/C 156(T). C/C 132(T). COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.	rions T) S/S 12½ K	F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.	
04-08	0510 0515 0530 0600 0605 0725 0735	SET CONDITION I. CEASED ZIGZAGGING. C/C 110(T). C/C 090(T). RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. SET CONDITION 2 MIKE A CEASED ZIGZAGGING. SI C/C 070(T). C/C 044(T).	BLE. GHTED SAVANN	AH, BOISE, PHILALELEHIA L. SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USNE.	·
	0810 0820 0824 0835 0900 1032	COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING. CEASED ZIGZAGGING. C/C 015(T). S/S 132 KNOTS. SAVANNAH, BOISE, PHILA RESUMED ZIGZAGGING. S/S 14 KNOTS. S/S 142 KNOTS.		P.S. Smith	
(f)	Summ	mary of important orders	received an	Lieut., USNR.	NONE.
	1324 1330 1555	TO 1331 HELD ABANDON SH C/C 012(T). CEASED ZIGZAGGING. C/C 342(T).	IP DRILL.	EMackegi J.B. MAC KE ZIE.	

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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DATE JULY 9, 1943.

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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, Lieut., USNR.

20-24 2010 VESSELS OF DIME ATTACK FORCE STEAMING IN AFPROACH DISPOSITION. S/S 10 KNOTS.

S/S 13 KNOTS. FORMATION STEAMING TOWARDS HMS SHAKESPEARE AT 2031 POINT "KING" OFF GELA, SICILY.

RED ALERT. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IN 2035 VINCINITY.

ALL CLEAR. 2110 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 Olo(T). SET SPECIAL UNLOADING CONDITION 4.

SIGHTED MANY FLARES AMEAD.

2330 AA FIRE OVER BEACH. SEVERAL FIRES ON BEACH

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

NONE.

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1. (a)	Composition of ur	44.		1-1-1-1-1-1-1	
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	STANTON			43 and 2-43.	
	THURSTON SAMUEL CHASE				
	BETELGEUSE				
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	major lask rorce,	rieet or sea fro	AMPHFORLAN		
(b)					
	Brief of Mission	or Task:-LAND U.S	. ARMY TROOPS	AND EQUIPMENT EAST OF GEL	
(c)	Changes in the ta	sks of the unit s	since 1 (b) was	issued - NONE.	
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(d)	Fositions At:- 00	30 - STOPPED IN T	RANSPORT AREA.		
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	PHASE OF MOON	-			
	OTHER CONDITIONS:				

DATE	JULY	10,	1943.	

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

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE APPROACHING TRANSFORT AREA OFF GELA, SICILY. B/C 010(T) - S/S 13 KNOTS.

0020 C/G 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 SUFFLIES A VESSEL LAYING TO IN TRANSPORT AREA.

Lieut., USM..

0430 FLARES DROPPED OVER TRANSPORT AREA. NO PLANES SEEN.

0500 FRIENDLY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OVERHEAD.

0945 STEAMING CLOSER TO BEACH AT 1/3 SPEED.

ANCHORED IN 9 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH GELA L.H. BRG. 334 AT 1007 APPROXIMATELY 62 MILES DISTANCE. CONTINUED UNLOADING.

SHIFTED ANCHORAGE. 1155

ANCHORED IN 8 FATHOMS OF WATER WITH GELA L.H. BRG. 350 AND 1224 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.

OBSERVED ATTACK ON BEACHES BY 2 HOSTILE PLANES. UNLOADING SLOVED DOWN AT EMD OF DAY DUE TO LACK OF BOATS AND CONGESTED CONDITION Rattia OF BEACH.

> A. RATTRAY, (Lieut., USNR.

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

NOME.

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1. (a)	Composition of un	it:-		
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	STANTON THURSTON SAMUEL CHASE BETELGEUSE		ORDERS G-43	
	Designation of the Designation of ne Major Task Force,	xt higher echelon:	- TASK FORCE 81	attached:-
(b)	The identifying d		operation plan	or order of the ISIC:
	Brief of Mission	væstern nav or Task:- LAND U.S GELA, SI	. ARMY TROOPS A	P. ORDERS G-43 AND 2-43 ND EQUIPMENT EAST OF
(c)	Changes in the ta	sks of the unit si	ince 1 (b) was i	issued - NOME.
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ANCHORED AS BEFORE OFF GELA, SICILY, UNLOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AS

0653 ATTACKED BY 7 HIGH LEVEL BOMBERS. NO WARNING. (SEE ACTION REPORT ATTACHED)

0728 RESUMED UNLOADING. CONDITION 4.

- 0745 TRANSPORTS RECEIVED ORDERSTO GET UNDERWAY. RED ALERT. 48 UNIDENTIFIED PLANES IN VACINITY.
- 0748 UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING TO SEA. SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. COURSE 190(T).

OSIO 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 RESIMED 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 FIREING ON 24 ENEMY HIGH LEVEL BOMBERS. (SEE ACTION REPORT
- OBSERVED ONE HIT ON A MERCHANT VESSEL (LIBERTY TYPE) WHICH COMMERCED BURNING FIERCELY.

1600 RESUMED UNLOADING. CONDITION 4.

1640 SOUNDED GENERAL QUARTERS. COMMENCED FIREING ON ENEMY PLANES (ABOUT 9) DROPPING BOMBS ALONG THE BEACH. (SEE ACTION REPORT ATTACHED).

1644 CEASED FIREING.

- 1655 RESUMED UNLOADING CARGO, CONDITION 4.
- 1705 BURNING MERCHANT SHIP WHICH WAS HIT BY A BOMB AT 1555 BLEW UP AND SANK.
- Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. (f) SMOKE FROM BURNING FUEL OIL COVERING ENTIRE TRANSFORT AREA.

RED ALERT. ENEMY PLANES OVER BEACH. 1950

1951 COMMENCED FIREING. VISIBILITY VERY POOR DUE TO SMOKE FROM BURNING LERCHANT SHIP. (SEE ACTION REPORT ATTACHED). - M-ser - 54329

1953 CEASED FIREING.

RESUMED UNLOADING. CONDITION 4. 2000

2155 TO 2330 MANY FLARES DROPPED OVER TRANSPORT UNLOADING AREA AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER AND TYPE OF ENEMY PLANES FLYING OVER SHIPS AT INTERVALS

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> Copy attached next hereto. None.

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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. Explattian E.A. RATTRAY, O Lieut . USNR.

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

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations ---ANCHORED AS BEFORE OFF GELA, SICILY UNLOADING CARGO. RED ALERT. ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY. ALL CLEAR. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DISPERSED BY OUR FIGHTER PLANES. 0940 CEASED UNLOADING AND BEGAN COVERING HATCHES IN PREPARATION 1451 FOR HOISTING BOATS ABOARD AND GETTING UNDERWAY. ABOUT 125 TONS OF CARGO REMAINING ON BOARD. ONE ENEMY PLANE FLEW LOW OVER AND AROUND UNLOADING AREA. 1738 OPENED FIRE. (SEE ACTION REPORT). CHECK FIRE. 1739 1744 ONE ENEMY PLANE FLEW LOW AROUND UNLOADING AREA. OPENED FIRE. ENEMY PLANE KNOCKED DOWN BY FRIENDLY FIGHTERS AND CRASHED 1746 ON BEACH. (SEE ACTION REPORT). 1752 1753 1755 SECOND ENERY PLANE OBSERVED CRASHING ON BEACH. THIRD ENEMY PLANE OBSERVED CRASHING ON BEACH. SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE. 1806 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEPT CHANNEL ASTERN OF SAMUEL CHASE IN COMPANY WITH OTHER AKA, APA, AND AP OF TASK ORGANIZATION. 1830 VESSEL LAYING TO. UNDERWAY. PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEPT CHANNEL. S/S 10 KNOTS. 1920 COURSE 290(T). MANFRIA TOWER BRG. 000 AT 3.6 MILES OFF. C/C 280(T). 1949 Expathay

E.A. RATTRAY / Lieut. USNR.

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

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20-24 2020 MANFRIA TOWER BRG. 065 - LICATA SIGNAL TOWER BRG. 303. C/C 205(T).

TRANSPORTS FORMING 3 COLUMNS. BETELGEUSE 2nd SHIP 2050

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. ENGITEERS MAKING EMERGENCY REPAIRS.
AWAITING ORDERS.

J.B. MAC KENZIE,

Ensign, USNR.

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

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	FROM GELA SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA
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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:-
(b)	AMPHFORLANT 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)	Fositions At:-
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OO-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 Lieut., USNR.

04-08 LAYING TO AS BEFORE. 0500 SET CONDITION 1.

0605 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.

O615 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 DECASION.

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It. (jg), USNK.

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. MAC KENZIN. Ensign, USNR.

C/C TO 270(T). 16-20

1750 1755 1835 SIGHTED 4 FRIENDLY PT BOATS BOATS BRG. 310(T).

SIGHTED ISLAND OF LINOSA BRG. 235 AT 29 MILES OFF. SIGHTED 2 FRIENDLY MERCHANT SHIPS BRG. 170(T). 1945

F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USMR.

LINOSA ISLAND BRG. 212 AT 231 MILES OFF. 20-24 2046

C/C TO 265(T).

2135 BENSON HAS SURFACE RADAR CONTACT BRG. 260(T) AT 7000 YDS. INVESTIGATING. IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY VESSELS.

down thuten L. SMUTNY. Lt.(jg), ÚSÍR.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --
- RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM CTF 86 INSTRUCTING HOPI TO TOW 0615 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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	TO E.T. DATE JULY 14, 1943.
	FROM GELA. SICILY TO ALGIERS, ALGERIA.
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	BETELGEUSE BENSON
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	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 OF. 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 BENSO AS ESCORT.
(d)	Positions At:-
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STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 265 - 31 RPM. 00-04 CONVOY OF FRIENDLY SHIPS PASSED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION 2 MILES TO SOUTHWARD. P.S. SMITH,

Lieut., USNR.

0505 SET CONDITION 1. 04-08 0600 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE. 0750 SIGHTED 3 TRANSPORTS AND ONE DESTROYER BRG. 130(T).

Ensign, USNR.

08-12 0810 C/C 301(T). USS ORDONAUX AND U.S.A. TRANSPORTS MEXICO, EVANGELINE, 0915 AND SHAWNEE PASSED, HEADING IN SAME DIRECTION.

F.A. MASSET, Lieut., USNA.

C/C TO 308(T).
USS MC LANAHAN PASSED TO STBD. HEADING IN SAME 12-16 DIRECTION. SIGHTED LAND BRG. 294. 1550 C/C TO 031 - ENTERED TUNISION WAR CHANNEL. I danso trucker

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

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16-20 KELIBIA L.H. BRG. 298 AT 4 3/4 MILES OFF. 1913 PROCEEDING THROUGH SWEPT CHANNEL C/C TO 340(T). P.S. SMITH,

1955

Lieut. USNR.

PASSED A CONVOY OF LST AND LCI VESSELS HEADING IN 20-24 2035 OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

CAPE BON L.H. ABEAM BRG. 250 AT 4 3/4 MILES OFF. C/C TO 281(T). 2308

Ensign, USNR.

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

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OO-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE COURSE 281(T) 32 RPM.
OO16 CAPE BON L.H. ABEAM BRG. 191 AT 4 MILES OFF.
O300 ZEMBRA ISLAND BRG. 186 AT 32 MILES OFF.

F.A. MASSEY,
Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0510 SET CONDITION 1.

0610 SET CONDITION 2 MIKE ABLE.

0607 ILE PLANE L.H. BRG. 259 - ILE PILAU BRG. 268.

0735 ILE PLANE L.H. ABM. BRG. 191 AT 42 MILES OFF.

L. SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USN.

08-12 0830 C/C 290(T)

0833 KEEPING TO LEFT SIDE OF SWEPT CHANNEL TO KEEP CLEAR OF 6 BRITISH MINESWEEPERS SWEEPING CHANNEL.

0943 C/C TO 301(T).

0955 CONVOY OF MERCHANT VESSELS PASSED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

1020 CANI ISLAND L.H. ABEAM BRG. 031 AT 42 MILES OFF.

1138 C/C 295(T)

1147 C/C 302(T).

P.S. SMITH, Lieut. USNR.

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

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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. 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, 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, Lt. (jg), USNI.

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

NONE .

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			BENSON				
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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. **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.
<u>12-16</u>	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. L. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN.
(f)	Summary of important orders received and decisions reached

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1740 FIVE U.S. DESTROYERS PASSED TO STED. HEADING EAST.
1938 CAPE BOUGARONI L.H. BRG. 213 - POINT JERBA BRG. 184.
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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. 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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WITH 5 ESCORTING DESTROYERS.

F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNA.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

L. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USNR

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

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Ensign. USNR.

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Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE (f) F.A. MASSEY, ALGIERS. Lieut., USMR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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0800 COMMENCED REPLACING CROSSHEAD BEARINGS ON #2 CYLINDER. GRANTED SEVEN(7) DAYS AVAILIBILITY BY COMTRANSDIV 3 TO ACCOMPLISH REPAIRS.

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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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GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION 3.

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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.

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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 L.H. BRG. 352.

> E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USHR.

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

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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GUN WATCHES ON CONDITION THREE. ANCHOR AWEIGH. UNDERWAY.

1030 PASSED OUT THROUGH ANTI-TORPEDO HETS.

PROCEEDING TO SEA VIA SWEPT CHANNEL.

1200 PASSED OUT OF SWEPT CHANNEL.

P. S. SMITH Lieut., USÍR.

PROCEEDING TO SEA WITH VESSELS OF CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY. 12-16 FORMING SEVEN COLUMNS. BETELGEUSE THIRD SHIP IN FIFTH COLUMN. SPEED 5 KNOTS. SET CONDITION TWO MIKE ABLE.

SHIPS FORMED UP IN SEVEN COLUMS. SET COURSE 266(T). 1310

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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).

CAPE CAXINE L.H. BRG. 179 AT 52 LILES DISTANCE. 1500

Ensign, USNR.

1635 S/S 8.5 KNOTS. ALL VESSELS IN POSITIONS.
COMMENCED ZIGZAGGING.
F.B. MASSEY,

Lieut., USNR.

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

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20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

2145 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

Leurs Shuthy 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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1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY
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	Designation of the unit:-
	Designation of next higher echelon:-
	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
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20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 2140 CEASED ZIGZAGGING.

J.B. MAC KENZIN, Ensign, USNR.

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

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(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CONVOY GUS 10 X-RAY BETELGEUSE 3rd SHIP IN 5th COLUMN
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	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
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	2300	EUROPA POINT L.H. ABEAM AT 12 MILES OFF C/C 260(T).
		PILOT G. MC CALLEF CAME ABOARD. PROCEEDING TO
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- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE.
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04-08 0525 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING OUT OF GIBRALTAR BAY TO RENDEZVOUS. COURSE 168(T) S/S 8 KNOTS.

CARNERO L.H. BRG. 314 - TARIFA L.H. BRG. 264 - C/C 253 CONVOY FORMED 2 COLUMNS, BETELGEUSE LEADING 2nd COLUMN. S/S 5 KNOTS WAITING FOR REST OF SHIPS. 0633

Ensign. USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS REFORE.

O947 TARIFA L.M. BRG. 345 AT 2 MILES OFF. ADJUSTING COURSE TO CONFORM WITH SWEPT CHANNEL.

1153 MALABATA L.H. BRG. 153 AT 61 MILES OFF.

F.A. MASSHY. Lieut., USNR.

STEAMING AS BEFORE IN SWEPT CHANNEL IN STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR. 12-16 1355 TO 1410 CONVOY WHELLED TO RIGHT BY A SERIES OF COURSE CHANGES TO COURSE 073(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS. RETURNING TO GIBRALTAR THROUGH SWEPT CHANNEL.

(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE It. (jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

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DATE JULY 27, 1943.	
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

TARIFA L.H. BRG. 284 - EUROPA PT. L.H. BRG. 037. C/C 030 - VARIOUS COURSES TO PILOT STATION. 16-20 1638

1651

PILOT N. PRIOS CAME ABOARD. PROCEEDING TO ANCHORAGE 1758 INSIDE ANTI-TORPEDO NET.

1837

ANCHORED IN GIBRALTAR BAY.
"A" HEAD L.H. BRG. 1502 - NORTH MOLE L.H. BRG. 109.
RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO RENDEZVOUS AT 0500 JULY 28,

Lieut., USNR.

20-24 ANCHORED AS BEFORE.

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. GRIBE, Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding.

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CHANGED ENROUTE	TO B.T. MINUS	1 AT 22	TO NORFOL	K. VA.	
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1. (a)	Composition of	unit:-			
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	Brief of Missio	n or Task:- RET	RN TO U.S. FC	R REPAIRS.	
(c)	Changes in the	tasks of the unit	since 1 (b) was	issued -	
(d)	Positions At:-	0336 - DEPARTU	RE FROM GIBRAL	TAR.	
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	OTHER CONDITION	S:	-		

DATE JULY 28, 1943.

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

ANCHORED AS BEFORE IN GIBRALTAR HARBOR. 00-04 0336 ANCHOR AWEIGH. PROCEEDING TO RENDEZVOUS FIVE MILES SOUTH OF CARNERO L.H. S/S 8 KNOTS. COURSE 170(T).

F.A. MASSEY,

Lieut. USNR.

STEAMING AS BEFORE.

0450 C/C 208(T).

CARNERO L.H. BRG. 349 - TARIFA L.H. BRG. 272. C/C 253T 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. VESSELS FORMED UP IN 2 COLUMNS. S/S 8.0 KNOTS.

Laus Joneting L. SHUTNY, Lt. (jg), USN.

08-12 STOPPED AND FELL OUT OF FORMATION DUE TO A LEAK IN AN 0805 OIL LINE ON MAIN ENGINE.

0813 AHEAD STANDARD. RETURNING TO FORMATION. STEAMING ON VARIOUS COURSES COMFORMING TO SWEPT CHANNEL.

0900 CAPE SPARTEL L.H. BRG. 155 AT 4 3/4 MILES OFF.

0905 BACK IN POSITION.

PASSED OUT OF SWEPT CHANNEL. S/S 5.0 KNOTS. VESSELS 1035

Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE (f) FORMING UP IN SEVEN COLUMNS. BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN. STEAMING OH COURSE 242(T).

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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J.F. GRUBE.

Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

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DATE JULY 28, 1943.

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

JB. MAC KENZIE,
Ensign, USNR.

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,
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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BONE DES	CRIFTION MINUS 1 DATE JULY 29, 1943. TO 2.T. ZERO AT 2200
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CCNVOY N	
1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	CONVOY GUS LOX-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:-
(b)	AMPHFORIANT 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:-
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	PHASE OF MOON
	OTHER CONDITIONS.

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	DATEJULY 29, 1943.
	A brief of the Day's Operations
00-04	STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 257(T) S/S 8.5 KNOTS. P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
04-08	0535 SET CONDITION ONE. 0647 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR. J.B. MAC MENZIE, 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. 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). Lawy fructury L. SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USIV.
16-20	STEAMING AS BEFORE.

- Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. (f) P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USIR.
- Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

None.

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JULY 29, 1943. DATE

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20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO

J.B. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USMR.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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CHANGED ENROUTE		3 1 AT 2	200 TO MORFO	LK. VA.
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1. (a)	Composition of	unit:-		
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(c)	Changes in the	tasks of the unit	since 1 (b) was	issued -
(d)	Positions At:-			
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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, Lieut., USNR.
<u>80-40</u>	0505 SET CONDITION ONE. 0600 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAB. 0745 SIGHTED A PBY BRG. 325. Jauns finishing LOUIS SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN.
08-12	STEAMING AS BEFORE. 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. 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(2) FINGERS BLOWN OFF 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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1605 DOCTOR CURRIE LEFT SHIP IN BRITISH DESTROYERS BUAT. 16-20 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.

AHEAD STANDARD SPEED. 9.5 KNOTS. RETURNING TO CONVOY POSITION. CONVOY SLOWED TO 7 KNOTS. 1703

F.A. MASSEYO Lieut., USNR.

2027 BETELGEUSE BACK IN CONVOY POSITION. CONVOY RESUMED 20-24 SPEED OF 9.0 KNOTS. COURSE 297(T). 2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE (1) HOURS TO ZONE PLUS ONE.

Lauro Smitny Lt.(jg), USI

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

NONE .

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	SCRIFTION _	PLUS 1		DATE	JULY 31, 1943.
ENROUTE	TO B.T.	IBRALTAR	TA	TO	NORFOLK, VA.
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(b)	The identi	fying desig	nation of th	e operation	plan or order of the ISIC:
	Brief of L	dission or T	ask:- RETUR	N TO U.S.	FOR REPAIRS.
(c)	Changes in	the tasks	of the unit	since 1 (b)	was issued -
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	OTHER COND				

		DATE JULY 31, 1943.
(e)	A brief of the Day's Operation	s
00-04	STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURS	SE 297(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS. P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
<u>04-08</u>	0405 SET CONDITION ONE. 0520 SET CONDITION TWO I 0710 SIGHTED A LIBERATOR	
<u>08-12</u>	STEAMING AS BEFORE.	F.A. MASSEY Lieut., USNR.
<u>12-16</u>	1307 C/C TO 299(T).	Laus funthy, Lt. (jg), USN.
<u>16-20</u>	STEAMING AS BEFORE.	P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
20-24	STEAMING AS BEFORE.	J.B. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USNR.
(f)	Summary of important orders re	eceived and decisions reached
	NONE.	

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None.

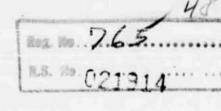
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	CRIFTION PLUS 1 DATE AUGUST 1, 1943.
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1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
	CONVOY CUE TO V-RAY
	CONVOY GUS 10. X-RAY BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.
	Designation of the unit:-
	Designation of next 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.
(0)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -
(4)	Positions At:-
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	Course 298 and distance 206 miles made good from noon to noon.
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --

00-04 STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 299(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS.

F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.

04-08 0420 SET CONDITION ONE.

0530 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

Laus Janutru LOUIS SMUTNY / Lt. (jg), USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

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.

TANKER JOINED CONVOY, TAKING POSITION AS THIRD SHIP IN SEVENTH COLUMN. TWO FRENCH DESTROYERS ESCORTING HER DEPARTED TO EASTWARD

J.B. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USNR.

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

NONE.

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

J.F. GRUBE,

Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

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E.A.RattrayC Lieut. USNR NAVIGATOR

DATE AUGUST 1, 1943.

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16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

Laur Fruntry LOUIS SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USN.

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

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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CRIFTION PLUS 1 TO B.T. PLUS 2 AT	2200 DATE AUGUST 2, 1943.			
FROM GIBRALTAR	TO NORFOLK, VA.			
O. GUS TO N-KAY MOVEME	INT CODE NAME OR NUMBER			
Composition of unit:-				
CONVOY GUS 10	. X-RAY			
BETELGEUSE FI	IRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.			
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AMPHFORLANT				
The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:				
Brief of Mission or Task: - RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.				
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AUGUST 2, 1943. DATE A brief of the Day's Operations --(e) COURSE 302(T). S/S 9.0 KNOTS. STEAMING AS BEFORE. Lieut., USNR. 04-08 0432 SET CONDITION ONE. 0540 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR 0600 C/C TO 279(T). J.B. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USNR. f.a. massey 08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE. F.A. MASSEY. Lieut., USNR. STEAMING AS BEFORE. 12-16 down Trustry 1400 C/C TO 275(T). LOUIS SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USN. 16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE. SMITH. Lieut., USNR. STEAMING AS BEFORE. 20-24 2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO ZONE PLUS TWO. Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- NONE. (f)

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J.B. MAC KENZIE. Ensign. USNR.

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None.

J.F. GRUBE,

Commander, U.S. Navy.

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BONE DESCRIPTION	PLUS 2 DATE AUGUST 3, 1943.
CHANGED TO S.T. ENROUTE FROM	GIBRALTAR AT TO NORFOLK, VA.
CCNVOY NO.	GUS 10. X- RAY MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
1. (a) Composi	tion of unit:-
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	CONVOY GUS 10.X-RAY BETELGEUSE FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLUMN.
	BBIBBOBB FIRST SHIP IN THIRD COLOUM.
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	tion of next higher echelon:- Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
	AMPHFORLANT.
(b) The ide	entifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
Brief o	of Mission or Task:- RETURN TO U.S. FOR REPAIRS.
(c) Changes	s in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -
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0350 SET CONDITION ONE. F.A. MASSEY, 00-04 Lieut., USNA. 04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 0504 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR. Louis Fruting 0732 C/C TO 261(T). LOUIS SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN.. 08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE. P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR. 12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE. J.B. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USNR. 16-20 1610 C/C TO 278(T). f.a. Marsey F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNA.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

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

LOUIS SMUTNY,

Lt.(jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION	PLUS	2		DATE _	AUGUS	ST 4, 1943.
CHANGED ENROUTE		GIBRAL!	rar -	_ AT	TO	NORFOLI	C. VA.
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1. (a)	Composit	ion of u	nit:-				
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(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit since 1 (b) was issued -						
(a)	Fosition:	s At:-					
		Lat. 40	-47 N		(Lat. 40-47	N.	(Lat. 40-59 N.
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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, Lieut., USNR

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

0410 SET CONDITION ONE.

0523 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR,

J.B. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USNR.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

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,

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

NONE .

(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J.F. GRUBE,

Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

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

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MAC KENZIE. Ensign, USNR.

- (f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --NONE.
- Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

None.

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

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BONE DES CHANGED ENROUTE CONVOY N	TO E.T. PLUS 3 AT 2200 FROM GIBRALTAR TO NORFOLK, VA.
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)	Fositions At:-
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MOON BRG	MOON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE	
PHASE OF MOON				
OTHER CONDITIONS:				

AUGUST 5. 1943. DATE

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

STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 278(T) S/S 9.0 KNOTS. 00-04

P.a. Marson F.A. MASSEY. Lieut., USNR.

STEAMING AS BEFORE. 04-08

0430 SET CONDITION ONE.

0537 SET CONDITION 0610 C/C TO 262(T). SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR,

LOUIS SMUTNY,

Lt. (jg). USN.

STEAMING AS BEFORE. 08-12

& Amil P.S. SMITH.

Lieut. USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

J.B. MAC KENZIE.

Ensign, USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

f.a. Massey F.A. MASSEY,

Lieut., USNR.

STEAMING AS BEFORE. 20-24 2200 RETARDED CLOCKS ONE HOUR TO ZONE PLUS 3.

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

> down much LOUIS SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USN.

Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

None.

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J.F. GRUBE,

Commander, U.S. Navy.

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	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:-
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	Course 265.5 and distance 249 miles made good from noon to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between and
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		Li	eut., USÍR.
04-08	STEAMING AS BEFORE. 0500 SET CONDITION	H	Mackenge
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08-12	STEAMING AS BEFORE.	F. Li	A. MASSEY, eut., USNR.
12-16	STEAMING AS BEFORE. 1300 C/C TO 253(T).	ĹŰ	aus Smuthy, UIS SMUTNY, .(jg), USN.
16-20	STEAMING AS BEFORE.		A. Smith, eut., USNR.
20-24	STEAMING AS BEFORE.	£.	B. MAC KENZIE,

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

NONE.

Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

None.

J.F. CRUBE.

Ensign, USNR.

Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding.

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	OTHER CONDITIONS:					

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

STEAMING AS BEFORE. COURSE 253(I) S/S 9.0 KNOTS. 00-04

F.A. MASSEY. Lieut., USNR.

04-08 STEAMING AS BEFORE. SET CONDITION ONE. 0415 0523 SET CONDITION TWO MIKE SUGAR.

0800 C/C 248(T).

LOUIS SMUTNY, Lt. (jg). USN.

08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

Lieut. USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 1300 C/C 253(T).

1 Machenne J.B. MAC KENZÍE. Ensign, USNR.

STEAMING AS BEFORE. 16-20

f.a. Massey F.A. MASSEY Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

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

> Lauro Franke LOUIS SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN.

Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

None.

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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 -
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	Course 254 and distance 203 miles made good from noon to noon.
	Meterological and sea information which may have directly affected operations between
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(g) Gopy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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

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LOUIS 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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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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08-12 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 1000 C/C TO 320(T).

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

12-16 STEAMING AS BEFORE. 1327 C/C TO 297(T).

J.B. MAC KENZIE, Ensign, USNR.

16-20 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

F.A. MASSEY, Lieut., USNR.

20-24 STEAMING AS BEFORE.

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

Louis SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USN.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

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00-04 Steaming as before. Course 302 T. S/S 9 knots.

F.A. MASSEY, O Lieut., USNR.

Steaming as before. 04-08 0450 Set Condition 1. 0615 Set Condition 2 Mike Sugar. 0630 C/C to 306 T.

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 4 miles distant.

Stop. New York section proceeding into swept 1033 channel.

Underway. Delaware and Chesapeake sections 1117 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.

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	DATE 13 AUGUST 1943.
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08-12	1141 S/S 9 knots. BETELGEUSE in station 22.
	P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
12-16	Steaming as before. 1330 C/C 196 T.
	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, Lieut., USNR.
20-24	Steaming as before.
(f)	Summary of important orders received and decisions reached NONE. 1. SMUTNY, Lt.(jg), USN.
(g)	Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
	None. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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00-04 Steaming as before. Course 196 T. S/S 9 knots.

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USHR.

O4-08 Steaming as before.
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J.B. MACKENZIE, Ens., USNR.

O8-12 Steaming as before.

O905 C/C to 240 T.

O915 C/C to 265 T.

O928 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, C. Lieut., USNR.

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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 - Cape Charles L.H.

brg. 314.
Buoy "2CB" abeam to port.
C/C to 316 T. 1556

1600

L. SMUTNY, Lt. (jg), USNR.

Stop. Waiting for pilot. Pilot A.C. JOHNSON aboard. Proceeding to 16-20 1610 1620 Hampton Roads.

Cape Henry L.H. abeam. Entered Thimble Shoal Channel. 1715

1731 1818 Passed out of Thimble Shoal Channel.

1825 Stop. Waiting for net-gate to open.

1837 1838 Gate open - proceeded.
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.

Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -- None. (f) P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USNR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

J.B. MACKENZIE. Ens., USNR.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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00-04 Anchored in Berth 4 in Hampton Roads. Beacon F-1 brg. 266. Bearing 16-A brg. 016 T.

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 . Lt(jg), USN.

Tug "Alice" fast on port quarter. Yard Tug 187 on port bow. 08-12 0802

0808

Tug "Helen" on port quarter. 0813

Yard Tug 271 fast alongside YT 187. 0814

Proceeding to berth.

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.

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(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

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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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(f)	Summary of important orders received and decisions reached
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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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1. (a)	Composition of unit:-
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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 -
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -None.

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

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	NO. MOVEMENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --None.

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

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Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Betelgeuse attached to SIXT	Navy Yard, une	dergoing repa	irs and alterations.
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		Friday	3 September 1943.
Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk	Navy Yard, unc	dergoing repai	irs and alterations.
		Saturday	4 September 1943.
Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk	Navy Yard, und	dergoing repai	irs and alterations.
		Sunday	5 September 1943.
Moored in Berth/Norfolk Nav	y Yard, underg	going repairs	and alterations.
		Monday	6 September 1943.
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	Thu	ursday 9 September 1943.
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	Tuesd	ay 14 September 1943.
Moored in Berth 30 N	orfolk Navy Yard, undergoing	
	Wedne	sday 15 September 1943.
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	Sunday 19 September 1943.
Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard 1110 Commenced holding a dock trial 1200 Stopped engine.	, undergoing repairs and alterations.
1300 Resumed holding dock trial. 1615 Stopped engine. Dock trial cor	mpleted.
	Monday 20 September 1943.
Moored in Berth 30 Norfolk Navy Yard 1100 Disconnected all lines to dock 1137 Pilot Walton aboard. Tugs NON	, undergoing repairs and alterations. in preparation for going into drydock. PAREIL, ROADAN, YT 187 and YT 271 made
fast. 1157 Let go all lines, left dock am 1233 Lines to dock - entering drydo- 1242 All tugs let go, pilot, left si 1300 Vessel moored over blocks in di 1500 All water out of dock. All has	d proceeding to drydock #4. ck #4. hip. rydock. Commenced pumping out dock. nds commenced scraping bottom in
preparation for painting. Bot Chief Engineer.	tom inspected by 1st Lieutenant and
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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE	Tue	sday 21 September , 19 43.
Zone description PLUS 4		
Position 0800	1200	2000
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OPI	ERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
Vessel in Drydock #4 Norfolk routine drydock work. Betelgeuse attached to SIXTH		ing repairs, alterations and
	Wed	nesday 22 September 1943.
Vessel in drydock #4 Norfolk routine drydock work. Yard paint plastic paint. 1415 Commenced flooding drydock 1610 Pilot Avesten came about 1617 YT 187 commenced towing 1637 Let go all lines from Tugs YT 187, YT 271, North 1705 Proceeding into Berth 1732 Moored stbd. side to Pipilot left. Yard works	ers painting boot-to dock. ard. Preparing to : g vessel out of dry dock. Proceeding to ONPAREIL and EDNA CO 30. ier 4 in Berth 30, 1 men continue work.	leave drydock. dock. o Berth 30 by use of
Moored in Berth 30 at Norfoll	k Navy Yard undergo:	
1425 Commenced holding dock 1900 Stopped engine. Dock	trial finished.	
Assessed	Premined:	
Approved:	Examined:	ARathay
J.F. OBUDE, Comdr., USN.		.A. BATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.

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	TATES SHIP	BETELGRUSE	Friday	24 September , 1943.		
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Position Lnt.	0800		1200	2000		
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0700	ed in Berth Making pro	(W.	ONAL REMARKS AR DIARY) Vy Yard undergoing tting underway.	repairs and alterations.		
08-12 0807 0815 0836 0925 0951 1000 1021 1045 1112 1140	Pilot Trail Let go all Let go tus Buoys #11 Buoy #1 al Anchored the Anchor awa Passed the Entered Th Passed out	lke came aboard. l lines. Left pi gs, proceeding to and 12 abeam. P beam. Passed out in Hampton Roads eigh. Proceeding rough net gate. himble Shoal Chan t of Thimble Shoa g up Chesapeake B	Three yard tugs ster, tugs assisting wards Hampton Road ilot left ship. Ca of Elizabeth River to examine main engout channel. nel. S/S 60 RPM. 1 Channel. C/C 041	s. aptain conning. r Channel. gine.		
1208 1240 1250 1302 1313 1332 1335 1340	C/S to 75 Passed buc C/C 015 T Buoys #7 Buoys #1 Buoys #1 Stopped er	RPM. by #12 to Stbd. (Proceeding up)	C/C 355 T. York Spit Channel. ersed course to 195 PM. ion.			
1428 1450	Buoy #1 at C/C to 320 C/C to 170 Entered Th	eam to stbd.	to Hampton Roads.	F.A. MASSEY,		
16-20 1619 1638 1727 1753 1815	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.					
Yard workmen came aboard to finish work.						
Approved:		,	Examined:			
-07	And		EXPLANT			
J.F.	BHBE, Comda	Commanding Officer.	E.A. RA	TTRAY, Lieut., USNR.		

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Zone description PLUS 4 ceition 0800 nt. cong.	1200			
nt.	1200			
			2000	
	OPERATIONAL REMAR (WAR DIARY)	KS		
Moored in Berth 30 a Betelgeuse attached	t Norfolk Navy Yard, u	ndergoing r	epairs and alter	ations
		Sunday	 26 September	1943.
	v. No. of the second state of the second			
Moored in Berth 30 a 0710 to 0830 - Held	Dock Trial.			
0830 Made preparati	ons for getting underwame aboard. Tugs EDNA	ay.	T 115 alongside.	. 5
0909 Let go all lin	es. Left dock.			
1000 Buoy #24 abeam	Tugs let go. Procee p off Hospital Point.	Captain co	nning.	
1020 Buoys #11 and 1027 Tug PEERLESS c	12 abeam. ame alongside. Pilot	R.C. Edward	s came aboard.	
Proceeding int	o Berth 25. ide to Pier 2, Berth 2			t.
1200 Commenced taki	ng on diesel fuel oil.			
2330 Finished takin	g on fuel oil. Receiv			
			.A. RATTRAY	
		L	ieut., USNR.	
		Monday	27 September	1943.
Moored in Berth 25 a	+ Diam 2 N.O.B.			
0805 Mustered crew	on dock. C and R gang	preparing	ship for fumigat	tion.
0930 U.S. Public He	alth Officers started	fumigating	ship.	
1010 Downtacting non	ty left ship. ty returned aboard shi			orts.
wants and door	g to clear the ship of	cyanide ga	S.	
1600 Vessel declare All holds, sto	d safe by Public Healt re-rooms and living qu	arters clea	ned up and bedd:	ing air
		Tuesday	28 September	1943.
Moored in Berth 25 a	t Pier 2 N.O.B.			
Approved:	Examined:			
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UNITED S	TATES SHIP BETE	LGEUSE	Tuesda y	28 Septembe	er_, 1943.
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Position	0800	1200		2000	
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		OPERATIONAL REMAI	RKS		
0900 1300 1600 1930	Commenced loading Commenced holding Stopped engine. Finished loading	g ammunition. g dock trial. Finished holding do ammunition.	ock trial.		
			Wednesday	29 September	1943.
0830 1030 1330	ed in Berth 25 At 1 lgeuse attached to Commenced holding Stopped engine. Resumed holding Engine stopped.	SIXTHPHIB.	ı.		
			Thursday	30 September	1943.
Moor	red in Berth 25 at	Pier 2 N.v.B.			
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UNITED STATES SHIP	BETELGEUSE	Friday	1 October , 194	3
Position 0800	1200		2000	
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)

Moored at Pier 2 in Berth 25 at N.O.B., Norfolk Va. Betelgeuse attached to SIXTHPHIB.

12-16

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1230

1310 1317

Made all preparations for getting underway.
Pilot R.C. Edwards aboard. Tug Peerless alongside.
Left dock, vessel backing into channel.
Pilot and tug left. Captain conning. Proceeding towards Hampton Roads in Elizabeth River Channel. S/S 60 RPM.
Buoy #1 abeam. Passed out of Elizabeth River Channel.
Passed through anti-submarine net gate.
Entered Thimble Shoal Channel. 1327

1341 1407

Entered Thimble Shoal Channel. 1413

1457 Passed cut of Thimble Shoal Cannel. 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.

SMUTNY Lt. (jg) USN.

16-20

1612

1631 1725 1800

Entered York Spit Channel. C/C 010 T.
Passed out of York Spit Channel. C/C 010 T.
D.G. Range House brg. 100 T. at 2 miles off.
C/C to 175 Proceeding to anchorage east of Range House.

Stopped engine.

1855 Let go port anchor in 7 fms. of water with 60 fms. chain. D.G. Range House brg. 280 T. at } mile off.

Upon inspection of engine after anchoring, it was found that the center cross-head hearings of #2 cylinder on main engine are pounding out again. Radio sent to COMSIXTHPHIB recommending return to Navy Yard for inspection.

P.S. SMITH, Lieut., USIR.

20-24 Anchored as before.

> G. S. McCarrie Ens. USNR.

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Approved:

.F. CRUBE, Commander, USN. umanding Officer.

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UNITED S	TATES SHIP BETELOET	JSE	Saturday	2 October , 1943.
Zone description	e PLUS 4			
Position	0800	1200		2000
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		OPERATIONAL REM (WAR DIARY)	ARKS	
00-04 Betel	Anchored as before lgeuse attached to S			
			F.D.	MOORE, USIR.
04.02			1000000	
0730 0756	Anchored as before. All preparations ma Anchor aweigh. S/8	ade for getting	underway. ourse 205 T.	
Retur	ening to Navy Yard in	n accordance with	n orders fro	om COMSIXTHPHIB.
			fa.	Margey.
			F.A.	MASSEY,
08-12	Steaming as before.			
0850 0905		Channel.		
0910	Sounded General Qua Passed out of York	arters. Exercis:	ing crew at	battle stations.
0940	Buoy #12 abeam. C/	/C to 150 T.	0,0 10, 1.	
1036	Secured from General Bucy #1 abeam to st	tbd.		
1111	Buoy #2 T. abeam. Entered Thimble Sho	C/C 225 T.		
	Proceeding at 1/3 s		100	Masheuri
			10	Jastenge
			J.B.	MacKENZIE, USNR.
12-16				
1212	Passed out of Thimb Passed through net	gate.	1.	
1256	Fort Woal L.H. abes	im to port.		
	Received orders from Roads and wait for	om shore station Navy Yard, tug	at N.O.B. t	co anchor in Hampton
1327	Anchored in anchore	ge area "D". U	sing 45 fms.	of chain to port
1424		side. Pilot Tral	ke came abo	pard.
1436	Anchor aweigh. Pro Entered Elizabeth F	ceeding to Navy	Yard.	
1530	Craney Island L.H.	abeam to stbd.	01	0,
			T. A	metry
			L. SI	SUTNY,
16.00			20.()	67 0011.
1600				
1602		longside.	aring bouth	
1700	Moored stbd. side t	to pier in berth	35 at Norfo	lk Navy Yard,
1	Portsmouth, Va. Tu		12	Amit
Approved:	Can la	Examined:		SMITH, Lieut., USNR.
J.F.	GRUBE, Commander, U	ISN.	B.A. RATT	TAY, Lieut., USNR.

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osition	0800	1200	2000
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
Moored 1 Betelgeu	n Berth 35 Norfoll se attached to SI	K Navy Yard undergoing	g main engine repairs.
		146	onday 4 October 1943.
Moored i	n Berth 35 Norfoll	Navy Yard undergoing	g main engine repairs.
		T	uesday 5 October 1943.
Moored 1	n Berth 35 Norfoll	Navy Yard undergoing	g main engine repairs.
201		We	ednesday 6 October 1943.
Moored 1	n Berth 35 Norfoll	Navy Yard undergoing	g main engine repairs.
		T	hursday 7. October 1943.
Moored 1	n Berth 35 Norfolk	Navy Yard undergoing	g main engine repairs.
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		F	riday 8 October 1943.
Moored 1	n Berth 35 Norfolk	Navy Yard undergoing	g main engine repairs.
Approved;		Examined:	

UNITED S	TATES SHIP BETI	LGEUSE		Saturda	, 9 0	ctober	, 1943 -
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Zone description	n PLUS 4						
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			NAL REMARI	ks			
Moore Bete	ed in Berth 35) lgeuse attached	Worfolk Navy Y	ard, under	rgoing ma	in engi	ne repa	irs.
				Sunday	10 0	ctober	1943.
Moore	ed in Berth 35 1	Norfolk Navy Y	ard, under	going ma	in engi	ne repa	irs.
			2	Monday	11 0	ctober	1943.
Moore	ed in Berth 35 1	Worfolk Navy Y	ard. under	going en	zine re	pairs.	
1800 Stopp	enced holding do ped engine for i med holding dock trial to contin	inspections.	in engine	repairs	complet	ed.	
				R.A. MOI Ens., IN	RRISON,		
				Tuesday	12 0	ctober	1943.
00-04 Moor	red as before an	nd holding doe	k trial.				
			-	E.G. Med Ens., U	CARTITY,	ty	
0700 Stop	red as before ar ped engine. Doo ng all preparati	k trial compl	eted.				
				P.K. Joh Ens., U	HNSON.		
Approved;		E	xamined:				
J.F. GRI		USN .		E.A. RA	TTRAY	Lieut.,	US NR . Navigator.

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UNITED ST	ATES SHIP BET	ELGEUSE		2 October , 1943.
Zoue description.	PLUS 4			
Position	0800	1200		2000
Lat.				
		OPERATIONAL REMAR (WAR DIARY)	KS	
0830 Pilot 0844 Yard 1 0852 Let 5 0906 Header Tug # 0925 Pilot 0930 Hospi 0951 Crane 1024 Buoy 1 1047 Passe 1100 Enter- 1138 Standa 1146 Passe	Treakle came at Tug #213 alongs: o all lines and d fair in river 213 left. and Tug #17 lestal Point abeam y Island L.H. at #1 abeam. Passed through anti-sed Thimble Shoal and Speed 70 KPI d out of Tnimble	ide port bow. left dock. Proceeding towards ft. Captain conning. bean. ed out of Elizabeth Ri submarine net gete. Unannel.		
1152 Buoy	"ZI" abeam to pe	ort. 0/0 332 I.	F.A. MASSEY Lieut., USN	
1304 Entere 1324 Passed 1430 Change	d out of York St	346 T. annel. 5/S 80 RPM. pit Channel. C/C to 0 5 T. Returning to Ham	os T. pton Roads. 1. M Cassing Bns., USNR.	
1615 S/S 83 1620 Buoy 1 1649 Passed 1655 Stoppe 1705 Procee 1711 Buoy 1 1716 Entere 1751 Passed 1801 Passed 1810 Passed 1810 Passed 1810 Passed 1810 Passed 1859 Anchor	2 RPM. C/C to 16 #12 abeam to por i buoy #1 to sthe d to inspect meded at S/S 75 F "2T" abeam to sted Thimble Shoald out of Thimble i through anti-si Old Point Compon Roads.	rt. C/C to 148 T. od. in engine. RPM. Steering for Thi tbd. I Channel. Shoal Channel. sub net gate. fort L.H. to stbd. Ma fampton Roads using po 258. 5004.	mble Shoal Ch king preparat rt anchor and #. W. Allaby Ens., USNR.	ions to anchor in 60 fms. chain in
20-24 And	nored as perore.		R.C Some	limour
ر معلى بيا		أنالس أنالس	R.C. EMMELM Ens., USNR.	
Approved:		Examined:		
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J.F. OH	BE, Commander,	manding Officer.	E.A. HATTR	AY Lieut., USNR.

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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS	
		(WAR DIARY)	
	chored as before in E telgeuse attached to	Berth #3 Hampton Roads.	2
234	rergease accaused to	Ont	P 1 h.,
		h.M. Ens.	CASSIDY, USNR.
04-08 Ar	chored as before.		
	ing all preparations		- Indiana
		W.W.	allaby
		D.W.	ALLABY . USNR.
08-12			
900 Con	menced weighing ancho	or.	and the second second second second
1909 And	hor aweigh. Proceedi tain conning.	ing to sea. Course 067	T. S/S 76 RPM - 121 knots
1941 Pas	sed through anti-sub	net. Proceeding toward	is Thimble Shoal Chainel.
LO35 Pas	ered Thimble Shoal Ch sed out of Thimble Sh	coal Channel. C/C 045	r.
1041 Buc 1052 Sto	y "2T" abeam to port. pped engine to repair	. C/C to 332 T.	
105 Let	go port anchor and 4	5 fms. of chain in 10	fms. water.
131 And	airs completed. Comm hor aweigh. Proceedi	mended weighing anchor. Ing at standard speed or	course 329 T.
1142 Buo	y #1 abeam to port.	m	Markensi
		901	7
			MacKENZIE USNR.
2-16			
1207 Buc		Steering for York Spit	Channel.
1240 Pas	ered York Spit Channe sed out of York Spit	Channel. C/C 022 T.	
1318 Sto	pped engine. Laying	to east of Wolf Trap De House boarded vessel.	egaussing Range.
1402 Con	menced running over t	he D.G. Range. S/S 12	knots.
1547 Con	pleted 5th run over I	O.G. Hange.	6 1
		W-0	MITNY,
		Lt.(jg), ÚSN.
16-20 Ru	nning over D.G. Range	as before.	
1714 Con	pleted 9th run over I horage east of Range	.C. Range. Calibration	completed. Proceeding to
1742 Let	go stbd. anchor and	60 fms. chain in 7 fms.	of water. Range House
1815 Rec	ring 271 T. at 1.3 mi eived D.G. charts. R	les off. lange officers left ship	
		404	manks
		Ŕ.W.	MARKS,
00-24 4-	chored as before	Ens.	CUSINE +
20-24 An	chored as before.	1.0~	SWCART,
Approved:	11.	Examined: Lt.(Rotter

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Zone de	perription PLUS 4			
Position	0800	1200	2000	
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)		
00-04	Anchored as before eas	t of Wolf Trap Degauss	ing Hange.	
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		σ_{J}	NOREK,	
		Ens	., USNR.	
04-08	Anchored as before.			
0800	Making all preparations	to get underway.		
		624	marks	
			. MARKS,	
		ans	., USNR.	
08-12	sar til i i sarie komen i sil k			
0822	Commenced weighing anch	boots. Proceeding to	area south-east of Wolf To	nan
	L.H. to swing ship and	conpensate standard ma	gnetic compass.	
0915	Commenced compensating	standard compass. Ste	aming at 1/3 speed.	1
		de	Monthey	
		L.	SMUTNY	
		Lt.	(jg), dsn.	
12-16 1205 1254	Wolf Trap Degaussing Ra	inge House.	eeding to anchorage east of	f
	bearing 271 T. at 1; mi	les off.	a property of a commentation	
		3.2	more	
			. MOORE,	
		ans	., USMR.	
16-20	Anchored as before.			
		R.C.	Logh	
		R.E	· PAYLOR ·	
		Ens	., USNR.	
20-24	Anchored as before.			
		Pa	1. Me Mamara	
		R.F	MacNAMARA,	
		Ens	., USNR.	
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Appro	1	Examined:		
57.	Paris Commender 110	v	E.A. BATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.	
1	F. GRUBE, Commander, US	ng Officer.	E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR Namegate	ř.

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		OPERATIONAL RES		
00-04	Anchored as befo	re 14 miles east of W	olf Trap D.	Range.
			F.D. MOO Ens., US	ORE.
04-08				
3000	Making all prepar	ations to get underwa	016	
			R.E. TAI	
08-12 0818 0836 0950	Commenced weighin Anchor aweigh. U. S/S 80 RPM.	g anchor. S nderway. S/S 75 RPM.	/C 280 / Course 091	10 - C/C to 180 T.
955	C/C to 357 T. Wo Commenced raining Wolf Trap L.H. br Sighted Rappahunn	ock Spit Buoy bearing	ing.	
	Spit Bucy bearing		tant. Engir	water. Rappahannock ne on å hour notice.
			E.G. Med Ens., US	Carthy
2-16	Anchored as beforebserved.	re. Low visibility.	All low vis	sibility regulations
			P.K. Joi Ens., US	DISCH,
600	Anchored as befor Visibility improv L.H. brg. 286 T.		it Buoy bear	ing 168 T. Windmill Pos
1800	Thick fog set in.	All regulations obs	PA Mon R.A. MOR Ens., US	REISON
0-24	Anchored as before	re in thick fog. All	regulations	observed.
			Ens., US	Carthy ARTHY,
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UNITED S	TATES SHIP BETELOR	USE Satur	day 16 October , 19.43.
Zone description	9 PLUS 4		
osition et.	0800	1200	2000
ong.			
		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
0-04 And All t	chored as before in hick weather regula	thick fog $\frac{1}{2}$ wile north of tions observed.	Rappshannock Spit Buoy.
			JOHNSON, USNR.
4-08 And	hored as before in	thick fog. All regulation	ns observed.
816 Comm 912 All 935 Comm 945 Visi 050 All	enced hoisting out boats in the water. enced hoisting boat	thick fog. All regulatio boats. s aboard. Rappahannock Spit Buoy b	ns observed.
		D.W.	allaly,
230 Maki 248 Comm 258 Anch 328 Slow 5"/3 333 to 13 casu 400 Buoy 423 Buoy 446 Smit 515 Runn 548 Poin	ed to 1/3 speed. S 8 cal. gun on a saft 45 Fired 4 rounds alties or structura med standard speed. #6 abeam bearing O #12TL abeam to sto h Point L.H. abeam ing into heavy rain	or. rse 060 T. S/S 80 RPM. 1. teering various courses in a bearing. from new 5"/38 cal. gun f 1 failures. Set course 340 T. 70 at 1.3 miles off. i. C/C to 005 T. bearing 275 T. at 1.4 mile squalls. nm bearing 253 T. at 1 m	n order to test-fire new or structural tests. No es off. C/C to 343 T.
702 Let Cove 915 Maki 936 Comm	go port anchor and Foint L.H. bearing ng preparations for enced hoisting out	R.C.	f water.
24 Fini 26 Comm	hored as before. We shed boisting out be enced hoisting boats boats aboard.	ather fine & clear. oats. s aboard. Examined: D.W.	ALLABY, USAR. Experting

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UNITED ST	TATES SHIP BETELGE		
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Position	0800	1 200	2000
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
00-04 And	chored as before wi bearing 185 T. We	th Cove Point L.H. bearing	g 309 T. and Cedar Point
		R.C. Ens.	EMMELMANN,
04-08 And	chored as before.	PH	Carridy
09 70 1-		R.W. Ens.,	CASSIDY,
0830 Comm	chored as before. Senced hoisting out boats in the water sed boat exercises.	. Commenced holding boat	Eassedy CASSIDY
1300 Resu 1507 Comm	mored as before. med holding boat e enced hoisting boa boats aboard.	xercises.	, USNR. J
			Marks, WSNR.
16-20 And	hored as before.	Ph.	Swigar,
20-24 And	hored as before.	J.n.	nek
			, uskr.
Approved:	flames	Examined:	A Ratting
133	GRUBE. Commander.	USN . E	A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.

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Position Lat.	0800	1200	2000
Long.			
		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
00+04	Anchored as before son Cedar Point L.H. brg. 1	theast of Cove Point. C	ove Point L.H. brg. 310 T.
			MARKS, USNR:
04+08	Anchored as before.		
		P.W	Swidger.
08-12	Anchored as before.		
0829	Commenced hoisting out	. Carrying out boat exer	cises under boat officers.
		3.0. M	MOORE.
12/2-22	A lease of a subsection	and the second of the second o	USIR.
1211	Anchored as before. Hall boats aboard and se Making all preparations	cured. for getting underway.	
1245 1302 1337 1400 1450	Buoy #16 F abeam to stb Buoy #18 A abeam. C/C Buoy #20 A abeam. C/C	HPM. 14 knots. Course od. 1 mile off. to 356 T. to 013 T.	
1513 1521 1548	Sloody Point Bar L.H. a Preparing to make 3 run Commenced 1st run. Cou Commenced 2nd run. Cou	is over the measured mile irse 002 T. S/S 80 RPM.	miles off. C/C to 020 T. opposite Annapolis, Md.
		R.E. O	TALLOR, USNR.
16-20 1612 1617	Running measured mile Commenced 3rd run. Cou	rse 003 T.	Preparing to anchor south
1642	of measured mile. Resu Let go nort anchor and	ilt of runs: 14.2 knots	at 80.2 RPM. of water with Thomas Point
	man meg. 2/2 I. and Bi		McNamara
		n-4:7/	Menamara.
			USHE.
20-24	Anchored as before.		
		9.0.	more
			MOCRE, USNR.
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Arme	walt .	Examined:	
Appro	flands	2.000	A. HATTRAY, Lieut., USNR.
1	F. GRUBE, Commander, US	ing Officer,	.A. RATTRAY Dieut. USNR. Narigalor.

UNI	TED STATES SHIP BETELO	Tuesda (Des)	y 19 October . 1943.
Zone d	itemiption PLUS 4		
Position		1200	2000
Lat, Long.			
00-04	Anchored as before in	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY) Chesapeake Bay with Thom	as Point L.H. brg. 275 T.
	and Bloody Point Bar 1	REJ R.E. T Ens.,	ATLOR, USINR.
	Anchored as before,	R.F. M Ens.,	le Neusia Onamara, Urre.
08-12 0810 0822 0837 0902 0926 0938	Anchor aweigh, Prepar Commenced 1st run. Co Commenced 2nd run. Co Commenced 3rd run. Co Completed runs over me Result of runs: 12.5 Chief Engineer reports	thor. Ing to run over measured course 003T. curse 183 T. curse 003 T. casured mile. Stopped eng knots at 69.8 RPM.	ine for inspection.
1030 1100 1138	Bloody Point Bar L.H. Buoy #20 A abeam. C/O Sharps Island L.H. abe	to 175 T.	OHNSON,
1205 1237 1300 1350 1355 1404	Hoopers Island L.H. ab Stopped engine for ins Proceeded at S/S 55 RP	brg. 253 at 1.1 miles off eam brg. 073 at 2.4 miles pection.	off,
		f.a.w F.A. M Lieut.	MASSEY.
16-20 1603 1643 1747 1902	Buoy #12 TL abeam to p Rappahannock Spit Buoy Wolf Trap D.G. Range H southeast of Range Hou	abeam to stbd. C/C 160 1 couse abeam to port I miles se. 60 fms. chain in 7 fms.	
		R.W. M.	
Appro	J.F. SHUBE, Commander,	Examined:	Contraction Lieut. USNR. Nampater.

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UNITED :	STATES SHIP BETEL	GEUSK Tue	sday 19 Dotober ,1943.
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		OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
2047 Ser of For Han	lower piston number ward side crank bea upton Roads at slow MY NOR for thorough	two cylinder main enging ring number two cylinder speed. ETA 1300 QUEEN investigation. Request Miller of Sun Shipbuil	USHIPS:- Cross-head bearings ne again pounding out. r running hot. Returning 20 Cotober. Recommend return t presence of Mr. J.B. Hazzard Iding and Drydock Co.
		ans.	, usan.
		Examined:	
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3/2	Charles, Commander,	ISN . E .	A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USIR.

UNI	TED STATES SHIP BETELORUSI		ednesday 20 October, 1943.
Zone d	escription PLUS 4		
Position	0800	1200	2000
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	-	OPERATIONAL REMARKS (WAR DIARY)	
00-04	Anchored as before in Che	esapeake Bay with Wo	olf Trap D.G. Range House brg.
	323 T. and Plantation Flat	28 L.H. DFg. 100 1.	on the .
			A. MORRISON, ns., USNR.
		131	18., Com.
04-08	Anchored as before.	2	
		Er	G M Casthy ns., WECARTHY,
08-12	Making all preparations t	to get underway.	
0820	Commenced weighing anchor. Anchor Aweigh. Proceeding		av. on course 203 T.
	S/S 55 RPM. 10 knots.		174 011 000000 203 21
0947	Entered York Spit Channel. Passed out of York Spit Cl	mannel. C/C 180 T.	
0959	Buoy #14 abeam to nort. (C/C to 165 T.	
1012	C/C to 150 T. Stopped eng Proceeding at 8/S 55 RPM of	on course 150 T.	
	Buoy #1 abeam to stbd. 1 : Stopped engine for inspect		
	Proceeding at S/S 55 RPM. Buoy #2T abeam to stbd.	C/C 180 T.	
1121	Entered Thimble Shoal Char	Steering for Thimble	Shoal Channel Entrance.
		2	C. V.
		L	. SMUTNY,
			t.(jg), ÚSN.
12-16			
1218	Passed out of Thimble Shor	al Channel.	
1243	Passed through anti-sub ne Old Point Comfort abeam.	Received a dispatch	n from COMSIXTHPHIB directing pilot at NOB. Proceeding
	us to stand on in and meet towards Elizabeth River Ch	t navy yard tug and	pilot at NOB. Proceeding
and a	Captain conning.		ourses and speeds.
1300	Entered Elizabeth River Ch Pilot Treakle boarded vess	nannel.	Name Vand
1331	Craney Island L.H. abeam.	let. Proceeding to	MRVy raru.
1350	Hospital Point abeam. Yard Tugs 17 and 197 came	alongetda.	
1430	Moored stbd. side to dock	in Berth #3 Norfolk	k Navy Yard. Tugs and Pilot
	left the ship.	. 1	1
		4	8Machenju
		Si Si	.B. MacKENZIBO
			101,
Appre	oved:	Examined:	
	Thrub		EARSTILL
1	J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN		E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut. USNR.

UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE		Thursday 21 October , 19 4
Zone description PLUS 4		
Position 0800	1200	2000
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OPER	(WAR DIARY)	KS
Moored as before in Berth #3,		Vand undergoing main engine
repairs.	MOTIOIK MAVY	iard undergoing main engine
Betelgeuse attached to SIXTH	PHIB.	
		Friday 22 October, 1943.
Moored as before in Berth #3, repairs.	Norfolk Navy	Yard undergoing main engine
		Saturday 23 October, 1943.
Moored as before in Berth #3, repairs.	Norfolk Mavy	Yard undergoing main engine
		Sunday 24 October, 1943.
Moored as before in Berth #3, repairs.	Norfolk Navy	Yard undergoing main engine
		Monday 25 October, 1943.
Moored as before in Berth #3,	Norfolk Mavy	Yard undergoing main engine
repairs. 1630 Making preparations to shift 1703 Pilot Shown came aboard. For engine under repairs and not	ur Yard Tugs	alongside to move ship. Main
1712 Let go all lines aft. 1800 Four Yard Tugs cannot move s		esh easterly breeze holding vesse
against dock. 1806 Pilot Shown and tugs left to	perform anot	her job. Vessel made fast to do
with 8 singled-up lines as P. 2005 Pilot Shown returned aboard. 2035 Let go all lines - Tugs warp	Six tugs al	ongside to move vessel to Berth ; y from dock, turned vessel around
in turning basin off building 2140 Moored port side to Berth #1	g ways and to , Norfolk Nav	y Yard. Pilot and tugs left ves
		Akathay
		E.A. RATTRAT, Lieut., USNR.
Annovada	Examined:	
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J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.		E.A. RATTRAY, Lieut., USM

UNI	TED STATES SHIP BETELGEUS	BE	Tuesday	26 October , 1943.
	escription PLUS 4		(Day)	(Date) (Masth)
Position		1200		2000
Lat.	0800	1200		2000
Long.				
		(WAR DIARY)	KKS	
	Moored as before in Berth	#1-A. Norfolk N	avy Yard un	dergoing main engine
repai	TS.			and Sound and and
1625	Commenced holding a dock	trial with main		
			R.E. TAYL	
			Ens., USN	R.
20-24	Moored as before, contin	wing dock trial.		
			R.f. Men	
			R.F. MacN	AMARA.
			Ens., USN	R.
			Wednesday	27 October, 1943.
00-04	Moored as before in Berth	#1-4. Norfolk N		
50-0-	200104 45 501010 211 50101	, wa m, morroan m	ww all	
			D.W. ALLA	
			Ens., USN	
	Moored as before holding	dock trial.		
0530	Stopped engine. Secured Making preparations for	from dock trial		
0720	Two Yard Tugs alongside.	Pilot H.L. Eve	rton aboard	
0734	Let go all lines. Proce Tugs let go.	eding towards has	mpton Roads	•
0747	Pilot left ship. Captai Buoys #26 and 27 abeam.	n conning. 8/8	50 RPM. 9 k	nots.
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			R.E. TAYL	
			Ens., USN	
08-12		seeding out of El	izabeth Riv	er.
0814	Increased S/S to 60 RPM.	•		
0846	Passed out of Elizabeth	River Channel.	Proceeding	up Chesapeake Bay on a
	post repair trial. Mr. Mr. J. Miller and Mr. Wa	dell of Sun Ship	vard on boa	. Delaney of BuShips,
0917	Passed through anti-sub	net gate.		
0930	Entered Thimble Shoal Ch Passed out of Thimble Sh	oal Channel. C/	to 045 T.	RPM.
1025	Rounded buoy #2T. C/C t Passed buoy #1 to port.	o 330T.		
1045	Increased S/S to 70 RPM.			
1119	Buoy #12 abeam to stbd. Entered York Spit Channe	C/C to 345 T.		
1130	Increased S/S to 75 RPM.	13+ knots.		
(1131	Fassed out of York Spit Following radio sent to	Channel. C/C to	. Betelease	e reporting for duty in
	accordance with ALLANT	5. Now on post	S.S. SMIT	il operand to the
	repair trials. Reliability of main engi	ne still	P.S. SMIT	SNR.
Anne	undertermined.	Examined:		
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1	J.F. GRODE, Commander, D	SN.	E.A. RATT	RAY, Lieutenant, ISNR.

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UNI	TED STATES SHIP	BETELGEUSE	Wo	dnesday 27 (Day) (Date)	October (Stores)	, 19.43
Position	description PLUS 4		1200		2000	
Lat.	1 0600		1200			
Long.	1870-18	_				4.
			TONAL REMARKS WAR DIARY)			
1309 1315 1342 1348 1416 1454 1515 1538 16-20 1615 1623 1634	Increased S/S Rappahannock Si Sounded General Reversed course Secured from Ge Rappahannock Si C/C to 175 T. C/C to 188 T. C/C to 1002 T. Wolf Trap D.G. Steaming as beincreased S/S Rappahannock Si C/C to 167 T. C/C to 185 T.	pit Buoy abeam to l Quarters. Exer s to 172 T. Proc eneral Quarters. pit Buoy abeam to Increased S/S to Proceeding up Ba Range abeam to s	port at 1 m mediad crew at seeding down Bo 83 RPM. 14 m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m	iles off. emergency dray. iles off. knots. T. B. MacKenzie s., USNR.	qu	
1848	Wolf Trap D.G.	Range abeam. C/ Proceeding down	C to 352 T.	=-		
			F.	A. MASSEY, eut., USNR.		
20-24 2025 2111 2133 2152 2212 2212	Wolf Trap D.G. C/C to 005 T. C/C to 009 T.	fore, proceeding Range abeam to p Proceeding up Ba Range abeam to s	ort. C/C 188	ke Bay. T.		
2320	anchor to north approaching and Let go port and	ing heavily. Red nwest of York Spi chorage. Captain chor and 60 fms. bearing 165 and	t Channel Entra conning. chain in 6 far Old Plantatio	rance. Vario	ous courses er. York Spi	t
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Approved:

E.A. RATTRAY Lieutenant, DBNR.

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UNITED STATES SHIP BETEL	GEUSE	Thursday 28 (Date)	October , 1943.
Zone description PLUS 4			
Position 0800	1200		2000
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Dong.			
	OPERATIONAL REMARI (WAR DIARY)	KS	
00-04 Anchored as before	northwest of York Spit - Old Plantation Flats	Channel. York S	pit Channel
Buoy #9 018. 207 1.	- 024 1241040204 1240	0110+1	
		P.S. SMITH,	
		Lieut., USNR.	
04-08 Anchored as before.		alls.	
0800 Making preparations	to get underway.	J.B. MacKENZIE,	izes
		T. B. MOOVENTE	0
		Ens., USNR.	
08-12		and the farmers	
0814 Commenced weighing	anchor. Cross head bes	rings of lower p	iston in
of BuShips decided	of main engine again ; to cease further trials	and return to No	orfolk Navy
Vard. Navy Yard in 0825 Anchor aweigh. Pro	formed by radio.	Bay to Wamnton I	eneds.
Course 160 T. 8/8 70	ceeding down Chesapeake	bay to nampton i	loaus.
0842 Entered York Spit C	hannel. Spit Channel. C/C to 1	80 T.	
0906 Buoy #14 abeam. C/	C to 165 T.		
0913 Buoy #12 abeam. C/	C to 150 T. Visibility	poor at times di	ie to mist and
0922 Buoy #10 abeam to p	ort.		
0953 Buoy #1 abeam * mil 0957 C/C to 160 T. Visi 1014 Rounding buoy 2T, p	bility increasing to 10	,000 yards.	
1014 Rounding buoy 2T, p 1020 Entered Thimble Sho	roceeding towards Thimb al Channel.	le Shoal Channel	
1059 Passed out of Thimb	le Shoal Channel.		
1112 Passed through anti 1122 Old Point Comfort a	-sub net gate at reduce beam. Proceeding towar	d speed. ds Elizabeth Rive	er Channel
entrance at reduced	speed waiting for pilo	ot.	
1140 Navy Yard tug along River Channel, proc	eeding to Navy Yard.	me aboard. Enter	ed Elizabeth
		f.a.m array	
		F.A. MASSEY,	
		Lieut., USNR.	
12-16			
1218 Craney Island L.H. 1246 Hospital Point abeau			
1312 Yard tug 115 came a	longside at port quarte	r, and tug Roanol	ce alongside
1345 Moored stbd. side t	o dock in berth 1-A, N	orfolk Navy Yard	Pilot and
tugs left.		R.C. Emmelmen	
		R.C. EMMELMANN,	
		Ens., USNR.	
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J.F. GRUBE, Commander,	TOTAL STATE OF THE		outenant, USNR.
	nunanding Officer.		Navigator.

UNITE	ED STATES SHIP BETELGEUS		Friday	29 (Dute)	October	, 19_43
Zone des	emptice PLUS 4					
osition	0800	1200			2000	
eng.						
635 730 748 905	as before in Berth 1-A Received orders from Ca vessel to Berth 42 at 1 All lines singled up, p rugs Alice and Roanoke came aboard. Let go all lines. Vess Moored stbd. side to do left. Yard workmen com overhaul.	ptain of the Yard 1700 today with tu preparing to shift and 2 Yard Tugs c sel towed to Berth ock in Berth 42. N	rd. 's Office gs. berths. ame along 42. orfolk Nav wn main er E.A. RA	y Yard ngine for TRAY, USNR.	Pilot Treak: Pilot and or a complete	i tugs
			Saturda	30	October, 19	43.
Mc verhau	oored as before in Bert	h 42, Norfolk Nav			tober, 1943 g main engin	
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UNITED STATES SHIP BETE	LGEUSE		Monday	1 (Date)	Hovember (Stock)	. 1943.
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Position 0800 Lat.		1200			2000	
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		ONAL REM	IARKS			
Moored in Berth #42, engine overhaul. Betelgeuse attached			Portsmouth,	Vn.,	undergoing	main
			Tuesday	2	November,	1943.
Moored in Berth #42, engine overhaul.	Norfolk Nav	y Yard,	Portsmouth,	Va.,	undergoing	main
			Wednesday	3	November,	1943.
Moored in Berth #42, engine overhaul.	Norfolk Nav	y Yard,	Portsmouth,	Va.,	undergoing	main
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	·/_		Thursday	4	November, 3	943.
Moored in Berth #42, engine overhaul.	Norfolk Hav	y Yard,	Portsmouth,	Vа.,	undergoing	main
			Friday	5	November, 1	1943.
Moored in Berth #42, engine overhaul.	Norfolk Nav	y Yard,	Portsmouth,	√a.,	undergoing	main
The same of the sa			Saturday	6	November, 1	943.
Noored in Berth #42, engine overhaul.	Norfolk Nav	y Yard,	Portsmouth,	Va.,	undergoing	nain

Sunday 7 November, 1943.

Moored in Berth #42, Morfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine overhaul.

Approved; GRUNE, Commander, USN. Examined:

E. A. RATTRAM, Lieutenant, USNR.

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-	escription PLUS 4					0000	
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			TONAL REMA WAR DIARY)	ARKS			
repai		a in Berth #42,	Norfolk H	avy Yard,	undergoi	ng main en	gine
	Botelgouse atta	shed to PHIRTRAI	HLANT.				
0600 0655 0712 0749 0003 0808 0845 1125	Pilot Valton e Rosnoke, Poca v Left dock. Ve Entered 4 dry Tugs and pilot Vessel in rlac Commanced summ	over blocks.	lowing tu	gs alongsi by tugs.	de: Pow	E. ver, Edna C	row,
44-5	MALE THERETO STREET			EtRAL	tran		
				5. A. HA	0		
				Lieut.,	usin.		
1130	and Condr. Han Mr. J. Hiller keelplate was	vessel's bull ma singer of Norsol of Sun Shipbuild very corrugated and #2 cylinder	k Havy Ya ing and D between f	rd: Mr. J. rydock Co. rames 81 n	It was nd 69. e	d of BuShi found that specially	nst
				Tunnday	O Nov	ember. 194	
	Vessel in #4 d	ydock, Norfelk	Havy Turd	, undergol	ng main	engine rep	airs.
				Wednesda	y 10 Nev	ember, 194	3.
	Vessel in #4 da	ydock, Morfolk	Havy Yard	, undergol	ng main	engima rap	airs.
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				Thursday	Il Nov	enber, 194	3.
0300 0330 0919 1015	Commenced Floor Vessel Floating Pilot Shawa car 542: Alice, Ye		e drydock owing tugs and 57.				
1105	Versel out of a	cek. Tugs towi de to sier in H entineing main e	erth #42.	to Berth Morrolk E irs.	042. Ny Yard	. Pilot b	tugs les
	Moored as befor	e in Berth #42.	Norfelk 1	Friday	12 Nov	ember, 194	3.
repai		Waster School of the				100 100 100	
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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE		Saturday	13 November , 1943.
Zone description PLUS 4			
Position 0800 Lat, Long.	1200		2000
OPE	RATIONAL REM (WAR DIARY)	IARKS	
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk engine repairs. Betelgeuse attached to PHIBTR		Portsmouth,	Va., undergoing main
		Sunday	14 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk engine repairs.	Navy Yard,	Portsmouth,	Va., undergoing main
		Monday	15 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk engine repairs.	Navy Yard,	Portsmouth,	Va., undergoing main
		Tuesday	16 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk engine repairs.	Navy Yard,	Portsmouth,	Va., undergoing main
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk	Navy Yard.		17 November, 1943.
engine repairs.			and brand and
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk	Navy Yard,		18 November, 1943. Va., undergoing main
		Friday	19 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk engine repairs.	Navy Yard,	Portsmouth,	Va., undergoing main
J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN.	Examined:	EARat	ttan TTRAY, Lieutenant, USNR

UNITED STATES SHIP BETELGEUSE	Saturday	20 November , 19 43
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nt.		
	TONAL REMARKS	
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Nav	Salar State of State	, Va., undergoing main
Betelgeuse attached to PHIHTRAIN	LANT.	
	Sunday	21 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Nav gine repairs. Betelgeuse attached to PHIBTRAIN		, Va., undergoing main
	Monday	22 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Nav	y Yard, Portsmouth	, Va., undergoing main
gine repairs.		
	Tuesday	23 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Nav	y vero, Portsmouth	, Vs., undergoing mein
	Wednesda	y 24 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy	Yard, Portsmouth	, Va., undergoing main
	Thursday	25 November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy ine repairs.	Yard, Portsmouth	, Va., undergoing main
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UNITED STATES SHIP BETELO	GEUSE	Friday 26	
Zene description PLUS 4			
Position 0800	1200		2000
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	OPERATIONAL REMAI	RKS	
Moored in Berth #42, Norfongine repairs. Betelgeuse attached to PHI		rtsmouth, Va.,	undergoing main
		Saturday 27	November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfo	olk Navy Yard, Po	rtamouth, Va.,	undergoing main
		Sunday 28	November, 1943.
Mcored in Berth #42, Norfo	olk Navy Yard, Po	rtsmouth, Va.,	undergoing main
		Monday 29	November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfongine repairs.	olk Navy Yard, Po	rtsmouth, Va.,	undergoing main
		Tuesday 30	November, 1943.
Moored in Berth #42, Norfo	olk Navy Yard, Po		
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CHANGED TO 3.	A.E	Norfo.	lk Na	vy Yard.	75	5	-						1
CONVOY NO.				MOVEMENT		NAME	OR	NULBER _					

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Va., undergoing
main engine repairs.

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

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DIARIST E. A. RATTRAY,
Lieut, USNR.

Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding.

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	Brief of Mission	or Task:			
(c)	Changes in the t	tasks of the unit	since 1 (b) wa	s issued	
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DATE 9 December, 1943.

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

Moored in Berth #42, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., undergoing main engine repairs.

1200 to 1300 Shifted from Berth #42 to Berths #11 & 12 by yard tugs. Continued work on main engine.

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

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

Moored in Berths #11 & 12, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Vaundergoing 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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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 Aynnhaven Roads. 1332 Anchor aweigh and returned to Norfolk Navy Yard. 1920 Moored alongside U.S.S. ENOREE at Berth #11 & 12, Nor folk Navy Yard.

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

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(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 --

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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.

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

Moored as before in Berths #7 & 8, Norfolk Navy Yard. Holding dock trials on main engine.

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

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DATE 23 December, 1943.

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

Moored as before in Borth #7 & 8, Norfolk Navy Yard, holding dock trials. 0757 Left dock and proceeding toward Hampton Roads and out Thimble Shoal Channel on a trial run. 1135 Turned vessel around in Lynnhaven Roads and proceeded back to Norfolk Navy Yard. 1625 Moored in Berths #7 & 8, Norfolk Navy Yard.

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

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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.

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

Moored in Berths #7 & 8, Norfolk Navy Yard. 0954 Left dock and proceeded to Hampton Roads and anchored in Berth #4. 1600 to 2115 Unloading ammunition into a lighter.

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

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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.

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

Anchored in Berth #4, Hampton Roads. 0809 Underway in tow of U.S.S. BOMAZEN with main engine turning 35 RPM. 1045 Picked up Chesapeake Bay Pilot H. EDEL. Proceeded up Chesapeake Bay towards Chesapeake & Delaware Canal.

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

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(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 --

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(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 --

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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 -

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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 --

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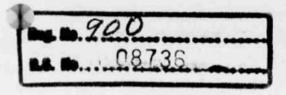
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	Designation of	the unit:-		
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	Major Task Forc	e, Fleet or Sea	Frontier to whi	ch attached:-PHIBTRALANT.
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DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETTELGEUSE (AKA11) (Second page)



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.

Summary of important orders received and decisions Teached -- None. (f)

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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J. F. CRURE, Commander, U.S. Navy.

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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.

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Commander U.S. Navy.

SECRET DATLY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELCEUSE (***28*) AKALL (First daily page)

	SCRIFTION PLUS 4	TA	DATE	25 March 1944.	
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	Designation of the Designation of nex	unit:-	ComPhibTr	aT.ant	
	Major Task Force,	Fleet or Sen F	rontier to whi	ch attached:-	
(b)	The identifying de	signation of th	e operation p	lan or order of the ISI	IC:
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25 March 1944. DATE

A brief of the Day's Operations -- 1451 - Got underway for post repair trial in Delaware Bay. Steaming on various (e) 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.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

SECRET DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AM28) AKALL (First daily page)

	SCRIFTION PLUS 4	AT	DATE	26 March 1944.
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	Major Task Force	, Fleet or Sea Fr	ontier to whi	ch attached:-
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(b)	Condt. N Yd. Ph	iladelphia, Disp.	231500 of	plan or order of the ISIC:
	Brief of Mission	or Task:- Post		
		Post	repair trial	•
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DATE 26 March 1944.

A brief of the Day's Operations -- Continuing Post Repair trial run in Delaware Bay. (e)

1614 Moored alongside Pier #2 Sun Ship Building and Drydock Company, Chester, Penna. for check-up following post repair trial.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE . ACTION REPORT.

> Mony attachad next hereto. None.

Commander, U.S. Navy.

SECRET DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (XX28) AKALL (First daily page)

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1. (a)	Composition of units	- Indepen	dent.	
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(b)	The identifying design	gnation of t	he operation	plan or order of the ISIC:
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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.

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W. F. Bosson

Commander, U.S. Navy.

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	CRIFTION PLUS		DATE	29 March 1944.
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	OTHER CONDITION	S:		

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, 1 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.

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W. F. CROSSON, Lieutenant,

Commander, U.S. Navy.

SECRET DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AK28) AKALL (First daily page)

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DATE	30	March	1944.	

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

> Anchored in fog south of Tangier Lump Buoy #12 in Chesapeake Bay. 0747 Got underway for Hampton Roads, Va. 1245 Anchored in Area B, berth #4, Hampton Roads, Va.

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

Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

None.

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W. F. Crasson Lieutenant, Navigator. Commander, U.S. Navy. Commanding.

SECRET DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (&K28) AKALL (First daily page)

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1. (a)	Composition of unit:-	Independer	rt.	
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	PHASE OF MOON			
	OTHER CONDITIONS:			

DATE	31	March	1944.	

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations --Anchored in Hampton Roads, Va., Area "P", berth #4.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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W. J. CROSSON, Lieutenant,

Commander, U.S. Navy.

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(b)	The identifying de	signation of t	he operation pl	an or order of t	he ISIC:
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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 amunition 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.

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DIARIST

W. F. CROSSON, Lieutenant, O

Commander, U.S. Navy.

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	FROM	MONEMENT	CODE NAME OR N	UMBER
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(a)	Composition of uni	t:-	Independent.	
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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 swing 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.

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Lieutenant

. Commander, U.S. Navy.

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NE DES	TO S.T. PLUS 4 DATE 3 April 1944.
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(a)	Composition of unit:- Independent.
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	Designation of the unit:-
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	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:-
(b)	The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC
(0)	Verbal oreders from ComPhibTraLant of 30 March 1944.
	Brief of Mission or Task:- Shakedown period.
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DATE	3	April	1944.	

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

Anchored off mouth of Patument 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.

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HARIST W. F. CROSSON, Lieutenant

Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

Navigator.

	TO S.T.	AT	TO DATE 4	April 1944.
CNVOY N		MOVEMENT CO	DE NAME OR NUL	BER
1. (a)	Composition of uni	t:- Independen	it.	
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(b)	The identifying de Verbal orders from Brief of Mission of	m ComPhibTraLant		n or order of the ISIC:
(c)	Changes in the tas	ks of the unit s	ince 1 (b) was	issued -
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DATE 4 April 1944.

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

O829 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, Southof 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.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

DIARIST

W. F. GROSSON, Lieutenant,

CONFIDENTIAL SECRET

BONE DESCRIPTION PLUS 4 CHANGED TO B.T.	AT DAT	E5	April 1944.	-
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1. (a) Composition of unit:-	Independent.			

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(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.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

Commanding.

Navigator.

SECRET DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (***28) AKALL (First daily page)

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(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.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in Chesapeake
Bay off mouth of Patument 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.

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W. A. GROSSON, Lieutenant,

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A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored in lower Chesapeake Bay. OS12 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.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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

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A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at Norfolk Navy Yard, (e) Portsmouth, Va., undergoing post shakedown repairs. Availability from ComPhibTraLant ends 2400 this date.

- Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --(f) 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.
- Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

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

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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.

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(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.

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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.

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Commander, U.S. Navy.

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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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DIARIST W. F. CROSSON, Lieut., USAR. Commanding.

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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.

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	Major Task Force, Fle	et or Sea Fro	ntier to whi	ch attached:- Se	rvice Force,
	U.S. Atlantic Fleet.				
(b)	The identifying desig ComServLant vis. des	nation of the	operation p	olan or order of	the ISIC:
	Brief of Mission or T	ask :- Loaded	with ordnanc	e munitions, amm	unition and
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored at United Nations Dock, Norfolk, Va.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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1. (a)	Composition of units-	Independent			
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	Major Task Force, Flee	t or sea fro	ntier to which	attached:- Ser	rice Force
(b)	U.S. Atlantic Fleet. The identifying design	ation of the	anamation nle	n on order of the	TSTC.
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	PHASE OF MOON				
	OTHER CONDITIONS:				

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(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.

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CONVOY N	10•	MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OR NU	MBER	
1. (a)	Composition of	unit:- Independe	nt.		
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		next higher eche		h attached:- Service	Force
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(b)				an or order of the ISI	C :
		Norfolk, Va., Op			
	Brief of Mission	n or Task:- Awai	ting sailing of	convoy UGS41.	
(c)	Changes in the	tasks of the uni	t since 1 (b) wa	s issued -	
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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.

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	TION PLUS		DATE	4 May 1944.
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CONVOY NO. T		NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, TH	CODE NAME OR NUL	
		unit:- Convoy UG les escorted by T		nly of merchant ships of
Des Maj		next higher eche e, Fleet or Sea		attached:-Service Force,
(b) The Por	identifying t Director,	designation of Norfolk, Va., Op	-Order 14-44 of 2	
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		MENT CODE NAME OR NUMBER
1. (a)	Composition of units- Com	nvoy UGS41 escorted by Task Force 62.
	Designation of the unit:- Designation of next higher Major Task Force, Fleet or	echelon:- Sea Frontier to which attached:-Service Force
	U.S. Atlantic Fleet.	
(b)	Port Director, Norfolk, Va.	of the operation plan or order of the ISIC: , Op-Order 14-44 of 2 May 1944. Proceeding towards Mediterranean Area.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the	unit since 1 (b) was issued -
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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1. (a)	Composit	ion of uni	ts- Convoy	UGS41, esco	rted by Task For	ce 62.
	Designati		t higher ec		o which attached	i:- Service Force
(b)	The ident	ifying de	signation o folk, Va.,	Op-Order 14-	ion plan or order 44 of 2 May 194 ards Mediterrane	4.
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

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CONVOY N	0. UGS41		MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OR	NUMBER		
1. (a)	Composition	of units-	Convoy UC	S41 escorted	by Task	Force 62.	
	Designation						
	Designation Major Task U.S. Atlant	Force, Flee	t or Sea F	rontier to w	hich att	ached:- Serv	rice Force
(6)	The identif	ying design	. Va Op-	he operation Order 14-44 eding toward	of 2 May	1944.	
(c)	Changes in	the tasks o	f the unit	since 1 (b)	was iss	ued -	
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(f)	Summary of important orders received and decisions reached
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NVOY N		UGS41.		CODE NAME OR N		
. (a)	Composi	tion of u	nit:- Convoy UG	841 escorted by	Task Force 62.	
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(b)	The ide	ntifying rector, N	designation of torfolk, Va., Op-	Order 14-44 of	lan or order of the I 2 May 1944. editerranean Area.	SIC:
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(f)	Summary of important orders received and decisions reached
(g)	Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.
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CONVOY N	10. UC	841		MOVEMEN'	I CODE	NAME OR	NUMBER	
1. (a)	Composit	ion of u	nit:-	Convoy	UGS41	escorted	by Task Fore	e 62.
	Designat	ion of t	he unit	1-				
	Major Ta	ion of no sk Force antic Fl	, Fleet			er to wh	ich attached:	- Service Force
(b)	The iden	tifying ector, N	designa orfolk,	Va., 0	o-Order	14-44 0	plan or order f 2 May 1944. Mediterranea	of the ISIC:
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION .	PLUS 2		DATE	10 May 1944.
CHANGED ENROUTE CONVOY N	FROM	Norfolk,		TO CODE NAME OR 1	Mediterranean Area.
					y Task Force 62.
		on of ne	kt higher echel Fleet or Sea I		ch attached: - Service Force
(b)	The ident	ifying desctor, No	signation of t	Order 14-44 of	olan or order of the ISIC: f 2 May 1944. Mediterranean Area.
(c)	Changes i	n the ta	sks of the unit	since 1 (b) w	as issued -
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION _	PLUS 2		DATE	11 May 1944.	
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1. (a)	Compositi	on of unit	:- Convoy UG	S41 escerted b	y Task Force 62.	
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	Major Tas				ch attached:-Serv	rice Force
(b)	Port Direc	ctor, Norfo	1k, Va., Op-	Order 14-44 of	lan or order of the 2 May 1944. Mediterranean Are	
(0)	Changes i	n the tasks	s of the unit	since 1 (b) w	ras issued -	
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION _	PLUS 2		DATE _	12 May 1944.
	FROM	Norfe	lk, Va.	TO_	Mediterranean Area.
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1. (a)	Compositi	on of un	it:- Convoy UG	S41 escorted	by Task Force 62.
		on of nex	t higher eche		nich attached:- Service Force
(b)	U.S. Atla The ident: Port Dire	ntic Fle ifying de ctor, No	et. esignation of rfolk, Va., Op	the operation	plan or order of the ISIC: of 2 May 1944. Mediterranean Area.
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(f) Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(b)	The ident	ifying d	esignation of	the operation	plan or order	of the ISIC:
	Port Dire	ector. No	rfolk, Va O	o-Order 14-44 c	f 2 May 1944.	
	Brief of	Mission	or Tasks- Pr	coeding toward	s Mediterranea	n Area.
(c)	Changes i	n the ta	sks of the un	it since 1 (b)	was issued -	
(a)	Positions	At:-				
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	0000 100	Lat380	44' N	(Lat. 38° 47'	N COO LOW (La	t. 38° 39' N
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	to noon.					
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	operation			and		
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	BAROLETER		CURRENTS		WATER TEMP.	
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	OTHER CON	MARKEDSKINS				15

DATE	13	May	1944.	

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Preceeding 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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	CRIFTION .	PLUS 2		0200	DATE _	14 May 19	44.
CHANGED ENROUTE		PLUS 1 Norfolk,	VA. AT	0200)	Mediterranean	Area.
CCNVOY N		3841		NT CODE			
1. (a)	Composit:	ion of units-	Convoy	UGS41 e	scorted	by Task Force	62.
	Designat:	ion of the uni	ti-				
		ion of next hi					Late Land
			t or Se	a Fronti	er to w	hich attached:-	Service Force
151	U.S. Atl	antic Fleet.		C 41			.0 40. 7070.
(p)	The iden	citying design	ation o	on Order	eration	plan or order	of the ISIC:
	Brief of	Mission or Ta	ski- Pr	oceeding	toward	of 2 May 1944. s Mediterranear	Area.
			•	0000	,	J 110 012 00 11 011 01	
(c)	Changes :	in the tasks o	f the u	nit sinc	e 1 (b)	was issued -	
(d)	Position	Δ++-					
(4)	100101011						
		Lat. 380 171	N	(Lat.	38º 10	1 N (Le	t. 370 531 N
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	1 5 - 4	Long. 350 531	W	(Long	. 35° 07	W (Lo	ng. 330, 201 W
	to noon.	100° an	d dista	nce	61 m	iles made good	irom noon
	to noon.						
	Meterolog	ical and sea	informa	tion whi	ch may l	have directly a	ffected
		s between			an		1-
	WIND	CLOUDS	-	SEA	-	FOG	
	PRECIPITA		TLAA		A:	IR TEMP.	
	BAROLETER		URRENTS	-		WATER TEMP.	mb
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	PHASE OF						
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	DATE 14 May 1944.
(e) A brief of the Day's Operation towards Mediterranean Area with order general cargo.	ons Proceeding in convoy UGS41 ance munitions, ammunition and

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION _	PLUS 1		DATE _	15 May	1944.
CHANGED	TO E.T.	Non	folk, Va.	TO	Mediterran	
CONVOY N		41.		T CODE NAME OR		ean Area,
	- Constitution of the Cons					
1. (a)	Compositi	on of u	nit:- Convoy U	IGS41 escorted	by Task Force	e 62.
	Designati	on of t	he unit:-			
			ext higher ech			
	U.S. Atla	ntic Fl	, Fleet or Sea	Frontier to w	hich attache	d:- Service Force
(b)				the operation	plan or ord	er of the ISIC:
				p-Order 14-44		
	Brief of	Mission	or Task:- Pr	roceeding towar	ds Mediterra	nean Area.
(c)	Changes i	n the to	asks of the un	it since 1 (b)	was issued	
(4)	Positions	At:-				
	(Lat. 37	29' N	(Lat. 37º 13	N	(Lat. 370 05! N
	0800 LCT(1200 L	CT(2000 LCT	(Lat. 370 05' N (Long. 28°, 24' W
		Long.30	34'W	(Long. 300 1	S. M	(Long. 28°, 24' W
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	to noon.		77.47			
	Meterolog	ical an	d sea informat	ion which may	have directl	v affected
	operation			an an		1-
	WIND		CLOUDS	SEA	FOG	
	PRECIPITA		ALT		IR TEMP.	
	BAROLETER	STATE OF THE PARTY	CURRENTS		WATER TEMP	
	CEILING	Imcom	VISIBILITY	Datair on m	STATE OF WE	ATHER
	MOON RISE		MOON SET	DEFTH OF W		SET
	LICON BRG		MOON GLARE	SUN BRG		GLARE
	PHASE OF					
	OTHER COM	TITTONE	The second secon			

DATE	15	May	1944.	
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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.

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		PLUS 1		DATE	16 May 1944.
CHANGED	TO E.T.	Norfolk	Ve AT		Mediterranean Area.
CONVOY N		GS41.	Commence of the Party of the Pa	CODE NAME OR I	
				CODE HAME ON	
1. (a)	Composit	tion of unit	- Convoy U	GS41 escorted	by Task Force 62.
		ion of the u		lons-	
		sk Force, Fl lantic Fleet		Frontier to whi	ich attached:-Service Forc
(b)	Port Di	rector, Norfe	olk, Va., Op	-Order 14-44 o	plan or order of the ISIC: f 2 May 1944. Mediterranean Area.
	pries or	Mission or	Taski- Frod	eagrue cowards	Medicerranean Area.
(c)	Changes	in the tasks	of the unit	since 1 (b) v	vas issued -
(d)	Fosition	s At:-			
	0800 LCT	(Lat. 36° 10° (Long. 26° 06	2' N 1200 LC1 5' W	(Lat. 360 081 (Long. 250 191	N (Lat. 350 42' N 2000 LCT(W (Long. 230, 51' W
		106.50			es made good from noon
		gical and se	a information	on which may ha	ve directly affected
	WIND	CLOU	DS	SEA	FOG
	PRECIPIT		ALT		TEMP.
	BAROLETE	R	CURRENTS		WATER TEMP.
	CEILING		ISIBILITY _		TATE OF WEATHER
		F VESSEL		DEFTH OF WAT	
	LIOON RIS		OON SET	SUNRISE	SUNSET
	MOON BRG		OON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE
	PHASE OF	THE CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF			
	OTHER CO	NDITIONS:			

DATE	16 May 1	944.
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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 -ComNavNaw secret desp. 161151B of May 1944 ordering this vessel
to report to ComEighthPhib when off Gibralter and to proceed to
Oran, Algeria.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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		PLUS 1		DATE	17 May 1944.
	TO B.T.		AT 02	00.	
NROUTE	FROM		k, Va.,	TO	Oran, Algeria.
CNVOY N	10	UGS41	MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OF	R NULBER
1. (a)	Composi	tion of un	it:- Convoy UG	S41 escorted	by Task Force 62.
	Designa Major T	ask Force,	xt higher eche Fleet or Sea	lon:- Frontier to w	hich attached:- Service Force
(b)	The ide	lantic Fle ntifying d rector, No f Mission	esignation of	the operation -Order 14-44 seding toward	of 2 May 1944. ds Oran, Algeria.
(c)	Changes	in the ta	sks of the uni	t since 1 (b)	was issued -
(4)	Positio	ns Atı-			
	0800 IC				(Lat. 34° 22' N 2000 LCT (Long. 19°, 12' W
	to noon	. 1100	and distance	230 m	iles made good from noon
		ogical and ons between		on which may	have directly affected
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	PRECIPI'		ALT _	A	IR TEMP.
	BAROLET	SR	_ CURRENTS _		WATER TEMP.
	CEILING	- Imcorr	VISIBILITY _	ANT MIL ON III	STATE OF WEATHER
		F VESSEL	MOON SET	DEFTH OF W	SUNSET
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		NOTTTONS			4

		DATE	17 May 1944.	
(e) A brief towards, Oran, general cargo.	of the Day's Algeria with	Operations Proordnance munition	roceeding in convoy UGS41	

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION	ZERO		DATE	18 May 1944.	
CHANGED ENROUTE		No	rfolk, Va.,	TO (Dran. Algeria.	
CCNVOY N	10	UGS41		CODE NAME OR N		
						-trise
1. (a)	Composi	tion of u	nit:- Convoy UGS	341 escorted by	Task Force 62.	
	4					
			he unit:- ext higher eche:	lone-		
	Major Te	ask Force	, Fleet or Sea 1	Frontier to whi	ch attached:- Service 1	Force
(b)	The idea	ntifying	designation of		lan or order of the ISI	C:
	Brief of	Mission	Vorfolk, Va., Op or Task:- Proc	eeding towards	Oran, Algeria.	
(0)	Changes	in the t	asks of the unit	since 1 (b) w	as issued -	
(d)	Position	as At:-				
		(Lat. 34	0 071 N	(Lat. 340 061	N (Lat. 340 261	N_
	0800 LC	(Long. 16	1200 LC	(Long. 150 511	(Lat. 34° 26' 2000 LCT(W (Long. 14°, 04'	. W .
	to noon	0980	and distance	253 mil	es made good from noon	
	Matamal		d oon informati	u which were be-	ve directly affected	
			en		ve directly affected	_1-
	WIND_		CLOUDS	SEA	FOG	
	PRECIPIT		ALT _		TEMP.	
	BAROLETI	ir	CURRENTS		VATER TEMP.	
	CEILING	F VESSEL	- ATSTRUMENT -	DEFTH OF WATE		-
	LIOON RIS		MOON SET	SUNRISE	SUNSET	
	LICON BRO	-	MOON GLARE_	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE	
Vinda ()	PHASE OF					
		NDITIONS		NA CHARLES		3

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.

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	CRIFTION ZERO		DATE 19	May 1944.	
	TO R.T. MINUS 1	AT 0200			
ENROUTE	FROM Norfolk, Ve	B.,	TO Oran, A		
CONAUX V	0. UGS41	MOVEMENT COD	E NAME OR NUM	BER	-
1. (0)	Composition of unit	- Convoy HGS/1	scorted by To	ok Force 62	
1. (0)	composition of unit	- convoy bushing	sacor odd by 1	ISK FOICE OZ.	
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		to be the			
				P. Lynch	Tall William
	Designation of the	unit:-			
	Designation of next				
	Major Task Force, F	leet or Sea Fron		attached:- Ser	vice Force
	U.S. Atlantic Fleet				
(b)					he ISIC:
	Port Director, Norf				
	Brief of Mission or	Tasks- Proceeds	ng towards Or	an, Algeria.	
(c)	Changes in the task	a of the unit of	neo 1 /h) uma	terned -	
(0)	changes in the task	s of the unit si	nce I (b) was	Issued -	
(d)	Positions At:-				45.14
	40.00				.0
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	(Long . II - A	(10	ng • 10° 27° n	(Long	09. 19. 11
	Course 0760	and distance_2	48 miles	made good from	noon
	to noon.			mass Brew strem	
	Meterological and s	ea information w	hich may have	directly affec	ted
	operations between .		and		1-
	WIND CLO		EA	FOG	
	PRECIPITATION BAROLETER	CURRENTS CURRENTS	AIR T	TER TEMP.	
		VISIBILITY		TE OF WEATHER	
	LOTION OF VESSEL		EFTH OF WATER	LE OF WEATER	
		MOCN SET	SUNRISE	SUNSET	
		MOON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE	
	PHASE OF MOON				7
	OTHER CONDITIONS:				3

DATE	19	May	1944.	

(e) A towards	brief	of the	Day's	Operation	s	Procee	ding i	n cor	voy	UGS41
towards	Oran,	Algeria,	, with	ordnance	munit	tions.	ammuni	tion	and	
general	cargo.								·	

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIPTION	MINUS 1		0200 DATE -	20 Ma	y 1944.
CHANGED		Norfolk. Va.	AT	TO	Oran, A	lgeria.
CCNAOA P		VGS41	MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OF		
1. (a)	Composit	ion of unit:-	Convoy UG	S41 escorted	by Task I	Force 62.
	Designat	ion of the un	it:-			
	Designat	ion of next h	igher echel		hich atta	ched:- Service For
(b)			nation of tk, Va., Op-	the operation Order 14-44	plan or of 2 May 1	order of the ISIC:
	Brief of	Mission or T	ask:- Proce	eding toward	s Oran, Al	geria.
(c)	Changes	in the tasks	of the unit	since 1 (b)	was issu	ed -
(d)	Position	s Atı-				
	0800 LCT	(Lat. 35° 42'	N 1200 LCT	(Lat. 35° 50 (Long. 06° 2	1 N 2000	LCT(
		(Long. 070 09		(Long. 06° 2	3. N	(Long.
	to noon.		nd distance	228 m	iles made	good from noon
		gical and sea ns between	information	n which may		ctly affected
	WIND_ PRECIPIE	ATION CLOUD	S ALT	SEAA	IR TEMP.	1
	BAROLETE	R	CURRENTS		WATER T	PROPERTY AND PARTY AND PERSONS ASSESSMENT
	CEILING	B-00	SIBILITY _	DEFTH OF W	STATE OF	VEATFER
	LOON KIS	D VESSEL	ON SET	SUNRISE		SUNSET
	MOON BRO		ON GLARE	SUN BRG	-	SUNGLARE
	PHASE OF	LOON NOTTIONS:				

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 Gibralter.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION .	MINUS 2		DATE	21 May 1944.	
HANGED NROUTE	TO A.T	Norfolk	. Va AT	TO	Oran, Algeria.	
N YOUNG		S41	MOVEMENT	CODE NAME OR N		
. (a)	Composit	ion of ur	it:- Convoy UG	S41 escorted by	y Task Force 62.	
	Designat	ion of th	e unit:-			
	Designat:	ion of ne	xt higher eche	Frontier to whi	ch attached:- Eighth	
(b)	The ident	tifying o	esignation of rfolk, Va., Op-	the operation p Order 14-44 of		SIC:
	Brief of	Mission	or Task:- Proce	eding towards (oran, Algeria.	
(c)	Changes :	in the ta	sks of the uni	t since 1 (b) w	as issued -	
(d)	Fosition	s At:-				J
	0800 LCT	(Lat. 35 (Long. 02	9 31' W 1200 LC	(Lat. 35° 41' N r((Long. 01° 56'	2000 LCT(W (Long	
	Course V	arious	and distance	e <u>221</u> mi1	es made good from noo	n
		gical and		on which may ha	ve directly affected	<u>_</u> ,
	WIND PRECIPIE		IOUDSALT _	SEAAIR	FOG	
	BAROLE IE	R	OURRENTS _		WATER TEMP.	
	MOTION O	VESSEL	VISIBILITY	DEFTH OF WAT	TATE OF WEATHER	
	LICON RIST		MOCN SET	SUNRISE	SUNSET	
	PHASE OF	WOON -	MOON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE	
		NDITIONS:				

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.

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

Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

None.

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	CRIFTION MINUS 2		DATE	22 May 1944.
	TO H.T.	AT		
CNVOY N	XXXXX At Oran, Alger		TO DE NAME OR NUM	RED
	···	MOVEMENT OF	ODE NAME OF NOM	DBA
1. (a)	Composition of unit	:- Independent		
	Designation of the		. 144	
	Designation of next			attached:- Eighth
	Amphibious Force, U	.S. Atlantic Fl	Leet.	
(b)				n or order of the ISIC:
	ComNavNaw secret de Brief of Mission or			Oran. Algeria.
(c)	Changes in the task	s of the unit	since 1 (b) was	issued -
141	Paulations Ake			
(a)	Fositions At:-			
	(Lat.	(;	Lat	(Lat
	0800 LCT(1200 LCT		2000 LCT(
	(Long		Long.	(Long.
	Course	_and distance_	miles	made good from noon
	to noon.			
	Meterclogical and	sea information	which may have	directly affected
	operations between			
	WIND CIA	משט	SEA	FOG
	PRECIPILATION	ALT	AIR T	
	BAROLETER	CURRENTS		TER TEMP.
	CHILING	VISIBILITY	STA	TE OF WEATHER
	MOTION OF VESSEL _		DEFTH OF WATER	
	LIOON RISL	MOON SET	SUNRISE	SUNSTA
	MOON BRO	MOON GLARE	SUN BRG	SUNGLARE
	OTHER CONDITIONS:			4

DATE	22 May	1944.	

(e)	A brief o	of the	Day's	Operations		Anchored	off	Oran,	Algeria.
0712	Got under	way and	d at 0	800 moored	to !	Mole Mille	erand	. Oran	harbor.
Oran,	Algeria.	1030	Comme	nced discha	rgi	ng cargo	to sh	ore.	

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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	CRIFTION MINUS 2		DATE 23 & 24	May 1944.
ANGED	то я.т.	AT		
NVOY 1	FROM At Oran,		E NAME OR NUMBER	
WA. T. T	~'	WOAFWE'AL CODI	NAME OF NUMBER	
. (a)	Composition of unit	- Independent.		
	Designation of the			
	Designation of next Major Task Force, F			chade- Eighth
	Amphibious Force, U.			cued Figuri
(b)				order of the ISIC:
	ComNavNaw secret des	sp. 161151 B of 1	lay 1944.	
	Brief of Mission or			Algeria.
(c)	Changes in the tasks	of the unit sin	ice 1 (b) was issu	ed -
(d)	Positions At:-			
	Lat	(Lat	·	Lat
	O800 LCT(1200 LCT(2000	LCT
	(Long.		8	(Long.
	Course	and distance	miles made	good from noon
	to noon.			6
	Meterclogical and se			ctly affected
	operations between _		and	
	WITHIN AT AL	ma		
	WIND CLOU			G
	PRECIPITATION	ALIT CURRENTS	AIR TEMP.	PLOP
		VISIBILITY	WATER T	VEATHER
	MOTION OF VESSEL		FTH OF WATER	WIN 11:121
		MOON SET		SUNSET
		OON GLARE		SUNGLARE
	PHASE OF LOON			
	OTHER CONDITTIONS.			

DATE	23	&	24	May	1944	
		-	_	-		-

(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Oran Harbor, Oran, Algeria. Discharging cargo to shore.

- Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --(f) 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 Macomb be designated.
- Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

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	CRIFTION MINUS		DATE	25 May 1944.	
ROUTE	TO S.T.	an, Algeria	TO		
NVOY I			CODE NAME OR N	IUMBER	
					715
1. (a)	Composition of	unit:- Independan	t.		
	Designation of	the unites			
		next higher echel	ons-		
	Major Task Ford	ce, Fleet or Sea F	rontier to whi	ch attached: Eigh	th
		e, U.S. Atlantic			
(b)		et designation of t		lan or order of the	ISIC
		on or Task:- Disch	NO CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY.		
(c)	Changes in the	tasks of the unit	since 1 (b) w	as issued -	
(d)	Positions At:-				14.
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	-	and distance	mil	es made good from no	oon
	to noon.				
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		ween		to directly directly	
	WIND	CLOUDS	SEA	FOG	
	PRECIPITATION .	ALT _		TEMP.	
	BAROMETER	OURRENTS VISIBILITY		WATER TEMP. TATE OF WEATHER	
	MOTION OF VESSE	A STATE OF THE STA	DEFTH OF WAT		
	LOON KISL	MOCN SET	SUNRISE	SUNSET	
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(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.

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	Brief of	Mission of	r Task:- Proce	eding to Biz	erte, Tuni	sia.
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(f)	Summary of	important	orders r	ecei ved a	nd decisions	s reache	d

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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Lieut., USNR.

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(b)	The identifying de	signation of the op	eration plan	or order of the IS	IC
	ComNOB, Oran conf.	desp 241705 B of Ma	ay 1944.		
	Brief of Mission o	r Task:- Proceeding	g towards Bize	rte, Tunisia.	
(c)	Changes in the tas	ks of the unit sinc	e 1 (b) was in	ssued -	
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e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Proceeding from Oran, Algeria, towards Bizerte, Tunisia with U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACOMB as escert.

0959 Anchored off Bizerte Harbor. 1550 Got underway to shift berth and at 1752 moored to Buoy #2, Goulet du Lac, Bizerte, Tunisia.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (XXXXX) (AKA11)
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	SCRIFTION MINUS 2		DATE	28 May 1944.	
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AUX P	VO	MOVEMENT C	ODE NAME OR NU	MBER	
(a)	Composition of unit	s- BETELGEUS	E, LUDLOW & MAC	COMB.	
	Designation of the	unit:-			
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(b)	ComNOB, Oran conf.	ignation of the desp. 241705 B	of May 1944.	an or order of the	ISIC
	Brief of Mission or	Task:- Dische	arging cargo to	shore.	
(c)	Changes in the task	s of the unit	since 1 (b) wa	s issued -	
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(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 veseel
with escorts Ludlow & Macomb to proceed to Oran, Algeria via
Mediterranean Basic Westbound Route.

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

None.

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U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (XXXXX) (First daily page)

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1. (a) Composition of units-	BETELGEUSE, LUDI	LOW & 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:-

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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.

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

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None.

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	SCRIFTION MINUS 2	DATE	30 May 1944.
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. (a)	Composition of unit:- BETELGEUSE	, LUDLOW &	∞ MACOMB.
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	Designation of the unit:-		
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	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Fro Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fle	et.	which attached:- Eighth
(b)	The identifying designation of the	operatio	n plan or order of the ISIC:
	ComAATB Bizerte desp. 281105 B of M		
	Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceed	ding towar	rds Uran, Algeria.
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit s	ince 1 (b) was issued -1748 Changed
``'	course for Algiers, Algeria comply	ing with S	Senior Naval Officer in Charge
	Algiers desp. 301704 of May 1944.		
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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.

- Summary of important orders received and decisions reached --Senior Naval Officer in Charge, Algiers desp. 301704 B of May 1944, (f) 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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DATE _____31 May 1944.

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. (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
(b)	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.
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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Anchored off Algiers, Algeria. 0541 Got underway for Oran, Algeria with escorts U.S.S. LUDLOW & MACONB 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.

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(a)	Composition of unit:- BETELGEUS	E , LUDLOW & MACOMB.
	Designation of the unit:- Designation of next higher echelo Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Fr Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic	rontier to which attached:- Eighth
(b) _e		he operation plan or order of the ISIC
(c)	Changes in the tasks of the unit	since 1 (b) was issued -
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(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.

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DAILY WAR DIARY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AR28) (AKAll) (First daily page)

	DATE 2 to 4 June 1944.
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1. (a)	Composition of unit: - Independent.
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	Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to which attached:- Eighth
	Amphibious Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.
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	Brief of Mission or Task: - Awaiting orders in Mers el Kebir Harbor.
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A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Mers el Kebir Harbor, Algeria awaiting orders.

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

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	DATE 5 June 1944.
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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)	
	Naval Port Director, Mers el Kebir 041804 B of June 1944. Brief of Mission or Task:- Proceeding to Oran, Algeria and commencing to
(c)	load vehicles of 91st Div., 362nd Infantry, U.S. Army.
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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.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(2.)	U.S. Atlantic Fleet.			alon on order of the TSTC.
(b)	ComTask Group 81.2 Op			plan or order of the ISIC:
				362nd Infantry, 91st Division
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(c)	Changes in the tasks	of the unit si	ince 1 (b)	was issued -
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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.

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

Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT. (g)

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	SCRIFTION MINUS 2		DATE 10	June 1944.	
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1. (a)	Composition of units	- Independ	lent.		
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	U.S. Atlantic Fleet.				
(b)	The identifying desi ComTask Group 81.2 0			lan or order of the I	SIC:
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(c)	Changes in the tasks	of the unit	since 1 (b) w	as issued -	
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(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.

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

(g) Copy of BATTLE or ACTION REPORT.

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(p)	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)			ks of the unit			
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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(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.

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

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	U.S. Atlantic Fleet.				
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A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Mers el Kebir, Algeria, awaiting orders.

Summary of important orders received and decisions reached -12 June 1944 ComTaskGroup 81.2 Op-Order 2-44 of 10 June 1944, (f) 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.

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(e) A brief of the Day's Operations -- Moored in Mers el Kebir, Algeria. 1.026 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.

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	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.
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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 --

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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.

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CONVOY NO.				R 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 b (b) was issued -

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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.

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

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1. (a)	Composition of unit:- Independent.
(b)	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. The identifying designation of the operation plan or order of the ISIC:
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(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.

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1. (a)			unit:- NIGHTING		STANTON	(F), B	ETELGEUSE,	ARCTURUS,
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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.

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T. (81)	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 Fle U.S. ATLANTIC FIEET	et,
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	Brief of Mission or Task:-	
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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.

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1. (a)	Composit: DN, NIGHTI	ion of uni	t:- U.S.S. ST.	ANTON (F), BETH	LGEUSE, ARCTURUS, PROC	YON,
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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.

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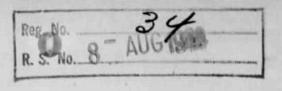
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1 August 1944.

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.

Ol58 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.

OO27 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. Ol31 Commenced unloading boats and finished with all boats in water at 0149. O500 Underway for anchorage in Gulf of Salerno. O625 Commenced loading boats and completed at 0715.

3 July 1944 - Salerno, Italy.

Ol58 Underway for maneuvers in Gulf of Salerno in obedience to CTG 81.2
Training Op-Plan No. 4-44 of 29 June 1944, ComTransSthPhib Training Order
No. 34-44. O246 Commenced unloading boats and finished with all boats in
water at 0320. O336 All hatches open ready for discharging vehicles. O342
Commenced discharging vehicles. O559 Underway for anchorage in Gulf of Salerno,
Italy. O649 Anchored in Gulf of Salerno. O716 Completed discharging
vehicles. O730 All hatches closed, commenced loading boats. O824 Completed
loading boats. 1050 Underway for Pozzuoli, Italy in obedience to
ComTransSthPhib ser. O012 of 3 July 1944, steaming in column behind USS STANTON,
column leader. 1445 Anchored in Gulf of Pozzuoli, Italy.

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 ComSthPhib secret desp. 102159B of July 1944, unit designation and composition reorganized as follows:

- 1. Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, DIX, NIGHTINGALE, CEPHEUS, ACHERNAR, BETELGEUSE.
- Designation of unit: TransDiv-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.

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 \$1.3 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.

O009 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, NICHTINGALE, DIX, CEPHEUS, RETELGEUSE. 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.

Di. F. GROBE.

In reply
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U. S. S. BETELGEUSE

(10:HN)

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.
- Designation of unit: TransDiv-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.

All Times - Zone Baker

15 August 1944. (D-Day) - Southern France.

O330 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 (1400g). 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: O800 - 41-34N, O8-04.5E; 1200 - 41-17.5N, O9-10E; 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.

All Times - Zone Baker

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.

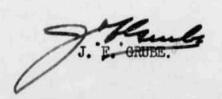
Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.

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.

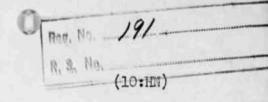
31 August 1944. - Naples, Italy.

0725 Underway from pier 59, Naples, harbor to anchorage in Bay of Naples. 0822 Anchored in Bay of Naples, Italy.



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U. S. S. BETELGEUSE



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.

- Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, DIX, NIGHTINGALE, CEPHEUS, ACHERNAR, BETELGEUSE.
- 2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-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.

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 (AKALS), 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 (AKAL8), 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 (AKAl8), berth #3, Mers el Kebir, Algeria.

15 September

Moored stbd. side to U.S.S. CEPHEUS (AKALS), 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.

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 ICVP #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.

21 September

Enroute to Oran, Algeria. 0800 POSIT 38-59N, 04-50E. 1200 POSIT 38-30N, 03-54E. 2000 POSIT 37-24N, 02-08E.

2000 POSIT 41-15N, 05-30E.

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.

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.

ALL TIMES ZONE ABLE

J. P. GRUBE.

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AKA11/A12-1

U. S. S. BETELGEUSE

(10:HN)

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

O558 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.

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 Werth 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.

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 Kemir, 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.

26 October

Enroute Philadelphia, Pa. 1200 - 1600 Passing through Gibralter 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, 34-52	W
2000 31-55N, 30-35W	32-11.7N, 34-52 32-15N, 36-51W	

J. E. GRUBE.

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U. S. S. BETELGEUSE

Reg. No.	24/	
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.

- Composition of unit: USS CARROLL, JEFFERSON, 1. BETELGEUSE, CEPHEUS, ACHERNAR.
- 2. Designation of unit: TransDiv-3.
- Major Task Force, Fleet or Sea Frontier to 3. 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

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1200 34-28

68-35

2000 35-14

69-36

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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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24 November - 30 November 1944

Moored as before.

J. F. CHUBE.

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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. ACHERNAR.

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.

U. S. S. BETELGEUSE

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.

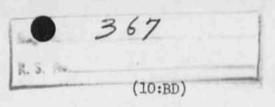
26 - 31 December

Moored as before, loading general cargo.

W. E. Webb.

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U. S. S. BETELGEUSE



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.

l Jan - Attached to Transdiv 3 - USS CARROLL(APA28), JEFFERSON (APA30), CEPHEUS(AKA18), ACHERNAR(AKA53), BETEIGEUSE - 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.

		P	OSITS (All North	and Wes	t)		
Zone T	ime			300			2	000
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	g 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	62	13	11-53,	101-34	12-17,	102-33	12-57,	104-27
Plus	62	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	0	800	12	200	2	000
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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 92), 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	. 08	300	120	00	200	00
Plus 91	3			20-35N,	157-57W	19-11N,	158-59W
Plus 95	4	17-18N,	161-11W	16-55N,	161-49W	15-44N,	163-33W
Plus 10		13-36N,	164-29W	13-57N,	164-07W	13-46N,	165-2911
Plus 10		13-35N,	168-21W	12-46N,	169-00W	11-58N,	170-55W
Plus 102	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	d date line	on Febr	uary 9.		
Minus 12	11	02-17N,	171-24至	01-40N,	170-43E	00-14N,	169-08E
Minus 12	12	01-355,	166-58E	02-148,	166-22E	03-258,	165-02E
Minus 11	13	05-138,	163-08E	05-298,	163-05E	07-015,	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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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

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 (-11Zone 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.B. 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. 0.T.C. ComTransRon 18 in USS EURLEIGH (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.

	0800	POSITS 1200	2000	Zone Time
15 Mar.			07-228,159-55E	-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.	00-178,149-21E	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.

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		080		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.				135-25		Control of the Contro	-9
30				20-25,	132-23	21-46,	131-24	-9
31		23-32,		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, PROGYON AKA-2, BETELGEUSE AKA-11), TransRon 18, PhibGroup 4. Amphibious Forces. Pacific Fleet.

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 end 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 8 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.

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 storped 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 end 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 Salpan Harbor from 13 to 14 April.

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April	08	00	120	00	20	00	Zone Time	
9				127-14E	and the same and the same of t	128-10E		
10	The second secon	130-35E	and the same of th	131-26E	Care has been a second of the care of the	132-54E		
11		135-36E	May 17 Land 19 Control of the Control	136-24E	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.	137-41E	-9	
12		140-06E 144-13E		140-42E 144-51E	17-30N,	141-54E	-9 -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.

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April	08	00	120	00	20	00	Zone Time
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17	The second secon	158-14E		158-59E	The late of the la	160-31E	-112
18	The second secon	162-35E	10-56N,	163-30E	10-50N,	165-09国	-12
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20		172-17E 177-12E		173-11E 178-03E		174-47世 179-46世	-12g
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22	The same of the sa	172-22W		171-22W		169-20W	P 11
23	17-59N,	167-09W	18-09N,	166-15W	18-34N,	164-32W	P 11

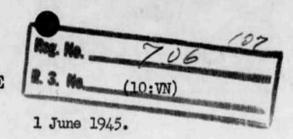
From 26 April to 30 April, moored in Pearl Harbor, undergoing minor voyage repairs.

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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 9½) 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.

			POS	ITS (All	north and	west)	
May	080	00	120	00	200	0	Zone Time
3					21-18,	157-35	f 91
4	23-18,	155-54	23-50,	155-09	24-49,	153-32	f 91
5	26-15,	151-15	26-57,	150-11	28-02,	148-25	7 92
6	29-39,	145-48	30-12,	144-42	31-07,	142-46	7,9
7	32-15,	140-00	32-39,	138-57	33-23,	137-06	18
8	34-31,	134-42	34-50,	133-15	35-38,	131-12	1 72
9	36-34,	128-22	36-54,	127-25	37-32,	125-23	77

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 sheating 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	080	00	120	POSITS 00	200	0	Zone Time
27	36-19,	125-25	35-57,	126-32	35-16,	128-42	7.7
28	34-10,	131-55	33-49,	132-57	32-55,	135-13	7.7
29	31-43,	138-16	31-20,	139-14	30-27,	141-11	+8
30	29-17,	143-50	28-50,	144-40	27-52,	146-40	+8
31	26-33,	149-13	26-05,		25-16,	151-32	79

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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, carring 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.

			POS	ITS (All	north and	west)		
June	080	00	120	00	200	0	Zone	Time
1	23-59,	153-49	23-34,	154-32	22-36,	156-17	+,	9.
2	21-23,	157-22					+	91
10			21-40,	157-35	23-12,	156-21	+	92
11	24-54,	153-46	25-27,	152-56	26-36,	151-12	+	91 92
12	28-04,	148-31	28-34,	147-24	29-31,	145-45	+	9
13	30-54,	143-00	30-28,	142-07	32-20,	140-02	+	81/2
14	33-30,	137-07	33-52,	136-12	34-34,	134-14	+	8
15	35-23,	131-48	. 35-47,	130-14	36-04,	129-28	+	71/2
16	36-45,	127-04	36-57,	126-08	37-30,	124-27	+	200
30	36-17,	125-28	35-54,	126-29	35-11,	128-35	+	7

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REG. SHEET NO 90

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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 (\$\forall 9\$ zone) wiped main engine Kingsbury thrust bearing. Stopped engine and lay to, attempting repairs. On 6 July at 1738 (\$\forall 9\forall 2\$ 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	080	00 -	POS 120	-	north and		Zone Time
1	34-09,	131-55	33-46,	132-50	32-50,	135-08	+7
2		138-14		139-02		141-05	/ 8
3		144-01	The second secon	144-58	27-42,	146-55	/ 8
4		149-36		150-15		151-55	78 ½
5		154-07	23-20,	154-36		154-46	+9
6		154-45		154-49		155-06	492
7		156-05	22-28,	156-24	21-58,	156-51	192

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	080	00	POS 120		north and 200		Zone Time
25					21-43,	157-35	1 9½
26	23-34,	155-55	24-08,	155-09	25-09,	133-40	192
27	26-31,	151-35	27-02,	150-49	28-02,	149-08	+9
28	29-13,	146-44	29-43,	145-53	30-32,	144-10	/8 }
29	31-45,		32-07,	140-52	32-46,	139-03	/ 8
30	33-47,	136-08	34-14,	135-13	35-04,	133-19	<i>+</i> 7½
31		130-11		129-16	36-48,	127-15	+7

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

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 Olll6 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.

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August	080	00	1200	0	200	00
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.

l 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).

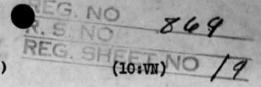
Arrived San Fernando, Lingayen Gulf, on 13 September. Anchored in San Fernando area 13 September to 16 September. Underway for Leyte on 16 September in accordance with Port Director, San Fernando sailing orders of 16 September. On 17 September, destination changed to Manila, in accordance with ComThirdPhib despatch 160812. Arrived Manila 17 September.

			POSITS	(All north an	nd east)	
September	080	00	120	oò	200	00
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 16	15-25,	119-38	16-24,	119-45	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.

U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AKA-11)



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1 October 1945.

Subject:

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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.

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U. S. S. BETELGEUSE (AKA-11) (10:VN)

Room 2

1 November 1945.

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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 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 Al4-45 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 Al8-45. 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.

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2	32-49,	141-13	40-28,	143-39	40-28,	142-39
3	38-39,	142-37	41-22,	140-15	42-44,	139-39
4	41-34,	140-43		139-45	41-50,	141-40
8	42-24,	139-25	41-38,	142-09	36-34,	141-41
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1 November 1945.

Subject: War Diary - Month of October 1945.

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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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U. S. S. BETELGEUSE (AKA-11)

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

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 1 6 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.

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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
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1 January 1946.

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From:

Commanding Officer.

To :

Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject:

War Diary - Month of December 1945.

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 Cincpos 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

menance 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

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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.

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December		149-00E	15-07N,	150-0Œ	15-32N,	151-52E
1	14-54N,		16-30N,	155-25E	17-00N,	157-20E
2	16-14N,	154-28E	18-00N,	161-15E	18-21N,	163-17E
3	17-47N,	160-18E	TO-00N,	TOT-T'	19-17N,	166-55E
4	19-01N,	166-06E	70 OF	100 /00	19-38N,	172-51E
5	19-32N,	169-51E	19-37N,	170-48E	20-14N,	178-48E
6	20-00N,	175-49E	20-01N,	176-44E	20-35N,	175-14W
*6	20-27N,	178-12W	20-31N,	177-12W	20-43N,	169-54W
7	20-44N,	172-27W	20-43N,	171-34W		164-44W
8	20-43N,	167-18W	20-43N,	166-15W	20-45N,	159-32W
9	20-41N,	161-56W	20-35N,	161-05W	20-29N,	199-5611

*Crossed International Date Line from East to West.

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	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
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	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 U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AKA-11)



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 Bracer'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 loses in the raid, the Nips launched a torpedo plane attack the following day with similiar 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 mon from the ship v intered 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 muns 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 Matieneubic 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 vicin y 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 orgo.

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 shrappel.

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 will 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, V..
 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 AREA	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Staten Is., N.Y. Brooklyn Norfolk New River Inlet, N.C.	Commissioned 6-20-41 6-26 6-29	6-20-41 6-23-41 6-28 7-2
Charleston New York	7-4 7-7	7-5 7-12
Hampton Roads	7-13	7-13
New River Inlet Charleston	7-14 7-25	7 - 23 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 Lynnhaven Roads	9 - 21 9 - 22	9-21 9-25
NOB, Norfolk	9-26	10-3
Guantanamo Bay	10-7	10-11
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St. Thomas, Virgin Is. Bermuda	10-16 10-20	10-17 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 Norfolk	1-10-42	1-14
New York	1-14	1-17
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. Balboa	4-18 4-19	4-18 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 Noumea	8-7 8-13	8-9 8-24
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Tulagi - Guadalcanal	8-31	9-1
Espiritu Santo	9-3	9-4
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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

Okinawa	4-1	4-9
Saipan	4-13	4-14
Pearl Harbor	4-25	5-3
San Francisco Bay area	5-10	5-26
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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 funtil decommissionin	rom con	nmiss stima	sion:	ing	137,000
Plane kills (all at Gu	adalcar	nal,	1942	2)	7
Total time at invasion	beach	es.			28 days
Guadalcanal Sicily Southern France Okinawa	1942 1943 1944 1945	Ī	2	days days days days	

Longest single trip: San Francisco to Lingayen, 1945.

7,265 miles

KIRK D. AMES, Lieut. Comdr., USNR, Commanding.

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Loc	ation of ship (area) MEDITERRANEAN AREA U.S.S. BETELGEUSE (AKA-11)
Zon	e Time -2 DATE 15 AUGUST 1944
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1.	Surprise attack (yes or no) NO Day or Night DUSK
2.	Nothed picking plane up (Rodar, Binoculars, maked 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 our ship NONE Type
6.	Number of planes taken under fire by ewn 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 AI
8.	Number of guns firing - by calibor 2 - 3"/50 4 - 20MM 250 CAL.
9.	Amunition expended - by caliber 7 - 3"/50 143 - 20MM 6050 CAL.
10.	Percent service allowance expended 3"/5087% 20MM13%
11.	Nothed of control FROM BRIDGE Nothed of Spotting VISUAL
	Nothed of ranging ESTIMATED Nothed 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 coase fire 350
17.	Approximate bearing first shot 2750 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 circraft approached 3000 YDS
	Altitudo 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 terpede release NONE size of terpede
24.	Number hits on ship by bombs NONE By terpedoes NONE Was ship
	strafed? NO Size gun
25.	Number near bomb misses damaging ship NONE
	(over)

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	Planes shot down: NONE. PAGE AUG 27 12 52 SURE SURE PROBABLE DAMAGED (By own ship (assist)
	(a) Those attacking own ship
	(b) Other mireraft
7.	Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for each "Sure"
s.	Performance of automition (excellent, good, bad, poor) EXCELLENT
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L. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN Commanding.

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July 18, 1945

Froms To s The Commanding Officer.
The Commander in Chief, United States Fieet.
Commander Transport Division THREE
Commander Amphibious Force, Northwest African

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Subjects

Contact and Action Report and Report of Operations.

Reference:

- (a) N.C.W.T.F. secret mailgram 212121 of June. 1943.
- (b) ComBavNaw conf. 1tr. 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. SAWEL 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 numberous 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 athwart-ships, 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 protable 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 essualties 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 unleaded and the troops disembarked there is no space available for casualties.
- 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 difinite 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.
- Which slows up unloading considerably. It is urgently recommended

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that an additional hatch be placed in this space.

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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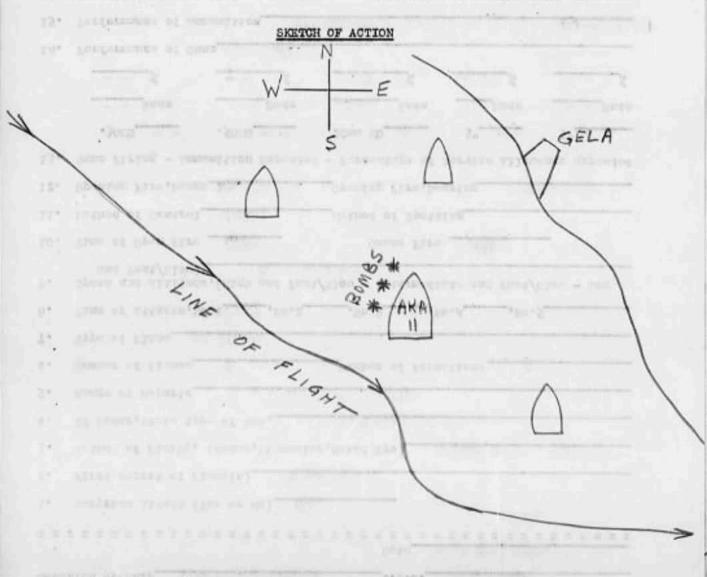
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	First report of Plane(s)
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	If Radar, State type of set, HO BADAR HARMTHA
	Range of Reports
	Number of Planes 2 Number of Fermations 2
	Typo of Plano MR 110
	Time of Attacks, No.10653 , No.2 , No.3 , No.4 , No.5
	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) HYGH AND PAST
٥.	Time of Open Fire 0655 Coase Fire 0700
1.	Mothed of Control LOCAL Mothed of Spotting
2.	Opening Fire, Rango 15.000 Pt. Opening Fire, Bearing OVERHEAD
3.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended
	.30M350M3 20mm MG 17 3" 5"
	- Rnds - Rnds 1100 Rnds - Rnds - Rnds
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4.	Porformance of Cuns EXCELLENT
5.	Performance of Ammunition EXCELLENT
6.	Casualties to Material NONE
7.	Time from First sight to First Shot 2
8.	Timo of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
9.	Rosult of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
٥.	Guns obtaining Hits, Ist X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
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2.	Bomb Hits on Ship NO Gonoral Location NONE
3.	Near Missos 3 Location and distance from ship (1) PORT BOW - 75
4.	Was ship strafed RO By what size gun
	Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

26.	Direction of Sun, From ship From Target
27.	Cloud formation Height of ceiling UNLIMITED
28.	Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature Pressure
29.	Weather conditions CLEAR
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J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USN Commanding, U.S.S. DETELGRUSE.

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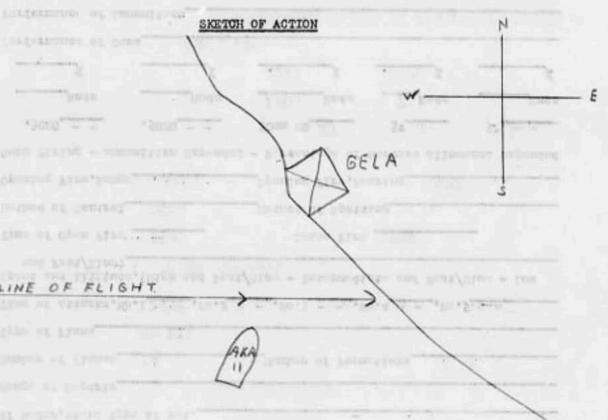


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•	Surprise Attack (Yes or No)
	First report of Plane(s) BY GUARD SHIP
	Hethod of PickUp, (Radar, Binocular, Nakod Eye) GUARD SHIP - THEN EYE
	If Radar, State type of set, UTKNOWN
·.	Range of Reports NO RANGING REPORT
	Number of Planes 24 Number of Fernations 3
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3.	Time of Attacks, No.11552, 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
10.	Time of Open Fire 1549 Coase Fire 1553
11.	Nothed of Control LOCAL Nothed of Spotting
12.	Opening Fire, Rango 18,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 3450
13.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Persentage of Service Allowance expended
	.30105010 20mm 10 15 3" 2 5"
	RndsRndsRndsRndsRnds
4.	Porformance of Guns EXCELIENT
5.	Porformance of Ammunition ONE JAM 20mm CAUSED BY RAULTY CONSTRUCTION
.6.	Casualties to Material NOME
7.	Time from First sight to First Shot 30"
.8.	Timo of Hits, 1st_ = 2nd = 3rd = 4th = =
9.	Rosult of Hits, 1st = 2nd = 3rd = 4th ==
0.	Guns obtaining Hits, 1st = 2nd = 3rd = 4th ==
21.	Approximate altitude of Bomb release 18,000 Typo/size of Bomb 500 DEM
22.	Domb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
23.	Near Misses FO Location and distance from ship NO
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24.	Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
	Planes shot down, Sure_NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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> J.F. GRUBE, Commander, USE Commanding, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE. (Signature of Commanding Officer)



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1.	Surprise Attack (Yes or No)
2.	First roport of Plano(s) 1639
3.	Method of PickUp, (Radar, Binocular, Nakod Eye)
4.	If Radar, State type of set, NO
5.	Range of Reports NO
6.	Number of Planes (EST) 9 Number of Formations 1
7.	Type of Plane ME 110
8.	Time of Attacks, No.1 2660, No.2 , No.3 , No.4 , No.5
9•	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow)
10.	Time of Open Fire 1640 Cease Fire 1644
11.	Nothed of Centrel LOCAL Nothed of Spotting
12.	Opening Fire, Rango 10,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 065
13.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended
	.30NG50NG 20mm NG 26 3" 2 5"
	RndsRndsRndsRndsRnds
14.	Performance of Guns Excellent
15.	Porformance of Ammunition RADELESSON
16.	Casualties to Material NOME
17.	Timo from First sight to First Shot 1 MIN.
18.	Timo of Hits, 1st - 2nd - 3rd - 4th
19.	Rosult of Hits, 1st 2nd 3rd 3rd 4th 4
20.	Guns obtaining Hits, Ist _ = 2nd _ = 3rd _ = 4th _ = #
21.	Approximate altitude of Bomb release 5,000 Typo/size of Bomb 250 1000
22.	Bomb Hits on Ship HO General Location HO
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	Was ship strafed 10 By what size gun 10
	Planes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO

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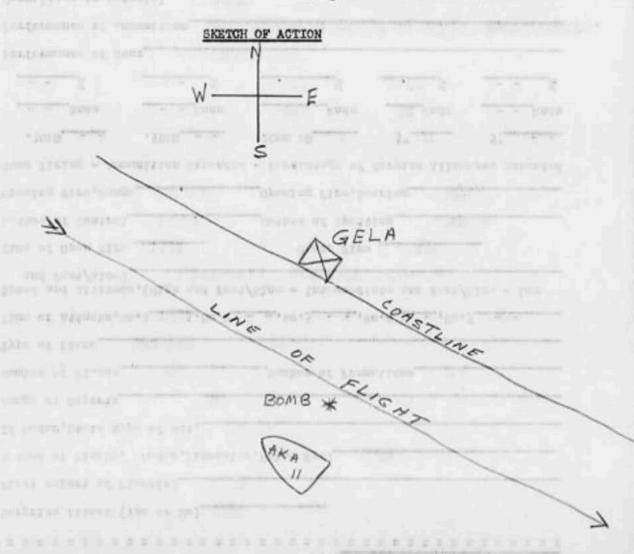
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1.	Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
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3.	Hethod of FickUr, (Radar, Binocular, Nakod Eye)
4.	If Radar, State type of set, NO
5.	Range of ReportsNO
6.	Number of Planes 6 Number of Formations 2
7 -	Type of Plane 109
8.	Time of Attacks, No.1 1051, No.2, No.3, No.4, No.5
9.	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) THITE REDIATE and PAST
10.	Time of Open Fire 1953 Cease Fire 1953
11.	Nothed of Centrel LOCAL Nothed of Spotting LOCAL
12.	Oponing Fire, Rango 12,000 Oponing Fire, Bearing 090
13.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Exponded - Percentage of Service Allowance expended
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20.	Guns obtaining Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
21.	Approximate altitude of Bomb release 10.000 Typo/size of Bomb UNICOVA
22.	Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO
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24.	Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
	Planes shot down, Sure HO Possible HO Damaged HO

26.	Direction of Sun, From ship 349 From Target 200
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28.	Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature Pressure
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ng L	BEAVY SMOKE FROM BURNING GIL. PLANES WERE OBSCURED BY
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J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USH Commanding, U.S.S. BETELGEUSE.

(Signature of Commanding Officer)



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Loca	tion of Ship WEAR GELA, STOTLY U.S.S. BEFRIGEDER
	Dato
1.	Surprise Attack (Yes or No) YDS
	First report of Plane(s) 1738
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3.	Method of PickUp, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye)
4.	If Radar, State type of set, NO
5.	Rango of Reports NO
6.	Number of Planes 3 Number of Formations 3
7.	Typo of Plane 109
8.	Time of Attacks, No.13738, No.2, No.3, No.4, No.5
9•	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) DIVING FAST THEM INTERMEDIATE
10.	Time of Open Fire 1738 Cease Fire 1751
11.	Nothed of Control LOCAL Nothed of Spotting LOCAL
12.	Opening Fire, Rango 8,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 010
13.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Percentage of Service Allowance expended
	.30105010 20mm NG 18 3" 4 5"
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14.	Porfermance of Gune RECELLETT
15.	Porformance of Ammunition ONE JAM SOOM CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION
16.	Casualties to Material MONE
17.	Time from First sight to First Shot APPROX. 5"
18.	Timo of Hits, 1st = 2nd = 3rd = 4th ==
19.	Rosult of Hits, 1st = 2nd = 3rd = 4th SEE REMARKS
20.	Guns obtaining Hits, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
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22.	Bomb Hits on Ship #0 General Location #0
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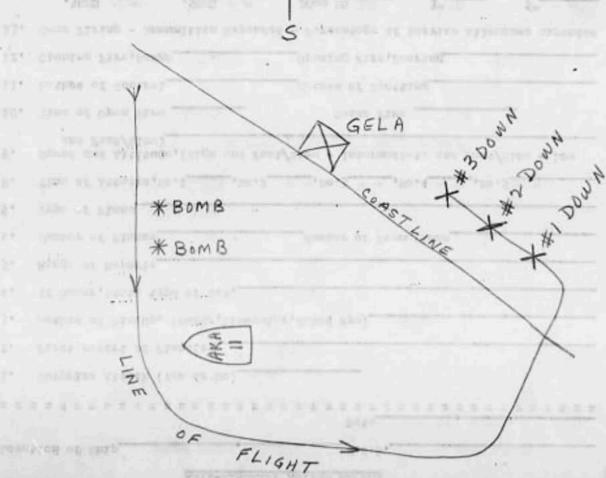
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July 21, 1943.

From: To: Commanding Officer.

The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

Via: Commander Transport Division THREE.

Commander Amphibious Force, Northwest African

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Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African

Waters.

Subject:

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Operations.

Reference:

(a) M.C.W.T.F. secret mailgram 212121 of June, 1943.

(b) ComMavNaw conf. ltr. 1CL-43, Serial 0120

of June 6, 1943.

Enclosure:

(A) Five(5) Anti-Aircraft Action Reports.

The Betelgeuse departed from Algiers on July 6, 1943 in company with Task Force EIGHTY-ONE in accordance with Commander Task Force MIGHTY-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 straffing 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 numberous 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.
- 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, propellors, 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.
- Il. 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.

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Loca	tion of Ship GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE
	Date JULY 11, 1943.
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1.	Surprise Attack (Yes or No) YES
2.	First report of Flane(s) SIGHTED
3.	Method of Fick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
4.	If Radar, State type of set, NO RADAR WARNING
5.	Range of Reports
6.	Number of Flanes 7 Number of Formations 2
7.	Type of Flane ME 110
8.	Time of Attacks, No.1 0653 , No.2 , No.3 , No.4 No.5
9.	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) HIGH and FAST
10.	Time of Open Fire 0655 Cease Fire 0700
11.	Method of Control LOCAL Method of Spotting
12.	Opening Fire, Range 15,000 Ft. Opening Fire, Searing OVERHEAD
13.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Fercentage of Service Allowance expended
	.30M050M0 20mm M0_17 3" 5"
	RndsRndsRndsRndsAnds
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14.	Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
15.	Performance of Ammunition EXCELLENT
16.	Casualties to Material NONE
17.	Time from First sight to First Shot 2*
18.	Time of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd Y 4th X
19.	Result of Hits, 1st X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
20.	Guns obtaining Hits, let X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
21.	Approximate altitude of bomb release 16000 Type/size of Bomb 500 #DEM
22.	Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NONE
23.	Near Misses 3 Location and distance from ship (1) PORT BOW - 75 YDS.
	(2) PORT BOW - 125 YDS., (3) PORT BEAM - 75 YDS.
24.	Was ship strafed NO By what size gun
25.	Flanes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO
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26.	Direction of Sun, From ship	From Target
27.	Cloud formation	Height of ceiling UNLIMITED
28.	Atmosphere Conditions, Temperature	Fressure
29.	Weather conditions CLEAR	
30,	Remarks, PLANES WERE BLUISH SILVER	COLOR - HARD TO SEE AGAINST
	SKY. APPEARED SUDDENLY - NO A	DVANCE RADAR WARNING.
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		J. F. GRUBE, Commander, USN

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Locs	tion of Ship OFF GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE
	DateJULY 11, 1943
1.	Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
2.	First report of Flame(s) BY GUARD SHIP
3.	Method of Fick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Maked Bye) GUARD SHIP - THEN EYE
4.	If Radar, State type of set, UNKNOWN
5.	Range of Reports NO RANGING REPORT
6.	Number of Flanes 24 Number of Formations 3
7-	Type of Flane_H.E. 111
8.	Time of Attacks, No.1 1552 , No.2 , No.3 , No.4 No.5
9.	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) HIGH AND FAST
10.	Time of Open Fire 1549 Cease Fire 1553
11.	Method of Control LOCAL Nethod of Spotting
12.	Opening Fire, Range 18,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 3450
13.	Suns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Fercentage of Service Allowance expended
	.30MG50MG 20mm NG 15 3" 2 5"
	Rnds Rnds 1200 Rnds 7. Rndsands
14.	Ferformance of Guns EXCELLENT
15.	Ferformance of Ammunition ONE JAM 20mm CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION
16.	Casualties to Waterial NONE
17.	Time from First sight to First Shot 30"
18.	Time of Hits, lst 2nd 3rd 4th
19.	Result of Hits, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
20.	Guns obtaining Hits,lst 2nd 3rd 4th
21.	Approximate altitude of bomb release 18,000 Type/size of Bomb 500 DEM.
22.	Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO .
23.	Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO
24.	Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO
25.	Flanes shot down, Sure NO Fossible NO Dawaged NO
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26.	Direction of Sun, From ship	From Target
27.	Cloud formation	Height of ceiling 25,000 plus
.39	Atmosphere Conditions, Temperatur	Fressure
9.	Weather conditions	
0.	Remarks, CAMOUFLAGE OF PLAN	ES GOOD. BOMBING RUN POOR IN AIM.
	SHORT ADVANCE WARNING.	MARK 14 SIGHTS OBSCURED BY SMOKE
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	DateJULY 11, 1943		
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•	Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO		
	First report of Flame(s) 1639		
	Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE		
	If Radar, State type of set, NO		
	Range of Reports NO		
	Number of Flanes (EST) 9 Number of Formations 1		
	Type of Flanc ME 110		
	Time of Attacks, No.1 1640 , No.2 , No.3 , No.4 No.5		
Ė	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) INTERMEDIATE/FAST		
٥.	Time of Open Fire 1640 Cease Fire 1644		
1.	Method of Control LOCAL Nethod of Spotting		
2.	Opening Fire, Range 10,000 Opening Fire, Dearing 045		
3.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Fercentage of Service Allowance expende		
	.30MG50MG 20mm 100 16 3" 2 5"		
	RndsRndsRndsand		
4.	Ferformance of Guns EXCELLENT		
5.	Ferformance of Ammunition EXCELLENT		
6.	Casualties to Material NONE		
7 -	Time from First sight to First Shot 1 MIN.		
5.	Time of Hits, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th		
,	Result of Hits, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th		
٠.	Guns obtaining Hits,1st 2nd 3rd 4th		
	Approximate altitude of bomb release 8,000 Type/size of Bomb 250 DEM.		
2.	Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO		
3.	Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship NO		
١.	Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO		
	Flanes shot down, Sure NO Possible NO Damaged NO		

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Weather conditions CLEAR	
Remarks, MARK 14 SIGHTS WERE NOT	EFFECTIVE DUE TO VIBRATION AND
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Loca	tion of Ship NEAR GELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE
	DateJULY 11, 1943
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1.	Surprise Attack (Yes or No) NO
2.	First report of Flane(s) 1950
3•	Method of Pick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE
4.	If Radar, State type of set, NO
5.	Range of ReportsNO
6.	Number of Flanes 6 Number of Formations 2
7.	Type of Flane 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 liethod of Spotting LOCAL
12.	Opening Fire, Range 12,000 Opening Fire, Bearing 090
13.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Fercontage of Service Allowance expended
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	Rnds Rnds Rnds Rnds Ands
14.	Performance of Guns EXCELLENT
15.	Performance of Ammunition ONE JAM (20MM) CAUSED BY FAULTY CONSTRUCTION
16.	Casualties to Material NONE
17.	Time from First sight to First Shot
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, let X 2nd X 3rd X 4th X
21.	Approximate altitude of bomb release 10,000 Type/eize 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.	Flanes shot down, SureNO Possible_NO _Damaged_NO

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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	Fressure
29.	Weather conditions	
30	Remarks, SKY WAS OBSCURED ALONG BE	ACHLINE AND OVER SHIP BY
	HEAVY SMOKE FROM BURNING OIL. P	LANES WERE OBSCURED BY
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Loca	tion of Ship NEAR CELA, SICILY U.S.S. BETELGEUSE	
	Date JULY 12, 1943.	
1.	Surprise Attack (Yes or No) YES	
2.	First report of Flame(s) 1738	
3+	Method of Fick Up, (Radar, Binocular, Naked Eye) EYE	
4.	If Radar, State type of set, NO	
5.	Range of Reports NO	
6.	Number of Flanes 3 Number of Formations 3	
7.	Type of Flane ME 109	
8.	Time of Attacks, No.1 1738 , No.2 , No.3 , No.4 No.5	
9.	Speed and Altitude, (High and Fast/Slow - Intermediate and Fast/Slow - Low and Fast/Slow) DIVING FAST THEN INTERMEDIATE	
10.	Time of Open Fire 1738 Cease Fire 1751	
11.	Method of Control LOCAL Sethod of Spotting LOCAL	
12.	Opening Fire, Range 8,000 Opening Fire, Learing 010	
13.	Guns Firing - Ammunition Expended - Fercentage of Service Allowance expended	
	.30MG50MG 20mm 18G 18 3" 4 5"	
	RndsRnds2040 Rnds17_Rndsands	
14.	Performance of Guns EXCELLENT	
15.		
16.	Casualties to Material NONE	
17.	Time from First sight to First Shot APPROX. 5"	
18.	Time of Hits, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th	
19.	Result of Hits, 1st 2nd 3rd 4th SEE REMARKS	
20.	Guns obtaining Hits, lst 2nd 3rd 4th	
21.	Approximate altitude of bomb release 6.000 Type/size of Bomb UNKNOWN	
22.	Bomb Hits on Ship NO General Location NO	
23.	Near Misses NO Location and distance from ship 2 BOMBS DROPPED	
78.00	1000 TO 1500 YDS. FROM SHIP.	
24.	Was ship strafed NO By what size gun NO	
25.	Flames shot down, Sure NO Fossible NO Damaged NO	
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July 22, 1943.

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:

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to CO BETELCEUSE conf.ltr. AKA11/A16-3 (0116) of July 21, 1943. 1 4 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:

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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: CO BETELGEUSE Conf. Ltr. AKA11/ 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.

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16 November, 1942.

CONFIDENTIAL:

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.

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CONFIDENTIAL:

15 November, 1942.

From:

Commanding Officer.

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To :

The Commander in Chief, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET. Commander Task Force SIXTY-TWO (and SIXTY-SEVEN). Via :

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. I - 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".

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 90 15' South and 1600 00' East.

COMPOSITION OF OWN FORCES

- Action "A" and "B" U.S.S. ZEILIN, BETELGEUSE and LIERA 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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COMPIDENTIAL:

15 November, 1942.

Subject: Report of Action off Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands on 11 and 12 November 1942.

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, ARRON 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.
 Stering 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.
- 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.

O943: 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.

O945: 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.

 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, EM2c, USN (Ship's company) punctured nose, returned to duty.

(b) JONES, Jesse H., 660 11 46, RM3c, V-6 USWR (Ship's

company) punctured nose, returned to duty.

(c) WOODWORTH, Vern L., 662 14 49, F.1c, V-6 USNR (Ship's company) punctured wound left side, returned to duty.

(d) FIGRVANT, J.F., Pvt. USMC, puncture wound, left shoulder, returned to duty.

(e) BURTON, S.C., Pvt. USHC, 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. AK287A16-3

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HIGH LEVEL BOMBING ATTACK - ACTION "B"

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 ZEILIN 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 lower-ing 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 bouthward apparently to make a simultaneous attack from different angles.

Our formation seemed to be turned toward the Northeastern group to force their torpedo attack before the Southeastern group could get into position and the Task Force Commandercould 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 ina 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 look-

ed 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 material. 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 M., 404 92 43, SM2c, 0-1 USNR, gunshot wound, chest and left shoulder. Not serious.

FRANK, Herbert A., 404 92 99, Cox., 0-1 USNR, gunshot wound in the back. Not serious.

ROGOWSKI, Leon (n), 405 04 73, Bkr.3c, 0-1 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 0., 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.

HICE, 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 N., 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 inumerable 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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ABBUNITION EXPENDED

ACTION "A" (Dive Bombing)

.30 MG 4	.50 MG 2	20mm MG_10	3" 4	5" 1
265 rds	500 rds 4 %	1200 rds 4 %	54 rds 6.7 %	O rds

ACTION "B" (High Level)

75 rds 9.3 %

ACTION "C" (Torpedo Attack)

195 rds 560 rds 1900 rds 29 rds -1 % 6 % 3.6 %

Small Arms - 200 rds.

TYPE EX	PENDED	COST	ON HAND	ALLOWATCE
.30 Cal.Ball (Rifle) .30 Cal. A.P.(M.G.) .50 Cal. A.P50 Cal. Tr. 20 mm H.E. 20 mm Tr. 3"/23 Shr. 5"/51 Com. 5"/51 Chg. 5"/51 Primer	200 460 700 360 1550 157 1 1 1	9.00 22.80 92.40 39.60 1550.00 1007.50 1119.41 11.65 9.39 - \$3,862.33	9,920 27.848 14,610 7,735 8,637 6,615 708 249 291 471	12,000 20,000 12,000 6,000 30,000 800 250 292 500

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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 antiquted 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 availability.

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 missles 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 gurner yet still parallel to their original setting. This wider opening allowed the gurner 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/878-3(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 SIXTM-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, sigzagging, 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), USMR, 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, Mavigator, 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 where abouts 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), Mavy 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. Commanding Officer. 1 01913

Subject: Action off Quadalcanal November 11, 1942; Report of.

Reference: (a) Article 948, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

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 father 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 floet signal was received, reporting that nine Japanese bombers and twelve fighters were approaching. At 0915 anti-submarine patrol re-ported sighting a submarine (unidentified) off Lunga Point. A Meet signal was then received directing all vescels 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.
- This vessel immediately took station astern of the ZEILIN. the formation being, ATLANTA, ZEILIN, BETELGEUSE and AIBRA. At 0920 sounded General Quarters. Our Force formed column very rapidly and headed for open water, steering evasive courses (450-60° and 90°) left and right, using Gensigs.
- (3) At 0940 Jap bombers (Aichi 99) were observed wheeling into position to attack, they inmediately 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 ZELLINS 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 must when he opened his bomb release; fifth bomb landed astern of our ship. Every ship appeared to be firing all their gums, and bombers somed 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. ENC. (A)

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- (4) Our ten twenty millimeter guns and four three inch twentythree cal. guns, poured a steady stream of fire into all bembers that came within range and we definitely knocked down two of the Alchi 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 goar out of control. The above failures happened at a time when the ZEILIN (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 immediacely).

Alarm circuit generator on fire. (Due to a ground). (e) (d)

Various switch box covers jarred off bullfhead. (No electrical damage).

(e) Several fuses burnt out in emergency switchboard. 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, EM2c, USH (Ship's

(b)

company) punctured nose, returned to duty.

JONES, Jesse H., 660 11 46, RM3c, V-6 USIM (Ship's company) punctured nose, returned to duty.

WOODWORTH, Vern L., 662 14 49, F.1e V-6 USIM (Ship's company) puncture wound left side, returned to duty. (e)

FIGHVANT, J.F., Pvt. USMC, puncture wound, left shoulder, returned to duty. (a)

BURTON, S.C., Pvt. USMC, burn, 1st degree, neck, 2 (e)

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(f) SLATTERY, T.D. Pvt., USMC, lacerated left arm and wrist, serious, retained on seck 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 Havigating Bridge, where the helmsman and the annumiciator man were stationed.

The officer personnel on the Flying Bridge consisted of the Captain (conning), the Executive Officer (asst. conn.), the Cunnery Officer (fire-control), the Navigator (asst. ship control), the Communication Officer (communications) and Boatswain SMUTHY (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 Gummery Officer, Lieut. Comdr., E. J. YOUNJUENS, 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 indispensible, 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 UMAR and MARCOUX, J.N.P., QMic, 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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Camago, give them the works up there." There was a general facting of elation throughout the entire engagement, whenever a plane came down in flames you could hear a burst of chaers.

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November 11, 1942.

From: To :

Executive Officer. Communding Officer.

Subject:

Second action off Guadaleanal, November 11, 1942; 1 01913 Report of.

Reference: (a) Article 948. U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

- In compliance with the requirements of reference (a) the following report is submitted.
 - (1) At 1020 anchored at short stay and commenced unloading Marine equipage, 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 EMILIE to take station between the ATLANTA and BETELGEUSE, submarines (energy) reported as being sighted in this area. At 1203 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 Mitsu Bishi's 97 (heavy bombers). At 1126 commenced firing, ceased firing at 1130 as the bombors were too high for our twenty millimeter guns to inflict any damage, observed heavy bomb bursts in unloading area. At 1131 energy 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 some 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 Gurnery Officer (fire-control), the Navigator (asst. ship control), the Communication Officer (communications), and Boatswain SETTIVY (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. YOUNGJOINS 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.

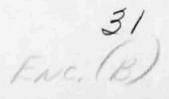
The Signal Officer, Boatswain L. SMUTHY was as usual a very Valuable aid in relaying all visual signals, close and promptly.

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), 0-1 UNR and MARCOUX, J.N.P. QMLc, USN worked reliefs on whoel and communicated 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, USH.



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November 15, 1942.

From # To

Emeritive Officer. Commanding Officer. 1 01913

Subject: Action off Guadalcanal, Wovember 12, 1942, Report of.

Reference: (a) Article 948, U.S. Navy Regulations, 1920.

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, Gundalcanal, 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'BANDON, COMMING, BARTON and HELENA. Second Column; SAN FRANCISCO, INC CARLEY (SOPA), CRESERT CITY and BETELGEUSE. Third Column; JUNEAU, JACKSON, ADAMS and LIBRA. Pourth Column; AARON WARD, POESTAND, MC CALLA, STERRITT, HOVEY, FLETCHER, SOUTHARD and INVESTIGATION .
- (2) Steaming on various diversion courses (300 45 600 -90°)left and right. At 1335 signals commenced coming through reporting that eight enemy fighters and 23 enemy torpode 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 dollberately. 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, WM. H., SM2c O-1 USNA, in the starboard wing of the bridge tipped over with gun shot wounds in the chest and shoulder, next I saw LUMA, P.J., Gale, USN on the other side of me crumple and fall with a deep wound in the left shoulder, shortly after this DOMBROW, N. ... A.S. V-6 USBR (who was servicing a gun near LUSA) was counded in the side and although bleeding profusely he continued on his battle station until cease firing sounded. At the time ADSA was wounded there were two bombers coming up from dead estern, we could see them release their torpedoes them 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 gurners 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 come abrest of Thunber 1 hold, he dove into the water bursting into Plemes 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 chips pivot point was abrest 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 fuselege, 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 thom. 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 inumerable 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 midred 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, GMLc USN gunshet wound, left shoulder. Serious.

FERMAS, William M., 404 92 43, SM2c 0-1 USHR gunshot wound, chest and left shoulder. Not serious.

FRANK, Herbert A., 404 92 99, Cox. 0-1 UNNE gunshot wound in the back. Not serious.

ROGOWSKI, Leon (n), 405 04 73, Bkr.3c 0-1 Bank gunshot wound in left arm. Not serious.

DOMEROW, Robert P., 300 64 06, A.S. USW gunshot would in back and side. Not serious.

ROSS, Walter 0., 296 11 68, Sea.2c USA bruise, left arm caused by recoil of 3"/23 gun. Not serious.

MEGAD, 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.

HICE, George A., 382220, Pvt. USMCR gunshot wounds in neck and back. Not serious.

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. USMCR gurshot 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 con.), the Gunnery Officer (fire control), the Havigator (asst ship control), the Communication Officer (communications) and Boatswain SHUTHY as (signal officer).

The Captain as usual secmed 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 mon falling on both sides of him, he personally directed the proper care to be taken of LUSA, Peter J., Onle who was blooding excessively.

The Gunnery Officer, Lieut. Coadr. E. J. YOUNGJURNS 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 occured to the personnel the next man moved up. Great credit is due the Gunnery Officer.

The Navigator, E. A. HATTRAY'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

The Signal Officer Boatswain L. SMITHY, was continuously on the elert, reading and interpreting the flag hoists as soon as run up by the Flag ship, coaching the signal force, there-by speeding up the execution of all signal hoists. The leedership displayed by the Signal Officer was a great influence on the performance of the entire signal force.

The CQM G. R. BARRON, and J.H.P. MARCOUX, quile were used on the wheel, they never failed to carry out their instructions speedily and accurately.

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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.

HARGLD BYE, Commander, USN.

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15 August, 1942.

From:

Commanding Officer.

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 forwarded herewith.

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The Commander in Chief, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET. Commander Task Group SIXTY-TWO POINT ONE. Commander Task Force SIXTY-TWO. To : Via :

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.

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 straffed 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, Gudalcanal 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 1 2,000 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 1200 the third column (LIGGETT was column leader and guide of formation). Area of operations was in the stretch of open

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

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 -

Ol50: 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.
- O158: 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.
- O215: 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	
			hrs				
August	8th	4	hrs	-	00	min	
		0	hrs	-	35	min	
		7	hrs	-	20	min	
August	9th	1	hr	-	55	min	
		_ 2	hrs	-	00	min	_
		26	hrs	-	20	min	_

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BOATS USED IN UNLOADING

The total boats available when the operation started were -

- TR (Ramp lighters) stowed on deck.

 - WL (Tank lighters) stowed on deck.
 WL (Tank lighters) stowed below decks
- V (non-Powered Artillery Lighters) stowed below decks. Available at start.
- less 3 TR sent to HEYWOOD to assist.
- less 1 WL Capsized on first trip but recovered altho engine still out of commission. 19
- less 1 TR stranded on beach and left there with crew to salvage.
- less 3 V these artillery lighters were loaded with 90 MM guns and were still to be unloaded upon departure.
 - 15 useful boats in unloading.

BOATS RELOADED

TR WL (out of commission)

BOATS LEFT AT GUADALCANAL

- WL in commission
- V in commission
- 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 trolly 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 gunwhale 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 strafed 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 Emporor and Fatherland altho this is difficult for an occidental mind to understnad when no more deliberate suicide dives were made on our ships. Probably they were surprised by the tremenduous 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 chuld 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 superfical 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 0-1, 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 gunmar 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 depression 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 to the Ship's Gunnery control station.

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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 on 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 EX

CAL.	ON BOARD	EXPENDED	% EXPENDED	REMAINING
5"/51	250	0	0	250
3"/23	800	75	9.3%	725
20mm	14000	960	7%	13040
50cal	23000	200	Less than 1%	23800
30cal	60000	200	Less than 1%	59,800

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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 lits. 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 gum 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 cooly 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 appearant 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 (2.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.

August 14, 1942.

From: The Executive Officer.
To : The Commanding Officer.

Subject: Action off Guadalcanal August 3, 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, QMlc, 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, USWR, 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.

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